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# PORTFOLIO AND MARKET UPDATE

The US Fed's hawkish tone and the fear of a global recession fuelled pessimism amongst investors. Indian markets continued to fare better than global, with the main Nifty Index declining 3.7% in local currency, and 1.8% in Sterling. Mid and small cap companies outperformed large cap peers. All sectoral indices closed lower barring pharma and fast moving consumer goods (FMCG) with power, energy and real estate all correcting 9% or so. Foreign investors reversed their recent buying trend selling US\$ 1.6bn, whilst domestic investors continued to buy, adding US\$ 1.7bn. The fall in foreign currency reserves to US\$ 537bn has reduced India's import cover (to 8 ½ months approx.) which may limit the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) flexibility in managing future currency volatility. Interest rates were increased by 0.5% to 5.9%, though commentary on inflation and growth was more positive. The festival season has begun, with initial data showing robust consumer demand. Corporate confidence is also high and bank credit growth continues to accelerate, reaching a 9 year high of 15.5% year over year. In September the portfolio initiated a new position in Ashok Leyland, India's 2nd largest commercial vehicle manufacturer. Recently Ashok Leyland has plugged gaps in its product portfolio by launching a new range of vehicles along with alternate fuel options. With growth momentum returning, there is huge operating leverage in its business.

# **HOLDING IN FOCUS: Ramkrishna Forgings**

Ramkrishna Forgings (RMKF) is an auto-ancillary company manufacturing forgings for commercial vehicles (CVs), and a core holding in the portfolio. Recent interaction with the management has reinforced confidence in the company's prospects. RMKF has high revenue visibility currently (since adding new clients and products in both Europe and America), despite fears of a global slowdown. Order growth is being driven by RMFK benefitting from global companies adopting a "China plus one" strategy, reflected in higher order wins. The domestic market (60% of revenues) is also seeing high traction fueled by a recovery in the commercial vehicle market after a 3-year slump. The management is focused on delivering higher margins (through product mix & increasing efficiency via automation), improving free cash flows and reducing debt. As such, it is emerging to be a stronger company, and future growth capex will likely be funded through internal accruals. Recent news of the owners increasing their stake supports this view. RMKF is on the cusp of strong growth, driven by a pickup revenues and margins, helping it to achieve returns on equity of 23% by the next financial.

# **REBASED NAV PERFORMANCE SINCE 31 DECEMBER 2011 (%)**

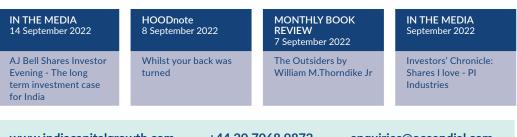


# **PERFORMANCE (%)**

	1m	3m	6m	1yr	Зуr	5yr
ICGF NAV	2.8	24.0	15.5	4.3	54.1	29.9
BSE MidCap TR Index	0.7	21.6	13.9	9.6	74.7	64.2

1 The Rebased NAV is the fairest representation of the Manager's performance across all periods excluding the dilutive effect of the new ordinary shares issued on 8 August 2016 following the exercise of subscription share rights.

# TOPICAL COMMENT



# NET ASSET VALUE

The Net Asset Value (NAV) per share as at 30 September 2022 was 142.55 pence. In September the NAV was up 2.79% in Sterling terms, whilst the BSE MidCap TR Index was up 0.73%. In local currency terms, the NAV was down 0.06% for the month.

# FUND INFORMATION

LSE Main Market
Guernsey
Monthly (daily estimate)
GBP137.6m
US\$259.7m
22 December 2005
31 December 2011
Ocean Dial Asset Management
Gaurav Narain
S&P BSE MidCap TR
1.25% of market cap
122.50p/ 142.55p
14.07%

# PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

Number of holdings	34
Median market cap	US\$2.2bn
PE FY24E	14.9
ROE FY24E	18.4%
Tracking Error	6.1%
Active Share	89.9%

# INDIA HIGHLIGHT

	MTD	YTD
INR vs US\$ [stronger/ (weaker)]	(2.4%)	(9.4%)
FII Net flows (US\$m)	(1,624)	(22,553)
DII Net flows (US\$m)	1,723	32,481
CPI inflation (August/3m avg)	7.00%	6.91%
GDP Q1 FY23		13.5%
Current account/GDP Q1 FY23		(2.1%)
Q1 FY23		

Source: Ocean Dial Asset Management Limited



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# QUARTERLY ATTRIBUTION - 3 MONTHS TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2022 (%)

TOP 5	Ave. weight	Ave. index weight	Return	Contribution
IDFC Bank	4.75	0.89	67.56	2.65
Federal Bank	6.71	1.47	41.51	2.63
Indusind Bank	5.01	0.00	58.97	2.51
City Union Bank	4.43	0.00	39.11	1.65
Ramkrishna Forgings	4.71	0.00	30.09	1.35

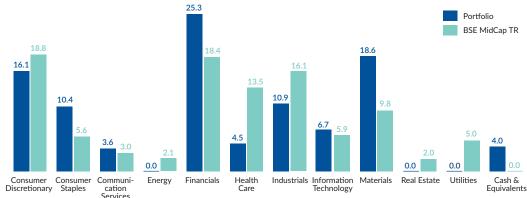
ВОТТОМ 5	Ave. weight	Ave. index weight	Return	Contribution
Coforge	0.88	0.00	0.75	0.03
Multi Commodity Exchange	2.30	0.00	(0.10)	0.02
Cash-GBP	0.54	0.00	0.00	0.00
Balkrishna Industries	3.10	1.17	(7.18)	(0.16)
Sona BLW Precision Forgings	2.46	0.42	(11.48)	(0.23)

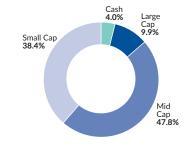
Source: Ocean Dial Asset Management Limited, Statpro

## **TOP TEN HOLDINGS**

Portfolio company	Weight	Characteristics	Market cap
Federal Bank	6.8%	Well run mid-sized private sector bank, attractive valuations	£3bn
Indusind Bank	5.5%	Fifth largest private sector bank in India and poised to gain market share. Value play with ebbing asset quality concerns	£10bn
IDFC Bank	5.5%	Well capitalised private sector retail bank. Digitally-focused and on a high growth trajectory	£3bn
Ramkrishna Forgings	4.9%	Auto ancillary company manufacturing forgings for commercial vehicles in both domestic and international markets	£350m
Emami	4.7%	Dominant player across multiple niche consumer product categories, attractive valuations	£2bn
City Union Bank	4.4%	High quality regional bank, consistent compounder, dominant in SME lending	£1bn
Affle India	3.6%	India's leading advertising technology company with high growth and profitability	£2bn
PI Industries	3.3%	Quality agro-chemical company, high visibility, strong industry tailwinds in global supply chains	£5bn
Kajaria Ceramics	3.2%	Ceramic tile manufacturer, gaining market share from the unorganised sector following restrictions surrounding coal gasifiers	£2bn
Persistent Systems	3.2%	IT services company benefitting from 'digital transformation' of businesses globally	£3bn

# **PORTFOLIO ANALYSIS (%)**





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#### **INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY**

The investment manager believes that in India, optimal returns will be generated over time by investing in companies that are well placed to benefit from the structural growth potential of the Indian economy, combined with the highest quality of management best able to exploit this opportunity. The fund uses a consistent and disciplined bottom up stock picking process to select investments from our best ideas, unconstrained by a benchmark.

#### **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE**

To provide long term capital appreciation by investing predominantly in listed mid and small cap Indian companies. Investments may also be made in unquoted Indian companies where the Fund Manager believes long-term capital appreciation will be achieved. The Company may hold liquid assets (including cash) pending deployment in suitable investments. It is the Company's declared policy not to hedge exposure to the Indian Rupee.

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### SOURCES

Source of all performance and portfolio analysis: Ocean Dial Asset Management Limited, Bloomberg.

### CAPITAL STRUCTURE

96,515,653 ordinary shares in issue with voting rights.

#### BOARD

Elisabeth Scott (Chairman), Patrick Firth, Lynne Duquemin, Nick Timberlake

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