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#### PORTFOLIO AND MARKET UPDATE

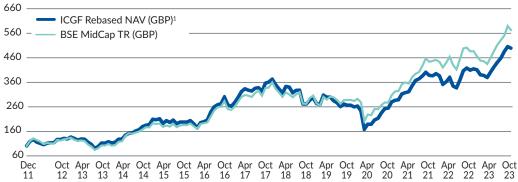
Indian equity markets corrected with large-cap Sensex down 3.0% and Mid and Small-Cap Indices down 3.4% and 1.7% respectively in local currency on the back of negative global cues. Except for Real Estate (+3.7%), all sectors experienced a decline. FII outflows continued at US\$2.7bn this month, taking the net YTD flows to US\$12.1bn, however, domestic flows remained positive at US\$3.4bn with YTD flows at US\$19.1bn. Inflation in September dropped to 5.0% from 6.8% in August, largely due to a fall in vegetable prices and consequently the RBI kept rates flat at 6.5% in the October meeting. Economic data remained robust with Goods & Service Tax collections (GST) +13% and credit growth of 19.4%. Domestic consumption continues to be weak, though the festival season has started on a positive note with auto retail sales up 18%. At portfolio level, a majority of stocks posted negative returns, led by Finolex Cables (-20%), IDFC Bank (-13%), and RBL Bank (-13%). Positive returns came from Welspun (+24%), MCX (+14%) and City Union Bank (+9%).

# **HOLDING IN FOCUS: PSP Projects**

PSP Projects (PSP) is a mid-sized construction company based out of Gujarat. Its core business is commercial construction for industrial and institutional clients, both in private and government sectors. They have built industrial plants and office complexes on behalf of pharmaceutical companies amongst which include Zydus Cadila, Torrent Pharma and consumer companies like Nestle. PSP's focus on quality and governance, their execution of projects and focus on client needs has ensured steady and profitable growth in a sector where many developers have failed. PSP's scale now enables it to qualify to bid for large government projects with limited competition and as government commitment to infrastructure projects in housing, urban development, healthcare and railways continues to grow, there is an increasing pipeline of projects.

PSP is how we access the infrastructure opportunity in India. Its average ROCE over the last 5 years is 33% and average ROE over the same period is 24%. We forecast 23% CAGR in revenues and 25% CAGR in profits over the next 3 years.

# REBASED NAV PERFORMANCE SINCE 31 DECEMBER 2011 (%)



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.

# **PERFORMANCE (%)**

	1 mnth	3mnth	6mnth	1 year	3 years	5 years
ICGF NAV	(1.3)	8.8	24.1	21.8	95.9	83.7
BSE MidCap TR Index	(2.9)	7.6	24.4	17.7	106.7	110.3

## **NET ASSET VALUE**

The Net Asset Value (NAV) per share as at 31 October 2023 was 169.98 pence. In October the NAV was down 1.35% in Sterling terms, whilst the BSE MidCap TR Index was down 2.89%. In local currency terms, the NAV was down 1.84% for the month.

#### **FUND INFORMATION**

Listing	LSE Main Market
Domicile	Guernsey
NAV publication	Monthly (daily estimate)
Size (NAV)	GBP164.0m
Launch date	22 December 2005
Adviser start	31 December 2011
Portfolio Manager	Ocean Dial Asset Management
Principal Adviser	Gaurav Narain
Benchmark	S&P BSE MidCap TR
AMC	1.25% of market cap
Share price NAV per share	147.0p/ 170.0p
Discount to NAV	13.5%

#### **PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS**

Number of holdings	35
Median market cap (US\$bn)	\$1.7bn
PE FY24E	21.9
ROE FY24E	17.1
Tracking Error	6.3%
Active Share	88.6%

#### **INDIA HIGHLIGHT**

	MTD	YTD
INR vs US\$ [stronger/ (weaker)]	(0.3)%	(0.6)%
FII Net flows (US\$m)	(2,656.7)	12,102.0
DII Net flows (US\$m)	3,394.9	19,076.6
CPI inflation (Sep/3m avg)	5.0%	6.4%
GDP Q1 FY24		7.8%
Current account/GDP Q1 FY24		(1.7)%

Source: Ocean Dial Asset Management Limited

# **TOPICAL COMMENT**

MONTHLY BOOK REVIEW November 2023

A Northern Wind: Britain 1962-65 by David Kynaston (Author)

IN THE MEDIA: PORTFOLIO ADVISER October 2023

MIGO's Greenwood: EM scepticism creates compelling valuation anomaly

MONEY MAKERS PODCAST October 2023

John Baron Interviews Gaurav Narain HOODNOTE September 2023

Beyond the Headlines -DigiLocker, Semiconductors and Free Trade Agreements



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# QUARTERLY ATTRIBUTION - 3 MONTHS TO 31 OCTOBER 2023 (%)

TOP 5	Ave. weight	Ave. index weight	Return	Contribution
Bajaj Electricals	2.03	0.00	69.11	1.53
Skipper	3.86	0.00	30.61	1.13
Welspun India	2.86	0.00	43.40	1.11
Ramkrishna Forgings	4.73	0.00	19.09	1.09
Persistent Systems	3.44	1.33	35.76	1.08

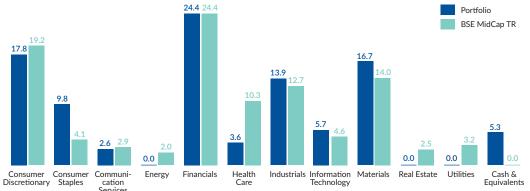
ВОТТОМ 5	Ave. weight	Ave. index weight	Return	Contribution
RBL Bank	1.67	0.00	(4.08)	(0.14)
Finolex Cables	1.51	0.00	(10.89)	(0.15)
Kajaria Ceramics	2.75	0.00	(8.08)	(0.20)
Essel Propack	1.35	0.00	(16.26)	(0.27)
Uniparts India	2.25	0.00	(14.58)	(0.39)

Source: Ocean Dial Asset Management Limited, Statpro

## **TOP TEN HOLDINGS**

Portfolio company	Weight	Characteristics	Market cap US\$bn
Federal Bank	5.9%	Well run mid-sized private sector bank, attractive valuations	4.1
IDFC Bank	5.0%	Well capitalised private sector retail bank. Digitally-focused and on a high growth trajectory	7.0
Indusind Bank	5.0%	Fifth largest private sector bank in India and poised to gain market share. Value play with ebbing asset quality concern	s 13.4
Ramkrishna Forgings	4.4%	Auto ancillary company manufacturing forgings for commercial vehicles in both domestic and international markets	1.2
Emami	4.3%	Dominant player across multiple niche consumer product categories, attractive valuations	2.7
Skipper	4.1%	Power transmission and distribution company including polymer pipes and fittings segment	0.3
Persistent Systems	3.9%	IT services company benefitting from 'digital transformation' of businesses globally	5.7
Neuland Laboratories	3.6%	API and Custom Manufacturing solutions (CMS) provider to multinational pharmaceutical companies. Beneficiary of China-dominated supply chain disruptions	0.6
Dixon Technologies	3.5%	Dominant player in an emerging Indian Electronic Manufacturing Services industry with structural tailwinds	3.6
Welspun India	3.5%	India's largest home textile company, strong industry tailwinds in global supply chains and increased consumer focus on health	1.8

# **PORTFOLIO ANALYSIS (%)**





## **FUND ADVISER**

Gaurav Narain joined the Group in November 2011, having been immersed in the Indian equity markets for the previous 21 years. He has held senior positions as both a fund manager and an equities analyst in New Horizon Investments, ING Investment Management India and SG (Asia) Securities India. He holds a Masters degree in Finance and Control and a Bachelor of Economics degree from Delhi University.



#### **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.

## **FUND MANAGER**

Ocean Dial Asset Management Limited is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.

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#### **SOURCES**

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

#### **CAPITAL STRUCTURE**

96,465,653 ordinary shares in issue with voting rights.

#### ROARD

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

#### **OTHER ADVISERS**

Administrator: Apex Fund and Corporate Services (Guernsey) Limited

Broker: Shore Capital Stockbrokers Limited

Registrar and CREST Agent: Neville Registrars Limited

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