

PORTFOLIO AND MARKET UPDATE

The Indian equity market continued its upward momentum, with the large-cap Sensex up by 1%, the Mid-Cap index up by 1.7% while the Small-Cap Index corrected by 1.1%, respectively, in local currency. All sectoral indices ended positively except FMCG (-2%), top gainers were Oil & Gas (7%) and Auto by (6%). Equity flows were mixed, FII flows were down US\$483m while domestic flows were up US\$3.1bn. December inflation moderated to 5.1% from 5.7% in November. The real GDP growth of 3QFY24 was 8.4%, above expectations due to net indirect taxes. Investment growth was the main driver of this growth, up 10.6% helped by the government's continued capex thrust whilst private consumption growth remained subdued. At sector level, Industry and Services were the primary drivers of growth, while Agriculture experienced a decline due to a weaker monsoon season impacting sowing. At a portfolio level, positive stock performance was led by Skipper (+22%), Neuland Labs (+12%), and Dixon Technologies (+12%). Negative returns came from Sagar Cement (-11%), Jyothy Labs (-10%) and Affle India (-10%).

HOLDING IN FOCUS: GPT Healthcare

GPT Healthcare owns and operates 4 multi-speciality hospitals with a total of 561 beds in East India under the ILS brand. It was founded in July 2000 by a renowned laparoscopic surgeon. After COVID-19 more people have realised the importance of prioritising their health. This has resulted in higher Average Revenue Per Occupied Bed (ARPOB) and greater profitability for hospital chains across the country. Despite this, the density of hospital beds in India remains low, creating a demand-supply mismatch and offering expansion opportunities. GPT Healthcare focuses on the Eastern part of India, which has the lowest bed density in India. Its ILS brand is well known. It serves middle-income patients by charging reasonable rates ~30% discount to large hospitals. GPT focuses on mid-size hospitals, which allows them to quickly increase utilisation, and with tight control on cost, the company has been able to maintain margins in the range of 20-22%. A favourable patient mix with a majority of cash and insurance-backed patients helps to keep the working capital low. We expect a double digit revenue and profit CAGR over the next 3 years driven by increasing bed utilisation and adding ~50% bed capacity by adding 2 more hospitals. Trading at an FY25 EV/EBITDA of 15x, a 30% discount to its peers makes the valuation attractive.

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	0.7	5.5	11.8	39.7	73.4	101.1
BSE MidCap TR Index	1.9	16.0	26.7	56.2	97.9	162.5

TOPICAL COMMENT

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NET ASSET VALUE

The Net Asset Value (NAV) per share as at 29 February 2024 was 184.83 pence. In February the NAV was up 0.73% in Sterling terms, whilst the BSE MidCap TR Index was up 1.93%. In local currency terms, the NAV was up 0.46% for the month.

FUND INFORMATION

Listing	LSE Main Market
Domicile	Guernsey
NAV publication	Monthly (daily estimate)
Size (NAV)	GBP159.7m
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	186.5p /
NAV per share	184.8p
Premium to NAV	0.9%

PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

Number of holdings	35
Median market cap (US\$bn)	\$1.9bn
PE FY25E	20.5
ROE FY25E	18.0%
Tracking Error	7.10%
Active Share	91.26%

INDIA HIGHLIGHT

	MTD	YTD
INR vs US\$ [stronger/ (weaker)]	0.2%	0.4%
FII Net flows (US\$m)	483.1	(2,657.5)
DII Net flows (US\$m)	3,059.7	6,278.8
CPI inflation (Jan/3m avg)	5.1%	5.4%
GDP Q3 FY24		8.4%
Current account/ GDP Q2 FY24		(1.1)%

Source: Ocean Dial Asset Management Limited

QUARTERLY ATTRIBUTION - 3 MONTHS TO 29 FEBRUARY 2024 (%)

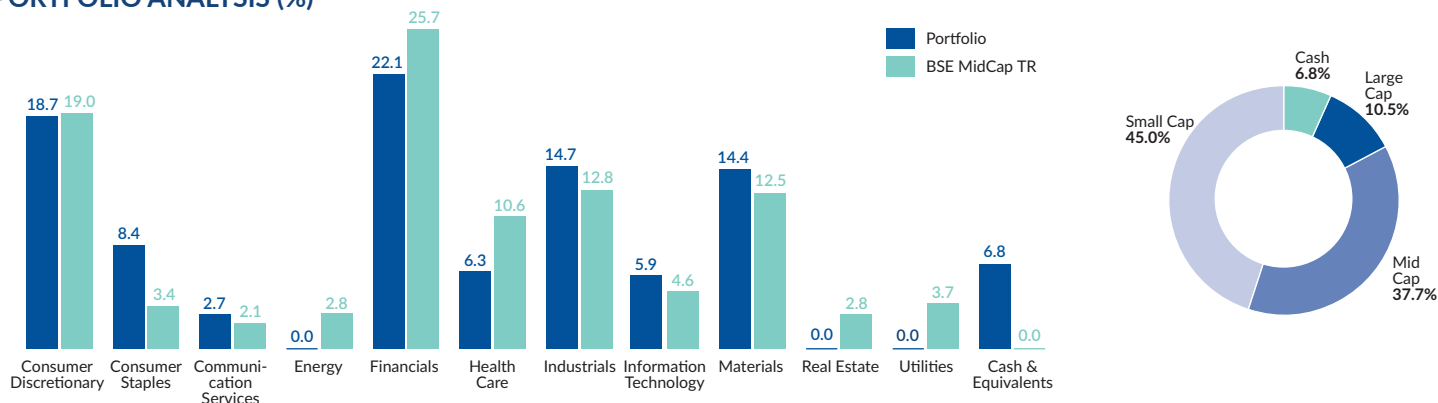
TOP 5	Ave. weight	Ave. index weight	Return	Contribution
Skipper	3.98	0.00	36.50	1.32
Persistent Systems	3.92	1.60	36.44	1.25
Neuland Laboratories	4.04	0.00	32.05	1.05
Dixon Technologies India	4.31	0.00	22.26	0.78
Sona Blw Precision Forgings	3.37	1.01	24.82	0.74

BOTTOM 5	Ave. weight	Ave. index weight	Return	Contribution
Balkrishna Industries	2.16	0.83	(12.65)	(0.29)
Emami	4.10	0.41	(6.39)	(0.28)
Vedant Fashions	0.94	0.29	(24.31)	(0.25)
Sagar Cements	2.46	0.00	(10.10)	(0.24)
VIP Industries	2.39	0.00	(7.75)	(0.18)

TOP TEN HOLDINGS

Portfolio company	Weight	Characteristics	Market cap US\$bn
Federal Bank	5.1%	Well run mid-sized private sector bank, attractive valuations	4.4
Skipper	4.7%	Power transmission and distribution company including polymer pipes and fittings segment	0.4
Neuland Laboratories	4.6%	API and Custom Manufacturing solutions (CMS) provider to multinational pharmaceutical companies. Beneficiary of China-dominated supply chain disruptions	1.1
Dixon Technologies	4.5%	Dominant player in an emerging Indian Electronic Manufacturing Services industry with structural tailwinds	4.8
Ramkrishna Forgings	4.0%	Auto ancillary company manufacturing forgings for commercial vehicles in both domestic and international markets	1.7
IDFC Bank	4.0%	Well capitalised private sector retail bank. Digitally-focused and on a high growth trajectory	6.9
Persistent Systems	3.9%	IT services company benefitting from 'digital transformation' of businesses globally	8.0
Sona BLW Precision Forgings	3.8%	Auto ancillary company manufacturing critical components for leading global electric vehicle companies.	4.9
RBL Bank	3.7%	Private sector bank offering online and branch business banking and financial market operations	1.9
Emami	3.6%	Dominant player across multiple niche consumer product categories, attractive valuations	2.5

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

86,404,656 ordinary shares in issue with voting rights.

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OTHER ADVISERS

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Broker: Shore Capital Stockbrokers Limited

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