

PORTFOLIO AND MARKET UPDATE

July was another strong month for the Indian equities as the union budget for FY25 presented by the finance minister was well received. The large-cap Sensex was up by 3.4%, Mid Cap up 5.5% and Small Cap index up 6.1% in local currency. Sector-wise, IT, Oil & Gas and FMCG gained 11%, 11% and 10% while Bank, Realty and Metals were down 1% each. Equity flows were strong, FII flows were up US\$3.3bn while domestic flows were up US\$2.8bn. June inflation increased to 5.1% from 4.8% in May. The recent budget continued its focus on spending in core infrastructure areas including roads, and railways increasing spending by 17% yoy. Balancing it with fiscal prudence by cutting the fiscal deficit target by 20bps to 4.9% for FY25. On the revenue front, budget expects a realistic direct tax collection increase of 13% and 8% increase in indirect tax while nominal GDP growth of 10.5% in FY25. The only negative surprise was an increased in capital gains tax (CGT), with short term CGT increased from 15% to 20% and long-term CGT increased from 10% to 12.5%. At a portfolio level, stocks posted positive returns, led by GPT Healthcare (+26%), Jyothy Labs (+22%), and Emami (+19%). Negative returns came from RBL Bank (-11%), IDFC Bank (-8%) and Uniparts (-5%).

HOLDING IN FOCUS: Elecon Engineering

Elecon Engineering, established in 1951, manufactures industrial gears (85% of Sales) and material handling equipment (15% of Sales). It is a direct beneficiary of capacity expansion driven by government and private sector expenditure. The company is the market leader in industrial gears in India, holding ~39% market share. Elecon exports ~30% of its Gears to EU firms and distributors primarily catering to after-sales. The company anticipates that its exports will increase from 30% to 50% over the next 3 years. In the material handling equipment (MHE) segment, Elecon manufactures bulk material handling equipment for sectors including steel, cement, mining, and power. Elecon's robust EBITDA margins of ~25% signify the complexity of the products it manufactures. Over the last 3 years, Elecon has grown its revenue and PAT at a CAGR of 23% and 38% and delivered a ROCE of more than 30%. Going forward we expect the Company's Sales and Net Profit to grow at a CAGR of 18% and 15% respectively over the next three 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. The long-term Indian CGT rate was increased from 10% to 12.5% and the short-term Indian CGT rate was increased from 15% to 20%, effective 22 July 2024. Consequently, the NAV reflects these increased rates as of that date.

PERFORMANCE (%)

	1 mnth	3mnth	6mnth	1 year	3 years	5 years
ICGF NAV	2.4	9.4	11.1	30.5	59.9	116.5
BSE MidCap TR Index	3.5	12.7	23.6	58.9	110.4	193.7

TOPICAL COMMENT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

June 2024

Results of AGM

IN THE MEDIA:
INVESTING IN INDIA
July 2024

Daily Mail by Jeff Prestridge

BOOK REVIEW:
AMAZON UNBOUND
July 2024

Jeff Bezos and the Invention of a Global Empire - India Capital Growth Fund

INDIAN BUDGET

July 2024

How the Capital Gains Tax changes impact India Capital Growth Fund

NET ASSET VALUE

The Net Asset Value (NAV) per share as at 31 July 2024 was 203.91 pence. In July the NAV was up 2.37% in Sterling terms, whilst the BSE MidCap TR Index was up 3.49%. In local currency terms, the NAV was up 4.40% for the month.

FUND INFORMATION

Listing	LSE Main Market
Domicile	Guernsey
NAV publication	Monthly (daily estimate)
Size (NAV)	GBP176.6m
Launch date	22 December 2005
Adviser start	31 December 2011
Fund Manager	Ocean Dial Asset Management
Principal Adviser	Gaurav Narain
Benchmark	S&P BSE MidCap TR
AMC	1.25% of market cap
Share price	185.0p /
NAV per share	203.9p
Discount to NAV	9.3%

PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

Number of holdings	37
Median market cap (US\$bn)	\$1.9bn
PE FY26E	19.8
ROE FY26E	19.2%
Tracking Error	8.5%
Active Share	91.7%

INDIA HIGHLIGHT

	MTD	YTD
INR vs US\$ [stronger/ (weaker)]	(0.4)%	(0.6)%
FII Net flows (US\$m)	3,347.4	3,696.9
DII Net flows (US\$m)	2,807.4	31,285.0
CPI inflation (June-24/3m avg)	5.1%	4.9%
GDP Q4 FY24		7.8%
Current account/ GDP Q4 FY24		(0.7)%

Source: Ocean Dial Asset Management Limited

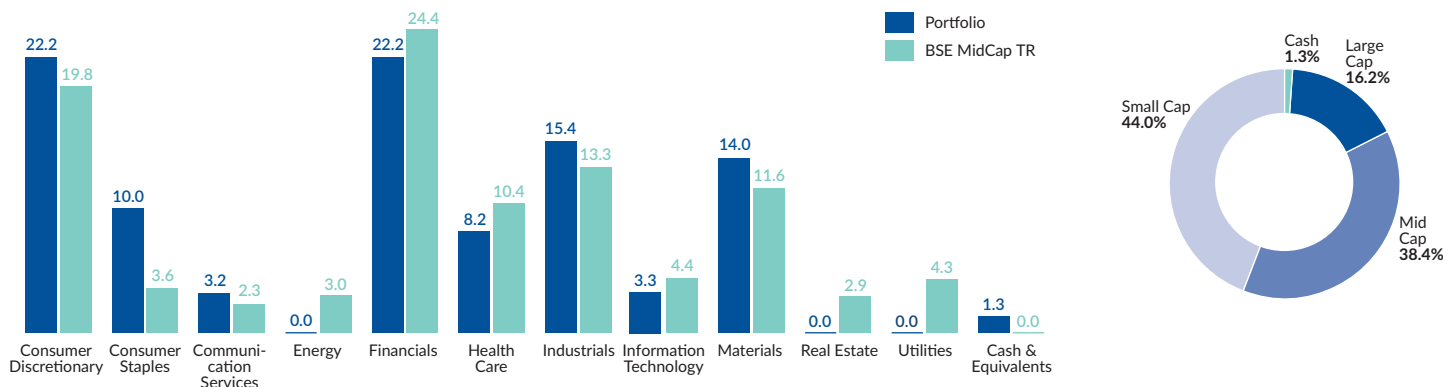
QUARTERLY ATTRIBUTION – 3 MONTHS TO 31 JULY 2024 (%)

TOP 5	Ave. weight	Ave. index weight	Return	Contribution	BOTTOM 5	Ave. weight	Ave. index weight	Return	Contribution
Emami	4.87	0.44	63.25	2.53	VIP Industries	2.63	0.00	(17.60)	(0.57)
Dixon Technologies India	5.96	0.00	41.21	2.26	RBL Bank	3.53	0.00	(11.52)	(0.45)
Federal Bank	5.66	1.41	20.51	1.13	IDFC First Bank	3.81	0.97	(10.00)	(0.42)
Persistent Systems	3.01	1.36	39.88	1.07	Uniparts India	1.85	0.00	(12.50)	(0.27)
Affle India	2.93	0.00	31.19	0.86	IndusInd Bank	3.29	0.00	(7.31)	(0.26)

TOP TEN HOLDINGS

Portfolio company	Weight	Characteristics	Market cap US\$bn
Federal Bank	5.9%	Well run mid-sized private sector bank, attractive valuations	5.9
Emami	5.5%	Dominant player across multiple niche consumer product categories, attractive valuations	4.3
Dixon Technologies	5.1%	Dominant player in an emerging Indian Electronic Manufacturing Services industry with structural tailwinds	8.7
Skipper	4.6%	Power transmission and distribution company including polymer pipes and fittings segment	0.5
Neuland Laboratories	4.3%	API and Custom Manufacturing solutions (CMS) provider to multinational pharmaceutical companies. Beneficiary of China-dominated supply chain disruptions	1.3
PI Industries	3.6%	Quality agro-chemical company, high visibility, strong industry tailwinds in global supply chains	8.0
Ramkrishna Forgings	3.6%	Auto ancillary company manufacturing forgings for commercial vehicles in both domestic and international markets	1.9
RBL Bank	3.6%	Private sector bank offering online and branch business banking and financial market operations	1.7
IDFC Bank	3.4%	Well capitalised private sector retail bank. Digitally-focused and on a high growth trajectory	6.8
Persistent Systems	3.3%	IT services company benefitting from 'digital transformation' of businesses globally	8.9

PORTFOLIO ANALYSIS (%)



PRINCIPAL 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

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SOURCES

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

CAPITAL STRUCTURE

86,588,872 ordinary shares in issue with voting rights.

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Broker: Shore Capital Stockbrokers Limited

Registrar and CREST Agent: Neville Registrars Limited

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