# India Capital Growth Fund

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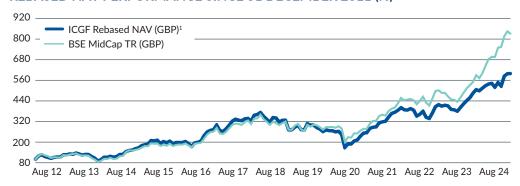
#### PORTFOLIO AND MARKET UPDATE

August saw continued growth in the Indian equity market, with the Large-Cap Sensex rising 0.8%, the Mid Cap index increasing 1.0% and the Small Cap index up 1.2% in local currency. Positive returns were evident across a number of sectors, Healthcare (7%), Consumer Durables (4%) and IT (4%). In contrast there were losses in Pubic Sector Units (-4%), Realty (-4%) and Capital Goods (-3%). Equity flows were strong, FII flows were up US\$1.4billion and domestic flows were up US\$5.8billion. In July, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) inflation rate dropped to 3.5% from 5.1% in the previous month. This decline was attributed to a favourable base effect, even though there was a sustained rise in vegetable prices. Despite this, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) kept interest rates unchanged for the ninth consecutive time. Real GDP growth in 1QFY25 eased to 6.7% compared to 7.8% in 4QFY24 due to a general election led slowdown in government expenditure. Private consumption growth has shown signs of recoverywith an impressive growth rate of 7.4%, marking the highest increase in seven quarters. Furthermore, the forecast of above-average rainfall is expected to provide additional support to the resurgence of rural demand. At a portfolio level, stocks posted positive returns, led by Neuland Labs (+43%), Triveni Turbine (+21%), and Multi Commodity Exchange (+21%). Negative returns came from Balkrishna Industries (-15%), JK Lakshmi (-11%) and Kajaria Ceramics (-9%).

## **HOLDING IN FOCUS: CarTrade**

CarTrade is a multi-channel platform focused primarily on automobiles across vehicle types. It has 3 business segments with roughly equal revenue contribution: 1) Consumer: It offers digital marketing campaigns to OEMs and dealers under the portals CarWale & BikeWale. It is a key beneficiary of increased digital spending in auto companies' marketing budgets. 2) Remarketing: This is a vehicle auction business with countercyclical characteristics, which grows higher, in times of slow economic growth. 3) Classifieds; CarTrade acquired OLX's market leading classifieds business last year. Post acquisition, CarTrade integrated the OLX domestic tech platform enabling cost reduction . All three portals of CarTrade are market leading. CarTrade is an asset-light and profitable business. that operates without owning inventory. The company has a prudent management team that is cautious with capital allocation despite having net cash. We anticipate a 21% revenue CAGR and over 140% profit CAGR over the next 3 years, with potential for operating leverage due to majority fixed costs.

# **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	0.1	13.9	10.5	23.5	55.4	129.5
BSE MidCap TR Index	-1.7	10.2	19.2	51.1	94.7	204.9

# **NET ASSET VALUE**

The Net Asset Value (NAV) per share as at 30 August 2024 was 204.21 pence. In August the NAV was up 0.15% in Sterling terms, whilst the BSE MidCap TR Index was down 1.67%. In local currency terms, the NAV was up 2.89% for the month.

#### **FUND INFORMATION**

Listing	LSE Main Market
Domicile	Guernsey
NAV publication	Monthly (daily estimate)
Size (NAV)	GBP176.8m
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 NAV per share	185.0p / 204.2p
Discount to NAV	9.4%

### **PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS**

Number of holdings	37
Median market cap (US\$bn)	\$2.1bn
PE FY26E	21.0
ROE FY26E	19.1%
Tracking Error	8.3%
Active Share	91.9%

# **INDIA HIGHLIGHT**

	MTD	YTD
INR vs US\$ [stronger/ (weaker)]	(0.2)%	(0.8)%
FII Net flows (US\$m)	1,392.7	5,089.6
DII Net flows (US\$m)	5,754.1	37,039.1
CPI inflation (July-24 / 3m avg)	3.5%	4.5%
GDP Q1 FY25		6.7%
Current account/ GDP Q4 FY24		(0.7)%

Source: Ocean Dial Asset Management Limited

# **TOPICAL COMMENT**

INDIAN BUDGET
August 2024

How the Capital Gains Tax changes impact India Capital Growth Fund

IN THE MEDIA: INVESTING IN INDIA August 2024

Daily Mail by Jeff Prestridge

**BOOK REVIEW** 

August 2024

Value Investing and Behavioral Finance by Parag Parikh

**MEET THE MANAGER** 

August 2024

AIC Conference: October 11th - Registration



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# India Capital GROWTH FUND

# QUARTERLY ATTRIBUTION - 3 MONTHS TO 31 AUGUST 2024 (%)

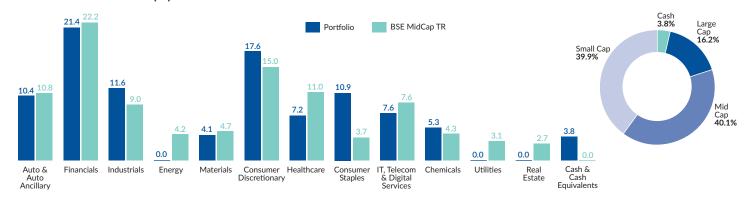
TOP 5	Ave. weight	Ave. index weight	Return	Contribution
Neuland Laboratories	4.22		98.69	3.16
Dixon Technologies India	5.76		34.38	1.96
Dixon Technologies India	4.87		37.53	1.63
Ramkrishna Forgings	3.83		39.30	1.36
Ramkrishna	5.25	0.48	24.63	1.20

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RBL Bank	3.43		(10.69)	(0.42)
Container Corp of India	1.18	0.92	(13.75)	(0.30)
IDFC First Bank	3.60	0.94	(7.35)	(0.27)
Balkrishna Industries	2.37	0.80	(10.82)	(0.24)
IndusInd Bank	3.07		(5.48)	(0.18)

# **TOP TEN HOLDINGS**

Portfolio company	Weight	Characteristics	Market cap US\$bn
Federal Bank	5.3%	Well run mid-sized private sector bank, attractive valuations	5.7
Neuland Laboratories	5.2%	API and Custom Manufacturing solutions (CMS) provider to multinational pharmaceutical companies.  Beneficiary of China-dominated supply chain disruptions	1.9
Dixon Technologies	5.1%	Dominant player in an emerging Indian Electronic Manufacturing Services industry with structural tailwinds	9.4
Emami	4.8%	Dominant player across multiple niche consumer product categories, attractive valuations	4.3
Skipper	4.4%	Power transmission and distribution company including polymer pipes and fittings segment	0.5
Ramkrishna Forgings	3.9%	Auto ancillary company manufacturing forgings for commercial vehicles in both domestic and international markets	2.1
PI Industries	3.6%	Quality agro-chemical company, high visibility, strong industry tailwinds in global supply chains	8.1
Persistent Systems	3.5%	IT services company benefitting from 'digital transformation' of businesses globally	9.5
RBL Bank	3.4%	Private sector bank offering online and branch business banking and financial market operations	1.6
IDFC Bank	3.2%	Well capitalised private sector retail bank. Digitally-focused and on a high growth trajectory	6.6

# **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

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**

86,560,872 ordinary shares in issue with voting rights.

#### ROARD

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#### **OTHER ADVISERS**

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Broker: Shore Capital Stockbrokers Limited

Registrar and CREST Agent: Neville Registrars Limited

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