

# AIT *Alternative* Investment Trust

Alternative Investment Trust (AIT) has exposure primarily to a portfolio of absolute return funds. With a revised investment strategy, the assets of AIT are being realised and the fund is being wound down.

## Fund facts as at December 2012

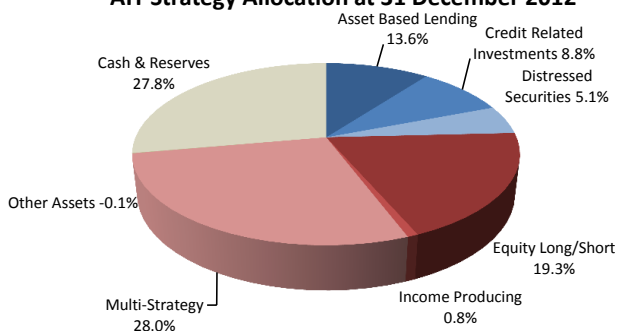
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|------------------------|----------------|--------------------|---|
| Monthly return         | -0.18%         | Net Assets (NA)    | AUD 70,578,601                          |
| Unaudited NTA Dec 2012 | AUD 0.540      | Units in issue     | 130,692,470                             |
| Gross Assets (GA)      | AUD 71,150,596 | Traded on          | ASX                                     |
| Leverage - GA/NA       | 1.01           | Currency           | AUD                                     |
| Domicile               | Australia      | Responsible Entity | The Trust Company (RE Services) Limited |
| SEDOL                  | B1B0GT6        |                    | ACN 003 278 831 AFSL 235 150            |
| Ticker                 | AIQ AU         | ISIN               | AU000000AIQ2                            |

## Commentary & Portfolio Updates

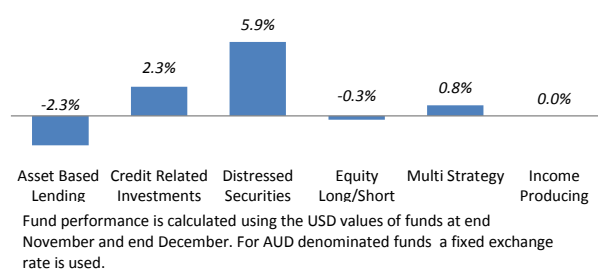
- AIT's NTA return for December was -0.18%. AIT's continuing underlying funds returned +0.6% on a fixed exchange rate basis.
- A distribution of 0.13 AUD per unit (17m AUD in total) was announced on 17 January 2013 and paid on 5 February 2013; see this announcement for further details.

## AIT Asset Allocation and Fund Performance for the Month by Strategy

### AIT Strategy Allocation at 31 December 2012



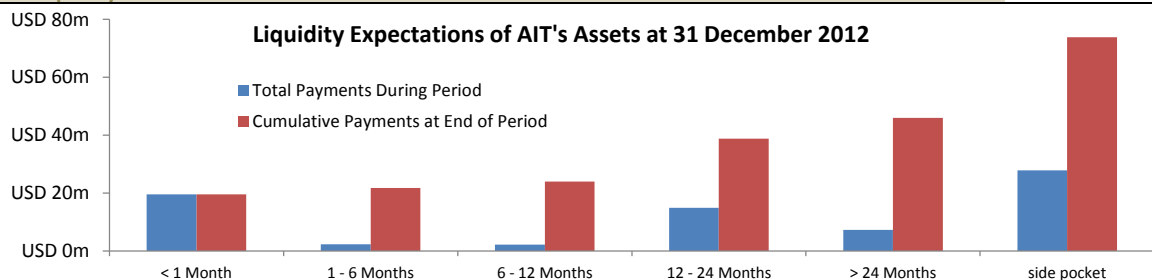
### Fund Performance by Strategy, December 2012



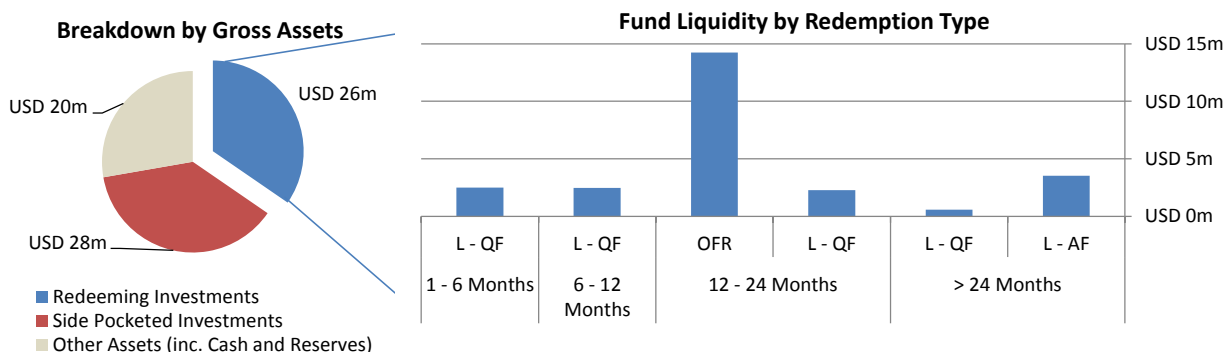
## Liquidity of AIT

The portfolio of AIT consists of exposure to a basket of absolute return funds via a Swap facility with Macquarie Bank Ltd, together with two small investments held outside the Swap. With all debt repaid in August 2010, AIT is free to make distributions to unitholders. Returns of capital were made in August 2009 (AUD 0.47 per unit), February 2011 (AUD 0.38 per unit), October 2011 (AUD 0.15 per unit), January 2012 (AUD 0.15 per unit) and June 2012 (AUD 0.15 per unit). Including the February 2013 distribution of AUD 0.13 per unit, a total of AUD 1.43 per unit has been returned to unitholders since February 2009; distributions will continue to be paid as per the revised mandate.

## Expected Liquidity Profile of Gross Assets of AIT



## Breakdown of Gross Assets by Redemption Type of Underlying Funds

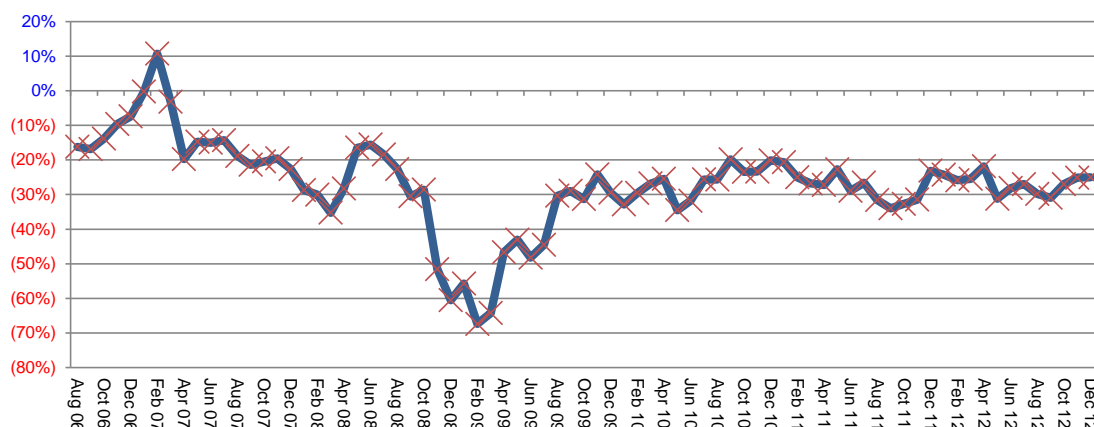


**Glossary.** MDR - AF: Multi date redemption - Annual flow ; MDR - QF: Multi date redemption - Quarterly flow ; OFR: Once-off full redemption ; L - AF: Liquidating Fund - Ad hoc flow ; L - QF: Liquidating Fund - Quarterly flow

**Note:** Liquidity profiles are based on best available information and may be subject to significant change in light of new information or events.

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**Alternative Investment Trust  
Price to NAV Discount**



| NTA returns (net) <sub>1</sub> |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |          |
|--------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------|
|                                | Jan     | Feb     | Mar     | Apr     | May     | Jun     | Jul     | Aug     | Sep     | Oct     | Nov     | Dec     | YTD      |
| 2006                           |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         | 1.69%   | 2.85%   | 3.47%   | 2.68%   | 9.26%    |
| 2007                           | 2.83%   | (9.30%) | 2.10%   | 5.08%   | (4.89%) | (4.91%) | (0.25%) | (3.20%) | 1.27%   | 3.27%   | (1.70%) | 0.74%   | (9.50%)  |
| 2008                           | (4.18%) | 0.77%   | (1.78%) | 0.78%   | 1.54%   | (3.80%) | (1.58%) | (1.87%) | (9.81%) | (15.4%) | (7.86%) | (7.75%) | (41.5%)  |
| 2009                           | (2.78%) | 0.76%   | (5.20%) | (2.88%) | (5.13%) | (0.43%) | (2.16%) | (1.05%) | (2.87%) | (1.07%) | (1.63%) | 3.47%   | (16.30%) |
| 2010                           | 0.47%   | (0.35%) | (1.37%) | 0.46%   | 7.00%   | (1.15%) | (5.65%) | 0.99%   | (5.96%) | 0.40%   | 2.25%   | (4.51%) | (7.84%)  |
| 2011                           | 3.02%   | 0.06%   | 0.34%   | (3.45%) | 0.77%   | 0.16%   | (1.85%) | 1.37%   | 6.64%   | (4.60%) | (0.09%) | (2.38%) | 0.77%    |
| 2012                           | (2.7%)  | 3.2%    | 3.4%    | (0.9%)  | 4.9%    | (5.6%)  | (1.6%)  | 1.4%    | 1.6%    | 2.1%    | (3.7%)  | (0.2%)  | 1.71%    |

1 Unaudited – In calculating the NTA, AIT asset values have been calculated using unaudited absolute return fund performance estimates for the month being reported. For the purposes of calculating the above figures, the Australian Equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards (AEIFRS) have been applied (other than for classification of net assets attributable to unitholders of AIT where Australian Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (AGAAP), as applied before the introduction of AEIFRS, have been used). The May 2007 monthly NTA performance was impacted by the AIT (previously EBI) rights issue and placement which were completed that month and does not include the implied value of EBB shares received by investors who successfully participated in the EBI capital raising. The performance of the underlying investment portfolio (excluding the effect of the capital raising) for May 2007 was +2.40%. Adjustments due to Returns of Capital have been made to performances for 2009, 2011 and 2012.

**AIT Top Holdings as at December 2012**

| Fund                                | Strategy                   | % Gross Assets |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|
| ESL Investments                     | Equity Long/Short          | 19.25%         |
| Drawbridge Special Opportunities    | Asset Based Lending        | 10.31%         |
| TPG-Axon Partners Offshore Ltd      | Multi-Strategy             | 5.38%          |
| GSO Special Situations Oversea      | Credit Related Investments | 4.38%          |
| Cerberus International Ltd          | Distressed Securities      | 3.78%          |
| Eton Park Overseas Fund Ltd         | Multi-Strategy             | 3.68%          |
| Och-Ziff Global Special Investments | Multi-Strategy             | 3.52%          |
| Perry Partners International        | Multi-Strategy             | 3.33%          |
| Everest Absolute Return Fund        | Multi-Strategy             | 2.57%          |
| Fortress Partners Fund LP           | Multi-Strategy             | 2.46%          |
| <b>Total</b>                        |                            | <b>58.66%</b>  |

**AIT Top Unitholders\***

|                        |        |
|------------------------|--------|
| Weiss Capital          | 23.23% |
| FIM Group              | 17.56% |
| Regal Funds Management | 11.86% |
| UBS AG                 | 8.63%  |
| Dakota Capital         | 6.73%  |

\* Source: Bloomberg

**Currency Exposure**

|     |        |
|-----|--------|
| AUD | 10.01% |
| USD | 89.99% |

**Company Data and Contact Information**

|          |                         |                 |   |
|----------|-------------------------|-----------------|---|
| Manager  | Laxey Partners (UK) Ltd | Management fee  | 0.75% of Gross Asset Value (GAV)            |
| Focus    | Absolute Return Fund    | Performance fee | 1% of each distribution made to unitholders |
| Strategy | Realisation of Assets   | Year end        | 31st December                               |
| Launch   | 2005                    | Administrator   | CITCO                                       |

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**Information**

The monthly NTA is released to the ASX and [www.thealternativeinvestmenttrust.com](http://www.thealternativeinvestmenttrust.com) by the 14th of each month and AIT factsheets are released within the first 14 days of the following month end and are available from AIT's website and the ASX. Figures in the factsheet are based on the interim monthly data available at the time that the corresponding monthly NTA is released.

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