

# 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 March 2013

Monthly return	-1.67%	Net Assets (NA)	AUD 53,353,173
Unaudited NTA Mar 2013	AUD 0.408	Units in issue	130,692,470
Gross Assets (GA)	AUD 53,678,889	Traded on	ASX
Leverage - GA/NA	1.01	Currency	AUD
Domicile	Australia	Responsible Entity	The Trust Company (RE Services) Limited
SEDOL	B1BOGT6		ACN 003 278 831 AFSL 235 150
Ticker	AIQ AU	ISIN	AU000000AIQ2

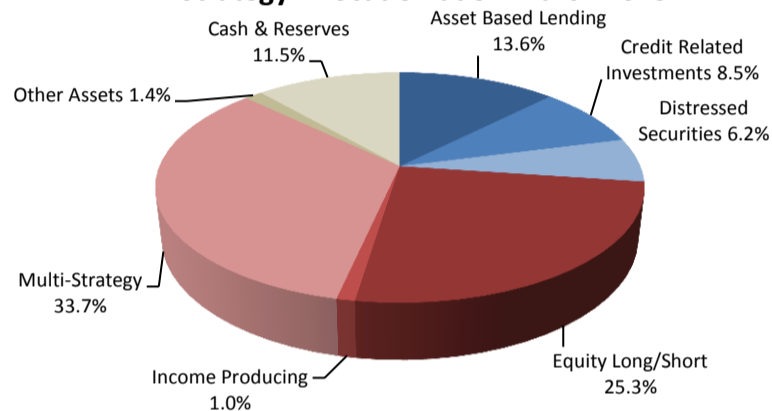
## Commentary & Portfolio Updates

- AIT's NTA return was -1.7% for March. AIT's continuing underlying funds returned +0.3% on a fixed exchange rate basis. Against this the AUD strengthened by +2.0% against the USD. This had a negative effect on AIT's NTA as the majority of AIT's net assets are USD denominated.

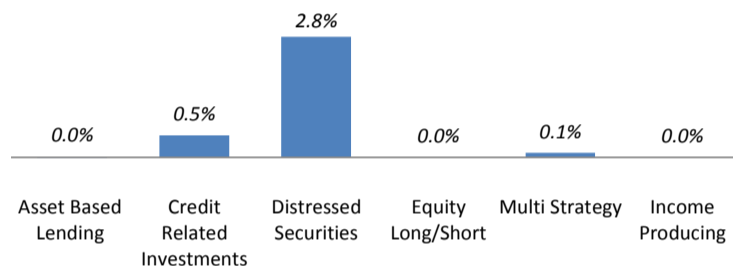
- As announced on 29th April 2013, AIT will make a distribution of AUD 0.07 per unit during May 2013. More information regarding the distribution can be found in the ASX release - which has been reproduced with this factsheet.

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

### AIT Strategy Allocation at 31 March 2013



### Fund Performance by Strategy, March 2013

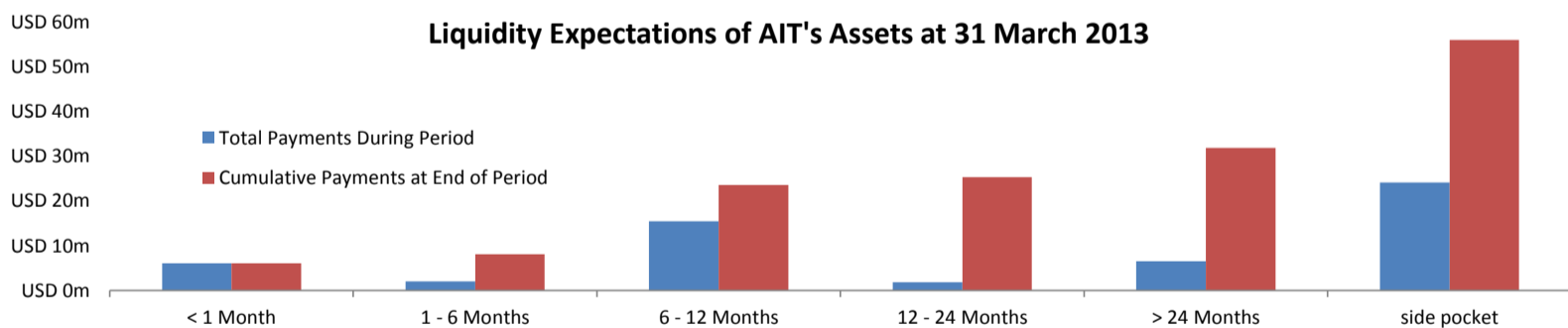


Fund performance is calculated using the USD values of funds at end February and end March. For AUD denominated funds a fixed exchange rate is used.

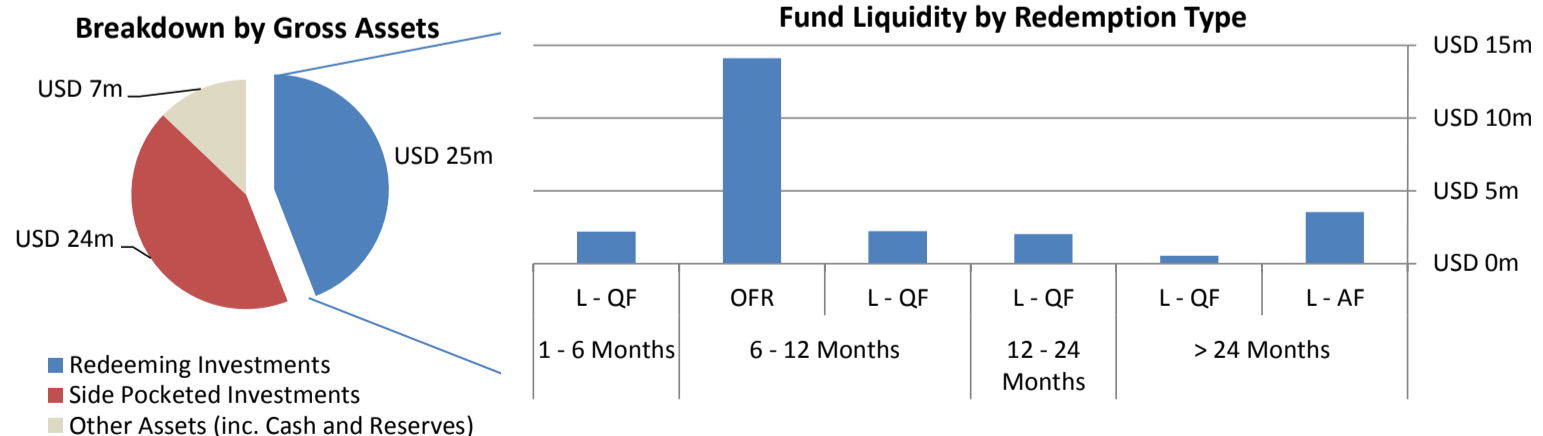
## Liquidity of AIT

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), June 2012 (AUD 0.15 per unit) and February 2013 (AUD 0.13 per unit). After the May 2013 distribution of AUD 0.07 per unit, AUD 1.5 per unit will have 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

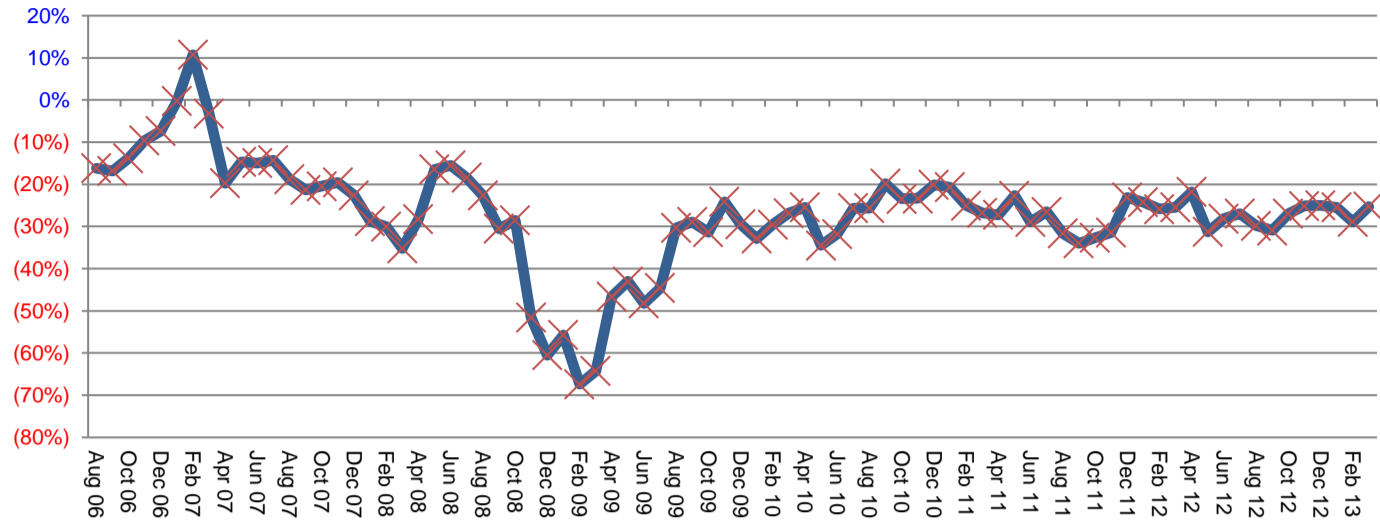


**Glossary.** MDR - AF: Multi date redemption - Annual flow ; MDR - QF: Multi date redemption - Quarterly flow ; OFR: Once-off full redemption ; L - AF: Liquidating Fund - Ad hoc flow ; L - QF: Liquidating Fund - Quarterly flow

**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>**

Annual	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013 YTD					
	9.3%	(9.5%)	(41.5%)	(16.3%)	(7.8%)	0.8%	1.7%	(0.3%)					
Monthly	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2009	(2.8%)	0.8%	(5.2%)	(2.9%)	(5.1%)	(0.4%)	(2.2%)	(1.1%)	(2.9%)	(1.1%)	(1.6%)	3.5%	(16.3%)
2010	0.5%	(0.3%)	(1.4%)	0.5%	7.0%	(1.1%)	(5.6%)	1.0%	(6.0%)	0.4%	2.2%	(4.5%)	(7.8%)
2011	3.0%	0.1%	0.3%	(3.5%)	0.8%	0.2%	(1.8%)	1.4%	6.6%	(4.6%)	(0.1%)	(2.4%)	0.8%
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%)	1.7%
2013	(0.1%)	1.4%	(1.7%)										(0.3%)

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, 2012 and 2013.

**AIT Top Holdings as at March 2013**

Fund	Strategy	% Gross Assets
ESL Investments	Equity Long/Short	25.26%
Drawbridge Special Opportunities	Asset Based Lending	12.47%
TPG-Axon Partners Offshore Ltd	Multi-Strategy	6.00%
Cerberus International Ltd	Distressed Securities	4.73%
Eton Park Overseas Fund Ltd	Multi-Strategy	4.55%
Perry Partners International	Multi-Strategy	4.27%
Och-Ziff Global Special Investments	Multi-Strategy	3.96%
GSO Special Situations Oversea	Credit Related Investments	3.73%
Everest Absolute Return Fund	Multi-Strategy	3.35%
Fortress Partners Fund LP	Multi-Strategy	3.29%
<b>Total</b>		<b>71.61%</b>

**AIT Top Unitholders\***

Weiss Capital	23.23%
FIM Group	17.56%
Regal Funds Management	11.86%
UBS AG	8.63%
Dakota Capital	5.59%
Dynasty Peak	5.48%

\* Source: Bloomberg

**Currency Exposure**

AUD	6.43%
USD	93.57%

**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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The Trust Company (RE Services) Limited is part of The Trust Company Limited, a specialist fiduciary service provider in Australia, New Zealand and Singapore. The Trust Company Limited was established in 1885 and has been acting as a responsible entity for its own internally managed schemes and for externally managed schemes since the introduction of the Managed Investments Act (MIA) in June 2000.

**About Laxey Partners (UK) Limited ("Laxey")**

Laxey is part of Laxey Partners Ltd. Based on the Isle of Man in the British Isles and founded in 1998 as a globally active value management company, Laxey Partners Ltd manages a range of assets and funds for institutional investors.

**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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29 April 2013

## **Alternative Investment Trust (ASX: AIQ) – Distribution of approximately AUD 9.1 million**

The Trust Company (RE Services) Limited (“Trust”) as responsible entity of AIQ and Laxey Partners (UK) Limited (“Laxey”) as investment manager of AIQ are pleased to announce that approximately AUD 9.1 million is being distributed at a rate of AUD 0.07 per unit to all unitholders recorded on AIQ’s register of unitholders as at 5.00PM Sydney time on 10 May 2013 (Record Date).

The distribution was made possible in part as a result of offers to cash settle (at 100% of net asset value) certain positions held via AIQ’s swap agreement with Macquarie Bank (“the Swap”). These offers were received from BNP Paribas entities (which acted as custodians for the assets) and came about as part of the current programme of seeking to reduce AIQ’s running costs. The total settlement amount for these offers represented USD 5.7 million for AIQ. The remainder of the distribution is made up of proceeds received from liquidating funds and side pockets held within the Swap.

The distribution is made in line with the orderly winding up of AIQ under a program of realisation of AIQ’s assets designed to optimise the return on investment to unitholders; and it is the seventh distribution to unitholders since AIQ began the realisation of its assets in February 2009. The first distribution was made in August 2009 for AUD 0.47 per unit, the second in February 2011 for AUD 0.38 per unit, the third in October 2011 for AUD 0.15 per unit, the fourth in January 2012 for AUD 0.15 per unit, the fifth in June 2012 for AUD 0.15 per unit and the sixth in February 2013 for AUD 0.13 per unit. This brings the total distributed per unit to AUD 1.50 (AUD 196 million in total).

The distribution is expected to be a tax deferred amount for Australian income tax purposes (i.e. a return of capital to unitholders with no withholding tax). The final characterisation of the distribution will be communicated to unitholders in the tax statements for the year ending 30 June 2013.

The distribution will be made to unitholders on 17 May 2013 (with cheques to be despatched on 23 May 2013). The ex date for the distribution will be 6 May 2013.

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