

# AIT *Alternative* Investment Trust

Alternative Investment Trust (AIT) has exposure to a portfolio of leading absolute return funds and selected direct investments. With a revised investment strategy, the assets of AIT are being realised and the fund is in wind down.

## Fund facts as at January 2010

Monthly return	0.47%	Net Assets (NA)	AUD 191,688,867
Unaudited NTA Jan 2010	AUD 1.467	Units in issue	130,692,470
Gross Assets (GA)	AUD 228,245,729	Traded on	ASX
Leverage - GA/NA	1.1907	Currency	AUD
Domicile	Australia	Responsible Entity	Permanent Investment Management Limited (PIML)
SEDOL	B1B0GT6		ACN 003 278 831 AFSL 235 150
Ticker	AIQ AU	ISIN	AU000000AIQ2

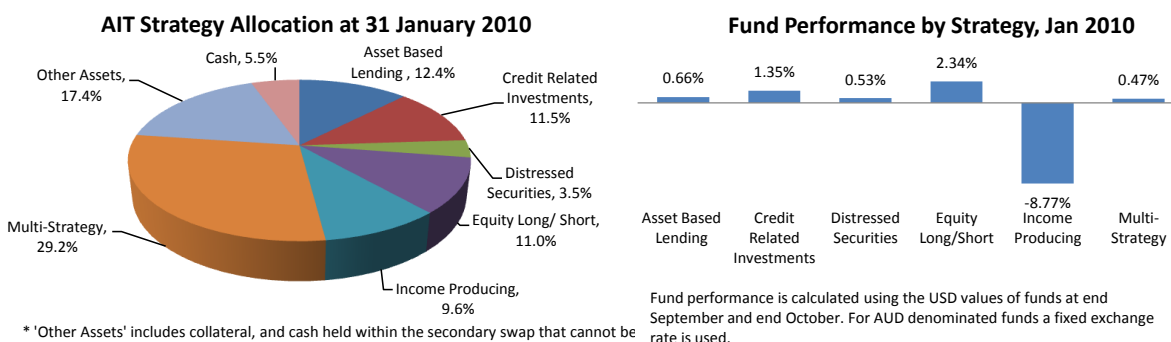
## Commentary

For January 2010, AIT returned +0.47% in NTA terms. During the month, the USD strengthened against the AUD, with the market spot rate moving 1.7% in the USD's favour. As the majority of AIT's assets - together with the Swap debt - are USD denominated, this had a positive impact on AIT's NTA.

## Month's Portfolio Performance

- Excluding EBIF, which suffered a near 9% fall in value due to a revaluation at end December, AIT's underlying funds had a positive return for the month: up approximately +1% on a value weighted basis, using a fixed AUD-USD exchange rate versus. Including EBIF, the underlying funds returned -0.3%.
- Of AIT's underlying investments, one of the Equity Long/Short managers was up +4.3% despite a sell off in global markets. Marathon, a credit investor, also performed well - with non-side pockets up over +3%.

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

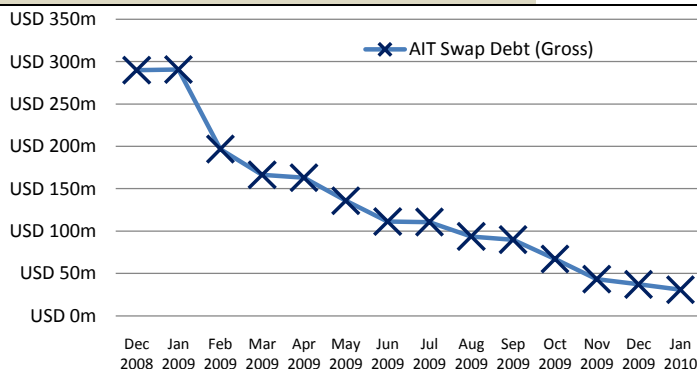


## Liquidity of AIT

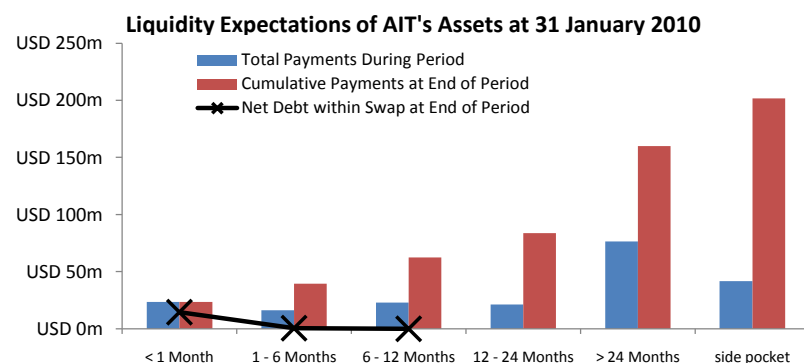
The portfolio of AIT consists largely of exposure to a basket of absolute return funds via a Swap facility with Macquarie Bank Ltd, together with a single investment in a fund held outside the Swap. Under the terms of the realisation of the AIT assets, the leverage from the Swap facility must be paid down before unitholders may receive distributions from assets sold or redeemed (that are within the Swap). During January AIT's leverage facility was reduced from USD 37.1m to USD 30.8m using redemption proceeds.

## Debt Repayment Progress

- The graph to the right illustrates the level of AIT's debt on a monthly basis from the end of December 2008 to the end of January 2010. Debt has reduced from USD 290.6m to USD 30.8m from its peak at the end of Jan 09 to the end of Jan 10 - a reduction of 89.4%.
- As mentioned in earlier factsheets, and in the Annual Report 2009, Laxey and Macquarie are working to secure an early termination of a secondary swap with BNP. This would release USD 20.5m cash to the main swap and would be used to repay AIT's debt.

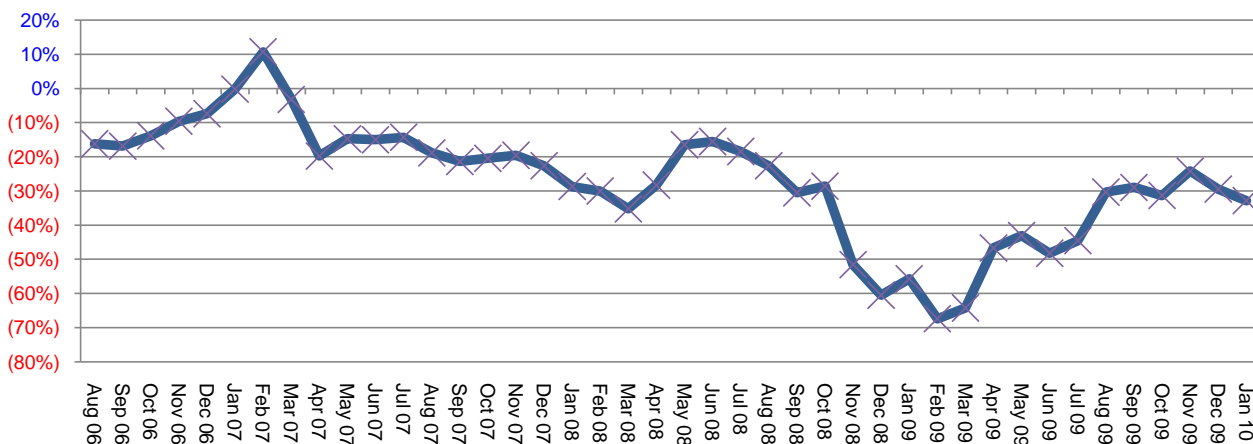


## Expected Liquidity Profile of Gross Assets of AIT



This graph (see the April NTA factsheet for a full description) shows the payments that AIT expects to receive from its underlying investments as well as the anticipated reduction in AIT's Net Debt within the Swap. This latter figure excludes proceeds received from EBI Income Fund which sits outside the Swap.

**Alternative Investment Trust  
Price to NAV Discount**



**NTA returns (net)<sup>1</sup>**

	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%	(16.3%)
2010	0.47%												

<sup>1</sup> 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%. 2009's performance is adjusted for the AUD 0.47 per unit distribution in August 2009.

**AIT Top Holdings as at January 2010**

Fund	Strategy	% Gross Assets
Drawbridge Special Opportunities	Asset Based Lending	12.39%
TPG-Axon Partners Offshore Ltd	Multi-Strategy	9.84%
EBIIF	Income Producing	9.56%
ESL Investments	Equity Long/Short	7.93%
Marathon Special Opportunity Fund	Credit Related Investments	7.29%
Eton Park Overseas Fund Ltd	Multi-Strategy	4.28%
Everest Absolute Return Fund	Multi-Strategy	3.71%
Och-Ziff Overseas Fund II	Multi-Strategy	3.17%
GSO Special Situations Oversea	Credit Related Investments	2.21%
Och-Ziff Global Special Investments	Multi-Strategy	2.13%
<b>Total</b>		<b>62.50%</b>

**AIT Top Unitholders\***

Weiss Capital	29.69%
Laxey Partners Ltd	23.52%
Carrousel Capital Ltd	14.29%
Citigroup Global	9.80%

\* Source: Bloomberg

**Currency Exposure**

AUD	17.36%
USD	82.64%

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

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 manages a range of assets and funds for institutional investors.

**Information**

The monthly NTA is also released to the ASX and [www.thealternativeinvestmenttrust.com](http://www.thealternativeinvestmenttrust.com), by the 14th of each month and AIT factsheets will be released within the first 10 days following each month end and are available from AIT's website.

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