

# AIT *Alternative* Investment Trust

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

## Fund facts as at May 2011

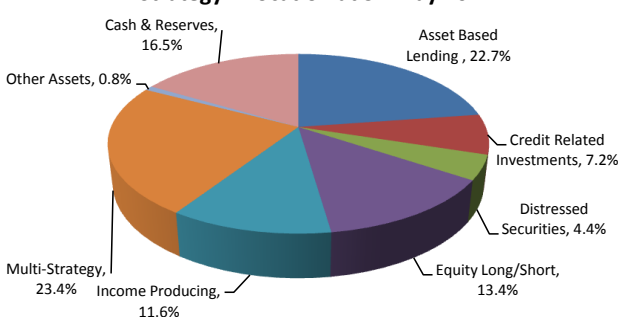
Monthly return	0.77%	Net Assets (NA)	AUD 128,485,825
Unaudited NTA May 2011	AUD 0.983	Units in issue	130,692,470
Gross Assets (GA)	AUD 129,060,330	Traded on	ASX
Leverage - GA/NA	1.0045	Currency	AUD
Domicile	Australia	Responsible Entity	The Trust Company (RE Services) Limited
SEDOL	B1B0GT6		ACN 003 278 831 AFSL 235 150
Ticker	AIQ AU	ISIN	AU000000AIQ2

## Commentary & Portfolio Updates

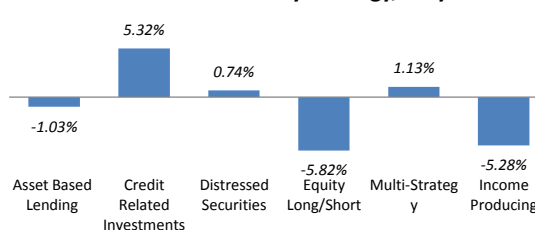
AIT's NTA return for May was +0.77%. The underlying funds produced a negative return of -1.1% on a value weighted, fixed exchange rate basis. ESL, AIT's remaining manager with a primary orientation to long/short equity strategies, returned -5.8%. Another large position, EBIF, was down -5.3%; though this fund also made an AUD 0.9m distribution to AIT during the month. The funds' performance was counteracted by movement of the AUD-USD exchange rate: the USD dollar strengthened by 2.8% against the AUD; as AIT's assets are predominantly denominated in USD, this positively affected AIT's NTA.

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

### AIT Strategy Allocation at 31 May 2011



### Fund Performance by Strategy, May 2011



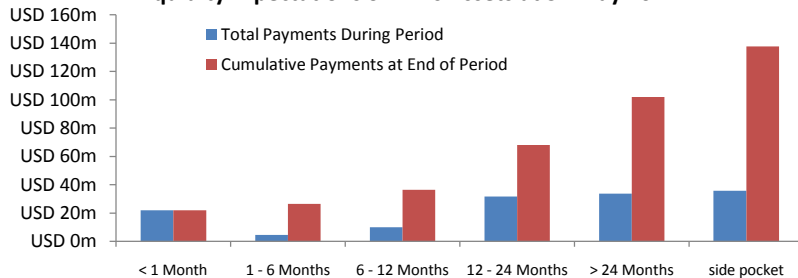
Fund performance is calculated using the USD values of funds at end April and end May. For AUD denominated funds a fixed exchange rate is used.

## 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 a single investment in a fund held outside the Swap. AIT finished repaying its debt in August 2010, and the Swap is now unleveraged. As a result, AIT is free to make distributions to unitholders and will do so once sufficient cash is available. Under the revised mandate, Returns of Capital have been made in August 2009 (AUD 0.47 per unit) and February 2011 (AUD 0.38 per unit); further unitholder distributions will be made once sufficient cash builds up from future redemptions.

## Expected Liquidity Profile of Gross Assets of AIT

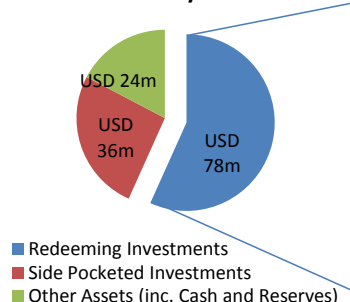
### Liquidity Expectations of AIT's Assets at 31 May 2011



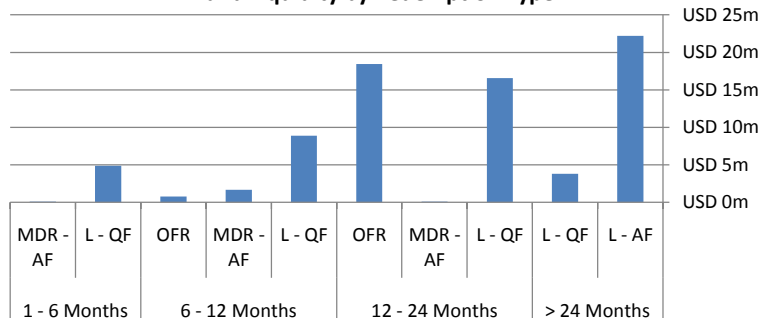
This graph (see the April 2009 NTA factsheet for a full description) shows the payments that AIT expects to receive from its underlying investments as well as the anticipated reduction in AIT's Net Debt within the Swap.

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

### Breakdown by Gross Assets



### Fund Liquidity by Redemption Type

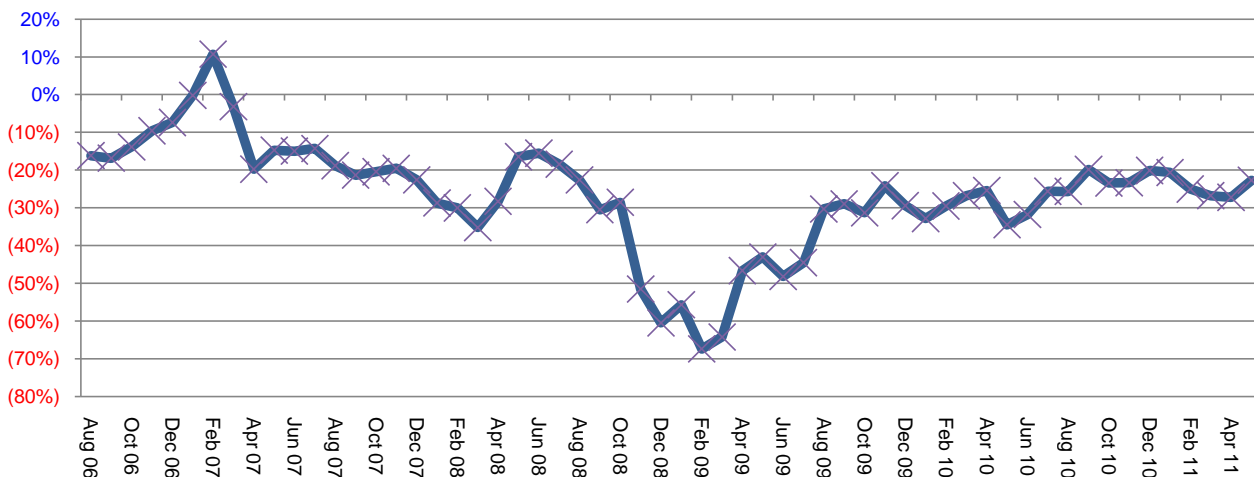


**Glossary.** MDR - AF: Multi date redemption - Annual flow ; MDR - QF: Multi date redemption - Quarterly flow ; OFR: Once-off full redemption ; L - AF: Liquidating Fund - Ad hoc flow ; L - QF: Liquidating Fund - Quarterly flow

**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>

The port	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%								1.31%

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 and 2011.

### AIT Top Holdings as at May 2011

Fund	Strategy	% Gross Assets
Drawbridge Special Opportunities	Asset Based Lending	22.67%
ESL Investments	Equity Long/Short	13.39%
EBIIF	Income Producing	11.56%
TPG-Axon Partners Offshore Ltd	Multi-Strategy	4.89%
Eton Park Overseas Fund Ltd	Multi-Strategy	4.09%
GSO Special Situations Oversea	Credit Related Investments	3.51%
Everest Absolute Return Fund	Multi-Strategy	3.05%
Och-Ziff Global Special Investments	Multi-Strategy	2.42%
Cerberus International Ltd	Distressed Securities	2.37%
Perry Partners International	Multi-Strategy	1.98%
<b>Total</b>		<b>69.93%</b>

### AIT Top Unitholders\*

Weiss Capital	34.60%
Laxey Partners Ltd	23.52%
QVT Funds	8.08%

\* Source: Bloomberg

### Currency Exposure

AUD	16.99%
USD	83.01%

### 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

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