

# 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.

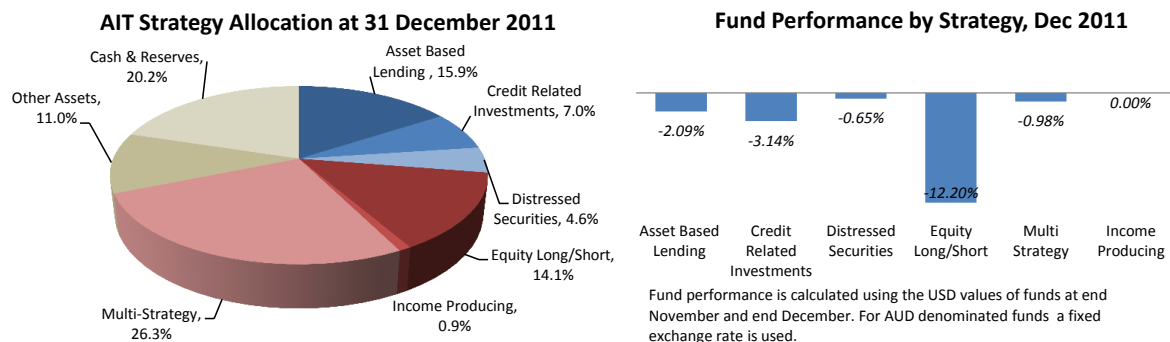
## Fund facts as at December 2011

Monthly return	-2.38%	Net Assets (NA)	AUD 107,937,552
Unaudited NTA Dec 2011	AUD 0.826	Units in issue	130,692,470
Gross Assets (GA)	AUD 108,638,666	Traded on	ASX
Leverage - GA/NA	1.0065	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 -2.38%. Foreign exchange movements favoured AIT as the USD strengthened by +0.7% versus the AUD but against this, AIT's funds lost -3.2% on a fixed exchange rate basis. The largest contributor to the funds' loss was again ESL - AIT's sole equity long / short focused manager.
- During December, EBI Income Fund made a substantial distribution to AIT of AUD 12.8m; this went towards AIT's AUD 0.15 per unit - approximately 19.6m in total - distribution to unitholders paid on 20 January 2012. An update on all of AIT's major holdings will be available with the 2011 Annual Report and Accounts.

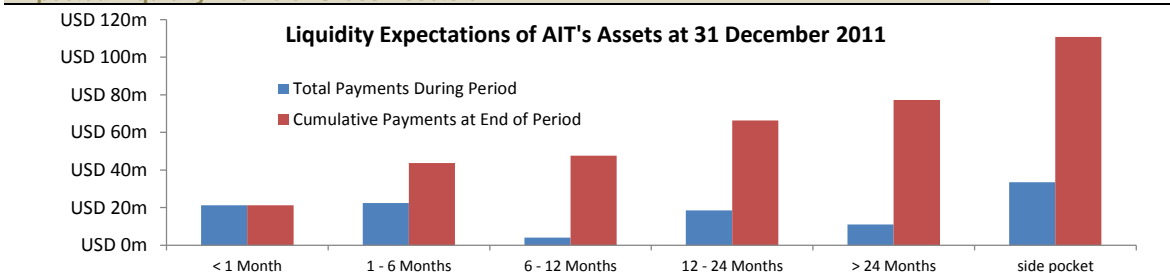
## AIT Asset Allocation and Fund Performance for the Month by Strategy



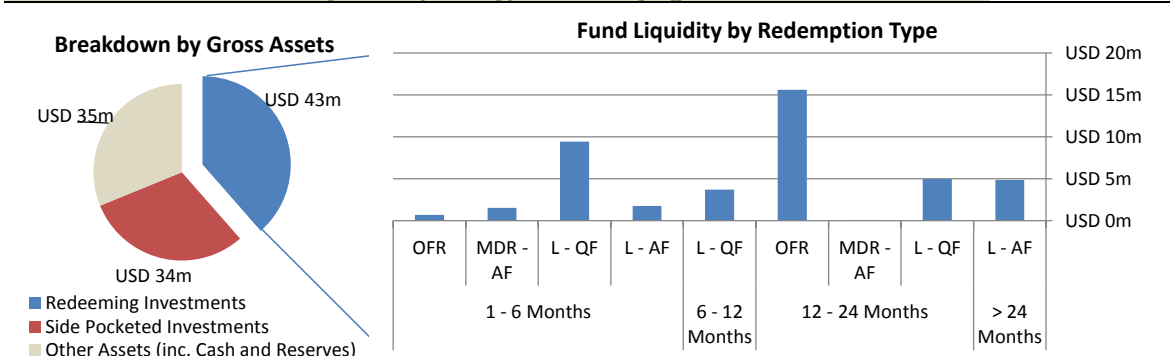
## Liquidity of AIT

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. With all debt repaid in August 2010, AIT is free to make distributions to unitholders. Under the revised mandate, Returns of capital were made in August 2009 (AUD 0.47 per unit), February 2011 (AUD 0.38 per unit) and October 2011 (AUD 0.15 per unit). A further return of AUD 0.15 per unit was made in January 2012 and distributions will continue as redemption proceeds are received.

## Expected Liquidity Profile of Gross Assets of AIT



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



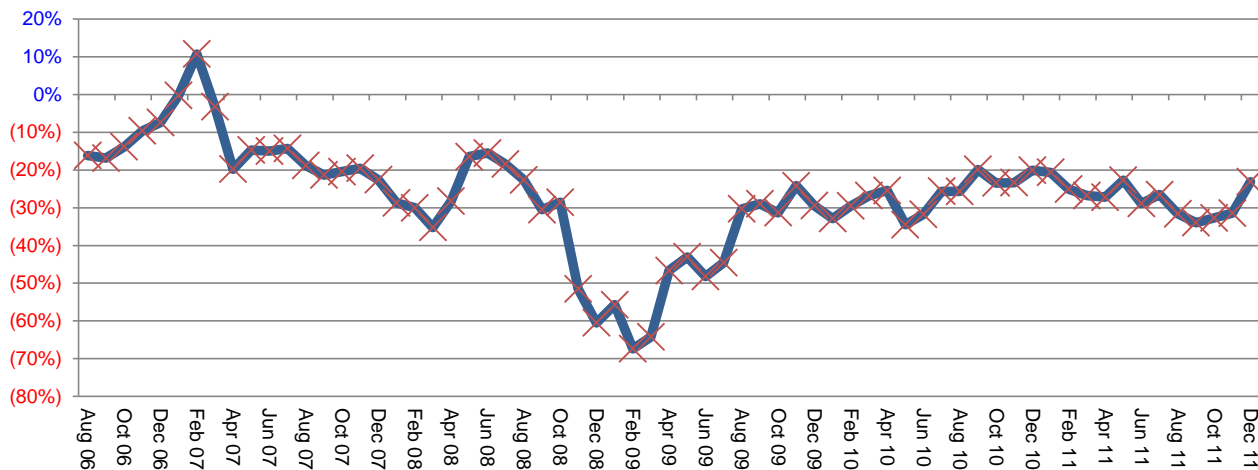
**Glossary.** MDR - AF: Multi date redemption - Annual flow ; MDR - QF: Multi date redemption - Quarterly flow ; OFR: Once-off full redemption ; L - AF: Liquidating Fund - Ad hoc flow ; L - QF: Liquidating Fund - Quarterly flow

**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%

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 December 2011**

Fund	Strategy	% Gross Assets
Drawbridge Special Opportunities	Asset Based Lending	15.83%
ESL Investments	Equity Long/Short	14.07%
TPG-Axon Partners Offshore Ltd	Multi-Strategy	5.69%
Eton Park Overseas Fund Ltd	Multi-Strategy	4.28%
Everest Absolute Return Fund	Multi-Strategy	3.70%
GSO Special Situations Oversea	Credit Related Investments	2.99%
Och-Ziff Global Special Investments	Multi-Strategy	2.69%
Cerberus International Ltd	Distressed Securities	2.60%
Marathon Special Opportunity Fund	Credit Related Investments	2.29%
Perry Partners International	Multi-Strategy	2.17%
<b>Total</b>		<b>56.31%</b>

**AIT Top Unitholders\***

Weiss Capital	33.10%
Laxey Partners Ltd	23.52%
QVT Funds †	8.08%

\* Source: Bloomberg

† As at 2 February 2012, QVT held 4.97%.

**Currency Exposure**

AUD	22.24%
USD	77.76%

**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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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 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 of the following month end and are available from AIT's website.

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