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 September 2011

Monthly return 6.64% Net Assets (NA) AUD 136 542 554 AUD 1.045 Unaudited NTA Sep 2011 Units in issue 130,692,470 AUD 137,135,330 Traded on ASX Gross Assets (GA) Leverage - GA/NA 1.0043 Currency AUD

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### **Commentary & Portfolio Updates**

- AIT's NTA return for September was +6.64%. The underlying funds produced a slightly negative return of -0.7% on a value weighted, fixed exchange rate basis. This was again more than offset by currency movements: the USD strengthened by +10.8% against the AUD. As AIT's assets are predominantly denominated in USD, this positively affected AIT's NTA.
- AIT's AUD 0.15 per unit return of capital was paid in October 2011. Although not reflected in this factsheet, as a result, AIT's NA and GA will both reduce by approximately AUD19.6m when the NAV for October is released.

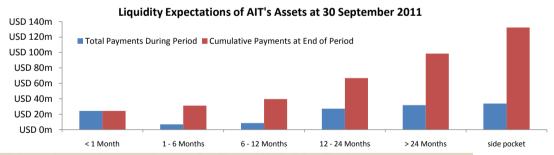
### AIT Asset Allocation and Fund Performance for the Month by Strategy

#### Fund Performance by Strategy, Sep 2011 AIT Strategy Allocation at 30 September 2011 5.76% Cash & Reserves Asset Based 19.3% Lending , 22.4% Other Assets, 0.8% -0.85% -0.89% -1.03% -1.10% Credit Related Investments, 7.0% -5.30% Equity Asset Based Credit Distressed Multi Income Lending Related Long/Short Securities Strategy Producing Distressed curities, 4.1% Fund performance is calculated using the USD values of funds at end Equity Long/Short. Multi-Strategy, Income Producing, August and end September. For AUD denominated funds a fixed 12.6% 22 9% exchange rate is used. 11.0%

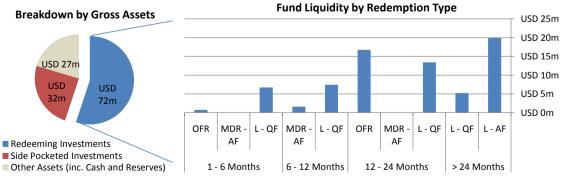
### **Liquidity of AIT**

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 have been made in August 2009 (AUD 0.47 per unit), February 2011 (AUD 0.38 per unit) and October 2011 (AUD 0.15 per unit) - making a total of AUD 1.00 per unit since the revised mandate was adopted. Further distributions will be made once sufficient cash builds up from future redemption payments.

# **Expected Liquidity Profile of Gross Assets of AIT**



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

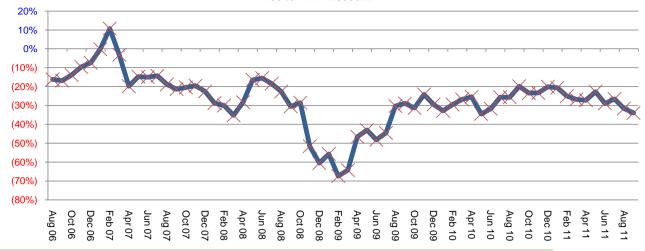


**Glossary.** MDR - AF: Multi date redemption - Annual flow; MDR - QF: Multi date redemption - Quarterly flow; OFR: Once-off full redemption; L - AF: Liquidating Fund - Ad hoc flow; L - QF: Liquidating Fund - Quarterly flow

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),													
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%	0.16%	(1.85%)	1.37%	6.64%				5.89%

<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%. Adjustments due to Returns of Capital have been made to performances for 2009 and 2011.

### AIT Top Holdings as at September 2011

Fund	Strategy % Gros	s Assets
Drawbridge Special Opportunities	Asset Based Lending	22.35%
ESL Investments	Equity Long/Short	12.62%
EBIIF	Income Producing	10.95%
TPG-Axon Partners Offshore Ltd	Multi-Strategy	5.32%
Eton Park Overseas Fund Ltd	Multi-Strategy	3.88%
GSO Special Situations Oversea	Credit Related Investments	3.40%
Everest Absolute Return Fund	Multi-Strategy	2.86%
Cerberus International Ltd	Distressed Securities	2.33%
Och-Ziff Global Special Investments	Multi-Strategy	2.30%
Marathon Special Opportunity Fund	Credit Related Investments	2.04%
Total		68.04%

# AIT Top Unitholders\*

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

\* Source: Bloomberg

# **Currency Exposure**

AUD 31.29% USD 68.71%

\* If the cash distributed to unitholders in October 2011 is excluded, then AIT's currency exposure on 30 September 2011 would be 19.77% to the AUD and 80.23% to the USD.

# **Company Data and Contact Information**

ManagerLaxey Partners (UK) LtdManagement fee0.75% of Gross Asset Value (GAV)FocusAbsolute Return FundPerformance fee1% of each distribution made to unitholdersStrategyRealisation of AssetsYear end31st December

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### Information

The monthly NTA is also released to the ASX and 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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