

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 December 2017						
Monthly return	-3.12%	Net Assets (NA)	AUD 12,200,023			
Unaudited NTA Dec 2017	AUD 0.0933	Units in issue	130,692,470			
Gross Assets (GA)	AUD 12,423,300	Traded on	ASX			
Leverage - GA/NA	1.02	Currency	AUD			
Domicile	Australia	Responsible Entity	Columbus Investment Services Limited			
SEDOL	B1B0GT6		ABN 69 095 162 931, AFSL 221183			
Ticker	AIQ AU	ISIN	AU000000AIQ2			
		ARSN	112 129 218			

#### **Commentary & Portfolio Updates**

- AIT's NTA return was -3.12% for December 2017. The primary driver of the negative performance for the month was the weakening of the USD relative to the AUD.
- During the month, two material events took place in the portfolio: (1) AIT received a cash distribution equal to approximately 30% of its holdings from Cerberus; and (2) EARF position has been fully redeemed and liquidated.
- On January 18, 2018 Columbus Investment Services Limited ("Columbus") called a meeting of members of AIQ for the purpose to approve measures to allow for a significant on market buy back of units in AIQ and other resolution to facilitate AIQ re-commencing its investment activities. The meeting will be held on 12 February 2018 and further information is available in the notice of meeting sent to unitholders.

### **Liquidity of AIT**

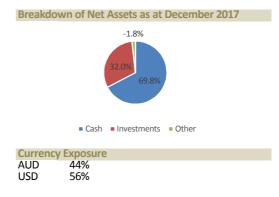
The portfolio of AIT consists of exposure to a basket of absolute return funds via a Swap facility with Macquarie Bank Ltd. With all debt repaid in August 2010, AIT is free to make distributions to unitholders. The first return of capital to unitholders under the revised investment strategy was made in August 2009.

AIT is now predominately exposed to cash and Side Pocket type positions and Redeeming Investments which have been gradually liquidating for a number of years. This means it is difficult to predict the future liquidity of these funds and payments to AIT are made on an ad hoc basis when the cash is available to the funds.

NTA returns (net)													
Annual	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017 YTD	
	9.3%	(9.5%)	(41.5%)	(16.3%)	(7.8%)	0.8%	1.7%	9.4%	3.4%	(0.1%)	(12.6%)	(12.1%)	
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%)	(0.2%)	(8.6%)	2.6%	(8.2%)	(0.1%)	(4.2%)	1.5%	3.5%	(0.7%)	9.4%
2014	1.7%	(2.0%)	(2.9%)	0.6%	(0.1%)	(1.6%)	1.7%	(1.1%)	4.9%	(1.6%)	2.2%	3.6%	3.4%
2015	1.7%	(1.0%)	1.8%	(3.9%)	1.5%	(0.3%)	2.3%	1.2%	(0.4%)	(1.8%)	(1.0%)	(0.9%)	(0.1%)
2016	0.3%	(2.9%)	(5.4%)	(1.0%)	2.0%	(2.7%)	(2.6%)	0.2%	(2.0%)	(0.0%)	0.7%	0.1%	(12.6%)
2017	(3.2%)	(0.6%)	0.5%	(1.6%)	(0.5%)	(3.4%)	(3.0%)	(0.8%)	1.1%	0.7%	0.5%	(3.1%)	(12.8%)

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).

AIT Top Holdings as at December 2017		
Fund	Strategy % Gr	oss Assets
Axon Partners Offshore Ltd Drawbridge Special Opportunities Marathon Special Opportunity Fund Och-Ziff Asia Overseas Fund Cerberus International Ltd Fallaron II Holdings LP Eton Park Overseas Fund Ltd Och-Ziff Overseas II Fund GSO Special Situations Och-Ziff Europe Overseas Fund	Multi Strategy Asset Based Lending Credit Related Investment Multi Strategy Distressed Securities Multi Strategy Multi Strategy Multi Strategy Multi Strategy Credit Related Investment Multi Strategy	2.50% 2.20% 1.80% 1.80% 1.40%
Total		30.40%





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Manager Warana Capital Pty Limited Management Fee

Administrator Unity Fund Services & Responsible Entity Fee 1.25% plus GST of average Gross Asset Value (GAV)

Focus Absolute Return Fund

Strategy Realisation of Assets Year end 31st December

Launch 27-Jun-05

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### Information

The monthly NTA is released to the ASX and www.thealternativeinvestmenttrust.com by the 14th of each month and AIT factsheets 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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