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as responsible entity for Alternative Investment Trust
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# **AIT RG240 Annual Report 2019**

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Authorised for release by Columbus Investment Services Limited ACN 095 162 931 AFSL 221183 (**Responsible Entity**), the responsibility entity of the Alternative Investment Trust, and Warana Capital Pty Limited ACN 611 063 579 AFSL 493579, the investment manager of AIQ.

For additional information on AIQ, including the latest fact sheet, please refer to <a href="https://www.thealternativeinvestmenttrust.com">www.thealternativeinvestmenttrust.com</a>

For any enquiries please contact the Responsible Entity on 02 8277 0000.

#### Overview

The Alternative Investment Trust (the Trust / AIQ or AIT) is classified as a fund of hedge funds in accordance with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission Regulatory Guide 240 "Hedge funds: Improving disclosure".

Columbus Investment Services Limited ABN 69 095 162 931 AFSL 221183 (CISL) as Responsible Entity of the Trust is required to provide extra information to you, as a retail investor in the Trust.

This disclosure contains the extra information and will be provided to you on an annual basis. The information is also available on the Trust's website, www.thealternativeinvestmenttrust.com.

#### Asset Allocation

As at 31 December 2019, please refer to the Monthly Fact Sheet for December 2019.

## **Derivative Counterparties**

For the period 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2019, the Trust did not engage any derivative counterparties.

# Maturity & Liquidity Profile of the Trust's Assets

The table at right shows the asset breakdown of the Trust as at 31 December 2019.

Other than Cash (40.0%), the remaining positions held by the Trust have a liquidity profile of greater than 12 months and generally do not carry liquidation / redemption rights and would have to be sold at punitive discounts on the secondary market for illiquid fund interests.

As of 31 December 2019, the Trust does not have significant liabilities and 100% of the Trust's liabilities are expected to be matured in 10 business days (i.e. are operating expenses, fees due in the near term).

- (1) Accounting standards require that underlying funds be held at the valuations provided by their third-party administrators and auditors. This results in an immediate valuation uplift for funds purchased in the secondary market at discounts to this value. The Adjusted NTA adjusts the value of funds purchased in the secondary market using the lower of their reported valuations and the Warana's estimated projected recovery cash flows discounted at 10% p.a.
- (2) Two private equity funds: Fortress Investment Fund V and Fortress Florida Coinvestment Fund, held in a US domiciled partnership.

NTA	Adj.	NTA <sup>(1)</sup>
5.1	\$	3.9
3.6	\$	3.6
2.7	\$	2.0
11.4	\$	9.4
1.2	\$	1.2
2.6	\$	2.6
3.8	\$	3.8
0.4	\$	0.4
10.3	\$	10.3
10.7	\$	10.7
25.9	\$	23.9
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(Note: Some totals may not sum due to rounding)

## Leverage Ratio

The Trust is exposed to leverage through some of its investments in the underlying funds. This leverage is limited and has no recourse to the Trust. Other than this, the Trust does not borrow money to generate leverage.

### The Trust's Annual Investment Returns

The performance figures in the table below represent the Trust's annual investment returns of the Net Asset Value (NTA), net of fees and charges, for the five yearly periods shown. A yearly period is the financial year 1 January to 31 December.

The Performance of the Trust for the last past 5 years per the December 2019 Fact Sheet:

Year	Annua	l Return
	Diluted	Undiluted
2019	2.7%	10.1%
2018	8.8%	8.8%
2017	(12.8%)	(12.8%)
2016	(12.6%)	(12.6%)
2015	(0.1%)	(0.1%)

## Changes to Key Service Providers

There have been no changes to key service providers as set out in the monthly Fact Sheet.

#### Additional Disclosure for Related Funds

The Trust has following related funds positions as of 31 December 2019:

- Warana SP Offshore Fund SPC 2018 Segregated Portfolio ("Warana 2018 Fund");
- Warana SP Offshore Fund SPC 2019 Segregated Portfolio ("Warana 2019 Fund");
- Warana SP USA III-A LLC; and
- Warana Co-Investment Fund ("WCFI" and together, the "Warana Funds").

Warana Capital Pty Limited or Warana Capital, LLC, (a US-based and US SEC registered affiliate of Warana Capital Pty Limited) is the investment manager or trustee (or functional equivalent) of each of the above vehicles. The Warana Funds represent approximately 45.5% of the Trust's NTA. These vehicles are comingled fund of funds with other investors and are very diversified. Given the Trust's small scale, they allow it to gain exposure to a much wider portfolio of global absolute return funds managed by other third-party managers. On a look-through basis, the concentration of any one manager does not exceed the 35% threshold.

Warana 2018 Fund and Warana 2019 Fund were established to provide accredited investors an opportunity to invest in a portfolio of illiquid absolute return funds purchased in the secondary market. The investment manager of these funds, Warana Capital, LLC does not adhere to any specific diversification or geographic requirements although the nature of the opportunity set means that each fund has completed a very large number of transactions and each has exposure to over 100 funds with assets across the world.

Warana SP USA III-A LLC was established as a U.S domiciled partnership and it holds two private equity funds managed by the US based manager, Fortress Investment Group.

WCFI was established as an unregistered investment trust in Australia and holds a minority interest in an eastern European broadband and telecom company. The position is valued at cost unless a contracted sale has occurred or the Trustee, Warana Capital Pty Limited, believes an impairment is required. Assessments will occur annually.

Except for WCFI, the Warana Funds provide periodic valuation by third party administrators and auditors. The Warana Funds have no custodial arrangements for the underlying assets.

## Asset Allocation of Related Funds

As at 31 December 2019, the allocation to each asset type of the Warana Funds is:

Percentage as of NTA	Warana 2018 Fund	Warana 2019 Fund	Warana SP USA III-A LLC	WCFI
Investment Funds	89%	67%	100%	0%
Private Equity	2%	0%	0%	100%
Real Estate	5%	1%	0%	0%
Bank Debt	0%	0%	0%	0%
Corporate Bonds	1%	0%	0%	0%
Cash	3%	32%	0%	0%

#### Maturity & Liquidity Profile of Related Funds' Assets

The Warana Funds do not grant their investors (including AIQ) any redemption rights or ability to withdraw capital. Other than Cash, the remaining positions held by the related funds are expected to have a liquidity profile greater than 12 months.

In accordance with U.S. GAAP, an unrealized performance fee is required to be accrued in Warana 2018 Fund and Warana 2019 Fund as if the Fund had realized and settled all assets and liabilities at their reported fair values. These performance allocation liabilities would not be required to be paid out and would be adjusted based on the actual cash return to the shareholders per each fund's offering documents.

## Leverage Ratio of Related Funds

As at 31 December 2019 the Warana Funds are only exposed to leverage through its investments in the underlying funds. Warana does not control, nor does it have complete transparency into, its underlying investments, so cannot accurately gauge underlying leverage. Warana Funds have a limited ability to borrow funds but have yet to do so.

#### Annual Investment Returns of Related Funds

The performance figures in the table below represent the Warana Funds' annual investment returns of the NTA, net of fees and charges, for the five yearly periods shown. A yearly period is the financial year 1 January to 31 December.

Except for WCFI, the respective NTA of the Warana Funds are computed by the third party administrator in accordance with US GAAP accounting standards by collecting all of the ending NTA provided by the underlying managers and summing them up with other fund level assets. Since investments in Investment Funds are generally purchased at discounts to their prevailing NTA, the US GAAP accounting treatment may result in unusually high investment performance during and immediately following the investment period. As an additional resource for Unitholders, these funds have included an Adjusted NTA calculated by Investment Manager to adjust for underlying funds that have been acquired in the secondary market ('Secondary Funds') at discounts to the Manager Value. It is intended as an additional indicative valuation resource given the re-valuation of Secondary Funds to Manager Value creates an immediate and significant valuation uplift. The Adjusted NTA is equal to the lower of the Manager Value and Warana's estimate of the projected recovery cash flows discounted at a 10% p.a. rate. The Adjusted NTA is indicative only and there is no assurance the value will be achieved - unitholders should take care in relying on this metric as it is not produced or reviewed by a third party to Warana Funds. Neither Warana nor the Responsible Entity make any express or implied warranty as to the completeness or accuracy of any projections, market outlooks or estimates used in estimating the Adjusted NTA. The Adjusted NTA is estimated using third-party information and other assumptions which may prove inaccurate.

The Australian dollar NTA performance of each is included below:

Year	Warana 2018 Fund	Warana 2019 Fund	Warana SP USA III-A LLC	WCFI
2019	48%	24%	86%	0%
2018	62%	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	0%
2017	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
2016	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
2015	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

The Australian dollar Adjusted NTA performance of each is included below:

Year	Warana 2018 Fund	Warana 2019 Fund	Warana SP USA III-A LLC	WCFI
2019	35%	7%	39%	0%
2018	20%	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	0%
2017	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
2016	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
2015	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

(Note: Certain annual investment returns are not applicable due to the commencement of operations of some funds are post year-end)

## Key Service Providers of the Related Funds

Role	Provider	Key Functions
Investment Manager	Warana Capital, LLC /	Manage Warana Funds' investment
	Warana Capital Pty Limited	portfolio
Administrator	SS&C Technologies Inc	Provide fund accounting and
		administrative services
Auditor	Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP	Audit annual financials
Tax - US	Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP	US taxation
Tax – Australia	MBP Advisory Pty Ltd	Australia taxation
Legal – Australia	Mont Lawyers Pty Limited	Australian legal counsel
Legal - Cayman	Conyers Dill & Pearman	Cayman Islands legal counsel
Legal – United States	Ellenoff Grossman & Schole LLP	United States legal counsel

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