

Columbus Investment Services Ltd as responsible entity for Alternative Investment Trust ARSN 112 129 218 ASX Code: AIQ (AIQ or AIT)

### **ASX ANNOUNCEMENT**

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# **AIT Overview November 2020**

Please find attached the AIT Overview for November 2020

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.

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# Alternative Investment Trust (the "Trust" or "AIQ")

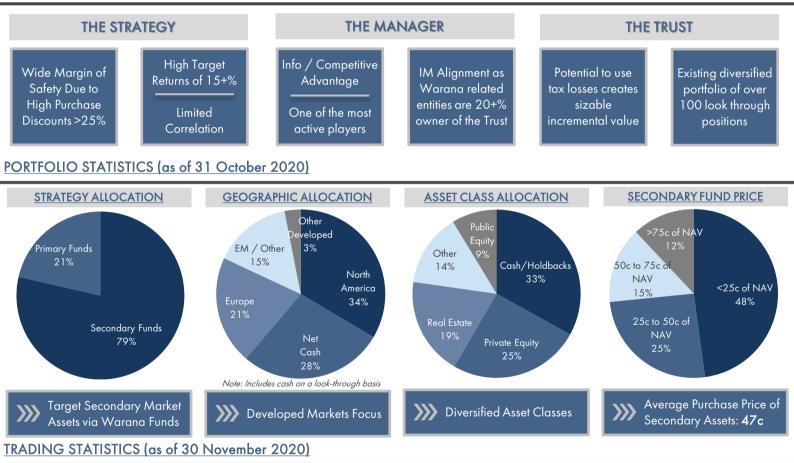
### **SUMMARY**

- Mandate to invest in international absolute return funds
- The Investment Manager ("IM") seeks to implement mandate by acquiring unlisted funds at discounts to their net asset value in the secondary market
  - Funds generally already in liquidation so buying at significant discount to recovery expected over time
- Warana is one of the most active global buyers of unlisted absolute returns funds that have reverted to a wind down of their illiquid assets
- Specialised relationships and experience is required to source, price, and execute transactions in the unlisted market
  - Limited competition allows AIQ to have a sustainable, high risk-adjusted return strategy

# AIQ VALUE PROPOSITION

KEY TRUST INFORMATION as of 31 October 2020					
Investment Manager ("IM")	Warana Capital Pty Limited (since 2017)				
NAV per unit	AUD \$0.1273				
Market Capitalisation	AUD \$33.4mm				
Leverage	None				
Distribution Yield	5%*				
Target IRR – new investments	15+%				
Tax Losses	In excess of \$400mm*				

\* Please see the final page of this Overview for additional information relating to the Trust's tax losses and Distribution & Valuation policies



Unit Price performance	AIQ	ASX 200	S&P 500	Historical Correlation since IM appointment	
1-month	(4.2)%	10.2%	10.5%	ASX 200 (daily)	
3-month	(8.0)%	8.2%	3.4%	S&P 500 (daily)	
6-month	28.4%	14.7%	19.4%	Bloomberg Barclays Global Agg. Bond Index (daily)	
Year to date	9.6%	0.0%	13.5%	Barclays Hedge Fund Index (monthly)	
Since IM appt. (% pa)	15.0%	8.0%	13.8%	Cambridge Associates US Private Equity Index (quarterly)	

Please see footnotes and calculation methodologies below on next page

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# TARGET ALLOCATIONS

 Investment Strategy: to generate attractive pre-tax risk-adjusted returns by gaining exposure to a portfolio of leading international absolute return funds and select equity and debt direct investments

Asset Type	Target	Current (ex. Cash)
Absolute Return Funds	75-100%	89%
Direct Debt	0-20%	0%
Equity Co-investments	0-5%	1%

AIQ has recently had unusually high cash balances

 These balances have been allocated to funds and transactions that will call them over coming months

Current Cash + Expected Liquidity	\$9.4mm
Secondary Funds Commitments (net)	\$(4.5)mm
Pending transaction	\$(4.2)mm
Free Cash	\$0.7mm

# ABOUT WARANA

- Warana has eight employees across its offices in New York, London and Sydney
- Warana is an Australian Financial Services License holder, an SEC registered investment adviser, and a non-EU AIFM
- Core Strategy: Buy existing investors out of existing investment funds at a discount to NAV published by the fund manager
  - Warana offers liquidity to investors who are otherwise 'trapped' in illiquid funds at discounts to underlying NAV, with the objective of creating value by capturing a portion of the purchase discount over the long-term as the fund liquidates

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# PORTFOLIO COMPOSITION

Asset Breakdown (A\$mm)	NTA	A	dj. NTA
Secondary Market Funds			
Warana 2018 Fund	\$ 4.4	\$	3.2
Warana 2019 Fund	\$ 15.5	\$	9.7
Fortress PE Funds <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 2.5	\$	2.2
Total Secondary Funds	\$ 22.4	\$	15.1
Primary Market Funds			
King Street Real Estate Fund	\$ 1.2	\$	1.2
Legacy AIQ Funds	\$ 2.0	\$	2.0
VGI Partners Asian Investments Limited (ASX:VG8)	\$ 0.9	\$	0.9
Total Primary Funds	\$ 4.2	\$	4.2
Direct Assets			
ThinkSmart Limited (LSE:TSL)	\$ 1.8	\$	1.8
Eastern European Broadband Co.	\$ 0.2	\$	0.2
Other Direct Assets	\$ 0.2	\$	0.2
Net Cash	\$ 6.6	\$	6.6
Total Direct Assets	\$ 8.9	\$	8.9
Total	\$ 35.4	\$	28.2
Cents per Unit (31 October 2020)	12.73		10.11
Cents per Unit (30 September 2020)	10.56		9.48
Monthly Change (%) per Unit	20.5%		6.6%

AIQ HISTORY, TAX LOSSES & DISTRIBUTION POLICY

 AIQ was previously known as "Everest Babcock & Brown Alternative Investment Trust", which at its peak had gross assets in excess of \$1.3bn and incurred significant losses during the 2008 financial crisis and aftermath

- AIQ has in excess of \$400mm of tax losses that can potentially be utilized across its Investment Strategy
- The Trust expects to pay an annual fixed 5% distribution semi annually
  - Because of the use of tax losses, this is expected to be treated as a capital return
- Warana Capital was appointed as IM of AIQ in October 2017 and AIQ re-commenced investing in February 2018

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# FOOTNOTES & CALCULATION METHODOLOGIES

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IRR = Internal Rate of Return Correlation Calculations

- Data sourced from: Barclay's, Bloomberg, Cambridge Associates, Standard & Poor's, and Warana's internal data and estimates.
- The index returns used to calculate the correlations do not reflect any management fees, transaction costs or expenses. The indices are generally
  unmanaged and are not available for direct investment.
- Index information is provided for illustrative purposes and is not meant to represent the performance of a fund.
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### Trust Data and Information

Responsible Entity	Columbus Investment Services Limited ('Columbus')	Management Fee	1.5% plus GST		
	ABN 69 095 162 931	Performance Fee	20% plus GST of NTA outperformance over 8% pa hurdle		
	AFSL 221183	ISIN	AU00000AIUQ2		
Investment Manager	Warana Capital Pty Limited ('Warana')	SEDOL	B1B0GT6		
-	ABN 44 611 063 579	ARSN	112 129 218		
	AFSL 493579	Domicile	Australia		
Administrator	Unity Fund Services	Currency	AUD		
Custodian	One Managed Investment Funds Limited	Exchange	ASX		

#### About the Responsible Entity of AIQ

One Investment Group is an independent funds management business specializing in providing Responsible Entity, Trustee, Custody and Administration services. It operates multiple licensed entities to act as responsible entity and trustee for in excess of 300 registered and unregistered managed investment schemes. The total value of assets under administration by the group is in excess of \$35 billion across a wide range of underlying asset classes.

### About the Investment Manager of AIQ

Warana Capital Pty Limited focuses on managing portfolios invested in third party funds and has core expertise in acquiring and managing funds acquired in the secondary market. The underlying funds and assets acquired are generally illiquid with uncertain holding periods to ultimate recovery. Warana has significant experience acquiring these funds at sufficient discounts to deliver absolute and annualised returns notwithstanding the time period and recovery uncertainty.

#### **Distribution Policy**

Subject to sufficient cash reserves, AIQ intends to distribute 5% per annum of the Trust's NTA, paid in semi-annual instalments. As at the end of the 2019 tax year, the Trust has in excess of A\$400m in accumulated tax losses and in excess of A\$20m in accumulated capital losses that can potentially be utilized. Under certain circumstances and provided relevant legislative conditions are satisfied, these losses may be able to be applied against future taxable income to reduce the amount of taxable income and therefore the amount of any income distribution. Unitholders may reinvest distributions by purchasing additional units through the Trust's Distribution Reinvestment Plan ('DRP'). Participation in the Plan is optional and is open to all eligible unitholders. Further information is included in the published DRP.

### **AIQ Valuation**

The monthly NTA of AIQ is released by the 14th of each month and is available from AIQ's website and the ASX. The NTA is unaudited and is calculated by aggregating the fair values provided by the underlying fund managers and their third-party administrators ('Manager Value'). Unaudited valuations are generally provided to AIQ monthly /quarterly and the underlying funds are audited annually. The investment funds are largely illiquid and Warana believes that:

a. it will likely take several years to fully receive liquidation proceeds; and

b. if sold today, many holdings would be realised at discounts to their prevailing Manager Value.

AIQ also makes investments in funds via the secondary market at a discount to the Manager Value. AIQ's advisors have concluded that accounting principles require that these positions be written up to the Manager Value once the trade has settled. Thus, AIQ applies the Manager Value to all funds (including look-through funds) in calculating its NTA. It generally takes 6-8 weeks to receive the Manager Values from the underlying funds, which causes a similar lag in the inclusion in the AIQ NTA.

When funds are acquired in the secondary market, they are often done so at a price that reflects Warana's expectation that ultimate recovery will be lower than the Manager Value and that recovery will take several years (hence the purchase discount to Manager Value). As an additional resource for Unitholders, AIQ has included an Adjusted NTA calculated by AIQ's 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 10% p.a.. The Adjusted NTA is indicative only and there is not assurance the value will be achieved - unitholders should take care in relying on this metric as it is not produced or reviewed by any third party. Neither Warana or 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 uses third-party information and other assumptions which may prove to be inaccurate.

Historical NTA & Adj. NTA Performance						
	NTA		Adjusted NTA			
(See notes below)	Diluted	Undiluted	Diluted	Undiluted		
1 Month	20.5%	20.5%	6.6%	6.6%		
3 Months	21.7%	21.7%	8.0%	7.9%		
6 Months	9.8%	9.8%	1.6%	1.5%		
YTD	28.3%	28.6%	11.1%	11.0%		
Since Inv. Strategy Restart (p.a.)	14.9%	18.0%	5.8%	8.5%		
Since IM Appointment (p.a.)	11.8%	14.4%	3.9%	6.3%		

Note: The fund has conducted several capital raises to build scale since the recommencement of its investment strategy on 12 February 2018. It conducted a 1-for-1 rights issue in March 2018, a 1-for-1 rights issue in August 2019, a placement in March 2020, a unit purchase plan in April 2020 and offers a distribution reinvestment plan. As a result of the new units issued at discounts to the NTA in some of these events, the NTA was diluted. Returns under the "Diluted" columns for each relevant time period show the movement including the impact of the dilution. Returns under the "Undiluted" columns for each relevant time period show the movement adjusted for the impact of the dilution. "Since Inv. Strategy Restart (p.a)" returns are annualised returns since the investment strategy recommencement. "Since IM Appointment (p.a)" returns are annualised returns ince warana Capital was appointed as IM of AIQ on 9 October 2017. The Fund first produced an Adjusted NTA for the period ending 31 October 2019. Adjusted NTA performance relative to periods before this date utilise the regular NTA.

### **Other Information**

Numbers in this overview are unaudited. For the period up to 31 October 2020 covered by this overview there were no material changes to any of the following: the Trust's risk profile; the Trust's strategy; and key investment personnel related to the Alternative Investment Trust. For information since that date, please refer to either of the following websites <u>www.thealternativeinvestmenttrust.com</u> or <u>www.oneinvestment.com.au/alternative-investment-trust</u>.

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