



March 2024

**Investment Objective:** To outperform SONIA\* plus 2% over the longer term, principally through exploiting the pricing of closed-end funds.

HEADLINES

Introduction

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Schiehallion

Schiehallion was one of our strongest performers over the month.

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Indian Market

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THE FUND

(Figures to 31 March 2024)

Share Price (pence)

340.0

NAV

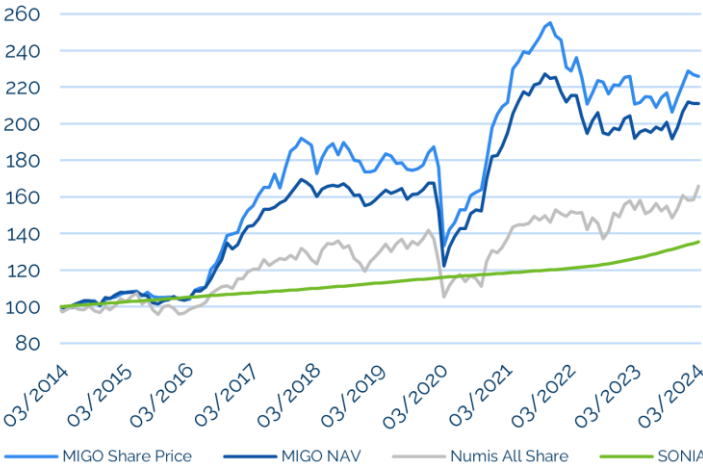
351.6

Prem./Disc.

-3.3%

GBP	Month	FYTD	3y	5y	10y
MIGO Share Price	-0.4%	7.8%	7.9%	27.5%	129.4%
MIGO NAV	0.1%	8.0%	8.2%	31.1%	112.3%
SONIA*	0.6%	6.7%	14.3%	19.9%	35.2%

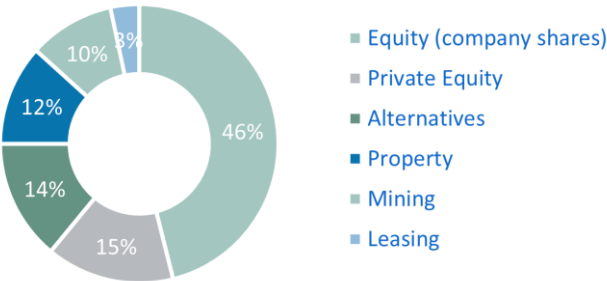
Performance over 10 Years



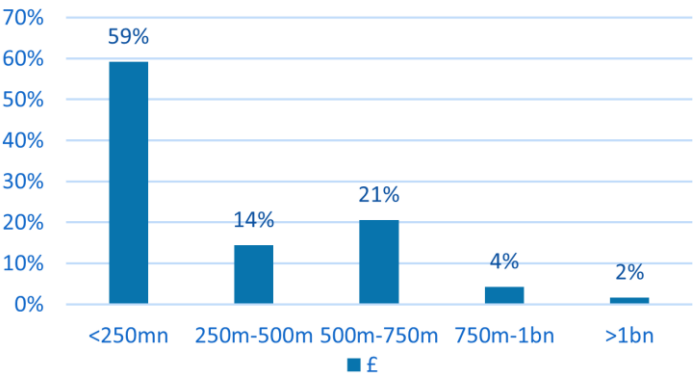
PORTFOLIO

(Holdings to 31 March 2024)

Sector Breakdown (% of Portfolio)



Market Cap Breakdown (% of Portfolio)



Holding	%
VinaCapital Vietnam Opportunity	6.2
Georgia Capital	6.1
Oakley Capital Investments	4.4
Baker Steel Resources Trust	4.0
Aquila European Renewables	4.0
JPMorgan Indian Investment Trust	3.7
Tufton Oceanic Assets	3.4
NB Private Equity Partners	3.0
Phoenix Spree Deutschland	3.0
Real Estate Investors Plc	3.0
TOTAL	40.8
Rest of the portfolio	59.2
No. of Holdings	59

## MANAGER'S COMMENT

**Introduction**

The trust had a quiet month returning 0.1% in comparison to the FTSE Closed-Ended Funds Index and the FTSE All-Share which were up 2.7% and 4.8% respectively. Over the quarter, the trust's net asset value has moved broadly in line with both indices. The investment trust sector continues to languish in the doldrums with discounts remaining wide as the sector continues to face a number of headwinds. Inflation has remained stickier than investors anticipated and despite heavy lobbying from the sector we have not seen a resolution regarding the cost disclosure issue for trusts. We are confident that these problems will be resolved but at bureaucratic speed. Nevertheless, the significant discounts currently prevailing represent a highly attractive entry point. When the stock market cannot value an asset properly then the real world eventually steps in to acquire it. A current example is the renewable sector where the market for second hand assets is buoyant but there is a complete lack of demand for renewable investment trusts. Some trade at half the value that the portfolio would fetch on the open market.

**Schiehallion**

Our best performer over the month was Schiehallion which owns a portfolio of fast growing unlisted and is managed by growth house Baillie Gifford. Despite the shares drifting during February the trust has performed exceptionally since it hit its lows in November. The combination of a buyback programme and some reassuring updates regarding their portfolio companies have seen the shares return over 50% from our original purchase. At the end of the month, the trust traded on a 33% discount, and we believe there is scope for further progress from the portfolio.

**Georgia Capital**

Georgia Capital and Duke Capital were also notable contributors.

Georgia lies at the crossroads of Western Asia and Eastern Europe. It has become a conduit between the region and Western Europe. Increasing wealth means that the population can now, for the first time, afford to engage in activities such as educating their children privately, use

pharmacies and hospitals and insure their property, all industries which figure prominently within Georgia Capital's portfolio. Despite the local economy being at a classic sweet spot, shares in this trust can be picked at half the value of its portfolio. This reflects poor sentiment towards the region and ignores the rapid growth being generated by the underlying assets.

**Duke Capital**

Duke lends money to small companies via an arrangement often described as a corporate mortgage. Despite a negligible bad debt experience even during covid, the market still fails to understand the business model. The rating is so low that the shares offer a yield approaching 9%.

**India**

The Indian market had a pull-back during March after a very strong run. The Indian Central Bank and the regulator both made comments around the valuations of mid cap companies. This resulted in a correction in the market as well as Indian trusts discounts widening. Our holding in India Capital Growth was particularly hit by this despite us having sold down the position into the rising market. Post month end the trust has mostly recovered and we have continued to take money off the table. This has been a profitable investment, particularly since 2020, and we are recycling the cash into other opportunities.

**Macau Property Opportunities**

Macau Property Opportunities shares continued to slide. The trust is in managed wind-down, but with the slow recovery of the Macanese real-estate market, progress is slow. Relaxing of mortgage restrictions should assist with sales but the travails of the Chinese residential property market has blighted sentiment towards the trust.

## STATISTICS

## Contributors / Detractors (in GBP)

Largest Contributors	Monthly Contribution bps	% Weight
Schiehallion Fund Limited	58	2.1
Georgia Capital Plc	49	6.1
Duke Capital Limited	32	2.6
CQS Natural Resources Growth and Income PLC GBP	22	1.9
Baker Steel Resources Trust	14	4.0

Largest Detractors	Monthly Contribution bps	% Weight
EPE Special Opportunities Ltd	-25	2.1
India Capital Growth Fund Limited	-23	1.2
Geiger Counter Limited	-17	2.7
Macau Property Opportunities	-16	1.0
Cordiant Digital Infrastructure Ltd	-14	1.4

## Fund Facts

Launch Date	06 April 2004
Net Assets	£79.5m
Investment Manager	Asset Value Investors Limited
MIGO Shares in issue	22,612,797
Company Secretary	Frostrow Capital
Management Fee**	0.65%
Website	<a href="http://www.migoplco.uk">www.migoplco.uk</a>
Ticker Code	MIGO.LN
ISIN	GB0034365949

%	1m	3y	5y	10y
Share Price TR	-0.4	7.9	27.5	129.4
Net Asset Value TR	0.1	8.2	31.1	112.3
Numis All-Share Index	4.7	20.7	27.1	70.8
SONIA	0.6	14.3	19.9	35.2
CY Net Returns (%)	2023	2022	2021	2020
Price	2.6	-10.9	25.3	7.6
Net Asset Value	2.9	-12.7	23.7	8.6
Numis All-Share Index	3.6	-2.5	17.1	-7.9
SONIA	1.8	3.4	2.1	2.2

## Capital Structure

Ordinary Shares	22,612,797
Shares held in Treasury	-
Credit facility	£5m

## Gross Assets/Gearing

Gross Assets	£84.5m
Debt at fair value (gross)	-
Gearing (net)	6.3%

All performance shown in GBP Total Return

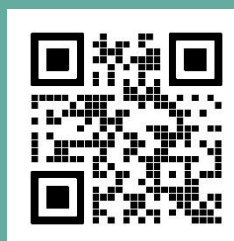
\*SONIA +2% Sterling Overnight Interbank Average administered by the Bank of England

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