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**ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENT TRUST (ASX: AIQ) – MONTHLY FACTSHEET FOR  
May 2017**

Columbus Investment Services Limited in its capacity as responsible entity of Alternative Investment Trust (“AIQ”) and Laxey Partners (UK) Limited in its capacity as investment manager of AIQ are pleased to release the AIQ factsheet for May 2017, below.

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# AIT *Alternative* Investment Trust

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 May 2017

Monthly return	-0.48%	Net Assets (NA)	AUD 13,231,111
Unaudited NTA May 2017	AUD 0.101	Units in issue	130,692,470
Gross Assets (GA)	AUD 13,391,730	Traded on	ASX
Leverage - GA/NA	1.01	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 -0.48% for May. The AUD weakened by 0.78% against the USD in May. This had a positive effect on AIT's NTA as the majority of AIT's net assets are USD denominated.
- On 25 May 2017, Columbus Investment Services Limited ("**Columbus**") replaced The Trust Company (RE) Services Limited as the responsible entity of AIT. On 27 June 2017 Columbus provided Laxey Partners (UK) Ltd ("**Laxey**") notice of termination under the Investment Management and Advisory Agreement. Columbus is in advanced negotiations with a replacement investment manager and will update the market once the appointment has been formalised.

## 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. After the July 2016 distribution of AUD 0.015 per unit, AUD 1.775 per unit (AUD 232 million in total) has been returned to unitholders since February 2009; distributions will continue to be paid as per the revised mandate.

AIT is now predominately exposed to 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)<sub>1</sub>

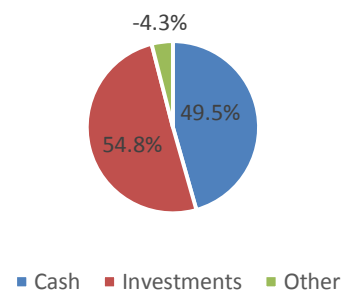
Annual	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017 YTD	
	9.3%	(9.5%)	(41.5%)	(16.3%)	(7.8%)	0.8%	1.7%	9.4%	3.4%	(0.1%)	(12.6%)	(5.4%)	
Monthly	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2009	(2.8%)	0.8%	(5.2%)	(2.9%)	(5.1%)	(0.4%)	(2.2%)	(1.1%)	(2.9%)	(1.1%)	(1.6%)	3.5%	(16.3%)
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%)								(5.4%)

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 May 2017

Fund	Strategy	% Gross Assets
TPG-Axon Partners Offshore Ltd	Multi-Strategy	14.42%
Eton Park Overseas Fund Ltd	Multi-Strategy	9.66%
Fortress Partners Fund LP	Multi-Strategy	5.82%
Marathon Special Opportunity Fund	Credit Related Investments	5.14%
Drawbridge Special Opportunities	Asset Based Lending	3.96%
Och-Ziff Asia Overseas Fund	Multi-Strategy	3.15%
Cerberus International Ltd	Distressed Securities	3.05%
Everest Absolute Return Fund	Multi-Strategy	2.77%
Fallaron II Holdings LP	Multi-Strategy	1.79%
Och-Ziff Overseas II Fund	Multi-Strategy	1.59%
<b>Total</b>		<b>51.35%</b>

## Breakdown of Net Assets as at May 2017



## Currency Exposure

AUD	42%
USD	58%

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Manager	Laxey Partners (UK) Ltd	Management fee	The lower of either AUD 200,000 or 0.75% of average Gross
Administrator	CITCO		Asset Value (GAV)
Focus	Absolute Return Fund	Year end	31st December
Strategy	Realisation of Assets		
Launch	27-Jun-05		

About the Responsible Entity of AIT

Columbus is a member of One Investment Group (“OIG”) which is an independent funds management business specialising in providing Responsible Entity, Trustee, Custody and Administration services. One Investment Group is responsible for in excess of 250 funds and \$17bn in a wide range of underlying asset classes including infrastructure, real estate, equities, fixed income, private equity and fund of funds. OIG is not a fund manager and its clients include global and Australian listed companies, sovereign wealth funds, banks, insurance companies, pension funds, private equity firms and boutique managers.

About Laxey Partners (UK) Limited ("Laxey")

Laxey is part of Laxey Partners Ltd. Based on the Isle of Man in the British Isles and founded in 1998 as a globally active value management company, Laxey Partners Ltd manages a range of assets and funds for institutional investors.

Information

The monthly NTA is released to the ASX and [www.thealternativeinvestmenttrust.com](http://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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