# **Everest Alternative Investment Trust April 2012 Factsheet**



The Everest Alternative Investment Trust (EAIT) has exposure to a portfolio of absolute return funds. The objective of the Investment Portfolio is to generate attractive risk-adjusted absolute returns over the medium-to-long term.

### Fund Facts as at 30 April 2012

Estimated monthly return <sup>1</sup>	0.00%
Estimated monthly return excluding FX	0.04%
NTA as at 30 April 2012 <sup>1,2</sup>	\$0.79

### **Investment manager summary**

Investment positions posting positive returns	19
Investment positions posting negative returns	14
Largest manager allocation	27.5%

### **Fund NTA returns (net)**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
2012	-1.92%	2.67%	2.60%	$0.00\%^{1}$									3.32%
2011	2.04%	-0.14%	0.14%	-4.64%	3.08%	-0.75%	-1.59%	1.77%	6.09%	-6.56%	2.63%	-2.80%	-1.41%
2010	1.18%	0.60%	1.84%	1.63%	-1.64%	-0.71%	2.03%	-0.37%	2.28%	0.49%	2.20%	-3.49%	6.03%
2009	-2.97%	0.00%	-0.44%	0.44%	1.75%	1.97% <sup>3</sup>	0.23%	1.60%	1.02%	0.04%	0.75%	1.72%	6.16%
2008	-4.18%	0.77%	-2.29%	1.04%	1.80%	-2.15%	-1.58%	-2.14%	-9.84%	-15.15%	-8.57%	-7.81%	-41.02%
2007	2.60%	-0.13%	2.33%	2.51%	-4.89% <sup>4</sup>	0.65%	0.00%	-3.44%	1.27%	3.27%	-1.70%	0.74%	2.90%
2006	4.15%	-0.21%	2.63%	2.01%	-3.94%	0.32%	-2.40%	1.72%	1.69%	2.85%	3.70%	2.67%	15.92%
2005	-	-	-	-3.60%	1.00%	2.71%	4.80%	0.23%	3.20%	-3.76%	2.76%	2.46%	9.83%

- 1 Unaudited in calculating the NTA, EAIT asset values have been calculated using unaudited absolute return fund performance estimates for the month being reported.
- 2 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 EAIT where Australian Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, as applied before the introduction of AEIFRS, have been used).
- 3 Following the announcement of the intention to separate EAIT into two funds, performance data from 1 June 2009 onwards represents the underlying absolute return funds only. Prior to 1 June 2009 the performance data reflects both the absolute return funds and direct investments.
- 4 The May 2007 monthly NTA performance was impacted by the EBI rights issue and placement which were completed that month and does not include the implied value of EBB shares received by investors who successfully participated in the EBI capital raising. The May 2007 performance of the underlying investment portfolio (excluding the effect of the capital raising) was +2.40%.

### **Market Commentary**

The bullish sentiment that persisted in the first quarter of 2012 began to fade in April as most risk assets, notably equities and certain commodities, traded sideways to down during the month. The S&P 500 Index finished 0.6% lower (its first negative month since November 2011) and the MSCI World Index finished 1.4% lower.

For the most part US economic data was favourable for Q1 with the world largest economy posting real GDP growth figures of 2.2%. Corporate results were also impressive as S&P 500 companies showed 6% growth in revenues and profits for the quarter, though it should be noted that Apple Inc. alone accounted for nearly 40% of the total profit growth.

This US stability was in direct contrast with weaker conditions in Europe, as official recessions encompassed France, the UK, Spain, Italy, Portugal, Ireland, Netherlands, and Belgium. Spain has become particularly concerning, with record Credit Default Swap (CDS) levels and sharp equity declines in April, that led to levels not seen since the 2009 lows. Spain also suffers from 24% unemployment and significant banking insolvencies due largely to unrecognised real estate losses. It is important to note that both Spain and Italy are critical pieces in the European puzzle, not just due to their sovereign scale, but also because of their leverage and links to the regions banks.

The markets also felt additional pressure from the world economic leaders as they portrayed a somewhat defensive stance towards further monetary intervention. Concurrently, ECB board members exchanged nuanced opinions on the possibility of purchases of Spanish sovereign bonds. However, the Fed held to its commitment of

record-low interest rates and the possibility of additional balance sheet actions, even as it postulated that a gradual recovery is developing in the US

### **Performance Commentary**

The Everest Alternative Investment Trust was flat for the month (net of all fees and expenses). The underlying portfolio was up 0.3% in USD terms, as the appreciation in the Australian dollar (from 1.034 to 1.042) detracted 0.8% from performance. This compares to monthly returns for the S&P 500 Index of 1.4% (in AUD terms) and the S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index of 1.4%.

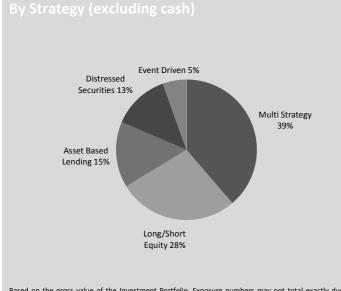
The Fund's largest position, concentrated equities manager ESL (c.24% of EAIT), had a challenging month and was down 3.7% for April. This negative performance was almost solely due to ESL's largest holding, Sears (c.44% of the ESL portfolio), which declined over 18% for the month. In contrast, the Funds 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> largest positions, Gap Inc and Autozone, performed well and rallied 9.5% and 6.6% respectively.

Our credit and distressed securities managers also performed well in April with the Fund's second largest exposure, the Drawbridge Special Opportunities Fund 2008 RCA (c.6.5% of EAIT), up 1.4%. Cerberus also gained 1.2% for the month.

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### **Exposure Summary**



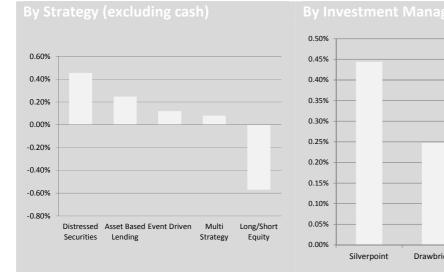
Based on the gross value of the Investment Portfolio. Exposure numbers may not total exactly due to rounding.

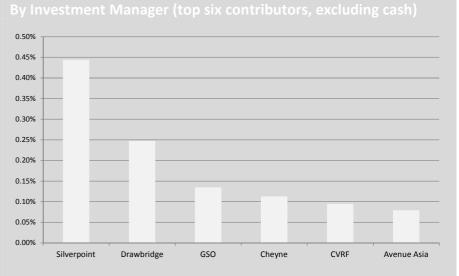
The investment strategy exposures are shown net of cash. Investment strategy and exposure data as at the first business day of the following month.  $\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) \left$ 

### By Investment Manager (top eight managers)

Fund	Strategy	Weight
ESL Investments	Long Biased Equity	27.5%
Drawbridge Special Opportunities Fund	Asset Based Lending	15.1%
TPG Axon	Multi Strategy	9.7%
Eton Park	Multi Strategy	4.8%
GSO	Multi Strategy	4.7%
Silverpoint	Distressed Securities	4.5%
Cerberus	Distressed Securities	4.3%
OZ Global Special Situations Fund	Multi Strategy	4.3%
Total		74.9%

## **Monthly Performance Contribution**





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