



# MONTHLY REPORT AND FACTSHEET FOR APRIL 2014

# **NET ASSET VALUE**

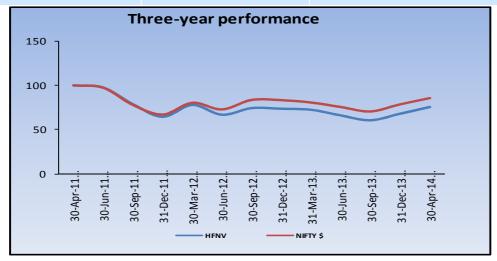
Net Assets: \$10.5 millions NAV/Share: \$39.57

### **ASSET ALLOCATION**

India: 94.7% Cash:5.3%

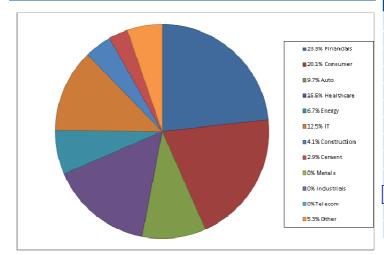
# PERFORMANCE (net of fees and charges)

Period	Fund %	Benchmark %	
One Month	1.3	-0.7	
Three Months	11.0	9.0	
One Year	1.4	1.5	
Three Years	-24.3	-14.5	



Sources: CACEIS: NAV to NAV in \$; NSE India: S&P CNX defty

### **INDUSTRY CONCENTRATION APRIL 30**



Top Ten Holdings %				
Pidilite Inds	10.0			
HDFC Bank	8.5			
LUPIN	7.8			
Torrent Pharma	7.7			
Kotak Bank	7.6			
Balkrishna Inds.	7.0			
TCS	6.5			
INFOSYS	6.0			
Nestle India	4.9			
ICICI Bank	4.9			
Total	70.9			
Number of Holdings	20			
% Invested in Nifty	59.7			

FUND INFORMATION				
Investment Objective:	Long-term growth through investing in listed companies in India and neighbouring countries			
Benchmark:	S&P CNX "NIFTY" Index in US Dollars			
Listings:	NYSE Euronext Fund Service, Amsterdam The London Stock Exchange			
Managed by::	Himalayan Fund N.V.			
Administrator:	Caceis Netherlands NV			
London Broker:	Arden Partners plc			
Base Currency:	USD			
Inception Date:	June 1990			
Investment Advisory Fee:	1.5%			
Share Type:	Accumulation			

OPERATIONAL DETAILS					
Valuation:	Weekly	Dealing:	Euronext: Weekly (NAV) LSE: Daily (bid/offer)		
Subscription Fee:	0.35% (to Fund)(Euronext)	Redemption Fee:	0.35% (to Fund)(Euronext)		
ISIN Code:	NL0000464154	Sedol	0454038-GB		
LSE TMID	HYF	Website:	www.himalayanfund.nl		

### **COMMENTARY**

#### **Market Context:**

April saw global equity markets in stable form, showing modest gains, mostly around the 1% mark, except for Japan amongst the majors, which saw a drop of almost 3%. This performance was enough to drag the Pacific and Far East indices into the red for the month, compared to a gain of 0.8% in the MSCI World. In spite of a good start to the FY14 last quarter earnings season, India retreated in a holiday-punctuated month, the Nifty losing 0.7% in USD terms and the MSCI India declining by 1.1%. The Rupee retreated by 0.7% during the month.

#### **Performance:**

Our portfolio added 1.3% in April, outperforming the benchmark by 2%, and outperforming the MSCI India index by 2.4%.

We again had twelve stocks which outperformed the benchmark, the best-performing stock being VST Industries which rose 17.3%. The next best performer was Magma Fincorp (+9.5%), as our non-index holdings became the principal contributors to performance. Maintaining the theme, the next best performers were Torrent Pharma (+9.2%) and Balkrishna Industries (+9.1%). Our top-performing index stock, Lupin, came next, adding 5% on the month. On the downside, Bajaj Auto dropped 9.1% on soft sales numbers, Ultratech Cement surrendered 8.2% and Nestle India gave up 6.1%. There were no changes to the portfolio during the month.

#### **Outlook:**

The latest earnings reports have surprised more on the upside than the down, with earnings exceeding expectations by more than two to one. Nonetheless, the election process and optimism for a decisive outcome when the results are announced on May 16<sup>th</sup> are drowning out all other noise. Foreign investors have consistently been backing a Modi-dominated outcome with cash equity buying though local investors have been sellers. Voters are reluctant to be more than just hopeful but the outcome is likely to be the main driver of equity markets for the foreseeable future. Local investors may become an additional driver of market momentum if their electoral hopes are realized. At the mid-point of its historical P/E range, the market is not overvalued and politics may be the spur to another phase of outperformance.

Please note that the value of investments and the income derived from them may fluctuate and an investor may not receive back the amount originally invested. Past performance is not necessarily indicative of future performance and the value and any income arising from this fund may go down as well as up. Where an investment is denominated in a currency other than your base currency, exchange rates may have an adverse effect on the value or income of that investment.