## **Ashmore**

### **Ashmore Global Opportunities Limited (AGOL)**

Ashmore Global Opportunities Limited ("AGOL") is a closed ended investment company incorporated and registered in Guernsey and listed on the London Stock Exchange. AGOL's investment objective is to deploy capital in a diversified portfolio of global emerging market strategies which will be actively managed with a view to maximising total returns. This will be achieved by investing across investment themes, including special situations, external debt, local currency, equity and corporate high yield with a principal focus on special situations.

#### **Performance**

					Inception
Share Class	1 Month	3 Month	YTD	1 Year	12-Dec-07
EUR	2.75%	0.82%	0.82%	3.13%	-6.44%
GBP	2.81%	0.92%	0.92%	3.42%	-5.54%
USD	2.68%	0.92%	0.92%	3.64%	-5.31%

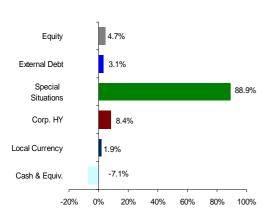
#### **Details**

		NAV	LSE		Bloomberg
Share Class	Assets MM	Per Share	Ticker	ISIN	Ticker
EUR	€ 55.07	€ 8.58	AGOE	GG00B1YWWB33	AGOE LN
GBP	£ 176.23	£ 8.77	AGOL	GG00B1YWTR89	AGOL LN
USD	\$ 200.77	\$ 8.82	AGOU	GG00B1YWWJ19	AGOU LN

NAV, net performance and data is provided for information purposes only and sourced from Northern Trust International Fund Administration Services (Guernsey) Limited. Shares in AGOL do not necessarily trade at a price equal to the prevailing NAV per Share, which may be at a discount or premium. Periods greater than one year are annualised. Please refer to additional source data on the second page of this document. Past performance is not a guide to future results.

#### **Allocation**

### **Allocation by Investment Theme**



#### **Investment Theme Descriptions**

**Equity** Focuses primarily on liquidity and top-down macro country selection in publicly traded equities and may be complemented by a portion of equity special situations.

**External Debt** A highly diversified portfolio of emerging market debt assets with a primary focus on dollar denominated debt.

**Special Situations** Bottom-up, value and event-driven strategy. Investments are mainly in corporate restructurings through distressed debt, private and public equity and equity linked securities.

**Corporate High Yield** Corporate high yield investment theme focusing on the developing corporate debt asset class in emerging markets.

**Local Currency** Takes advantage of the rapidly expanding local currency and local currency denominated debt market

Allocation is shown by primary investment theme of the underlying funds or companies which AGOL is invested in or which the Ashmore Multi Strategy Fund is invested in, which in turn is invested in by AGOL.

#### Allocation by Country

#### Allocation by Industry

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Emerging Markets carry risks as well as rewards. The disclosures including the risk warning on the last page must be read in conjunction with the AGOL Prospectus before investing.

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**Allocation by Investment** 

Name	Holding	Monthly Performance	Investment Description	
Ashmore Global Special Situations Fund 4	35.0%	+0.30%	Global emerging markets special situations investment fund with a 7 year fixed life and limited partnership structure.	
Ashmore Asian Recovery Fund	20.8%	+3.48%	Asian special situations with investments mainly in corporate restructurings through distressed debt, private & public equity.	
AEI	12.7%	+10.00%	AEI is one of the world's largest energy companies focused on emerging markets. The core business segments are Natural Gas Transportation, Services and Distribution, and Power Distribution and Generation.	
Ashmore Global Special Situations Fund 5	10.8%	+3.78%	Global emerging markets special situations investment full with a 7 year fixed life and limited partnership structure. AGOL's total commitment to this fund is \$50 million.	
Ashmore Multi Strategy Fund	6.4%	+2.64%	Dynamic strategy investing across all Ashmore's investment themes.	
Ashmore Emerging Markets Corporate High Yield Fund	5.7%	+5.63%	Focuses on the developing EM corporate debt asset class providing exposure to select corporate sectors & issuers.	
Brenco	4.7%	+0.91%	Brazilian renewable energy equipment co. for production of ethanol & electricity from sugar cane.	
Ashmore SICAV Emerging Markets Equity Fund	4.0%	+0.38%	Daily dealing UCITS III fund with global exposure to Emerging Markets principally by investing in equities	
Multi-Commodity Exchange (MCX)	2.1%	0.00%	India's largest commodity exchange and offers futures trading in more than 40 commodities from various market segments including bullion, energy, , cereal, pulses, plantation, spices, plastic and fibre	
Ashmore SICAV Emerging Markets Cor- porate Debt Fund	2.0%	+1.80%	Daily dealing UCITS III fund with global exposure to Emerging Markets principally by investing in corporate debt	
Ashmore SICAV Emerging Markets Local Currency Bond Fund	1.6%	+3.59%	Daily dealing UCITS III fund with global exposure to Emerging Markets principally by investing in local currency bonds	
Ashmore SICAV Emerging Markets Sovereign Debt Fund	1.2%	+2.25%	Daily dealing UCITS III fund with global exposure to Emerging Markets principally by investing in sovereign debt	
Ashmore Russian Real Estate Recovery Fund	0.1%	0.00%	Russia focussed fund with a 7 to 9 year life, investing primarily in completed real estate assets across the retail, office and warehouse sectors.	
Ashmore Emerging Markets Liquid Investment Portfolio	0.1%	+3.43%	Focuses on yield, total return and capital appreciation primarily in dollar denominated sovereign and corporate debt, but may include special situations.	
Cash & equivalents	-7.1%		Cash & equivalents includes unencumbered bank balances and investments in marketable liquid instruments, encumbered cash backing derivatives and margin balances.	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>†</sup>AGOL's total commitment to this fund is US\$8.5 million.

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### **Top 10 Underlying Investments**

Investment Name	Holding	Country	Business Description	Website Link
AEI	18.5%	Cayman	Owns and operates essential energy infrastructure businesses in emerging markets	www.aeienergy.com
Brenco	9.6%	Brazil	Renewable energy equipment co. for production of ethanol & electricity from sugar cane	www.brenco.com.br
Petron Corp	8.7%	Philippines	The largest oil refining and marketing company in the Philippines	www.petron.com
Jasper Investments	6.0%	Singapore	Listed company investing in Asian growth enterprises, but primarily oil services	www.jasperinvests.com
Digicable	5.0%	India	One of the largest Cable TV service providers in India	www.digicable.in
Pacnet Int'l Ltd.	4.4%	Singapore	Asia's leading independent telecommunications infrastructure and service provider	www.pacnet.com
Rubicon Offshore	4.0%	Singapore	Offshore oilfield services company specialising in floating production vessels	www.rubicon-offshore.com
Multi Commodity Exchange of India	3.3%	India	Nationwide electronic commodity futures exchange trading in over 40 commodities	www.mcxindia.com
Bangkok Land	2.8%	Thailand	Listed property developer and convention centre operator in Metro Bangkok.	www.bangkokland.co.th
Alphaland	2.3%	Philippines	Residential and commercial property developer focussing on the metro Manila area.	www.alphaland.com.ph

#### **Quarterly Update of Top 5 Underlying Investments**

Name Holding Website

Total:

**AEI** 18.5%

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www.aeienergy.com

64.60%

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Business Description & Rationale AEI is headquartered in Houston, Texas, and owns and operates over 50 companies in Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, China, Colombia, Ecuador, El Salvador, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Turkey and Venezuela. The company operates through four core business segments: Natural Gas Transportation and Services, Natural Gas Distribution, Power Distribution and Power Generation.

AEI is a company that manages, operates and owns interests in essential energy infrastructure assets in the emerging world. It is a unique global platform: others in the power space have regional businesses or are global single line e.g. generation, but none are global multi-line businesses. Over time Ashmore expects AEI to grow in Eastern Europe and Asia so that its portfolio better reflects the relative economic weights of different regions. Ashmore believes value, diversification and scale in energy are available in emerging markets, which are stable, long-term growing markets and that this will increasingly be valued by others.

Recent Events Since AEI decided not to proceed with its IPO in the last week of October 2009 due to adverse equity market conditions, Ashmore's funds/accounts continue to evaluate the right time to re-approach the market as well as considering strategic options for the company, including a possible trade sale. AEI continues to be a profitable company which is performing within the public guidance given to investors. AEI recently signed a transaction to acquire just over 50% of EMDERSA in Argentina, 4% of TGS and 13.5% of Luz del Sur. Please refer to AEI's website for the latest information.

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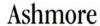
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### **Quarterly Update of Top 5 Underlying Investments**

Name Holding **Brenco** 

9.6%

Website Sector www.brenco.com.br

**Energy - Alternate Sources** 

Business Description & Rationale Brenco - Companhia Brasileira de Energia Renovável is a fully integrated, renewable fuels company which has initiated construction of one of Brazil's largest ethanol production platforms involving the planning, development and harvesting of sugarcane and the large scale industrial production and distribution of ethanol fuel.

The investment rationale is the favourable ethanol production environment in Brazil, with an experienced labour force; a large amount of inexpensive, fertile and arable land; an ideal climate; and proven technology. Brenco is one of the lowest-cost producers of ethanol in the world with significant scale can be achievable to become a reliable exporter in the Brazilian market.

Recent Events Itau was hired in Q3 2009 to perform a review of strategic alternatives for the company which led to a merger agreement in Q4 2009 with ETH, another large scale ethanol company controlled by Brazilian conglomerate, Odebrecht (www.odebrecht.com). Definitive documents continue to be negotiated and the merger is expected to close in the first half of 2010. Ashmore funds/accounts have continued to fund Brenco, along with its co- investors, including BNDES (the Brazilian National Bank of Social and Economic Development) to complete the first mill.

Name Holding Website Sector **Petron Corporation** 

www.petron.com

Energy

8.7%

Business Description & Rationale Petron is the largest oil refiner in the Philippines with a 180,000 bpd refinery in Bataan, representing approximately 63% of the country's total refining capacity. Petron has a network of over 1,250 service stations, the largest in the Philippines. Petron sells most of its products domestically, including gasoline, lube oils, LPG, gasoil, ethylene and industrial products.

Following the refinery upgrade, Petron is looking to increase its utilisation rate and thereby expand profit margins as well as improve Petron's competitive positioning. The Philippine market is highly attractive: (i) it is de-regulated with retailers having been able historically to pass on higher crude prices, (ii) the country is a net importer of oil products, and (iii) the competitive landscape is stable. The Philippine market is predominantly comprised of 3 large players, Petron, Shell and Caltex. Due to its effectively captive marketing activities, Petron is more insulated from changing refining margins than other, less integrated Asian refiners.

Recent Events On the operational side, the company continues with its existing long-term projects which include the redesign of its supply chain and the rollout of microstations (two pump petrol stations). One major negative event in Q4 2009 was the decision of the Philippine government to instigate price controls in the main island of Luzon following the major typhoon that struck the country. Given that Luzon is the centre of economic activity for the country this had negative effects for Petron in November. However, the executive order was rescinded and Petron have been able to make up for some of the lost earnings from November. Despite this, we expect 2009 to come in line with our own expectations and well in advance of the 2008 results.

Name Holding Website Sector **Jasper** 

6.0%

www.jasperinvests.com

Energy

Business Description & Rationale Jasper is a Singapore listed investment company which has acquired a controlling stake in Neptune Marine (<a href="www.neptune-marine.net">www.neptune-marine.net</a>), an Oslo-based drillship company with operations in Asia. Neptune has 2 vessels, one of which is contracted to PDVSA in Venezuela.

Neptune Marine was in financial difficulties arising from leverage at the holding company level and also disputes between its shareholders. Jasper, together with Ashmore funds and accounts, has invested to resolve issues at the shareholder level and re-capitalise the business. In the current market for oil field services, the main objective is survival and then consolidation. Value is generated through high quality execution and being positioned in the most robust segments of drilling activity.

Recent Events

Senior management are speaking to a number of larger operators about long-term contracts for the Explorer drillship vessel with a shorter term (up to 6 months) contract prior to a long-term contract being finalised. The Discoverer vessel which was contracted to PDVSA, the Venezuelan state owned Oil Company, was sold to Petro Saudi. We have also had a number of strategic/M&A discussions around Jasper but it is too early to go into specific details on these.



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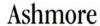
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#### Quarterly Update of Top 5 Underlying Investments (continued)

Name Holding Website Sector

#### Digicable

5.0%

www.digicable.in

Cable TV Service provider



Business Description & Rationale Digicable was started in mid 2007 as a cable TV start up to take advantage of a very fragmented Indian cable TV market and with low digital penetration of less than 10%. Today, Digicable is one of the largest Indian Cable distribution companies with over 2,000 employees and a strong emphasis on quality of service and content. This has enabled Digicable to cater to millions of subscribers who are spread across 125 locations in 46 cities and 14 states across India in a very short span of time. With a fiber optic backbone across its networks and state-of-the-art distribution set ups, Digicable brings the digital age through Cable transforming the way viewers receive information and entertainment.

Over time, as digitalisation increases, Digicable is expected to get an increasing share of the subscription revenues, now mostly kept by the local cable operators in an analogue world. With the deployment of next generation digital set top boxes, they will have the ability to create a large and stable value added services income stream, which will also solidify its subscriber base (video on demand, internet on TV, advertisements, etc.).

Recent Events In the last few months, Digicable has continued to consolidate its market position, improved its performance and is now close to EBITDA break-even. Digicable has been successful in raising some bank debt and is now in discussions with various third parties to raise further debt and equity. Digicable has also initiated some preliminary discussions with other Indian media groups for potential market consolidation. It has recently signed a long term outsourcing deal with IBM under which it will provide comprehensive IT infrastructure, network support, application maintenance and security services, the first of its kind in the Indian cable TV industry.

### Monthly Commentary

Risk appetite was seen increasing across financial markets throughout March as all main asset classes rallied. It would appear that economic activity has bottomed out in many G7 countries thus helping the global recovery. The US Federal Reserve again highlighted that financial market conditions remain supportive for economic growth and monetary conditions will remain highly accommodative for an extended period. Commodity prices were also buoyant with oil continuing to trade above \$80 per barrel. A combination of these factors helped spur markets northwards. Concerns over Greece continue despite commitments from the EU and the IMF, with yields still higher than a number of EM sovereign bond issuers. We are seeing more ratings upgrades in emerging markets, such as Panama which was upgraded in March to investment grade, while several developed countries are seeing a trend of downgrades, such as Portugal in March, and others are on a watch list. There has even been talk of a possible loss of the AAA ratings of the U.S. and the U.K.

External debt was positive over the month with Eastern Europe performing strongly. Ukraine was one of the better performers as the IMF returned to continue negotiations on the final tranche of a payout. The main stumbling block to renewed IMF support has been a functional government which can pass the needed and agreed reform measures. Ukraine now has this. Latin America was the next best performing region. Argentina, where a debt swap for 2001 default hold out investors is being finalised, was strongly positive for performance.

Having range traded for the first two months of the year, local currencies performed well in March. Investors are showing increased signs of diversifying away from G7 currencies as EM economies continue to show signs of raising interest rates and appreciating their currencies. In recent months, many Asian countries have been applying a variety of monetary policy tools, such as increasing banks reserve requirements, taxes on financial instruments and full direct intervention. Malaysia and India have been the two most vocal in this arena.

In special situations, following a direct acquisition stake in Brenco, AGOL also has a another direct position in Multi-Commodity Exchange ("MCX"). MCX operates India's largest commodity exchange and offers futures trading in more than 40 commodities from various market segments including bullion, energy, ferrous and non-ferrous metals, oil and oil seeds, cereal, pulses, plantation, spices, plastic and fibre. MCX is well positioned to develop the commodities market in India and capitalise on that growth. AEI, which is just under 19% of the portfolio, continues to expand and acquire new assets. Jasper sold the Discoverer vessel contracted to PDVSA, the Venezuelan state owned Oil Company, was sold to Petro Saudi. The Explorer vessel continues to look for long term contracts. Investments that have a public equity component proved positive over the month.

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