



## Ashoka India Equity Investment Trust PLC

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**Investment Objective**

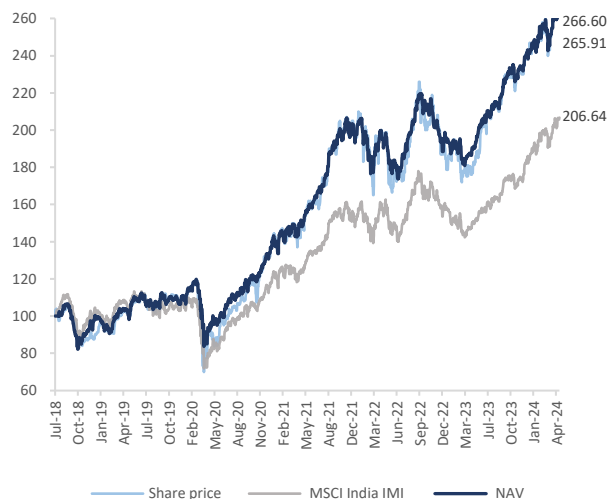
To achieve long-term capital appreciation, mainly through investment in securities listed in India and listed securities of companies with a significant presence in India.

**Company (Ashoka India Equity Investment Trust PLC) Facts**

Ticker:	AIE
ISIN:	GB00BF50VS41
Reference Benchmark:	MSCI India IMI <sup>1</sup>
NAV:	260.59p
Share price:	266.00p
(Discount)/Premium:	2.1%
Number of investments:	114
Total net assets:	£367.32 million
Active share:	73.0%
Launch date:	6 July, 2018
On-going charges ratio <sup>6</sup> :	0.32% p.a.
Gearing:	0%
Discount control:	Annual redemption facility at or close to NAV
Investment Manager:	Acorn Asset Management Ltd
Investment Advisor:	White Oak Capital Partners Pte. Ltd. (Singapore)
Firmwide AUM <sup>1</sup> :	£ 5.5 billion

**Fees and Charges**

Management Fees:	0%
Performance Fees:	30% of outperformance (capped)

**Performance since launch (GBP)<sup>2</sup>**

Source: Bloomberg, Factset; Past performance does not predict future returns.

Performance since launch <sup>2</sup>	Apr 2024	YTD 2024	April					2023	2022	2021	2020	Since 31-Jul-2018 <sup>3</sup>	Since IPO*	Annualised since IPO
			2023-2024	2022-2023	2021-2022	2020-2021	2019-2020							
AIE NAV (£)	4.3%	9.2%	39.5%	-2.9%	32.5%	47.8%	-3.1%	24.5%	-3.7%	48.6%	26.0%	162.4%	165.9%	18.3%
MSCI India IMI	4.2%	10.4%	37.5%	-5.9%	29.3%	42.1%	-19.1%	18.4%	2.1%	31.7%	12.6%	92.3%	106.6%	13.3%
NAV Outperformance (bps)	+12	-112	+203	+299	+320	+572	+1592	+609	-578	+1688	+1333	+7010	+5927	+501
Share Price	4.3%	9.5%	50.3%	-10.9%	38.5%	59.4%	-11.8%	26.6%	-6.3%	49.6%	26.3%	163.5%	166.0%	18.3%
Currency (INR/GBP)	0.6%	1.4%	-2.5%	-6.2%	7.8%	-9.3%	-3.5%	-6.0%	0.6%	-0.5%	-6.4%	-13.9%	-13.0%	-2.4%

Source : Bloomberg, Factset. Note: Past performance does not predict future returns. \*Since IPO: 06 July 2018 - 30 April 2024

Top 10 holdings (as at April 30, 2024)	GICS Sector	% of AUM
1. ICICI Bank	Financials	4.7
2. State Bank of India	Financials	3.5
5. Tata Consultancy Services	Information Technology	2.7
3. Ambuja Cements	Materials	2.7
4. Bajaj Finserv	Financials	2.5
6. CG Power & Industrial	Industrials	2.2
7. Zomato	Consumer Discretionary	2.2
8. Titan	Consumer Discretionary	2.1
9. RR Kabel	Industrials	2.1
10. Nestle India	Consumer Staples	2.0
<b>Total</b>		<b>26.6%</b>

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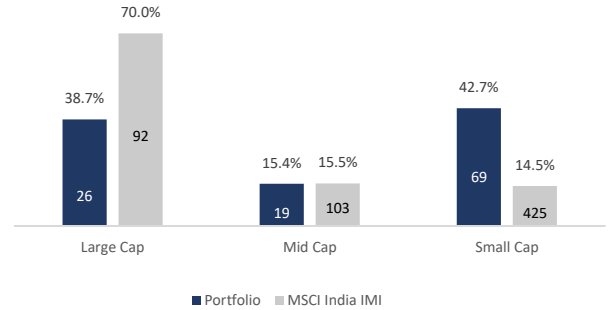
## April 2024: Key Contributors and Detractors

Key Contributors	Ending Weight (%)	Total Return (%)	Contribution to Returns (bps)
State Bank of India	3.5	+10.8	+36
Manorama Industries	0.7	+60.7	+30
ICICI Bank	4.7	+6.1	+28
Safari Industries	1.2	+23.5	+25
DOMS Industries	1.3	+18.4	+22

Key Detractors	Ending Weight (%)	Total Return (%)	Contribution to Returns (bps)
Persistent Systems	1.0	-14.7	-19
Gopal Snacks	1.5	-9.9	-17
Coforge	1.6	-6.5	-11
Titan	2.1	-4.8	-11
Nestle India	2.0	-3.6	-8

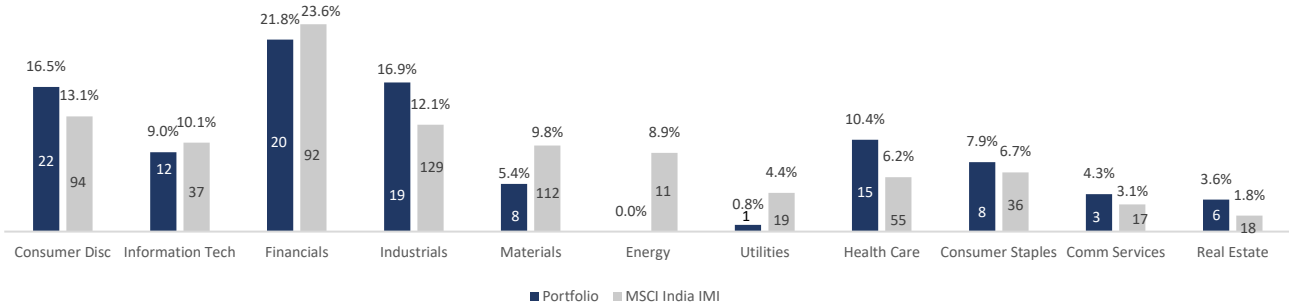
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## Market Cap Composition



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## Market Review

In April 2024, the MSCI India IMI index was up 4.2%. It outperformed global indices like the MSCI EM, MSCI World, and US equities (S&P 500), which returned 1.4%, -2.8%, and -3.2%, respectively.

In April 2024, Foreign Institutional investors (FIIs) were net sellers to the tune of US\$1.1bn, while net buying by domestic institutional investors (DIIs) was US\$5.3bn. For the month, the Rupee appreciated by 0.6% vs. the GBP, while the 10-year G-Sec yields rose from 7.06% to 7.19%. Commodities rallied, with Brent up 1.9% and the S&P GSCI Industrial Metals Index up 13.7%.

For the month, Utilities, Industrials and Materials outperformed, while Information Technology, Energy and Consumer Staples underperformed. Large caps have underperformed mid and small caps, while State-owned entities outperformed their private peers.

## Performance Review

The Fund was up 4.34% in April 2024, outperforming the benchmark by 12bps. The key contributors include Manorama Industries (+60.7%), Safari Industries (+23.5%), and DOMS Industries (+18.4%), whereas Persistent Systems (-14.7%), Gopal Snacks (-9.9%), and Coforge (-6.5%) were the key detractors.



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<sup>1</sup>The Company does not follow this or any other benchmark, it is given for illustrative purposes and for calculation of the performance fee only.

<sup>2</sup> Past performance cannot be relied upon as a guide to future performance.

<sup>3</sup> The proceeds raised from the IPO got substantially invested at the end of July 2018.

<sup>4</sup> Refers to aggregate assets under management or investment advisory for White Oak Group

<sup>5</sup> The beginning NAV of 98 has been rebased to 100 for comparison with the benchmark and share price.

<sup>6</sup> As at 31 March 2024, the annualised estimated ongoing charges ratio, excluding the Performance fee accrual is 0.33% of average NAV.

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