ASHOKA INDIA EQUITY INVESTMENT TRUST PLC



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 Facts

Ticker:	AIE
ISIN:	GB00BF50VS41
Benchmark:	MSCI India IMI ¹
NAV:	101.45p
Share price:	102.00p
(Discount)/ Premium:	0.5%
Number of investments:	41
Total net assets:	£50.2 million
Active share:	91.5%
Launch date:	06 July, 2018
On-going charges ratio:	1.3%
Gearing:	0%
Discount Control:	Annual redemption facility at or close to NAV
Investment Advisor:	White Oak Capital Management Consultants LLP (India)
Firmwide AUM ⁴ :	£853.2 million

Fees & charges

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

 $^{^{\}rm 1}$ The Company does not follow this or any other benchmark, it is given for illustrative purposes and for calculation of the performance fee only.

Investment Performance²

Growth	Apr 2019	YTD 2019	Q1 2019	Since IPO*	Since 31- July-18 ³
AIE NAV	1.1%	3.8%	2.7%	3.5%	2.2%
MSCI India IMI	-0.1%	4.3%	4.4%	7.4%	0.0%
NAV Outperformance	118 bps	-45bps	-166 bps	-393 bps	216 bps
Share Price	2.5%	11.8%	9.0%	2.0%	1.0%
Currency (INR/GBP)	0.2%	-2.0%	-2.1%	0.9%	-0.3%

^{*}Since IPO: 06 July - 30 Apr 2019

Performance since launch (GBp)²



Top 10 Holdings (as at 30 April 2019)

Holdings	GICS Sector	% of AUM
1. Axis Bank Ltd	Financials	9.4
2. Bajaj Finance Ltd	Financials	8.2
3. HDFC Bank Ltd	Financials	7.6
4. L&T Technology Services Ltd	Industrials	6.8
5. Mindtree Ltd	Information Technology	5.5
6. NIIT Technologies Ltd	Information Technology	4.9
7. Nestle India Ltd	Consumer Staples	3.5
8. HDFC Asset Management Co Ltd	Financials	3.4
9. Bajaj Finserv Ltd	Financials	3.3
10. Intellect Design Arena Ltd	Information Technology	2.8
Total		55.4%

Market Cap Classification (as at 30 April 2019)

Market Cap	Portfolio End Weight (%)	MSCI India IMI (%)
Large Cap	39.5	79.8
Mid Cap	35.1	15.2
Small Cap	24.0	5.0
Cash	1.4	-
Total	100.0%	100.0%

Large cap > £3.4bn; Mid cap = £3.4bn - £0.8bn; Small cap < £0.8bn

 $^{^{\}rm 2}$ Past performance cannot be relied upon as a guide to future performance.

 $^{^{\}rm 3}$ The funds raised from the IPO got substantially invested at the end of July.

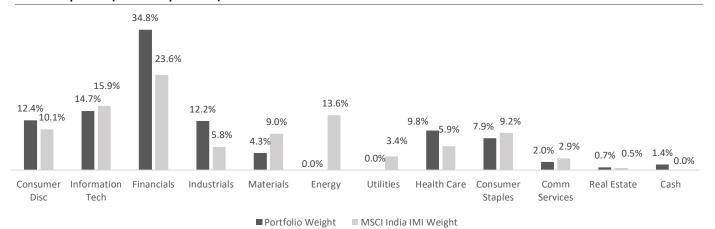
⁴ Refers to aggregate assets under management or advisory for the investment advisor, White Oak Capital Management Consultants LLP (India)

 $^{^{\}rm 5}$ The beginning NAV of 98 has been rebased to 100 for comparison with the benchmark and share price.

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Sector Exposure (as at 30 April 2019)



Top 5 Contributors and Detractors (April 2019)

Contributors	Ending Weight (%)	Total Return (%)	Contribution to Return (bps)	Detractors	Endin _i Weigh (%)	1	Contribution to Return (bps)
L&T Technology Services	6.8	+10.0	+63	Axis Bank	9.4	-1.8	-21
Intellect Design Arena	2.8	+11.3	+28	NIITTechnologies	4.9	-2.9	-14
Astrazeneca Pharma India	1.8	+18.1	+26	Delta Corp	2.6	-4.0	-11
HDFC Asset Management	3.4	+10.0	+25	Ipca Laboratories	2.3	-3.4	-11
Bajaj Finserv	3.3	+6.4	+24	JTEKT India	1.2	-8.5	-10

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Market Review:

Following a strong Q1 2019, global equity markets continued their upward trend in April, driven by encouraging economic data and expectations of a positive outcome from US-China trade negotiations. US equities (S&P 500) were up 3.6% followed by developed markets (MSCI World) at 3.2%, emerging markets (MSCI EM) at 1.7%, and Asia (MSCI AC Asia ex-Japan) at 1.5% in GBP terms.

MSCI India IMI Index after a strong March, was down marginally (-0.1%) in April, underperforming broad Emerging Markets. The market sentiment was dampened by uncertainty around the outcome of the ongoing elections, softening growth indicators and rising oil prices.

Amongst other key developments, in an effort to improve domestic liquidity the Reserve Bank of India cut interest rates by 25 basis points following a similar rate cut in February. Separately, strong capital flows into India from Foreign Portfolio Investors continued in April with £1.2bn of inflows, cumulatively totalling £7.5bn for 2019 year-to-date. In addition the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) has forecasted a near normal monsoon for the country, which bodes well for rural sentiment as well as for inflation outlook, due to improved prospects for agricultural output.

In terms of sectors, IT services and energy have been the best performers whereas consumer discretionary and staples have been significant laggards year-to-date. From a market cap segmentation perspective, large caps outperformed mid and small caps, both in April as well as year-to-date basis.

Performance Review:

In the month of April, the fund delivered 1.1% in GBP terms out-performing the MSCI India IMI Index by 118bps. The key contributors to alpha came from L&T Technology Services (10.0%), Intellect Design Arena (11.3%), and Astrazeneca Pharma India (+18.1%) and key detractors were Axis Bank (-1.8%), NIIT Technologies (-2.9%), and Delta Corp (-4.0%).

Year-to-date, the fund delivered 3.8% under-performing the benchmark by -45bps. Key contributors were Bajaj Finance (14.8%), Info Edge India (31.7%) and NIIT Technologies (10.4%), while key detractors were Jyothy Laboratories (-17.6%), Lumax Auto Technologies (-35.8%) and Maruti Suzuki India (-12.4%).

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