



## Ashoka India Equity Investment Trust PLC

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## Investment Objective

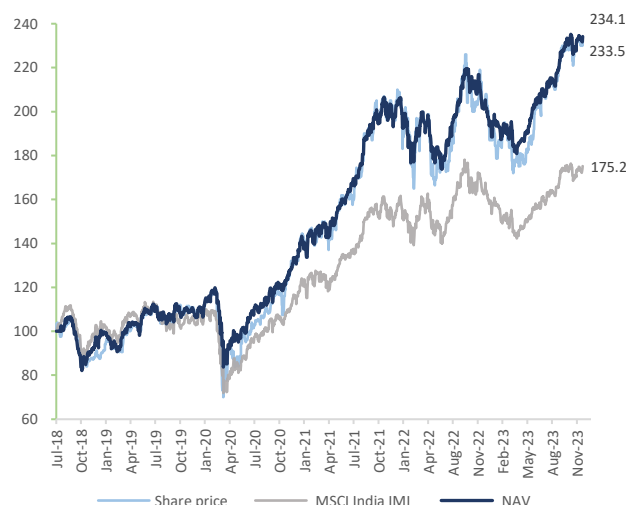
To achieve long-term capital appreciation, mainly through investment in securities listed in India and listed securities of companies with a significant presence in India.

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

Ticker:	AIE
ISIN:	GB00BF50VS41
Reference Benchmark:	MSCI India IMI <sup>1</sup>
NAV:	229.46p
Share price:	233.50p
(Discount)/Premium:	1.8%
Number of investments:	107
Total net assets:	£279.75 million
Active share:	74.0%
Launch date:	6 July, 2018
On-going charges ratio <sup>6</sup> :	0.33% 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>4</sup> :	£ 5.2 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>	Nov 2023	YTD 2023	November					2022	2021	2020	2019	Since 31-Jul-2018 <sup>3</sup>	Since IPO*	Annualised since IPO
			2022-2023	2021-2022	2020-2021	2019-2020	2018-2019							
AIE NAV (£)	2.7%	19.7%	14.0%	3.5%	55.2%	16.4%	12.7%	-3.7%	48.6%	26.0%	8.8%	131.1%	134.1%	17.0%
MSCI India IMI	3.4%	10.7%	4.5%	10.7%	37.7%	4.1%	2.8%	2.1%	31.7%	12.6%	1.3%	63.0%	75.2%	10.9%
NAV Outperformance (bps)	-63	+900	+952	-712	+1755	+1231	+984	-578	+1688	+1333	+744	+6805	+5899	+612
Share Price	2.9%	21.6%	13.3%	3.0%	56.3%	15.3%	23.0%	-6.3%	49.6%	26.3%	18.9%	131.3%	133.5%	17.0%
Currency (INR/GBP)	-4.4%	-5.8%	-7.7%	2.3%	-1.3%	-6.1%	-3.9%	0.6%	-0.5%	-6.4%	-5.3%	-14.9%	-14.0%	-2.7%

Source : Bloomberg, Factset. Note: Past performance does not predict future returns. \*Since IPO: 06 July 2018 - 30 November 2023

Top 10 holdings (as at November 30, 2023)	GICS Sector	% of AUM
1. ICICI Bank	Financials	4.9
2. Titan	Consumer Discretionary	2.9
3. HDFC Bank	Financials	2.8
4. Bajaj Finserv	Financials	2.7
5. RR Kabel	Industrials	2.7
6. Nestle India	Consumer Staples	2.5
7. Coforge	Information Technology	2.5
8. Maruti Suzuki India	Consumer Discretionary	2.3
9. Tata Consultancy Services	Information Technology	2.3
10. Gokaldas Exports	Consumer Discretionary	2.1
<b>Total</b>		<b>27.7%</b>

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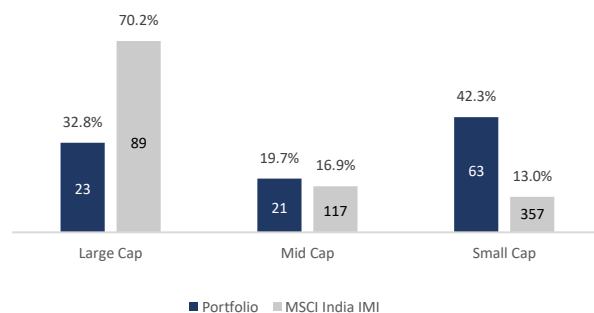
## November 2023: Key Contributors and Detractors

Key Contributors	Ending Weight (%)	Total Return (%)	Contribution to Returns (bps)
RR Kabel	2.6	+15.0	+37
Neuland Laboratories	1.0	+35.2	+29
Coforge	2.5	+11.0	+27
Phoenix Mills	1.1	+25.0	+23
Gokaldas Exports	2.1	+12.4	+23

Key Detractors	Ending Weight (%)	Total Return (%)	Contribution to Returns (bps)
Cholamandalam Fin. Hold.	1.2	-17.4	-26
Shaily Engineering Plastics	0.6	-15.5	-12
Aether Industries	0.6	-15.2	-11
ICICI Bank	4.9	-2.3	-11
Nestle India	2.5	-3.7	-10

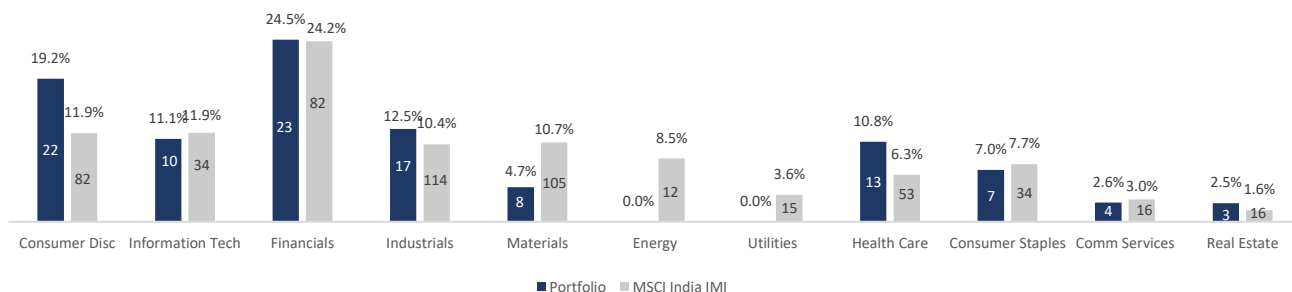
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## Market Cap Composition



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## Market Review

In November 2023, the MSCI India IMI index was up 3.4%. It underperformed global indices like MSCI EM, US equities (S&P 500) and MSCI World, which were up 4.0%, 5.0% and 5.3%, respectively.

In Nov 2023, Foreign Institutional investors (FIIs) were net buyers to the tune of US\$2.3bn, while net buying by domestic institutional investors (DIIs) was US\$1.7bn. For the month, the Rupee depreciated by 4.4% vs the GBP while the 10-year G-Sec yields eased from 7.35% to 7.28%. Commodities declined, with Brent and S&P GSCI Industrial Metals Index down 6.2% and 3.4%, respectively.

For the month, Real Estate, Utilities and Health Care outperformed, while Consumer Staples, Financials and Information Technology underperformed. Large caps have underperformed mid and small caps, while State-owned entities outperformed their private peers.

## Performance Review

The Fund was up 2.74% in November 2023, underperforming the benchmark by 63bps. The key contributors include Neuland Laboratories (+35.2%), Phoenix Mills (+25.0%), and Gokaldas Exports (+12.4%), whereas Cholamandalam Fin. Hold. (-17.4%), Shaily Engineering (-15.5%), and Aether Industries (-15.2%) were the key detractors.



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<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> On-going charges ratio calculated on a 6-month moving average of net assets, as at Oct 2023.

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