As at 30 April 2023

# Ashoka India Equity Investment Trust PLC

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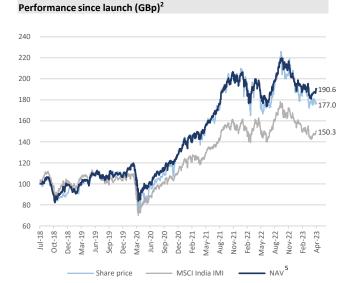
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### **Investment Objective**

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:	186.74p			
Share price:	177.00p			
(Discount)/Premium:	-5.2%			
Number of investments:	92			
Total net assets:	£210.35 million			
Active share:	75.1%			
Launch date:	6 July, 2018			
On-going charges ratio <sup>6</sup> :	0.40% 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> :	£4.6 billion			

0%



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

#### **Fees and Charges** Management Fees:

Performance Fees:	30% of outperformance (capped) returns.												
Performance since launch <sup>2</sup>	Apr 2023	YTD 2023	April							Since 31-	Since	Annualised	
			2022- 2023	2021- 2022	2020- 2021	2019- 2020	2022	2021	2020	2019	Jul-2018 <sup>3</sup>	IPO*	since IPO
AIE NAV (£)	3.4%	-2.6%	-2.9%	32.5%	47.8%	-3.1%	-3.7%	48.6%	26.0%	8.8%	88.0%	90.6%	14.3%
MSCI India IMI	3.7%	-5.0%	-5.9%	29.3%	42.1%	-19.1%	2.1%	31.7%	12.6%	1.3%	39.8%	50.3%	8.8%
NAV Outperformance (bps)	-35	+244	+299	+320	+572	+1592	-578	+1688	+1333	+744	+4820	+4029	+550
Share Price	-2.5%	-7.8%	-10.9%	38.5%	59.4%	-11.8%	-6.3%	49.6%	26.3%	18.9%	75.3%	77.0%	12.6%
Currency (INR/GBP)	-0.2%	-2.2%	-6.2%	7.8%	-9.3%	-3.5%	0.6%	-0.5%	-6.4%	-5.3%	-11.7%	-10.7%	-2.3%

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

Top 10 holdings (as at April 30, 2023)	GICS Sector	% of AUM
1. ICICI Bank	Financials	6.9
2. Cholamandalam Investment and Finance	Financials	4.0
3. Kaynes Technology India	Information Technology	3.7
4. Titan	Consumer Discretionary	3.1
5. Infosys	Information Technology	2.9
6. Coforge	Information Technology	2.8
7. HDFC Bank	Financials	2.7
8. Nestle India	Consumer Staples	2.7
9. Maruti Suzuki India	Consumer Discretionary	2.6
10. Avalon Technologies	Information Technology	2.4
Total		33.8%

#### Total

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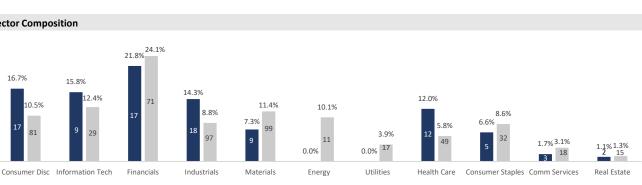
# April 2023: Key Contributors and Detractors

Key Contributors	Ending Weight (%)	Total Return (%)	Contribution to Returns (bps)
Cholamandalam Inv.	4.0	+13.0	+48
Safari Industries	1.8	+17.8	+29
Nestle India	2.7	+9.6	+24
ICICI Bank	6.9	+3.3	+23
Data Patterns	1.3	+19.4	+22

Key Detractors	Ending Weight (%)	Total Return (%)	Contribution to Returns (bps)
Infosys	2.9	-13.3	-62
Avalon Technologies	2.4	-13.1	-37
Tega Industries	1.7	-7.3	-14
Multi Commodity Exch.	0.7	-8.8	-7
IPCA Laboratories	0.2	-13.4	-5

Source: Factset. Past performance does not predict future returns

# Sector Composition



Portfolio MSCI India IMI

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#### **Market Review**

In April 2023, the MSCI India IMI index was up 3.7%. It outperformed other global indices like MSCI EM, US equities (S&P 500) and MSCI World which were down 2.9%, 0.3% and 0.1%, respectively.

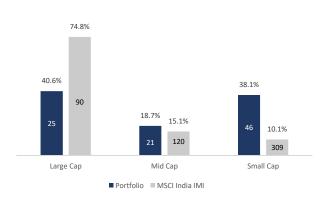
Foreign Institutional investors (FIIs) were net buyers to the tune of US\$1.9bn, while net buying by domestic institutional investors (DIIs) was US\$0.3bn. For the month, the Rupee depreciated by 0.2% vs the GBP while the 10-year G-Sec yields softened from 7.3% to 7.1%. Commodities were down, with Brent and S&P GSCI Industrial Metals Index declining by 2.2% and 4.9%, respectively.

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

### **Performance Review**

The Fund was up 3.4% in April 2023, underperforming the benchmark by 25bps. The key contributors include Cholamandalam Inv (+13.0%), Safari Industries (+17.8%), and Nestle India (+9.6%), whereas Infosys (-13.3%), Avalon Technologies (-13.1%), and Tega Industries (-7.3%) were the key detractors.

# **Market Cap Composition**



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Source: Bloomberg, White Oak. Classification as per Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) guidelines. The numbers inside the bars denote the number of companies in each classification. Allocations shown above are as of the date indicated and may not be representative of future investments. They may not represent all of the portfolio's investments. Future investments may or may not be profitable.

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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.

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