As at 31 May 2024

### Ashoka India Equity Investment Trust PLC

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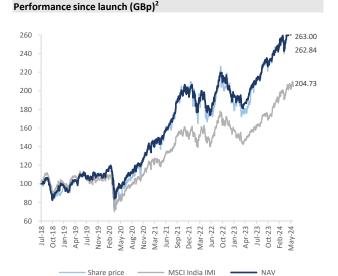
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#### **Investment Objective**

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:	257.58p				
Share price:	263.00p				
(Discount)/Premium:	2.1%				
Number of investments:	119				
Total net assets:	£388.99 million				
Active share:	69.8%				
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>4</sup> :	£ 5.5 billion				



#### **Fees and Charges**

Management Fees:	0% Sour				Source	rce: Bloomberg, Factset; Past performance does not predict future								
Performance Fees:	30% of o	of outperformance (capped) return			returns	S.								
	May	YTD	Мау							Since 31-	Since	Annualised		
Performance since launch <sup>2</sup>	May 2024	2024	2023- 2024	2022- 2023	2021- 2022	2020- 2021	2019- 2020	2023	2022	2021	2020	Jul-2018 <sup>3</sup>	IPO*	since IPO
AIE NAV (£)	-1.2%	8.0%	29.4%	10.6%	17.8%	54.9%	-8.2%	24.5%	-3.7%	48.6%	26.0%	159.4%	162.8%	17.8%
MSCI India IMI	-0.9%	9.3%	31.0%	4.7%	15.0%	50.4%	-22.5%	18.4%	2.1%	31.7%	12.6%	90.5%	104.7%	12.9%
NAV Outperformance (bps)	-23	-136	-161	+596	+280	+450	+1431	+609	-578	+1688	+1333	+6885	+5811	+488
Share Price	-1.1%	8.2%	37.3%	12.6%	9.7%	64.0%	-12.5%	26.6%	-6.3%	49.6%	26.3%	160.5%	163.0%	17.8%
Currency (INR/GBP)	-1.2%	0.2%	-3.4%	-4.4%	5.0%	-9.2%	-5.7%	-6.0%	0.6%	-0.5%	-6.4%	-15.0%	-14.0%	-2.5%

Source : Bloomberg, Factset. Note: Past performance does not predict future returns. \*Since IPO: 06 July 2018 - 31 May 2024

Top 10 holdings (as at May 31, 2024)	GICS Sector	% of AUM	
1. ICICI Bank	Financials	4.3	
2. State Bank of India	Financials	3.4	
3. Ambuja Cements	Materials	2.5	
4. Tata Consultancy Services	Information Technology	2.4	
5. Bajaj Finserv	Financials	2.2	
5. CG Power & Industrial	Industrials	2.2	
7. RR Kabel	Industrials	2.0	
3. Zomato	Consumer Discretionary	1.9	
9. Bharti Airtel	Communication Services	1.9	
10. Titan	Consumer Discretionary	1.8	
Total		24.5%	

#### Total

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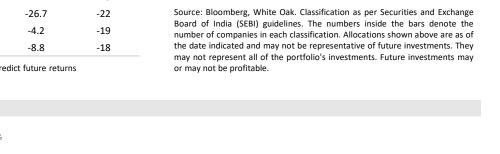
#### May 2024: Key Contributors and Detractors

Key Contributors	Ending Weight (%)	Total Return (%)	Contribution to Returns (bps)
CG Power & Industrial	2.1	+14.2	+30
ABB India	1.1	+25.5	+24
Balkrishna Industries	0.9	+23.4	+18
Grindwell Norton	1.1	+18.5	+17
DOMS Industries	1.3	+18.4	+22

Key Detractors	Ending Weight (%)	Total Return (%)	Contribution to Returns (bps)
Neuland Laboratories	0.8	-21.8	-24
Titan Company	1.8	-11.2	-23
Sonata Software	0.6	-26.7	-22
ICICI Bank	4.2	-4.2	-19
Zomato	1.9	-8.8	-18

Source: Factset. Past performance does not predict future returns

#### Sector Composition



**Market Cap Composition** 

43.8%

26

Large Cap

70.0%

92

14.4% 15.6%

Portfolio MSCI India IMI

103

Mid Cap



Source: Bloomberg, White Oak. Classification as per GICS. 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.

#### **Market Review**

In May 2024, the MSCI India IMI index was down 0.9%. It underperformed global indices like the US equities (S&P 500), and MSCI World, which returned 3.1%, and 2.6%, but outperformed MSCI EM which was down 1.2%.

In May 2024, Foreign Institutional investors (FIIs) were net sellers to the tune of US\$3.3bn, while net buying by domestic institutional investors (DIIs) was US\$6.7bn. For the month, the Rupee depreciated by 1.2% vs. the GBP, while the 10-year G-Sec yields softened from 7.20% to 7.05%. Commodities declined, with Brent and S&P GSCI Industrial Metals Index down 7.1% and 0.4%, respectively.

For the month, Industrials, Utilities and Communication Services outperformed, while Energy, Financials and Health Care underperformed. Large caps have underperformed mid and small caps, while State-owned entities outperformed their private peers.

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40.1%

72

14.4%

424

Small Cap

#### **Performance Review**

The Fund was down 1.16% in May 2024, underperforming the benchmark by 23bps. The key contributors include ABB India (+25.5%), Balkrishna Industries (+23.4%), and Grindwell Norton (+18.5%), whereas Sonata Software (-26.7%), Neuland Laboratories (-21.8%), and Titan (-11.2%), 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> As at 30 April 2024, the annualised estimated ongoing charges ratio, excluding the Performance fee accrual is 0.33% of average NAV.

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