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Source: Internal.

#### INVESTMENT STRATEGY

ASSET MANAGERS

The investment objective of the DSP India Equity Fund ("Fund") is to achieve long term capital appreciation from a portfolio that is substantially constituted of equity and equity related securities of mid cap and small cap companies.

## PERFORMANCE TRACK RECORD

Past performance does not predict future returns

USD CAGR Performance	1-Year	3-Years	5-Years	8-Years	10-Years	Since Inception
as on 29 December 2023	30-Dec-22	31-Dec-20	31-Dec-18	31-Dec-15	31-Dec-13	14-Nov-06
DSP India Equity Fund	30.60%	-	-	-	-	-
DSP Strategy	-	14.05%	13.82%	12.36%	15.81%	11.54%
Average India UCITS fund	21.25%	9.16%	9.76%	8.74%	10.00%	6.91%
MSCI India USD	20.81%	11.99%	11.78%	10.43%	9.91%	6.81%
20:80 Composite Index	38.23%	20.93%	15.62%	12.53%	14.51%	8.07%

## **KEY FUND**

## CHARACTERISTICS

Fund: DSP India Equity Fund

Fund Structure: UCITS ICAV (Sub Fund of DSP Global Funds ICAV)

Investment Manager: DSP Asset Managers Private Limited

Fund Manager: Vinit Sambre

Investment Area: India Equities Total Firm Assets (DSP Asset Managers): ~\$19.5 bn as of 29 December 2023

Total Sub Fund Assets: ~#\$18 mn as

Strategy AUM: ~US\$ 2,037 mn as of 29 December 2023

Share Class: Seed Class Launch Date: 15 March 2021

Base currency: USD

of 29 December 2023

Currency Classes: Available USD and EUR Domicile: Ireland, Dealing Day (DD): Daily

Notice (Subscription Redemption): 10:00 am (Irish time) on the relevant DD

Website, Prospectus and KIID: https://www.dspindia.com/ucits

**Settlement (Subscription):** After 5 business days from DD

**Settlement (Redemption):** Within 5 business days from DD

Management Company: KBA Consulting Management Limited

Auditors and Tax Advisors: Grant Thornton

Legal Advisor to the ICAV as to Irish law:

Zeidler Legal Services

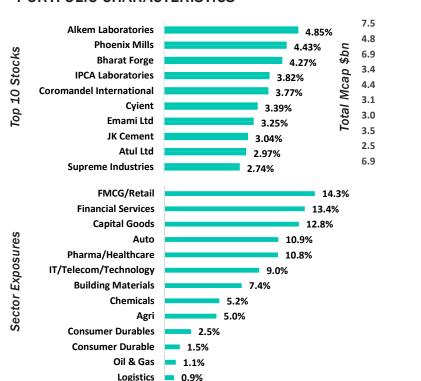
Global Distributor: DSP Global Services (Mauritius) Limited

Administrator: HSBC Securities Services (Ireland) DAC

ISIN: IEOOBKOWZ337

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#### PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS



Portfolio Metrics**	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
EPS Growth	29%	26%	19%
P/BV	7.3	6.2	5.4
P/E (x)	37.8	31.5	26.4
ROE	18%	19%	20%

**Fund Construct Details** 

Portfolio Turnover (last 12m) Cap-wise split (for DSP Strategy)

23% (for DSP Strategy) Small Cap - 50.17%, Mid Cap - 37.20%, Large

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Cap - 7.43%, Cash - 5.21%

**Number of Stocks** 

<sup>\*\*</sup>The portfolio metrics displayed are estimates of the anticipated development of the portfolio holdings when measured against certain metrics. Some computations may also have extreme values removed from the calculations. These estimates are not intended to be an estimate or representation of future performance of the fund. The investment which is herein promoted concerns the acquisition of shares in a UCITS fund and not in a given underlying assets such as shares of a company as these are only the underlying assets owned by the fund. The Fund is actively managed by the Investment Manager without reference to a benchmark index. Note: 3.1. is Since Inception of DSP Strategy. The average India UCITS returns' refers to the average returns of all India focused UCITS equity funds listed on Bloomberg. The Custom 2006 Composite Index, the benchmark for the ICAV is a customized 20% MSCI India Index and 80% MSCI India Small Cap Index. It is not possible to invest directly in an index. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results. The Fund is subject to capital gain tax in India. #Please note that investment managers are awaiting approval from home regulator for the re-introduction of the seed capital of USD 3M (expected in the next few days) which will be added to the existing AUM of the Fund.



## **FUND MANAGER COMMENTARY**

In YTD 2023, the DSP India Equity Fund (+30.06%) outperformed the average India dedicated fund (+21.25%) by  $\sim 9.35\%$  and outperformed the MSCI India index USD (+20.81%) by  $\sim 9.8\%$ . We remain completely bottom-up in our approach and our portfolio positions have stacked up well.

We exited Aptus Value and Linde India during the month.

Attribution summary for the month of December 2023:

Contributors						
Sectors	Active weight					
Information Technology	-1.80					
Financials	-5.68					
Industrials	-2.70					
Stocks	Active weight					
Cyient Limited	2.67					
Bharat Electronics Limited	1.16					
Thermax Limited.	1.39					

Detractors					
Sectors	Active weight				
Real Estate	2.33				
Materials	2.45				
Utilities	-2.15				
Stocks	Active weight				
Phoenix Mills Ltd.	3.97				
IPCA Laboratories Limited	3.39				
Balkrishna Industries Limited	2.39				

## Stock Spotlight

- Banking and Financial Services: The financial landscape is thriving with strong loan growth evident in both banks and NBFCs. Banks are exceeding expectations with better-than-anticipated treasury income. There are notable risks in the financial landscape with the continuous rise in cost of Funds (CoF) which is exerting pressure on margins and the stabilization of current Account Savings Account (CASA) seems to be delayed.
- Automobile: Positive volume growth is seen across segments, including 2-wheelers, 3-wheelers, and MHCVs, showing signs of recovery but below previous peaks. Realizations benefit from premiumization and improved net pricing, contributing to enhanced margin performance supported by favorable product mix and easing commodity costs.
- Consumer staples: The Q3 impact from a festive season shift is anticipated to yield positive effects in Q4CY24 due to
  increased festival-related demand. Ongoing adjustments in raw material prices support significant gross margin
  expansion, facilitating a year-on-year rise in advertising expenditure. Despite challenges in rural demand, green shoots
  observed in Q1FY24 appear to have paused.
- Information Technology: Q3 saw no major shifts, but there's a significant boost in IT companies' deal pipelines, leading to strong wins. Expectations of future revenue growth persist, supported by robust deals, despite geopolitical uncertainties affecting the demand outlook. IT companies experience improved utilization and stabilizing attrition, although client caution due to macro uncertainty is causing delays in deal execution.
- **Pharma and healthcare:** U.S. price erosion stabilizes at mid-single digits, benefiting from all-time high drug shortages. In India, growth accelerates in October and November, propelled by field force expansion. Overall, the sector experiences improved margins due to softening input costs, and hospitals and diagnostics show promising performances with strong quarters and anticipated growth.
- Engineering and capital goods: Public capex-driven sectors and emerging segments like energy-efficient systems show high growth, while short-cycle orders and export demand display signs of fatigue. Exceptions include O&G capex in the Middle East and rising power T&D momentum in Europe and North America. Despite challenges, sustained or increased operating profit margins are maintained due to factors like efficiency improvements, higher capacity utilization, and easing commodity prices. Overall, robust execution is observed across companies in various sectors.
- Chemicals: Despite ongoing inventory destocking, the agrochemical industry's end-use demand remains unaffected. Solid domestic demand persists across various regions, and players serving industries such as FMCG and personal care, exemplified by brands like Galaxy, remain resilient and buoyant.

AVAILABLE SHAR	RE CLAS	SSES					
Share Class	CCY	Distribution Policy	Launch Date	Initial Offer Price	Minimum Holding	Minimum Initial Subscription	Redemption Fee
Seed Class*	USD	Accumulation	15 March 2021	10 USD	1,000,000 USD	1,000,000 USD	None
Class A Unhedged	USD	Accumulation	18 August 2021	10 USD	1000 USD	1000 USD	None
Institutional Class	EUR	Accumulation	01 Nov 2023	10 USD	1,000,000 USD	1,000,000 USD	None

<sup>\*</sup>The Seed Class will be open for subscriptions until the Class reaches US\$50 million in net assets or such other period as may be determined by the Directors.



## MARKET UPDATE —

## India 2024: Resilience, Reforms, and Relative Strength.

As we step into the year 2024, the economic landscape of India stands resilient, projecting consistent GDP growth rates. This unfolding chapter is marked by a dual narrative: an initial phase dominated by pre-election dynamics, where government spending takes centre stage as the engine of growth, followed by the subsequent post-election period, poised for a resurgence in long-awaited private investments.

The central government increased capex by ~33% CAGR over the last three years to ~3.3% of GDP in FY24 (18-year high) from around 1.5% of GDP on average between FY18 to FY20. Even with the ongoing government emphasis on capital spending, the growth rate of capital expenditure is anticipated to decline in the upcoming fiscal year, attributed to fiscal consolidation, despite a higher absolute figure.

In the past two years, Indian policymakers skillfully navigated challenges posed by simultaneous commodity supply shocks (in food and oil) and a high Fed funds rate. They achieved this through a mix of monetary tightening, leveraging fiscal policy to absorb certain shocks, and prudent utilization of FX reserves. Despite fiscal consolidation efforts in FY2023-24, characterized by subsidy cuts to reallocate funds to capital expenditure, India experienced robust growth in services. Services exports and remittances played a crucial role in cushioning the current account deficit.

Despite challenges in the global economy and tightening financial conditions in the West, India's services exports, totaling USD 104.9bn in FY24TD, have contributed to a modest decrease in the overall trade deficit to USD 61.4bn in Apr-Nov FY24. Overall exports reached around USD 500bn, slightly lower than the previous year's USD 506.5bn during Apr-Nov FY23.

India's macro-economic resilience secured its entry into the JPM Global Bond Index from June 2024, potentially attracting passive inflows of ~USD 25-30bn. Regional supply chain diversification is set to contribute to sustained direct investment inflows, despite a globally subdued capital influx amid high interest rates. With ~\$600bn in FX reserves the RBI is well-prepared to uphold continued macroeconomic stability.

India outperformed most global markets this year, barring US and Taiwan, with MSCI India up ~20% in USD. MSCI India ~22.2, 2YF is now trading at ~1.5SD above MSCI EM and DM, slightly above its long-term averages. India's performance was driven primarily by earnings accruals. India's listed equity market cap crossed US\$4tn, up from USD3tn in less than 3 years, the fastest addition of a trillion-US dollar market cap for India. Mid/Small caps rallied ~43%/~47% outperforming the large caps significantly. Within the region, India saw relatively strong foreign inflows of ~USD22bn this year, second to Taiwan. The domestic flows have also remained robust at ~USD23bn. Monthly flows in domestic mutual funds via systematic monthly plans have risen constantly and have remained strong ~ USD1.8bn per month on an average. This is a structural trend which is expected to continue. The structural theme of Make-in-India, propelled by PLI schemes, is anticipated to persist as a significant growth driver for the country, solidifying its position in the global supply chain. The growth outlook for India is balanced with key near term event to watch out for would be political elections in India by May, rise in crude oil prices (above \$100/barrel) and India's relative valuations.

Sources: Internal, Bloomberg, UBS Research, Goldman Sachs, FII - Foreign Institutional Investor, DII- Domestic Institutional Investor, FY - Financial Year, CY – Calendar Year; YoY is Year over Year, YTD- Year to date, EM- Emerging Markets, DM- Developed Markets, 2YF- Two Year Forward; TD- Till date



## REGULATORY PERFORMANCE DEPICTION

Performance In Prescribed Regulatory Format	30/Dec/2022 to 29/Dec/2023	31/Dec/2021 to 30/Dec/2022	31/Dec/2020 to 31/Dec/2021	31/Dec/2019 to 31/Dec/2020	31/Dec/2018 to 31/Dec/2019
MSCI India Index	20.81%	(7.95%)	26.23%	15.55%	7.58%
MSCI India Small Cap Index	42.63%	(13.43%)	51.13%	20.94%	(4.65%)
DSP Strategy	30.60%	(14.36%)	25.84%	20.54%	6.86%

## POTENTIAL RISKS

The value of investment in the Fund may be affected by the following risks:

- 1. Market Risk: The Fund can invest in equities which may be affected by market risk (the risk of an investment losing its value due to changes in economic conditions)
- 2. Investment in India: The Fund will invest primarily in India. India is an emerging economy and investment carries with it often substantial risks.
- 3. Derivative and Counterparty Risk: The Fund will enter into various financial contracts (derivatives) with other parties. There is a risk that the other party to a derivative will become insolvent or fail to make its payments which may result in the Fund and your investment suffering a loss.
- 4. Liquidity Risk: The Fund can be invested in financial instruments that may have low levels of liquidity.
- 5. Currency Risk: Changes in the exchange rate between the base currency of the Fund and the designated currency of unhedged share classes of the Fund expressed in a currency other than the base currency of the Fund may lead to depreciation in the value of the shares of that share class.

For a complete overview of all risks attached to this Fund, refer to the section entitled "Risk Factors" in the Supplement and the Fund's prospectus."

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