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#### ASSET MANAGERS

### INVESTMENT STRATEGY

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     | YTD       | 1-Year    | 3-Years   | 5-Years   | 8-Years   | 10-Years  | Since<br>Inception |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------------|
| as on 29 September 2023  | 30-Dec-22 | 30-Sep-22 | 30-Sep-20 | 28-Sep-18 | 30-Sep-15 | 30-Sep-13 | 14-Nov-06          |
| DSP India Equity Fund    | 17.78%    | 14.17%    | -         | -         | -         | -         | -                  |
| DSP Strategy             | -         | -         | 15.02%    | 12.87%    | 11.21%    | 17.19%    | 10.91%             |
| Average India UCITS fund | 10.48%    | 11.26%    | 13.08%    | 8.34%     | 7.45%     | 10.45%    | 6.45%              |
| MSCI India USD           | 7.96%     | 10.10%    | 14.95%    | 9.83%     | 8.76%     | 9.75%     | 6.20%              |
| 20:80 Composite Index    | 23.21%    | 21.89%    | 23.95%    | 14.21%    | 11.35%    | 15.34%    | 7.47%              |

## **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): ~\$18.2 bn as of 30 September 2023

Total Sub Fund Assets: ~#\$15.2 mn as

of 30 September 2023

Strategy AUM: ~US\$ 1,835 mn as of 30 September 2023

Share Class: Seed Class Launch Date: 15 March 2021

Base currency: USD

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: Waystone Management Company (IE) 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

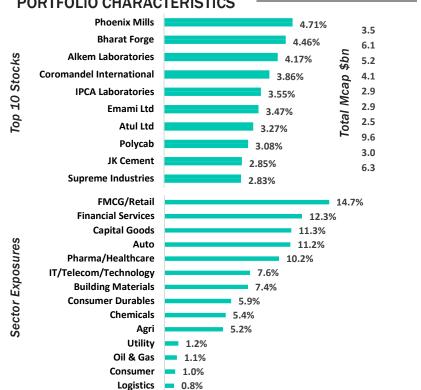
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## PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS



| Portfolio<br>Metrics** | FY23 | FY24E  | FY25E  |
|------------------------|------|--------|--------|
| <b>EPS Growth</b>      | 6%   | 31.34% | 23.59% |
| P/BV                   | 7.0  | 6.6    | 5.7    |
| P/E (x)                | 42.5 | 35.7   | 28.9   |
| ROE                    | 16%  | 18%    | 19%    |
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**Fund Construct Details** 

Portfolio Turnover (last 12m)

23% (for DSP Strategy)

56

Cap-wise split (for DSP Strategy) Small Cap - 62.51%, Mid Cap - 26.35%, Large

Cap - 6.64%, Cash - 4.51%

**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 (+17.78%) outperformed the average India dedicated fund (+10.48%) by ~7.30% and outperformed the MSCI India index USD (+7.96%) by ~9.82%. We remain completely bottom-up in our approach and our portfolio positions have stacked up well.

Last month we added two new positions i) L&T Finance holdings and ii) Power Finance Corporation. We have exited Mannapuram Finance as price targets were achieved.

Attribution summary for the month of September 2023:

| Contributors                      |               |  |  |  |  |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|--|--|--|--|
| Sectors                           | Active weight |  |  |  |  |
| Consumer Discretionary            | 7.40          |  |  |  |  |
| Industrials                       | -4.32         |  |  |  |  |
| Real Estate                       | 2.22          |  |  |  |  |
| Stocks                            | Active weight |  |  |  |  |
| Power Finance Corporation Limited | 0.94          |  |  |  |  |
| Balkrishna Industries Limited     | 2.39          |  |  |  |  |
| IPCA Laboratories Limited         | 2.81          |  |  |  |  |

| Detractors                 |               |  |  |  |  |
|----------------------------|---------------|--|--|--|--|
| Sectors                    | Active weight |  |  |  |  |
| Materials                  | -0.04         |  |  |  |  |
| Utilities                  | -1.47         |  |  |  |  |
| Consumer Staples           | 1.29          |  |  |  |  |
| Stocks                     | Active weight |  |  |  |  |
| Supreme Industries Limited | 2.67          |  |  |  |  |
| Kajaria Ceramics Limited   | 1.34          |  |  |  |  |
| Atul Limited               | 2.84          |  |  |  |  |

## **Sector Spotlight**

- Consumer staples: Companies witnessed improved gross margins YoY due to material cost corrections and previous price hikes. Rising advertisement spends are observed across the board. Urban areas continue to outpace rural regions, which are gradually improving with reduced inflation and a softer base.
- Banking and Financial Services: Vigorous loan growth for mid-sized and some large banks, along with strong NBFC performance. Asset quality remains steady. Banks' trading gains offset lower recoveries. High opex for banks, while it declined on a high base for NBFCs. Keep an eye on margins weakening and credit growth sustainability.
- Engineering and capital goods: Strong demand outlook in traditional and modern sectors like Power Generation, Electronics, and Railways. Margins expand through diversified products, exports, and optimal capacity utilization. Key reforms driving public capex up-cycle: Make in India, PLI scheme, green energy shift. Improved balance sheets, increased capital, and reduced receivables compared to past cycles.
- Automobile: Promising YoY volume growth across segments, while concerns persist over tractor growth
  due to high base and weak monsoon. Managements are optimistic on demand and margins, the global
  HCV cycle is subdued by weak macros. Expected rise in crude derivative price might impact tire
  companies' costs.
- **Pharma and healthcare:** Strong US sales fuelled by Revlimid, launches, and supply-demand amid shortages. Stabilizing US price erosion benefits from high drug scarcity. India's volume growth are driven by field expansion, improved margins from reduced costs, and hospital expansion with sustained ROCEs.
- **Chemicals:** Steady farmer demand in agrochemicals; specialities and patents unscathed. Domestic demand is resilient, but the sector is weakened by inventory cuts and price falls. China's aggressive price slashing hastens destocking, impacting companies through inventory write-downs.

| AVAILABLE SHARE CLASSES |     |                     |                |                     |                    |                                 |                   |
|-------------------------|-----|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| Share Class             | CCY | Distribution Policy | Launch Date    | Initial Offer Price | Minimum<br>Holding | Minimum Initial<br>Subscription | Redemption<br>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              |

<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 —

## "Indian ER&D: Emerging as a Force to be Reckoned With"

In the realm of Indian Engineering R&D services, an unprecedented surge in demand is currently underway, and it is predominantly driven by the sweeping transition towards digital engineering. Within this robust growth environment, three distinct growth drivers have emerged as pivotal factors. Three key growth drivers are identified as: i) Digital adoption leading to the introduction of new products and platforms, resulting in long-term contract wins, ii) More companies are advancing in offshoring, expanding the potential market and iii) a global scarcity of specialized digital skills is driving increased offshoring to India. As these trends continue to unfold, it is anticipated that India's share in offshoring will ascend to ~34% by FY31E, a significant increase from the ~24% recorded in FY21, with service providers poised to capture an even more substantial share of ~50%, up from ~42% in FY21.

Digital Engineering Revolution: Industries across the board are embracing digital engineering to become digitally driven enterprises. This includes increased investments in electric and autonomous vehicles in the automotive sector, digital health solutions in healthcare, smart factories in manufacturing, 5G and network virtualization in telecommunications, and a focus on OTT platforms in media. These shifts reflect a broader trend of industries adapting to the digital age.

Indian service providers have excellent capabilities across key growth themes. Vendor capabilities span entire product life development, allowing strong participation rates, which will power growth. Further, smart deal structuring and concerted efforts to proactively shape large deals will provide further tailwinds. Growth for companies in the medium term will depend on exposure to growth themes and execution skills. We remain optimistic about the sector's long term growth potential.

India's inclusion in the JPM GBI-EM Global Diversified Index is set for June 28, 2024. The allocation to India in the index is expected to gradually reach the 10% cap, with a monthly scaling of 1%. This move is anticipated to attract substantial inflows, estimated at over US\$40 billion, into India's fixed income markets over the next eighteen months, with the majority of these flows front-loaded as investors prepare for the transition.

Flows, valuations and earnings: In YTD23, MSCI India Index US\$ returned ~7.1% vs. MSCI EM ~(0.4%) and MSCI DM ~9.6%. After strong foreign inflows through most part of the year, September saw a reversal with ~US\$2bn selling, but overall FII bought US\$4bn in 3Q (~15bn YTD) (the largest inflow within Asia). DIIs bought US\$5bn in 3Q (+\$16bn YTD). Amid weak markets globally, India is one of the few markets in the region with positive returns (~+2%) in 3Q (+7% YTD). India's resilient 3Q performance was primarily driven by earnings (Forward EPS: ~+9% in 3Q), and flat CY23 EPS revisions (vs. ~5% cuts in the MXAPJ region), while valuation compressed, and FX weakened vs. USD. Brent crude rose another ~3% last week, crossing \$95/bbl. Correlation between Indian markets and Oil has declined sharply, but remains slightly positive. Historically Indian market/Oil correlations have turned more negative at higher levels of oil prices (US\$100-120 range). In India monsoon season concludes with a cumulative rainfall ~6% below seasonal average. This has led to FMCG sector to experience a dip in performance during the 3Q, after leading in 2Q amid concerns over monsoons.

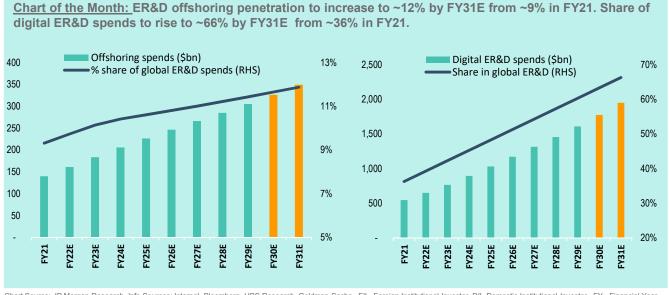


Chart Source: JP Morgan Research, Info Sources: Internal, Bloomberg, UBS Research, Goldman Sachs, FII - Foreign Institutional Investor, DII- Domestic Institutional Investor, FY - Financial Year, CY - Calendar Year; YoY is Year over Year, YTD- Year to date, EM- Emerging Markets, DM- Developed Markets, 2YF- Two Year Forward, ER&D; Engineering research and development,



## REGULATORY PERFORMANCE DEPICTION

| Performance In Prescribed<br>Regulatory Format | 29/Sep/2022 to<br>29/Sep/2023 | 30/Sep/2021 to<br>29/Sep/2022 | 30/Sep/2020 to<br>30/Sep/2021 | 30/Sep/2019 to<br>30/Sep/2020 | 28/Sep/2018 to<br>30/Sep/2019 |
|--|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| MSCI India Index                               | 12.38%                        | (11.76%)                      | 53.12%                        | 0.54%                         | 4.73%                         |
| MSCI India Small Cap Index                     | 27.50%                        | (11.97%)                      | 78.99%                        | 5.19%                         | (3.48%)                       |
| DSP Strategy                                   | 15.92%                        | (14.73%)                      | 49.03%                        | 9.28%                         | 10.28%                        |
|  |                               |                               |                               |                               |                               |

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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
- 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.
- 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.

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