

# **ASK Indian** Entrepreneur Fund

A sub-fund of ASK Investment Funds ICAV



#### **INVESTMENT MANAGER**

**ASK Capital Management** Pte. Itd.



#### **FUND MANAGER**

Gaurav Sharma, CFA



**BENCHMARK** 

**MSCI India Index** 

# **Investment Objective**

The Investment Manager intends to achieve long-term capital appreciation of the Fund assets by investing in equities and equity - related instruments that provide exposure to India domiciled companies or companies that derive substantial part of revenue from India.

#### **Fund Facts**

Legal Structure	UCITS
Fund Launch Date	21st February 2023
Share Class Inception	07 <sup>th</sup> June 2023
Fund AUM	USD 96.26 mn
Share Class	Institutional Class (Class I)
Share Class Currency	USD
NAV*	13.019
Fund Base Currency	USD
Management Fee	0.90% p.a.
Fund Domicile	Ireland
Fund Type	Open-ended, Equity
Pricing	Daily
Income Distribution	None
Subscription Fee	Up to 5%
ISIN Code	IE000ZOC2XV2
Bloomberg Code	ASKIEFI ID

<sup>\*</sup>As of 28th June 2024

## Legal Structure

ASK Indian Entrepreneur Fund is a sub fund of ASK Investment Funds ICAV, which is an umbrella ICAV set up in Dublin under the laws of Ireland.

## **Fund Details**

#### **Management Company**

Bridge Fund Management Limited

#### Administrator

**BNP Paribas Fund Administration Services** (Ireland) Limited

#### **Depository**

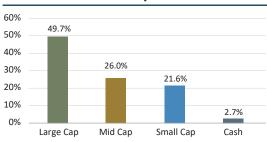
BNP Paribas S.A. Dublin Branch

Deloitte Ireland LLP

# **Legal Advisors**

Dillon Eustace

# Portfolio Market Capitalization



# Fund Manager Commentary

The 'Great Indian General Elections' are over; the people of India have spoken and so have the markets. Contrary to exit polls and popular expectations, the incumbent government led by Prime Minister Modi has been re-elected with a reduced majority. The National Democratic Alliance (NDA) led by the PM Modi's party (BJP) secured 293 seats in the parliament of 543 seats. This compares to 353 seats they had garnered in the 2019 elections. The BJP continues to remain the dominant party with 240 seats in the recent elections (303 seats in 2019). The benchmark MSCI India index ended the month up 6.9%, being one of the best performing markets globally.

For anyone following India, the election results and its likely implications would have been covered ad nauseam. Suffice to say that India has been a democratic country for 77 years and has just elected its 18th Parliament (elections held every 5 years). The growth of the Indian economy and Indian companies has spanned governments with a variety of political parties and agendas. Despite this, patient long-term investors have enjoyed returns of close to 11% p.a.\* in USD terms over the last 20 years, amongst the best globally. While areas of growth and rates of growth have been different over the years, great businesses have delivered consistent growth over time. The hallmark of great management is to consistently increase the size of opportunity, deploy capital efficiently and grow the business while navigating the external environment. Our focus is on identifying such businesses and this has allowed us to deliver alpha over time.

The focus will now move to the Union Budget, where the general expectation is for more populist measures to be announced. This might not be a bad outcome as this is likely to give a boost to rural consumption which has been soft in recent months. We expect policy continuity with significant investment in rural infrastructure such as roads, irrigation, and digital connectivity. The combination of favourable monsoon predictions, easing inflationary pressures, and potential measures in the upcoming budget may benefit several key sectors, particularly agrochemicals, autos and small ticket consumer discretionary. A good monsoon will boost agricultural output, increasing the demand for agrochemicals and agricultural machinery. Meanwhile the focus on infrastructure and manufacturing should continue, driving long-term growth of the economy.

The fund outperformed during the month with major contributors being Adtiya Vision, Ramkrishna Forgings, Tejas Networks and Triveni Engineering while REC Ltd., Sona BLW Forgings and Polycab India detracted from the performance. We continue to align the portfolio and remain invested in secular growth opportunities with high returns on capital and ability to deliver consistent compounding of earnings over time.

### Fund Performance (in USD)

Returns (%)	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	YTD	1 Year	Since Inception
AIEF (I USD)	7.8%	13.0%	15.6%	15.6%	26.2%	28.3%
MSCI India ETF	5.2%	8.1%	14.3%	14.3%	27.6%	29.7%
MSCI India	6.9%	9.9%	16.5%	16.5%	33.3%	34.8%

Share class inception date 07th June 2023.

The MSCI India ETF is iShares MSCI India ETF, an exchange-traded fund incorporated in the USA.

Source: Bloomberg; Performance as at  $28^{th}$  June 2024; Past performance may not be indicative of future results. Multi year numbers are annualised.

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Classification as per Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) guidelines. 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.



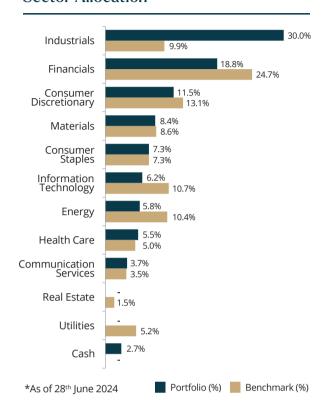
<sup>\*</sup>Returns of MSCI India index till 28th June 2024

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## **Sector Allocation**



# **Top 10 Holdings**

Total	38.8%
Adani Ports and Special Econ	3.5%
Honeywell Automation India	3.5%
Patanjali Foods Ltd	3.6%
Bharti Airtel - Partly Paid	3.7%
Triveni Engineering & Indus	3.7%
Cholamandalam Investment & Finance Co. Ltd	3.8%
Polycab India Ltd	3.9%
JSW Infrastructure Ltd	4.2%
Interglobe Aviation Ltd	4.3%
Tejas Networks Ltd	4.6%

<sup>\*</sup>As of 28th June 2024

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