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# A sub-fund of Ashoka WhiteOak ICAV, set up as a UCITS

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#### **Investment Objective**

The Fund's objective is to seek long-term capital appreciation.

#### **Fund Facts**

Fund Name: Ashoka WhiteOak India Leaders Fund

Fund Inception Date: 29 July, 2021
Class A Inception Date: 29 July, 2021
Firmwide AUM: \$7.24 billion
Fund AUM: \$24.90 million

Manager: Carne Global Fund Managers (Ireland) Limited
Investment Manager: Ashoka WhiteOak Capital Pte. Ltd. (Singapore)

Investment Advisor: White Oak Capital Management Consultants LLP (India)

WhiteOak Capital Asset Management Limited

## Class A Shares Expenses

Management fees: 50bps
Other expenses: 20bps
Total Expense Ratio<sup>11</sup>: 70bps p.a

Reference Benchmark: The fund is actively managed. The performance of the

Fund is measured against MSCI India IMI Index (US\$)

Subscription: Daily Redemption: Daily

Bloomberg Ticker: AIEFAUS ID Equity
ISIN: IE000N18VSH8
NAV (US\$): 146.11

Service Providers

Administrator: HSBC Securities Services Ireland DAC

Banker: HSBC

Custodian: HSBC Continental Europe, Ireland

Auditor & Tax: Ernst & Young LLP

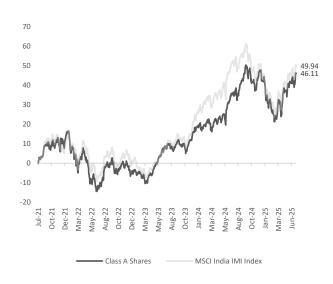
### **Investment Policy**

The Fund seeks to promote environmental and social characteristics within the meaning of Article 8 of the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation. The Fund will invest at least two thirds of its net assets in equity and related securities which provide exposure to companies that are domiciled in, or which derive a predominant proportion of their revenues or profits from India and may invest up to one third in equity and related securities in companies not domiciled in India, and up to 20% in fixed or floating rate government and corporate investment debt securities.

### **Investment Strategy**

Seeks to build a long-only portfolio of  $\sim$ 75-150 businesses at attractive values through a bottom-up selection process, while promoting environmental and social characteristics within the meaning of Article 8 of the SFDR.

## Portfolio Performance, Net of Fees (AIEFAUS ID)1-8



Source: Bloomberg, Factset.

Past performance does not predict future returns.

Performance (Net of fees, %) <sup>1-8</sup>	June 2025	2Q 2025	YTD 2025	June			Calendar Year			Trailing, Annualised as at 30 June 2025			Since
				2024 - 2025	2023 - 2024	2022 - 2023	2024	2023	2022	2 year	3 year	Since Inception	Inception Cumulative
Class A Shares NAV (US\$)	3.24	10.52	3.04	9.87	22.85	24.78	19.22	24.56	-16.35	16.15	18.96	10.15	46.11
MSCI India IMI (US\$)	3.29	10.42	4.70	1.11	37.82	15.97	13.47	25.13	-9.07	18.02	17.34	10.88	49.94
Outperformance (bps)	-5	+10	-166	+875	-1497	+881	+575	-57	-728	-187	+162	-73	-383

Source: Bloomberg, Factset. Note: *Past performance does not predict future returns*. More information in relation to risks in general may be found in "Risk Factors" section of the prospectus. There is no guarantee that above stated investment objectives will be met.

<sup>1</sup>Previously known as Ashoka WhiteOak India ESG Fund

## **Ratings and Awards**

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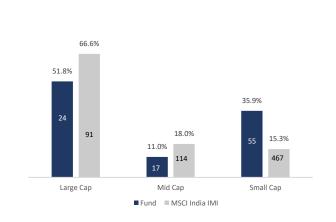
### 2Q 2025: Key Contributors and Detractors

Key Contributors	Ending Weight (%)	Total Return (%)	Contribution to Alpha (bps)
key contributors	Weight (70)	Return (70)	to Aiplia (ups)
Intellect Design Arena	0.9	+65.2	+30
Eternal	2.6	+30.6	+27
Hitachi Energy India	0.8	+57.5	+25
Multi Commodity Exch.	0.6	+67.9	+24
Cholamandalam Fin. Hold.	1.1	+23.2	+15

Key Detractors	Ending Weight (%)	Total Return (%)	Contribution to Alpha (bps)
DOMS Industries	1.3	-12.9	-36
Tata Consultancy Services	3.0	-3.5	-19
Acutaas Chemicals	0.6	-6.6	-12
Mankind Pharma	0.7	-4.5	-9
Intl Gemmological Inst.	0.8	-2.2	-9

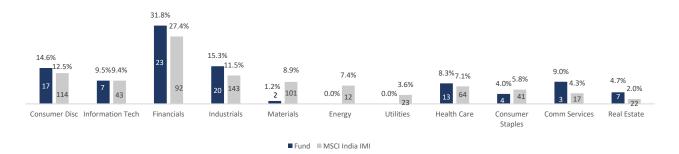
Source: Factset. *Past performance does not predict future returns*. Currency fluctuations will also affect the value of an investment.

## Market Cap Composition9



Source: Bloomberg. 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.

#### **Sector Composition**



Source: Bloomberg. Classification as per GICS. 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.

# Performance Review

The Fund was up 10.52% in 2Q 2025, outperforming the benchmark by 10bps. The key contributors were Multi Commodity Exchange (+67.9%), Intellect Design Arena (+65.2%), and Hitachi Energy India (+57.5%), whereas DOMS Industries (-12.9%), Tata Consultancy Services (-3.5%), and Mankind Pharma (-4.5%) were the key detractors.

## **Market Review**

In 2Q 2025, the MSCI India IMI index was up 10.4%. It underperformed other global indices like the US equities (S&P 500), MSCI World and MSCI EM, which returned 10.8%, 11.5% and 12.0% respectively.  $^{10}$ 

In 2Q 2025, Foreign Institutional investors (FIIs) were net buyers to the tune of US\$5.4bn, while net buying by domestic institutional investors (DIIs) was US\$19.7bn. For the quarter, the Rupee was flat vs the US dollar, while the 10-year G-Sec yields eased from 6.58% to 6.32%. Commodities were mixed, with Brent down 12.0% while the S&P GSCI Industrial Metals was up 1.5%.

For the quarter, Industrials, Real Estate and Communication Services, outperformed, while Utilities, Consumer Staples and Information Technology underperformed. Large caps have underperformed mid and small caps, while State-owned entities outperformed their private peers.



## **Key Contributors**

Multi Commodity Exchange (MCX) is the leading commodity derivatives exchange in India, with a market share of over 95% in the commodity futures market. Within this, it has a nearly 100% market share in energy (crude oil, natural gas), base metals (copper, zinc, nickel), and bullion contracts. The commodity derivatives market in India remains at a nascent stage and is significantly underpenetrated. MCX has launched multiple commodity options contracts over the last few years, which have gained strong traction and have led to a surge in the turnover. This is expected to continue, with the maturity of existing contracts and the potential introduction of index derivatives and weekly expiry contracts. These factors could have led to the outperformance of the stock.

**Intellect Design Arena** is a financial services software company and is regarded as one of the leading solution providers in transaction banking software, which accounts for 45% of its revenue. It has also made significant inroads into other product suites, including payments, retail banking, digital banking and insurance. Intellect has cumulatively invested over \$200 million in product R&D over the last decade and has built a strong capability in developed and emerging markets on the back of a marquee client list which includes JP Morgan, HSBC and Barclays. Business profitability has improved significantly over the past few years, from single-digit operating margins to more than 20%, driven by a focus on sales and operational efficiencies. The stock has outperformed on the back of continued deal wins, strong momentum in new product solutions, and improved delivery on business and profitability metrics in the recent quarter.

Hitachi Energy India has been active in India since 1949, initially as Hindustan Electric, which ABB later acquired. Hitachi Energy was formed following the demerger of ABB India's power grid business unit. The company provides product, system, software, and service solutions across the power value chain. The portfolio encompasses a comprehensive range of high-voltage products, transformers, grid automation solutions, and power quality products and systems. The company's clientele comprises reputable players across the utilities, industrial, transportation, infrastructure sectors. Furthermore, the company was instrumental in bringing the Hitachi patented HVDC technology to India (50% market share in the HVDC projects in India). The company has recently won two major HVDC transmission project orders, providing strong revenue visibility. The stock has outperformed due to strong order inflows, as well as improving operating performance.

# **Key Detractors**

**DOMS** is India's best-run kids' stationery and art and craft materials business, with an exceptional promoter CEO, Santosh Raveshia. The company has been growing at a 20% CAGR for the past decade, more than 2X the industry growth rate, with healthy profitability and efficient working capital management. As the company operates in a very fragmented segment, market share gains can be sustained for a long time. The recent stock correction could be a result of heightened competitive intensity and the expected slowdown following the integration of recent acquisitions.

Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) is India's largest IT services company. It has a strong global presence, including the key markets of North America and Europe, along with a highquality customer portfolio. TCS operates across seven major verticals: (a) banking, financial services and insurance, (b) retail & CPG, (c) manufacturing, (d) life sciences, (e) hi-tech, (f) telecom, and (g) other and regional markets. TCS has proven over long periods its ability to execute large multi-service, multi-geo transformation deals across Infra, Apps, BPO on the back of widest set of capabilities. The company has one of the lowest attritions in the industry, leading to better preservation of institutional knowledge. In the current challenging macro environment. TCS has the most resilient business model across both segments of run and change the business and is one of the best execution engines in IT services globally. The stock has underperformed due to increased uncertainty in the demand environment in North America.

Mankind Pharma Ltd. is India's fourth-largest branded generics and consumer healthcare company, a ground-up organization that first built dominance in Tier-3 and Tier-4 towns before successfully expanding into metros. Its portfolio includes blockbuster OTC brands and a chronic therapy franchise that has historically grown ahead of the Indian Pharmaceutical Market (IPM). The company's recent underperformance is primarily due to transitional issues. The primary drag stems from the integration of the sizeable Bharat Serums & Vaccines (BSV) acquisition, which involves frontloading amortisation, financing and integration costs. In parallel, the company is realigning its acute-therapy field force and rationalising divisions to improve sales productivity. This restructuring has resulted in slower volume growth for key acute-therapy brands. The combination of higher integration expenses and temporary revenue weakness has prompted the market to lower near-term earnings expectations, even though chronic-therapy momentum and BSV's specialty biologics portfolio provide clear medium-term tailwinds once integration benefits crystallise.

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Notes: (1) The performance numbers are net of expenses for Founder Class shares (Class A shares). (2) Fund performance in US\$ v/s MSCI India IMI (US\$) Net Index. (3) All data is as of 30 June 2025. Performance is net of fees and realized tax on capital gains calculated using Net NAV (US\$) of Ashoka WhiteOak India Leaders Fund (Class A Shares). Firmwide AUM data refers to aggregate assets under management or investment advisory for White Oak Group, excluding retail assets of the India asset management company (US\$ 2.70bn). (4) Inception: 29 July 2021. (5) Inception performance shown here is for 29 July 2021 to 30 June 2025. (6) Returns for periods over one year are annualised. The past performance shown has been calculated using US\$-denominated figures. If the US\$ is not your local currency, the returns shown may increase or decrease when converted into your local currency. (7) The MSCI India IMI Index is included merely for reference purposes only and is not intended to imply that the Ashoka WhiteOak India Opportunities Fund (the "Fund") would be comparable to the index either in composition or element of risk. The comparison of the performance of the Fund to the index may be inappropriate because the Fund differs in diversification and may be more or less volatile and may include securities which are substantially different than the securities in the index. Comparisons to returns of index should not be viewed as a representation that the Fund's portfolio is comparable to the securities that comprise any Indices. (8) Past performance is no guarantee of future results. (9) Index Futures are included in Large Cap. (10) All returns and % changes are in US\$ terms unless otherwise stated. The MSCI Emerging Markets Index captures large and mid cap representation across 24 Emerging Markets (EM) countries. The S&P 500, is a stock market index that measures the stock performance of 500 large companies listed on stock exchanges in the United States. The MSCI World Index captures large and mid cap representation across 23 Developed Markets (DM) countries. (11) Total Expense Ratio is for the month of May 2025.

### Key risk factors:

Market and Selection Risk: Market risk is the risk that the market will go down in value, with the possibility that such changes will be sharp and unpredictable. Selection risk is the risk that the investments that a Fund's portfolio managers select will underperform the market or other funds with similar investment strategies.

Geographical Risk: The value of the Fund's securities may be affected by social, political and economic developments and laws relating to foreign investment in India. There is no guarantee that the rapid growth experienced by the Indian economy will continue. Investment in markets such as India may expose the Fund to more volatility than investment in more stable markets. Indian stock markets have experienced problems such as exchange closures, broker defaults, settlement delays, work stoppages and trading improprieties that, if they reoccurred, could have a negative impact on the liquidity and value of the Fund. Furthermore, accounting and auditing standards in India may be different and less stringent than in other countries.

**Currency Risk:** Many of the Fund's investments will be denominated in currencies other than the currency of the share class purchased by the investor which may be affected by adverse currency movements. The Fund will not attempt to hedge against currency fluctuations.

**Derivatives Risk**: The Fund may invest in FDIs to hedge against risk and/or to increase return. There is no guarantee that the Fund's use of derivatives for either purpose will be successful. Derivatives are subject to counterparty risk (including potential loss of instruments) and are highly sensitive to underlying price movements, interest rates and market volatility and therefore come with a greater risk.

**Operational Risk (including safekeeping of assets):** The Fund and its assets may experience material losses as a result of technology/system failures, cybersecurity breaches, human error, policy breaches, and/or incorrect valuation of units.

Liquidity Risk: The Fund may invest in securities which may, due to negative market conditions, become difficult to sell or may need to be sold at an unfavourable price. This may affect the overall value of the Fund.

**Sustainability Risk:** The Fund may be subject to sustainability risk which is the risk that an environmental, social or governance event or condition, if it occurs, may have a material negative impact on the value of an investment.

Attention is drawn to the risk that the value of the principal invested in the Fund may fluctuate.

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- AUM : Assets Under Management
- Bps: Basis Points (One basis point is equivalent to 0.01%)
- G-Sec Yields: Yield of Sovereign Bond
- GICS: The Global Industry Classification Standard
- CAGR: Compound Annual Growth Rate
- SOE: State Owned Enterprises
- IMI: Investable Market Index
- SMID: Small and Mid-capitalization stocks
- TER: Total Expense Ratio



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