

# INDIA QUALITY ADVANTAGE FUND (IQAF)- A Share

A sub-fund of ABSL Umbrella UCITS Plc.



## Investment Manager

Aditya Birla Sun Life Asset Management Company



# Investment Objective

The investment objective of the Fund is to generate superior risk-adjusted returns.



# **Investment Philosophy**

The Fund invests in companies in India exhibiting consistent high-quality growth with investment horizon of medium-to-long term. It adopts a bottomup stock election approach based on 'Quality' parameters including but not restricted to Return on Equity, Return on Capital employed, Earnings and Profit margins.



### Key Facts (as on August 2024)

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Inception Date	August 29th, 2017
Total Fund Size	USD \$23.18 million
NAV "A" Share	USD \$218.11
Domicile	Dublin, Ireland
Fund Base Currency	USD
UCITS	Yes
Benchmark	MSCI India SMALLCAP
Benchmark Ticker	MXINSC

## **Share Class wise**

	А
ISIN	IE00BJ8RGP20
Fund Ticker	AINQAAS ID Equity
Swiss Valor	43014530
Initial Charges	NIL
Redemption Charges	NIL
Minimum Initial Subscription (USD)	5,000
Minimum Additional Purchase (USD)	1000
Minimum Redemption (USD)	1000



### **Risk Statistics**

Standard Deviation	Sharpe Ratio #	Beta
15.79%	0.25	0.82

Risk ratios pertains to "A" share class Hisk Fatuos pertains to "A" share class Standard Deviation, Sharpe Ratio & Beta are calculated on Annualized basis using 3 year history of monthly USD returns. All statistical ratios w.r.t. MSCI India Small Cap Index # Risk-free rate assumed to be 5.21%(3 Month US Treasury Bill yield as on 30th August 2024)

# Synthetic Risk & Reward Indicator (SRRI)

Lower risk	typically lower re	wards		Higher ri	sk typically highe	r rewards
1	2	3	4	5	6	7



### Market Outlook - August 2024

Indian benchmark indices continued its uptrend albeit at a smaller rate, with strong domestic and foreign inflows. Small-caps and Mid-caps rose by +0.9%/+1.7%, respectively, similar to Large-caps' performance. Healthcare, Consumer Durables and IT gained while PSU, Realty and Capital Goods tracked negative movements. India's 2QCY24 GDP growth came in slightly lower than consensus expectations, gapping down from 7.8% the previous quarter. This downshift, however, was expected because GDP in the last three quarters had been temporarily boosted by lower subsidy payments vis-à-vis the previous year a phenomenon that was expected to end this quarter. Instead, as we have been emphasizing, growth dynamics are better proxied by how GVA evolves, and that printed at 6.8% YoY in 2QCY24. Over the last three quarters, GVA has averaged 6.6% which we believe is more representative of underlying growth, and also very close to our 2024-25 growth forecast of 6.5%.

Some of the other global/ local events which impacted markets were as follows: (1) Bank of Japan said that the central bank would not hike interest rates when markets are unstable; (2) the India government proposed that indexation benefits will be restored for immovable property bought before July 23, 2024; (3) the RBI maintained status quo on interest rates for the ninth consecutive time, (4) the Supreme Court allowed states to levy tax and royalty on minerals, apart from central duties, and collect past dues; (5) the Federal Reserve Chair's comments reinforced expectations of a rate cut in Sep'24; (6) Fitch affirmed India's rating at 'BBB-' with a stable outlook

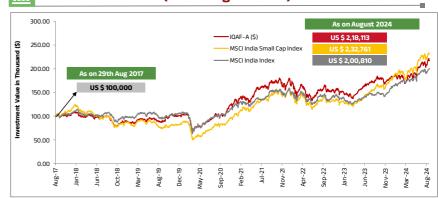
The Indian market in Aug"24 was characterized by robust economic growth and evolving consumer behavior. The GDP growth rate of 8.2% for FY23/24 highlighted the resilience of the Indian economy amidst global uncertainties. This growth was underpinned by strong manufacturing output, rebounding rural economy, and increased exports.

This growth trajectory highlights India's potential to sustain economic momentum despite external challenge Inflationary pressures were evident, with headline CPI inflation rising due to higher food and fuel prices but has witnessed slight moderation this month (Jul'24 CPI print dove to +3.54% YoY vs. +5.08% in Jun'24). Jun'24 industrial production was +4.2% YoY (vs. +6.2% in May) while Jul'24 WPI dropped down to +2% YoY (versus +3% in Jun'24). The RBI's anticipated rate cuts in Dec'24 are expected to provide relief and support continued economic expansion. The central bank's cautious approach to monetary policy reflects its commitment to balancing growth and inflation. Consumer spending patterns indicated a shift towards discretionary durable goods and services, driven by changing lifestyles and preferences. This trend is likely to

create new business opportunities and drive future economic growth. Meanwhile the rural economy's recovery, bolstered by favorable monsoon rains and government initiatives, is a positive sign for overall economic stability. However, disparities in spending patterns across states highlight the need for targeted policy interventions to ensure inclusive growth.

The stock market faced volatility due to global economic uncertainties and domestic inflation concerns. Despite this, strong corporate earnings provided some support, reflecting the underlying strength of Indian businesses This resilience in the face of volatility is a testament to the robustness of India's corporate sector. Overall, the Indian market in Aug'24 presents a mixed yet optimistic picture. While challenges remain, the combination of strong economic fundamentals, evolving consumer behaviour, and strategic policy measures positions India well for sustained growth and development in the coming

## **Fund Performance (as on August 2024)**



Period	IQAF-A	MSCI India SmallCap Index	Outperformance	MSCI India Index	Outperformance
1 Month	2.0%	0.6%	1.4%	0.9%	1.1%
3 Months	15.6%	16.3%	-0.7%	12.0%	3.6%
6 Months	19.8%	21.0%	-1.2%	16.1%	3.7%
9 Months	21.8%	34.5%	-12.7%	31.9%	-10.1%
1 Year	23.1%	43.4%	-20.3%	38.6%	-15.4%
2 Year	17.9%	31.1%	-13.2%	17.9%	0.0%
3 Year	9.1%	18.4%	-9.2%	10.0%	-0.9%
5 Year	19.1%	25.0%	-5.9%	15.5%	3.6%
7 Year	11.7%	12.5%	-0.7%	10.2%	1.5%
Since Inception	12.0%	12.8%	-0.8%	10.5%	1.5%
YTD	18.8%	26.9%	-8.0%	22.0%	-3.2%

Source: Bloomberg, ABSLAMC Internal Research

Returns are net of expenses. Returns are in % and absolute returns for period less than 1 year & CAGR for period 1 year or more. The returns for IOAF A Share & MSCI (India) are in US Dollars. Past performance is not indicative of future results. MSCI - Morgan Stanley Capital International. CAGR - Compounded Annualized Growth Rate. Returns shown above are point to point returns.





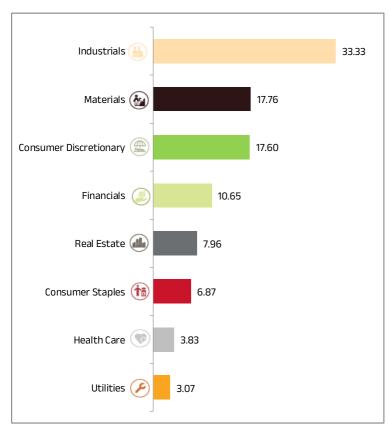


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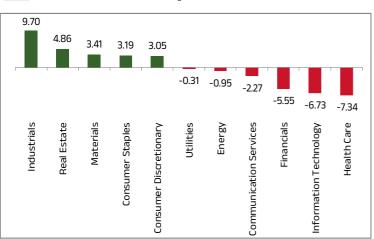
	CY 2018	CY 2019	CY 2020	CY 2021	CY 2022	CY 2023	YTD 2024
IQAF-A	-16.3%	11.6%	26.4%	31.8%	-9.4%	20.8%	18.8%
MSCI India Small Cap Index	-26.4%	-5.5%	19.6%	50.7%	-13.7%	41.7%	26.9%
Outperformance	10.1%	17.2%	6.8%	-18.9%	4.3%	-20.9%	-8.0%
MSCI India Index	-8.8%	6.1%	14.1%	25.1%	-8.7%	19.6%	22.0%
Outperformance	-7.6%	5.5%	12.2%	6.7%	-0.7%	1.2%	-3.2%

# Sector Allocation (as on August 2024)



The above industry classification follows GICS Sector Classification Data is percentage (%)

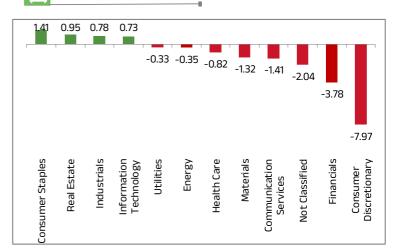
# Active Weight



# Top Holdings (as on August 2024)

INSTRUMENT NAME	% NAV
Welspun Corp Ltd	4.74
TD Power Systems Ltd	4.49
Power Mech Projects Ltd	3.85
Welspun Living Ltd	3.58
Anant Raj Ltd	3.49
Delhivery Ltd	3.26
Sumitomo Chemical India Ltd	3.24
Samhi Hotels Limited	3.07
CESC Ltd	3.07
GE T&D India Ltd	2.99

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