

## INDIA QUALITY ADVANTAGE FUND (IQAF)- B 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 September 2024)**

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Inception Date	March 15th, 2019
Total Fund Size	USD \$24.10 million
NAV "B" Share	USD \$234.52
Domicile	Dublin, Ireland
Fund Base Currency	USD
UCITS	Yes
Benchmark	MSCI India SMALLCAP
Benchmark Ticker	MXINSC



## **Share Class wise**

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<sup>&</sup>quot;This is the maximum that might be taken out of your money before it is invested or before the proceeds of your investment are paid out respectively

Charge 3% for investors exiting within 1 year of investment. Charge 2% for investors exiting within 2 years of investment. Charge 1% for investors exiting within 3 years of investment. For further details on Charges refer to the Prospectus and Supplement of the Fund."



#### Risk Statistics

Standard Deviation	Sharpe Ratio #	Beta
15.84%	0.26	0.83

Risk ratios pertains to "B" share class Standard Deviation, Sharpe Ratio & Beta are calculated on Annualized basis using history of monthly USD returns. All statistical ratios w.r.t. MSCI India Small Cap Inc # Risk-free rate assumed to be 4.73%(3 Month US Treasury Bill yield as on 30th September 2024)

## Synthetic Risk & Reward Indicator (SRRI)

Lower risk typically lower rewards Higher risk typically higher rewards 1 2 3 5 6 7



### Market Outlook - September 2024

The Indian markets have shown amazing resilience, primarily driven by domestic flows and investor interest. Farnings season ended mixed, with some downgrades in overall earnings trajectory. However, monsoon remains largely favourable, a positive sign for rural demand. The U.S. Fed's recent decision to lower interest rates often lead to capital inflows into EMs like India, as investors seek higher returns. This can result in an appreciation of INR and increased stock market stability. India's current bull market is underpinned by focus on macro stability, attributed to flexible inflation targeting, fiscal consolidation and the mix of government spending away from redistribution and the declining oil intensity of the economy. This has driven down inflation volatility thereby making growth more predictable. More predictable growth means that India's beta relative to EMs has fallen, and equity valuations have risen (investors seek a lower return when future cash flows become more predictable). Fiscal consolidation is creating space for private borrowing and spending to fuel the next leg of earnings growth and simultaneously putting a lid on inflation and its volatility. We see a structural rise in equity holdings on household balance sheets being supplemented by higher global allocations to Indian stocks, reflecting India's rising index weight. This domestic bid means that India has a more reliable supply of risk capital dovetailing into less volatility in equities and a more predictable growth – a virtuous cycle hitherto never seen before.

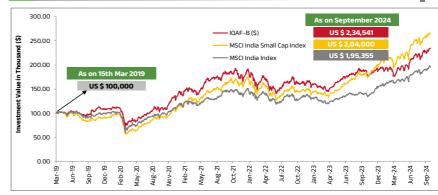
Among the sectors, Metals emerged as the top performer (rising 7% in Sep24), followed by Consumer Durables & Utilities that were up 6% and 5% respectively. Oil & Gas, PSU and IT declined 4%, 3% and 3% respectively. Mid-cap indices rallied up by 1.5% while Small-cap indices dropped by 0.7%, but both underperformed Large-cap. At the beginning of the month, investors remained cautious ahead of the key US economy data release. An aggressive interest rate cut by the US Federal Reserve and long-awaited stimulus measures from China helped to boost investor mood in the second half of the month. Some key highlights during the month were as follows: (1) The Federal Reserve began its rate cut cycle with a 50-bps rate cut. with the federal funds rate now at 4.75-5%;

(2) China announced various stimulus packages to support the economy; (3) Indian government has increased the minimum wage rates for the unorganized sector by revising the variable dearness allowance: (4) Moody's revised its CY2024 GDP growth forecast for India to 7.1% from its earlier estimates of while S&P retained India's FY2025 growth forecast at 6.8%.

Fils ended the month with net buying of \$6.7 Bn (Aug'24: +\$1.4 Bn). We now stand at ~\$11.8 Bn of FII inflows YTD. Dlls remain net buyers for the 14th consecutive month with strong inflows of \$3.8 Bn (Aug'24: +\$5.8 Bn). Mutual funds were net buyers in Aug'24 with inflows of +\$3.1 Bn (Jul'24: +\$3.8 Bn). Insurance funds were also net buyers with inflows of +\$0.7 Bn (Aug'24: \$2.0 Bn). Composite PMI decreased to 59.3 in Sep'24 (Aug'24: 60.7), marking the slowest growth in 2024, while manufacturing PMI eased to an 8-month low at 56.5 (Aug'24: 57.5). Aug'24 CPI print went up to +3.7% YoY (Jul'24: +3.6%), Jul'24 Industrial Production was +4.8% YoY (Jun'24: +4.7%). Aug'24 Trade Deficit widened to its second highest absolute print at \$29.7 Bn (Jul'24: \$23.6 Bn). Aug'24 WPI dropped down to +1.3% YoY (Jul'24: +2%). India's FX reserves came in at \$692 Bn, by 20th Sep'24, reaching

Our long-term optimism on Indian equities remains intact, particularly given the country's resilient economic fundamentals and the supportive domestic consumption story However, we remain mindful of the global headwinds that could trigger short-term corrections. Any substantial market dips caused by global factors may present favourable buying opportunities. We continue to advocate for a selective, bottom-up approach to investing, with an emphasis on reasonable return expectations and valuation discipline. In the current environment, avoiding speculative or momentum-driven plays will help mitigate risks. In conclusion, while the broader trend for Indian markets is positive, staying patient and focused on long-term value remains key as we navigate the global macro uncertainties.

### Fund Performance (as on September 2024)



Period	IQAF-B	MSCI India SmallCap Index	Outperformance	MSCI India Index	Outperformance
1 Month	3.2%	2.4%	0.7%	2.1%	1.1%
3 Months	10.7%	8.5%	2.3%	7.0%	3.7%
6 Months	28.2%	29.6%	-1.4%	17.6%	10.6%
9 Months	22.0%	29.9%	-7.9%	24.6%	-2.6%
1 Year	24.9%	47.0%	-22.2%	40.4%	-15.5%
2 Year	19.7%	34.4%	-14.7%	23.1%	-3.4%
3 Year	8.9%	17.4%	-8.5%	10.6%	-1.7%
5 Year	30.4%	24.6%	5.8%	15.3%	15.1%
Since Inception	16.5%	19.1%	-2.6%	12.8%	3.7%
YTD	22.0%	29.9%	-7.9%	24.6%	-2.6%

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 IQAF B 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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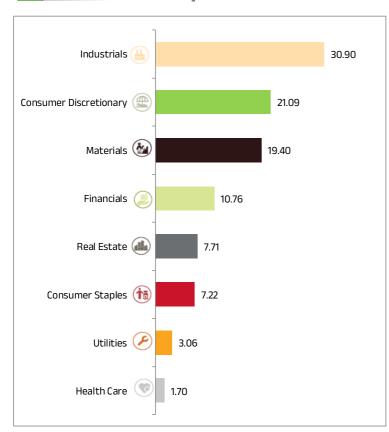


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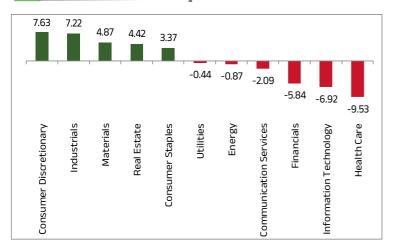
	CY 2020	CY 2021	CY 2022	CY 2023	YTD 2024
IQAF-B	25.4%	30.8%	-10.1%	19.9%	22.0%
MSCI India Small Cap Index	19.6%	50.7%	-13.7%	41.7%	29.9%
Outperformance	5.8%	-19.9%	3.6%	-21.8%	-7.9%
MSCI India Index	14.1%	25.1%	-8.7%	19.6%	24.6%
Outperformance	11.3%	5.7%	-1.4%	0.3%	-2.6%

## Sector Allocation (as on September 2024)



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

# Active Weight

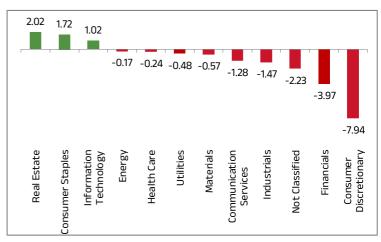


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## Top Holdings (as on September 2024)

INSTRUMENT NAME	% NAV
Welspun Corp Ltd	4.94
Welspun Living Ltd	3.94
Go Fashion India Ltd	3.84
Power Mech Projects Ltd	3.66
Sumitomo Chemical India Ltd	3.39
Samhi Hotels Limited	3.38
TD Power Systems Ltd	3.31
Apl Apollo Tubes Ltd	3.19
Delhivery Ltd	3.17
Max Financial Services Ltd	3.17

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