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For Accredited Investors Only

## ASK India Opportunities Fund 1



Fund Factsheet - June 2021

## Investment Manager



ASK Capital Management Pte. Ltd.

## Investment Adviser



ASK Investment Managers Limited

## Fund Manager



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## Investment Objective



The Fund aims to generate long-term returns by investing in well managed, entrepreneurially driven, high quality Indian companies with the ability to generate compounded earnings growth over long periods of time. The Fund uses a disciplined, bottom-up, rules-based investment approach to identify such companies that are trading at reasonable prices compared to their intrinsic value.

## Benchmark



S&amp;P BSE 500

## Fund Facts

|                     |                        |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| Launch Date         | 02 August 2017         |
| Total Fund Size     | USD 54.72 Mn           |
| Share Class         | I                      |
| NAV*                | 1.432                  |
| Base Currency       | USD                    |
| Management Fee      | 1.25% p.a              |
| Sales Charge        | Up to 5%               |
| Fund Domicile       | Singapore              |
| Fund Type           | Open-ended, Equity     |
| Pricing             | Daily                  |
| Dealing cut-off     | 5:00 pm Singapore      |
| Income Distribution | Accumulated/Reinvested |
| Investor Type       | Accredited Investors   |

\*as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021

## Fund Codes

|             |              |              |
|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| Share Class | ISIN         | Bloomberg    |
| Class I     | SG9999016489 | BBG00GTMCF14 |

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## Fund Manager Commentary

Equity markets continued to grind higher in the month of June as markets took the higher inflation and expected changes in monetary policies in their stride. The USD appreciated against most currencies causing some of the emerging markets to slightly underperform. Indian equity markets were largely flat during the month with BSE500 up 0.1% in USD terms (from 28-May-21). The Fund outperformed during the same period gaining 1.1% net of fees.

After a rapid increase, India is now witnessing a sharp decline in new COVID cases across the country. The localised lockdowns across the different states have helped the situation. At the same time vaccination rate has increased substantially with many private companies pitching in to help get their employees and families get vaccinated. Estimates are that more than 17% of the population has been vaccinated while serosurveys point to high incidence of antibodies in urban adult clusters. While there is always the threat of new variants of the virus it seems safe to assume that India should continue to witness a drop in new cases and increased economic activity as movement is allowed and business open up.

As the country emerges from the recent wave of COVID-19 related restrictions it appears that the recent lockdowns had a lower impact on the economy. This is borne out by the export numbers (USD32.2 bn), railway freight (114.8 mn tons), daily e-way bill generation (1.3 mn) and manufacturing PMI (50.8) for the month of May, the most affected month were better than during the last lockdown. Early indicators in June suggest that the pent-up demand continues to rebound in a robust manner. While rural demand impact may be slightly more than last time around, Government measures continue to provide support. This should help minimise the impact.

The Government has announced some additional measures to help sustain the

economy. They have expanded the emergency credit guaranteed scheme by additional INR1.1 tr, targeted towards the vulnerable sector such as tourism, hotels, bus operators and the healthcare system. They have further extended the timeline till which banks can avail this scheme. Additionally, the MFI (micro finance) sector was also brought under a similar scheme to help the vulnerable section of the society in coping up with the current hardships and provide working capital funding. On the monetary policy front, while the RBI left the rates unchanged in June, the GDP growth forecast for FY22 was reduced to 9.5% from 10.5% earlier due to the second wave. The monetary stance continues to remain accommodative though inflation will be watched closely.

During the month we trimmed our exposure to Bajaj Finserv, Bajaj Finance, Divi's Laboratories and Aarti Industries after the recent strong price performance. At the same time, we have increased exposure to APL Apollo Tubes and Dixon Technologies, recent additions to the portfolio. The key outperformers during the month were APL Apollo Tubes Limited, PI Industries Limited, Titan Limited, Torrent Pharma, Bajaj Finance Limited and Dixon Technologies Limited while the key underperformers were Kotak Mahindra Bank, Page Industries Limited, Havells India Limited and Reliance Industries Limited.

While Q1FY22 earnings will likely be weak due to the impact of the second wave of COVID-19 cases, we expect earnings to recover starting Q2FY22. This earnings recovery should gain momentum in Q3FY22 as vaccination rate picks up across the country. The biggest threat in the near term is a large third wave or a new virus variant. However, the mid to long-term earnings growth prospects remain intact.

## Fund Performance (in USD)

| Returns (%)   | 1 month* | 3 months | 6 months | YTD   | 1 year | 3 years | Since Inception |
|---------------|----------|----------|----------|-------|--------|---------|-----------------|
| AIOF1 I Class | 1.1%     | 6.6%     | 12.9%    | 12.9% | 59.1%  | 12.4%   | 9.6%            |
| BSE500        | 0.1%     | 7.7%     | 15.2%    | 15.2% | 62.3%  | 10.8%   | 7.4%            |
| MSCI India    | -0.2%    | 6.6%     | 11.8%    | 11.8% | 54.8%  | 10.4%   | 7.1%            |

Source: Bloomberg; Performance as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021; Multi year numbers are annualised

\*1 month performance since 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021

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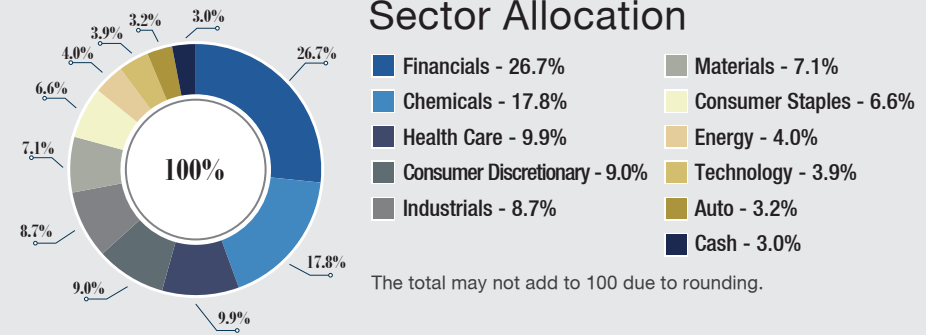
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## Sector Allocation



## Top 10 Holdings

| SR.NO. | STOCK NAME                   | PORTFOLIO (%) |
|--------|------------------------------|---------------|
| 1      | BAJAJ FINSERV LTD            | 7.0           |
| 2      | BAJAJ FINANCE LTD            | 6.9           |
| 3      | DIVI'S LABORATORIES LTD      | 5.9           |
| 4      | PI INDUSTRIES LTD            | 5.3           |
| 5      | AARTI INDUSTRIES LIMITED     | 5.1           |
| 6      | ASTRAL LTD                   | 4.7           |
| 7      | CHOLAMANDALAM INVESTMENT AND | 4.5           |
| 8      | AU SMALL FINANCE BANK LTD    | 4.3           |
| 9      | ASIAN PAINTS LTD             | 4.2           |
| 10     | TORRENT PHARMACEUTICALS LTD  | 4.0           |
| TOTAL  |                              | 51.9          |

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