

# ASK India Opportunities Fund 1



## Fund Factsheet - October 2020

## **Investment Manager**



ASK Capital Management Pte. Ltd.

## **Investment Adviser**



ASK Investment Managers Limited

## **Fund Manager**



Gaurav Sharma, CFA

## **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&P BSE 500**

Fund Facts	
Launch Date	02 August 2017
Total Fund Size	USD 41.90 Mn
Share Class	1
NAV*	1.033
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

<sup>\*</sup>as at 29 October 2020

Fund Codes					
Share Class	ISIN	Bloomberg			
Class I	SG9999016489	BBG00GTMCFL4			

Available to Accredited Investors/Institutional Investors/Professional Investors in Singapore, Hong Kong, Switzerland and United Kingdom

# **Fund Manager Commentary**

The global equity markets continued to remain volatile in October as an emerging second wave of virus cases, renewed lockdowns in Europe and the US presidential elections caused investors to remain cautious. Indian equity markets ended positive for the month with the benchmark BSE500 up 1.5% in USD terms (to 29-Oct-20), nearly reaching levels before the pandemic related sell down in March. The Fund performed in-line to the benchmark, gaining 1.5% in the same period. Calendar year-to-date, the Fund is generating an Alpha of 1.7 percentage points net of fees.

The Indian economy continues to show normalisation from the pandemic related slowdown. While the number of COVID-19 cases remain high, we feel the chances of lockdowns to the extent of the previous one is low. The Indian current account has moved to a surplus, forex reserves are rising, and the INR currency remains stable. GST collection for the month of October crossed INR1 Tn (~USD13.4 Bn) for the first time in the last eight months. The demand environment continues to improve during the current festive season, strong auto sales being one data point. The Government of India's announcement regarding a bonus for central government employees and use of Leave Travel Concession to buy goods that attract 12% or more GST would aid the consumption demand. However, corporate management teams continue to remain cautious as the economic recovery is in its nascent stage.

The ongoing results season has been better than estimates, driven not just by solid cost control, but also by better than estimated revenue growth. Among the portfolio companies, PI Industries, Cholamandalam Investment and Finance and Havells India reported very strong numbers while most of our portfolio companies have reported an increase in market share as was predicted by the ASK Investment Team.

Kotak Mahindra Bank, AU Small Finance Bank and PI Industries were the major contributors to performance in October while Torrent Pharma, Britannia Industries and Astral Poly detracted from the performance. During the month, we exited from MRF while increasing exposure to TCS due to better expected relative investment return prospects.

We continue to remain cautiously optimistic during the current economic environment and expect a gradual recovery over the medium term. Our focus continues to remain on high quality businesses with relative pricing power that can potentially increase market share over time. We believe the portfolio is well positioned to benefit from the long-term growth opportunities in India.

# Fund Performance (in USD)

Returns (%)	1 month	3 months	6 months	YTD	1 year	3 years	Since Inception
AIOF1 I Class	1.5%	8.7%	17.5%	-5.2%	-4.8%	1.6%	1.0%
BSE500	1.5%	6.9%	21.1%	-6.9%	-5.4%	-2.9%	-2.0%
MSCI India	0.5%	5.0%	19.9%	-5.0%	-3.7%	-1.4%	-0.8%

Source: Bloomberg; Performance as at 29 October 2020; Multi year numbers are annualised



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10.1%

## Top 10 Holdings

The total may not add to 100 due to rounding.

SR.NO.	STOCK NAME	PORTFOLIO (%)
1	PI INDUSTRIES LTD	7.6
2	BAJAJ FINANCE LTD	7.2
3	DIVI'S LABORATORIES LTD	6.6
4	KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK LTD	5.6
5	BAJAJ FINSERV LTD	5.5
6	RELIANCE INDUSTRIES LTD	5.4
7	ASIAN PAINTS LTD	5.2
8	DABUR INDIA LTD	5.0
9	HAVELLS INDIA LTD	5.0
10	CHOLAMANDALAM INVESTMENT	4.5
	TOTAL	57.7

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