# DSP India Equity Fund

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# Investment Strategy

The investment objective of the DSP India Equity Fund ("Fund") is to achieve long term capital appreciation from a portfolio that is substantially constituted of equity and equity related securities of mid cap and small cap companies.

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# **Performance Track Record**

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results

USD CAGR Performance as on December 31, 2024	1M	3M	6M	YTD	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	8 Yr	10 Yr	Since Inception
DSP Strategy – Gross*	-0.55%	-5.96%	0.98%	18.95%	18.95%	13.35%	18.38%	15.90%	14.31%	14.30%
DSP Strategy – Net*	-0.70%	-5.13%	-0.28%	14.60%	14.60%	9.81%	16.29%	13.64%	11.97%	11.93%
MSCI India	-2.93%	-11.32%	-4.86%	11.12%	11.12%	7.33%	12.51%	12.10%	8.72%	7.04%
Nifty Midcap 150 TR	-0.10%	-7.18%	-0.86%	20.85%	20.85%	17.62%	23.67%	18.08%	15.18%	12.08%

\*Strategy performance up to 3 years is for the UCITs Fund & more than 3 years is for the mirror domestic strategy. Gross performance of the Fund represents performance before considering any expenses of the Fund including tax on the investments of the Fund and investment management fees. For regulatory disclosure of the Fund performance, please refer page 4.

# **Portfolio Characteristics**



#### PERFORMANCE COMPARISON



#### Top 10 Stocks

Company	Weight (%)	Mcap (USD bn)
Coforge	4.88%	7.5
IPCA Laboratories	4.06%	5.0
Coromandel	3.29%	6.5
Bharat Forge	2.98%	7.3
Supreme Industries	2.82%	7.0
PFC	2.69%	17.3
AU Small Finance Bank	2.61%	4.9
JK Cement	2.56%	4.1
Max Financial Services	2.54%	4.5
The Phoenix Mills	2.51%	6.8

# Fund Construct Details Number of Stocks 57 Cap-wise split (for DSP Strategy)\* Mid Cap - 69.93%, Small Cap - 17.06%, Large Cap - 8.66%, Cash - 4.35%

Portfolio Metrics**	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
EPS Growth (%)	25%	26%	33%
P/E (x)	47.4	40.6	29.7
P/BV	12.9	12.6	8.3
ROE	18%	19%	20%

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# **Fund Characteristics**

#### **Share Class Details**

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Fund Structure	UCITS ICAV (Sub Fund of	Bloomberg Ticker	DSPIESU ID EQUITY		Waystone Management Company (IE) Limited	
	DSP Global Funds ICAV)	Total Expense Ratio	0.70%	Management Company		
Investment Manager	DSP Asset Managers		0.45%	Auditors and Tax Advisors	Crant Thornton	
	Private Limited	Launch Date	15 March 2021		Grant Thornton	
Fund Manager	Vinit Sambre	Base Currency	USD	Legal Advisor to the ICAV as to Irish law	Zeidler Legal Services	
Investment Area	India Equities	Currency Classes	USD			
Total Firm Assets	~\$25.3 bn	Domicile	Ireland	Global Distributor	DSP International UK****	
			Dealing Day (DD) Daily			
Total Sub Fund Assets	~\$30 mn	Notice (Subscription	10:00 am (Irish time) on	Administrator	HSBC Securities Services (Ireland)	
Strategy AUM	~US\$ 2.284.0 mn	Redemption)	the relevant DD		DAC	
	033 2,284.0 1111	Share Class	Seed Class	Website, Prospectus		
SFDR	Category 8	ISIN	IE00BK0WZ337	and KIID	dspindia.com/ucits	

\*The above market capitalization of stocks is based on SEBI classification. \*\*The portfolio metrics displayed are estimates of the anticipated development of the portfolio holdings when measured against certain metrics. Some computations may also have extreme values removed from the calculations. These estimates are not intended to be an estimate or representation of future performance of the Fund. The investment which is herein promoted concerns the acquisition of shares in a UCITS Fund and not in a given underlying assets und as shares of a company as these are only the underlying assets work as by the Fund. The Fund is actively managed by the Investment Manager without reference to a benchmark index. It is not possible to invest directly in an index. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results. The Fund is subject to capitalgain tax in India.

\*\*\* The Management Fee outlined in this document includes the investment management fee payable to the Investment Manager and the global distribution fees payable to the Global Distributor but doesn't include 0.025% fee payable to Waystone as Management Company. \*\*\*\*DSP International UK Ltd (FRN: 1004912) is an Appointed Representative of Thornbridge Investment Management LLP. Thornbridge Investment Management LLP is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority (FRN: 713859)



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# **Fund Manager Commentary**

Attribution summary for the month of December 2024:

Top 3 Contributors						
Sectors	Active weight					
Materials	3.65					
Industrials	- 4.49					
Communication Services	- 2.84					
Stocks	Active weight					
IPCA Laboratories Limited	2.85					
Coforge Limited	2.73					
NMDC Limited	- 0.76					

Top 3 Detractors							
Sectors	Active weight						
Financials	- 6.57						
Health Care	- 1.67						
Consumer Discretionary	2.18						
Stocks	Active weight						
Hero Motocorp Limited	2.19						
Max Healthcare Institute Ltd	-2.44						
Power Finance Corporation Limited	2.75						

Among all stocks, Cipla saw the most significant increase in weight, whereas Federal Bank experienced the most substantial de crease.

# **Sector Spotlight**

- AU Small Finance Bank reported a 2QFY25 PAT of ~\$68Mn fueled by healthy other income and controlled opex, which offset higher provisions. Business growth was healthy, with advances growing at 5.8% QoQ to ~\$11Bn while deposits grew at a robust 12.7% QoQ to ~\$13Bn. As a result, the overall CD ratio eased sharply to 86.5% (92.1% in 1QFY25). The bank had previously guided NIM at 5.7-5.8% but now expects to maintain NIM at around 6%, driven by better asset yields and strong traction across business segments.
- Supreme Industries' overall volume growth in Q2FY25 was 0.2% YoY while plastic pipes volume fell 0.7% YoY which was hurt by continuous destocking in Jun–Aug. Given PVC prices now largely bottoming out, channel inventory is likely to normalise. Going ahead, given demand pressures, management has lowered plastic pipes volume growth guidance to 16–18% (from 25%) and overall volume growth guidance to 14–15% (from 20%) for FY25E. Long-term growth is likely to be aided by aggressive capacity addition at outlay of INR15bn via greenfield plants and brownfield expansion, it is primarily focused on the piping segment.
- The Phoenix Mills reported a subdued like-for-like consumption growth of 3% in H1FY25, largely due to consumption slowdown in urban areas (matured malls in Mumbai & Bangalore saw a consumption decline of a low single digit) and effect of elections & monsoon. However, consumption recovered in Oct'24 (8-9% growth) and the expectation is for the momentum to pickup in 2HFY25 aided by ensuing festive seasons.
- JK Cement's grey cement volume growth declined to 4% in Q2FY25 (1% in H1FY25) as its South plant was under maintenance for 75 days. Volume
  mix skew towards North/Central & incentive accrued from its central plant resulted in a sequential blended realization increase of 2% (versus liketo-like regional price decline of 2-3%). Consolidated EBITDA/ton (including white cement/putty) fell due to one-offs such as maintenance cost,
  clinker purchase & extended maintenance period. Management has guided for grey cement volume growth of 6-7%.
- Max Financial Services posted strong APE growth of 31.3% YoY, led by 45.1% YoY growth (43.3% share) in proprietary channels and 20.8% YoY growth (54.4% share) in banca channel. Proprietary channel growth was led by online and agency channels. Management reiterated that it is one of the largest sellers of online savings and protection products, with channel almost doubling YoY. Moreover, agency channel rose 37% YoY largely driven by agent engagements, higher capacity and productivity.

#### **Available Share Classes**

Share Class	ссү	Distribution Policy	Launch Date	Initial Offer Price	Minimum Holding	Minimum Initial Subscription	Redemption Fee
Seed Class*	USD	Accumulation	15 March 2021	10 USD	1,000,000 USD	1,000,000 USD	None
Class A Unhedged	USD	Accumulation	18 August 2021	10 USD	1,000 USD	1,000 USD	None

\*The Seed Class will be open for subscriptions until the Class reaches US\$50 million in net assets or such other period as may be determined by the Directors.

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MERCER FUNDWATCH™ Signatory of: ■PRI Principles for Investment The year 2024 unfolded as a story of two halves for Indian markets. The first half of the year witnessed steady economic activity and robust markets with every dip having been met with additional buying, led by domestic and retail investors, fuelling a continuation of the three-year bull run that outperformed global peers.

A trio of challenges emerged towards the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the year with China's stimulus-driven fund redirection, disappointing Q2FY25 earnings, and Trump's return to the U.S. presidency indicating a stronger US market performance. Foreign portfolio investors (FPI) saw a marginal inflow (USD 0.7bn) in 2024. Meanwhile, the strong trend continued in India's domestic flows which saw USD 62bn lending critical support.

Despite an event-heavy year across the world, including those within the country, Indian equities upheld its performance, driven by robust fundamentals and resilience in emerging sectors. As GDP growth slowed in Q2FY25 and earnings tapered off, questions around valuations naturally emerged. In recent months, investor sentiment toward India's economy has shifted from optimism to concern, driven by high inflation, rising prices, weak consumption, and sluggish investment. The negative catalyst was a sharp slowdown in corporate earnings, with real GDP growth dropping to around 5% and nominal growth at 8%, below expectations. The slowdown was mainly due to weaker manufacturing and consumption, and the government falling short of investment targets, though agriculture and services showed strong performance. However, with the right policy adjustments and a focus on stimulating investment and consumption, India's long-term growth potential remains strong, and it can still work toward a sustainable 7%-8% real GDP growth trajectory.

Small and mid-cap (SMID) stocks emerged as stars amid the shift, drawing institutional and retail interest due to their exposure to burgeoning sectors like electronics manufacturing, renewable energy, and AI services. Domestic demand, coupled with opportunities like the China+1 strategy, positioned SMIDs for sustained momentum. Mutual fund inflows into SMIDs rose to \$1.08 billion in November, with sectoral and thematic funds further bolstering the segment.

<u>The capex theme continues to be a key pillar of India's growth story</u>, with Production Linked Incentive (PLI) schemes playing a crucial role. These initiatives are not only driving capital expenditure but also propelling India's transformation into a global manufacturing hub within the supply chain.

The PLI (Production Linked Incentive) scheme has strengthened multiple sectors, fuelling manufacturing growth, export substitution, and attracting investments. Here's a quick snapshot:

- 1. Electronics: Transformed from net importer to net exporter of mobile phones.
- 2. Pharma: Strengthened global standing with reduced reliance on imports of key raw materials (API etc.).
- **3. Auto:** Attracted \$8 billion in investments, far exceeding targets.
- 4. Renewable Energy: Enhanced solar PV capacity with job creation and innovation.
- 5. Telecom: Achieved 60% import substitution with strong export momentum.
- 6. **Drones:** Rapid growth driven by MSMEs and start-ups.

The debate over India's growth this year and its outperformance compared to the EM and DM markets continues. The key catalysts for India's growth story are the revival of government capex, a rebound in consumption, rural recovery driven by stable monsoons, easing inflationary pressures, and potential rate cuts starting in February 2025. With these pillars in place, India's growth outlook remains strong and on track for continued momentum.

Data as of December 2024. Info Sources: Goldman Sachs Research, UBS, Morgan Stanley. MXASJ – MSCI Asia Ex-Japan, FII – Foreign Institutional Investor, DII – Domestic Institutional Investor, FY – Financial Year, CY – Calendar Year; Yo – Year over Year, YTD – Year to Date, EM – Emerging Markets, DM – Developed Markets.

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# **Regulatory Performance Depiction**

Performance In Prescribed Regulatory Format	29/Dec/2023 to 31/Dec/2024	30/Dec/2022 to 29/Dec/2023	31/Dec/2021 to 30/Dec/2022	31/Dec/2020 to 31/Dec/2021	31/Dec/2019 to 31/Dec/2020
MSCI India Index	11.21%	20.81%	-7.95%	26.23%	15.55%
Nifty Midcap 150	21.04%	43.70%	-6.40%	45.29%	22.42%
DSP Strategy	14.73%	30.60%	- 14.36%	25.84%	20.54%

#### **Potential Risks**

The value of investment in the Fund may be affected by the following risks:

- Market Risk: The Fund can invest in equities which may be affected by market risk (the risk of an investment losing its value due to changes in
  economic conditions).
- Investment in India: The Fund will invest primarily in India. India is an emerging economy and investment often carries with it substantial risks.
- Derivative and Counterparty Risk: The Fund will enter into various financial contracts (derivatives) with other parties. There is a risk that the
  other party to a derivative will become insolvent or fail to make its payments which may result in the Fund and your investment suffering a
  loss.
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- Currency Risk: Changes in the exchange rate between the base currency of the Fund and the designated currency of unhedged share classes of the Fund expressed in a currency other than the base currency of the Fund may lead to depreciation in the value of the shares of that share class.

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