

# INDIA FRONTLINE EQUITY FUND (IFEF)

A sub-fund of ABSL Umbrella UCITS Plc.

## Investment Manager

Aditya Birla Sun Life Asset Management Company Pte. Ltd.

## Investment Objective

The investment objective of Fund is to generate long term growth of capital.

## Investment Philosophy

The fund is a India equity, diversified long only strategy. It follows a growth oriented investment style that seeks to consistently deliver better risk-adjusted returns relative to the benchmark.

## Key Facts (as on 31st December 2021)

<b>Inception Date</b>	<b>November 3rd, 2014</b>
<b>Total Fund Size</b>	<b>USD \$232.69 million</b>
<b>NAV "D" Share</b>	<b>USD \$190.92</b>
<b>NAV "A" Share</b>	<b>USD \$149.72</b>
<b>NAV "B" Share</b>	<b>USD \$146.88</b>
<b>Domicile</b>	<b>Dublin, Ireland</b>
<b>Fund Base Currency</b>	<b>USD</b>
<b>UCITS</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Benchmark</b>	<b>MSCI India</b>
<b>Benchmark Ticker</b>	<b>MXIN</b>
<b>Minimum Additional Purchase</b>	<b>USD 1000</b>
<b>Minimum Redemption</b>	<b>USD 1000</b>

## Share Class wise

	A	B	C	D
ISIN	IE00BJ8RGK74	IE00BJ8RGL81	IE00BJ8RGM98	IE00BJ8RGN06
Fund Ticker	AINFLEA ID Equity	AINFLEB ID Equity	AINFLEC ID Equity	AINFLED ID Equity
CUSIP	G0R80V108	G0R80V116	G0R80V124	G0R80V132
Initial Charges*	5.00%	3.00%	1.00%	0.00%
Redemption Charges	NIL	Max 3.0%**	NIL	NIL
Minimum Initial Subscription (USD)	5,000	5,000	100,000	1,000,000

\*\* The exit load would be charged in the below slabs: 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.

\*Fund currently charges Nil Initial charges. Read the Fund Prospectus to understand the provision to charge maximum initial charges share class-wise.

## Risk Statistics

IFEF	Standard Deviation	Sharpe Ratio#	Beta
3 Year	25.30%	0.67	0.99
Since Inception	21.25%	0.45	0.99

Risk ratios pertain to "D" share class  
Standard Deviation, Sharpe Ratio & Beta are calculated on Annualised basis using 3 year history of monthly USD returns. All statistical ratios w.r.t. MSCI India Index

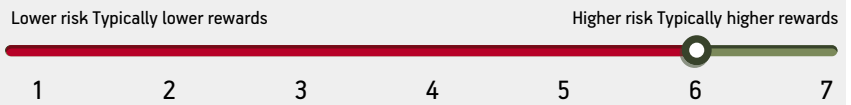
# Risk-free rate assumed to be 0.06% (3 Month US Treasury Bill yield as on 31-Dec-21)



**Morningstar Rating:** Overall Rating based on risk-adjusted returns out of 396 funds as of 12/31/2021

**Lipper Leaders Rating:** Funds are rated on a numeric scale of 5 to 1, with '5' representing funds with the highest rating (Top 20%) or Lipper Leaders, and '1' representing the lowest rated funds

## Synthetic Risk & Reward Indicator (SRRI)



## Market Outlook - December 2021

Indian equities ended the year with 24%+ returns, riding along the global tide, supported by global liquidity. Concerns of a third COVID-19 wave with new variant Omicron have increased too. Macro prints were muted: (i) November CPI came in at 4.9%, undershooting expectations led by downward surprises in food and fuel (ii) October's Industrial Production also disappointed (+1.1% MoM), succeeding two months of decline.

FIs remained net sellers of Indian equities (-\$1.8bn, following -\$0.8bn in November). While FIs have been selling Indian equities for the last 3 months, FIs were net buyers to the tune of \$2.15bn in the year with equity inflows of \$3.7bn and debt outflows totaling \$1.5bn. FIs were net sellers in the debt markets, reversing the buying seen in November, with outflows of \$1.6bn in December. DIs ended the year with \$4.1bn inflows in December, recording 10 successive months of equity buying. Total flows for the year came in at \$12.6bn with mutual funds being net equity buyers to the tune of \$2.5bn. Insurance funds were also net buyers in December with \$1.64bn inflows.

In 2021, global equity markets attained new all-time highs driven by strong corporate earnings growth even in the face of Covid-related restrictions, supply chain disruptions, rising oil prices, and higher labor costs. Headline valuations ended at a 15%-35% premium to long-term averages across US, Eurozone, and Emerging Markets. India too was amongst one of the best-performing markets globally.

Going forward in 2022, global equity markets are likely to continue climbing a wall of worries on number of fronts – growth peaking out, high inflation, Fed accelerating its pace of tapering and rate hikes, slowdown in China, new Covid variants, high valuations, etc.

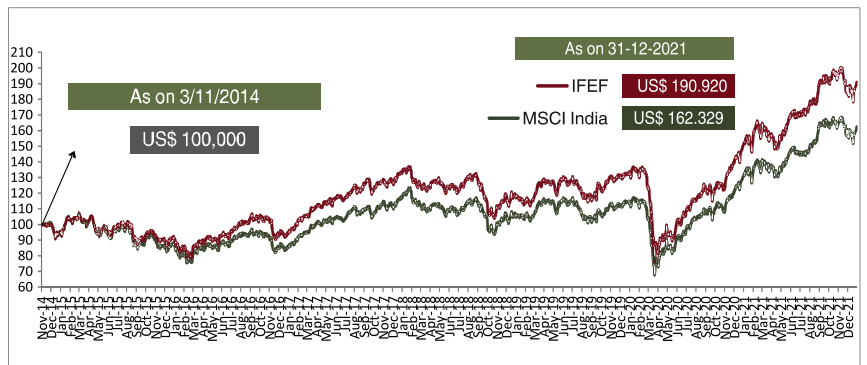
India, on the other hand, has come out of the second covid wave and is catching up with the rest of the world. India's economy is recovering quickly as evidenced by strong macro data - better-than-expected GDP growth, PMI consistently in the expansion zone, improved core sector growth, GST collections of above Rs 1.3 lakh crore for sixth consecutive month, and falling unemployment rate.

Over next three years, India is likely to go back to its real GDP growth trend of ~6.5% with all three drivers of economy namely Consumption, Investments and Exports firing. Corporate earnings are likely to grow at a 15% CAGR over next 3 years, which is higher than the long-term average.

Given depressed earnings and high liquidity, valuation multiples for Indian equities are elevated. However, 2022 can be a year of transition as excess liquidity gets withdrawn and interest rates inch up. Hence, valuation multiples can be expected to normalize. Last year, markets saw a one-way risk-on rally due to high liquidity. However, in 2022, markets are likely to be more discerning and stocks will be driven by fundamentals.

Given the rally in markets in 2021, easy money has already been made. In the short term, market action may be more stock-specific and returns may be modest. However, on a medium-to-long term basis, we continue to remain positive on Indian equities and expect markets to continue to scale higher. Market breadth would continue to improve as the domestic recovery gathers momentum and Domestic Cyclical should do well. Overall, we believe Indian equity markets can give returns slightly below earnings CAGR over next 3 years.

## Fund Performance (as on 31st December 2021)



Period	IFEF	MSCI India	Outperformance
1 Month	3.8%	3.7%	0.1% ▲
3 Months	0.0%	-0.4%	0.4% ▲
6 Months	12.2%	11.8%	0.4% ▲
9 Months	21.9%	19.2%	2.7% ▲
1 Year	27.4%	25.1%	2.3% ▲
2 Year	20.1%	19.5%	0.7% ▲
3 Year	16.9%	14.8%	2.0% ▲
5 Year	15.1%	13.6%	1.5% ▲
Since Inception	9.4%	7.0%	2.5% ▲
YTD	27.4%	25.1%	2.3% ▲

Source: Bloomberg, ABSLAMC Internal Research

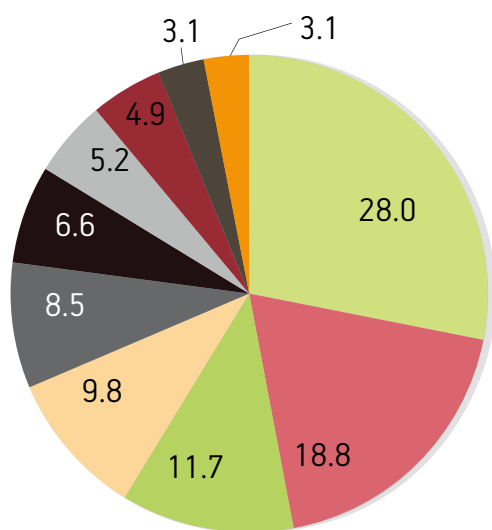
Returns are net of expenses. Returns are in % and absolute returns for period less than 1 year & CAGR for period 1 year or more. The returns for IFEF D Share & MSCI (India) are in US Dollars. **Past performance is not indicative of future results.** MSCI - Morgan Stanley Capital International. CAGR -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

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	CY 2015	CY 2016	CY 2017	CY 2018	CY 2019	CY 2020	YTD 2021
IFEF	-3.3%	2.4%	41.2%	-10.4%	10.6%	13.3%	27.4%
MSCI India	-7.4%	-2.8%	36.8%	-8.8%	6.1%	14.1%	25.1%
Outperformance	4.1% ▲	5.2% ▲	4.4% ▲	-1.6% ▼	4.5% ▲	-0.9% ▼	2.3% ▲

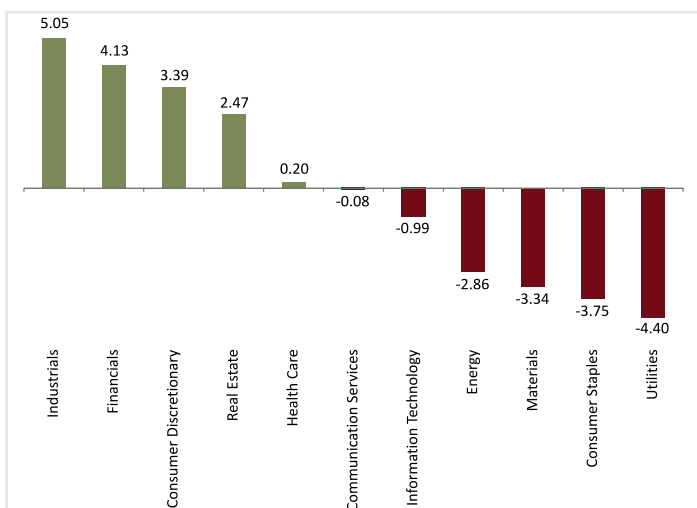
## Sector Allocation (as on 31st December 2021)



- Financials
- Information Technology
- Consumer Discretionary
- Industrials
- Energy
- Materials
- Health Care
- Consumer Staples
- Real Estate
- Communication Services

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

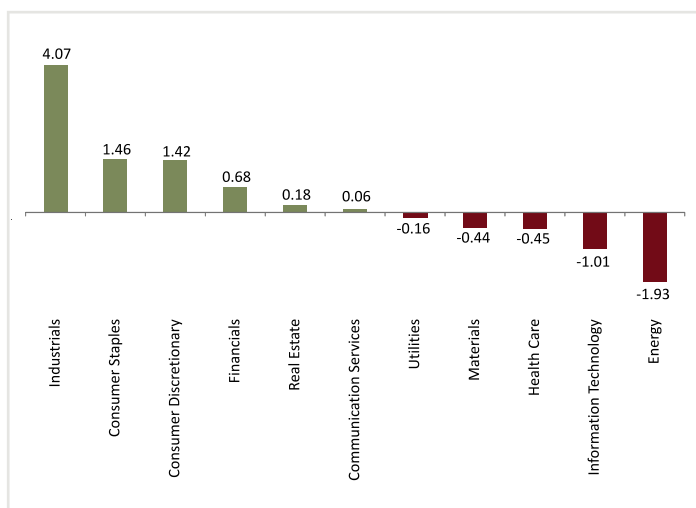
## Active Weight



## Top Holdings (as on 31st December 2021)

INSTRUMENT NAME	% NAV
INFOSYS LTD	9.12
RELIANCE INDUSTRIES LTD	8.46
ICICI BANK LTD	8.16
HCL TECHNOLOGIES LTD	3.90
STATE BANK OF INDIA	3.75
AXIS BANK LTD	3.73
HDFC BANK LTD	3.49
LARSEN & TOUBRO LTD	3.25
BAJAJ FINANCE LTD	3.15
HDFC LTD	3.10

## Attribution



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