

# abrDN New India Investment Trust plc

## Seeking world-class, well governed companies at the heart of India's growth

Performance Data and Analytics to 30 April 2024

### Investment objective

To achieve long-term capital appreciation by investing in companies which are incorporated in India or which derive significant revenue or profit from India, with dividend yield from the company being of secondary importance.

### Benchmark

The Company compares its performance to the MSCI India Index (sterling adjusted). However, the Company's portfolio is constructed without reference to the composition of any stock market index or benchmark. It is likely, therefore, that there will be periods when its performance may vary significantly from the benchmark.

### Cumulative performance (%)

	as at 30/04/24	1 month	3 months	6 months	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years
Share Price	750.0p	15.0	13.3	32.0	42.6	43.4	55.6	241.7
NAV <sup>a</sup>	891.3p	8.7	12.0	24.8	37.3	47.9	66.7	248.1
MSCI India		3.2	7.8	21.4	35.4	63.7	85.9	257.6

### Discrete performance (%)

	30/04/24	30/04/23	30/04/22	30/04/21	30/04/20
Share Price	42.6	(5.9)	6.9	36.9	(20.7)
NAV <sup>a</sup>	37.3	(7.5)	16.5	32.6	(15.0)
MSCI India	35.4	(6.6)	29.4	37.6	(17.5)

Total return; NAV cum income, with net income reinvested, GBP. Share price total return is on a mid-to-mid basis. Dividend calculations are to reinvest as at the ex-dividend date. NAV returns based on NAVs with debt valued at fair value. Source: abrDN Investments Limited, Lipper and Morningstar.

Past performance is not a guide to future results.

<sup>a</sup> Including current year revenue.

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### Morningstar Sustainability Rating™



### Morningstar Rating™



#### <sup>b</sup> Morningstar Rating™ for Funds

Morningstar rates funds from one to five stars based on how well they've performed (after adjusting for risk and accounting for all sales charges) in comparison to similar funds.

### Ten largest equity holdings (%)

ICICI Bank	7.4
Aegis Logistics	5.3
HDFC Bank	5.2
Bharti Airtel	5.0
Power Grid	4.5
Infosys	4.2
Mahindra & Mahindra	3.9
Ultratech Cement	3.7
SBI Life Insurance	3.5
Tata Consultancy Services	3.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>46.0</b>

**Total number of investments 42**

### Sector allocation (%)

	Trust	Benchmark
Financials	26.6	25.2
Industrials	10.2	9.4
Consumer Discretionary	8.7	12.9
Information Technology	8.2	10.9
Communication Services	7.7	3.3
Real Estate	7.4	1.2
Materials	7.3	8.4
Health Care	6.6	5.1
Consumer Staples	5.8	7.7
Energy	5.3	11.0
Utilities	4.5	4.9
Cash	1.7	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Source: abrDN Investments Limited and Bloomberg. Figures may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

All sources (unless indicated): abrDN: 30 April 2024.



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## 1 Year Premium/Discount Chart (%)



## Fund managers' report

Indian equities rose in April. The MSCI India index was up 3.23% in sterling terms, significantly outperforming both global emerging markets and developed markets. Global investor sentiment was driven mainly by growing expectations that interest rates are likely to stay higher for longer than previously anticipated.

While retail inflation eased to 4.85% in March, food prices remained high. The Reserve Bank of India kept interest rates unchanged at its April meeting – maintaining the repo rate at 6.5%. Industrial production grew sharply by 5.7% in February, driven by the mining and power sectors.

In an earnings-heavy month, most of our holdings reported results that were either in-line or beat market expectations. Materials company UltraTech Cement saw strong volume growth versus the industry due to a ramp up in its new capacities. Our information technology holding Tata Consultancy Services reported better-than-expected results and continued strong new deal wins. Infosys was relatively flatter, but its new deal wins also remained exceptionally strong alongside robust free cashflow generation. Conversely, our consumer staples holdings disappointed mainly due to muted rural demand and uneven consumption recovery in India, but fundamentally they remain solid.

At the time of writing, India's parliamentary elections are underway. Results are due in early June, where the market expects Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Bharatiya Janata Party to win a third term. This bodes well for policy continuity as well as Modi's reforms agenda.

### Portfolio changes

We participated in the initial public offering of telecom service provider Bharti Hexacom, which is a subsidiary of our core telco holding Bharti Airtel. It is the cleanest way to play the improving fundamentals in the Indian telecom sector,

### Fund managers' report continues overleaf

<sup>c</sup> Expressed as a percentage of average daily net assets for the year ended 31 March 2023. The Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF) is the overall cost shown as a percentage of the value of the assets of the Company. It is made up of the Annual Management Fee and other charges. It does not include any costs associated with buying shares in the Company or the cost of buying and selling stocks within the Company. The OCF can help you compare the annual operating expenses of different Companies.

<sup>d</sup> The management fee is 0.80% per annum of net assets up to £300m and 0.60% per annum of net assets above £300m.

<sup>e</sup> Calculated using the Company's historic net dividends and month end share price.

<sup>f</sup> Net gearing is defined as a percentage, with net debt (total debt less cash/cash equivalents) divided by shareholders' funds.

<sup>g</sup> The 'Active Share' percentage is a measure used to describe what proportion of the Company's holdings differ from the benchmark index holdings.

## Fund risk statistics

	3 Years	5 Years
Annualised Standard Deviation of Fund	14.26	17.00
Beta	0.91	0.90
Sharpe Ratio	0.87	0.61
Annualised Tracking Error	5.50	5.70
Annualised Information Ratio	(0.45)	(0.16)
R-Squared	0.86	0.90

Source: abrdrn & Factset.  
Basis: Total Return, Gross of Fees, GBP.  
Please note that risk analytics figures are calculated on gross returns whereas the performance figures are based on net asset value (NAV) returns.

## Key information

### Calendar

Year end	31 March
Accounts published	July
Annual General Meeting	September
Dividend paid	n/a

### Trust information

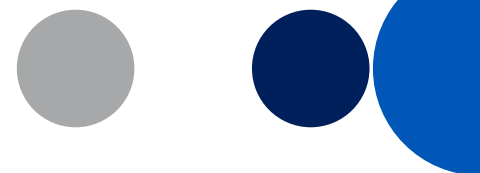
Original trust launch date	February 1994
Name change/reconstruction	December 2004
Fund manager	Asian Equities Team
Ongoing charges <sup>c</sup>	1.09%
Annual management fee <sup>d</sup>	0.80% per annum up to £300m of net assets and 0.60% per annum above £300m of net assets
Premium/(Discount)	(15.9)%
Yield <sup>e</sup>	0.0%
Net cash/(gearing) <sup>f</sup>	(3.7)%
Active share <sup>g</sup>	63.6%

### AIFMD Leverage Limits

Gross Notional	2.5x
Commitment	2x

### Assets/Debt (£m)

Gross Assets	488.2
Debt	25.9
Cash & cash equivalents	8.6



## Fund managers' report - continued

given the lack of overseas exposure for the company and its operations limited to the fastest-growing, least penetrated telecom circles. The market is closer to a duopoly, with the top two operators forming 85% of the market share and where Bharti Hexacom has leadership with 43.5% market share.

### Outlook

India is the world's fastest-growing major economy, backed by a resilient macro backdrop which includes a real estate boom, strong consumer sentiment in urban areas and a robust infrastructure capex cycle. The growth story is underpinned largely by supportive policies from the central government as well as a decade of painful but necessary economic reforms. The groundwork laid by these sweeping reforms have put India on a positive economic trajectory. We are seeing early signs of a private capex revival. This can potentially continue to sustain both economic momentum and corporate earnings growth.

Still, India faces some near-term risks, most of which are external. These include potentially higher global energy prices and a slowdown in the world economy. Valuation is also a perpetual risk – it is looking stretched in some parts of the market, especially in small- and mid-caps. The key to taking advantage of this market's promise is bottom-up stock picking that is backed by fundamental research, which aligns well with how we invest.

We expect our core quality holdings to continue to deliver resilient compounding earnings growth over the medium term, come what may in terms of macro conditions. The portfolio's consistency of earnings growth remains healthy and the fundamentals of our holdings, including pricing power, strong balance sheets and the ability to sustain margins, remain solid. We maintain confidence in the experienced management teams of these companies.

### Capital structure

Ordinary shares	51,865,712
Treasury shares	7,204,428

### Allocation of management fees and finance costs

Revenue	100%
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### Trading details

Reuters/Epic/ Bloomberg code	ANII
ISIN code	GB0006048770
Sedol code	0604877
Stockbrokers	WINS Investment Trusts
Market makers	CNKS INV, MREX, PEEL, PMUR, SCAP, SING, STFL, WINS



### Factsheet

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Important information overleaf

## Important information

### Risk factors you should consider prior to investing:

- The value of investments, and the income from them, can go down as well as up and investors may get back less than the amount invested.
- Past performance is not a guide to future results.
- Investment in the Company may not be appropriate for investors who plan to withdraw their money within 5 years.
- The Company may borrow to finance further investment (gearing). The use of gearing is likely to lead to volatility in the Net Asset Value (NAV) meaning that any movement in the value of the company's assets will result in a magnified movement in the NAV.
- The Company may accumulate investment positions which represent more than normal trading volumes which may make it difficult to realise investments and may lead to volatility in the market price of the Company's shares.
- The Company may charge expenses to capital which may erode the capital value of the investment.
- Movements in exchange rates will impact on both the level of income received and the capital value of your investment.
- There is no guarantee that the market price of the Company's shares will fully reflect their underlying Net Asset Value.
- As with all stock exchange investments the value of the Company's shares purchased will immediately fall by the difference between the buying and selling prices, the bid-offer spread. If trading volumes fall, the bid-offer spread can widen.
- The Company invests in emerging markets which tend to be more volatile than mature markets and the value of your investment could move sharply up or down.
- Yields are estimated figures and may fluctuate, there are no guarantees that future dividends will match or exceed historic dividends and certain investors may be subject to further tax on dividends.

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