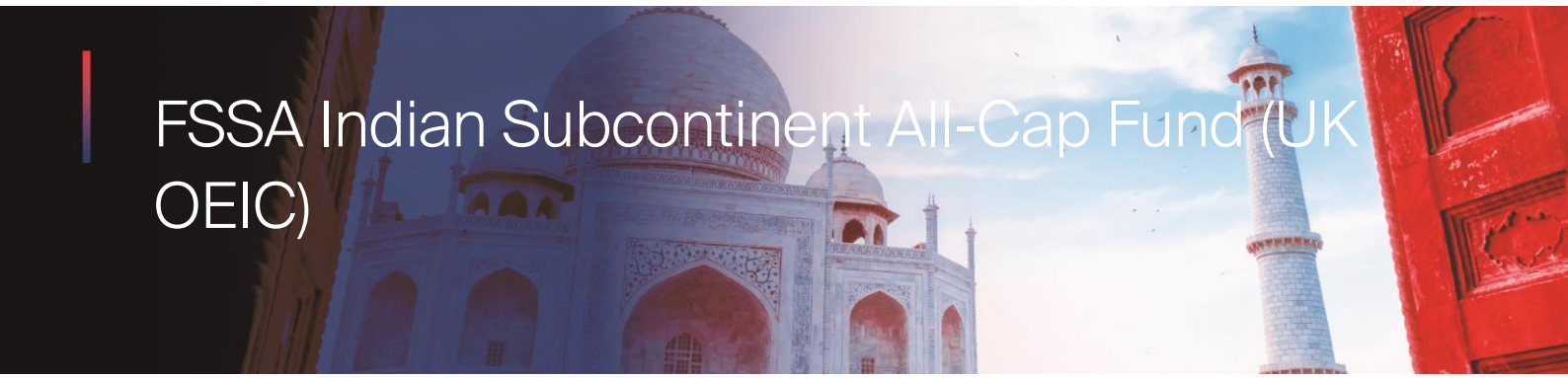
FSSA Investment Managers



FSSA Indian Subcontinent All-Cap Fund (UK OEIC)

Investment objective and policy

The Fund aims to achieve capital growth over the medium to long term (at least three years).
The Fund invests at least 70% in shares of companies based in or where the majority of their activities take place in India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka or Bangladesh and are listed on exchanges worldwide. This includes companies that are listed on exchanges worldwide which provide exposure to India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka or Bangladesh. The Fund will invest in companies of all sizes. The Fund may invest up to 10% in other funds.
The Fund will only use derivatives to reduce risk or to manage the Fund more efficiently in limited cases.

Fund information

Fund launch date	08 June 2018
Fund size (£m)	19.8
UK's investment association sector	India
Benchmark	MSCI India Net Index*
Number of holdings	37
Fund manager(s)	Sreevardhan Agarwal/Rizi Mohanty
Fund yield	0.0%

Available share classes

Share class	Sedol	ISIN
FSSA Indian Subcontinent All-Cap Fund EUR Class E (Accumulation)	BDG1BP9	GB00BDG1BP97
FSSA Indian Subcontinent All-Cap Fund USD Class E (Accumulation)	BDG1BR1	GB00BDG1BR12
FSSA Indian Subcontinent All-Cap Fund GBP Class B (Accumulation)	BDG1BM6	GB00BDG1BM66
FSSA Indian Subcontinent All-Cap Fund GBP Class E (Accumulation)	BDG1BQ0	GB00BDG1BQ05

About FSSA Investment Managers

FSSA Investment Managers is an autonomous investment management team within First Sentier Group, with dedicated investment professionals based in Hong Kong and Singapore. We are specialists in Asia Pacific and Global Emerging Markets equity strategies, managing assets on behalf of clients globally.
We are bottom-up investors, using fundamental research and analysis to construct high-conviction portfolios. We conduct more than a thousand direct company meetings a year, seeking to identify high quality companies to invest in. We look for founders and management teams that act with integrity and risk awareness; and dominant franchises that have the ability to deliver sustainable and predictable returns over the long term. As responsible, long-term shareholders, we have integrated ESG analysis into our investment process and engage extensively on environmental, labour and governance issues.

Risk factors

This document is a financial promotion for the FSSA Indian Subcontinent All-Cap Fund in the UK and elsewhere where lawful. Investing involves certain risks including:

- **The value of investments and any income from them may go down as well as up and are not guaranteed. Investors may get back substantially less than the original amount invested.**
- **Currency risk:** The Fund invests in assets which are denominated in other currencies; changes in exchange rates will affect the value of the Fund and could create losses. Currency control decisions made by governments could affect the value of the Fund's investments and could cause the Fund to defer or suspend redemptions of its shares.
- **Indian subcontinent risk:** although India has seen rapid economic and structural development, investing there may still involve increased risks of political and governmental intervention, potentially limitations on the allocation of the Fund's capital, and legal, regulatory, economic and other risks including greater liquidity risk, restrictions on investment or transfer of assets, failed/delayed settlement and difficulties valuing securities.
- **Single country / specific region risk:** investing in a single country or specific region may be riskier than investing in a number of different countries or regions. Investing in a larger number of countries or regions helps spread risk.
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Annual performance in GBP (%) to 30 September 2026

	12 mths to 30/09/26	12 mths to 30/09/25	12 mths to 30/09/24	12 mths to 30/09/23	12 mths to 30/09/22
FSSA Indian Subcontinent All-Cap Fund	-13.0	-15.2	31.9	3.4	11.4
MSCI India Net Index	-9.7	-13.5	27.7	0.7	8.8
Sector return	-8.4	-10.6	23.9	2.9	5.7

Cumulative performance in GBP (%) to 30 September 2026

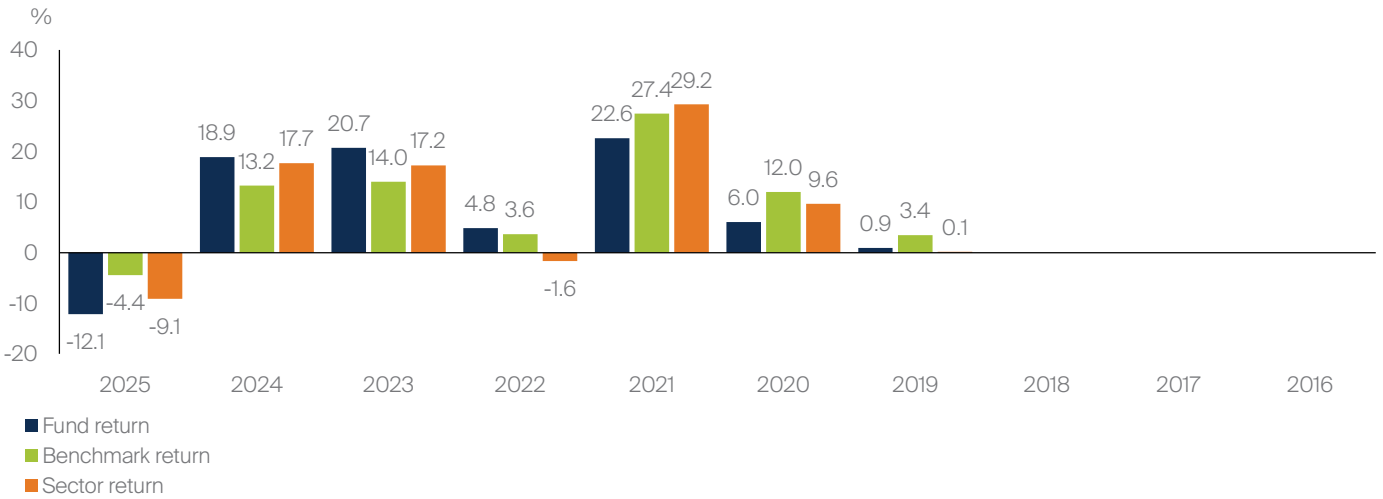
	Since Inception	10 yrs	5 yrs	3 yrs	1 yr	YTD	6 mths	3 mths
FSSA Indian Subcontinent All-Cap Fund	46.7	-	12.2	-2.7	-13.0	-13.5	8.4	-5.1
MSCI India Net Index	68.2	-	9.3	-0.2	-9.7	-13.9	3.1	-5.7
Sector return	54.6	-	10.7	1.4	-8.4	-10.1	8.1	-3.6

Performance review

Over the past 12 months, key contributors to performance included **Bajaj Auto**. The company's latest results came in ahead of expectations: sales volumes grew strongly across both the two-wheeler and three-wheeler segments, supported by robust export demand. New motorbike launches have been positively received and, together with planned upgrades to existing models, should improve the company's position in the domestic motorcycle market, where it had been losing share. Bajaj Auto also reported improving profitability in its electric-vehicle business. **JSW Infrastructure** contributed positively after reporting solid results driven by an increase in cargo volumes in India. JSW's ports are well run, with a strong anchor customer in JSW Steel, and future growth should be supported by increasing third-party cargo and diversification into container and liquid cargo.

On the negative side, **HDFC Bank** fell amid a challenging operating environment. While loan growth improved, margins remained weaker than peers. We have been disappointed with execution at HDFC and have been trimming our stake in the company to add to other private banks where we have higher conviction. **Colgate-Palmolive India** also fell despite reporting stronger sales volumes, as its increased investments in advertising and brand building weighed on its margins.

Calendar year performance (% in GBP) to 30 September 2026



These figures refer to the past. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results. For investors based in countries with currencies other than GBP, the return may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations. Since inception performance figures have been calculated from 08 June 2018. All performance data for the FSSA Indian Subcontinent All-Cap Fund Class B (Accumulation) GBP as at 30 September 2026. Source for fund - Lipper IM / First Sentier Group. Performance data is calculated on a net basis by deducting fees incurred at fund level (e.g. the management fee and other fund expenses), save that it does not take account of initial charges or switching fees (if any). Income reinvested is included on a net of tax basis. Source for benchmark - MSCI, income reinvested net of tax.

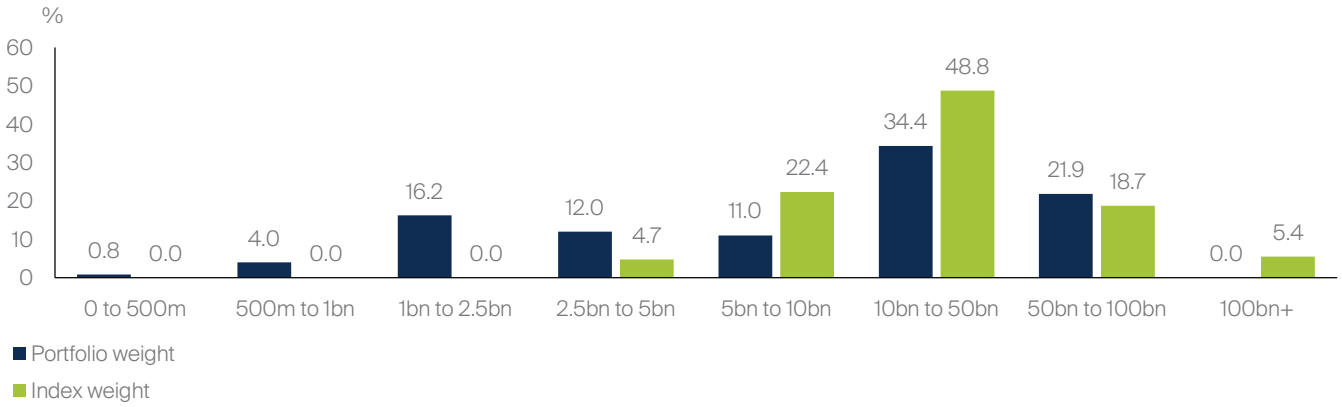
Portfolio review

New investments over the quarter included **Leela Palaces**, a luxury hotel owner and operator with 15 hotels across 13 cities. We like the company's clarity of focus: it operates only in the luxury segment, which is the most supply-constrained part of the market. Metrics such as revenue per available room (RevPAR) are higher than for comparable peers, and we believe Leela will benefit from strong pricing power and long-term premiumisation trends in India. While the company has a relatively short track record under the current ownership structure, we see good alignment with the management team and majority owner Brookfield, which is an experienced hotel asset owner globally.
Sales included **Axis Bank**, as we used the re-rating of valuations to raise cash to deploy into other attractive ideas. We also sold out of a small position in **RHI Magnesita** to raise cash for higher-conviction opportunities.

Stock spotlight

Bajaj Finance is India's leading non-bank financial company (NBFC). Bajaj Finance began with vehicle finance and consumer durable lending and has now expanded into other areas; this presence across different market segments makes it distinctive among India's NBFCs. The company has a solid track record of high return on assets, strong growth and resilience through crises such as the Covid-19 pandemic. It is currently undergoing changes which we believe should support future growth, such as increased use of AI to deliver productivity gains.

Market capitalisation breakdown (GBP)



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Outlook

Geopolitical and trade-related uncertainties have weighed on the Indian market in the short term. However, metrics such as accelerating credit growth and strong sales of two- and four-wheeler vehicles show that underlying momentum in the economy remains healthy despite the external headwinds.
In this context, we remain confident about the portfolio's resilience. The stronger businesses we own have historically been able to pass through inflation and gain share during challenging periods. The recent market weakness has also created attractive opportunities to invest in high-quality businesses at more compelling valuations.
Over the longer term, we see a series of structural trends playing out in India. Rising incomes are driving shifts in consumer spending towards discretionary products and services, while also increasing demand for more sophisticated financial products. At the same time, ongoing investment in energy infrastructure is creating opportunities in areas such as power generation, and a growing number of Indian companies are leveraging their domestic manufacturing capabilities to build globally competitive export businesses.
With our long-term investment horizon and focus on sustainable earnings growth, we believe the companies we own are well positioned to benefit as India's economy continues to evolve over the years ahead.

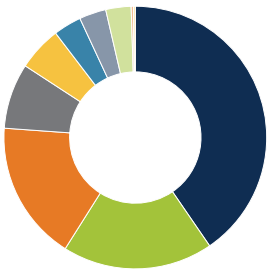
Our long-term investment themes:

- Dominant consumer franchises which have an edge in brand, distribution and innovation.
- High quality financials, supported by a strong deposit franchise or a specific loan niche.
- Infrastructure companies with a strong track record and cash flow improvement.
- Globally competitive exporters with a growing international business.

Ten largest company holdings as at 30 September 2026

Stock name	Country	Sector	Portfolio weight (%)
Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited	India	Financials	10.1
ICICI Bank Limited	India	Financials	7.4
HDFC Bank	India	Financials	6.1
Bharti Airtel Limited	India	Communication Services	4.9
Bosch Limited	India	Consumer Discretionary	4.4
Bajaj Finance Limited	India	Financials	4.0
Bajaj Auto Limited	India	Consumer Discretionary	3.6
ELGI Equipments Limited	India	Industrials	3.5
State Bank of India	India	Financials	3.5
Oberoi Realty Limited	India	Real Estate	3.3

Sector breakdown



- Financials **40.6%** (30.2%*)
- Industrials **18.6%** (11.0%*)
- Consumer Discretionary **17.3%** (12.5%*)
- Communication Services **8.1%** (5.1%*)
- Consumer Staples **5.5%** (5.5%*)
- Health Care **3.5%** (7.1%*)
- Real Estate **3.3%** (1.4%*)
- Materials **3.1%** (8.7%*)
- Information Technology **0.3%** (6.7%*)
- Other **0.0%** (11.7%*)
- Cash **-0.2%** (0.0%*)

*Index weight

Country breakdown



- India **100.2%** (100.0%*)
- Cash **-0.2%** (0.0%*)

*Index weight

Sector and Country classifications provided by Factset and First Sentier Group. The Fund may hold multiple equity securities in the same company, which have been combined to provide the Fund's total position in that company. Index weights, if any, typically include only the main domestic-listed security. The above Fund weightings may or may not include reference to multiple securities. Allocation percentage is rounded to the nearest one decimal place and the total allocation percentage may not add up to 100%.
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Top 5 contributors to absolute performance

3 months to 30 September 2026

Stock name	Country	Sector	Value added (bps*)
Bosch Limited	India	Consumer Discretionary	59
Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited	India	Financials	34
Bajaj Auto Limited	India	Consumer Discretionary	33
Info Edge India Ltd.	India	Communication Services	27
Godrej Agrovet Limited	India	Consumer Staples	18

12 months to 30 September 2026

Stock name	Country	Sector	Value added (bps*)
Bosch Limited	India	Consumer Discretionary	64
Bajaj Auto Limited	India	Consumer Discretionary	45
KEI Industries Limited	India	Industrials	42
ELGI Equipments Limited	India	Industrials	20
Oberoi Realty Limited	India	Real Estate	20

Bottom 5 contributors to absolute performance

3 months to 30 September 2026

Stock name	Country	Sector	Value added (bps*)
HDFC Bank Limited	India	Financials	-106
Tube Investments of India Limited	India	Consumer Discretionary	-66
Triveni Turbine Ltd	India	Industrials	-58
Computer Age Management Services Ltd	India	Industrials	-53
Maruti Suzuki India Limited	India	Consumer Discretionary	-49

12 months to 30 September 2026

Stock name	Country	Sector	Value added (bps*)
HDFC Bank Limited	India	Financials	-293
ICICI Lombard General Insurance Co. Ltd.	India	Financials	-96
Maruti Suzuki India Limited	India	Consumer Discretionary	-94
MAKEMYTRIP LTD USD0.0005	India	Consumer Discretionary	-92
HCL Technologies Limited	India	Information Technology	-71

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Contributions are calculated at the investee company level before the deduction of any fees incurred at fund level (e.g. the management fee and other fund expenses) but after deduction of transactional costs. Stocks held/listed in non-index countries have economic activity > 50% from developing economies.
* A basis point is a unit of measure used in finance to describe the percentage change in value or rate of a financial instrument. One basis point is equivalent to 0.01% (1/100th of a percent) or 0.0001 in decimal form.
Data source: This information is calculated by First Sentier Group.

Portfolio risk analysis - ex-post 3 years annualised to 30 September 2026

Risk measure	Value	Risk description
Beta	1.05	Beta is a measure of volatility relative to the market. A beta of 1 would indicate that the fund tended to move in line with the market; a beta greater than 1 would indicate that the fund has been more volatile than the market; whereas a beta less than 1 would indicate that the fund has been less volatile than the market.
Information Ratio	-0.03	The fund's excess return divided by its tracking error. It is designed to assess a portfolio's performance relative to its level of benchmark risk. The higher the fund's information ratio, the more excess return it generates for each unit of tracking error.
Portfolio Standard Deviation	17.00%	A measure of how much the returns of the fund vary relative to the arithmetical average. The higher the fund's standard deviation, the more its returns tend to deviate from the mean.
Benchmark Standard Deviation	15.43%	A measure of how much the returns of the index vary relative to the arithmetical average. The higher the index's standard deviation, the more its returns tend to deviate from the mean.
Tracking Error	5.23%	The standard deviation of the difference between the fund's returns and those of the index. The higher the fund's tracking error, the more its performance relative to the benchmark may vary.

Portfolio risk analysis - ex-ante at 30 September 2026

Risk measure	Value	Risk description
Dividend Yield (Fund)	0.91%	The annual dividend yield paid per share divided by the share price. This factor measures the value of company shares according to the stream of dividend income resulting from share ownership.
Dividend Yield (Index)	1.34%	The annual dividend yield paid per share divided by the share price. This factor measures the value of company shares according to the stream of dividend income resulting from share ownership.
Price to Book (Fund)	3.77	The ratio of the company's book value (the sum of shareholders' equity plus accumulated retained earnings from the P & L account) to its share price. This factor has been one of the most successful measures of the intrinsic value of company shares.
Price to Book (Index)	3.08	The ratio of the company's book value (the sum of shareholders' equity plus accumulated retained earnings from the P & L account) to its share price. This factor has been one of the most successful measures of the intrinsic value of company shares.
Price to Earnings (Fund)	25.32	Annual earnings (adjusted for amortizations of intangibles, extraordinary charges and credits) per share divided by the share price. This factor measures the worth of a company's ability to support each share with after tax earnings.
Price to Earnings (Index)	19.98	Annual earnings (adjusted for amortizations of intangibles, extraordinary charges and credits) per share divided by the share price. This factor measures the worth of a company's ability to support each share with after tax earnings.

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