



Investors' deck

buoyant opportunities strategy

January 2024

The elements that define *buoyant*.

investing through cycles





buoyant

the eight elements that matter



Track record
CAGR 22.8%



Top rated
across alternatives



Risk adjusted
CRISIL 5-star



Team
mindset "Capital"



Skin-in-the-game
significant



Truly multi-cap
where to invest?



Non-model portfolio
when to invest?



Differentiated strategy
why invest?



No 'star manager' culture

buoyant investment team

expertise in different sectors

sector weight decisions on a "top-down" basis

stock selection on a 'bottom-up' basis



No 'star fund manager' - eliminate familiarity bias.

Capital mindset



Jigar Mistry

B.Com, ACA, CFA – AIMR, US.

Experience: 21 years

Prior: Director of Research, HSBC

Others: Kotak Goldman Sachs



Sachin Khivasara

B.Com, ACA, CWA.

Experience: 23 years

Prior: Analyst, Nipon Mutual Fund

Others: Edelweiss, Enam



Viral Berawala

B.Com, ACA, PG – IIM-A

Experience: 22 years

Prior: CIO, Reliance Life Ins

Others: Reliance MF, TCS



Dipen Sheth

B.Tech, IIT-K, PG – IIM-C.

Experience: 30 years

Prior: Head - Equities, HDFC Sec

Others: Edelweiss, BRICS





Everything of consequence operates in **cycles**.

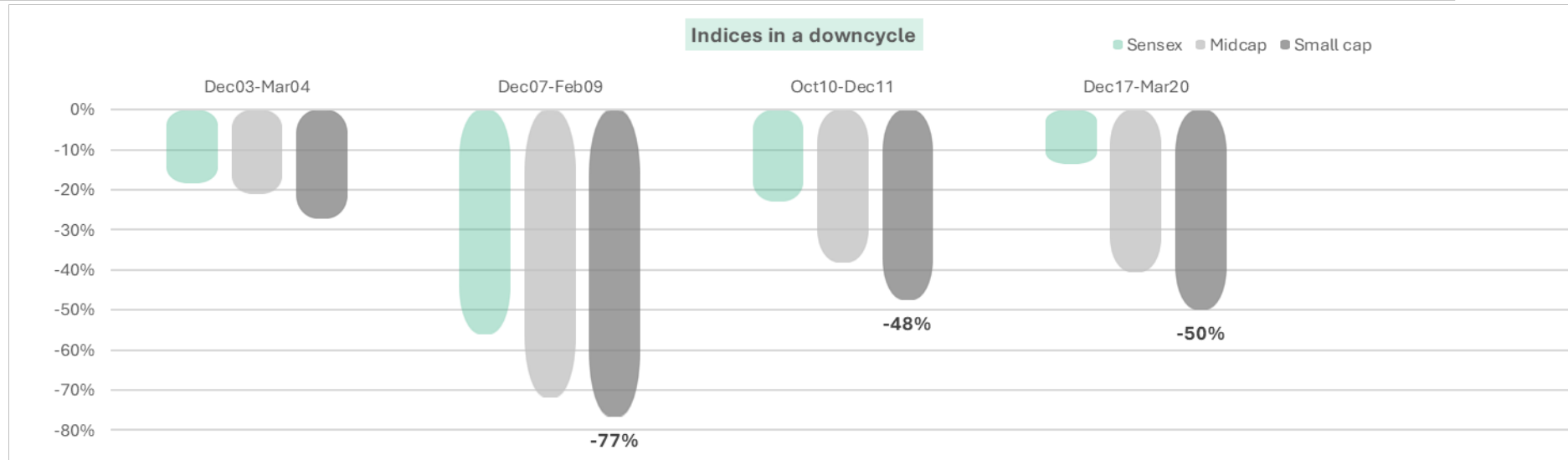
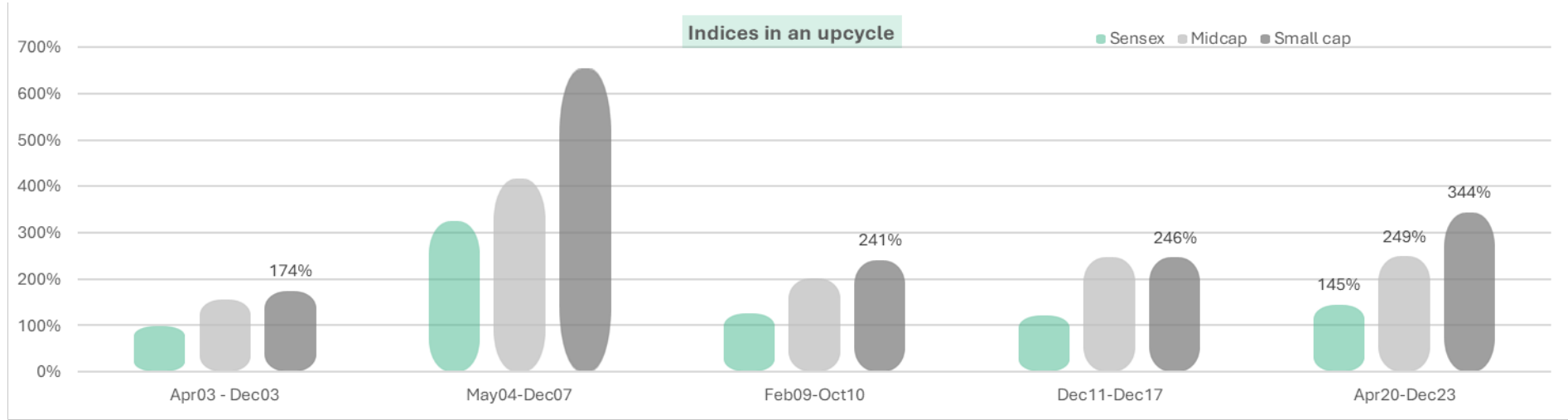
buoyant **strategy** **showcase**

Cross cycle investing in theory



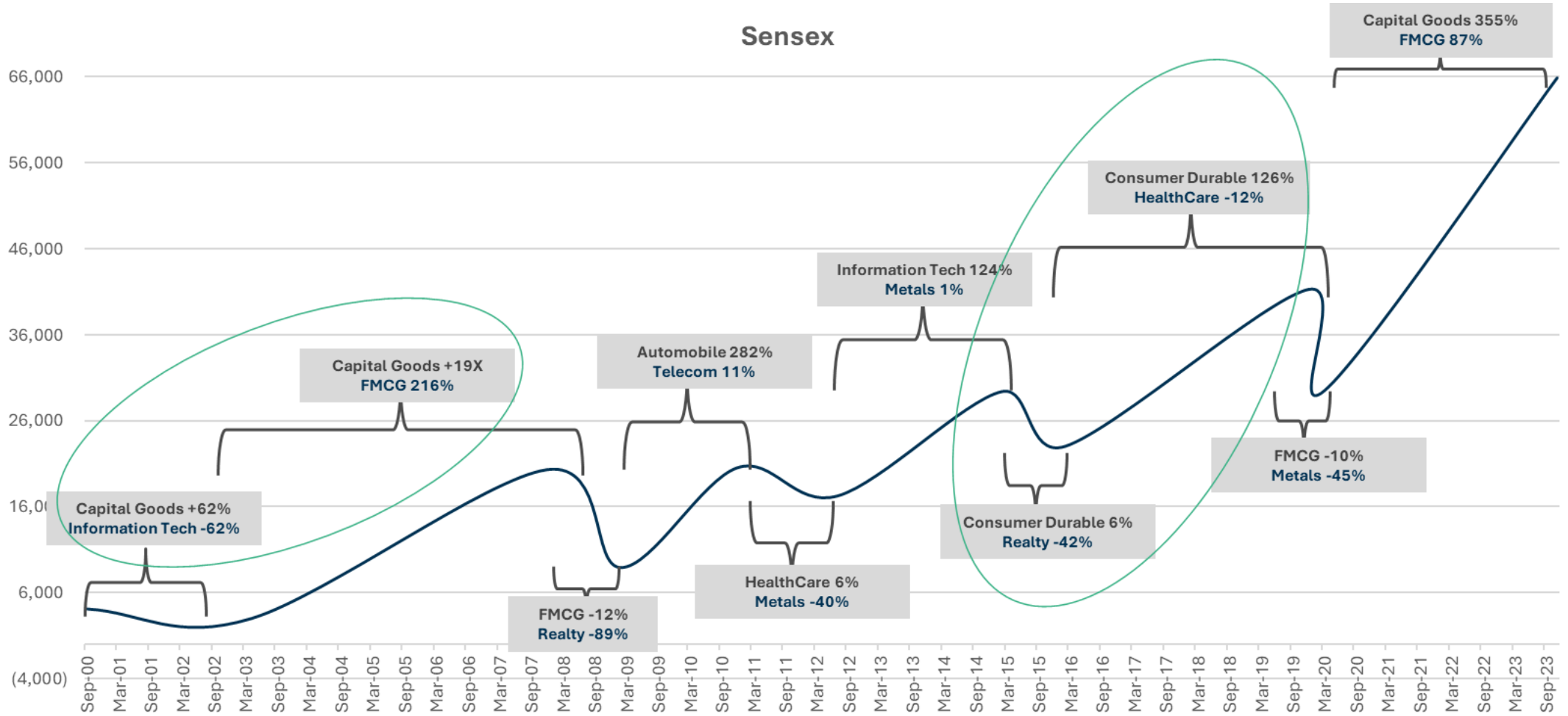
20-year CAGR: Sensex 17%, Small Cap 19%

Market-caps operate in a cycle



“consumption” today is what “capital goods” was yesterday

sectors operate in a cycle

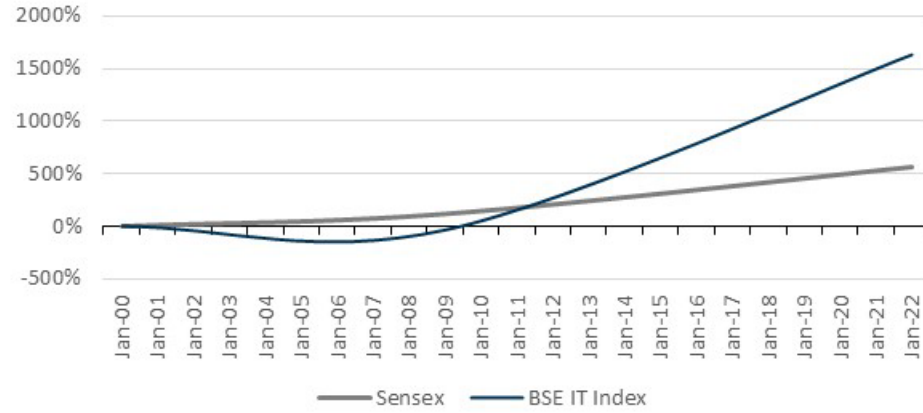




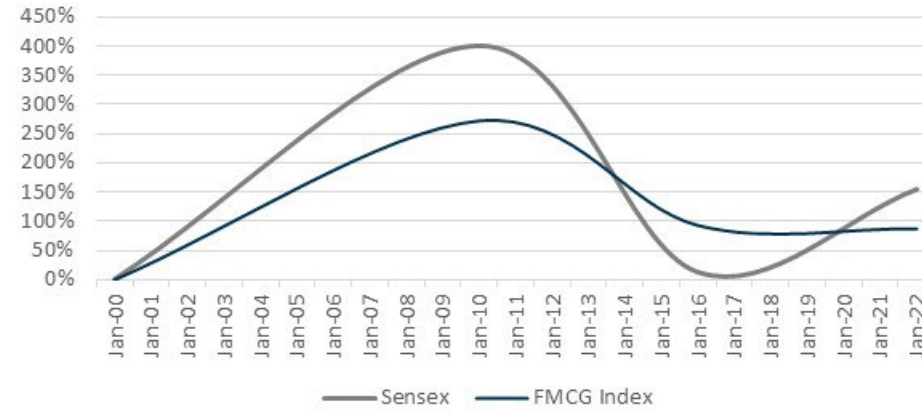
IT, FMCG, and automobiles – all follow cycles

and not just sectors we know are cyclical

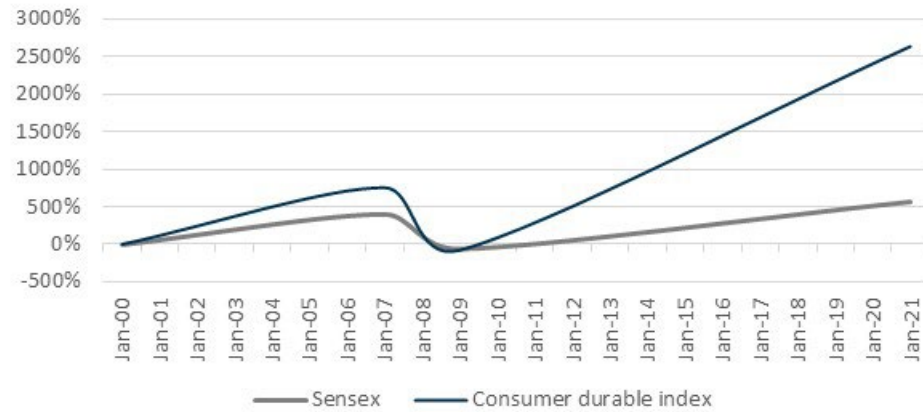
IT Index normalized performance



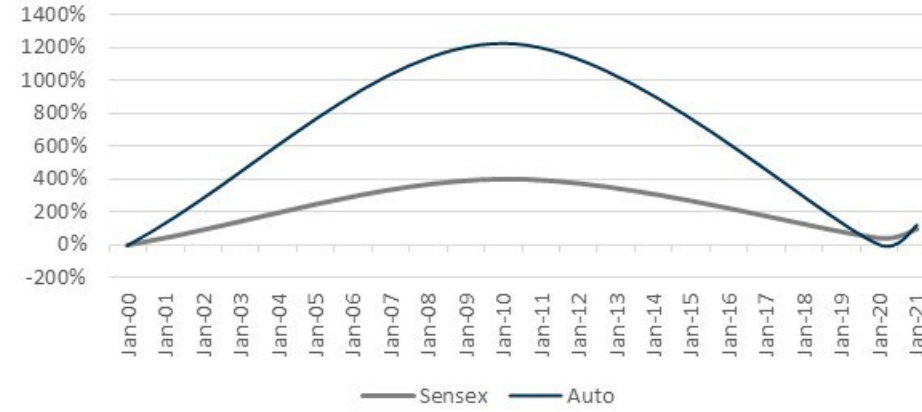
FMCG Index normalized performance



Consumer Durables normalized performance

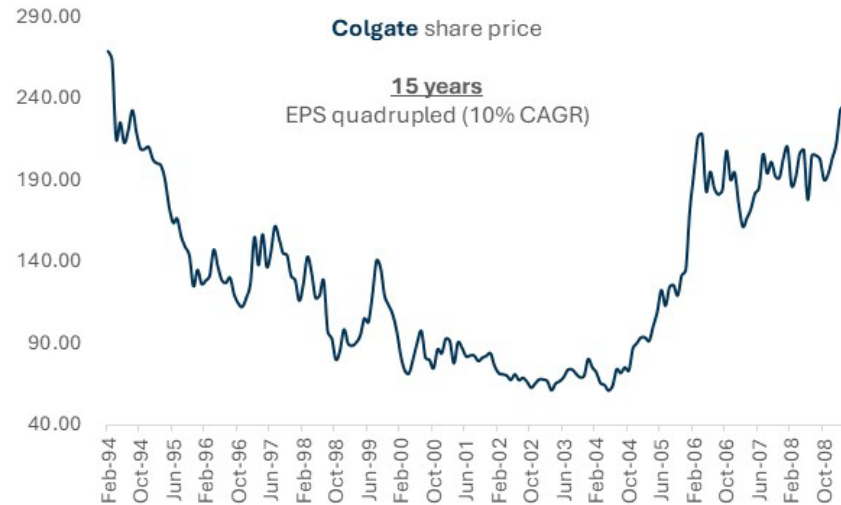
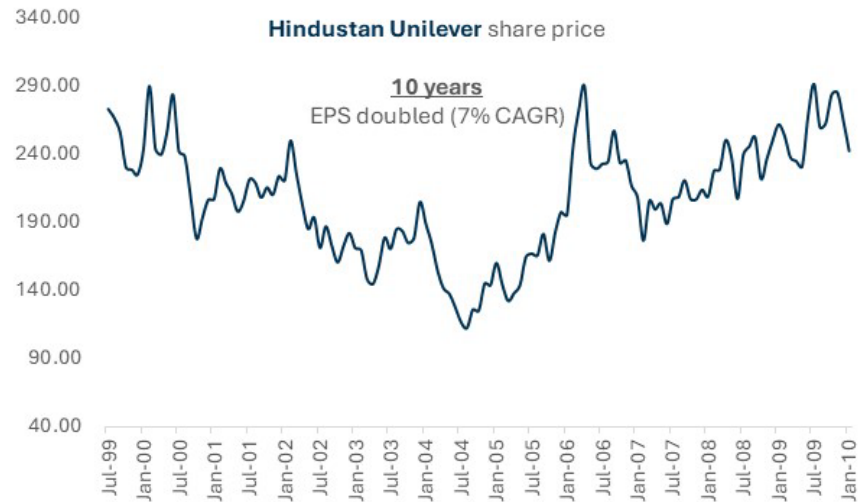
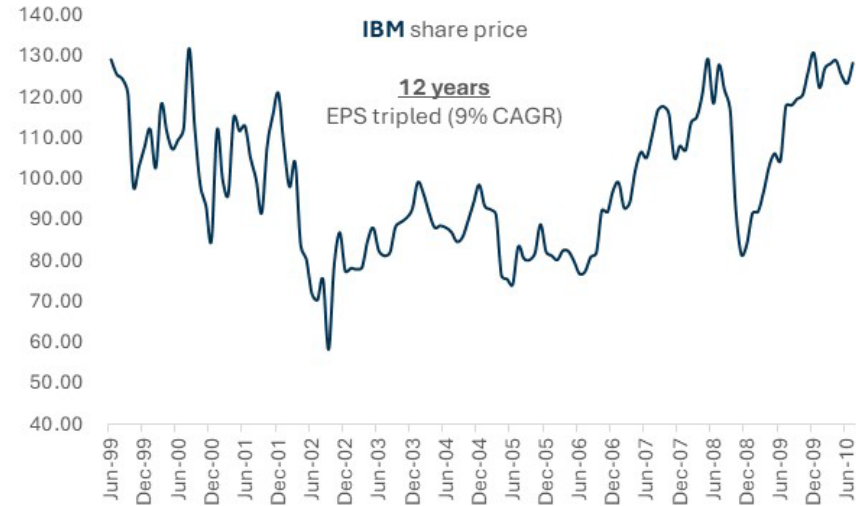
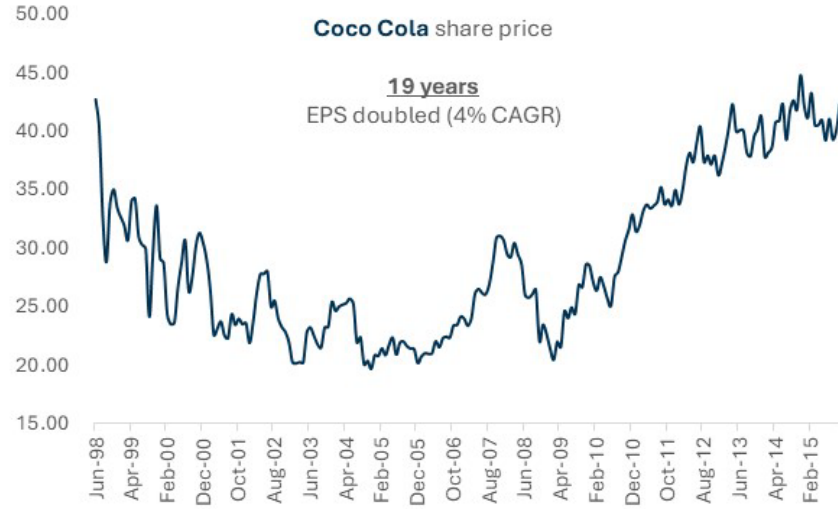


Automobiles normalized performance



A good company is different from a good investment

even stocks follow cycles





Aggressive and Defensive.

how do we approach It?

Aggressive: endeavor to generate superior returns

Defensive: endeavor to protect capital

Overall: superior long-term returns





core and satellite vertical

Core vertical

Satellite vertical



Cash flows

Prefer predictable versus optional



Cyclicals

Metals, Commercial Vehicles, NBFC



Reinvestment

Prefer dividend yield versus growth



Turnaround

Disruption ending: Bharti Airtel



Leadership

Prefer industry leaders versus challengers



Value

Leader hugely expensive: Max Financial

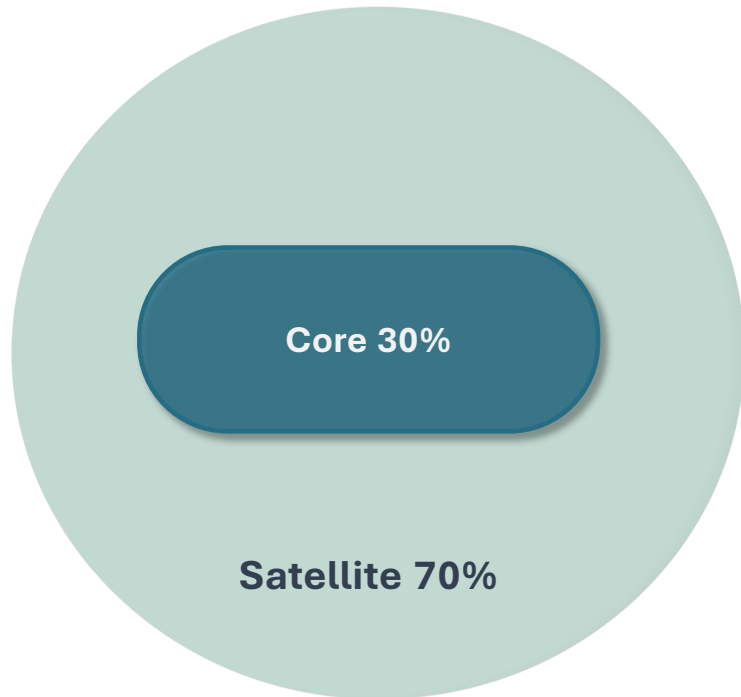




we understand *cycles*

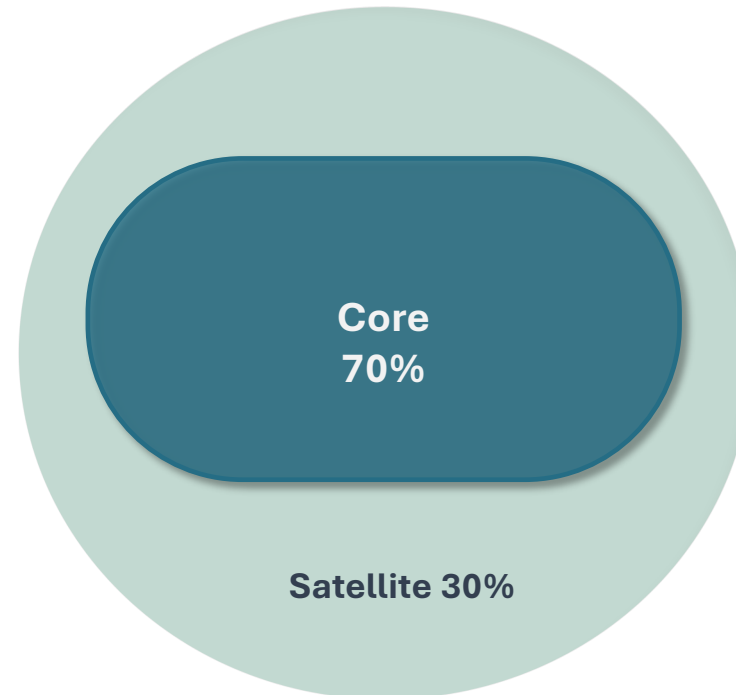
aggressive and defensive cycles

Aggressive cycle stance



- **The end-game**
 - Generate superior returns
- **Execution**
 - Satellite allocation > Core allocation

Defensive cycle stance



- **The end-game**
 - Protect capital
- **Execution**
 - Core allocation > Satellite allocation



Superior risk-adjusted returns.

PMS track record

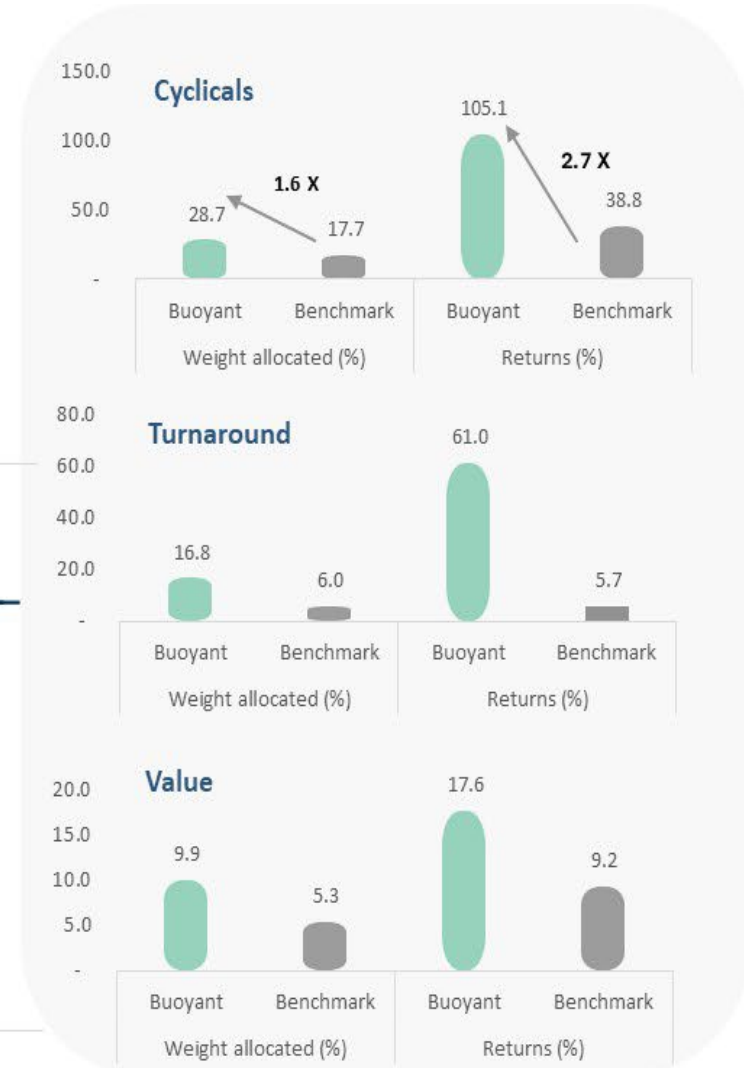
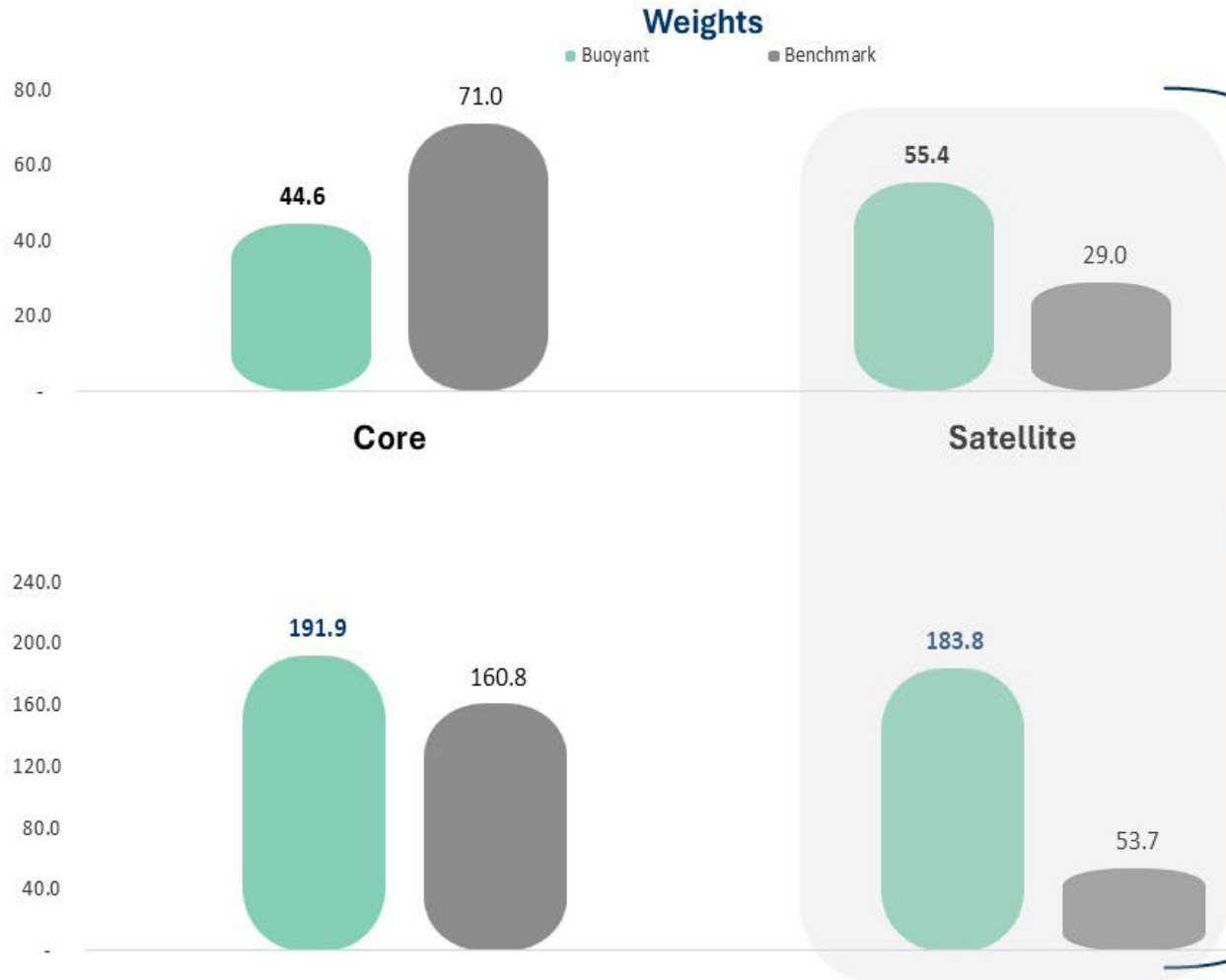
since June 2016





returns breakdown relative weights and returns

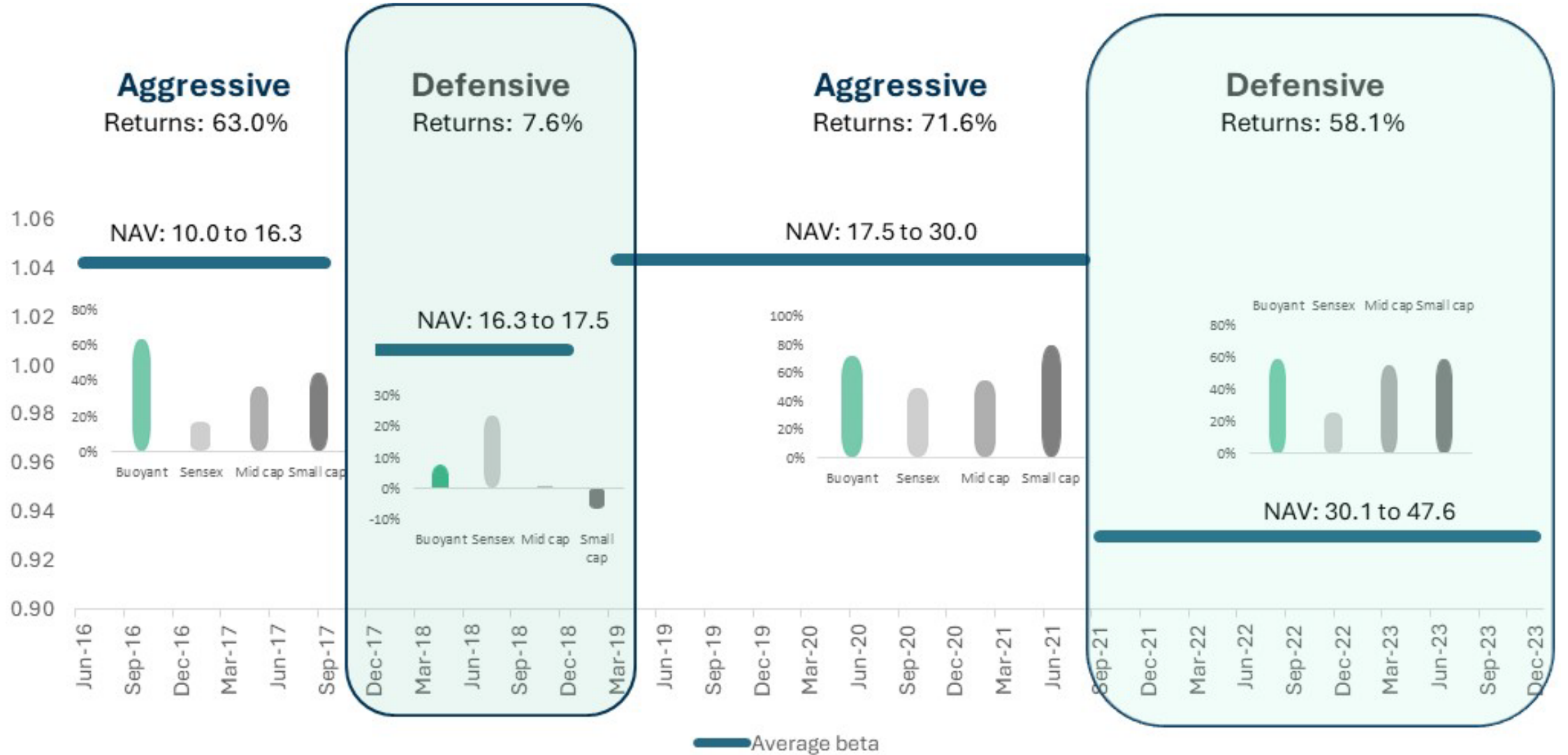
strategy-wise returns





returns breakdown: aggressive vs defensive returns

time-wise returns





Changing *cyclical stance*

when aggressive versus defensive

When Defensive?



Reverse DCF

upsides not comfortable for many sectors



Inverted pyramid

Valuations: Small Cap > Mid Cap > Large cap



Other factors

Dramatic increase in stock market interest
Justification moves relative
Alpha generation becomes too easy

When Aggressive?



Reverse DCF

assumes low growth, high cost of capital, low TV



Quality at any price

Valuations: don't matter; just buy 'Quality'



Other factors

Dramatic drop in new offerings
Herd mentality in behaviour
Management throws in the proverbial towel





as of 31 December 2023

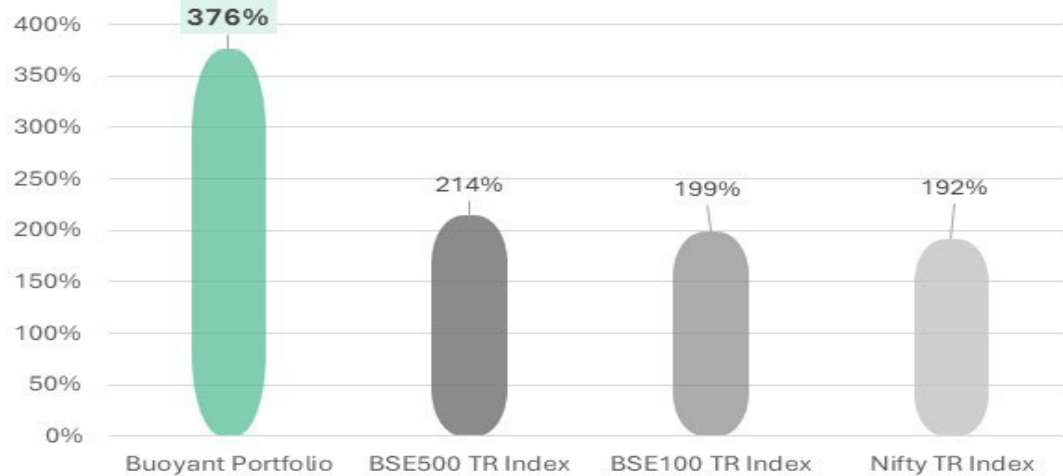
resulting in superior returns

| As of | | 31-Dec-2023 | | | |
|-------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Total returns (%) | | Buoyant Portfolio* | BSE500 TR Index | BSE100 TR Index | NIFTY TR Index |
| Annualized | Inception (Jun-16 to date) | 22.8% | 16.3% | 15.6% | 15.2% |
| | Five years | 23.6% | 17.6% | 16.5% | 16.2% |
| | Three years | 34.1% | 20.4% | 18.2% | 17.2% |
| | Two years | 19.5% | 15.1% | 14.3% | 13.2% |
| | One year | 38.5% | 26.5% | 23.2% | 21.3% |
| Absolute | Six months | 17.4% | 18.5% | 15.1% | 13.8% |
| | Three months | 6.7% | 12.4% | 11.5% | 10.9% |
| | One month | 2.8% | 8.0% | 8.1% | 7.9% |

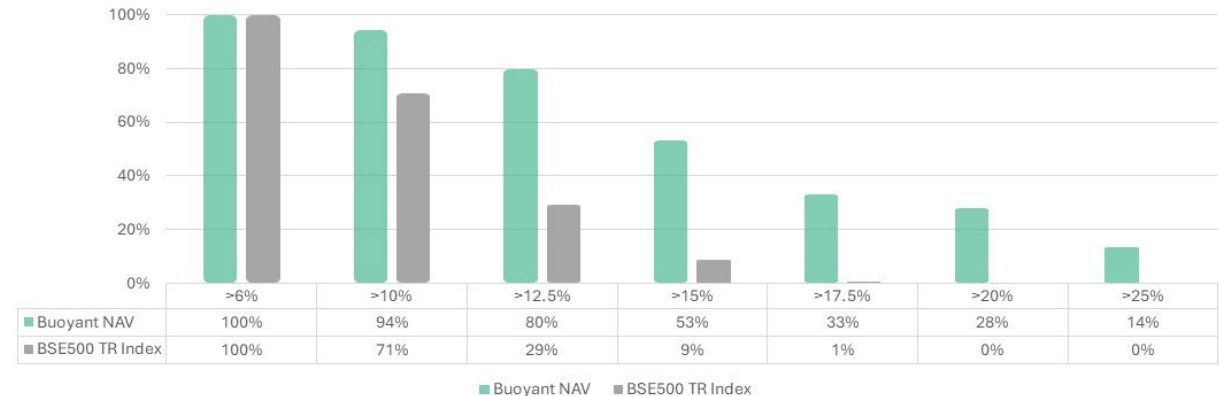
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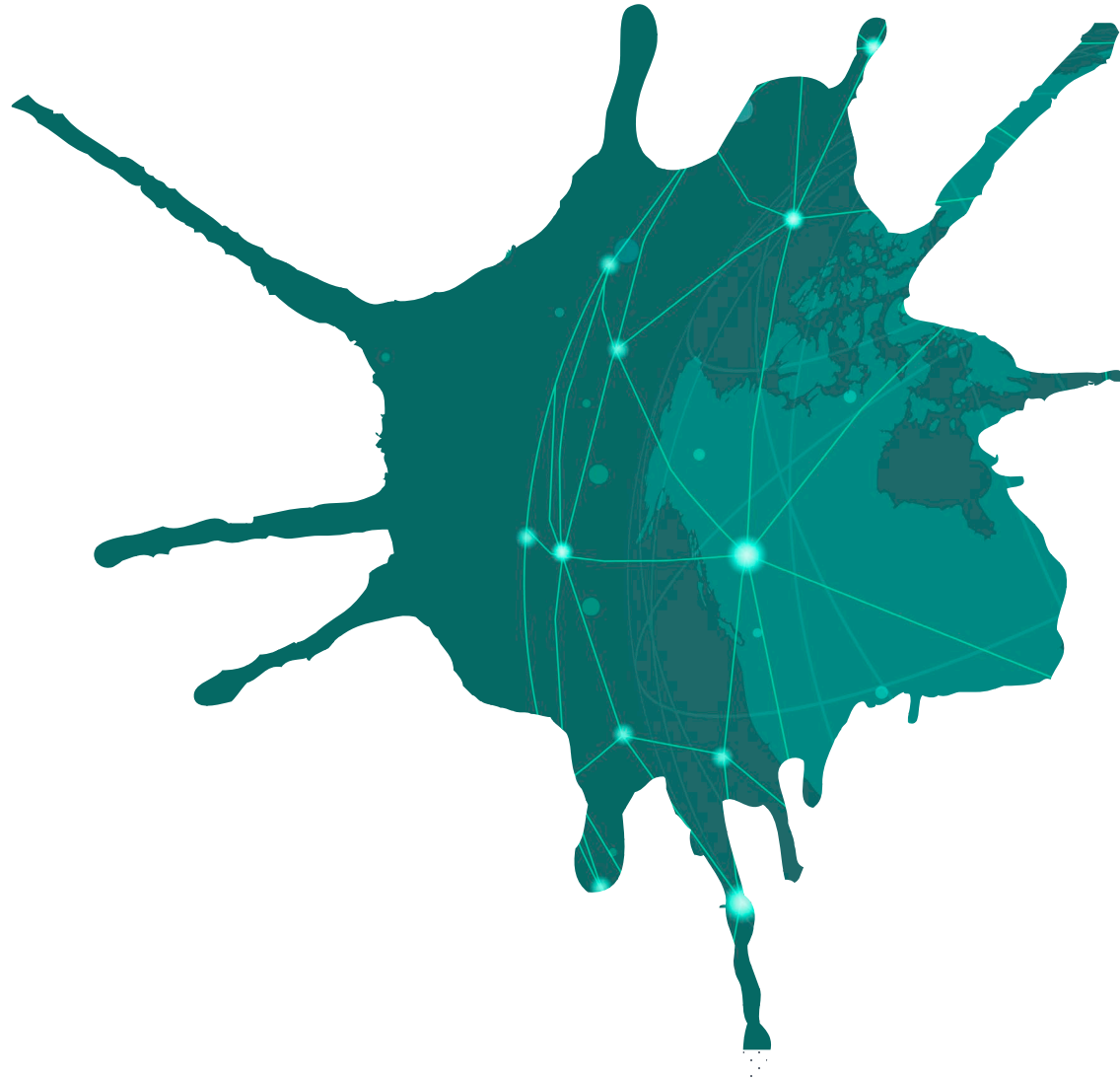
| Risk metrics | 1-year | 2-year | 3-year |
|------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Sharpe ratio (X) | 2.74 | 0.78 | 1.67 |
| Jensen's alpha (%) | 19.63 | 5.22 | 14.65 |
| Information ratio (X) | 1.23 | 0.48 | 1.31 |
| Standard deviation (%) | 11.42 | 15.71 | 16.51 |
| R-squared (X) | 0.46 | 0.67 | 0.60 |
| Beta of portfolio (X) | 0.60 | 0.89 | 0.93 |
| Sortino ratio (X) | 8.63 | 1.42 | 3.59 |

Since inception returns (%)



5-yr rolling-returns frequency distribution since inception





Communication is the **key**.

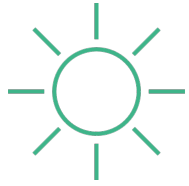
we **communicate** **effectively**

Reducing the difference between “fund returns” and “investor returns” is a critical part of our endeavor



Reduce the difference between **fund returns** and **investor returns**

communication is the key



Daily
Entire portfolio
NAV report

Weekly
Thought-provoking
analysis

Monthly
Detailed portfolio
Factsheet

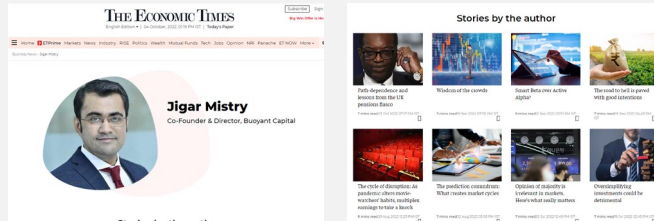
Quarterly
Detailed portfolio
analysis

Annual
Taxation reports
Audited reports

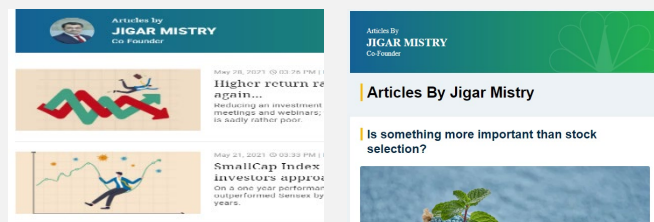


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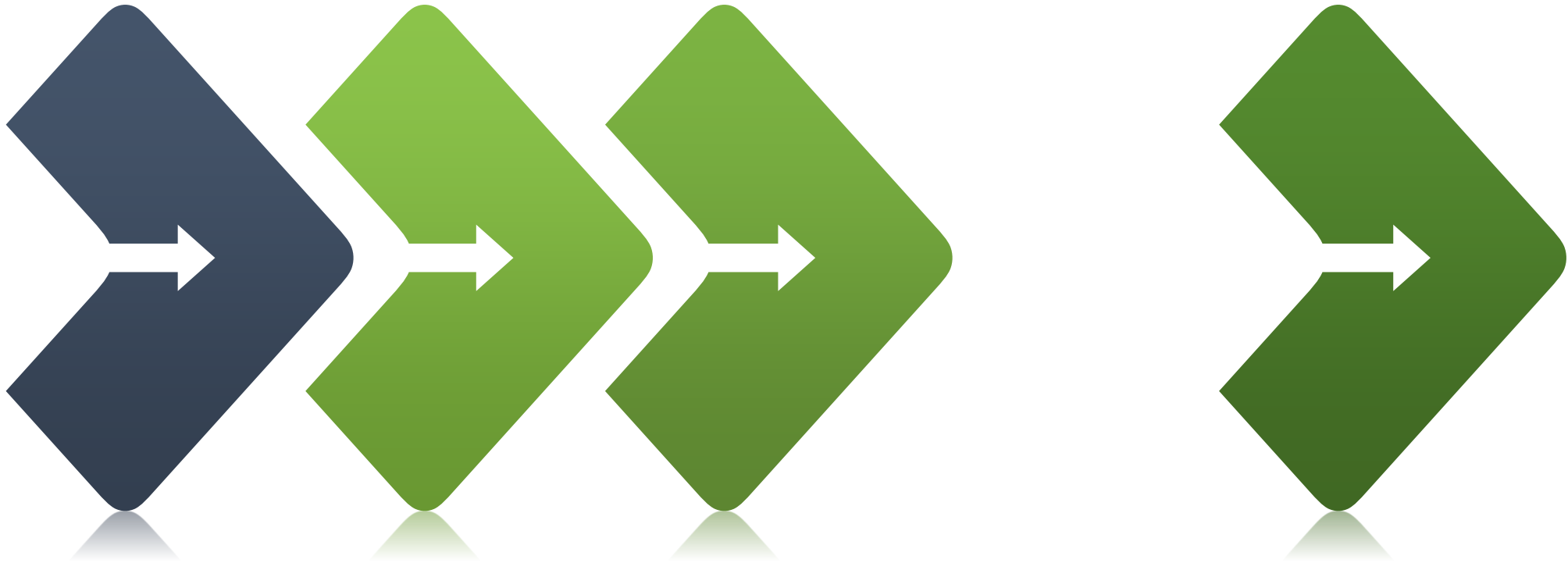
- Appearances on CNBC TV 18
- Appearances on ET Now and ET Now Swadesh
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In summary.

why buoyant?



SELECTION

Senior decision-making team



CYCLES

Aggressive vs. Defensive



EXECUTION

Opportunistic deployment



SUPERIOR

Risk-adjusted long-term returns





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Same strategy, different vehicle

Also as open-ended cat-III AIF

new vehicle for investors to participate

no lock-in, no set-up fees

free to withdraw at the end of every month



There are areas where AIF is better.

why alternatives, why AIF?

Alternatives score over traditional vehicles
AIF is better than PMS in a few areas





Alternatives score over **traditionals**

why alternatives



Secure

SEBI registered

registered with SEBI, appoint custodians, and regularly report data



Institutional imperative

No HQ directions

execute announced strategies – no direction other than investors' interest



Smaller size

No liquidity troubles

The large size of traditional vehicles makes them less nimble



Better communication

Frequent strategy updates

Takes WHEN to invest question away – frequent updates help



No index hugging

Only buy stocks we want

Only buy the stocks that fit the strategy



Better execution

Model or non-model portfolio

Takes the question of WHEN to invest away –run as “managed account”



AIFs are **better** in certain aspects

where AIF scores over PMS

A trust structure versus managed account



NO LOCK-IN

Open-ended structure

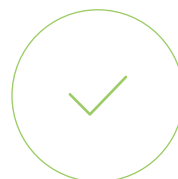
Investors will be free to withdraw at the end of every month. Unlike close-ended schemes, there is no lock-in



QUALIFIED INSTITUTION

Can participate in OFS / QIP / IPO

Qualified institutions are allowed to participate in a few instances where PMS cannot participate



TAXATION

Post-tax distribution

No need to maintain in-depth taxation records. AIF is taxed as an AOP, and distribution is tax-free in hands of investors



TRUST STRUCTURE

Shares held in a trust

Shares are not held in individual names, unlike a PMS. Compliance departments of banks, lawyers are happier with a trust structure



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resulting in superior returns - AIF

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appendices



Best vehicle to hedge against inflation

why equities in the first place?

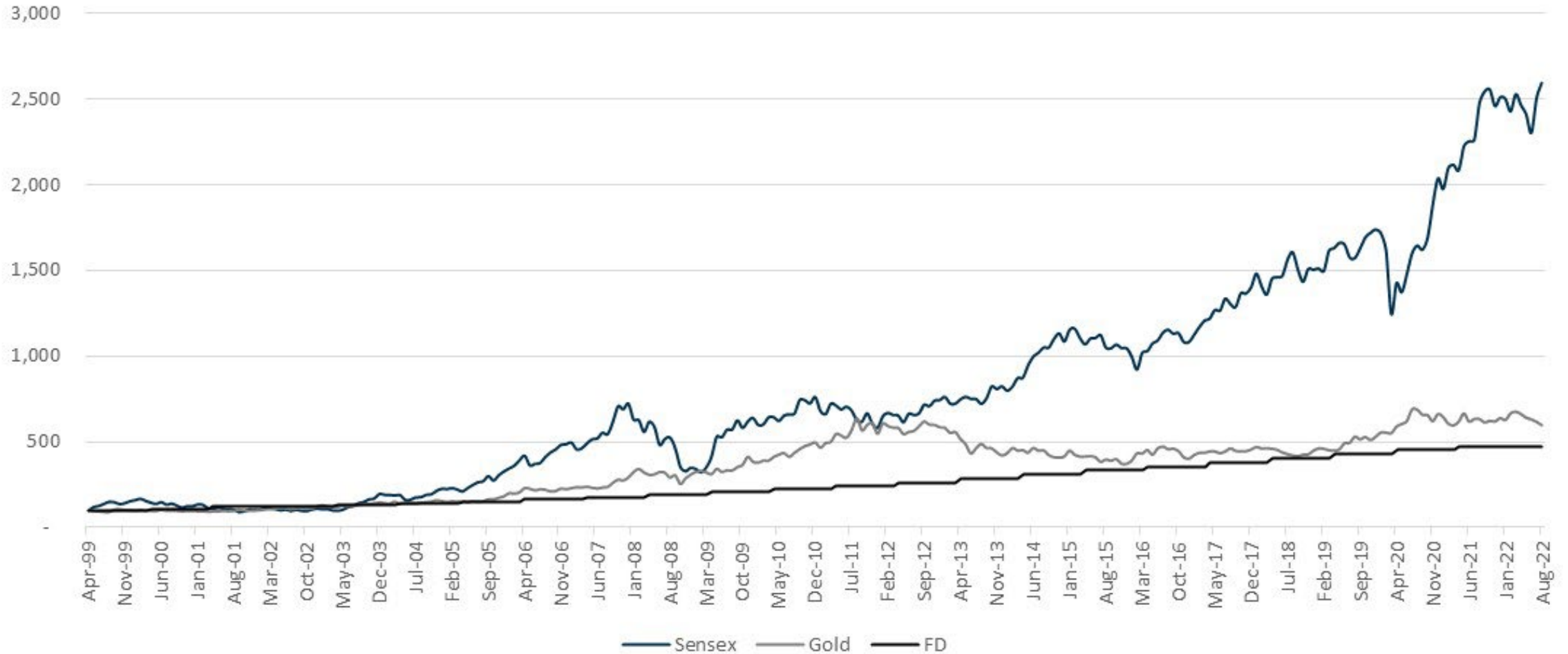
equities have outperformed over long periods
provided we can stomach the drawdowns
which can be sharp on occasion



Bank FD: 5X, Gold: 6X, Equities: 26X

why equities?

Equities has been the best performing asset class over two decades

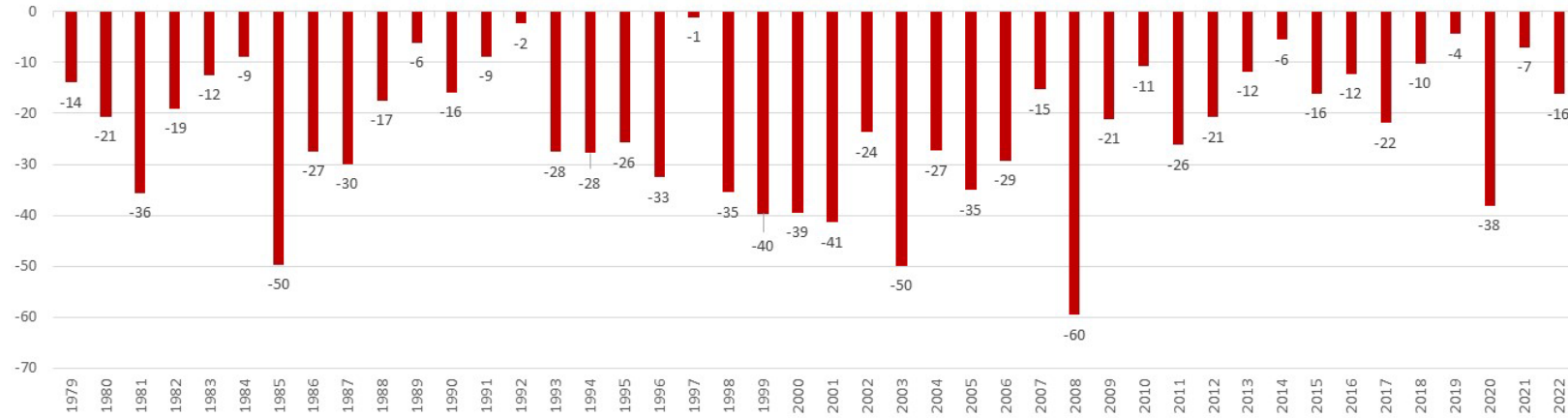




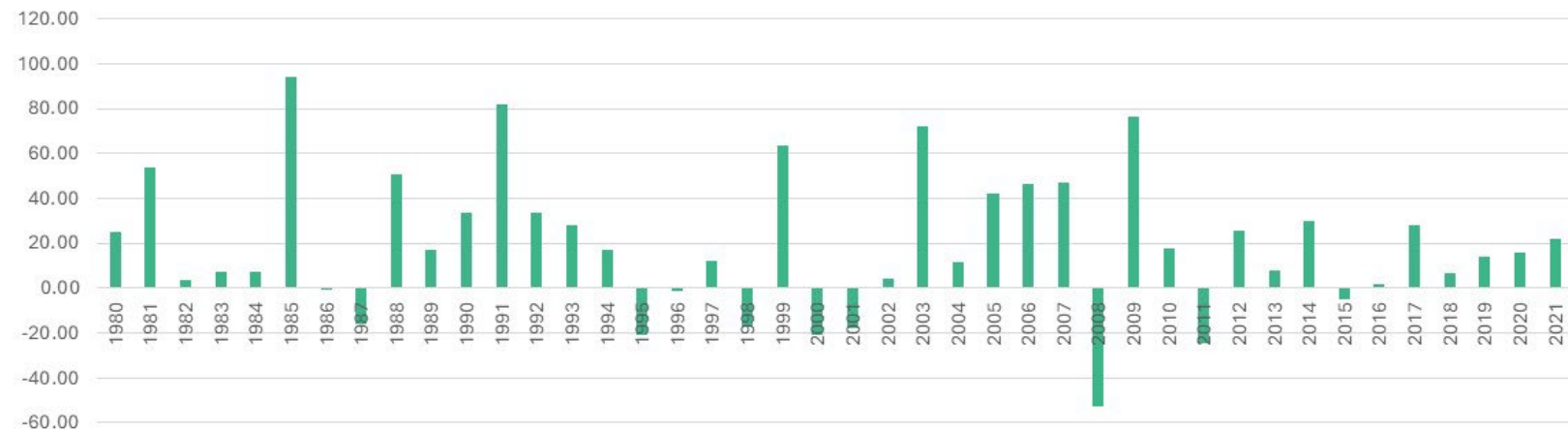
And volatility each year can be large

provided we can stomach the volatility

Drawdown (%)



Annual returns (%)



Drawdowns can be large

but returns make up for it





Mint fresh approach

The story behind the logo

Why change the logo?

We have always argued against philosophies that look at the past and create snapshots (using the past) and that is how, they think, the future should comply with their belief system. Such strategies miss the point that "change is consistent", and the fact that those snapshots themselves keep changing. At buoyant, one, our investment philosophy is that "everything operates in cycles" and two, we embrace change. The organization is getting younger, and we must look beyond the traditional red (HDFC, Kotak, ICICI) and adopt a more 'mint fresh' approach (and hence the green).

Why highlight 'a'?

For two reasons. One, it is not so much as we want to highlight 'a', as much as our belief that everything operates in cycles. Within cycles, there is a reversion to mean - and the green within 'B' of buoyant must recur somewhere. It could have been 'y' or 'a' or 'n'. Which character is not as important as our belief that the green must recur.

But we chose 'a' for a specific reason. It separates the word 'ant' which is of particular importance to us. 'Ant colonies' function in a very different way compared to other species. They don't have 'one queen ant' (like beehives do) but many - and the organization functions in a way that it achieves "self-organized criticality". It is the way in which buoyant functions too - we don't have "one" star fund manager, and other teams also function in a way where the "team" is more important than the "individual" (that goes on to strengthen the entire system).

Our love for the 'ant system' is not recent. We had written about how their order impresses us in 2020. Here is the link:

<https://www.buoyantcap.com/ant-colonies-self-organized-criticality-and-small-caps/>





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