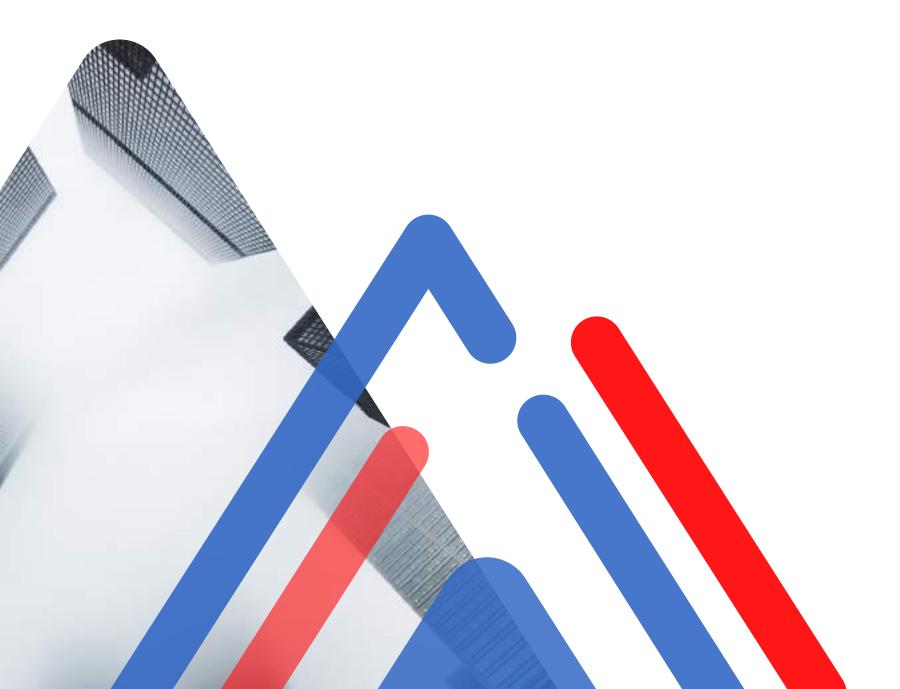
# Investor Presentation





**AAA Budding Beasts PMS Strategy** 

October 2025

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# Why AAA?





### Founders are Fund Managers



• Rajesh Kothari, Founder of the firm is the Chief Investment Officer of AAA PMS.



### Longevity



• 15 years of existence as a boutique investment management firm, a rarity in the industry



### No Conflict of interest



• AAA is only into PMS & Investment advisory and not into other businesses like broking, wealth management, etc. Hence, no conflict of interest for the clients.



### Competence



• Both Rajesh and Govind bring in more than 38 years of fund management experience, and the investment team has a collective experience of over 130 years. Successfully navigated various phases of unknown events like Demonetisation, Pandemic, geo-political events, etc.



### **Award Winning Track Record**

• AAA IOP PMS received the **Best 10 year Performance Award four times** (Rank 3 - 2024, Rank 2 - 2023, Rank 3 - 2021, Rank 2 - 2020) for delivering superior risk adjusted returns across categories by PMSAIF World (data analysed by IIM Ahmedabad).

### The Team





Rajesh Kothari

Founder & Managing Director

years



**Govind Agrawal** 

Director

29 years



Sandeep Biyani

Head of Sales & Business Development

19 years



Bhushan Koli

**Head of Operations** 

29 years



### Rajesh Kothari

Founder & Managing Director

CWA, MBA



### The Team



#### **About**

- Rich experience of more than 29 years in Indian capital market with expertise in both Long Only & Long Short investment strategy
- Former Director with Voyager Investment Advisors (US\$500m) USA based India dedicated fund. During his tenure, fund Outperformed the benchmark indices significantly
- Former Fund Manager with DSP Merrill Lynch Fund Managers (DSP MF) for more than four years. The schemes delivered annualized return of 55% (Equity Fund) & 62% (Top100 Fund) outperforming benchmark indices by more than 20% & 10% respectively. The equity schemes maintained its "1st Quartile Ranking" consistently during his tenure

#### **Achievements**

- Received CMA Young Achiever Award 2014
- Rated as "Platinum Fund Manager" by Economic Times for DSP ML Equity Fund on a risk-adjusted return basis (Jul 2006)
- Received CNBC TV18 CRISIL Mutual Fund of the Year Award 2006 for DSPML Equity Fund and Lipper India Fund Awards 2006 for best equity fund group for 3 years
- Invited at Maharashtra Economic Summit to present views on Indian Infrastructure
- Invited by Institute of Directors to present views on Governance Deficit
- Actively involved with Arham Yuva Group philanthropic initiative



#### **Govind Agrawal**

Director CA, LLB



### The Team



#### **About**

- Rich experience of 29 years in Indian capital market
- Asset Management Company (USD 20bn) for over four years. Reliance Emergent India Fund (USD 100m offshore fund) outperformed benchmark indices by 35% since its inception. Played instrumental role in setting up Macro Economic Research desk
- Former Executive Director with UBS Securities
  India Pvt Ltd for 4 years as India Account
  Manager for large FIIs and guided the portfolio
  managers for right country, sectors and stocks
  allocation. Former Senior VP Equity Sales
  with Motilal Oswal Securities Ltd for 10 years.
  Played key role in establishing institutional
  equity broking business, systems and processes

#### **Achievements**

- Represented Reliance AMC on international platforms and panel discussion on Emerging Markets and Indian Equity Market
- Addressed investors' meet and the private banking teams of large banks in Middle East, Asia, London, Europe and in India
- At UBS, was voted as the "Best Equity Sales Person-Mega Funds category, Asia Money 2006"
- Won several awards at Motilal Oswal for consistently contributing to Institutional Equity Sales

# Investment Philosophy

### **Protecting Capital - DSD Mechanism**





**DIVERSIFICATION** 

Three important risks: Governance, Technology and Business cycle - can be reduced only by Diversification. We invest across market cap, sectors, and companies to reduce company/sector specific risk.



STAGGERED APPROACH

We build the portfolio over a period of time. We do not follow Model portfolio approach.



DISCIPLINED EXIT STRATEGY

We have a disciplined Exit strategy. We sell/reduce due to rebalancing of the portfolio, change in growth assumption of our portfolio company, expensive valuations.



### Investment Philosophy Creating Wealth - 3M Approach





#### **Market Size**

Market size determines size of opportunity. We prefer companies which are targeting large market size to generate exponential returns.

#### **Market Share**

We buy the companies which are leaders in their sector as they are best positioned to navigate upturn and downturn of the economy.



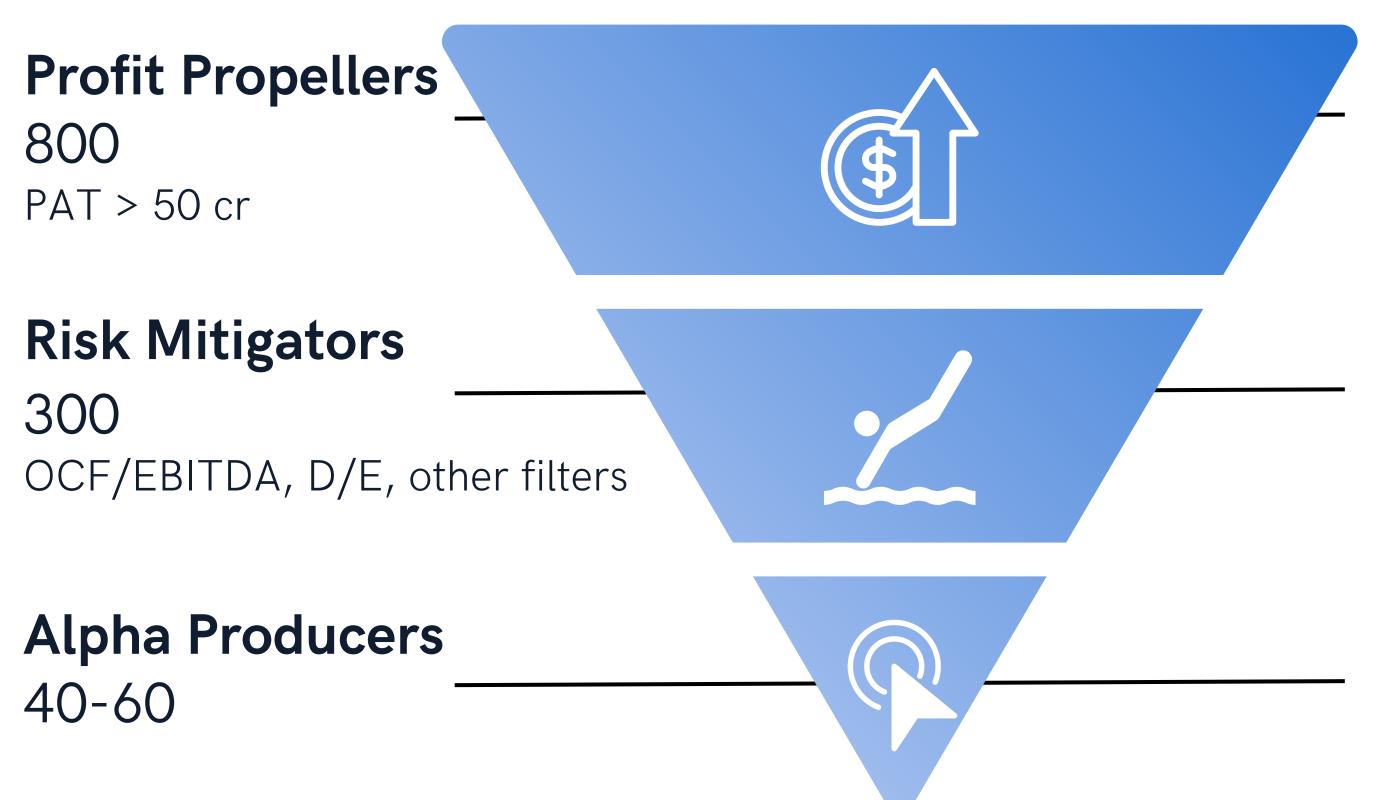
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### Margin Of Safety

Price is what you pay. Value is what you get. We buy the companies which are available at reasonable valuations.

# Quality





### **Screening Stage**

Companies which have a good corporate governance, strong business moats along with a reasonable profit size

### **Deep Dive Stage**

Companies which are market leaders and effectively positioned to grow and multiply

### **Selection Stage**

Companies with strong earnings growth prospects and right valuations

### Internal Checks

### **Forensic Assessment**



#### **Management Practices**

To assess governance

#### **Quality of Cashflow**

Ability to convert the revenue to cash and re-invest into the business



#### **Accounting Policies**

Assess the consistency and fairness of the accounting policies

#### **Taxation Mischiefs**

Identify the potential fraud



# Internal Checks Longevity Assessment





#### Longevity of business growth

Sustenance of revenue and earnings growth & Assessing competitive advantage



Identify financial strength



#### Longevity of return ratios

Gauging business profitability and efficiency

#### Longevity of reinvestment

Intensity to generate Self sustaining growth

#### We exit when....

# **Agility - Exit Strategy**



1

There is a need to rebalancing weights for risk management purposes

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A company no longer meets our buy/hold criteria

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A company no longer meets our valuations criteria

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There is no longer a durable double digit return expectation for a company's stock

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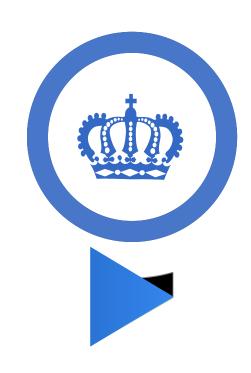
There is a more compelling investment opportunity to fund



The only constant is change.
The average lifespan of a company listed on the S & P 500 has reduced from 90 years in 1935 to 18 years, as per a McKinsey report. We are agile, and active, never letting our guard down.

# Why AAA Budding Beasts PMS?





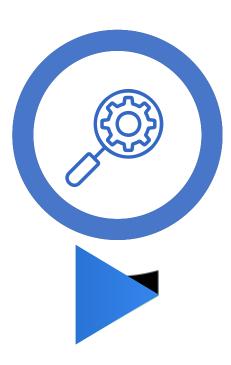
# Access to Market Leaders

Aims for mid & smallcap exposure to ~50 market Leaders across sectors.



#### **Growth Potential**

Significant growth opportunities for Small and Mid cap companies can lead to superior returns.



#### **Grounded in Research**

Combines top-down and bottom-up research with strong due diligence.

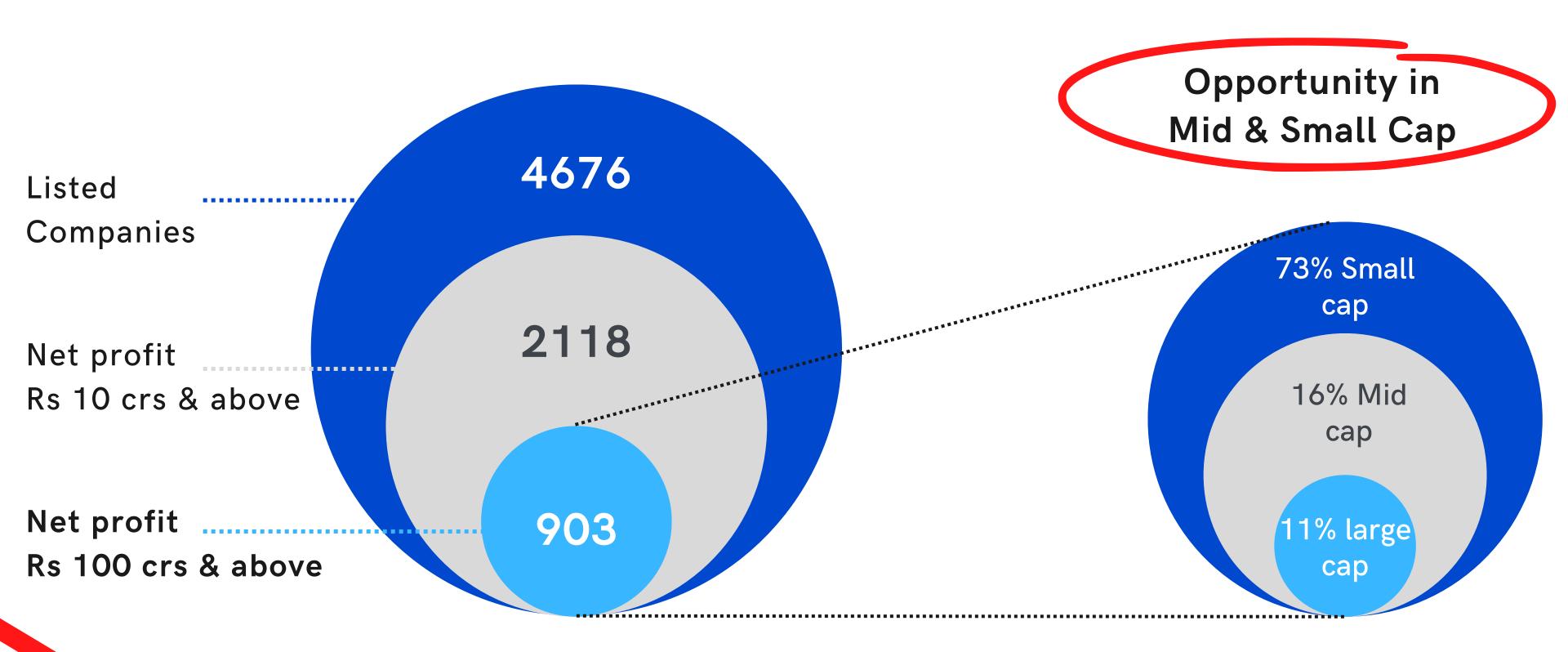


# Award Winning Track Record

We have a proven track record of investment in companies yielding multibagger returns.

# Large Profit But Small Market Cap





# Category Leaders But Mid/Small Cap



Protect Capital, Create Wealth

Bearings

White Cement

Speciality chemicals

Diagnostics chain

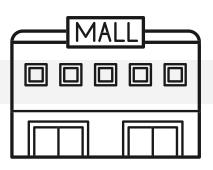
Real Estate -Shopping malls











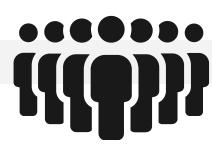
Lifestyle Business Staffing Services

Consumer Durables

Luggage

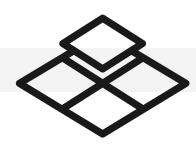
Tiles











**Pipes** 

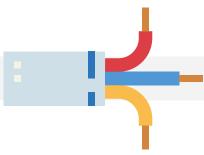
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Logistics

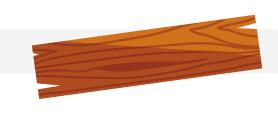
Plywood

Hotels











### AAA's Way to Build Resilient Portfolios



Market Leadership



Large Profit Size







AAA Budding Beasts Portfolio

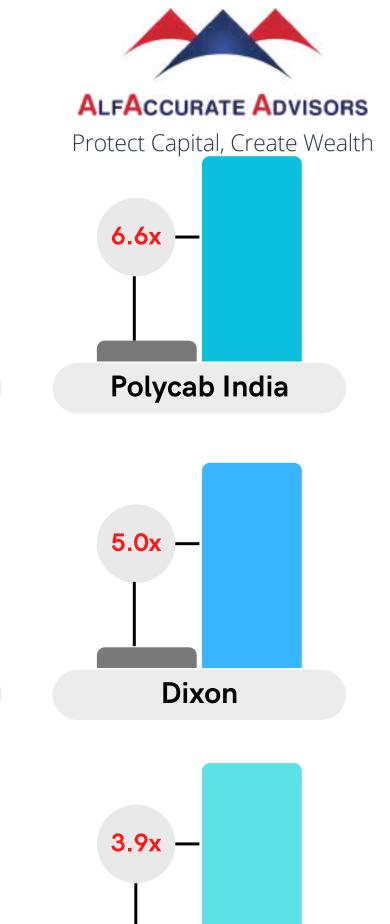
# AAA Expertise in Mid & Smallcap

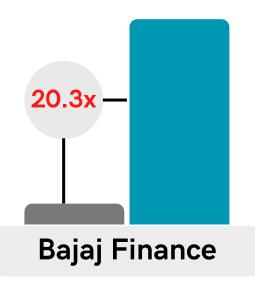


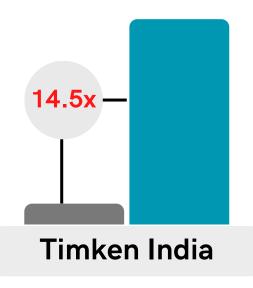
Period	AAA IOP Mid & Smallcap stock holdings	BSE MidSmall Cap TRI Index	BSE 500 Index
2009-2020*	23.1%	10.4%	11.0%
Cumulative returns	1000.5%	201.4%	220.1%

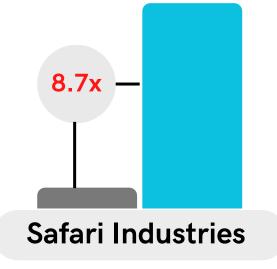
<sup>\*</sup>Note: For uniformity and ease, we have measured our performance using Mid & Smallcap holdings of AAA IOP actual portfolio since 23 Nov 2009 to 31 Dec 2020 period. We have considered AMFI market cap classification as on 31 Dec 2022. Performance related information provided herein is not verified by SEBI. Index performance is calculated as per Total Return Indices as per SEBI Guidelines).

### **AAA Success Stories**

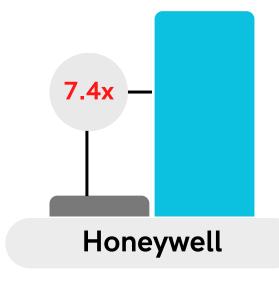




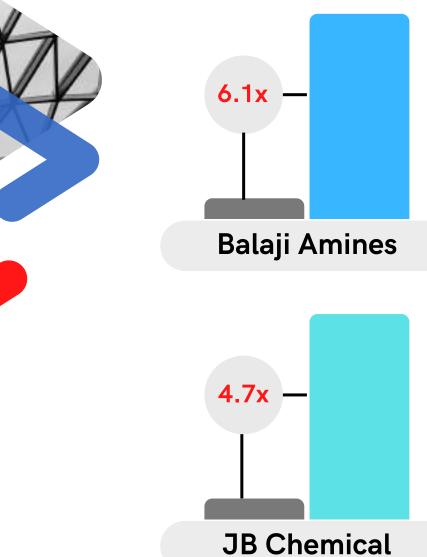


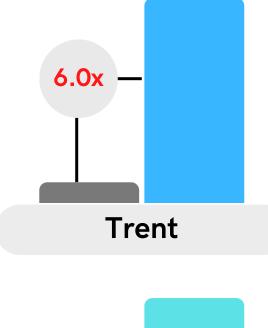


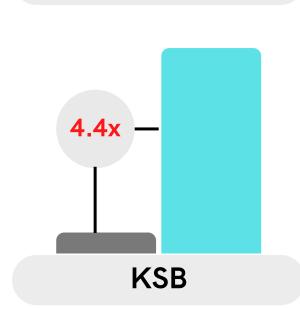
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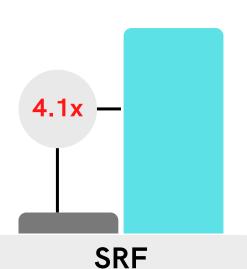
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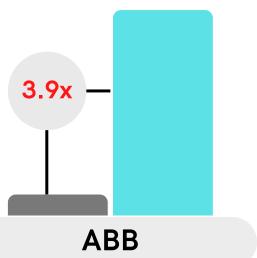




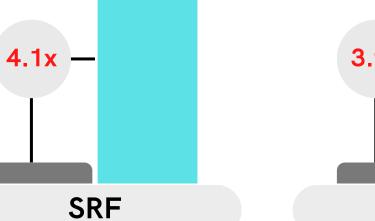
Cholamandalam



**Shree Cement** 



4.6x



### JB Chemicals - A Case Study



STOCK IDENTIFICATION

O2
O3
O4

EXIT STRATEGY

Market size
The domestic pharma
industry size:
Rs134,700 crores

#### **Growth Drivers:**

- Achieved OP & net profit growth of 27% & 47% in FY20.
- Co further improved its market share.

At Exit price, stock trades at PER of ~25x on FY23 basis

Market Share
Domestic market:
Co. ranked 34th (Rs
778 crs rev).
Exports: Rev 686
crs, 25% g (FY19).
13 approved ANDAs,
while 6 ANDAs are
pending with US FDA
for approval.

- MR productivity in domestic market
- Founders decided to sell their stake to KKR

Valuation gap vs large players narrowed significantly

 New product launches

- New professional and experienced management appointed (ex-CIPLA)
- Entry market cap: Rs 2300 crs Exit market cap: Rs13000 crs

Margin of Safety P/E of 10x, Debt free B/S, ROE 15%

- Focused Segment Approach
- Growth:Revenue 15%OP 50%NP 66%

5x Returns in 2 years

# Navin Fluorine - A Case Study



#### **Disciplined Capital Allocation**

Strong credit profile, debt-free, steady growth, high ROCE, and healthy cash flow

**19% ROCE** FY22/15

#### **Low-Cost Operating Model**

Efficient Cost structure, timely completion of projects, strict discipline on return profile

#### 24.4% OPM FY22/15

#### **Profitable Growth**

Leadership Position, Higher Asset Turnover

### 4.3x PAT FY22/15

#### **Best Owner Mindset**

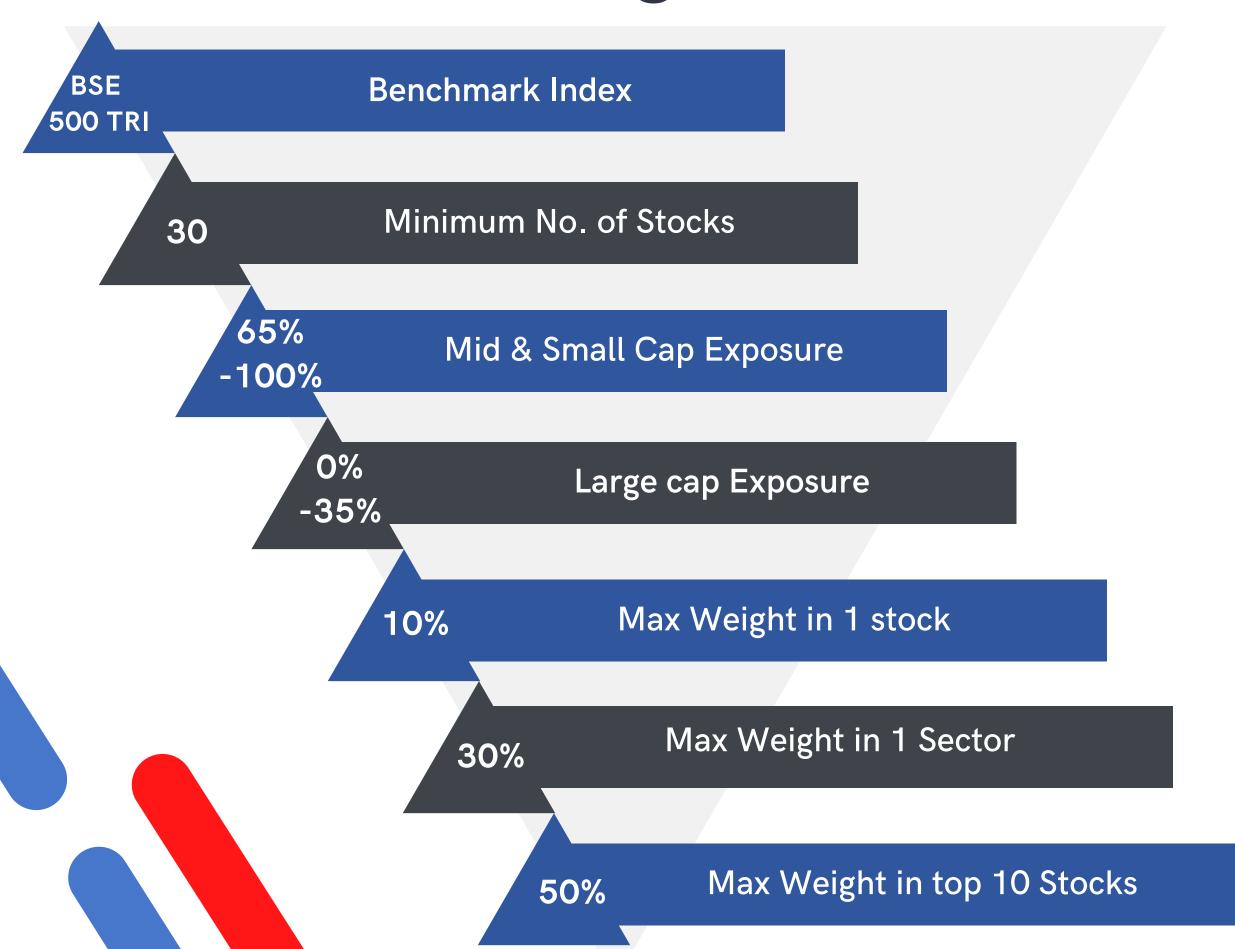
23x Stock Price FY22/15

START

**END** 

# **AAA Budding Beasts Plan Features**

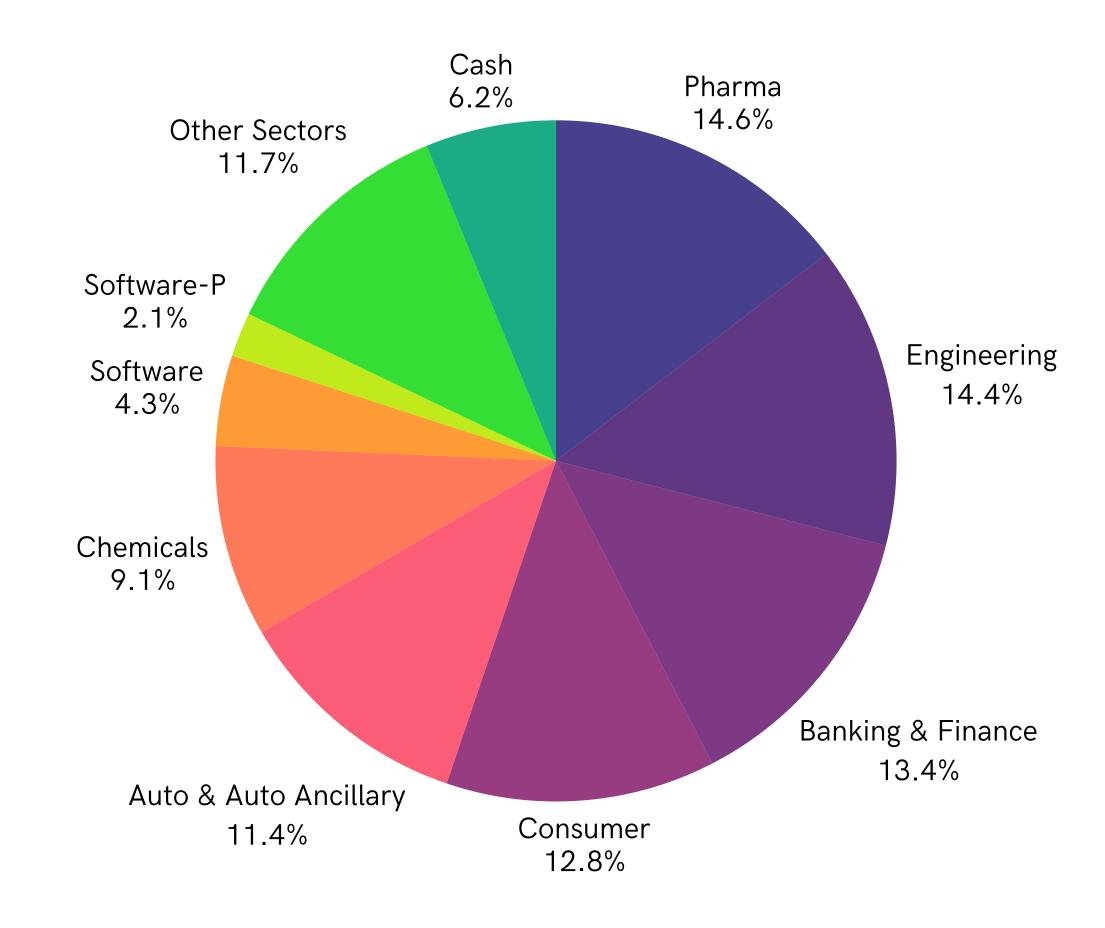




AAA Budding Beasts PMS
plan intends to build a
portfolio of 30-60 companies
which are Market leaders
with strong corporate
governance and high growth
potential with investment
horizon of 3-5 years.

### **AAA Budding Beasts Sectoral Allocation**



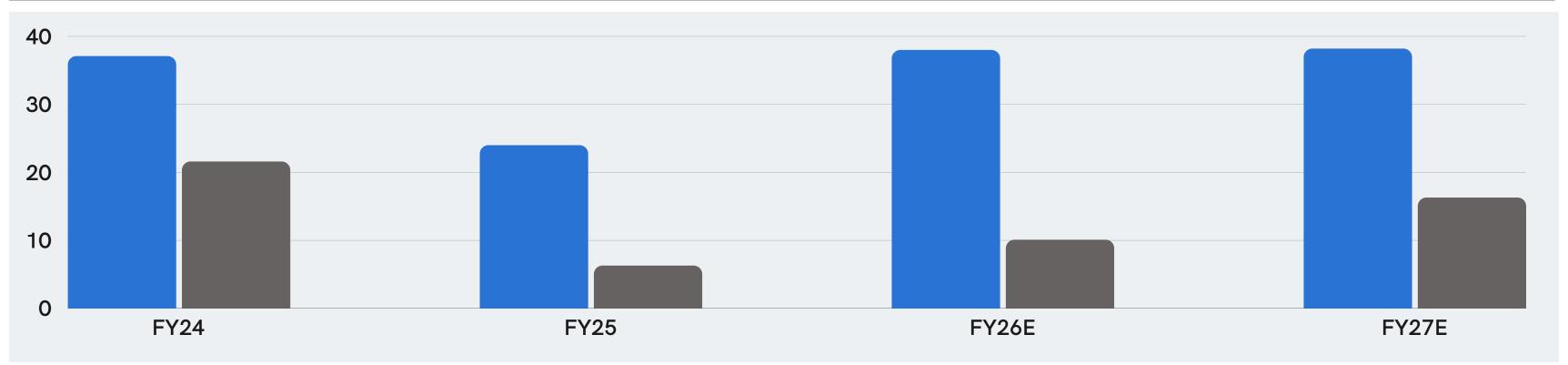


# Superior Earnings Growth



Protect	Capital	, Create	Wealth

Earnings Matrix	AAA Budding Beasts FY24	Nifty FY24	AAA Budding Beasts FY25	Nifty FY25	AAA Budding Beasts FY26E	Nifty FY26E	AAA Budding Beasts FY27E	Nifty FY27E
EPS G(%)	37.1%	21.6%	24.0%	6.3%	38.0%	10.1%	38.2%	16.3%
ROE(%)	15.1%	15.8%	15.0%	14.6%	17.1%	14.2%	19.2%	14.5%
P/E(x)	60.6	24.3	59.8	24.7	47.6	23.7	34.3	20.3
P/BV(x)	11.2	3.8	9.0	3.6	7.9	3.3	6.6	2.9
PEG					1.3	2.3	0.9	1.2



AAA BUDDING BEASTS EPS G(%)

NIFTY50 EPS G(%)

### **AAA Budding Beasts Characteristics**

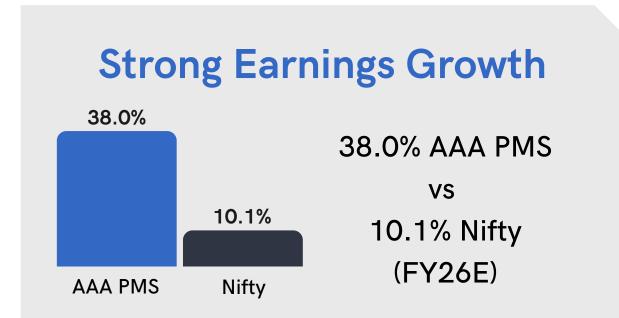




#### **Large Profit Size**



86.2% of portfolio companies Rs.50cr+ NP (76.5% above Rs.100cr+)



#### **Sectoral Leaders**

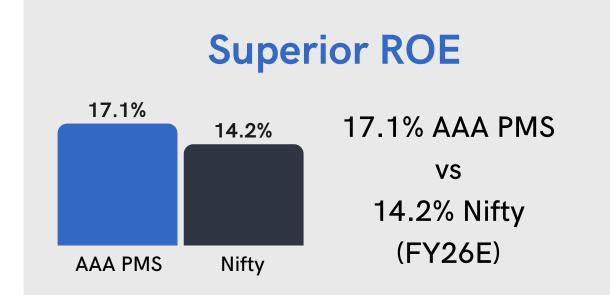


3M stock selection approach

#### **Cash-rich Balance Sheet**



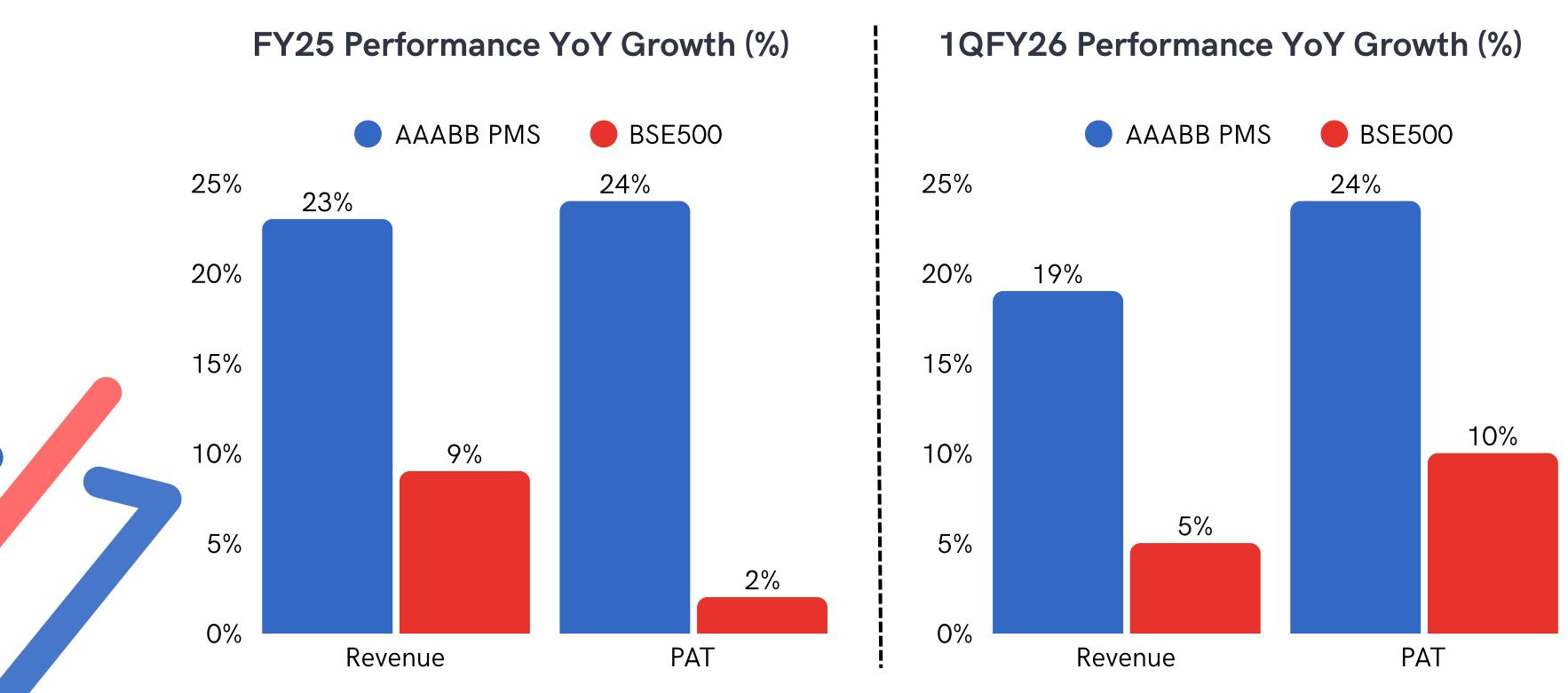
- 40.6% of portfolio cos have zero net debt- 56.4% of portfolio cos have a D/E <1x</li>





#### **YoY Performance Growth (%)**

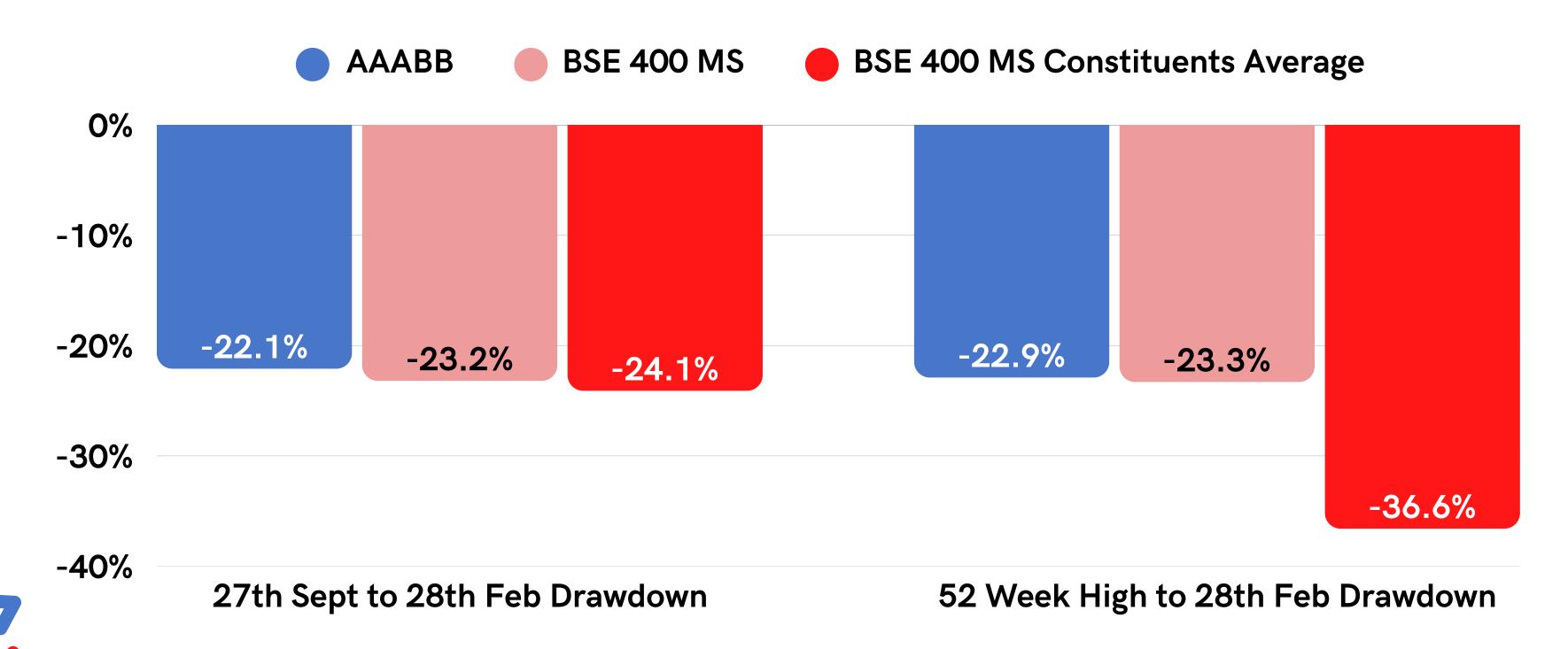




Source: AAA Research, Bloomberg, Kotak

### AAA Budding Beasts strategy (AAA BB) drawdown analysis





### **AAA Budding Beasts Performance**



Compounded Annual Returns (%)	1M	3M	6M	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	*SI 4.5+ years
AAA Budding Beasts	3.8	1.3	15.7	3.7	23.6	25.7	26.8
BSE 500 TRI	4.3	3.7	8.3	5.3	19.6	16.2	17.3

<sup>\*</sup>Since Inception performance from 01 January 2021 to 31 October 2025.

#### Note:

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We follow a staggered investment approach - hence cash levels were higher during the initial period from Jan' 21 to Mar' 21.

### **AAA Budding Beasts Performance**



Performance (%)	FYTD26	FY25	FY24	FY23	FY22	FY21	*SI 4.5+ years
AAA Budding Beasts	17.6	16.4	44.8	8.1	37.1	7.4	215.4
BSE 500 TRI	11.8	6.0	40.2	(0.9)	22.3	7.4	116.0

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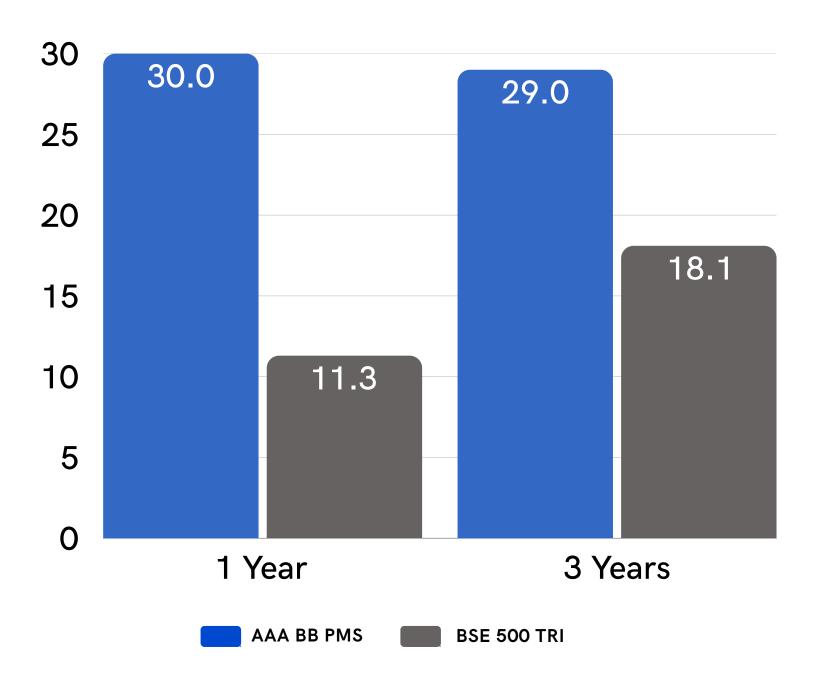
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### AAA BB Risk Analysis



#### Rolling Return Analysis: Median returns



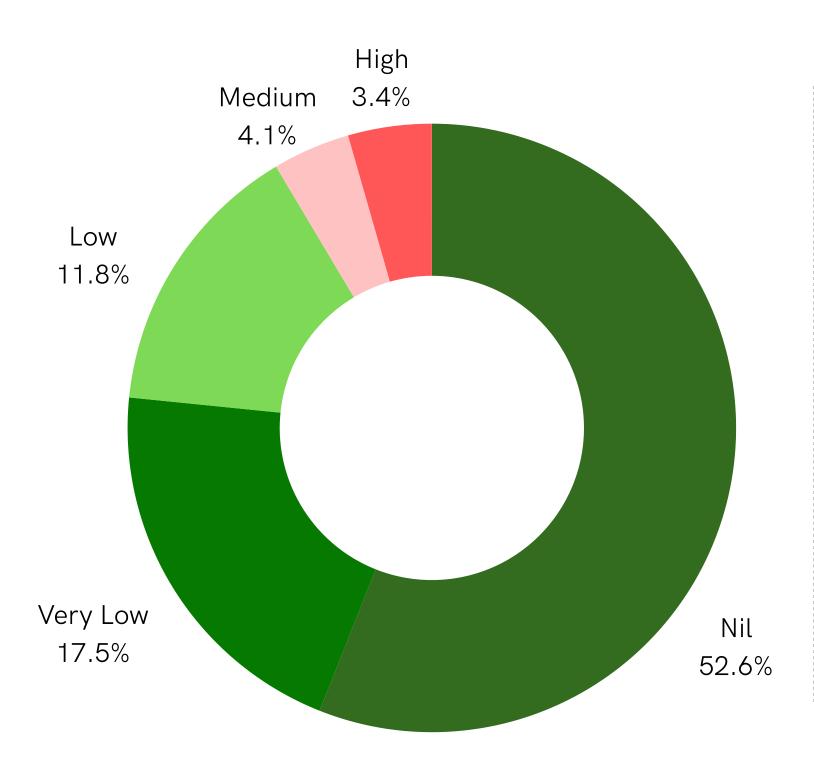
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*SI 4.5+ years	AAA BB PMS	BSE 500 TRI
Sharpe	1.29	0.71
Std. dev	15.29	14.41
Beta	0.87	1.00

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### **AAABB Vulnerability**





Portfolio co exposure to USA (% of sales)

%Sales to USA	<u>%Port</u>	<u>Sectors</u>
Nil	52.6%	BFSI, Consumer, Engineering, Pharma
Very Low (0-10%)	17.5%	Auto, Engineering, Chemicals, Pharma
Low (10-25%)	11.8%	Pharma, Chemical
Medium (25-50%)	4.1%	Pharma, Chemical
High (50-75%)	3.4%	Chemical, Engineering, Consumer

Note: Tariff on pharma is not yet announced. Since tariff on service exports are not applicable, we have excluded software sector (4.3% of portfolio).

# Strategic Partnerships



### **Depositary Participants**









#### **Custodian & Fund Accountant**







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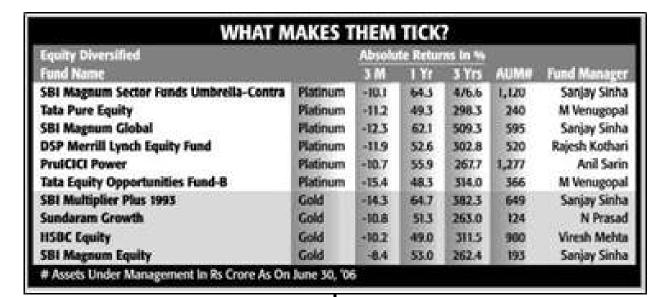


AAAIOP PMS
received Smart
Money Manager
Award for Best
10 Years
Performance 3
times (2020 Rank 2, 2021 Rank 3, 2023 Rank 2) across
categories on
Risk adjusted
Returns Basis by
PMS AIF World











Dr. Jitendra
Singh, Union
Minister of
State (I/C),
Prime Minister
Office, giving
Certificate of
Merit - CMA
Young Achiever
Award - 2014





Rajesh was recognized as the platinum fund manager by Economic Times during his time at DSP MF.

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