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*Celebrating*



*Solitaire*

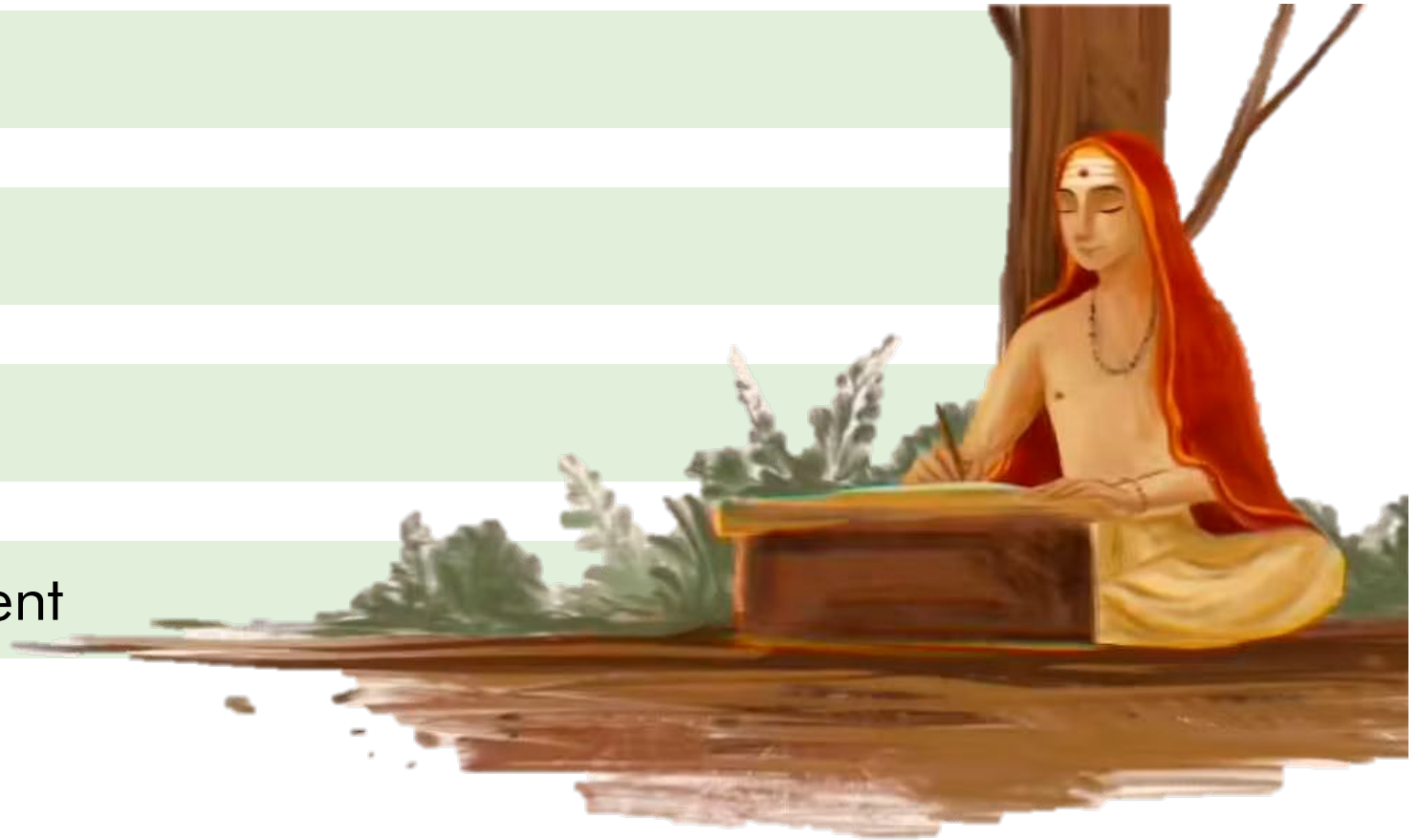
# OUR INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY

Long term focus

Non-consensus investing

Bottom-up approach

High Focus on Risk Management

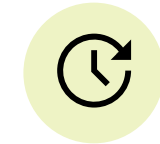


**THE**  
**Solitaire**  
**WAY**

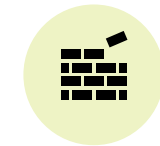
## USP OF SOLITAIRE



Customised Portfolios



Investing into businesses of the future



Opportunistic buying



Low Churn – Buy & Hold Strategy

# GREAT INVESTMENT = STRONG FUNDAMENTALS + ATTRACTIVE VALUATIONS

#1



Good Corporate Governance

#2



Strong leadership teams with track record of execution

#3



Industry Leaders

#4



High ROCE

#5



Zero or Low Leverage

#6

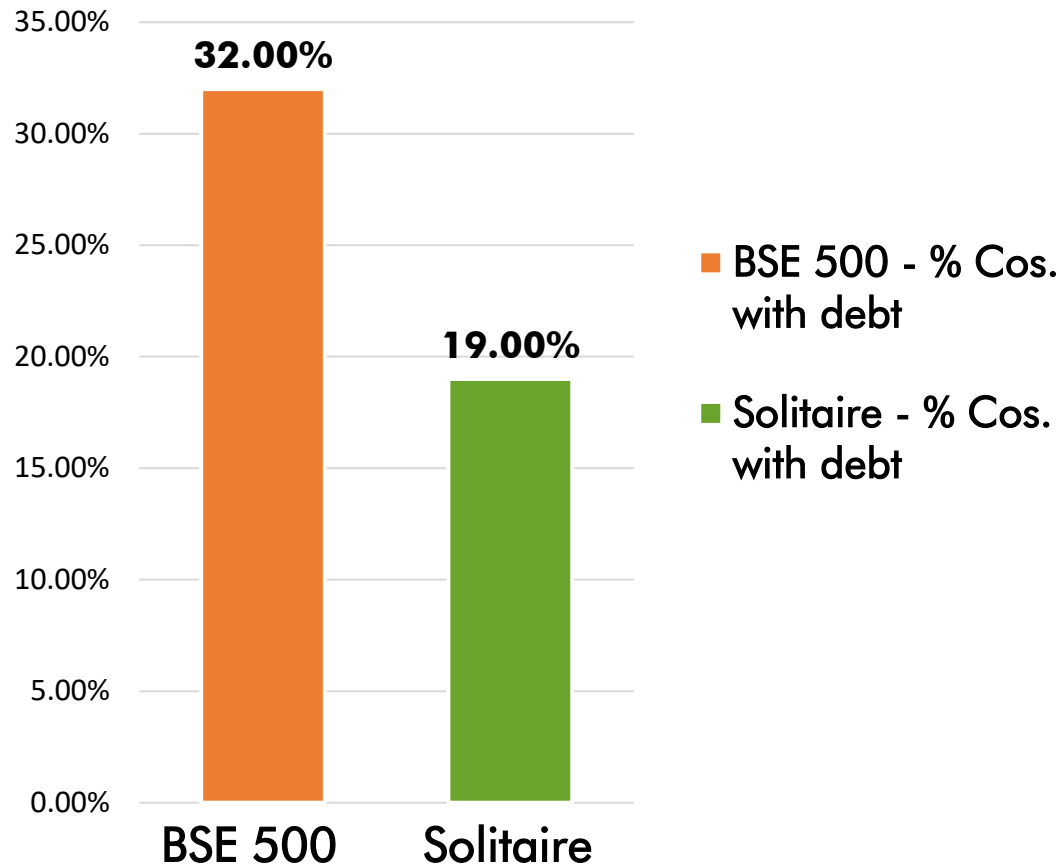


Reasonable Valuations

# KEY PORTFOLIO QUANTS



# SUPERIOR BALANCE SHEET - LOW LEVERAGE PORTFOLIO

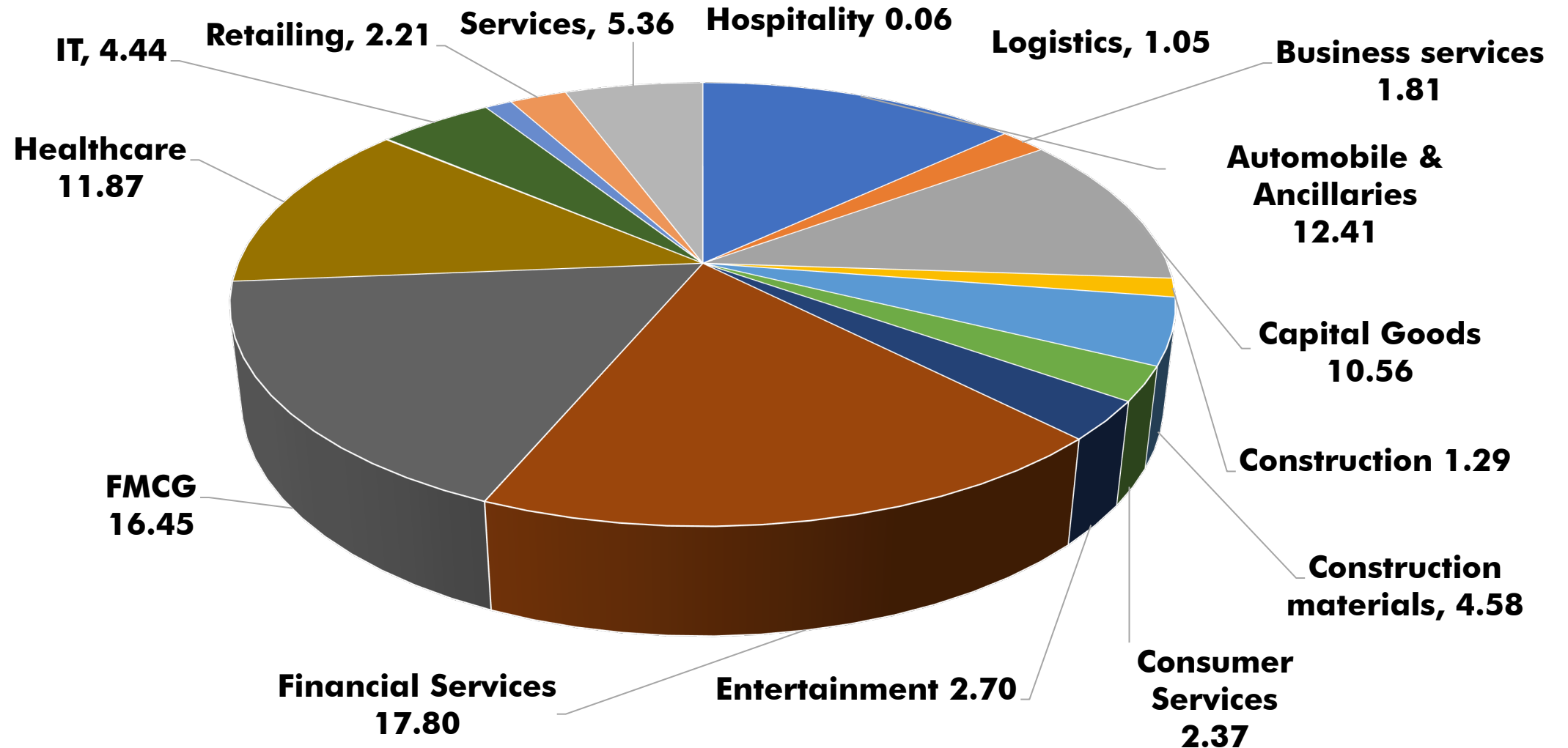


*No debt* is the biggest asset for any organization or individual.

These companies tend to be the *least volatile* during turbulent times due to lesser financial risk.

\* Portfolio data as on 28 February 2025 | Using latest available data

# BALANCED SECTOR COMPOSITION



\* Portfolio data as on 28 Feb 2025

# SOLITAIRE QUANTS – February 2025

Fund Details	
Fund Manager(s)	Mr. Shyam Sekhar (Fund Manager)
AUM in ₹ Crores	1,193
Category	Flexi-Cap
Benchmark	BSE-500 TRI
Inception	30 August 2019
No. of stocks	43

Market-Cap Classification	
Large Cap	27.68%
Mid Cap	13.92%
Small Cap	54.79%
Cash	3.61%

Portfolio Quality	
Debt-Free Companies	34 Cos. <b>(75.82% Weight)</b>
MNC Companies	9 Cos. <b>(18.69% Weight)</b>
Portfolio Beta	0.76

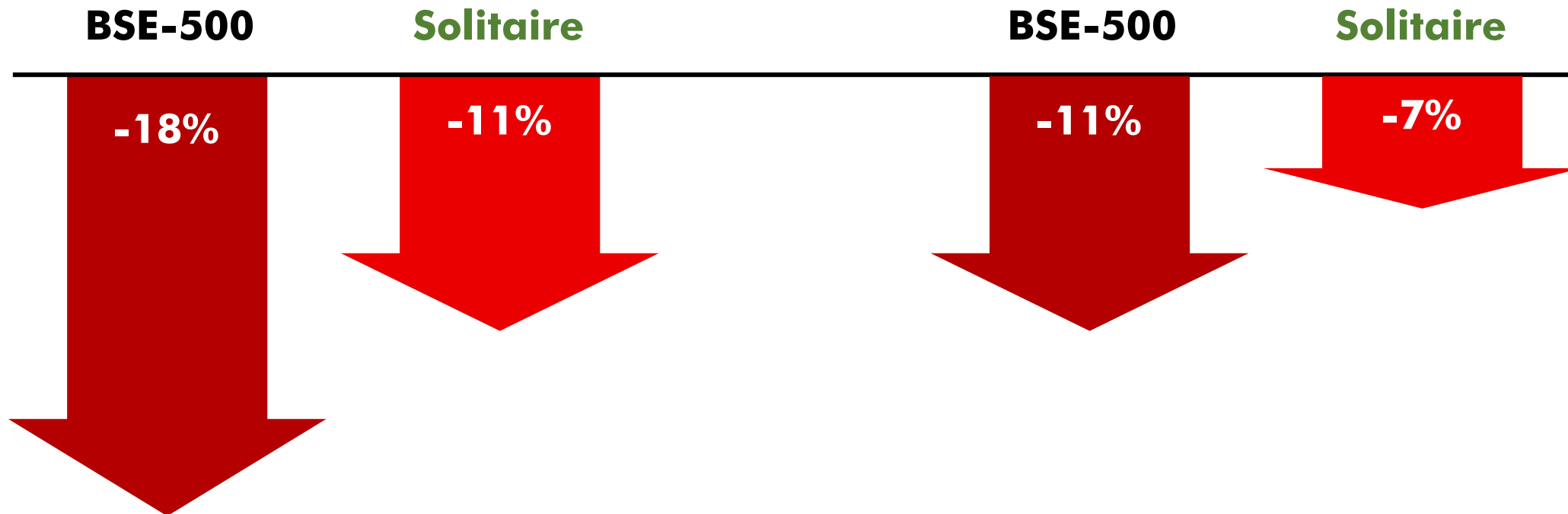
Stock Weightage Buckets (Weight and # of stocks)	
0-3%	36
3-5%	6
5-7%	1



# SOLITAIRE – DRAWDOWNS VS. INDEX

On  
20<sup>th</sup> June, 2022

On  
28<sup>th</sup> March, 2023



\* Portfolio data as on 31 Oct, 2024

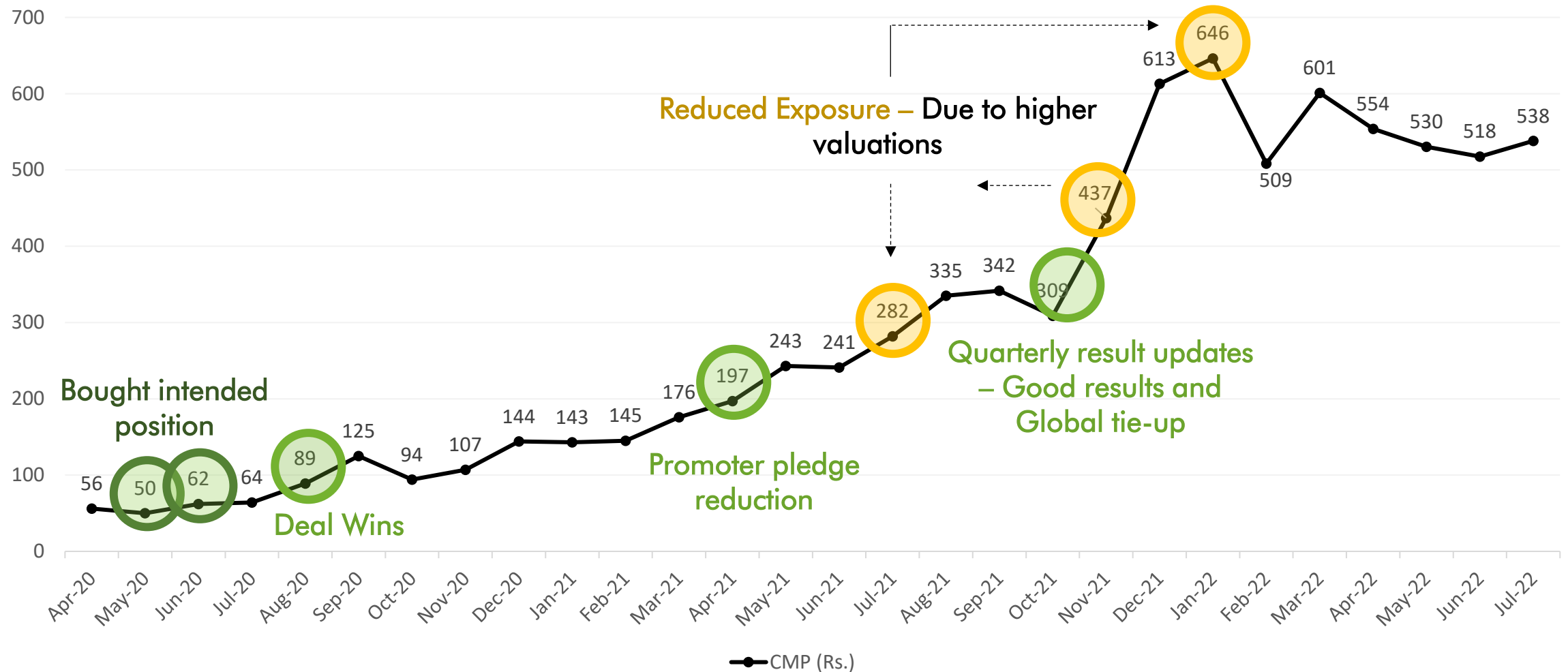
# LONG TERM INVESTMENT SUCCESS



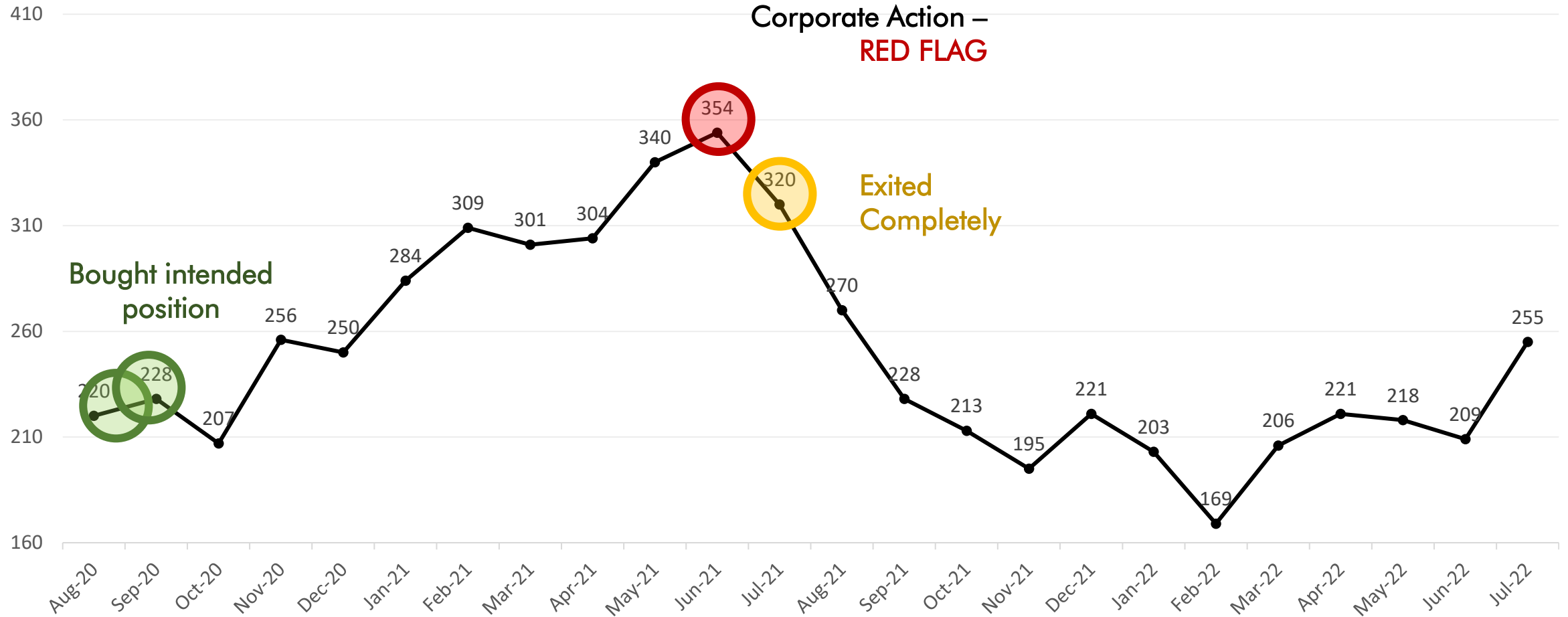
**RIDING + SELLING  
WINNERS LOSERS**

**FUNDAMENTALS**

# EXHIBIT 1: WINNER – KPIT TECH - RIDING THE STORY THROUGH THICK AND THIN..



# EXHIBIT 2: LOSER – WE DON'T SHY AWAY FROM TAKING A DECISION...



# WHAT THE PORTFOLIO WOULD LOOK LIKE AFTER A FEW YEARS...

## Few Big Winners

Allow compounding to do its job.



## Multiple Optimum Performers

Be Patient. Keep regular checks on business performance.



## Few Losers

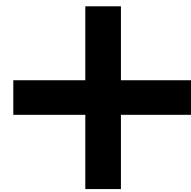
If fundamentals deteriorate, SELL.



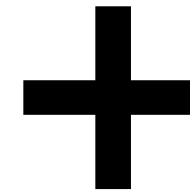
# SOLITAIRE – CURRENT POSITIONING



**THE  
FINANCIALISATION  
STORY**

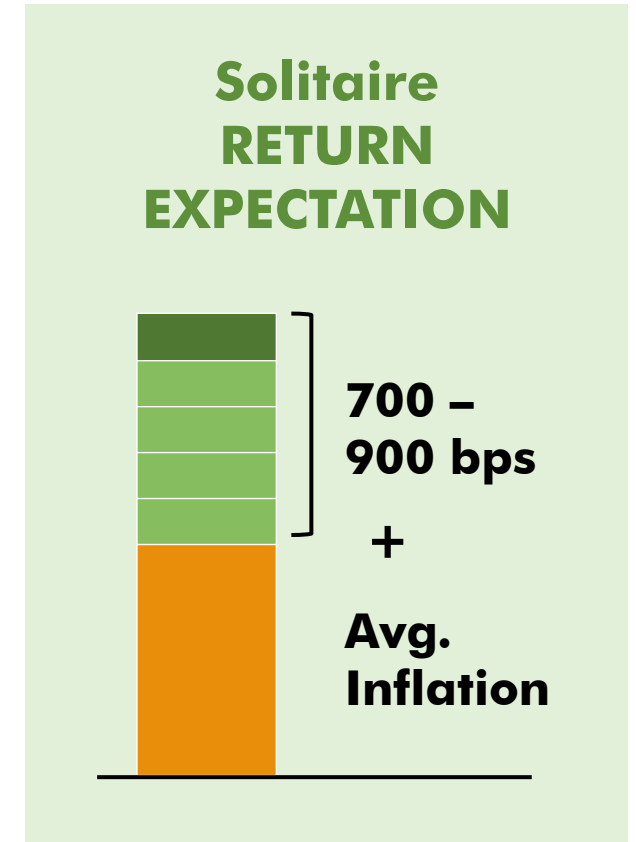
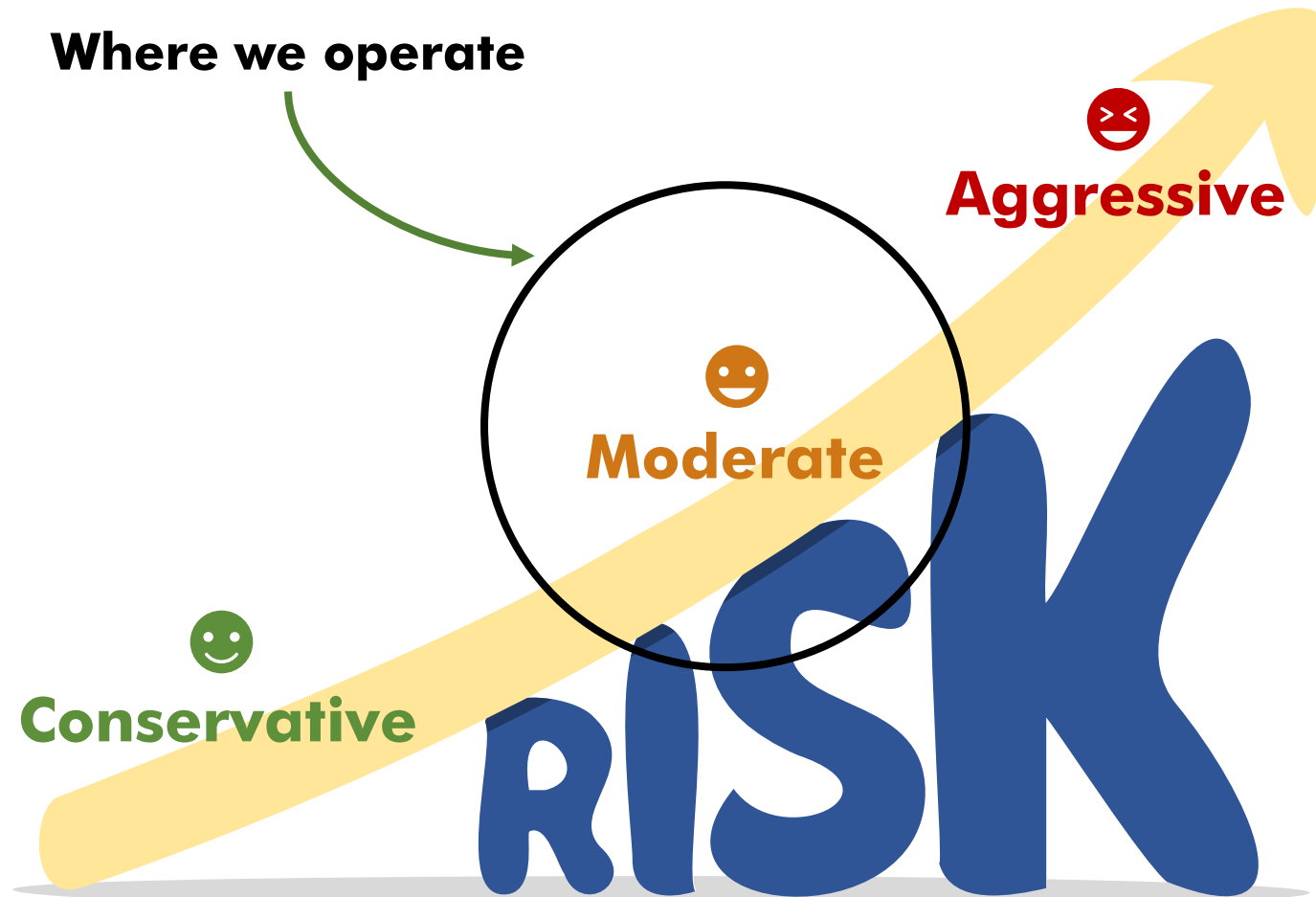


**EFFICIENT PLAYERS  
BECOMING WORLD  
CHAMPIONS**



**MAKE IN INDIA**

# RISK POSITIONING







# THE ITHOUGHT RETURN SETTING MATRIX




# A HAWK-EYE VIEW – ITHOUGHT NIFTY VANTAGE POINT



	Yr1	Yr2	Yr3	Yr4	Yr5	Yr6	Yr7	Yr8	Yr9	Yr10	Yr11	Yr12	Yr13	Yr14	Yr15	Yr16	Yr17	Yr18	Yr19	Yr20	Yr21	Yr22	Yr23	Yr24	Yr25	Yr26	Yr27	Yr28	Yr29	Yr30
1996	-1%	9%	-1%	13%	7%	3%	3%	10%	10%	12%	14%	17%	10%	13%	14%	11%	12%	11%	12%	11%	11%	12%	11%	11%	12%	12%	12%	12%	12%	11%
1997	15%	-3%	16%	8%	2%	3%	10%	10%	13%	15%	19%	10%	14%	14%	11%	12%	12%	13%	12%	11%	12%	12%	12%	12%	12%	12%	12%	12%	12%	12%
1998	-18%	17%	5%	-1%	0%	10%	10%	13%	16%	19%	10%	14%	14%	11%	12%	12%	13%	12%	11%	12%	12%	12%	12%	12%	12%	12%	12%	12%	11%	
1999	66%	19%	6%	5%	16%	15%	18%	21%	24%	13%	17%	17%	14%	14%	14%	15%	14%	13%	14%	13%	13%	13%	14%	13%	14%	13%	13%			
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2023	20%	14%	7%																											
2024	9%	1%																												
2025*	-6%																													

“ Long-term consistency trumps short-term intensity. ~ Bruce Lee



\*Data as on 28 Feb 2025



# WHAT WE DELIVERED



# Solitaire Performance

(as on 28 Feb 2025)

## Performance numbers since inception\*

	1 month	3 months	6 months	1 year	2 years	3 years	Since inception
<b>Solitaire</b>	<b>-10.45%</b>	<b>-17.18%</b>	<b>-19.62%</b>	<b>-2.08%</b>	<b>24.53%</b>	<b>20.95%</b>	<b>21.39%</b>
S&P BSE 500 TRI	-7.74%	-12.24%	-16.14%	-0.41%	17.84%	12.65%	16.97%

- \* The benchmark is S&P BSE 500 TRI
- \* Returns are post fees and expenses
- \* Returns less than 1 year are absolute
- \* Inception date: 30 August 2019
- \* Cash levels in portfolio as on 28 Feb 2025 are 3.61 %
- \* Performance related information is not verified by SEBI

# SHYAM SEKHAR

CIO & Fund Manager



TRUEBLU



SPHERE NIO

## FUND MANAGEMENT

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**RAJAT SETIYA**  
Co-Fund Manager (VRDDHI)

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**RHAM SARAVANAN M**  
Investment Strategist

**AISHWARYA MAHESH**  
Investment Strategist

## INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT

**GAURAV, CA**

Investment Manager - PMS



## FUND MANAGER PROFILE

Mr. Shyam Sekhar has 3 decades of investing experience in franchise based high growth businesses. He follows a theme-based approach to investing. His past successes have been identifying emerging themes to the changing economic context, investing early and realising the full potential of the investment theme. His strengths include exposure to multiple industries as a research analyst, creating large sized portfolios and investing across market cycles.

# KEY TERMS

<b>KEY PORTFOLIO TERMS</b>	
Minimum investment	₹ 50,00,000
Benchmark	S&P BSE 500 TRI – The said benchmark is chosen since it is a multi-cap fund
Exit load	Exit load of 3% for the first year, 2% for the second year, 1% for the third year. Nil after 3 years.
Fee	Fixed fee of 1.5% p.a. of AUM computed on daily average portfolio value charged on a quarterly basis. All other expenses at Actuals. (Fees Excluding GST)
Single sector exposure	Not exceeding 55% of portfolio NAV
Single stock exposure	Not exceeding 25% of portfolio NAV
Asset allocation	Long only fund investing in equities.

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