



## Firm & Strategy Overview



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**April 2023**

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# The DSP Group – Long History

## Successful time-tested legacy in the Indian financial markets

**160+**

**Years of existence (DSP Group)**

Among the oldest financial firms  
in India

### Founders of BSE

The family behind DSP Group included a founding  
member of the Bombay Stock Exchange

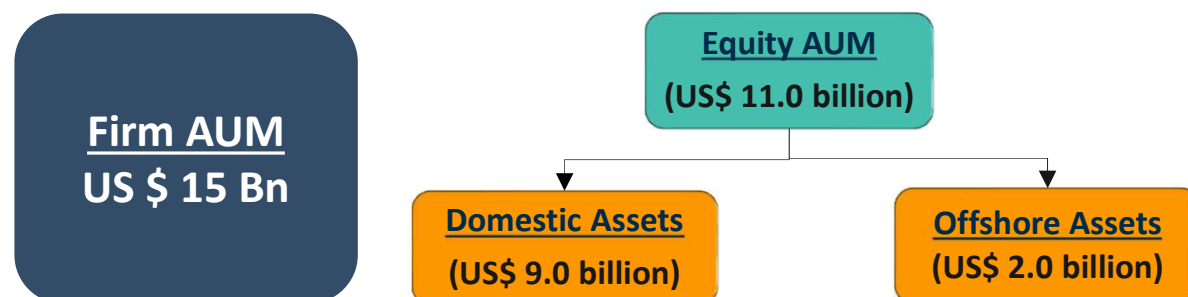
### Market Pioneers

Key figure in the professionalization of  
capital markets in India

**25 years**

In the Indian asset management  
industry

1. Core Business : Only Investment Management
2. Ownership that allows long term thinking : Family-owned and professionally-managed
3. Decades of good investment practices : from joint ventures with Merrill Lynch and BlackRock
4. Strong corporate access : DSP Group brought many of the top 300 companies in India to capital markets for the first time
5. Experienced Talent : 26-member Equity Investment team, having witnessed many market, economic & business cycles



Source: Internal, Data as on 31 March 2023; USDINR rate assumed 82.2169

**DSP**

# Our Principles

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1. Mindset: Long Term Alpha generation (~200-700) bps of alpha across strategies since inception
2. Investors First: Close funds when margin of safety is low / valuations are sky high
3. Investment Frameworks are sacred: Build transparency, clarity & alignment with Investors
4. Sustainability: Gradually building ESG frameworks in our portfolios; signatory to UNPRI
5. Minimize Risk approach: 10<sup>th</sup> Man concept via “Skeptical analyst” to minimize accidents due to accounting frauds/ bad governance
6. Owners Mindset: via Long Term employee stock ownership plan & hence long term investment decisions
7. Skin in the Game: The DSP Group family invests their wealth in DSP Funds. DSP employees too invest in DSP Funds.

Source: Internal, March 2023. Alpha is defined as the excess return over benchmark. Bps = Basis points. ESOP = Employee Stock ownership plan

# Our Edge

#	Potential alpha sources	Taking advantage of	DSP's Primary Alpha Source?	Comments
1	<b>Research</b>	Non-consensus calls / early-movers	<b>Yes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Focus on RoE and Earnings Growth</li> <li>- Emphasize sustainable investing</li> <li>- Historical examples such as IPCA Labs, Symphony, SRF, Coromandel etc.</li> </ul>
2	<b>Behaviour</b>	Inherent human biases	<b>Yes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Conviction through diversified yet focused portfolio</li> <li>- Long-term investment horizon</li> <li>- Low turnover</li> </ul>
3	<b>News flow</b>	Information arbitrage	<b>No</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We do not prioritize trading / short-term views</li> </ul>
4	<b>Technical</b>	Liquidity squeezes, sudden fund flows etc.	<b>No</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We do not prioritize technical charts analysis and subsequent trading</li> </ul>

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# Equity Investment Team



**Vinit Sambre (24)**  
Senior Vice President  
Head - Equities



**Rohit Singhania (23)**  
Senior Vice President  
Co-Head – Equities

## Portfolio Managers / Analysts / Sector Responsibilities

## Investment Strategists

PMs



**Atul Bhole (16)**  
SVP, PM



**Gaurav Pant (18)\***  
SVP, PM



**Abhishek Singh (15)**  
AVP, PM



**Bhavin Gandhi (16)**  
AVP, PM



**Jay Kothari (18)**  
SVP, Lead Investment Strategist & Global Head – International Business

PMs / Analysts



**Suryanarayanan Manian, CFA (14)**  
VP, Long Short, Pre-IPO



**Resham Jain, CFA (17)**  
VP, Small & Mid Caps, Agri inputs, Textiles, Chemicals, Retail



**Chirag Dagli (20)**  
VP, Healthcare



**Souvik Saha (5)**  
Manager, Investment Strategist

Analysts



**Charanjit Singh (15)**  
AVP, Capital Goods, Infra, Power Utilities, Consumer Durables



**Dhaval Gada (13)**  
VP, Banking and Financial Services



**Abhishek Ghosh (15)**  
AVP, Small & Mid Caps, Transportation



**Kaushal Maroo (15)**  
AVP, Autos, Ancillaries, Cement



**Tanuj Kyal (4)**  
Manager, BFSI for Long/ Short



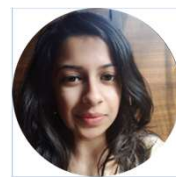
**Nilesh Aiya (12)**  
AVP, Forensic Research



**Prateek Mandhana (6)**  
Senior Manager, Long/short



**Venkat Samala (4)**  
Manager, for Long/ Short



**Chaitra Nayak (7)**  
Senior Manager ESG Analyst



**Aniket Pande (9)**  
AVP, IT and FMCG

Plays the role of a **SKEPTICAL ANALYST** – a first of its kind role in the domestic Indian asset management industry

Source: DSP, as on April 2023. Years in brackets ( ) is years of experience. \*Gaurav is the Portfolio Manager dedicated for the India long/short hedge fund.

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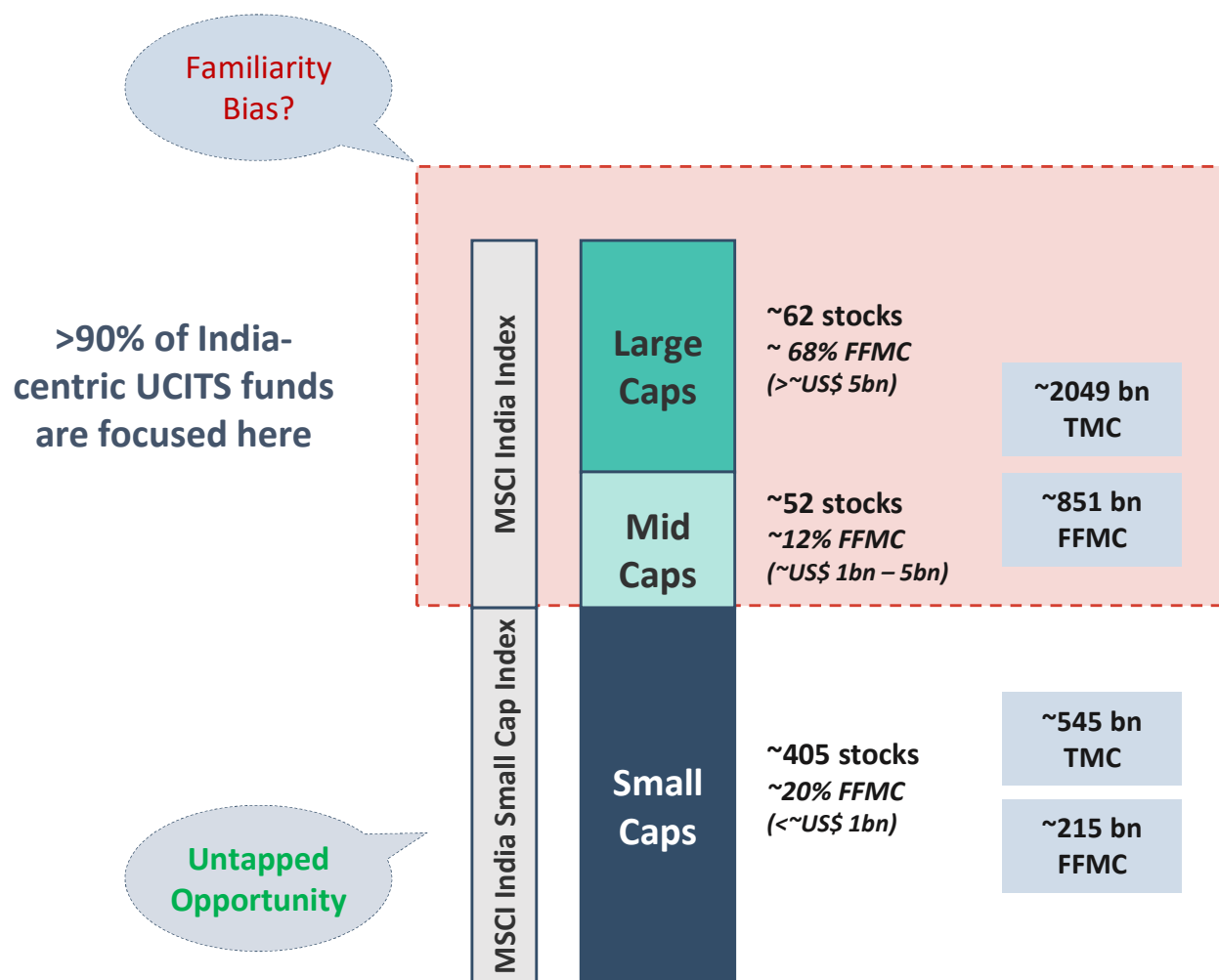
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# The Opportunity



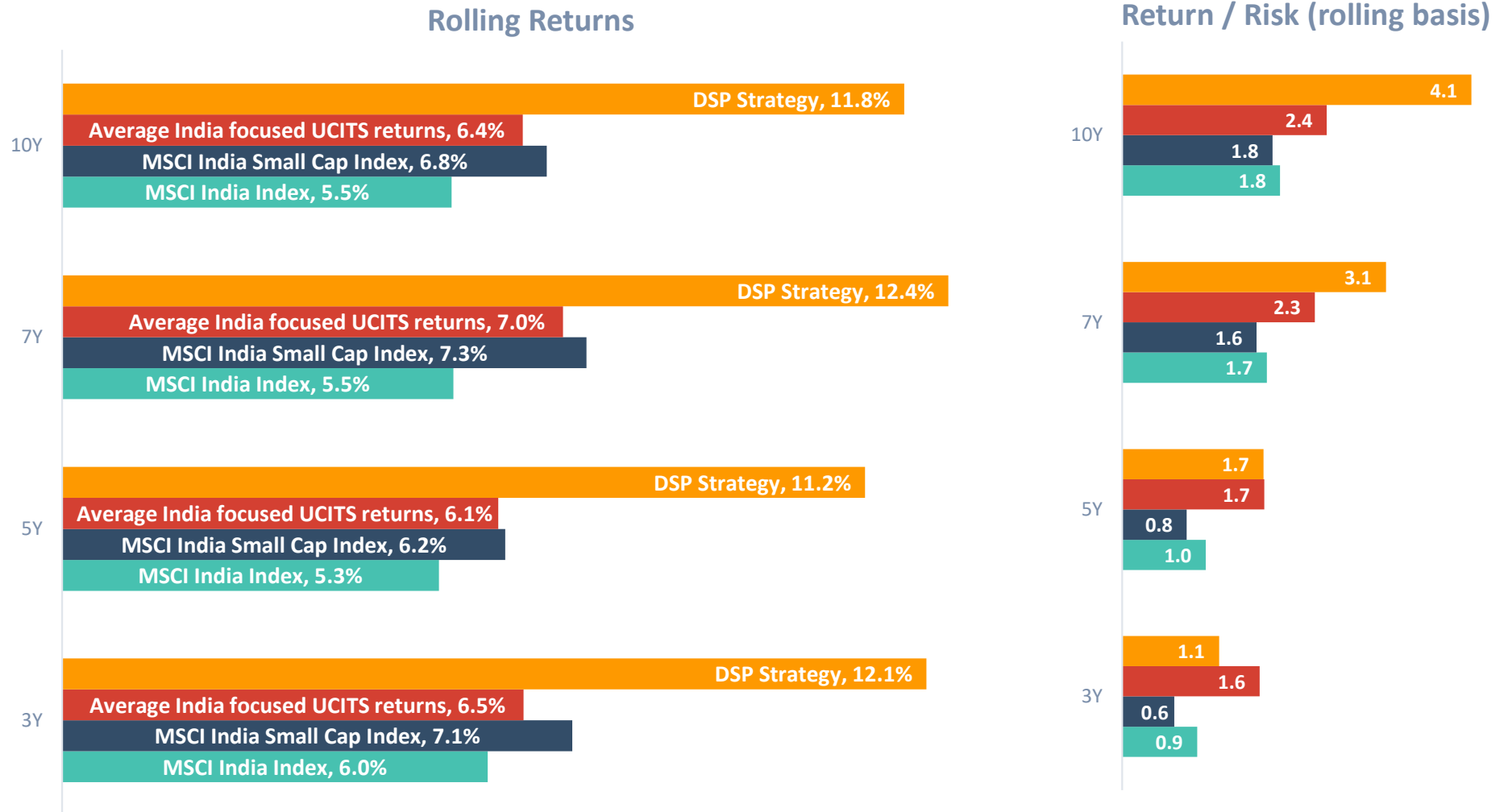
# Where to invest in India? The Equity Investment Landscape



There is a significant investable market beyond the large and mid caps

Source: MSCI. Market cap data as on 31 Mar 2023. TMC = Total Market Cap, FFMC = Free Float Market-Cap. Indices are unmanaged and used for illustrative purposes only and are not intended to be indicative of any fund's performance. It is not possible to invest directly in an index. **Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results.** All figures are in USD.

# How Small caps performed? Active management generated superior return/risk



**Our actively managed small and midcap oriented strategy has generated superior return/risk**

Source: Bloomberg; Note: Returns data from Nov 2006 to , Mar 2023. Indices are unmanaged and used for illustrative purposes only and are not intended to be indicative of any fund's performance. It is not possible to invest directly in an index. **Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results.** All figures are in USD. The DSP Strategy has been implemented since 14 Nov 2006 through certain products managed by DSP Investment Managers Pvt. Ltd., which are not available for investment in any jurisdiction except for India.



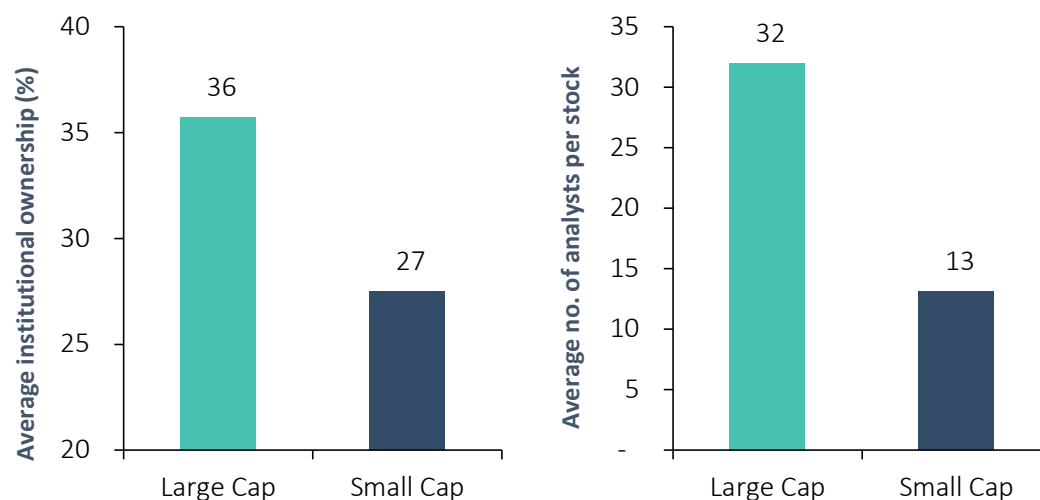
# Alpha elements? low ownership, sparse research and high diversification

## 1 Large & Mid Cap Alpha waning; Small Cap presents alpha opportunities

**3.7%**  
**alpha**  
**CAGR since inception**

of the DSP Strategy over the MSCI Small Cap Index

## 2 Small-Cap stocks tend to be under-owned and under-researched



## 3 MSCI India Small Cap is more diversified, offering variety in stock picks

Diversification	MSCI India Index	MSCI India Small Cap Index
GICS Industry	41	51
No. of stocks	101	260
Top 10 concentration	46.7%	13.2%

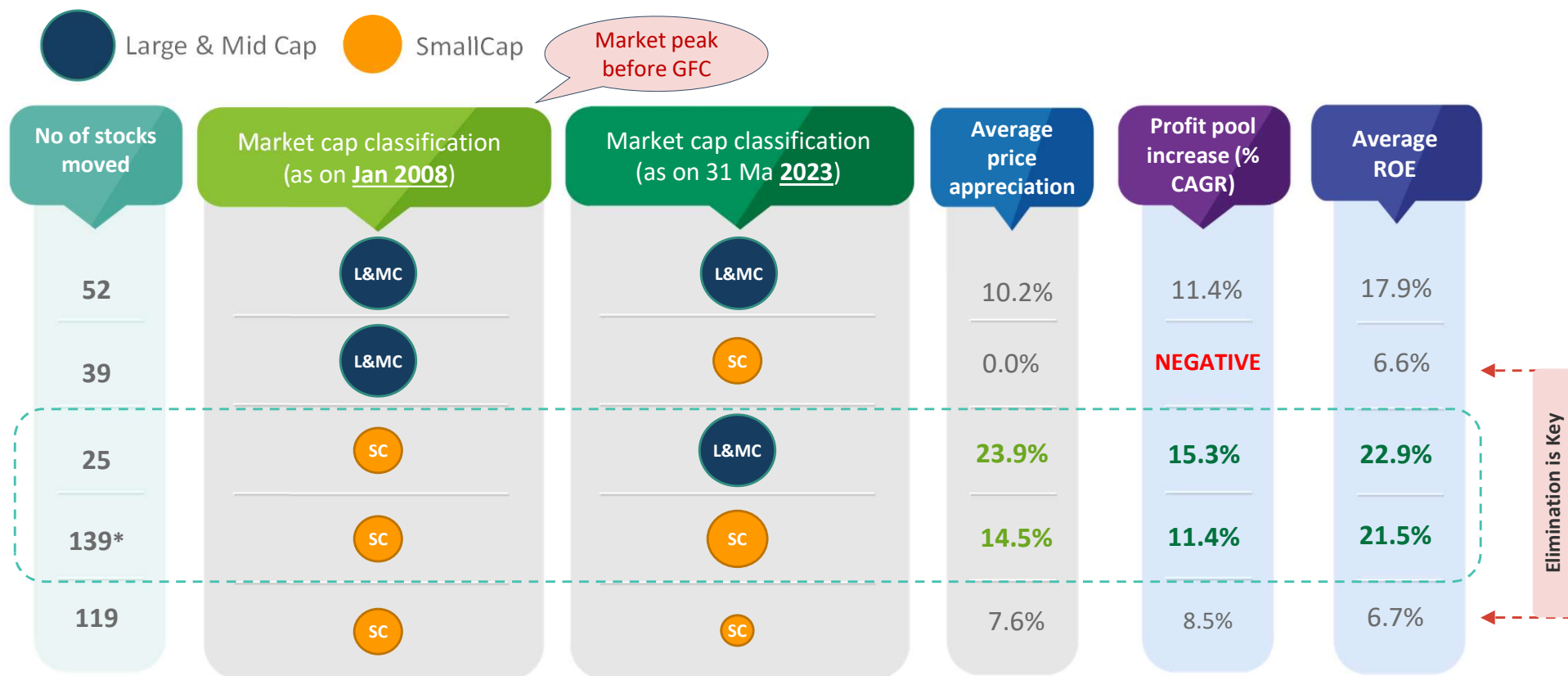
## 4 Lower correlation of MSCI India Small Cap vs MSCI India

Correlation Matrix	MSCI AC World Index	MSCI EM Index
MSCI India Index	50%	67%
MSCI India Small Cap Index	43%	59%
<b>DSP Strategy</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>43%</b>

Source: Bloomberg, ACE Equity, Internal. Note: Large cap is represented by MSCI India Index and Small Cap is represented by MSCI Small Cap Index. Data as on Aug 2022. For Panel 2 - Institutional holding is as per latest available qtrly data (Mar'21/Jun'21) and Analyst coverage is as of 11<sup>th</sup> July'21; For Panel 3 - holdings data is as of 11<sup>th</sup> July'21. Correlation data since inception of the fund. Indices are unmanaged and used for illustrative purposes only and are not intended to be indicative of any fund's performance. It is not possible to invest directly in an index. **Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results.** The DSP Strategy has been implemented since 14 Nov 2006 through certain products managed by DSP Investment Managers Pvt. Ltd., which are not available for investment in any jurisdiction except for India. CAGR = Compounded annual growth rate. Alpha is defined as the excess return over benchmark.

# Which companies generate wealth? High ROE and Earnings growth companies

- We analysed data from Indian Large cap, Mid cap and Small cap companies over the past decade to understand their return potential
- Historically in the Indian markets, a combination of healthy ROE and high earnings growth has resulted in superior price performance



There is a sizable pool of high-quality companies that have the potential to provide superior returns

Source: Elara Capital, [MOSL Wealth Creation Studies in India]; \* companies with an average 10Y RoE > = 16%, used so as to categorize companies within Small Caps; Constituents of Nifty 500 Index as on 31 Mar 2023 are back tested from the peak of 2008. All returns in INR terms. To understand the table better, we take an example of the third row. We considered all the stocks in the Nifty 500 index, and classified them as Small Cap, Mid Cap and Large Cap based on MSCI definition – please see Appendix. Over the period Jan 2008 market peak to November 2021, we found that 26 companies grew from being Small Caps to Large & Mid Caps, with an average price appreciation of 23.9%, Profit pool increase of 15.3% and an average RoE of 22.9%. **Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results**

# Investment Philosophy



# Portfolio Manager: Vinit Sambre

Vinit Sambre heads the equity team at DSP and has been with the firm since 2005.



“Patience, embracing volatility and owning capital efficient businesses run by capable managers for long periods of time is my source of wealth creation”

## Experience

- 24 years of investment experience across 4 major market cycles
- In-depth knowledge of Indian equities, specifically in the small and mid-cap space
- Successfully delivered on a variety of mandates including concentrated thematic portfolios

## Style

- Buy & Hold
- Low Turnover
- Demonstrated capability to identify and back high quality managements / promoters through cycles

## Recognition

- Recipient of several awards during his tenure

Source: Internal, as of April 2022

# Investment Idea Generation



Source: Internal, as of March 2022

# Investment Philosophy – Focus is sustainable long term wealth creation

- Fundamental bottom-up analysis, preferring companies exhibiting:
  - a) Scalability of business
  - b) Identifiable and sustainable moats
  - c) Consistent high Return on Equity over the cost of capital
  - d) Incremental capital allocation in equivalent or better ROE businesses
  - e) Stakeholder awareness and responsible governance
- Long-term investment horizon, turnover ratio ~25% (weight management through cycles).
- Sell Discipline - Profitable positions where valuations rise to unjustifiable levels, or positions where investment thesis not unfolding as envisioned.



## What we are wary of

- Capital misallocation
- Poor Governance
- Long-term business disruption
- Adverse regulatory changes

## Our edge: Temperament, Research capability and eliminating behavioral biases

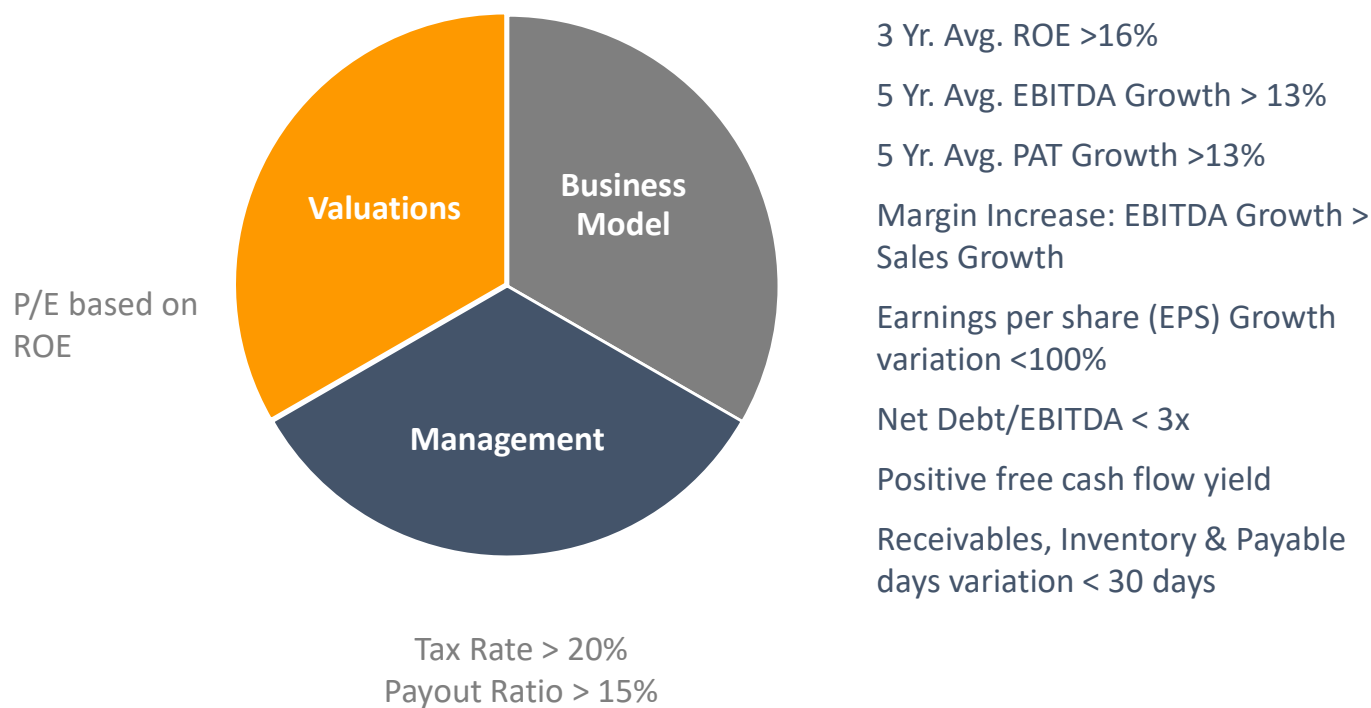
Source: Internal, as of April 2022

# Pillars of stock selection

Business	Management	Valuation
<p><b>Simple &amp; predictable</b></p> <p><b>Jubilant Foods</b> – Leading QSR player</p> <p><b>Ramco Cement</b> – Most profitable south based cement player.</p> <p><b>Supreme Industries</b> – Largest polymer processor</p>	<p><b>Credible &amp; Capable managements</b></p> <p>SRF which moved from being a small cap to a mega cap in the last 7 years.</p> <p><b>Profit Growth – 33%</b></p> <p><b>Price Appreciation – 46%</b></p> <p><b>Average ROE – 16%</b></p>	<p><b>Valuation to be looked at in conjunction with strength of business and quality of management</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bought Symphony at 14 P/E in Dec 2012.</li> <li>• Company showed earnings growth of over 35% from Q1 FY 14 to Q3 FY 15</li> <li>• Held the stock as valuations rose from 14x to 90x</li> <li>• Trimmed position in 2015 as valuations and growth were not in conjunction and fundamentals were marginally declining</li> </ul>
<p><b>Large &amp; high growth potential sectors</b></p> <p>Financials, Consumer, Agriculture</p>	<p><b>Passion &amp; Ownership of promoters</b></p> <p>Basic check for all portfolio companies</p>	
<p><b>Competitive advantage</b></p> <p><b>Supreme Industries</b> – Diversified plastic manufacturer, scale advantage, large geographical distribution and higher value added products.</p> <p><b>IPCA</b> - Lowest cost manufacturing</p> <p><b>Ramco Cement</b> – Lowest cost and most efficient cement producer</p> <p><b>Voltas</b> – Brand &amp; Distribution</p>	<p><b>Past track record</b></p> <p>Basic check for all portfolio companies</p>	
<p><b>Positive Cash Flows &amp; High ROE</b></p> <p>5 Year avg ROE of some of our investee companies</p> <p><b>Supreme Industries</b> (~24%, till FY21)</p> <p><b>Jubilant Foods</b>(~20%, till FY21)</p>	<p><b>Prudent capital allocation</b></p> <p><b>Coromandel International</b> - Superior capital allocation strategy</p>	
<p><b>Businesses at the cusp of a turnaround</b></p> <p>Identified companies like Atul Ltd and SRF Ltd early in their cycle which showed:</p> <p><b>Consistent profit growth</b></p> <p><b>Massive turnaround in ROE</b></p> <p><b>P/E re rating</b></p>		

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# Investment Framework



**~75% of our portfolio meets these criteria.**

The balance ~25% includes companies that we believe are on the cusp of turnarounds and may not satisfy one or more of these criteria today

## Quantifying metrics to evaluate the 3 pillars

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# Learnings through time

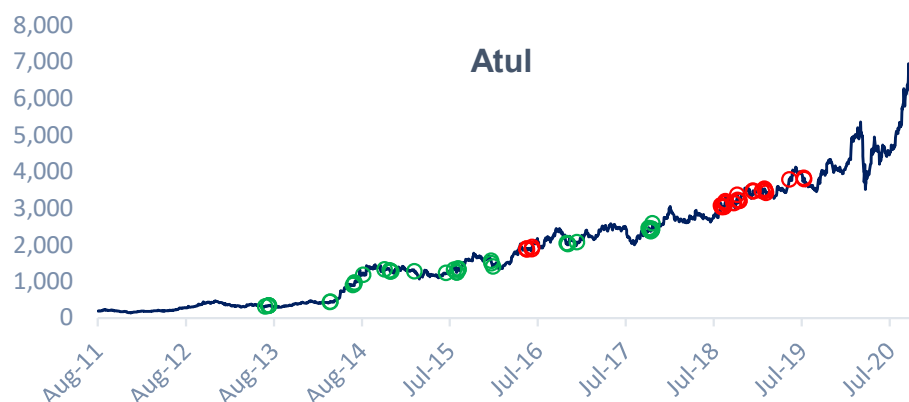
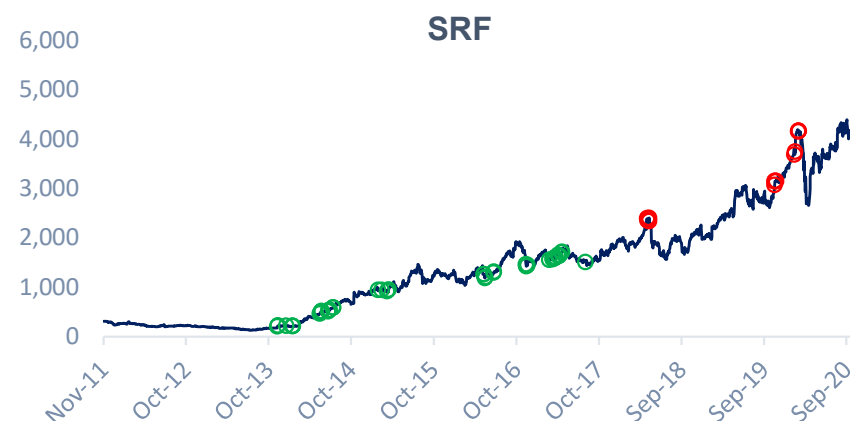
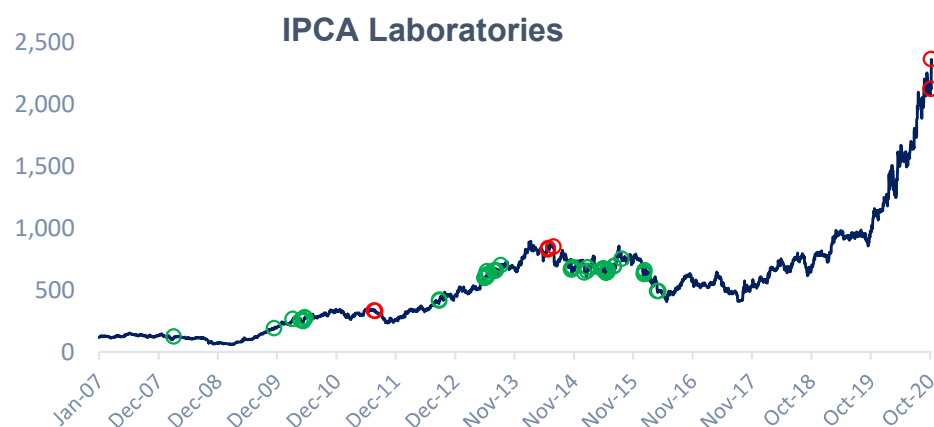
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1. Deep analysis of historical business cycles (over 10-15 years), not merely management's future guidance- *Atul Ltd*
2. Bottom up company research is more useful than predicting macro. *Cholamandalam Finance*
3. Temperament – Ignoring noise and not reacting to every news
4. Contra-cyclical plays – use temporary disruption / downcycles to buy good companies. *Infosys / Eicher*
5. Significant dispersion within each sectors, active stock picking is important. Eliminating losers is the key. *Bajaj Finance / IB*
6. Don't forget learnings from past mistakes, general tendency is to forget them in a bull market. *Stopped fresh inflows into flagship small cap fund in the interest of investors*
7. We are working with long term mindset and seek investor with long term capital of over 5 yrs. *Buy & Hold philosophy*

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# Patience

- ▶ Simple scalable business
- ▶ Large opportunity
- ▶ Strong Cash flow, Return on Capital Employed
- ▶ Avoiding noise and not processing each & every information



**DSP** Source: Internal, The above chart indicates the price point at which we transacted the stock. Green suggests purchase and red suggest sell. The sector(s)/stock(s)/issuer(s) mentioned in this presentation do not constitute any research report/recommendation of the same and the Representative Portfolio may or may not have any future position in these sector(s)/stock(s)/issuer(s). **Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results.**

# Patience – Temporary disruption is an opportunity

- ▶ Use temporary disruption to double down
- ▶ Not easy when the stock goes through correction
- ▶ Deep understanding of business cycle, fundamentals and management attributes gives us the confidence
- ▶ Low impact cost during such period

## Supreme Industries



## Gujarat Gas



## Dhanuka Agritech



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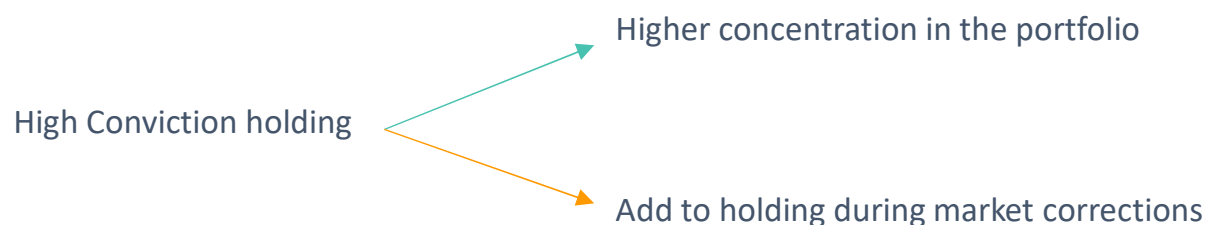
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# Buy & Hold philosophy

- Align holding periods of investee companies with their entire business cycles
- Portfolio sizing depends upon our assessment of how the company ranks on our philosophy.

TOP 5 GAINERS- LAST 5 YEARS *	RETURN MULTIPLIER	TOP 5 GAINERS*	RETURN MULTIPLIER	HOLDING PERIOD (YEARS)	PERIOD HELD
SRF Limited	7.21x	SRF Limited	117.64x	14.91 Years	Mar'07 to Jan'22
Atul Limited	4.30x	Eicher Motors Limited	41.58x	5.1 Years	Mar'09 to Mar'14
IPCA Laboratories	3.94x	Bajaj Finance Limited	16.89x	5.6 Years	Sep'08 to Mar'14
Coromandel International	2.71x	Bayer Cropscience	10.68x	11.5 Years	Sep'08 to Feb'20
Supreme Industries	2.37x	GRUH Finance Limited	8.40x	4.8 Years	Mar'08 to Dec'12

Representative Indian mid cap equities portfolio data. Source: FactSet. The sector(s)/stock(s)/issuer(s) mentioned in this document do not constitute any recommendation of the same. The representative portfolio may or may not have any future position in these sector(s)/stock(s)/issuer(s).



**Strong business + quality management = ignore noise, hold, add opportunistically**

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# Sell Discipline

Profitable positions where valuations rise to unjustifiable levels

Trim / book profits

**Symphony** – In 2015, when the valuation scaled to unprecedented levels and concerns around growth arose due to early monsoons, we trimmed our position marginally to reflect the growth concerns

Positions where investment thesis not unfolding as envisioned

Cut losses / Sell

Significant deterioration in fundamentals  
Corporate governance issues  
Fraud or misrepresentation of facts

**Navkar Corp** – Adverse regulatory changes coincided with high-capacity addition which hurt the return ratios.

TOP 4 LOSERS *	PRICE DECLINE	HOLDING PERIOD (YEARS)	PERIOD HELD	AVG WGT DURING HOLDING PERIOD	Learnings
Pennar Engineered Building Systems	-79%	3.2	Sep'15 to Dec'18	0.7%	Capex heavy businesses require clear visibility of growth
Titagarh Wagons Ltd	-77%	2.3	Mar'11 to Jul'13	1.2%	Capex heavy businesses require clear visibility of growth
Navkar Corp Ltd	-72%	2.6	Mar'16 to Dec'18	0.7%	Be watchful about adverse regulatory changes and capital misallocation
Indo Count Industries	-66%	2.2	Oct'16 to Dec'18	0.8%	Fortified our core beliefs of not purely relying on management guidance

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## Mistakes - a source of learning.

# Strategy Characteristics, Performance and Risks



# Differentiated from the typical Indian benchmark (MSCI India)

**Not our portfolio!**



Stocks	Total Market Cap in USD bn	Weight in MSCI India Index
Reliance Industries	192.0	10.15%
Infosys	72.1	6.87%
HDFC	58.7	6.49%
ICICI Bank	74.6	6.47%
TCS	142.8	4.19%
HUL	73.3	3.01%
Axis Bank	32.2	2.79%
Bharti Airtel	52.6	2.38%
BAJAJ FINANCE LTD	41.4	2.19%
Larsen & Toubro	37.0	2.13%
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MSCI India Index (top 10)	10Y Avg ROE	10Y PAT CAGR
	16.5	12.3%

**This is our portfolio!**



Stocks	Total Market Cap in USD bn	Weight in DSP Strategy Portfolio
Alkem Laboratories	4.9	3.91%
Supreme Industries	3.9	3.81%
Phoenix Mills	2.8	3.63%
Federal Bank	3.4	3.40%
Atul Ltd	2.5	3.38%
IPCA Laboratories	2.5	3.31%
Bharat Forge	4.4	3.11%
Coromandel International	3.1	3.10%
Polycab India	5.3	2.84%
Cholamandalam investment	7.6	2.53%
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DSP Strategy (top 10)	10Y Avg ROE	10Y PAT CAGR
	16.7	12.8%

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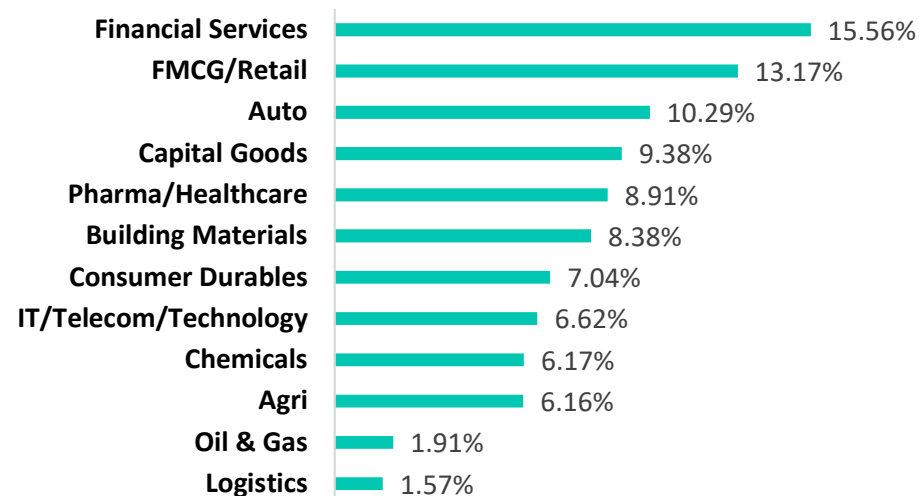
# DSP Strategy Characteristics

<b>Number of Stocks</b>	53
<b>Cap-wise split</b> (DSP Strategy)	Small Cap – 65.38%, Mid Cap – 22.92%, Large Cap – 5.72%, Cash – 4.54%
<b>Portfolio Turnover</b> (last 12m) (DSP Strategy)	23%
<b>Strategy AUM</b>	~US\$ 1,578mn.
<b>Weighted Average Market Cap</b>	~USD 5bn.
<b>Active Share</b>	~93% vs. MSCI India index, ~81% vs Benchmark

Metrics (US\$)	5 Years	Since Inception
<b>Return(CAGR)</b>		
Fund	3.57%	9.64%
Benchmark (MSCI India SmallCap)	4.01%	6.18%
<b>Volatility %</b>		
Fund	22.49%	29.39%
Benchmark (MSCI India SmallCap)	27.36%	34.20%
<b>Risk Free Rate</b> (3m US Libor)	1.69%	1.37%
<b>Sharpe Ratio</b>		
Fund	0.08	0.28
Benchmark (MSCI India SmallCap)	0.08	0.14
<b>Beta</b>	0.78	0.83
<b>Tracking Error</b>	8.04%	8.53%

Portfolio Metrics*	FY23	FY24E	FY25E
<b>EPS Growth (%)</b>	10%	25.3%	19.2%
<b>P/BV</b>	5.4	4.6	4.7
<b>ROE</b>	16%	17%	18%

## Sector Exposures



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## DSP Strategy – Valuation

No. of Companies	Particulars	Weights (%)	P/E - FY25E	P/BV - FY25E	ROE-FY25E	Growth-FY25E
14	Less than 15x P/E	25%	10.6	1.7	16.3%	13.2%
21	Between 15x and 25x P/E	43%	19.6	3.6	18.1%	22.0%
16	Above 25x P/E	27%	37.5	7.1	18.7%	20.2%
Aggregate			22.4	4.1	17.8%	19.2%

Source: Bloomberg, March 2023

## Large Part of Portfolio consist of category leaders

These companies are category leaders in the respective segments / sub-segments.

Company	Segment / Sub-segment
Atul	Largest in several speciality chemicals
Chola investment	Largest CV financier
Supreme Industries	Largest plastic pipes player
Chambal Fertilizers	Largest private sector Urea player
Bata	Largest Footwear company
Crompton Consumer	Market leader in electrical consumer
Sheela Foam	Largest Mattress & Foam manufacturer
Coromandel International	Largest Phosphatic player
Phoenix mills	Largest mall operator
Tata Chemicals	Largest Soda Ash & Salt manufacturer
Jubilant Foods	Largest QSR Player
SRF	Largest Refrigerant Gases, Specialty Chemicals, Nylon cord and Poly Films player
Kajaria	Largest Tiles manufacturer
Polycab	Largest cable player
Container Corporation	Largest container rail operator

**Some of these sectors are available only in Small / Mid Market Capitalization**

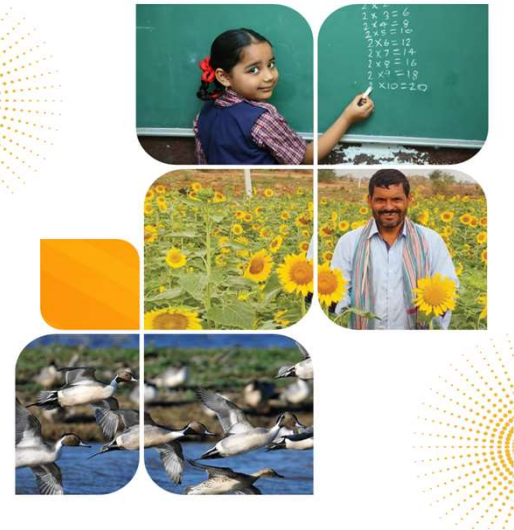
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# “Sustainability” emerges as a common word across annual reports in India

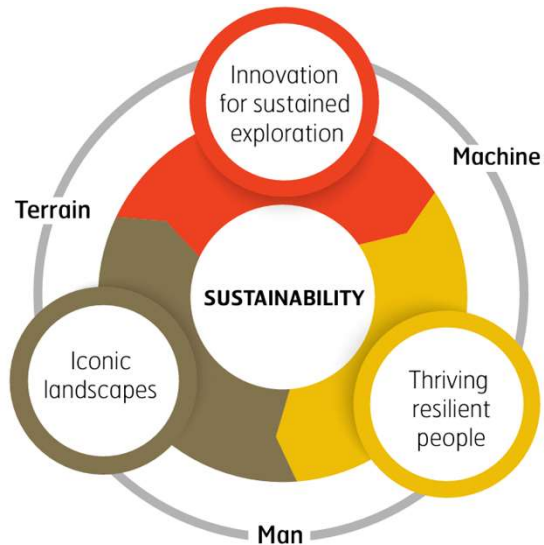
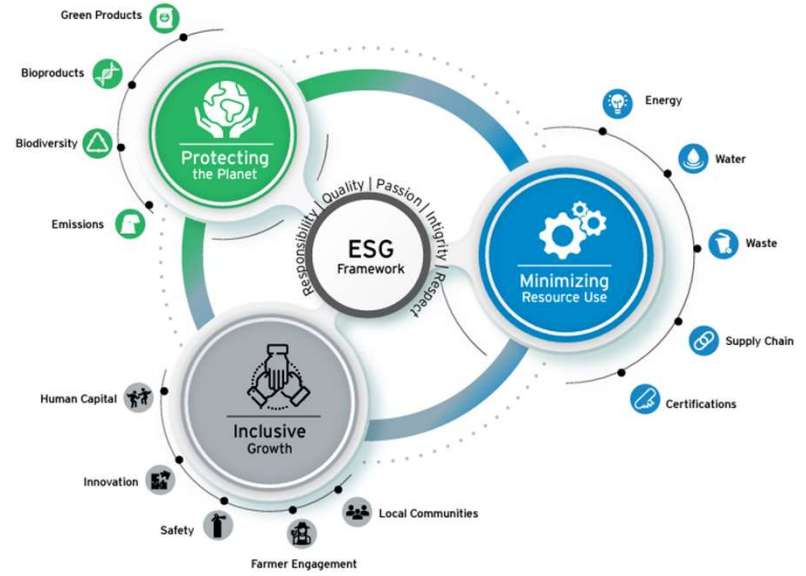
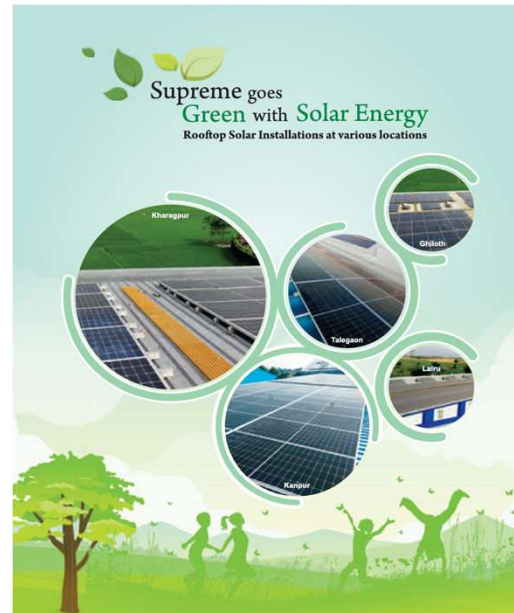
## Coromandel

Nurturing A Sustainable Tomorrow

Coromandel  
FUTURE POSITIVE



## Supreme Industries



## Eicher Motors



## Serving the society

The Founder of our Company devoted half a day every day of his adult life to serve the society. The business enterprises he established invariably contributed in serving the society. His legacy of perseverance and exemplary service has been the inspiration for team Atul ever since its inception in 1947.

Strive not to be a success, but rather to be of value.  
- Albert Einstein

### Education

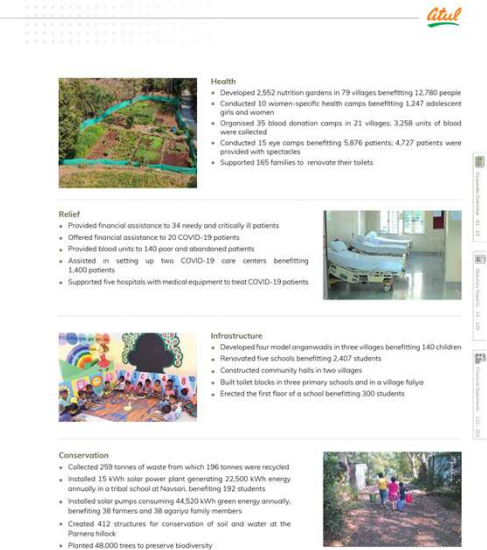
- Provided quality primary education to 4,446 children in 70 villages through trained Atul Adhyapakas.
- Distributed writing material to 4,148 students of 34 schools in 17 villages.
- Supported 3,393 students by enhancing educational practices in three schools.
- Provided support to set up computer laboratories in two primary schools benefiting 498 students.
- Promoted self-paced learning among 300 secondary students using tablets through a tablet laboratory.



- Supported 192 students by improving educational practices in a tribal school.
- Provided need-based support to 136 children living in difficult conditions.
- Imparted relevant therapy sessions to 31 special children.
- Issued scholarships to 21 needy students.
- Strengthened digitalisation and created a portal to conserve about 80,000 ancient manuscripts.

### Empowerment

- Trained 805 youth in 13 vocational courses.
- Trained 178 youth in collaboration with National Bank of Agriculture and Rural Development.
- Supported 111 micro-entrepreneurs by providing training and tools.
- Formed 29 self-help groups to empower 348 women.
- Assisted 837 families to avail benefits of government schemes.



## Atul Ltd.

DSP

# Possible risks of investing in small cap companies

Investing into small cap and mid cap companies could come with a variety of risks such as, but not limited to

Business model might not scale

Liquidity risk

Corporate governance concerns

Key-man (promoter) risk

Volatility in returns

Unproven business models

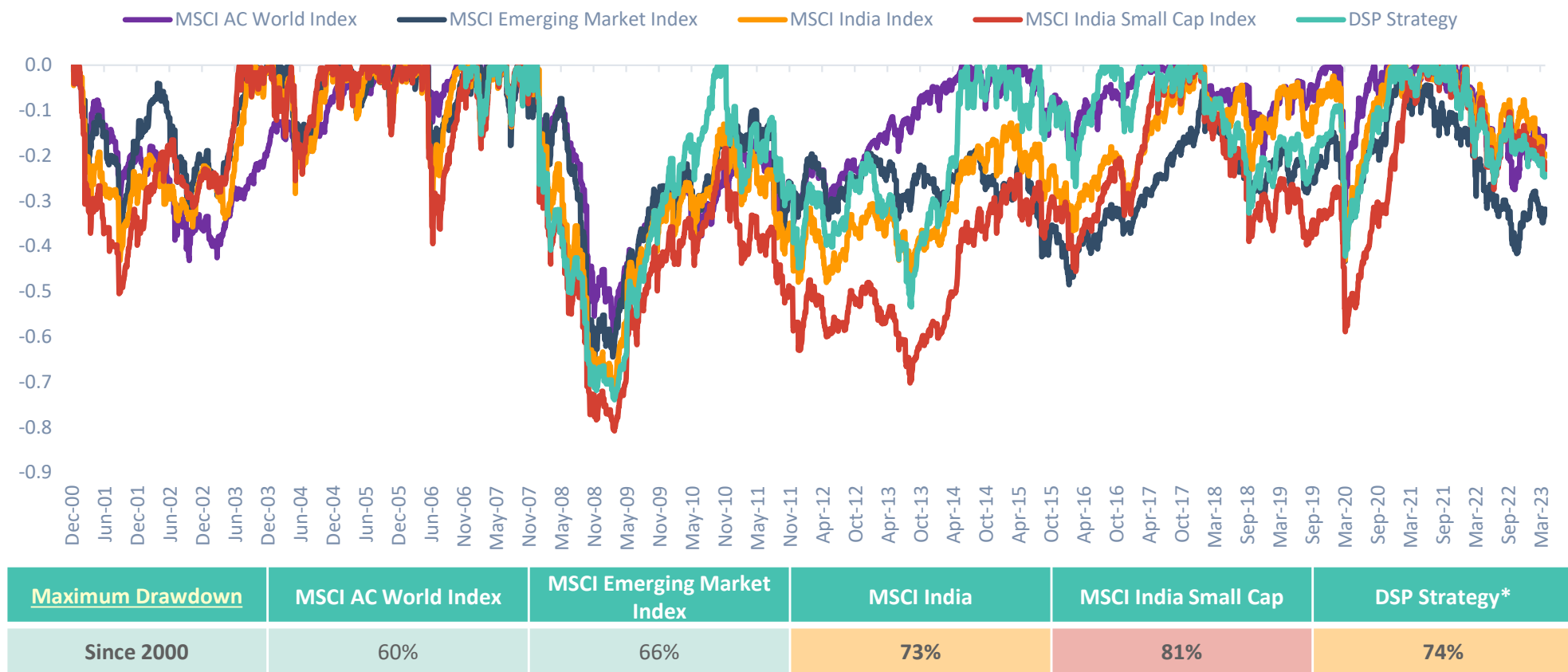
Insufficient data on businesses

Additional country risks for international investors may also apply such as political risk, currency risk, macro risk, regulatory risk, sovereign risk, economic risk to name a few.

Source: Internal

# Maximum drawdowns

A drawdowns analysis suggests that an actively managed India small cap funds is not different from the large & mid cap index...



Source: Bloomberg, Data from Dec 2000 to Mar 2023. \*Data from DSP Strategy from Nov 2006. All figures in USD

# Performance track record

USD CAGR Performance as on 31 Mar 2023. Compared with all UCITS funds focused on India.	YTD 30-Dec-22	1-Year 31-Mar-22	3-Year 31-Mar-20	5-Year 28-Mar-18	8-Year 31-Mar-15	10-Year 28-Mar-13	Since Inception 14-Nov-06
DSP INDIA EQUITY/MIDCAP STRATEGY*	(3.33%)	(8.91%)	19.32%	3.62%	7.13%	12.18%	9.43%
<b>Ranking</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
No of funds	40	40	40	38	36	33	23
Quartile Position	2	2	3	2	1	1	1
Average India focused UCITS returns	(3.28%)	(11.06%)	19.35%	3.41%	4.49%	7.59%	5.77%
MSCI India USD	(6.35%)	(12.17%)	22.22%	6.13%	5.43%	6.99%	5.48%
MSCI India Small Cap USD	(4.20%)	(11.31%)	32.99%	4.01%	7.08%	11.11%	6.18%
Custom 20:80 Composite Index	(4.63%)	(11.48%)	30.84%	4.43%	6.75%	10.29%	6.04%

Note: \*Performance <= 1-year given above is for DSP India Equity Fund ( DSPIESU) and for >1yr performance is of Representative Mid Cap Strategy

**The DSP Strategy has generated alpha over the custom composite benchmark in 11 out of 15 years**

CY Performance	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006 (from 14th Nov)
DSP Strategy	(11.60%)	25.84%	20.54%	6.9%	-17.7%	48.8%	8.6%	2.4%	66.8%	-10.0%	40.5%	-38.7%	34.9%	129.2%	-66.4%	73.5%	3.7%
<b>Ranking</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>28</b>
No of funds	41	42	43	44	63	60	56	55	54	51	49	46	41	39	38	34	32
Quartile Position	2	2	1	2	4	1	1	1	1	4	1	4	1	1	4	2	4
Avg India focused UCITS	(13.39%)	24.14%	14.9%	6.1%	-13.3%	41.8%	0.8%	-2.3%	40.1%	-5.9%	29.3%	-35.3%	20.9%	91.7%	-62.7%	68.3%	4.9%
MSCI India USD	(7.95%)	26.23%	15.6%	7.6%	-7.3%	38.8%	-1.4%	-6.1%	23.9%	-3.8%	26.0%	-37.2%	21.0%	102.8%	-64.6%	73.1%	5.1%
MSCI India Small Cap USD	(13.43%)	51.13%	20.9%	-4.7%	-26.0%	67.0%	0.3%	2.4%	56.9%	-14.2%	36.3%	-48.2%	20.2%	126.0%	-72.5%	95.9%	4.6%
Custom 20:80 Composite Index	(12.33%)	46.15%	19.9%	-2.2%	-22.2%	61.3%	0.0%	0.7%	50.3%	-12.1%	34.2%	-46.0%	20.3%	121.3%	-70.9%	91.3%	4.7%

Source: MSCI, Internal, Bloomberg, data as of 31 March 2023. DSP Strategy returns are net of fees. Indices are unmanaged and used for illustrative purposes only and are not intended to be indicative of any fund's performance. It is not possible to invest directly in an index. **Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results.** The DSP Strategy has been implemented since 14 Nov 2006 through certain products managed by DSP Investment Managers Pvt. Ltd., which are not available for investment in any jurisdiction except for India. Alpha is defined as the excess return over benchmark.

# ESG / RISK Framework



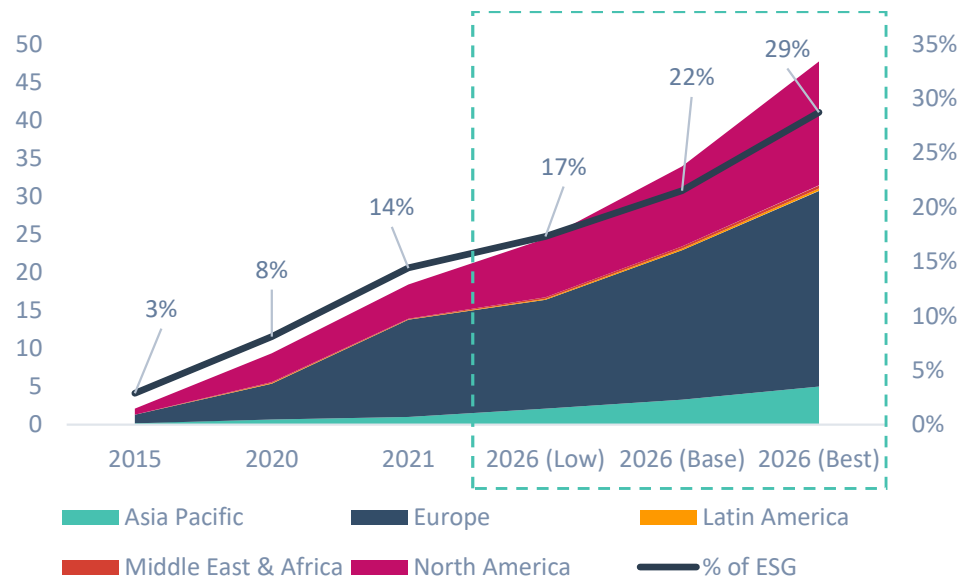
Further information about the sustainability-related aspects of the Fund is available at the following website [\[Link\]](#).



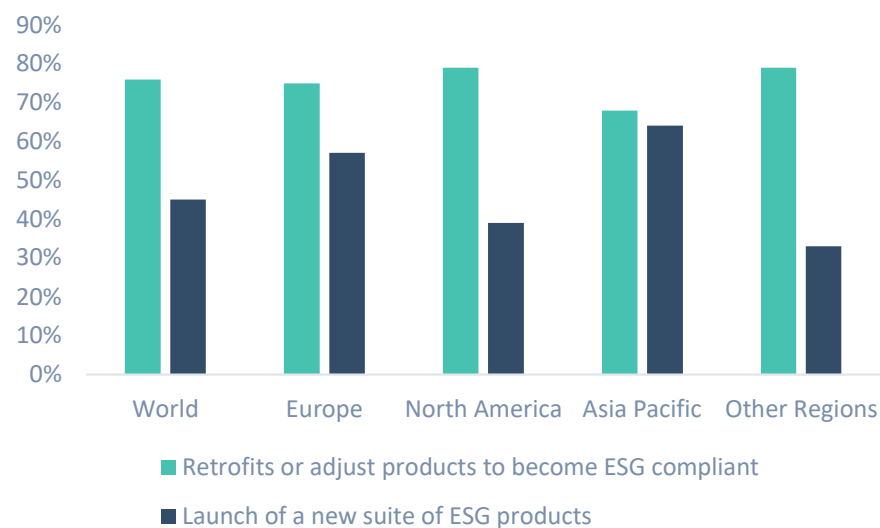
# Market sentiments on ESG

- ESG will continue to mature while it recalibrates. While we move towards maturity from an ESG process oriented approach to outcomes we observe a shift towards **supporting ESG improvers**.
- Market demand is driving the growing use of alternative data, industry-specialized resourcing, **de-siloing of the ESG function**, forward-focused analytics.
- In investment analysis, **accepted and well-demonstrated links to fundamentals** are being researched over the re-rating of 'obvious' thematic winners.
- Regulators are **attempting to curb greenwashing** from mislabelling and misuse sustainability claims in financial products by way of scrutiny and new regulations
- **Impact confusion** associated with ESG products will intensify, there will be even more uncertainty in 2023 about what constitutes “real” impact.

## Global ESG AuM by region



## Innovation lags enthusiasm in the creation of ESG funds



Source PWC AWM survey, 2022



# Responsible Investment

## Responsible Investment Policy & Engagement Policy

### Our two-pronged Responsible Investment Approach

#### ESG Integration

To drive robust ESG integration in our investment process via policies, protocols and procedures.

#### Active ownership

To drive accountability for adverse impacts amongst portfolio companies through continuous engagement and monitoring.

## Ongoing process to transition UCITS to Article 8 under SFDR



## International network & forums

A proud participant of:



Signatory of:



DSP

Source - <https://www.climateaction100.org/whos-involved/investors/>

Sources: Industry sources

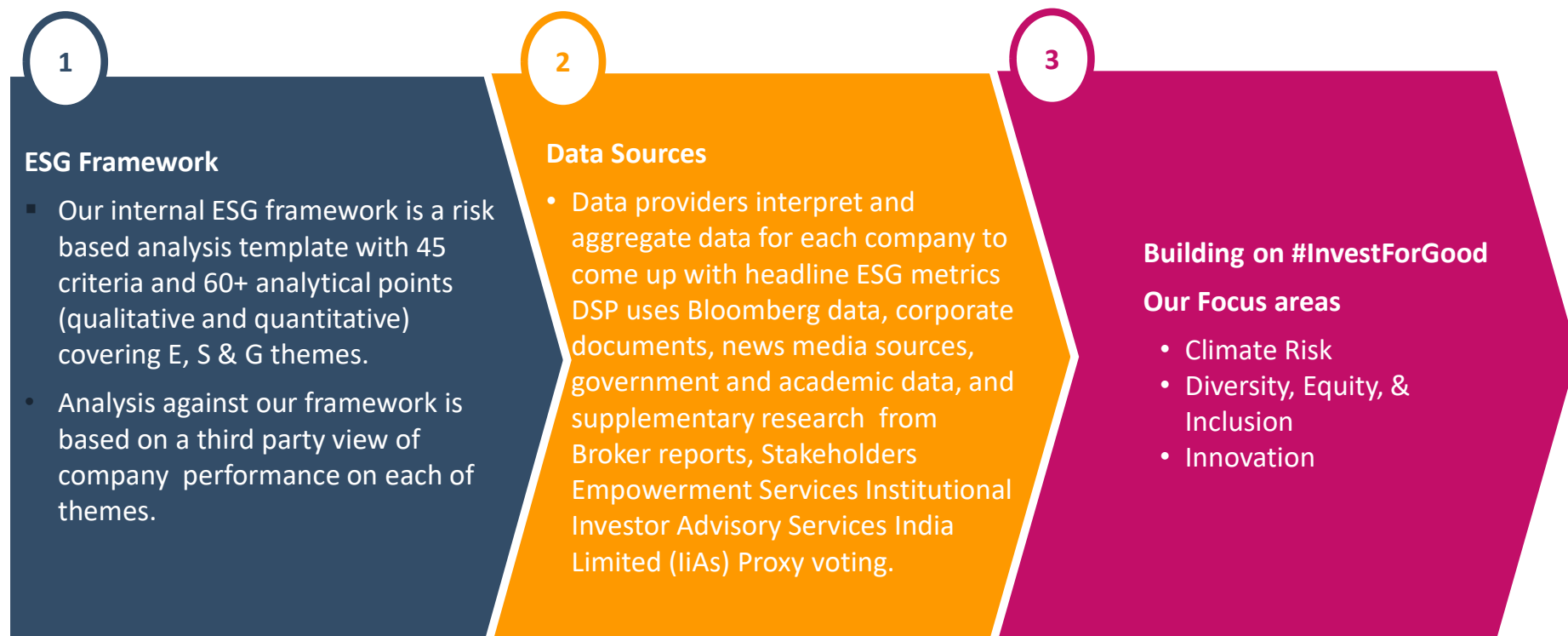
## Outreach

- Collaborates with lead investors on CA100+ engagements for three companies in the hard to abate sector.
- Participated in the UNPRI conference, 2022 at Barcelona and a panelist speaker on domestic [sustainable palm oil organized by the CRB at Delhi](#).
- Media articles on [ESG & Investment thesis](#), [Climate risk and fiduciary duty](#)
- The investment team including analysts and portfolio managers participate in brown bags on ESG topics. Some examples include discussions on sector specific material issues, climate risk, planetary boundaries, energy transitions and food system transitions.

# ESG integration

## Two pronged approach

1. **ESG INTEGRATION:** We have a [Responsible Investment policy](#) and a ESG Framework guiding our ESG Integration approach.



We are in the process of transitioning the UCITS fund to Article 8 (Light Green) fund which in addition to companies having good governance practices, promotes environmental or social characteristics.

2. **ACTIVE OWNERSHIP:** Material ESG issues from the internal framework/ MSCI are researched and compiled along with other fundamental parameters and stock recommendations. We are formalizing engagements based on planned engagement milestones . Engagement with companies - CXOs, board members and investors relations teams, including proxy voting.

# ESG Investment Process



## ESG Framework & Database

The ESG framework is central to our responsible investment approach.

- It comprises of a proprietary risk-opportunity structure consisting of scored criteria and data points. Together, these constitute 45 scored criteria and 60 analytical data points covering the breadth of material environmental, social and governance topics.
- The sustainability criteria described involves collating and analysing data on; stakeholder environmental/social concerns, greenhouse gas emissions profile, long & short term climate targets, forest land, biodiversity, water & wastewater, energy, circular economy, innovation, human rights, decent work, diversity, human capital management, data privacy, product quality, safety, supplier engagement, selling practices and access & affordability etc.
- On governance we research on related party transactions, board & key management personnel (KMP) remuneration, board independence, promoters pledging, audit quality, controversies and credit rating parameters to name a few.

## Engagement

Engagement motivations are two-fold; to mitigate risk and generate positive impact. The process has been structured as follows; open dialogue on material ESG criteria >> ask for clarifications/additional information or support the company in understanding the issue at hand >> suggest best practices with targeted and time sensitive outcomes >> in severe cases set up guardrails >> monitor outcomes.

The firm stewardship committee and active voting on company resolutions, with the help of a proxy voting firm are also part of the engagement process.

# Engagement Tracking: The Rationale

Company					
ISIN					
Macro Economic Sector	Consumer Discretionary				
Sector	Consumer Durables				
Industry	Consumer Durables				
Reporting Frameworks	BRR				
Report Assured	0				
Analyst Reco	Buy				
	Score	%	Engagement Area	Engagement Theme	GHG emissions reported
E	7	50%		Carbon footprint, Traceability,	Emission Reduction plan exists
S	6	75%			DEI strategy
G	8	89%			Gender diversity
ESG	21	68%			Innovation strategy
					Products services with Environmental or Social objectives
					Board Oversight
Type of engagement	Meeting				
Engagement Rationale	<p>The company has a focus on providing new product features using innovation, with a focus on product safety. The company has obtained certifications for MDF varieties from FSC, CARB Certification Grade, emission zero. It reports 60% of costs are attributed to raw materials. And the company reports 15% of its raw material is imported. The company does have basic/generic disclosure on sustainable raw material sourcing. The company has an opportunity to improve disclosure on raw material traceability, and information of biodiversity impact of operations. Based on the global industry peer set, companies with over 50% of assets (2020) based in the U.S. or Europe had at least 60% of their products externally certified to sustainable sourcing practices e.g., Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) or Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC). Currently, the company has certifications for its MDF varieties only. The company is lacking quantitative disclosure on its carbon footprint, safety metrics, and water usage.</p> <p>Being involved in the "forest products" sector and being dependent on a product with bio diversity impacts some of the best practices of responsible operations include</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Certification of products on sustainable sourcing practices</li> <li>2. Traceability of raw material</li> <li>3. Commitment to not operate in biodiverse /fragile or ecologically sensitive areas</li> <li>4. Clear targets with regard to land use and reforestation</li> </ol> <p>On Governance front key issues in the past pertained to high loans/ advances by related parties and high managerial remuneration. On related party loans they have improved significantly in FY22. On remuneration, while the ratio seems to be high, financial performance has been good and hence no specific engagement is needed on this front.</p>				
Engagement Outcomes	<p>The company has on boarded a consultant to have a ESG roadmap focusing on strategic material issues to the business. The company plans to disclose on its carbon emissions and strategies on a reduction plan shortly after. Based on the information provided by the IR representative the company only harvests plantation timber. Its exposure to imported timber is concentrated in a single geography due to a structural scheme offered by the country (Gabon). Previously, the company has had exposure to Myanmar. The company has recorded a impairment loss for asset in Gabon. On raw material pricing risk, the company highlighted normal fluctuation from farmers shifting to cash crops, with a favourable ROI. We have requested the company to consider reporting data on raw material import exposure, certification on sustainable sourcing of products, traceability and biodiversity impacts.</p>				
Engagement Milestones	<p>We have requested the company to consider reporting data on raw material import exposure, certification on sustainable sourcing of products, traceability and biodiversity impacts.</p>				
Next steps	TBC				
Monitoring required	Yes				



# Indicative Forensic Analysis Framework

The Fund will follow a focused, disciplined, and multi-staged investment diligence and decision-making process which takes into account a consideration of some or all of the following factors, such as the indicative forensic analysis framework below, conducted by the Skeptical Analyst.

	Area	Checks
Financials/ accounting quality	Earnings quality	Aggressive accounting policies/ structuring
		Cost capitalisation/ deferral
		Tax structuring
		Non - core / other income dependency
		Varying costs movements, frequent one-offs
		Employee cost, provident fund, Employee Stock Options (ESOPs), depreciation checks
		Intersegment accounting/ unallocables
	Cash flows & working capital quality	Earning to cash conversion
		Disguised debt (acceptances) & Vendor financing
		Working capital days trend (Payable days high)
		Operating expenditure ("Opex") v capital expenditure (Capex) payables
		Receivable factoring / Off Balance Sheet structuring
		Cash flow source and utilisation
		Capex to Gross/ Net block
		Dividend without cash flows
	Balance sheet risk, Capital allocation	Profit to networth accretion
		M&A, Intangibles, accounting tricks
		Inter corporate deposits/ loans/ advances
		Unhedged currency risk
		Leverage - actual vs reported
		Unexplained high cash levels/ current account balances
		Contingencies/ commitments/ liabilities
Management quality	Board, Governance and promoter quality	Investments in Subsidiaries, Joint Ventures/ impairments/ Capital allocation
		Revaluations/ write offs and RoE/RoCE impact
		Related party transactions (reported, unreported), Brand ownership, etc
		Key Management Personnel remuneration vs Profits, Conflict of interests
		Pledging, group leverage, shareholding structure
		Auditors quality, fees and internal auditors
		Independent directors strength and skill set
	Forensic/AML/Offshore links and other checks	Frequent Board/ management changes
		Credit rating trends
		Non-financial source, media articles/ red flags
		PEPs (political links), AML/ FATF sanctions
		Offshore links
		Goods & Services Tax / tax / provident fund non compliance, penalties
		Criminal/ civil litigation history

# Investment Risk Management at DSP

## Portfolio Risk Monitoring

- Independent Risk & Quantitative Analysis team (RQA)
- Regular Risk meetings to “Hold a Mirror” to portfolio risk
  - Macro stress testing
  - Sector & style exposure & returns monitoring, market trends
  - Tolerance limits for stop losses and drawdown

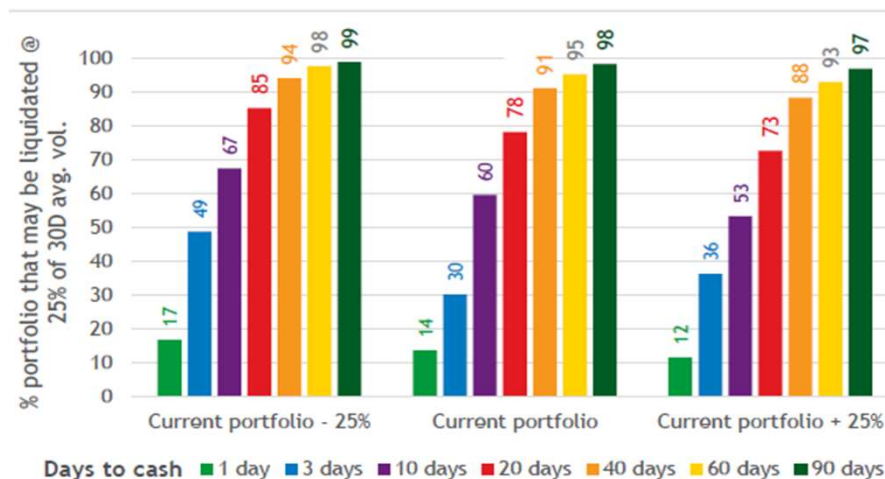
## Key Inputs

- Stock level contribution to risk
- Predicted vs delivered volatility & beta
- Factor risk breakdown of portfolio, including NAV at risk analytics
- Tactical indicators for monitoring reversal risks

## Position Level Monitoring

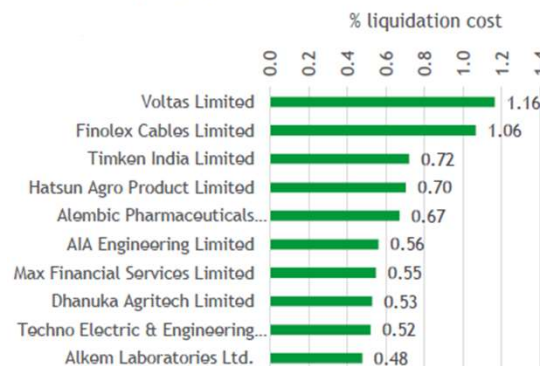
- Constant review of performance: large winners / losers
- Constant monitoring of investment thesis with research team

Indicative: It takes ~10 days to liquidate 60% of the DSP Strategy portfolio



Current portfolio +/-25% refers to the assets (AUM) in the strategy increased or decreased by 25%, as two alternative scenarios, to depict how liquidity of the portfolio could change under these new AUMs

### Top 10 scrips by liquidation cost



### Worst 3-day drawdowns

n-th worse redemption	3-day redemption	Date	AUM (INR cr)
1	-4.16%	07-Jan-13	1,316.09
2	-3.95%	08-Jan-13	1,320.58
3	-3.89%	04-Jan-13	1,317.74
4	-2.78%	20-Jan-09	434.49
5	-2.68%	16-Jan-09	433.27

Since 01st Jan 2008

Source: Internal; Note: Investment process is subject to change. Charts / Tables depicted are purely illustrative in nature. The above information is only for illustration purpose and should not be construed as recommendation of the stocks. To explain the worst-3-day-drawdown table, the first row represents the biggest redemption ever seen by the fund, in a consecutive-3-day period, which in this case was about 4.16% of AUM and occurred on 7th Jan 2013. AUM = Asset Under Management

# Fund Terms and Structure



# Fund Terms

**Objective\*:** The DSP India Equity Fund (the “Fund”) aims to achieve long term capital appreciation from a portfolio that is substantially constituted of equity and equity related securities of mid cap and small cap companies.

**Investment philosophy :** Bottom-up approach to stock picking.

**Universe:** It is anticipated that the Fund will invest across the entire range of capitalizations (across large cap, mid cap and small cap), however there will be a focus on mid cap and small cap companies. The Fund is actively managed in reference to a composite index consisting of MSCI INDIA INDEX (20% proportion) and MSCI INDIA SMALL CAP INDEX (80% proportion) (the “Index”), by virtue of the fact that it uses the Index for performance comparison purposes. However, the Index is not used to define the portfolio composition of the Fund and the Fund may be wholly invested in securities which are not constituents of the Index.”

**Diversified:** Typically portfolio of ~50 stocks across market capitalization

**Risk management:** Governed by a robust risk framework; No leverage;

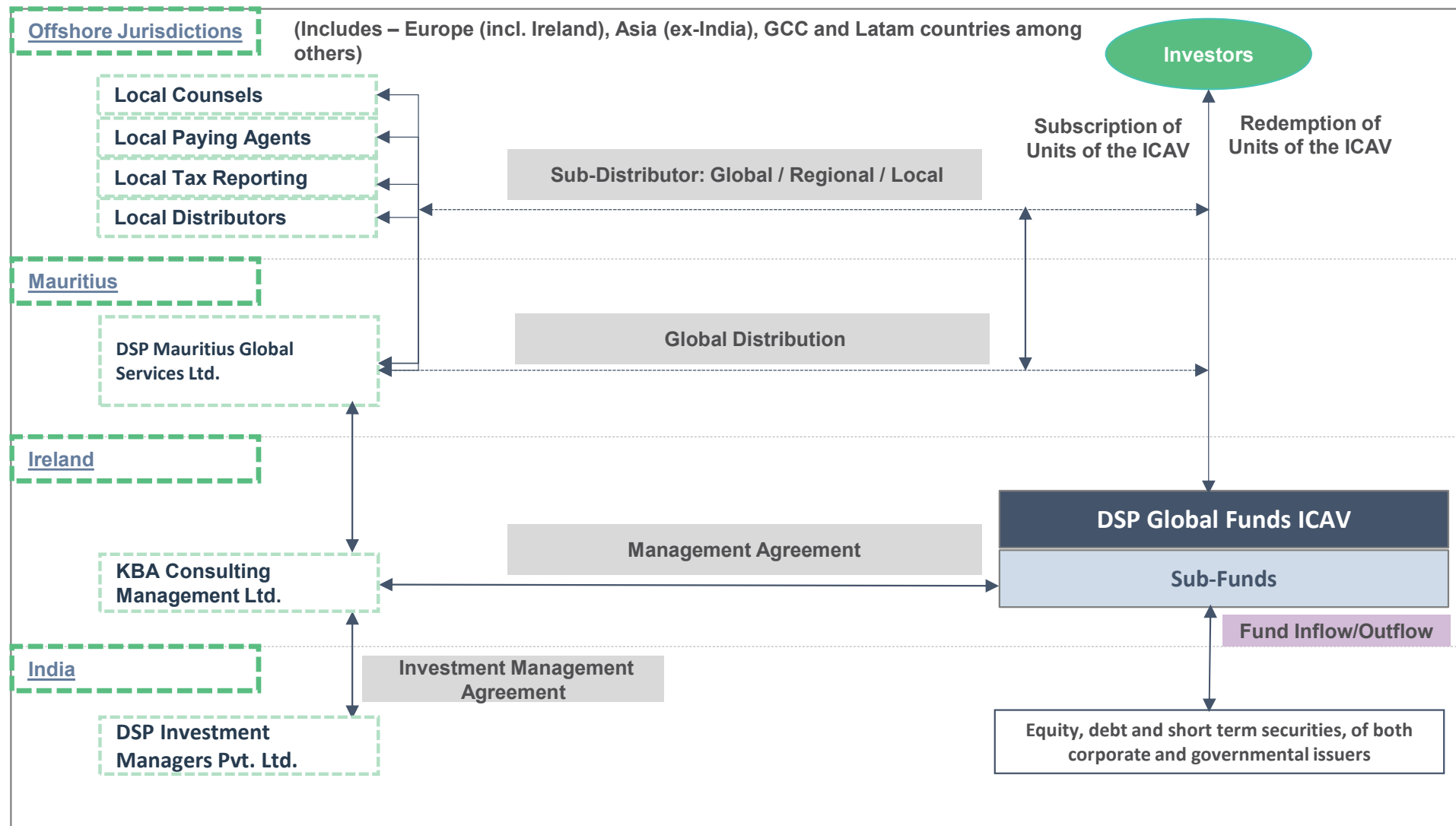
<b>Fund Structure</b>	DSP India Equity Fund is a compartment of DSP Global Funds ICAV, an umbrella UCITS V compliant ICAV
<b>Share class</b>	Seed Class
<b>ISIN code</b>	IE00BK0WZ337
<b>Investment manager</b>	DSP Investment Managers India Pvt. Ltd.
<b>Domicile</b>	Ireland
<b>Inception Date</b>	15 March 2021
<b>Reference Currency</b>	USD
<b>Dealing and Valuation</b>	Daily
<b>Administrator</b>	HSBC Securities Services (Ireland) DAC
<b>Depository Services</b>	Depository – HSBC France, Dublin Branch
<b>Management Company</b>	KBA Consulting Management Limited
<b>Seed Share Class – Total Fee and Operating Expenses</b>	(i) 0.70% of the Net Asset Value of the Seed Class when the Net Asset Value of the Fund is up to \$150 million; or (ii) 0.60% of the Net Asset Value of the Seed Class when the Net Asset Value of the Fund is greater than \$150 million and up to \$300 million; or (iii) 0.40% of the Net Asset Value of the Seed Class when the Net Asset Value of the Fund is greater than \$300 million
<b>Other fees</b>	As set out in the Prospectus

Note: The Fund’s Net Asset Value may have an elevated volatility due to its investment policy. The fees and charges paid by the Fund will reduce the return on your investment. Certain costs paid by the Fund will be charged in specific currency and exchange rate fluctuations may cause these costs to increase or decrease when converted into local currency of the investor. Source: Internal; \*There is no guarantee that the fund will achieve its objective.



# DSP Global Funds ICAV: Structure

- DSP GLOBAL FUNDS ICAV - An umbrella type Irish collective asset-management vehicle with segregated liability between Funds



Note: The Fund's Net Asset Value may have an elevated volatility due to its investment policy.

Source: Internal; \*There is no guarantee that the fund will achieve its objective.

## Seed share class - Pricing

Passive India ETFs



~70 bps

FUND AUM THRESHOLD	Management Fee	Operating expenses*	Total Expense Ratio
US\$ 0 to US\$ 150 mn	45 bps	25 bps	70 bps
US\$ 150 to US\$ 300 mn	35 bps	25 bps	60 bps
> US\$ 300 mn	15 bps	25 <sup>#</sup> bps	40 bps

Step  
down

Step  
down

\* Operating expenses are capped at 25 bps, irrespective of AUM.

# Operating expenses can reduce over time with economies of scale.

Bps = Basis points. AUM = Asset Under Management

Other fees: As set out in the Prospectus, if any

# Appendix



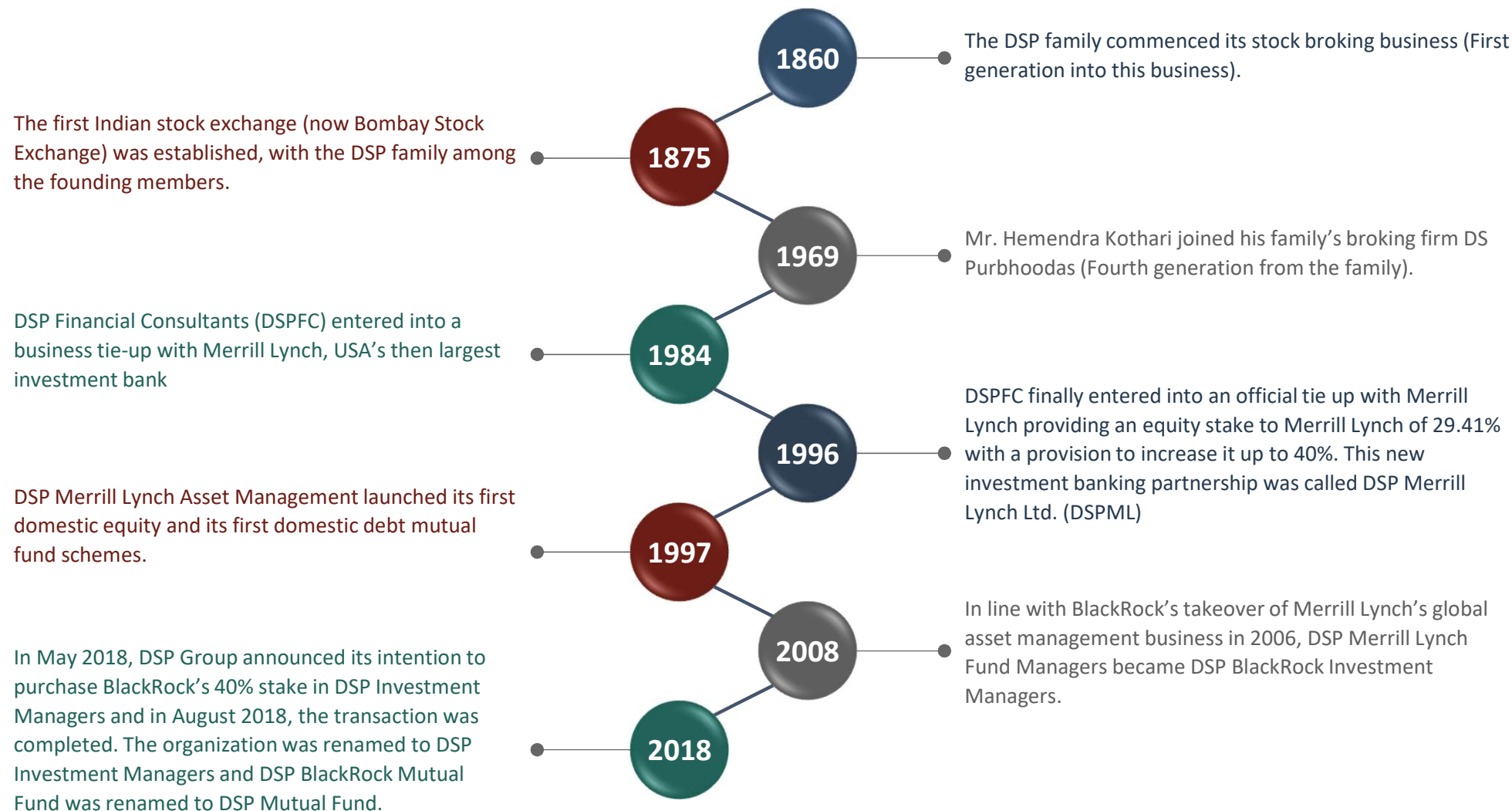
# Market-cap Classification: SEBI versus MSCI



Source: MSCI, SEBI, as of 31 Mar 2023. SEBI is Securities and Exchange Board of India, the Indian securities market regulator. TMC = Total Market Cap, FFMC = Free Float Market-Cap. Indices are unmanaged and used for illustrative purposes only and are not intended to be indicative of any fund’s performance. It is not possible to invest directly in an index.

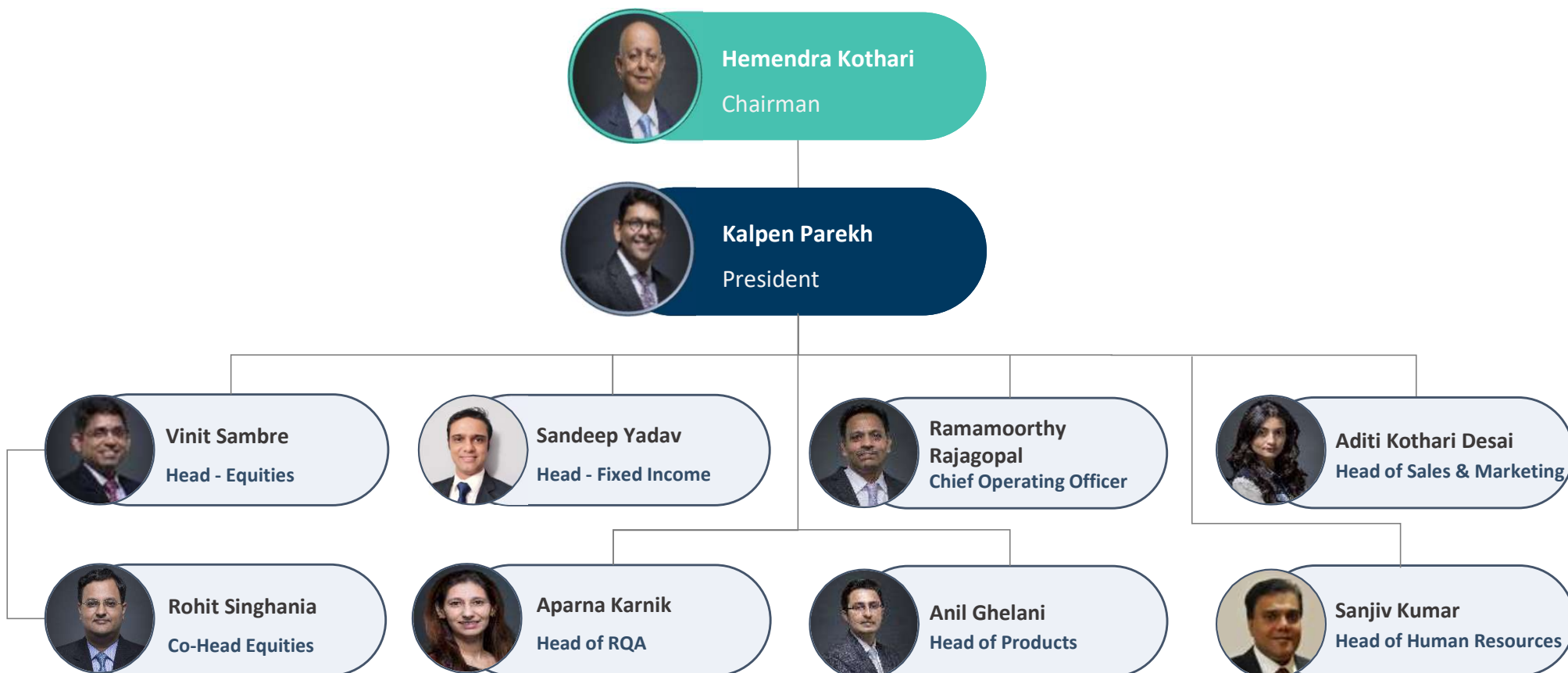
# Evolution of DSP

The DSP Group, headed by Mr. Hemendra Kothari is one of India's oldest financial services firms having commenced its stock broking business in the 1860's



Source: Internal

# DSP Organization Structure - Senior Management



Source: Internal, as on March 2023

## Incentives aligned to investment objectives

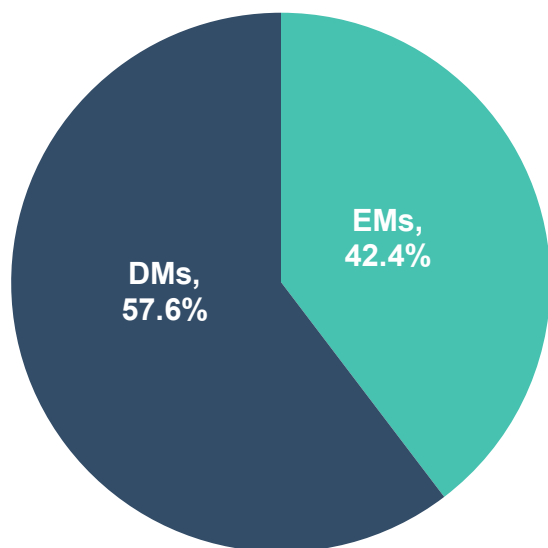
Factors driving performance - <b>Analysts</b>	Share
Model Portfolio outperformance	[ ]%
Fundamental attributes - Thesis, Extent of variation on chosen fundamental parameters	[ ]%
Hit ratios – Strong Buys outperforming Buys and so on	[ ]%

Factors driving performance – <b>Portfolio Managers</b>	Share
Fund performance v/s Benchmark (for each fund managed by PM proportionate to fund AUM)	
3Y and 1Y (rolling returns)	[ ]%
Other activities	
Active interaction, engagement, mentoring analysts, adherence to framework	[ ]%

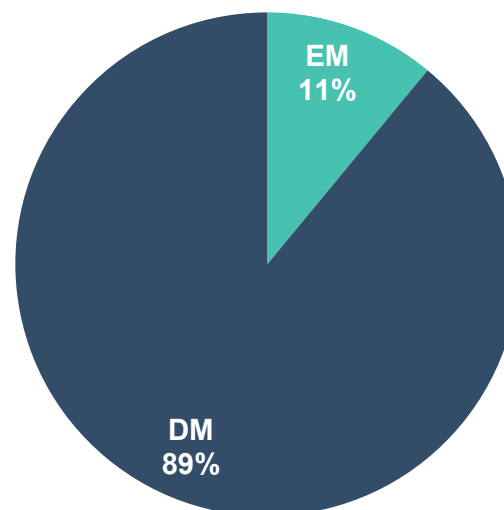
Source: Internal; Actual allocations to each factor may be discussed over a call.

# EMs under-represented in Global Equities compared to Global GDP

Global GDP Weights



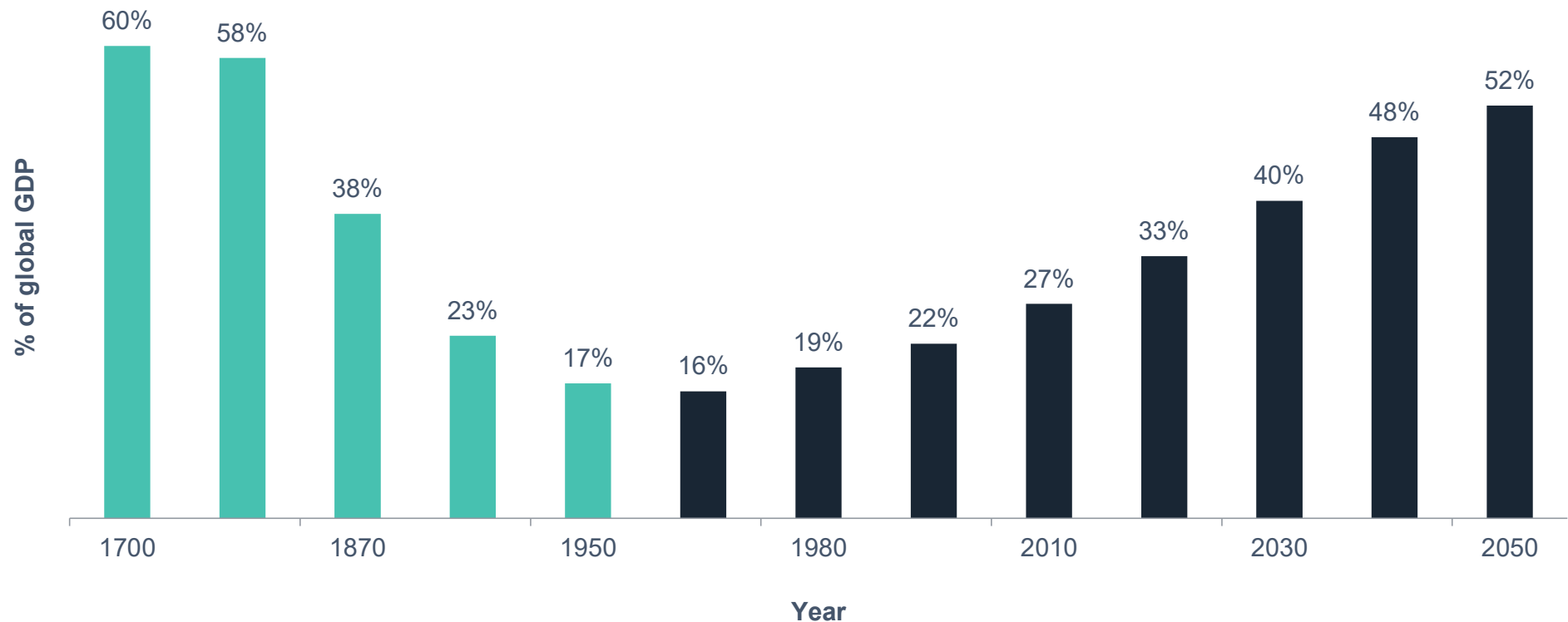
Global Equity Weights



Source: IMF, World Economic Outlook Database, Morgan Stanley Research, Apr 2022; \*DM = Developed Market, EM = Emerging Market.

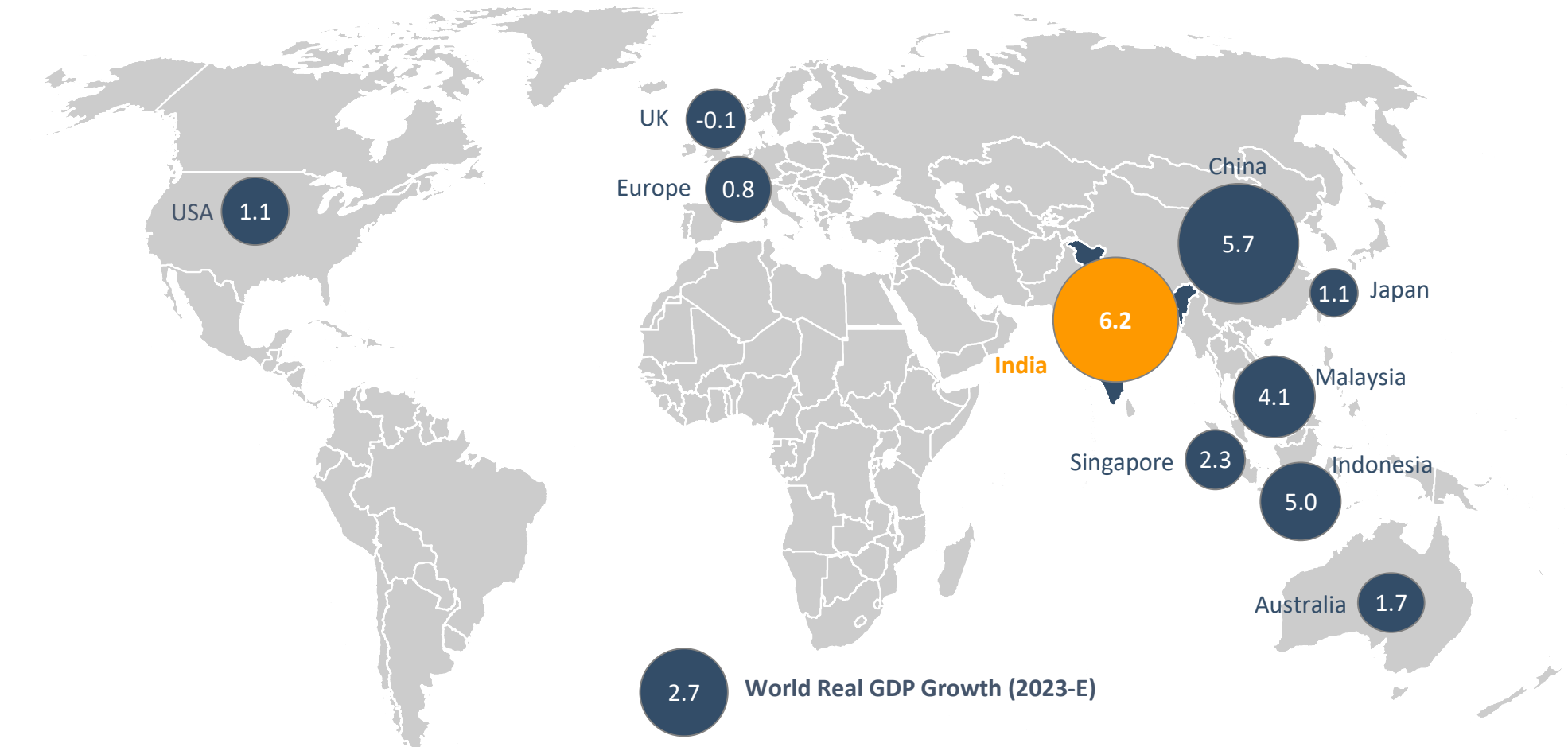


## Asia's Share in World GDP is steadily rising



Source: ADB, Morgan Stanley Research

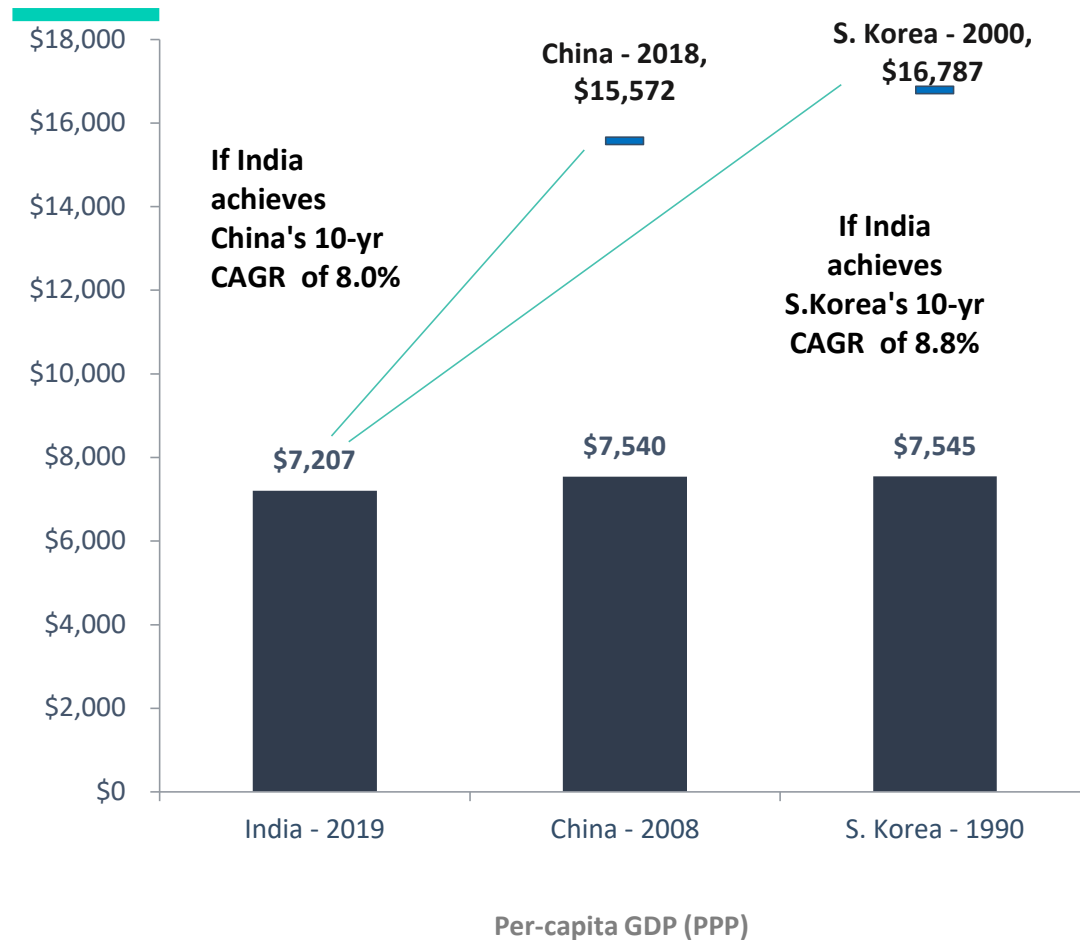
# India – Among the fastest growing large economies in the world\*



	ACWI World	US	Europe	Japan	UK	China	India	Brazil	Australia	MSCI EM
10Y	8.1%	11.5%	5.4%	5.0%	3.4%	3.4%	7.0%	-2.0%	3.4%	2.0%
15Y	6.0%	9.4%	2.8%	3.1%	2.5%	2.5%	4.0%	-2.3%	4.2%	1.7%
20Y	8.7%	9.8%	7.5%	6.0%	6.3%	10.9%	12.8%	10.7%	9.4%	9.3%
CAGR	10Y	15Y	20Y							
USDINR Cross	-4.0%	-4.7%	-2.7%							

Source: Morgan Stanley Research, as of 31 March, 2023. \* Large economy refers to economies above US\$ 1.5 trillion in GDP.

# Is sustained 9 - 10% nominal GDP growth for a large economy even possible?



- China/South Korea grew per capita GDP at 8.0% / 8.8%, respectively, for 10 years from levels similar to India's US\$7,207 PPP adjusted 2018 per capita GDP.
- To convert to nominal GDP growth, we factor 1.5% population growth (assumed).
- **So 9 to 10% nominal GDP growth is certainly possible, over a 10 year period or longer.**

Source: Goldman Sachs Global investment Research

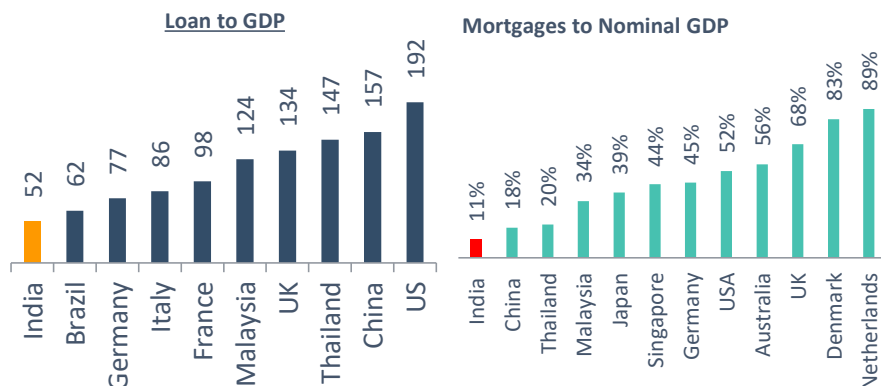
## 4 key themes which we believe will play out for India going forward

- 1 Penetration of Financial Services
- 2 Consumption story fast forwarded by Digitization
- 3 Infrastructure boom
- 4 Export Opportunities

# India: Structural, not tactical

## 1 Banking, Insurance, Loans, mortgages, mutual funds all underpenetrated

Population	1,380 mn	MF Accounts	120.2 mn
Bank Accounts	1,571 mn	Demat Accounts	77.2 mn



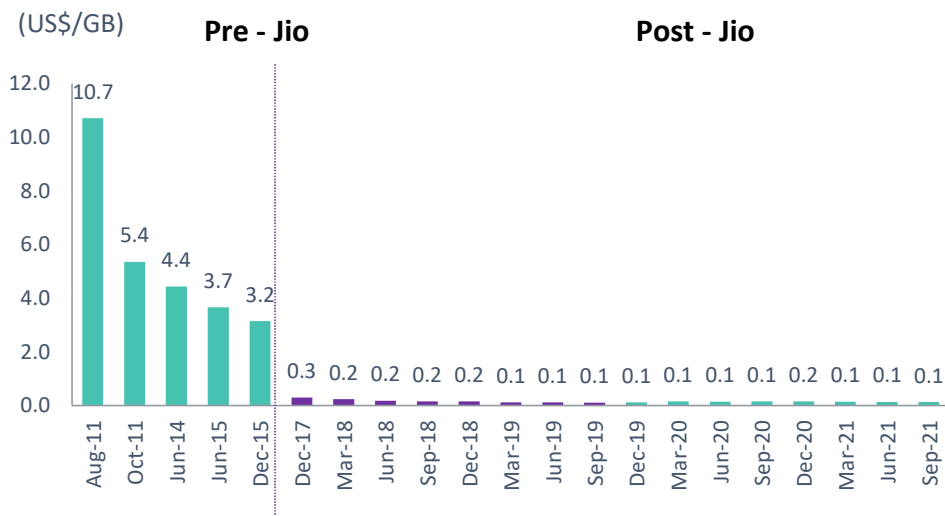
## 3 Tremendous runway for infrastructure growth

1. **HIGHWAYS** – only 2.3% of network, 64.5% of traffic
2. **PORTS** - ~224 ports versus China's ~2400 as of CY20
3. **AIRPORTS** - ~137 airports versus China's ~241 as of CY20
4. **RAILWAYS** - freight: 23.6 kmph; passengers: 50 kmph
5. **POWER** – 25% T&D losses
6. **HOUSING** – affordable housing schemes targeting 29mn households by 2022, across rural and urban areas

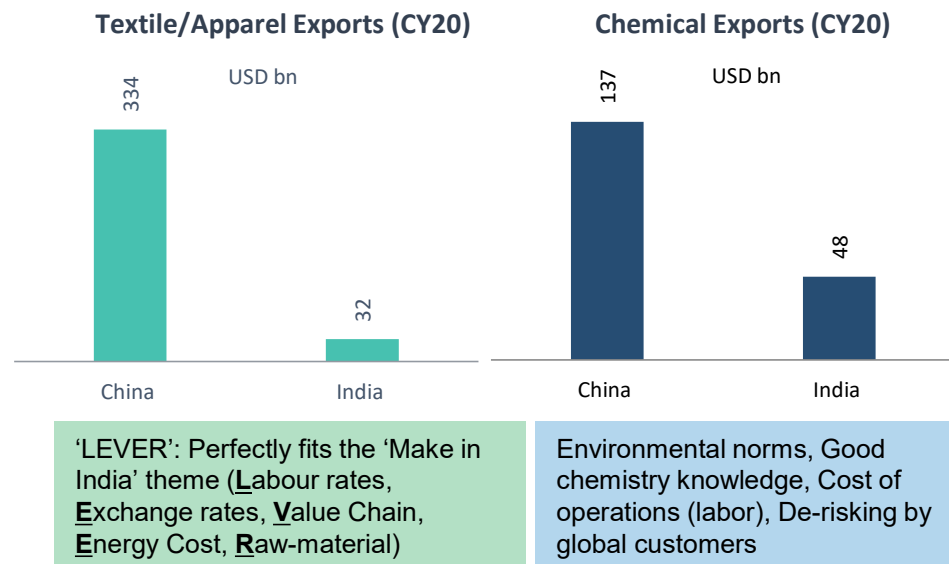
Source – Spark Capital Research,

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## 2 Falling data costs boosting consumption

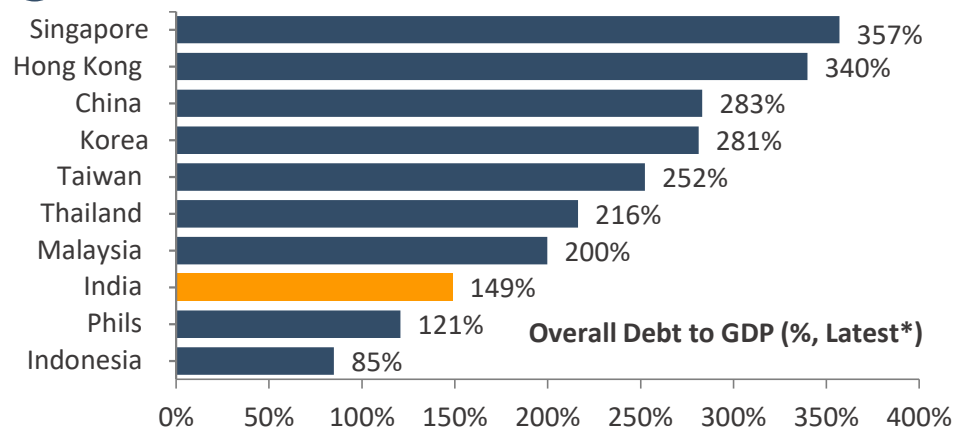


## 4 Export opportunities in Textiles and Chemicals

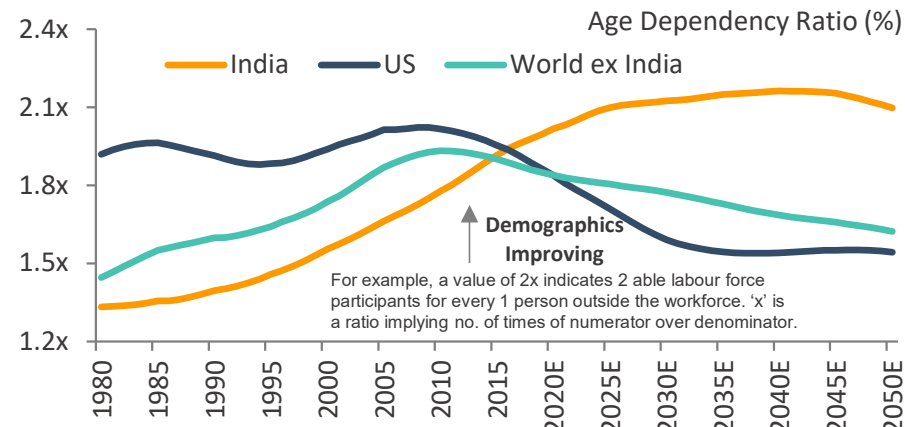


# India Well Positioned on 3Ds: Debt, Demographics and Deflation

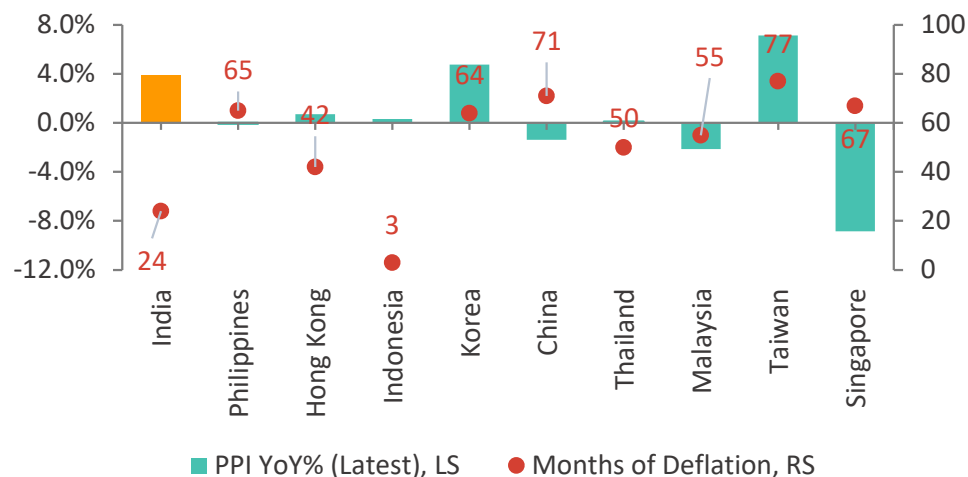
## 1 Debt: 7 out of 10 AXJ Countries Have Debt Above 200% of GDP



## 2 Demographics: Working age population improving in India



## 3 Deflation: India well placed combo of PPI & prior deflation

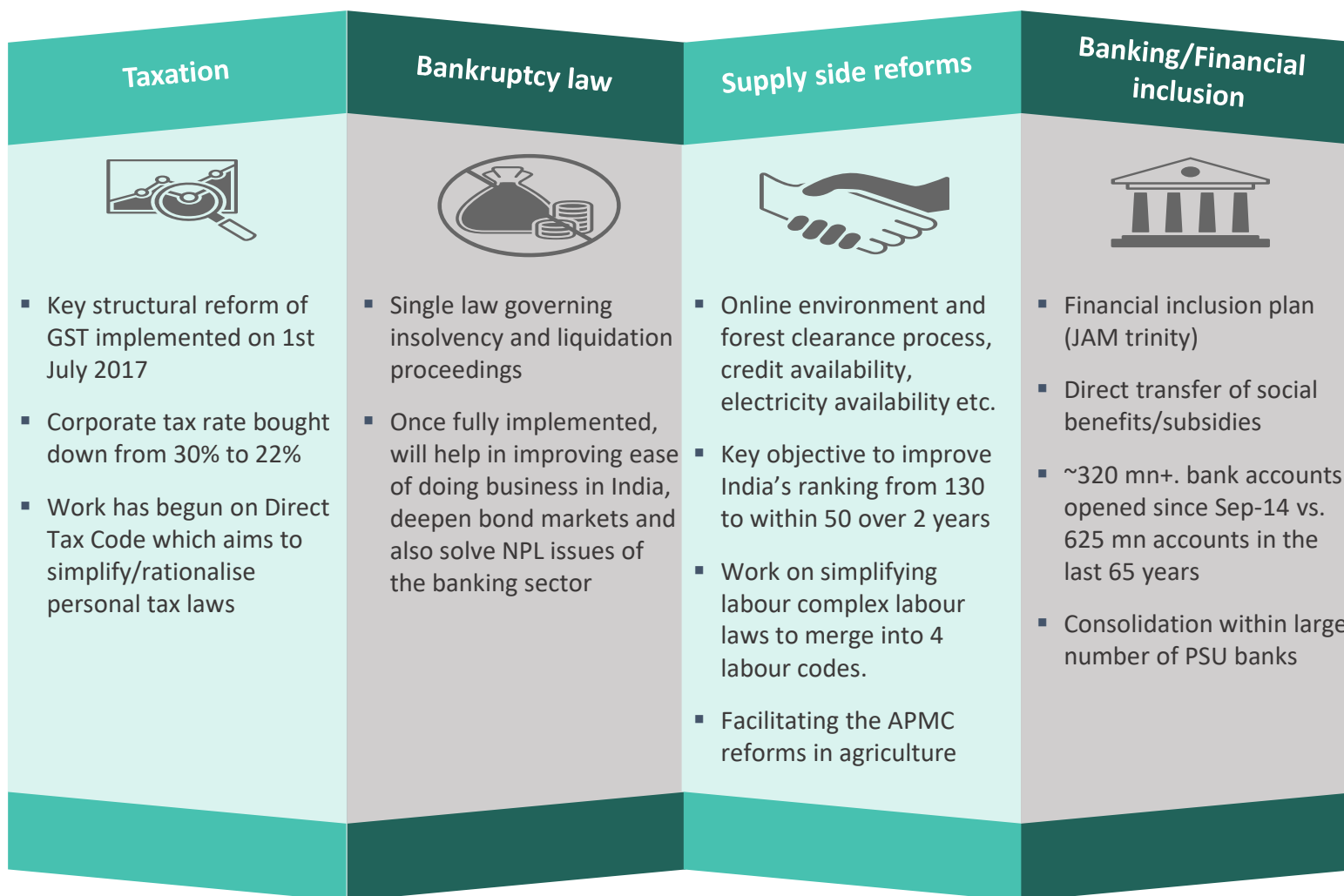


## 4 5 Key Reforms to Push Capex Higher

- **Reduction in corporate tax** to bring at par with Asian countries and **abolition of retrospective taxation**.
- **Factor market reforms** to ensure ease of doing business.
- **Production Linked Incentive(PLI)** schemes to develop indigenous manufacturing capabilities.
- Launch of National Infrastructure Pipeline , Gati Shakti, National Asset Monetisation Plan and Development Finance Institution to give a fillip **to infrastructure development**.
- **Revision of MSME definition** to encourage MSMEs to grow in size while creating an enabling environment to foster innovation & investment.

Source: Morgan Stanley (Panels 1,2 and 3), DSPIM (Panel 4).. There is no guarantee that any forecast make will come to pass. For Panel 1, \*Data as of 4Q21. For Panel 3, \*Latest as of Jul-19 for Malaysia, Sep-19 Philippines, Feb-20 for Thailand, Jun-20 for Indonesia and Dec-22 for others.

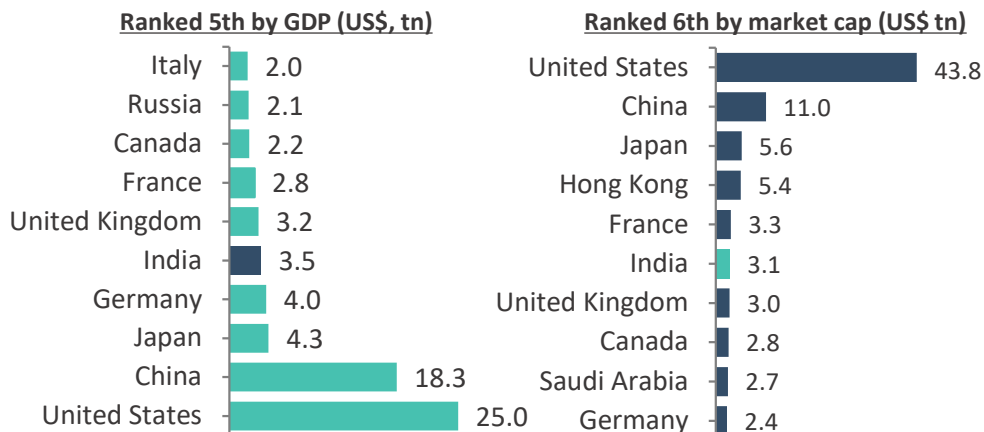
# Current Government's key reforms



Source: UBS Research, Aug 2020

# Why should one consider a direct India exposure? (i.e. not via EM)

## 1 India expected to be 3rd largest economy in ten years



## 2 Low representation in global indices

### MSCI All Country World Index

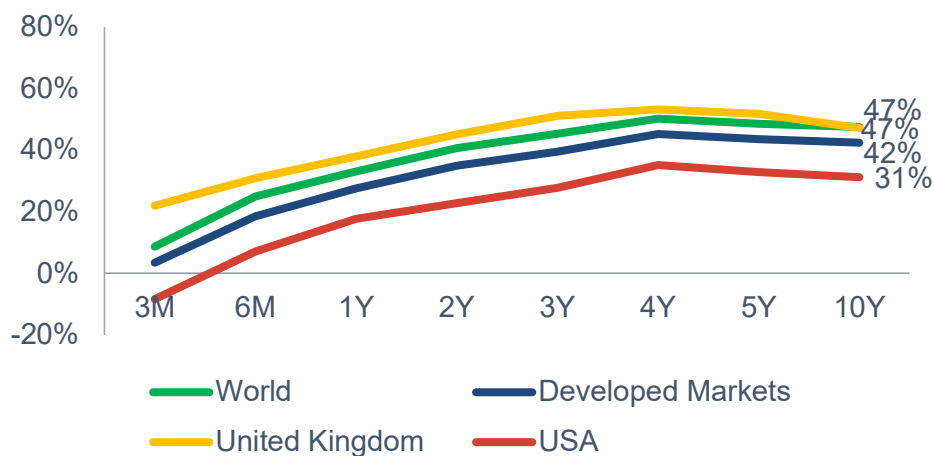
Country	Holding
USA	60.6%
Japan	5.5%
UK	3.8%
France	3.2%
Canada	3.0%
Germany	2.2%
India	1.4%
Others	20.4%

### MSCI Emerging Markets Index

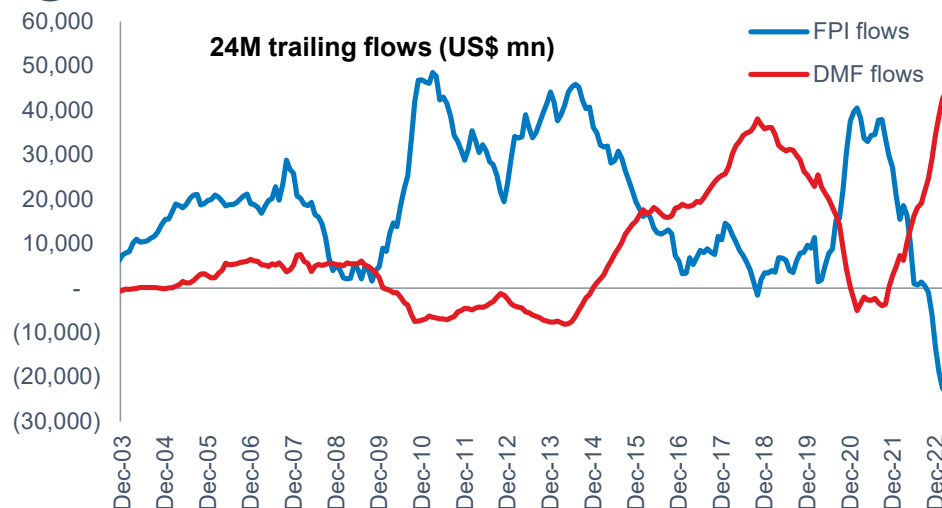
Country	Holding
China	32.7%
South Korea	11.9%
Taiwan	15.2%
India	13.0%
Brazil	4.9%
Others	22.3%

India is only 1% of MSCI ACWI, but contributes ~3% to world GDP and market-cap.

## 3 Low correlation of India with global markets



## 4 Domestic flows outpacing foreign flows



Source: Morgan Stanley, 31 March 2023 (World – MSCI All Country World Index, DM – MSCI The World index; USA – MSCI USA; UK – MSCI United Kingdom). MSCI India index data based on total returns with dividend reinvestment. It is not possible to invest directly in an index. For Panel 4, FPI is Foreign Portfolio Investors registered with Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), DMF is Domestic Mutual Funds.

## India - Well-diversified across sectors

MSCI Sectors	India	China	Korea	Taiwan	Hong Kong	Singapore	Malaysia	Indonesia	Australia
Energy	13%	3%	2%	0%	0%	0%	4%	5%	6%
Materials	9%	4%	9%	6%	0%	0%	9%	8%	23%
Industrials	6%	6%	9%	3%	13%	10%	6%	0%	5%
Consumer Disc	9%	30%	9%	2%	6%	2%	5%	6%	6%
Consumer Staples	9%	6%	3%	2%	2%	3%	13%	10%	5%
Financials	25%	16%	9%	14%	48%	51%	41%	57%	34%
Health Care	5%	6%	6%	0%	0%	0%	4%	2%	11%
Information Technology	15%	6%	46%	69%	0%	2%	2%	0%	2%
Communication Services	3%	17%	7%	2%	1%	17%	8%	12%	2%
Utilities	6%	3%	1%	0%	8%	0%	9%	0%	2%
Real Estate	1%	4%	0%	0%	21%	16%	0%	0%	6%
<b>Top 2 Sector Weights</b>	<b>40.3%</b>	<b>47.5%</b>	<b>55.3%</b>	<b>83.6%</b>	<b>69.1%</b>	<b>68.5%</b>	<b>54.0%</b>	<b>68.4%</b>	<b>57.0%</b>

India is well diversified across sectors

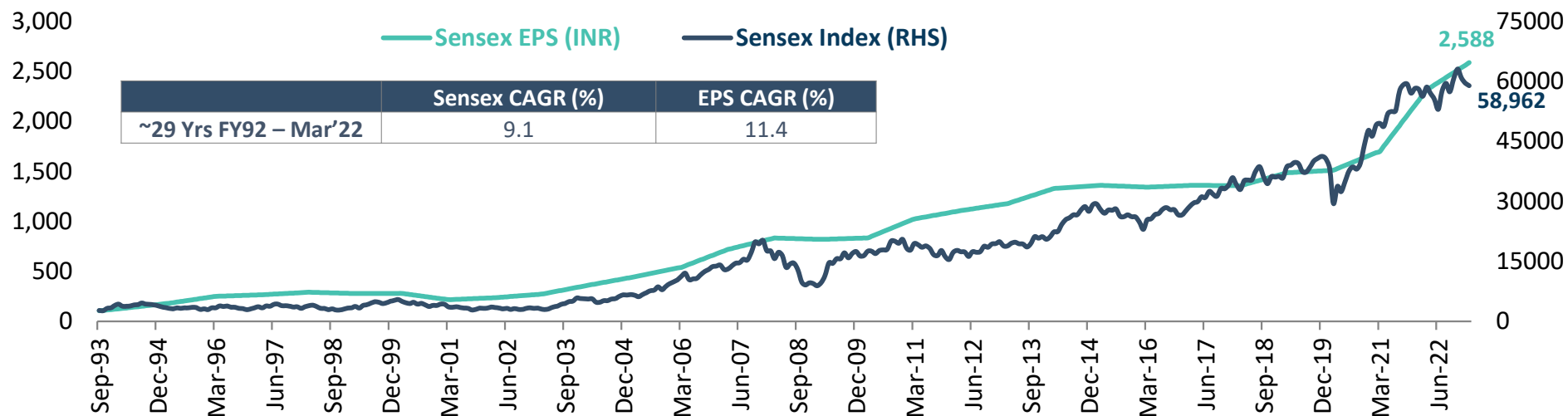
As on 31 Mar 2023 | Source: Morgan Stanley. Based on MSCI Indices

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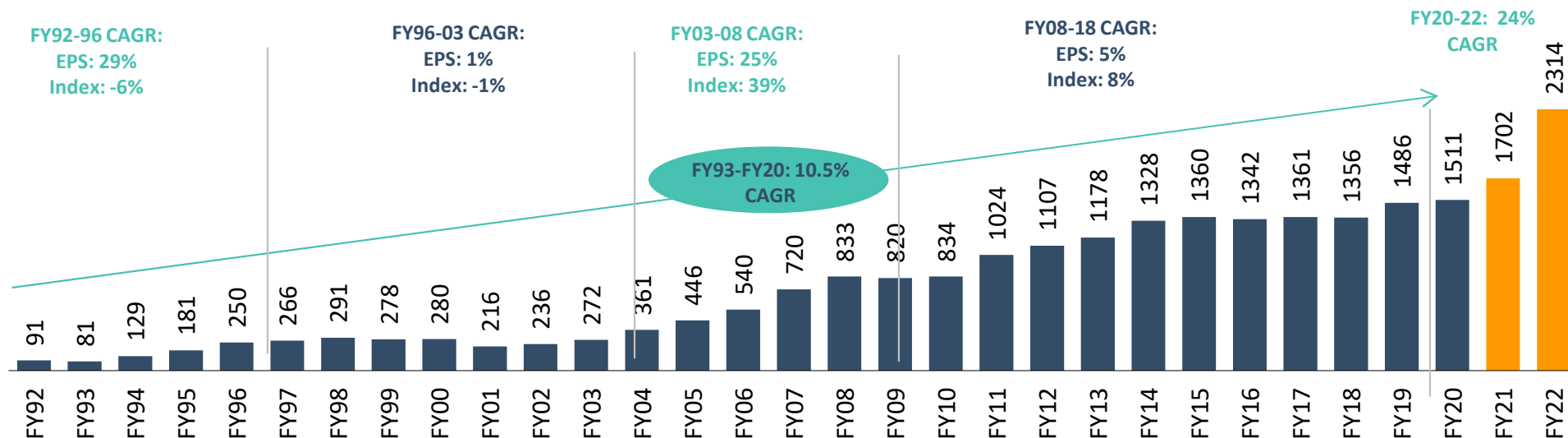


# Earnings: It's what really matters the most

BSE Sensex Index v/s EPS

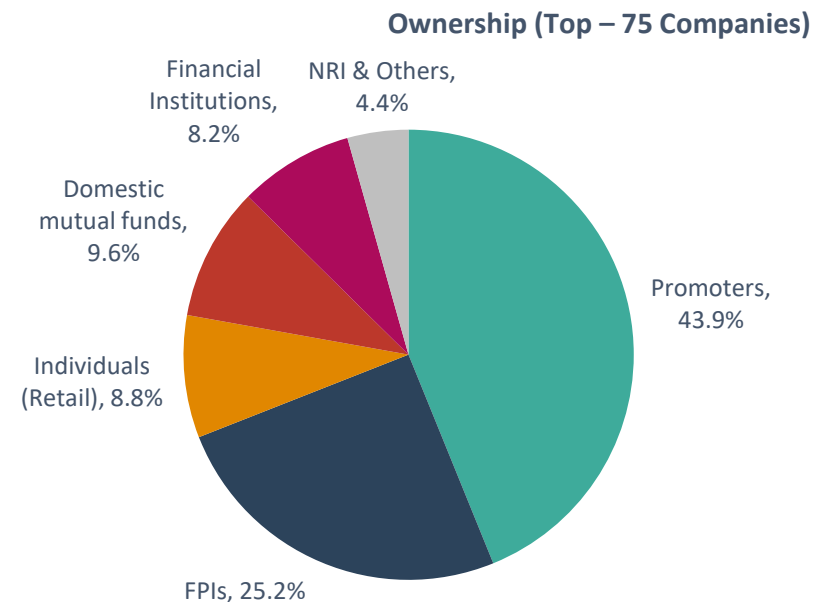
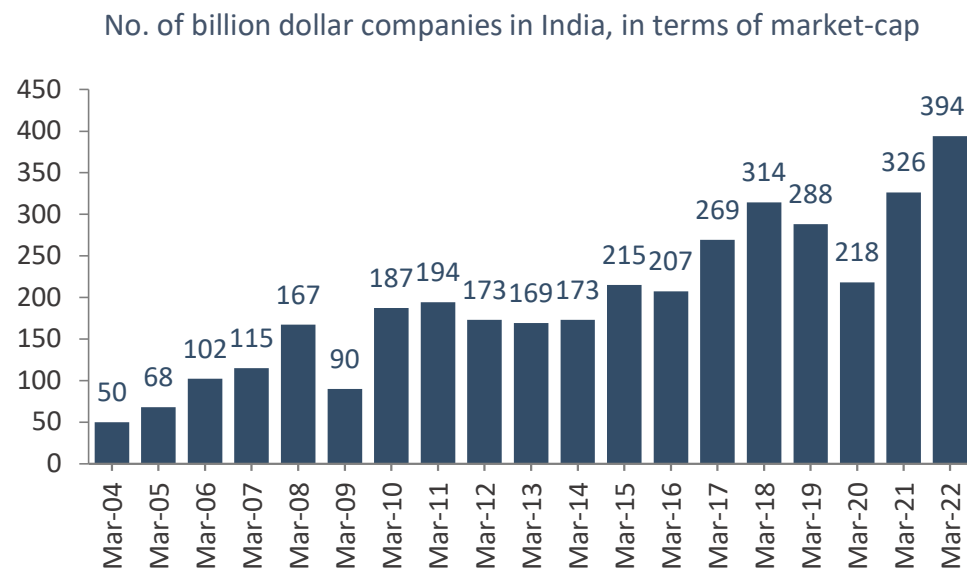
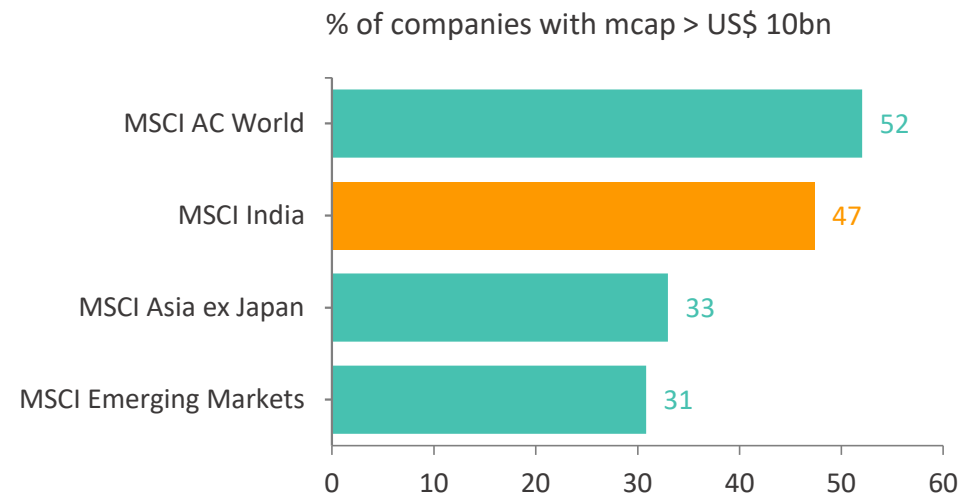
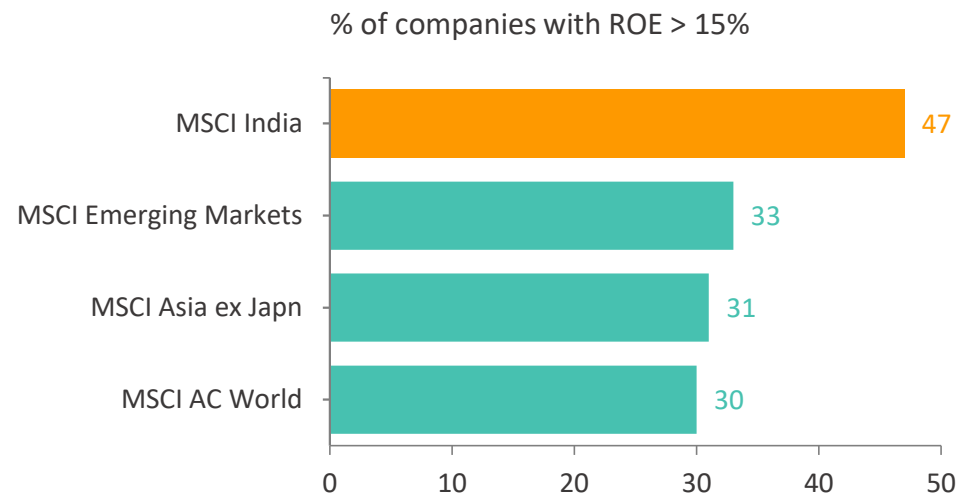


Earnings growth likely to average around 24% for FY20-FY22



Source: MOFSL. Data as of 28 Feb 2023. CAGR – Compounded annualized growth rate. FY Note: There is no guarantee of returns/income generation in the Scheme. Further, there is no assurance of any capital protection/capital guarantee to the investors in the Scheme. Forecasts may not come to pass.

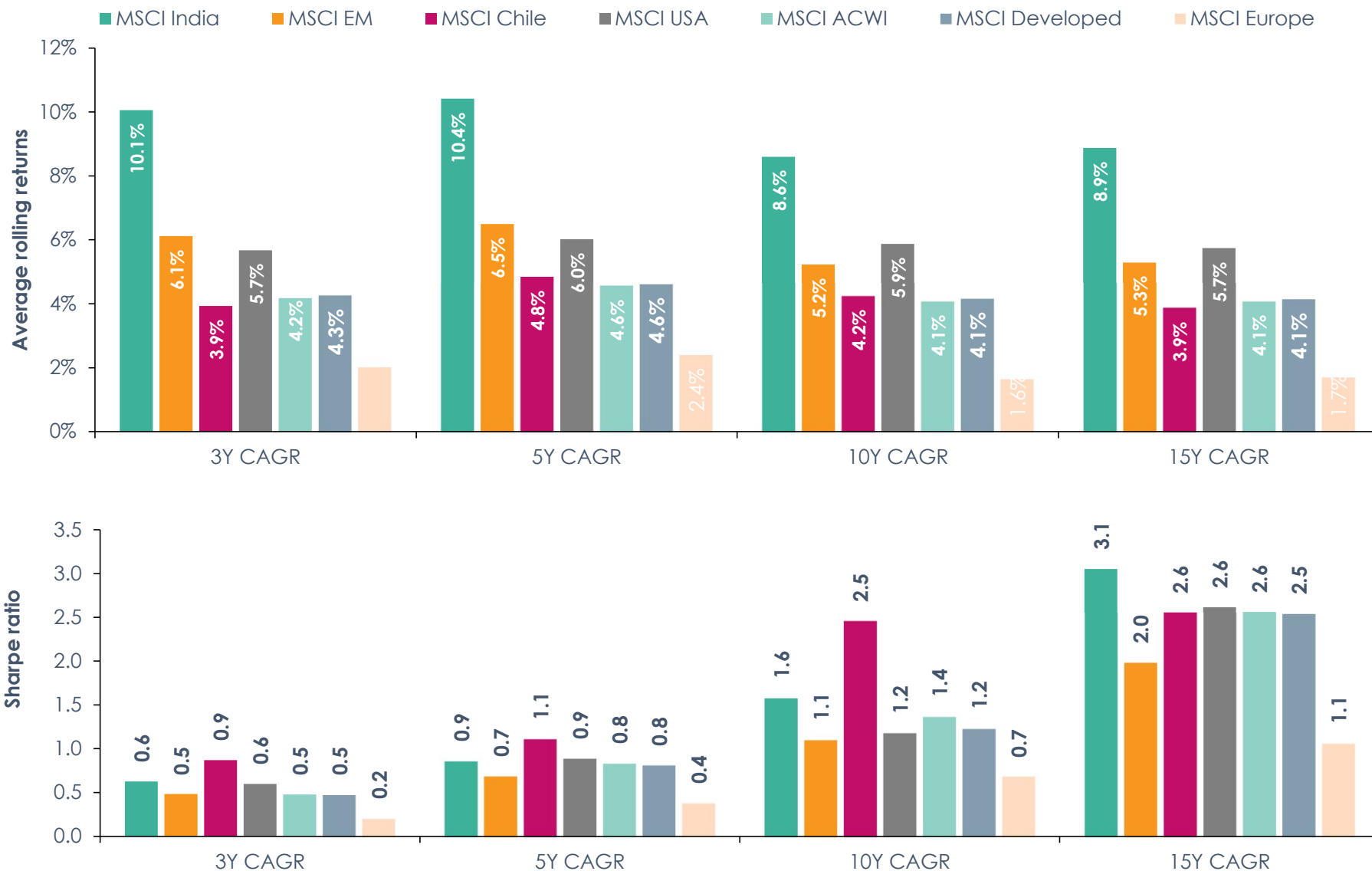
# Indian companies are competitively placed with respect to the world



Source: \*Morgan Stanley Research, March 2023

Promoter group holding has decreased from 54% in 2007 to 45% in 2022\*

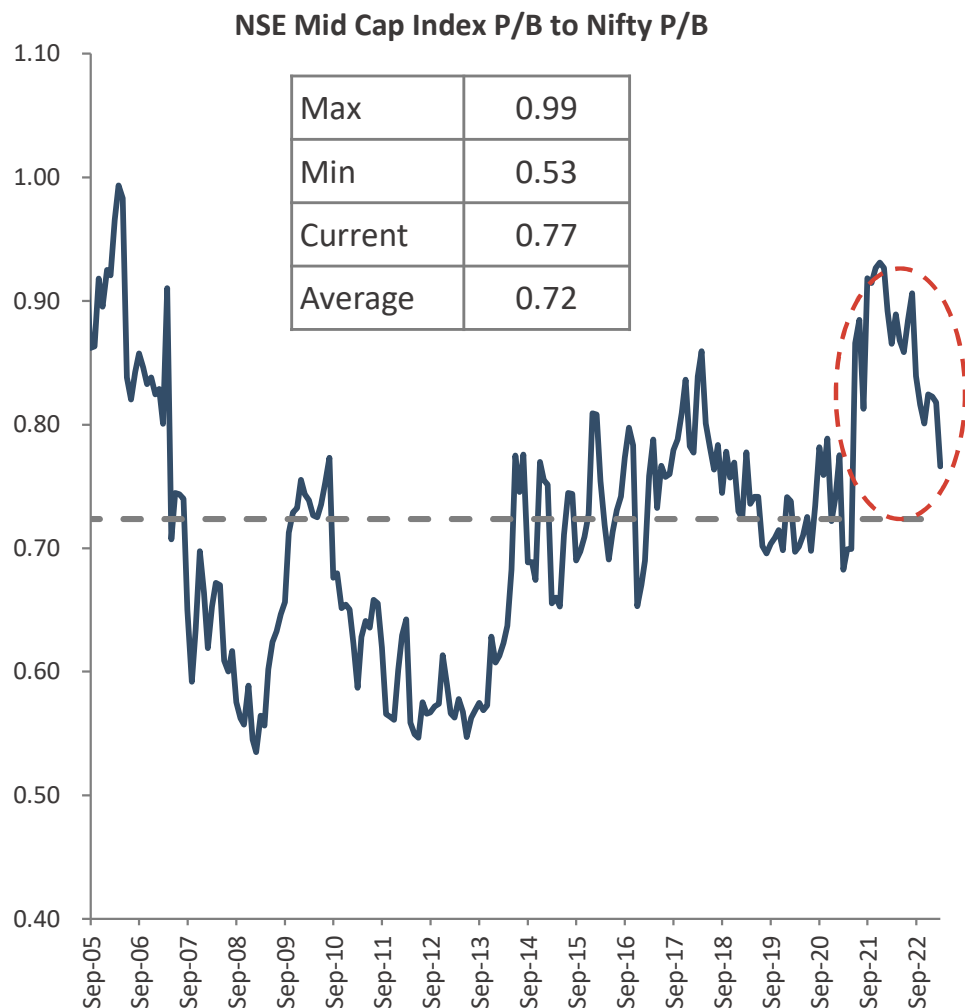
# Active managers in India have consistently outperformed passive



Source: Bloomberg; Note: We have analyzed all mutual funds classified as "Multi Cap" as per SEBI (Securities and Exchange Board of India, the regulator) for this analysis, with rolling annualized weighted average returns as per respective fund AUM. Sharpe ratio has been calculated as the average of rolling 3/5/10/15 year returns (since 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 1999) divided by the standard deviation of all 3/5/10/15 year returns respectively. Mutual funds with less than 3 year AUM history have been excluded from this analysis. All returns are calculated in USD terms. Latest data as of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023. . **Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results**

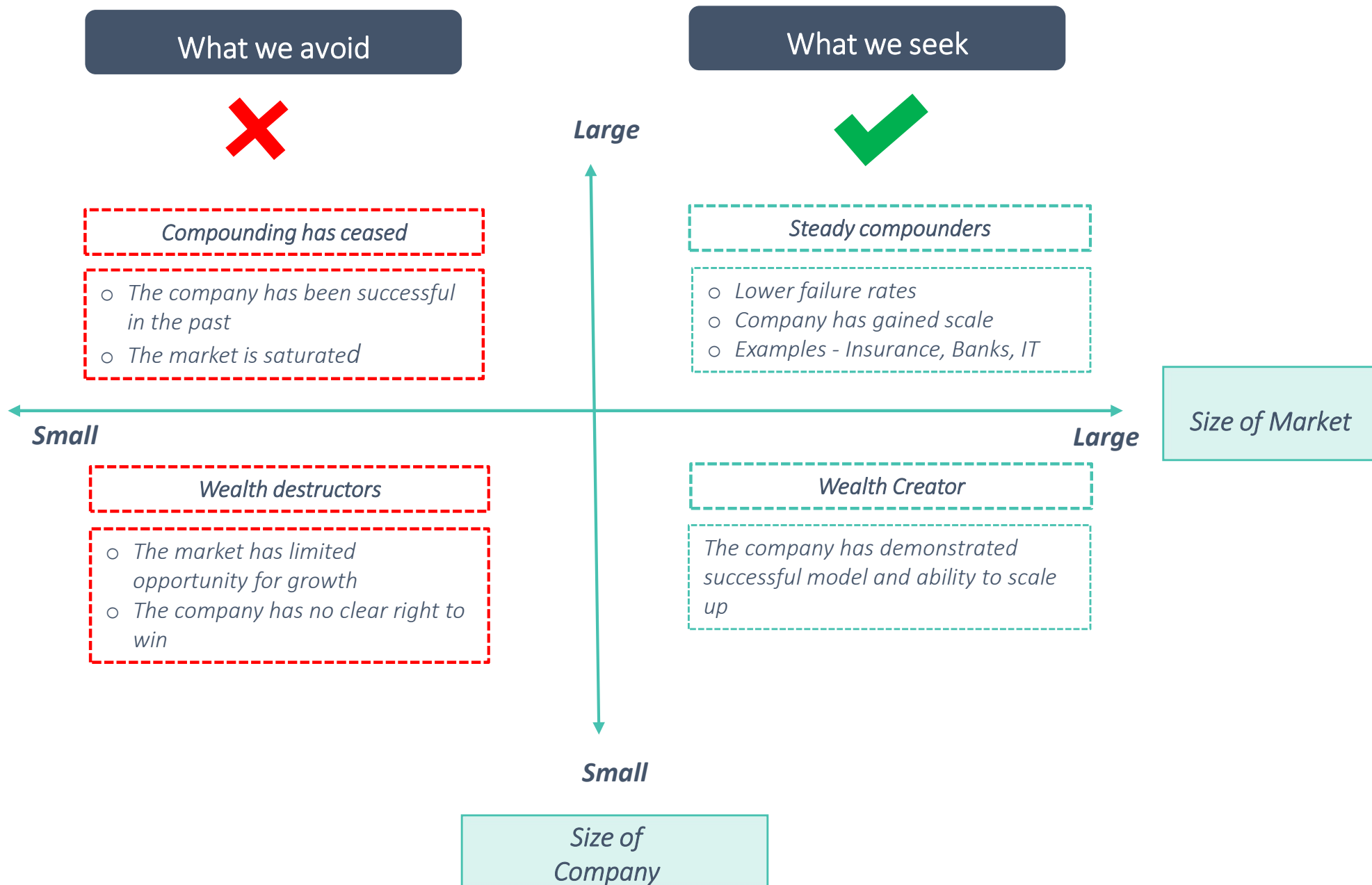
# Small and Mid Cap Valuation Differential

Kindly note that the following 'mid' and 'small' cap nomenclature is from an Indian regulator (SEBI) perspective.  
Accordingly, the strategy has > 65% invested in the 'mid' cap bucket at all points (i.e. chart on the left is more relevant)



Source: Bloomberg , Ambit research 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

# Business Model – Identifying large opportunities



# Business Model - Competitive advantages (Moats) are what we looking for....

Company may not be able to create value and fend off competition if it does not have moats in spite of large opportunities. Key sources of competitive advantages that we look for include

Intangibles	Cost Structure	Network Effect	Switching costs
Brands/Patents and Regulations*	Lower cost of production which stem from process, location, scale or access to unique assets.	The value of a product increases for both new and existing customers as new customers join the network	Cost (time, hassle, capital or risk) that customer would incur from one producer or service provider to the other
Eicher	SBI Life	CONCOR	Infosys

**Not All Moats are equally valuable** Most businesses have no moats (our default assumption for evaluating any new company) or have legacy moats i.e. no ability to reinvest in the business. We look for companies which have either large reinvestment opportunity or capital light businesses which do not need significant capital to grow

# Business Model - Quality of business

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- ▶ Facets of quality are
  - **Capital Intensity** – Amount of capital which can be reinvested in the business
  - **Capital Efficiency** – Returns generated on capital employed (*Superiority of ROCE*)
- ▶ Simple businesses (with optionality of complementary extensions) with growing market shares
- ▶ Quality of the business is displayed through its ability to generate superior (spread over the cost of capital), consistent, predictable and durable ROCE.
- ▶ ROCE along with growth defines the magnitude of value created by the business
- ▶ Size of the opportunity determines capital reinvestment which in turns drives growth
- ▶ Cashflows (not earnings) defines the true character of business
- ▶ Both quality of business and management are indispensable.
- ▶ ROCE of the business is function of the character of business where as ROE of business is function of Business + Management.

# Management – Alignment of interest with shareholders

## Capital allocation

- ▶ Ability to know where to allocate capital (and where to deny it)
- ▶ Remain focussed on few areas of competence
- ▶ Investing in areas with similar or higher ROCE

## Capital Distribution

- ▶ The capital to be distributed back to share holders in excess of
  - Funding future growth
  - Funding on acquisition
  - Building contingencies

## Other Facets

- ▶ Integrity and passion
- ▶ Stakeholder relationship – with not only shareholders, but also employee, vendors, customers
- ▶ Governance standards
- ▶ Past Track record of the management

**Key traits of competent management = Capital Allocation + Capital Distribution**



# Valuation - Price Value Gap (*way we think about valuation*)

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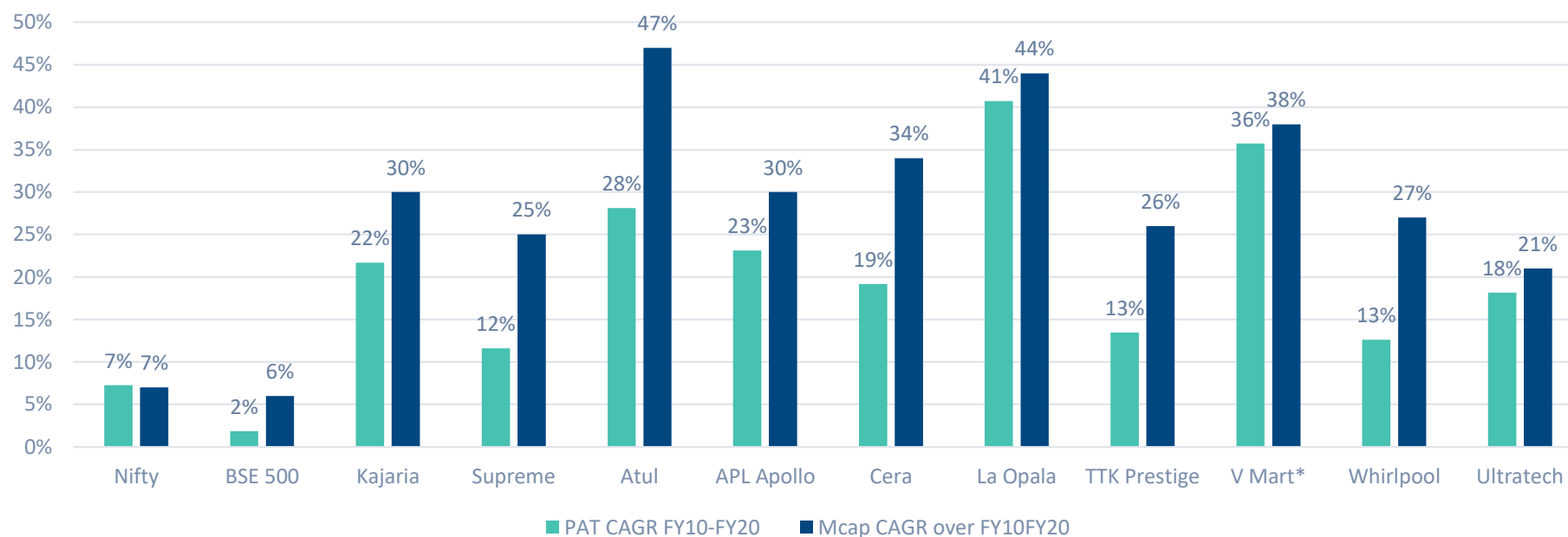
- ▶ **Margin of Safety** : We scout for Margins of safety = Gap between Intrinsic Value and Price
- ▶ **Stock returns generally mirrors the earnings growth** (unless the stock is incorrectly priced to begin with).
- ▶ **Focus on entry multiples**: We focus on the entry multiples which we pay for the businesses. If entry multiples are chosen properly , we can be assured of **stock returns = earnings growth**.
- ▶ **Re-rating is not our base case**: The stock re-rating can be significant driver of overall returns as the market changes its perception on the stock – “Re-rating” however is not our base case for valuation
- ▶ **Business cycle critical to judge value**: Companies in early or mid-cycle can cover up for moderately higher valuation; Late cycle companies with excessive valuations are untenable.
- ▶ **Stocks held for momentum**: We may not be comfortable in buying companies which are in late cycle and excessively valued, however there will be stage where our core holding get significantly “re-rated”. These are then shifted from “Core portfolio bucket” to “held for momentum tactical bucket” and are sold as the momentum starts to fade.

**Stock Returns can be derived as = Earnings Growth x Valuation multiple Change**

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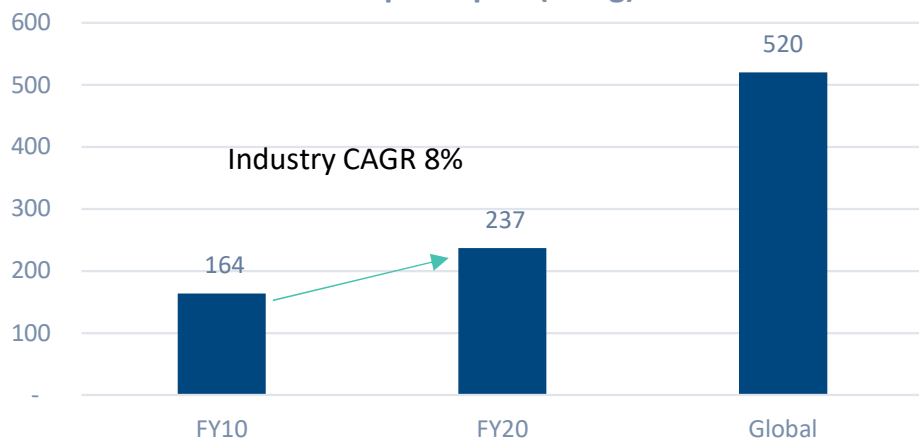
## Earnings resilient for category leaders

- ▶ Leaders of under penetrated category witnessed strong earnings growth between FY10-FY20
- ▶ Earnings decoupled with economy
- ▶ Thus, Category leaders has showcased wealth creation over long period of time

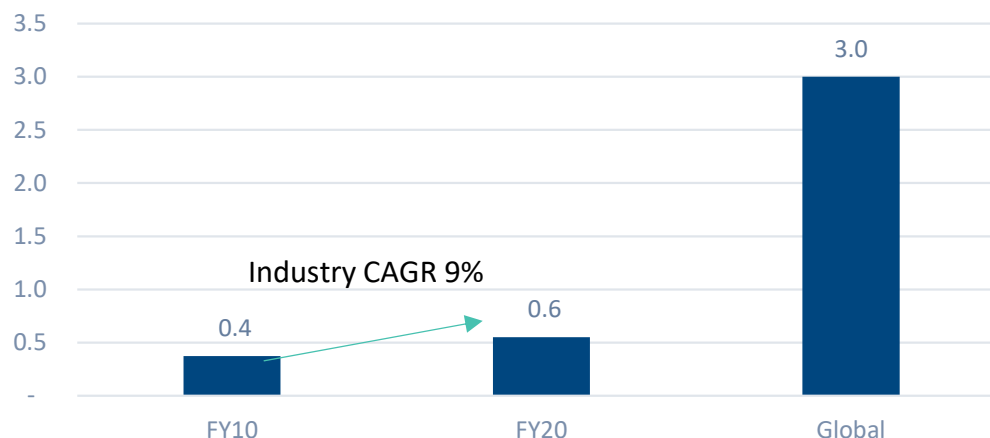


# Per capita trending upwards- Still long way to go vs global peers

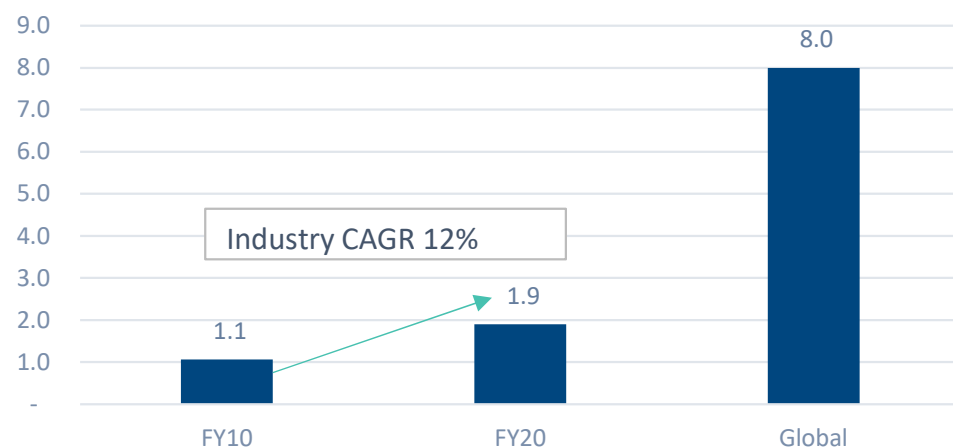
Cement per capita ( in kg)



Tiles per capita (in sq metre)



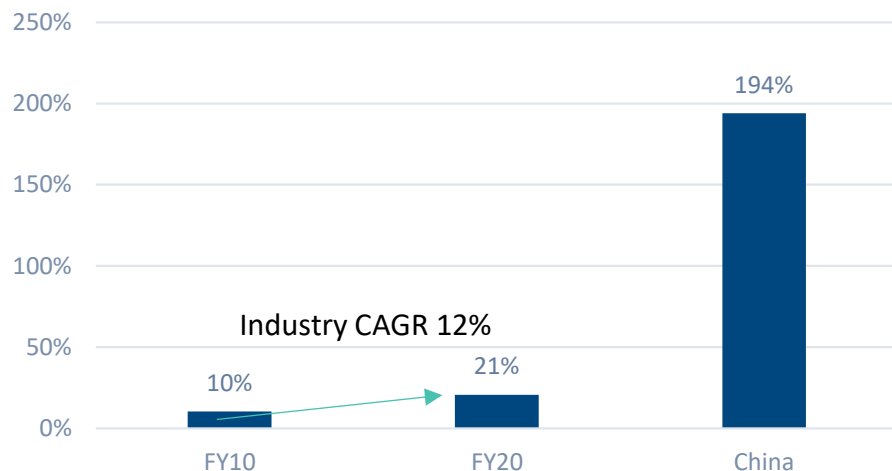
PVC Pipes per capita ( in kg)



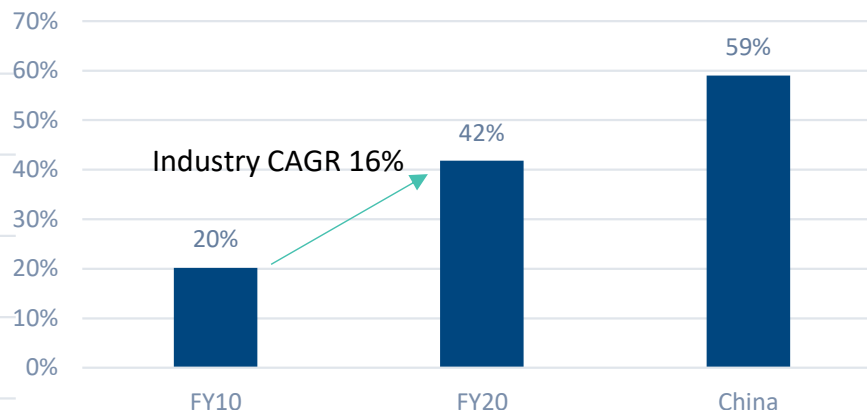
- ▶ Per capita increased across categories in last decade
- ▶ Healthy industry growth driven by increase in per capita despite sluggish economy.
- ▶ Categories still underpenetrated w.r.t to global peers augurs well for long term growth

# Growth in consumer durable led by higher penetration

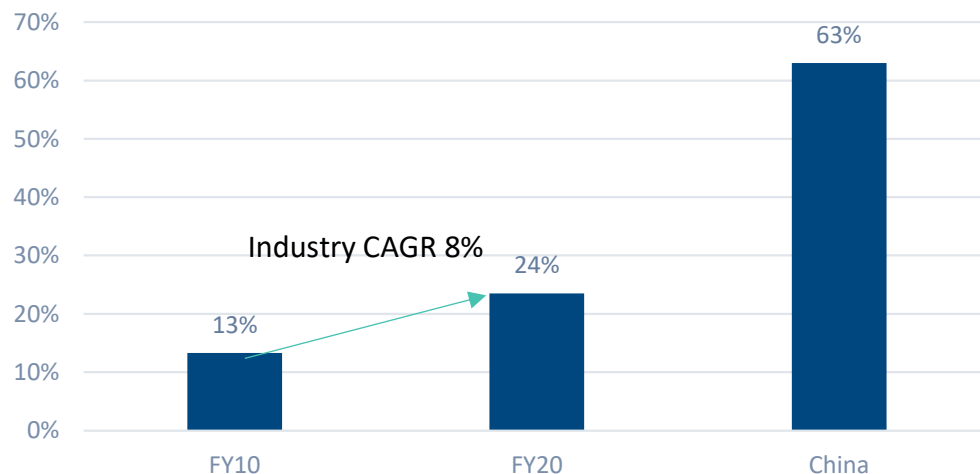
## Air condition penetration



## Refrigerator penetration

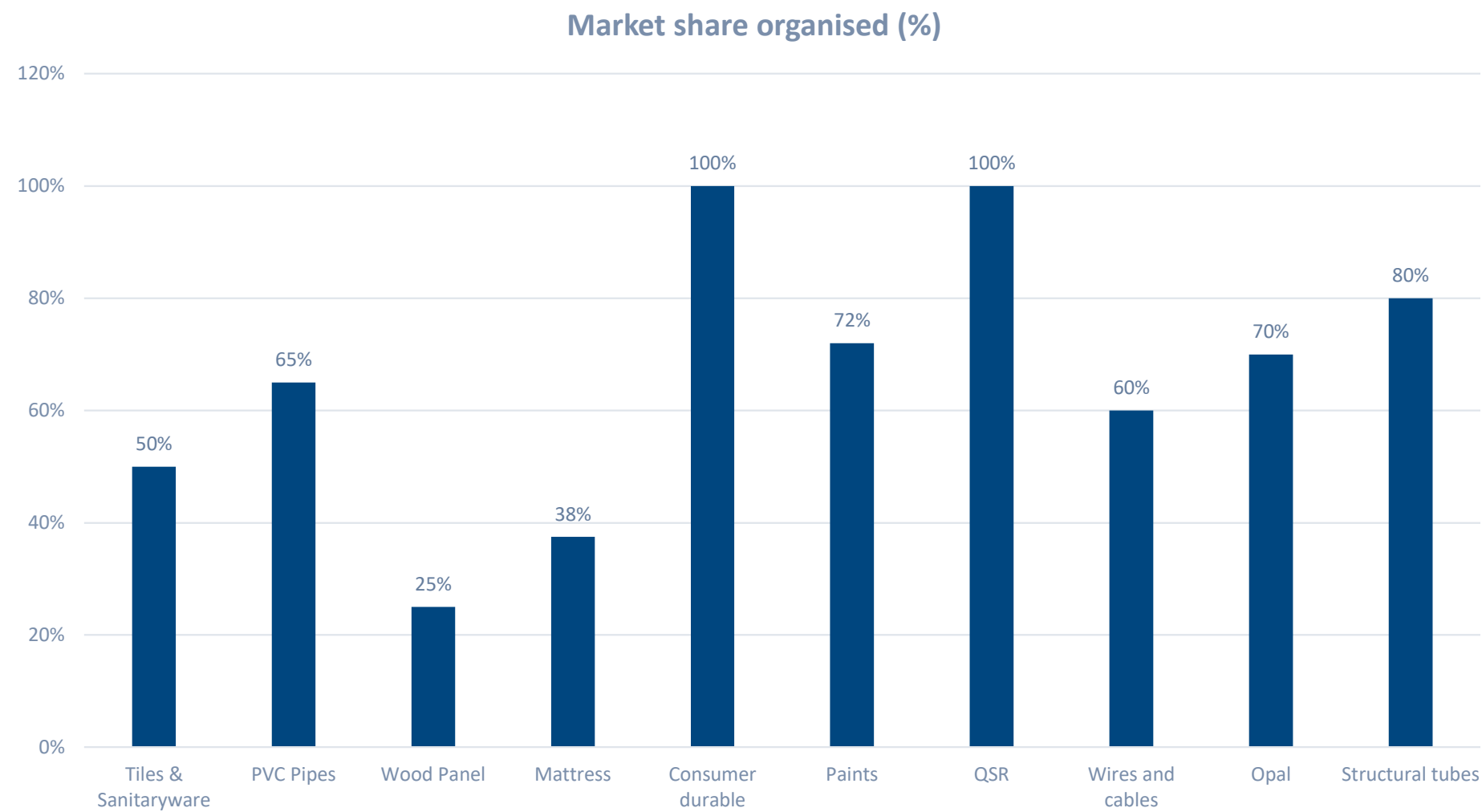


## Washing Machine



- ▶ Penetration levels in consumer durable increased structurally in last decade
- ▶ Ease of financing , availability of electricity contributed to increase in penetration
- ▶ Under penetration compared to global peers to drive long term growth
- ▶ Selecting right categories is important. eg. Refrigerator grew at 16% while Washing machine grew at 8%

# Shift to organized segment creates opportunity

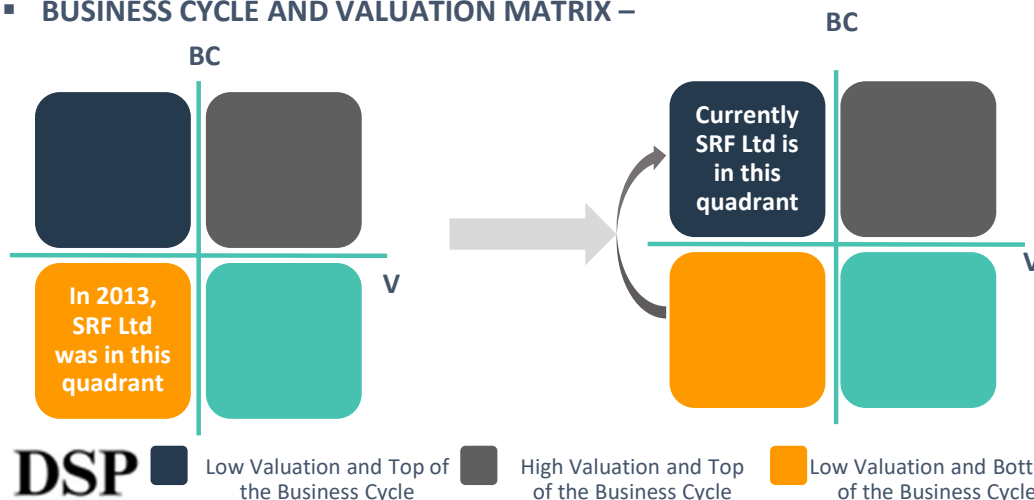


# Historical portfolio holding examples - SRF Ltd

Commodity Business to IP Driven company

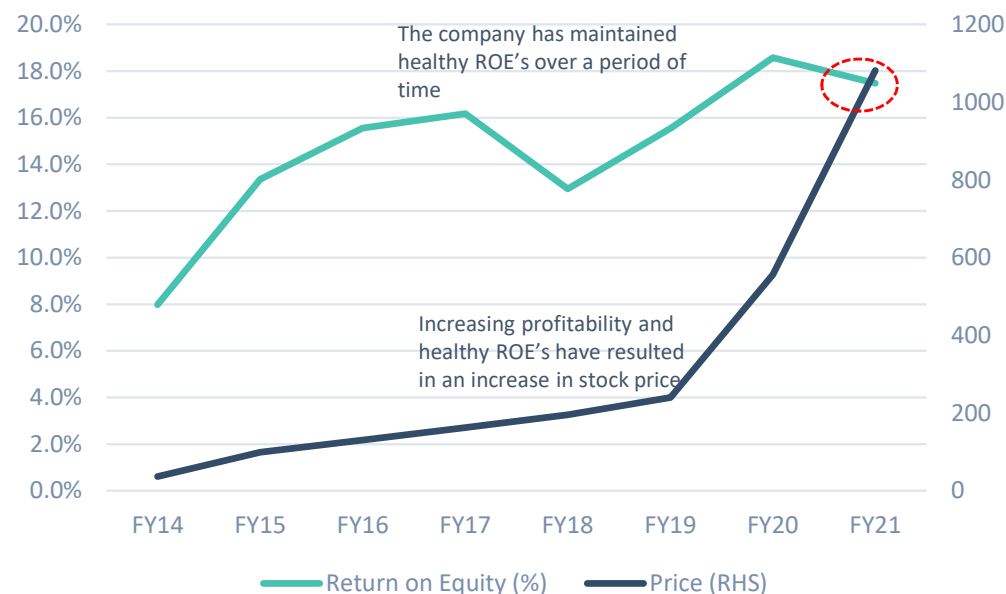
- **ECONOMIC MOAT** – Unique chemistry skill within specialty chemicals and refrigerant gases
- **COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE** – Long lead time to win orders, continuous R&D on process technology and ability to withstand adverse business cycle
- **MANAGEMENT** – ROE Focused. Moved from commodity type to IP driven business which helped to increase Return of Invested Capital (ROIC) of the company
- **LONGEVITY OF GROWTH** –
  - Within the Specialty chemical market, the company has less than 1% exposure in USD 50 bn global agro market thereby providing a runway for growth going forward
  - Refrigerants caters to cooling solutions for Auto and Building, which are significantly underpenetrated in India
  - Having cost competitiveness, it has large export market to cater as well

## ▪ BUSINESS CYCLE AND VALUATION MATRIX –



Time Frame: FY14 to FY21

Sales Growth	EBITDA Growth	PAT Growth	Returns
2.1x	4.2x	7.4x	>30x



Source: DSP Investment Managers – internal research, Factset

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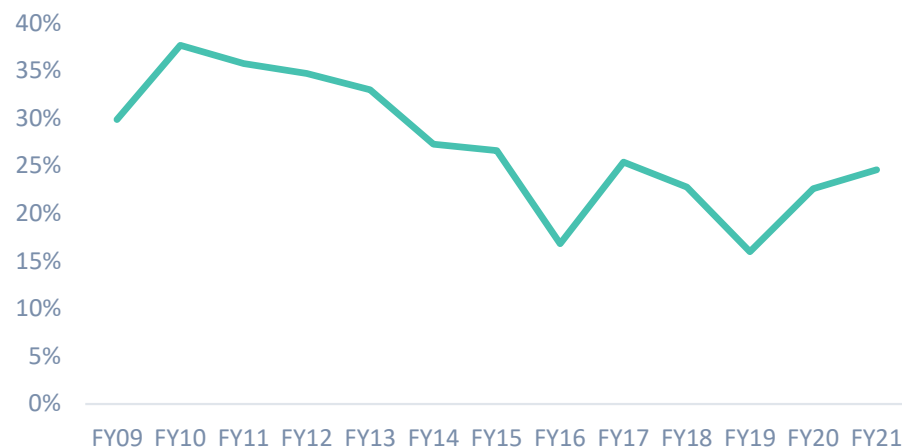
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# Historical portfolio holding examples – Supreme Industries

## Driven by ROCE obsession

- The company has been in existence for ~78 years
- Very high standard of corporate governance
- Largest producer of plastics and allied products in India with diversified product portfolio across industrial, B2C and patented products
- Prudent capital allocation reflected in healthy return ratios of the company consistently
- Enjoys healthy market share in each of its product portfolio
- Strong distribution network with more than 3400 channel partners which acts as entry barrier
- Increase in capex intensity to drive growth in the medium term.

SUPREME INDUSTRIES - ROE

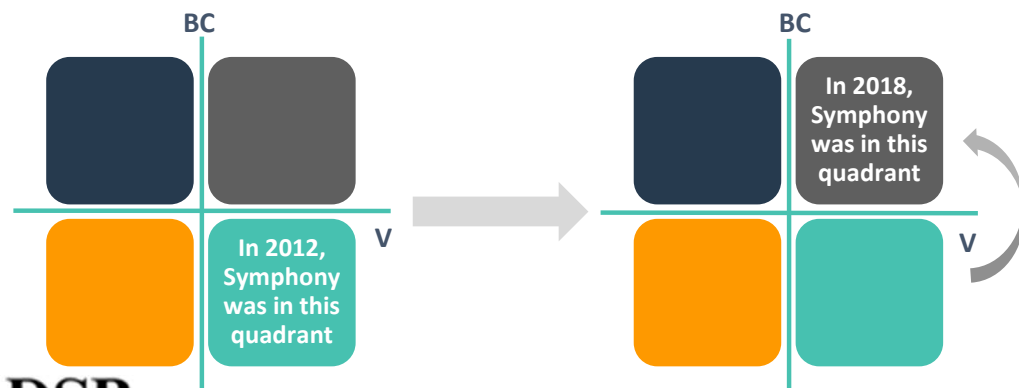


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# Historical portfolio holding examples - Symphony

## Focused approach

- **ECONOMIC MOAT** – Product Innovation. Consistently adding product portfolio every year to improve customer experience. The business model ticks all boxes of what we say as “HedgeHog Effect”\*
- **COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE** – Largest Air Cooler player with 50% market share in Organized market in India. Asset Light model with strong focus on distribution (network with access to 1000+ distributors and 30000+ dealers)
- **MANAGEMENT** – Generates superior ROE and ROCE on a consistent basis.
- **LONGEVITY OF GROWTH** –
  - 50% market share in organized player. Unorganized market players have substantial market share in air cooler market. With the introduction of GST, Shift of Unorganized to Organized, would enable to the company to grow sustainably.
  - Scaling into Industrial cooling would add to further growth in revenues and diversification to overseas market will help in moderating the impact of seasonality.
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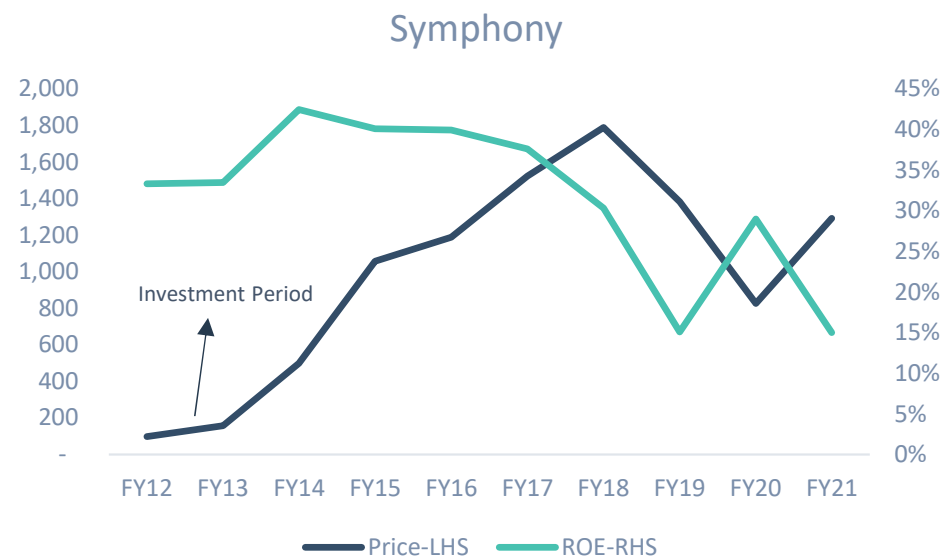


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\*HedgeHog Effect: Coined from the book “Good to Great – Why some companies make the leap and other don’t” written by Jim Collins

## Time Frame: FY13 to FY18

Sales Growth	PAT Growth	Average ROE	Returns (Dec’12 – Jan’18)
2.1x	3.2x	35%	>11x



Source: DSP Investment Managers – internal research, Factset

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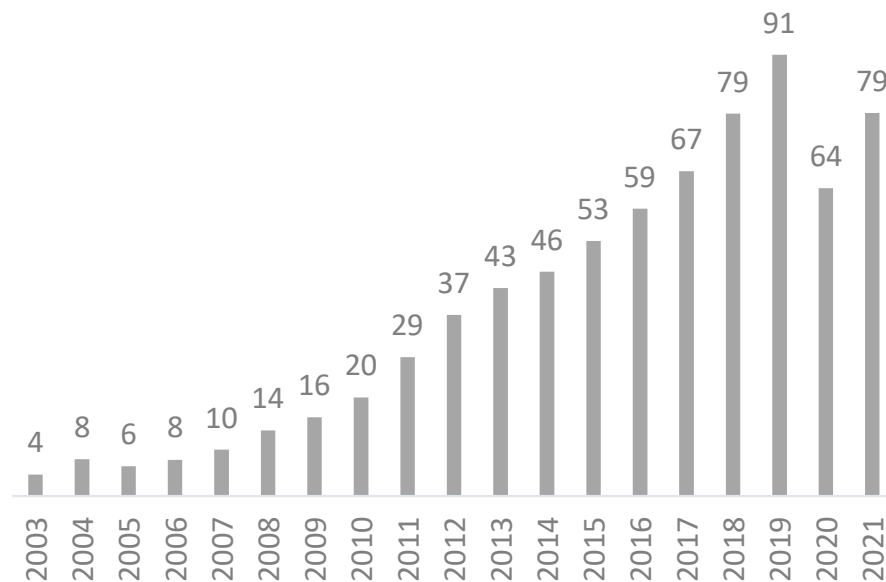


# Historical portfolio holding examples – City Union Bank

## Boring banking drives 110+ years of profits and dividend payout

- The company has been in existence for ~115 years
- City Union Bank (CUBK) is amongst the few banks in the world to have just 7 CEOs appointed in 100+ years of operations – highlight of management consistency and stability
- Focused on its roots even today i.e. lending to small business traders which is 50%+ of advances. Relationship based banking with increasing blend of technology
- CUBK has 0.4% loan market share today and focus remains on replicating the business model across India
- Ultimate credit losses (write-offs) have been less than 100bp over last 10 years
- Consistently delivering above industry average return on assets and equity

PAT (USD. Mn)



Note: Dividend was not paid in FY21 due to regulatory guidelines on not allowing any bank to pay dividend.

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# Historical portfolio holding examples - Infosys

## We assess & evaluate temporary disruption as possible opportunities

- ▶ Under new leadership business had started showing signs of improvement. Salil Parekh joined in Jan 2018
- ▶ Faced whistleblower problem in Oct 2019, evaluated in-depth and concluded that it was a bit frivolous
- ▶ Whistleblower led to steep correction – Buy or sell ?
- ▶ Provided good entry opportunity – stock was available at 13-14X

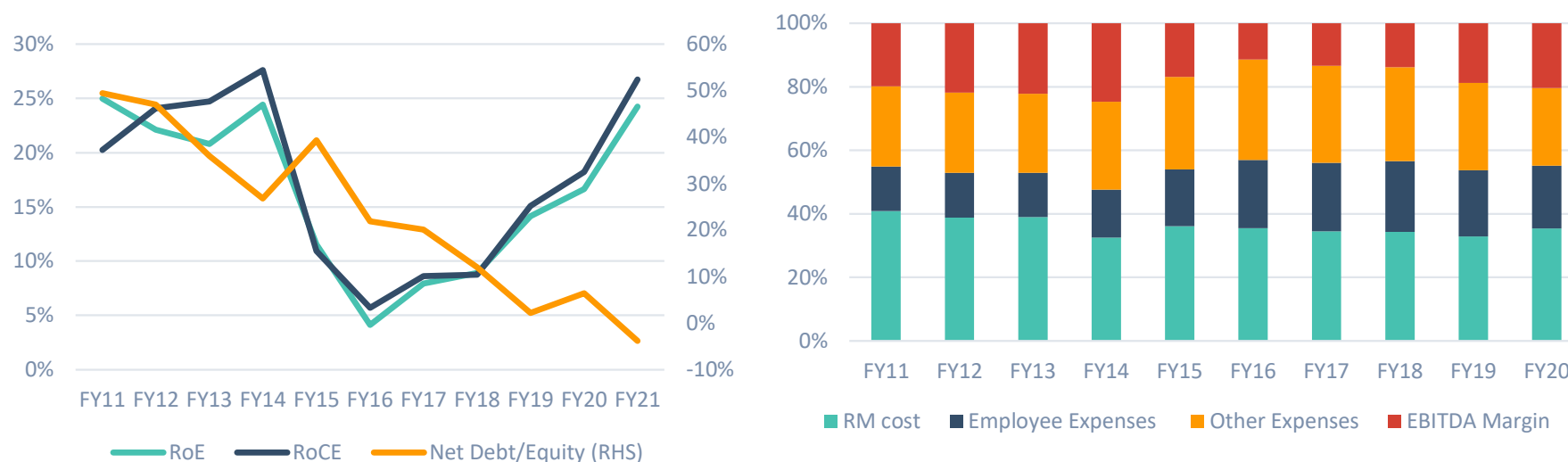
10 yr Average	
ROCE	35%
PAT CAGR	10%
Dividend Payout	44%



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## Strong management, superior ROCE and cost efficient pharma play

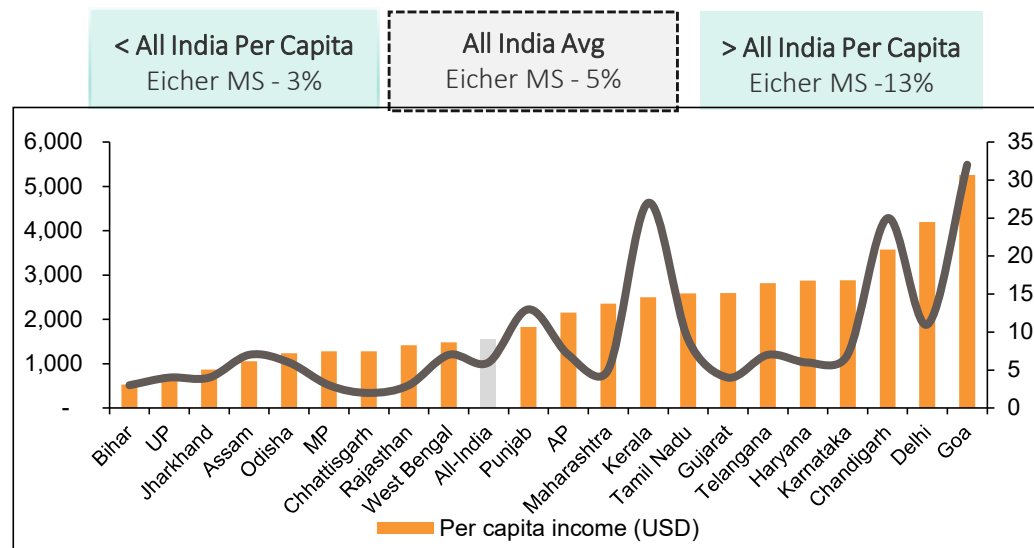
- ▶ Vertically integrated into API – gives huge cost advantage
- ▶ One of the most capital efficient companies within the sector – average ROCE FY10-15 = 25%
- ▶ Faced USFDA challenges in 2014 which still persist. IPCA has grown out of those problems by keeping costs under control and growing the non US business
- ▶ ROCE cracked from 28% in FY14 to 6% in FY16; now back to 27% in FY21



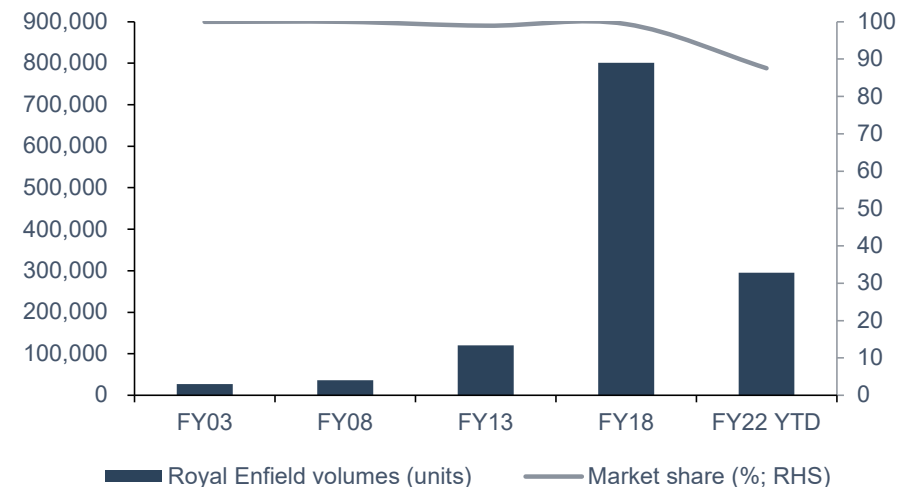
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# Eicher : Play on rising aspiration levels

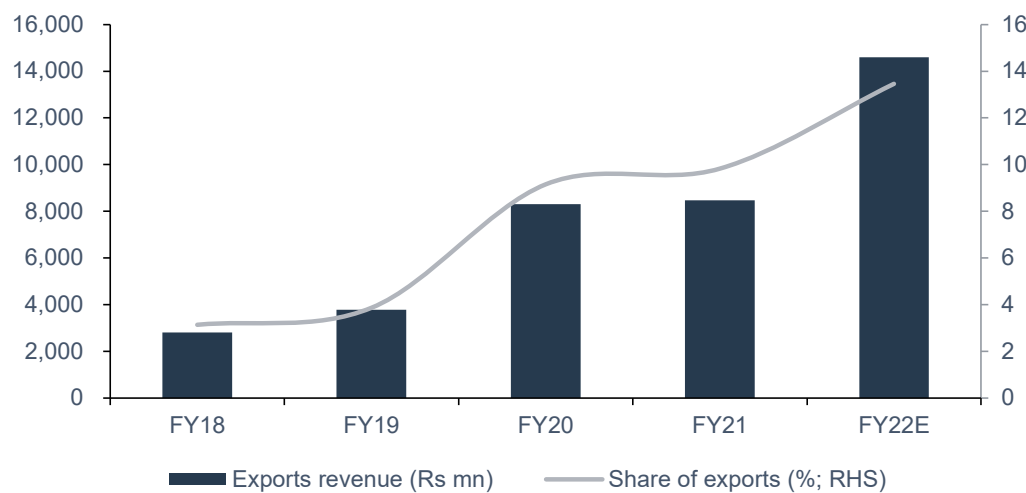
## Rising aspiration levels provide scope for further expansion of cruiser segment



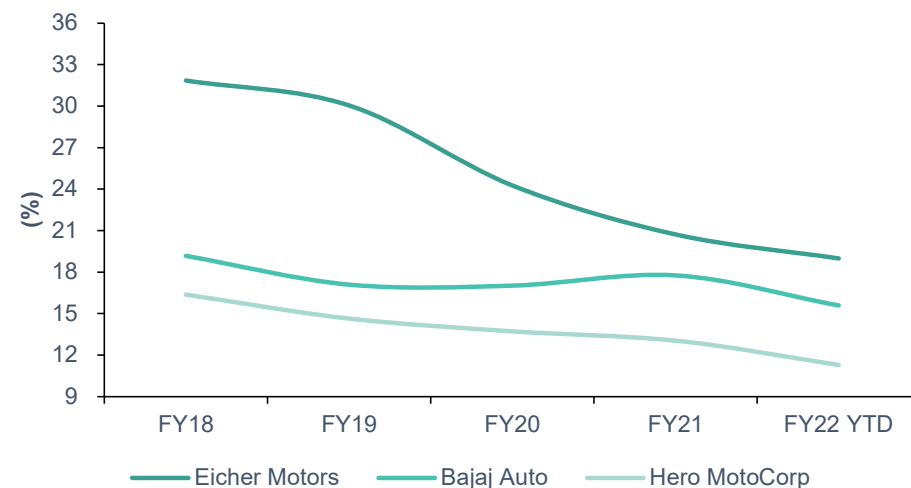
## A dominant player (>250 CC) despite entry of competition



## Rising Exports : Exports ASPs are higher than of domestic market

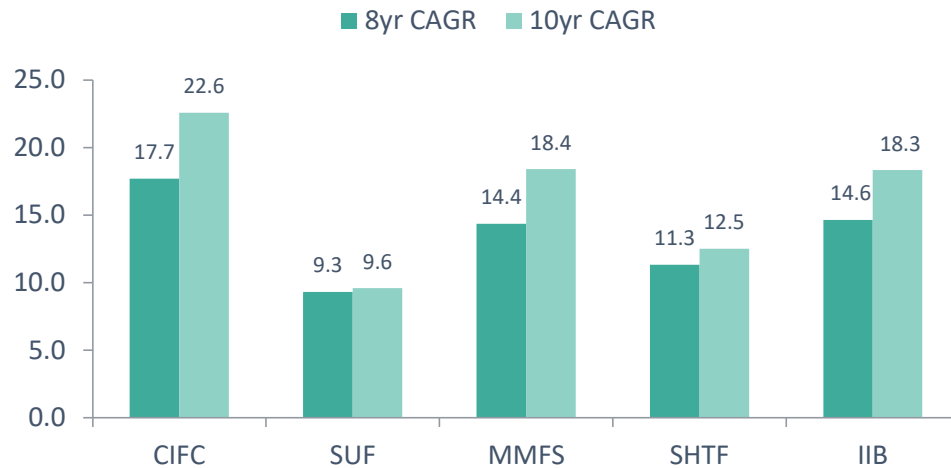


## Highest margins in 2W space: Lowest disruption risk

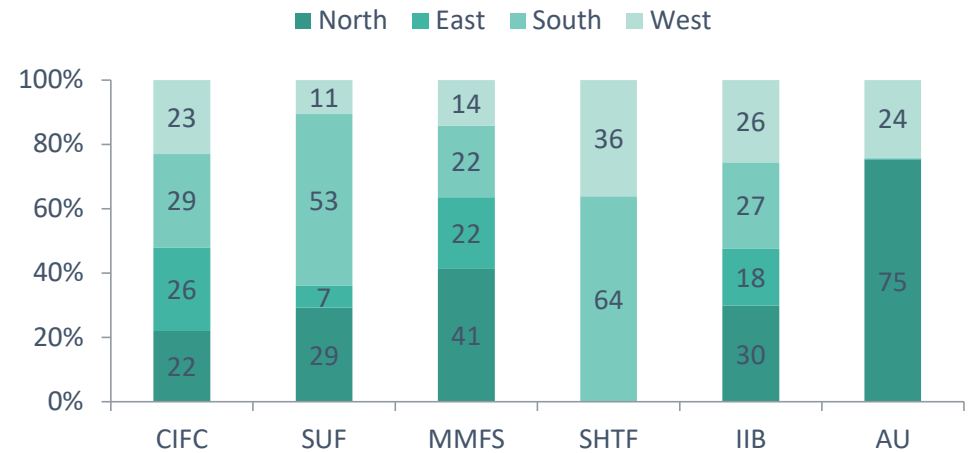


# Chola: Consistently superior performance

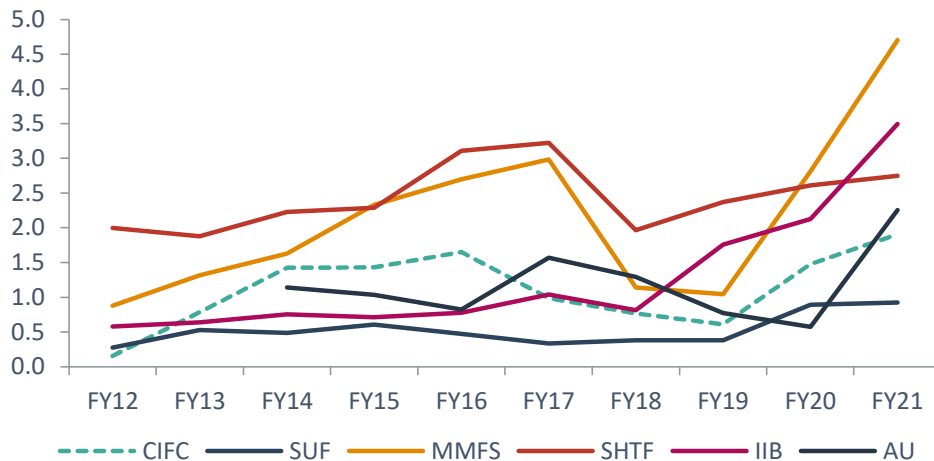
## Chola is consistently outperformed peers in AUM growth



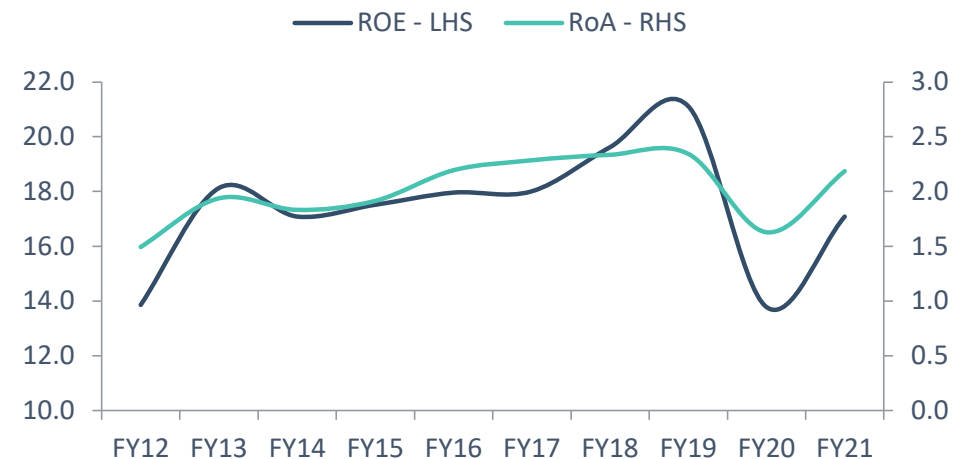
## Chola has the most diversified branch network



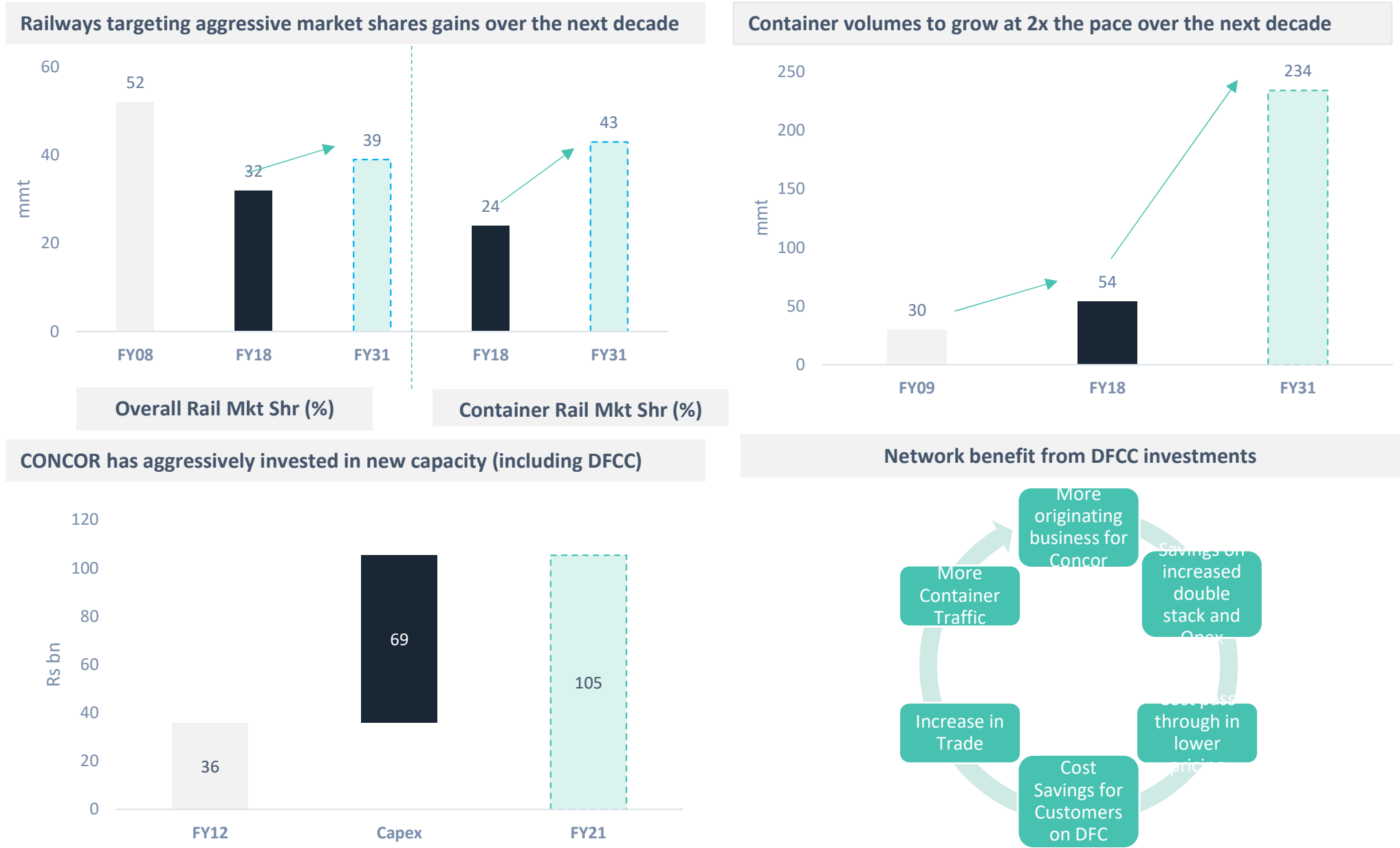
## Consistently better credit cost vs peers



## Chola delivered 17-18% ROE and 2% ROA over the decade



# Concor: Play of secular rise in rail market share



## Composite BM Performance (Since Dec 2000)

Average Daily Rolling Return	3Y	5Y	7Y	10Y
MSCI India Index	11.9%	11.2%	9.6%	8.7%
MSCI Small Cap Index	16.6%	14.5%	12.3%	10.7%
Custom 20:80 Composite Index	15.9%	14.1%	11.9%	10.4%

Return / Risk (Rolling basis)	3Y	5Y	7Y	10Y
MSCI India Index	0.73	0.85	1.10	1.45
MSCI Small Cap Index	0.64	0.74	0.98	1.36
Custom 20:80 Composite Index	0.64	0.75	0.99	1.38

Source: Bloomberg. Data from Dec 2000 to Mar 2023. **Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results.** Large & mid cap active composite consists of stocks with total market cap rank between from 1 to 100. Small Cap active composite consists of stocks with total market cap rank between from 101 to 250. All figures in USD

## Benchmark Performance, as of months ending

	31/03/2022 to 31/03/2023	31/03/2021 to 31/03/2022	31/03/2020 to 31/03/2021	29/03/2019 to 31/03/2020	30/03/2018 to 29/03/2019
MSCI India Index	-12.17%	17.86%	76.35%	-30.86%	6.75%
MSCI India Small Cap Index	-11.31%	21.73%	117.87%	-41.16%	-12.02%
DSP Strategy	-11.96%	9.00%	76.88%	-25.53%	-5.51%
India Focused UCITS	-11.06%	10.54%	73.77%	-29.68%	-1.76%
Custom 20:80 Composite Index	-11.48%	20.96%	109.57%	-39.10%	-8.27%
MSCI ACWI Index	-9.11%	5.68%	52.21%	-13.02%	0.54%
MSCI USA Index	-10.00%	12.55%	56.71%	-8.95%	7.33%
MSCI Europe Index	-0.97%	0.83%	41.75%	-17.92%	-6.87%
MSCI Japan Index	-7.04%	-8.36%	36.94%	-8.53%	-9.90%
MSCI UK Index	-4.54%	8.88%	29.48%	-26.36%	-4.92%
MSCI China Index	-6.76%	-33.48%	41.23%	-7.76%	-8.03%
MSCI Brazil Index	-27.50%	15.46%	42.38%	-43.66%	-7.50%
MSCI Russia Index	-10.00%	-100.00%	36.80%	-19.90%	-3.13%
MSCI EM Index	-13.27%	-13.27%	55.13%	-19.80%	-9.63%
MSCI Developed Index	-8.57%	8.58%	51.76%	-12.10%	1.98%

Source: Bloomberg, Internal. All returns in USD terms, as of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023. The DSP Strategy has been implemented since 14 Nov 2006 through certain products managed by DSP Investment Managers Pvt. Ltd., which are not available for investment in any jurisdiction except for India. India Focused UCITS refers to a composite of all funds that invest into India via the UCITS platform. The custom 20:80 Index is an index weighted as 20% MSCI India Index and 80% MSCI India Small Cap Index. Large & mid cap active composite consists of funds falling in the large cap category as defined by the Indian regulator SEBI – Securities and Exchange Board of India. Small cap active composite consists of funds falling in the mid cap category as defined by the Indian regulator SEBI. For further details on MSCI and SEBI categories, please refer to the slide in the Appendix titled 'Market-cap Classification: SEBI versus MSCI'. **Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results**



## Stock Performance, as of months ending

	31/03/2022 to 31/03/2023	31/03/2021 to 31/03/2022	31/03/2020 to 31/03/2021	29/03/2019 to 31/03/2020	30/03/2018 to 29/03/2019
SRF	-9.98%	147.59%	-61.12%	15.83%	22.91%
Infosys	-25.11%	39.38%	113.26%	-13.76%	31.45%
Symphony	-7.63%	-13.21%	62.44%	-43.56%	-23.00%
Ipca Laboratories	-23.96%	11.96%	-31.63%	41.80%	49.75%

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