

# DSP India Equity Strategy

People Process Performance

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## The DSP Group: A Long and Storied History

Time-tested legacy in the Indian financial markets

160+ Years

Among the oldest financial firms in India

Founding
Members of BSE

From the DSP family

Market Pioneers

Helped professionalize capital markets

26 Years

In asset management

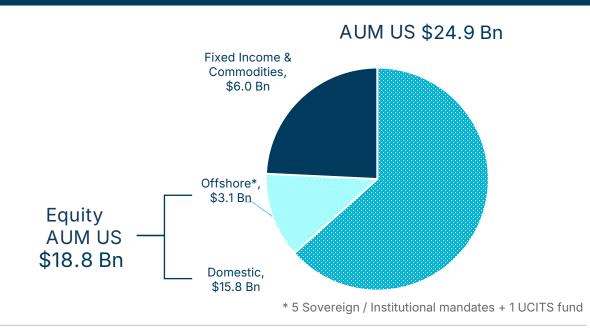
30+ Years
In global partnerships

Focused Core Business Only investment management

Long-Term Mindset From being family-owned yet professionally managed

Solid Investment Fundamentals From decades of experience and joint ventures with global firms Deep Corporate Access Introduced many of the top 300 Indian companies to capital markets

Seasoned Talent Our 28-member team has invested through multiple market cycles



## Our Principles Drive Investor Focus and Alignment

01.

## Maintain Long-Term Mindset

Generating long-term alpha (~200-700 bps) across strategies since inception.

05.

#### Minimize Risk

Employ the 10<sup>th</sup> man rule ('Sceptical Analyst') to minimize accidents due to accounting frauds or poor governance. 02.

## Focus on Investors First

Close funds when margin of safety is low / valuations are sky high.

06.

## Inculcate Owner's Mindset

Offer a long-term employee stock ownership plan

03.

## Hold Investment Frameworks Sacred

Operate with transparency and clarity to build trust and alignment with investors.

07.

#### Keep Skin in the Game

The DSP Group family invests their wealth in DSP Funds, as do DSP employees.

04.

## Pay Attention to Sustainability

Gradual introduction of ESG frameworks into our portfolios; signatory to UNPRI.

## Our Edge

#	Potential Alpha Sources	Taking Advantage of	Our Primary Alpha Source?	Comments
1	Research	In-house strong research team	Yes	<ul> <li>Focus on Moats, Incremental RoE's and Growth</li> </ul>
2	Behaviour	Avoiding short term noise	Yes	<ul> <li>Gain from mis-pricing due to short-term noise (e.g. Polycab, Coforge)</li> <li>Long-term investment horizon</li> </ul>
3	News flow	Information arbitrage	No	<ul><li>Avoid noise</li></ul>
4	Technicals	Liquidity squeezes, sudden fund flows etc.	No	We do not prioritize technical analysis

## DSPAM - Equity Investment Team



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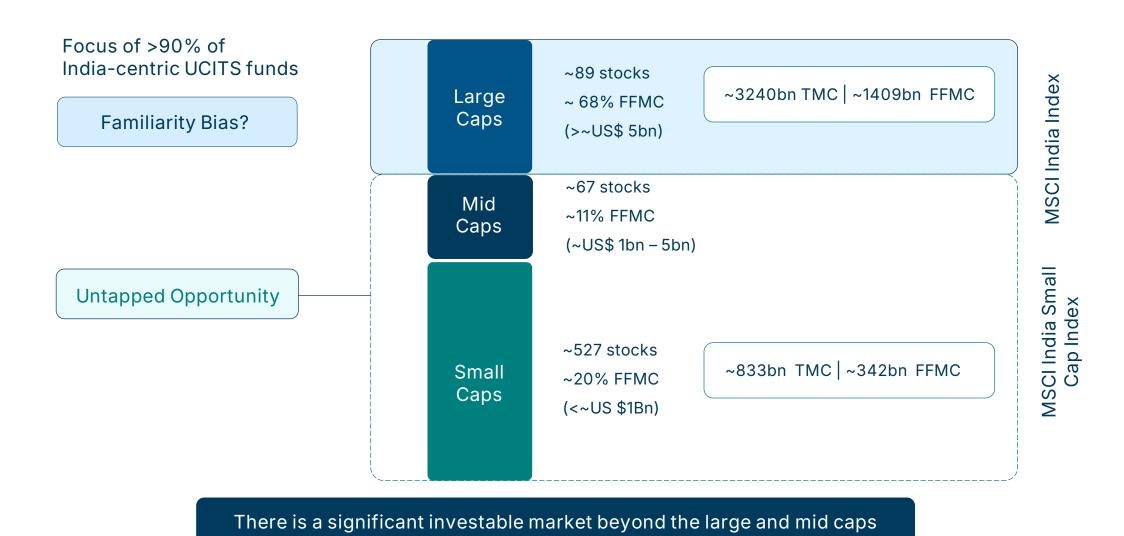
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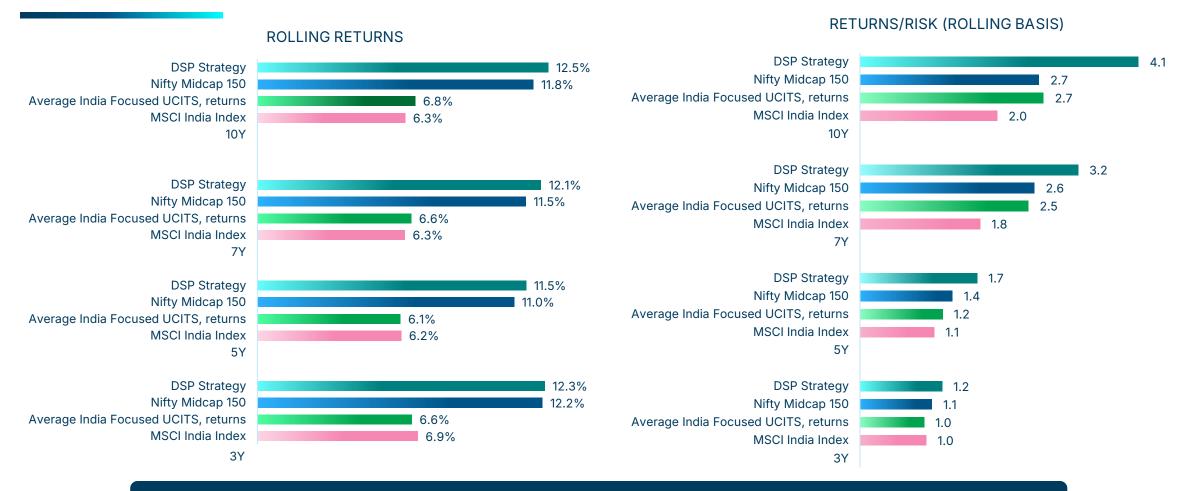
## The Opportunity

## Where to invest in India's equity investment landscape





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



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



## Low ownership, sparse research, and high diversification contribute to alpha

Large & mid cap alpha warning: Small caps present alpha opportunity

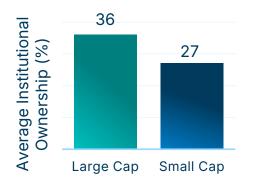
~ 4.5%

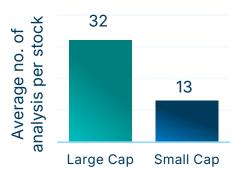
Alpha CAGR since inception of the DSP Strategy over the MSCI India Index

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%

Small cap stocks tend to be under-owned and underresearched



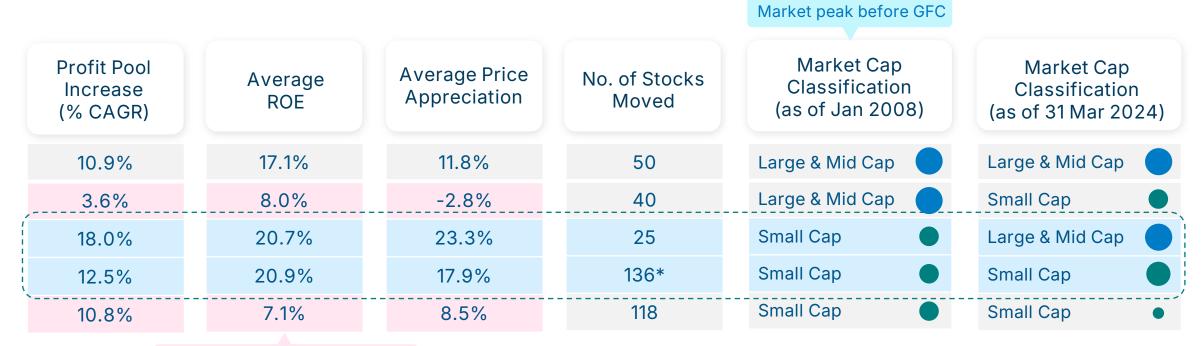


Lower correlation of MSCI India Small Cap vs. MSCI India

Correlation Matrix	MSCI AC World Index	MSCI EM Index
MSCI India Index	50%	67%
No. of stocks	43%	59%
DSP Strategy	34%	43%

## High ROE and earnings growth companies generate wealth

- We analysed data from Indian large cap, mid cap and small cap companies over the past decade to understand their return potential
- In the Indian markets, a combination of healthy ROE and high earnings growth has historically resulted in superior price performance



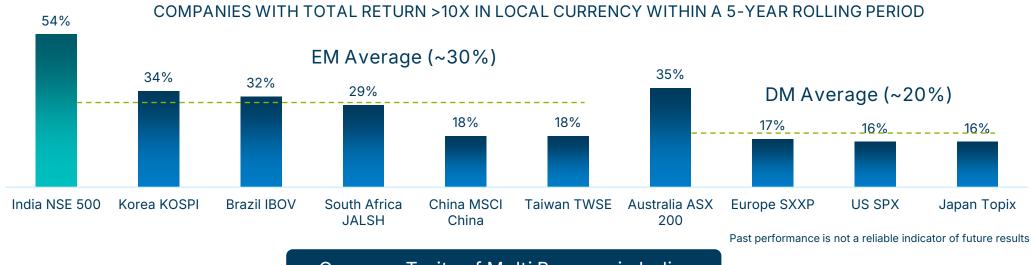
Elimination is key

A sizeable pool of high-quality companies have the potential to provide superior returns



# India has delivered the highest proportion of multi baggers among 10 major markets globally

Within a 5-yr rolling period since 2000, 54% of NSE 500 equities have produced >10x returns.



#### Common Traits of Multi Baggers in India

#### Growth

25% median sales CAGR & ~37% median profit CAGR

#### Capital allocation

>15% ROE and Cash ROIC for most, with 75% showing rising ROEs

## Inexpensive starting valuations

~70% trading at <1x LTM P/B ratio or <10x NTM P/E ratio

#### High promoter holding

Majority promoter ownership (58%) & lesser institutional investment (23%) initially

#### Small/mid-cap bias

~50% with initial market cap of <US \$50M

## Investment Philosophy

## Portfolio Manager: Vinit Sambre



Vinit Sambre, who has been at DSP since 2005, heads the equity team

"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
- Identify and back high-quality managements / promoters through cycles

Recognition

Recipient of several awards during his tenure

### How we generate investment ideas



#### Many sources of ideas:

- Interactions with 550+ companies a year (including companies outside our coverage)
- 15+ conferences a year
- Industry experts, supply chain checks
- Sell-side interactions
- Journals, magazines, and other sources

- Daily morning calls
- All-day team meetings every Wednesday
- Internal screens

# Our investment philosophy is focused on sustainable long-term wealth creation

- O1. Our fundamental bottom-up analysis prefers companies exhibiting:
  - Scalability of business
  - Identifiable and sustainable moats
  - Consistent high Return on Equity over the cost of capital
  - Incremental capital allocation in equivalent or better ROE businesses
  - Prefer companies with good governance
- O2. We have a long-term investment horizon; however, we optimise weights considering business and valuation cycles.
- 03. We would sell our positions where valuations rise to unjustifiable levels, or where the investment thesis breaks down.

#### **Active Coverage**

Covered ~355 stocks ~US \$4 Tn mcap

#### We are wary of:

- Capital misallocation
- Poor governance
- Business Disruption like:
  - Regulatory changes
  - Technological disruptions

#### DSP Edge



**Temperament** 



Research Capability



Eliminating
Behavioural Biases

### Investment Framework - Pillars of Stock Selection

Pillars

Business

2

Management

3

Valuation

#### Metrics to evaluate the 3 pillars of stock selection

Metrics

- Simple & predictable
- Scalable businesses
- Competitive advantage (Moats)
- Positive cash flows & high ROE

- Credible & capable
- Passionate promoters
- Past track record
- Prudent capital allocation

- Decision based on stage of business cycle and valuation cycle.
- Avoid companies at top of business cycle and valuation cycle.

Live Examples

Supreme Industries: Diversified plastic manufacturer with a scale advantage, large geographical distribution and high ROEs.

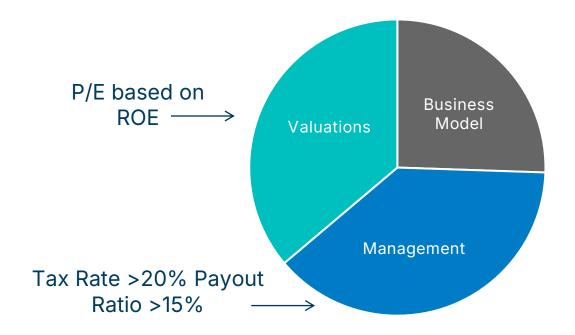
Coforge, run by a passionate CEO & outgrown the midcap IT pack over the last few years, with the following characteristics:

- Profit Growth ~20%
- Price Appreciation ~21.2%
- Average ROE ~23.6%

Off late we have trimmed the industrial exposure due to peak multiple & peak business cycle.



#### Investment Framework



- 3 Yr. Avg. ROE >16%
- 5 Yr. Avg. EBITDA Growth >13%
- 5 Yr. Avg. PAT Growth >13%
- Margin Increase: EBITDA Growth > Sales Growth
- Earnings per Share (EPS) Growth Variation <100%</li>
- Net Debt/EBITDA <3x</li>
- Positive Free Cash Flow Yield
- Receivables, Inventory & Payable Days Variation <30 days</li>

Quantifying metrics to evaluate the 3 pillars

## Our learnings over time

01.

Deep analysis of historical business cycles over 10-15 years, not merely management's future guidance.

Atul Ltd

05.

With significant dispersion within each sector, active stock picking is important and eliminating losers is key.

Bajaj Finance / IB

02.

Bottom up company research is more useful than predicting macro.

Cholamandalam Finance

03.

Temperament – ignore noise and don't react to every piece of news.

04.

Contra-cyclical plays – use temporary disruption/down cycles to buy good companies.

Infosys / Eicher

06.

Remember learnings from past mistakes, despite the general tendency to forget them in a bull market.

Stopped fresh inflows into flagship small cap fund in the interest of investors.

07.

It's essential to work with a long-term mindset and have investors with a long-term capital horizon (>5 years).

Buy & Hold philosophy

### Patience

- Simple scalable business
- Large opportunity

- Strong cash flow, ROCE
- Avoiding noise and not processing each & every piece of information



## Patience – Temporary disruption is an opportunity

- Use temporary disruption to double down
- Not easy when the stock goes through correction
- Our confidence stems from deep understanding of business cycle, fundamentals and management attributes
- Low impact cost during such periods





## How we size our portfolio

Sizing is driven by conviction, upside and sense of business cycle and valuation cycle.

#### Our portfolio comprises:

5-7%

High conviction, low to medium business cycle, reasonable valuation, long term businesses

2-4%

High conviction, low to medium business cycle, high valuation businesses

1-2%

High conviction, medium to high business cycle, high valuation businesses (that we gradually build on during temporary distress)

# Buy and hold approach → lower portfolio turnover & alignment with guidance to investors

Category median portfolio turnover ratio

DSP strategy portfolio turnover ratio

46%

29%

The stock market rewards those who patiently invest in capital efficient businesses for the long term

\*Median for last 3 years

### Our Buy & Hold Philosophy

- We align holding periods of investee companies with their entire business cycles.
- We size companies in our portfolio based on our assessment of how they rank 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.

High conviction holding —— Higher concentration in the portfolio

Add to holding during market corrections

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



## Sell Discipline

We sell if there is significant deterioration in fundamentals, corporate governance issues, fraud or misrepresentation of facts

Profitable positions where valuations rise to unjustifiable levels

Trim / book profits

Symphony: In 2015, when the valuation scaled to unprecedented levels and concerns rose regarding growth due to early monsoons, we trimmed our position marginally to reflect these concerns.

Positions where investment thesis is not unfolding as envisioned

Cut losses / Sell

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

#### Mistakes – A Source of Learning

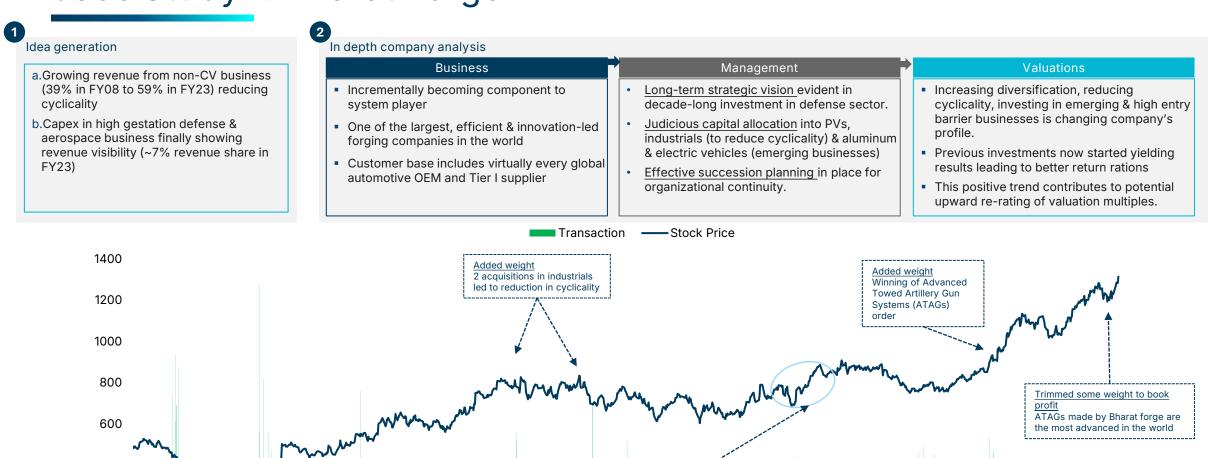
Top 4 Losers*	Holding Period (years)	Period Held	Average Weight During Holding Period	Learnings
Pennar Engineered Building Systems	3.2	Sep '15 to Dec '18	0.7%	Capex heavy businesses require clear visibility of growth
Titagarh Wagons Ltd.	2.3	Mar '11 to Jul '13	1.2%	Capex heavy businesses require clear visibility of growth
Navkar Corp Ltd.	2.6	Mar '16 to Dec '18	0.7%	Be watchful about adverse regulatory changes and capital misallocation
Indo Count Industries	2.2	Oct '16 to Dec '18	0.8%	Fortified our core beliefs of not purely relying on management guidance

<sup>\*</sup> Representative Indian mid cap equities portfolio data

position in these sector(s)/stock(s)/issuer(s).



## Case Study 1: Bharat Forge



Added weight

years

Jun-21

Sep-21

Record order wins of ~ Rs 4,000 Crores across Defence (US\$ 155.50 Mn), castings and the standalone business (Class 8 trucks) providing revenue growth visibility for the next 2-3

Dec-21 Mar-22 Jun-22 Sep-22 Dec-22 Mar-23



400

200

Dec-19

Sep-20

Dec-20

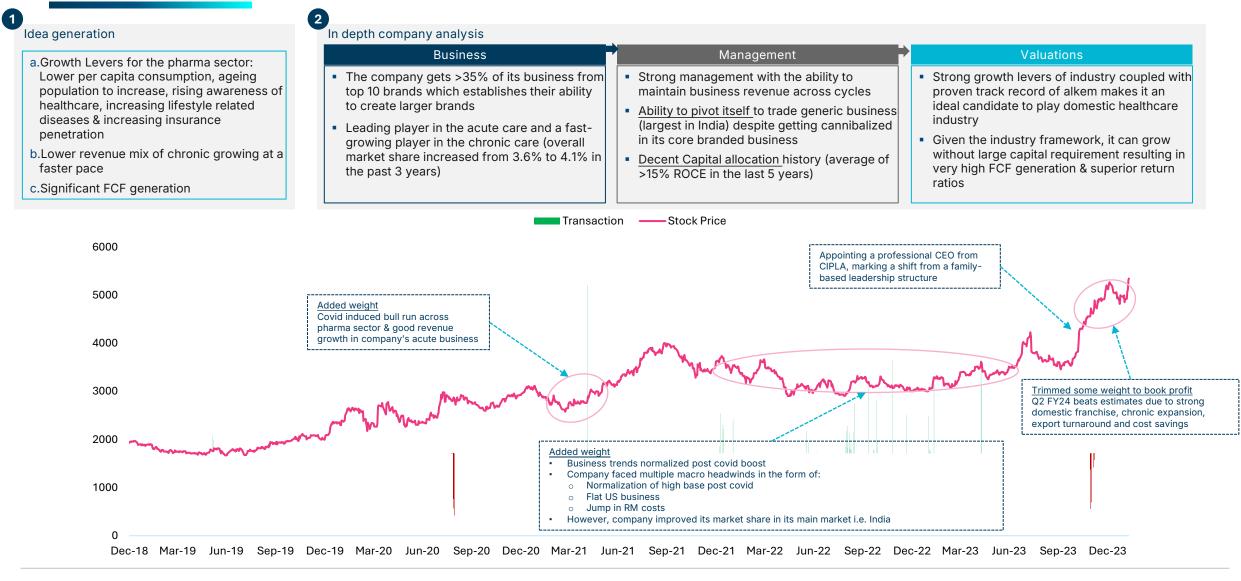
Mar-21

Mar-20

Dec-23

Jun-23

## Case Study 2: Alkem Laboratories





## Case Study 3: Phoenix Mills

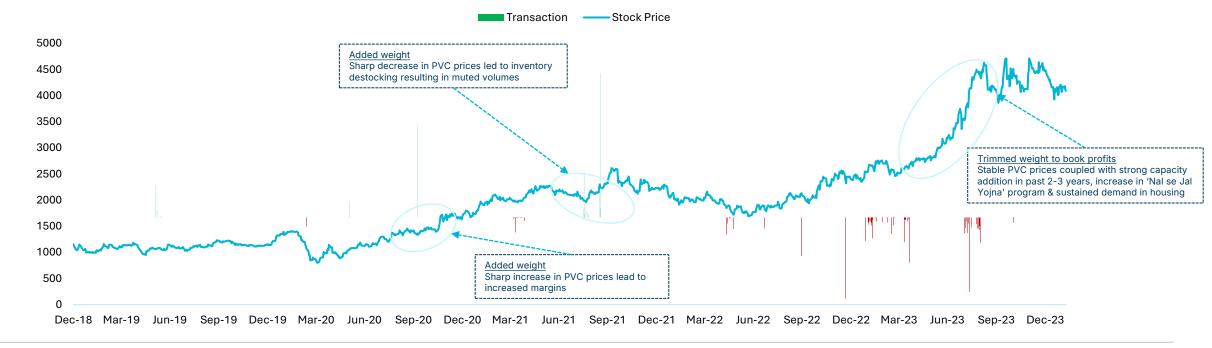
Idea generation In depth company analysis a. Phoenix provides relevant real estate space for brands with **Business** Management Valuations much higher footfalls. Most of the malls are at prominent Evolved from a single retail destination in early 2000s to Mall development is a long gestation business requiring Strong industry potential coupled with strong free destination in key cities the pioneer of retail-led mixed-use developer in the meticulous real estate selection, timely execution, & cash flow generation provides good visibility of b. Higher real estate cost & availability of large size land enduring brand relationships which phoenix has evidently country growth for next many years parcel within the city makes it a higher entry barrier showcased over last 2 decades. business India's largest owner and operator of Grade A retail mall Better way to play discretionary spend theme Despite growing its real assets at brisk pace, it has with 9 Malls having leasable area of ~10.94 Mn sq ft c. Per capita grade A malls are significantly lower in India, across categories & at a relatively reasonable maintained its capital structure by getting renowned which provides very high growth visibility in coming years across 6 cities and 4 in pipeline with 2.3 Mn sq ft. valuations partners like CPPIB, GIC at SPV level d. With rising urban population, rising income levels & It also has mixed-use assets encompassing commercial aspirations, demand for quality real estate for retail will Very high focus on capital efficiency at unit level space of ~1.4 Mn sq ft and ~1.2 Mn sq ft in pipeline. It has remain high reflecting in its return ratios of mature malls (40%+ in the 2 hotels & 1 more is expected in next 2 years. flagship mall & 22%+ in the top 4 malls) e. Strong unit economics Transaction —Stock Price 3000 Trimmed some weight to book profit Ramping up of 5 newly commissioned malls





## Case Study 4: Supreme Industries

Idea generation In depth company analysis **Business** Management Valuations a.Per-capita PVC pipe consumption significantly lower than even world average (11kg vs 30 kg), this • When the company was added to the portfolio it Largest PVC pipe company in India with market Supreme industries has consistently generated demand is set to increase led by high Infra spends, share of ~12-14% & strong focus on ROCE healthy ROE (average ~25% in the last decade) had attractive valuations (mid 20s PE), high return Nal se Jal yojna & sustained demand in housing with respectable market shares across categories ratios (ROE>20%), superior balance sheet The company has been steadily improving capex (business with low ROEs have been divested in the resilience across economic cycles and robust FCF b.PVC pipe industry is very consolidated with the top intensity (average capex improved from ₹2.4 Bn in 5 players contributing ~40% of market share generation FY 16-18 to ₹4.2 Bn in FY 21-24) while maintaining reflected in the strong pricing power It is likely to grow at ~15% CAGR for the next 5 Superior balance sheet across cycles years led by increased capex intensity, market c. Growth prospects of Pipe industry to be high due share gains from both organized & unorganized to improving completion rate of real estate projects players & introduction of new polymer-based and revival in demand for agri-pipes products





## Strategy Characteristics, Performance and Risks

## We are differentiated from the typical Indian benchmark (MSCI India)

Not our portfolio! (Large cap / blue chip focus)

Stocks	Total Market Cap in USD Billion	Weight in MSCI India Index
HDFC	150.2	7.72%
Reliance Industries	197.9	6.20%
ICICI Bank	102.2	5.26%
Infosys	90.2	5.03%
Bharti Airtel	112.5	3.35%
TCS	172.0	2.99%
Mahindra & Mahindra	43.0	2.24%
LARSEN & TOUBRO	56.7	1.93%
Axis Bank	35.3	1.82%
Bajaj Finance	56.4	1.77%

This is our portfolio! (Small and mid-cap focus)

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Stocks	Total Market Cap in USD Billion	Weight in DSP Strategy Portfolio
Coforge Ltd	6.4	3.94%
Ipca Laboratories	4.2	3.64%
Coromandel International	6.2	3.25%
Bharat Forge	6.8	2.95%
JK Cement	4.3	2.84%
The Phoenix Mills	6.8	2.74%
Max Financial Services	4.5	2.70%
Power Finance Corporation	16.1	2.67%
Supreme Industries	5.8	2.60%
Dixon Technology	10.4	2.50%



## Capturing India's growth across key themes

Financialization	Consumer - Discretionary	Rural growth	Energy transition	Manufacturing / Infrastructure / China + 1	Offshoring	US Generics/ Healthcare
Federal Bank	Phoenix Mills	Coromandel International	Power Finance Corporation	Bharat Forge	Coforge Limited	IPCA Laboratories
Max Financial Services	Uno Minda	Hero Motocorp	Techno Electric & Engineering	Supreme Industries	Mphasis	Alkem Laboratories
Nippon Life India AMC	Voltas	Emami	Oil India	Balkrishna Industries	Cyient	Alembic Pharmaceuticals
AU Small Finance Bank	Page Industries	Dhanuka Agritech	Gujarat Gas	Atul	KPIT Technologies	
	Hatsun Agro Product			JK Cement		
	Jubilant Foodworks			CG Power And Industrial Solu		
				Dixon Technologies		
8.4%	10.3%	8.3%	6.2%	19.9%	8.1%	7.2%

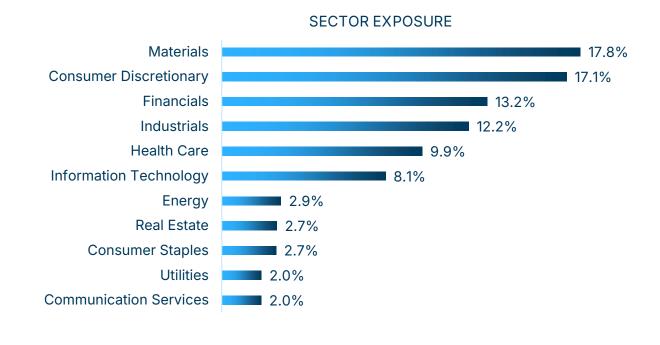
Our strategy is designed around multiple emerging themes that capture India's growth story in the upcoming

## **DSP Strategy Characteristics**

Number of Stocks	56
Cap-Wise Split (DSP Strategy)**	Mid Cap – 63.59%, Small Cap – 15.48%, Large Cap – 11.57%, Cash – 9.36%
Portfolio Turnover (last 12m) (DSP Strategy)	42%
Strategy AUM	US\$ 2079.4mn.
Weighted Average Market Cap	~USD 7.5bn.
Active Share	~93.4% vs. MSCI India index, ~94.0% vs Benchmark

Portfolio Metrics*	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
EPS Growth (%)	25%	30%	22%
P/E (x)	41.1	31.8	25.7
P/BV	7.4	6.2	7.1
ROE	17%	18%	23%

Metrics (US\$)	5 Years	Since Inception
Return(CAGR)		
Fund	12.79%	11.29%
Benchmark (Nifty Midcap 150)	20.65%	11.55%
MSCI India	11.83%	6.79%
Volatility %		
Fund	21.49%	28.28%
Benchmark (Nifty Midcap 150)	23.93%	31.06%
MSCI India	21.21%	26.08%
Risk Free Rate (3m US Libor)	1.39%	1.03%
Sharpe Ratio		
Fund	0.53	0.36
Benchmark (Nifty Midcap 150)	0.80	0.34
MSCI India	0.49	0.22
Beta	0.90	0.99
Tracking Error	9.81%	11.44%



intended to be an estimate or representation of future performance of the fund. AUM = Asset Under Management. \*\*The above market capitalization of stocks is based on SEBI classification. Cap-wise split data as of 29 Feb 2024.

## DSP Midcap Strategy – Liquidity Analysis

% to Total Mkt Cap	Cur. AUM \$1.77B	Est. AUM \$2B	Est. AUM \$2.5B	Est. AUM \$3B	Est. AUM \$3.5B
<=1%	34%	32%	25%	17%	16%
1-3	60%	62%	47%	53%	49%
3-5	2%	2%	21%	24%	30%
5-7			2%	2%	
7-10					2%
Total	96%	96%	96%		96%

% to Total Mkt Cap	Cur. AUM \$1.77B	Est. AUM \$2B	Est. AUM \$2.5B	Est. AUM \$3B	Est. AUM \$3.5B
1 Day	14%	13%	12%	11%	10%
3 Days	30%	28%	24%	21%	19%
10 Days	58%	54%	49%	45%	41%
20 Days	80%	76%	68%	62%	58%
40 Days	93%	91%	88%	85%	80%
60 Days	97%	96%	93%	91%	89%
90 Days	99%	98%	97%	96%	94%
>90 Days	1%	2%	3%	4%	6%

% to FF Mcap	Cur. AUM \$1.77B	Est. AUM \$2B	Est. AUM \$2.5B	Est. AUM \$3B	Est. AUM \$3.5B
<=10%	94%	91%	89%	84%	84%
10-20	2%	5%	7%	11%	10%
>20			1%	1%	2%
Total	96%	96%	96%%	96%	96%

% to Total Mkt Cap	Cur. AUM \$1.77B	Est. AUM \$2B	Est. AUM \$2.5B	Est. AUM \$3B	Est. AUM \$3.5B
1	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%
1-3	6%	6%	4%	0%	0%
3-10	19%	18%	15%	18%	15%
10-20	18%	11%	10%	10%	10%
20-40	31%	38%	37%	27%	20%
40-60	13%	7%	12%	18%	26%
60-90	2%	8%	8%	7%	7%
>90	7%	7%	9%	15%	17%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Participation Rate – 25%, FX Rate – 82.25, Average Volume – Avg Vol D30

## DSP Midcap Strategy – Valuation

No. of Companies	Particulars	Total Weights (%)	P/E - FY26E	P/BV - FY26E	ROE-FY26E	Growth- FY26E
20	Less than 20x P/E	33%	13.4	2.4	17.2%	21.4%
17	Between 20x and 30x P/E	29%	23.7	4.5	19.0%	19.6%
19	Above 30x P/E	34%	39.3	13.9	32.0%	22.4%

## A large part of our portfolio consists of category leaders

Company	Segment / Sub-segment
Atul	Largest in several speciality chemicals
Bharat Forge	Largest Forging company
Supreme Industries	Largest plastic pipes player
Alkem Laboratories	Leading in acute category of pharmaceutical industry
Crompton Consumer	Market leader in electrical consumer
Coromandel International	Largest Phosphatic player
Phoenix mills	Largest mall operator
Tata Chemicals	Largest Soda Ash & Salt manufacturer
Jubilant Foods	Largest QSR Player
Balkrishna Industries	Largest exporter off-highway tyre from India
Kajaria	Largest Tiles manufacturer
Polycab	Largest cable player
Dixon	Largest in manufacturing outsourcing
Page Industries	Largest undergarment player (Brand name: Jockey, Speedo)
Hatsun	Leading dairy player
GAIL	Largest gas transmission company.

### Maximum Drawdowns Since 2000

**MSCIAC** World Index

60%

MSCI Emerging Market Index

66%

MSCI India

73%

Nifty Midcap 150

79%

DSP Strategy\*

74%

A drawdowns analysis suggests that an actively managed India small cap fund is not significantly different compared to the large & mid cap index

## Strategy Performance Track Record

USD CAGR Performance as on 31 Jan 2025	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	8-Year	10-Year	Since Inception
Compared with all UCITS funds focused on India.	31-Jan-24	31-Jan-22	31-Jan-20	31-Jan-17	30-Jan-15	14-Nov-06
DSP INDIA EQUITY/MIDCAP STRATEGY*	6.85%	7.26%	12.83%	11.22%	10.33%	11.30%
Ranking	24	14	11	6	2	2
No. of funds	78	68	61	53	50	21
Quartile Position	2	1	1	1	1	1
MSCI India USD	4.72%	6.53%	11.88%	11.01%	7.50%	6.80%
Nifty MidCap 150 TR	7.04%	5.77%	13.05%	12.60%	10.90%	12.95%

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

Calendar year performance	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
DSP Representative Fund	14.73%	30.60%	(11.60%)	25.84%	20.54%	6.86%	(17.68%)	48.82%	8.60%	2.39%	66.84%
Average India focused UCITS returns	14.30%	21.25%	(13.39%)	24.14%	14.98%	6.06%	(13.09%)	41.42%	0.13%	(2.76%)	38.21%
Nifty 500 TR	13.04%	20.81%	(7.95%)	29.05%	14.94%	7.10%	(10.34%)	46.55%	2.43%	(4.33%)	36.28%
MSCI India USD	11.21%	20.81%	(7.95%)	26.23%	15.55%	7.58%	(7.30%)	38.75%	(1.43%)	(6.12%)	23.87%
MSCI India Small Cap USD	22.63%	42.63%	(13.43%)	51.13%	20.94%	(4.65%)	(25.98%)	66.98%	0.31%	2.39%	56.91%
Nifty Midcap 150 TR	21.04%	43.70%	(6.40%)	45.29%	22.42%	(1.55%)	(19.94%)	65.79%	3.80%	4.72%	59.14%

Dsp India Equity/Midcap Strategy has beaten average India focused UCITS returns on a 1,3,5,8,10 & Since Inception basis



## ESG / RISK Framework

## Corporate Governance – Regulator & Shareholder Activism

RI 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 on portfolio companies through continuous engagement and monitoring.

#### **International Networks & Forums**

A proud participant of

Signatory of:





#### Outreach

- Collaborate with lead investors on CA100+ engagements for three companies in the hard to abate sector.
- Participated in the UNPRI 2022 conference in Barcelona; speaker on 'Sustainable Palm Oil Dialogue for India' at India and Sustainability Standards conference organized by CRB in Delhi.
- Media articles: <u>ESG & Investment Thesis</u>, <u>Climate Risk and</u>
   Fiduciary Duty.
- The investment team, including analysts and portfolio managers, participate in discussions on ESG topics like sector-specific material issues, climate risk, planetary boundaries, energy transitions and food system transitions.

### **ESG Investment Process**

1

ESG analysis of investee company using the ESG framework

2

Sector analyst researches areas of concern in detail

3

Analyst/PM creates an engagement template and sets up a meeting with a data request or for clarification

4

Analyst/PM records engagement outcomes and suggests next steps or monitoring

#### **ESG Framework & Database**

Our ESG framework is integral to our responsible investment approach.

- We develop a proprietary risk-opportunity structure with 45 scored criteria and 60 analytical data points covering a wide range of material, environmental, social and governance topics.
- We collate and analyse data on: stakeholders' 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 and affordability, etc.
- We research governance related topics such as related party transactions, board & key management personnel (KMP) remuneration, board independence, promoters pledging, audit quality, controversies and credit rating parameters, to name a few.

### **ESG Investment Process**

### Engagement

Our engagement motivations are two-fold: to mitigate risk and generate positive impact.



The engagement process also involves the firm stewardship committee and active voting on company resolutions with help from a proxy voting firm

## **Engagement Tracking: The Rationale**

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6	75%			DEI strategy			
8	89%			Gender diversity			
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disc com the mat com	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.						
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## **Engagement Tracking: Collaboration & Next Steps**



Hi Nehal.

Thanks for speaking to me last week.

As active investors in India, we firmly believe ESG is an important aspect in building sustainable and scalable businesses of the future. DSP Investment Managers is a signatory to the <u>UNPRI</u> and we have formally adopted a <u>Responsible Investment</u> policy. As long-term investors, DSPIM engages in a dialogue with companies. We believe that our long-term success and contribution to sustainable development depend on our engagement and active monitoring of the companies invested in. On behalf of our clients, we have an interest in understanding the corporate governance and sustainability framework of the companies in addition to their operation and strategy.

We use engagement interactions to facilitate an open dialogue, with targeted and time sensitive outcomes that better inform our investment decisions. We realised that issues highlighted by third party agencies do not take business realities and complexities into account while following their "template based" approach to ESG rating. Hence, we have a dedicated team looking at various as aspects of ESG. The ESG team works closely with sector experts to arrive at issues that we believe are key to responsible investing. We have conducted detailed research on Century Ply board and we have identified two key issues on which we would appreciate additional information from your end.

Raw material sourcing, traceability and certification: Raw material sourcing practices are a material issue to the sector. I appreciate you mentioned the company sources 100% plantation timber. Can you please elaborate on the same and provide the following:

- Certifications: Data on the number of products and types of certification on sustainable sourcing
- Traceability: Data on 15% (timber logs and veneer) imported raw material (the geographies and quantities)
- · Insight on future raw material sourcing strategies

Something to consider on the regulation front is that recently a group of 27 countries including Gabon are part of a voluntary partnership, Forest and Climate Leaders' Partnership (FCLP), to reverse forest loss and land degradation by 2030. Similarly, Gabon's government declared to have all forest concessions to be Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certified by 2022 (or maybe delayed to 2025).

GHG emissions: Can you please provide the GHG emission profile of the company including both, operational and supply chain emissions? I appreciate your communication on GHG emissions and emission reduction plans being on the agenda for FY2023-24. I suggest preparing to respond to the Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP) questionnaire, which is a best practice. It is a comprehensive exercise which can help with planning on actions to improve sustainability.

Please keep me posted when you have more insight and direction on your collaboration with the ESG consultant you plan to onboard. I would be happy to connect.

Thank you

Best

Chaitra Nayak,

ESG Analyst - Investments



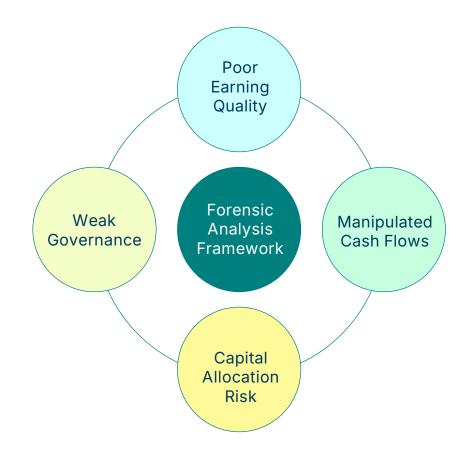
## Our Sceptical/Forensic Analysis

#### The Aim of Forensic Analysis

The value of avoiding an accident is almost always underappreciated until one occurs. Having a specialist in the team helps us avoid most accidents by increasing our rigor on forensic research.

## We aim to identify and avoid companies with these characteristics:

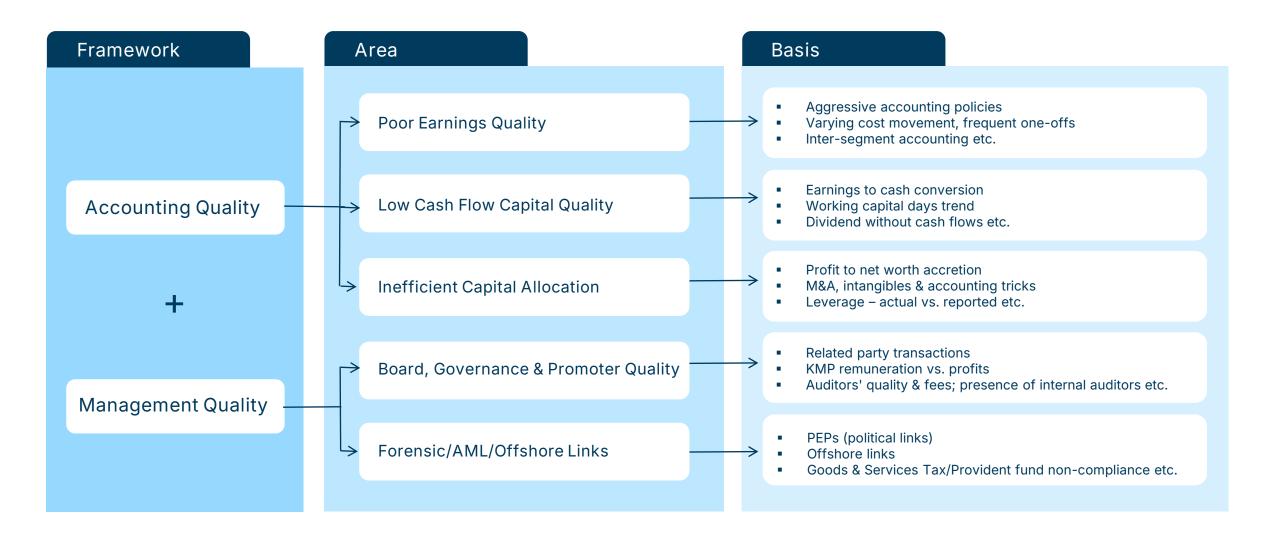
- Poor earnings quality, aggressive accounting and consistent overstatement of earnings
- Manipulated/unusual cash flows that mask the real picture
- Bad capital allocation and high balance sheet (BS) risk
- Poor board, governance and promoter background/quality



We manage risks by rigorous forensic research on investee companies



## Forensic Framework Checklist



## 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

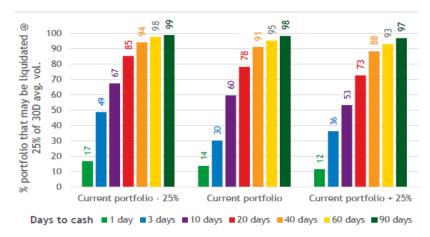
#### **Key Inputs**

- 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





Since 01st Jan 2008



## 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 Nifty Midcap 150 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;

Fund Structure DSP India Equity Fund is a compartment of DSP Global Funds ICAV, an umbrella UCITS V compliant ICAV

Share class
ISIN code
Seed Class
IE00BK0WZ337

Investment manager DSP Asset Managers India Pvt. Ltd.

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Inception Date 15 March 2021

Reference Currency USD Dealing and Valuation Daily

Seed Share Class - Total Fee and

**Operating Expenses** 

Administrator HSBC Securities Services (Ireland) DAC
Depository Services Depositary – HSBC France, Dublin Branch
Management Company Waystone Management Company (IE) Limited

(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

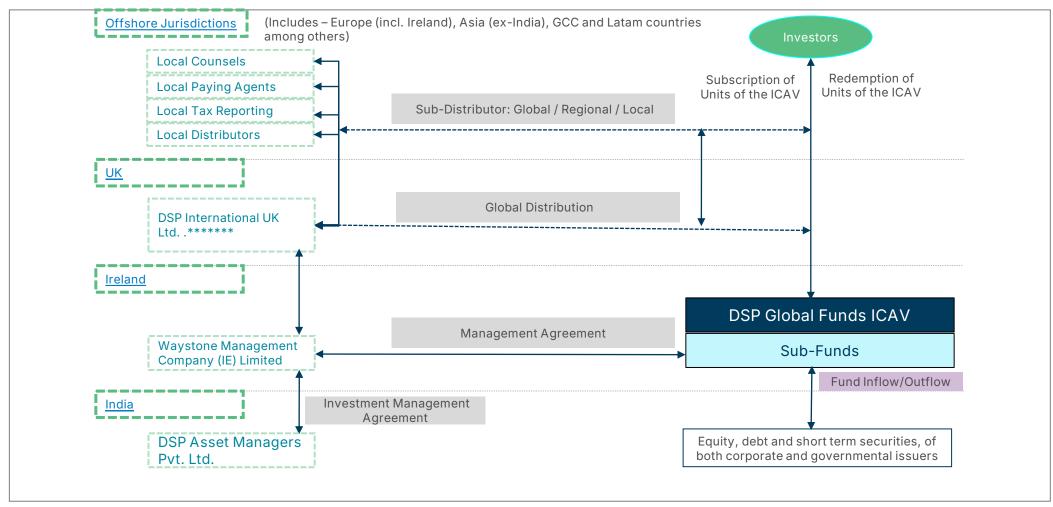
Other fees As set out in the Prospectus

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 quarantee 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.



## Seed share class - Pricing



Passive India ETFs

\* 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

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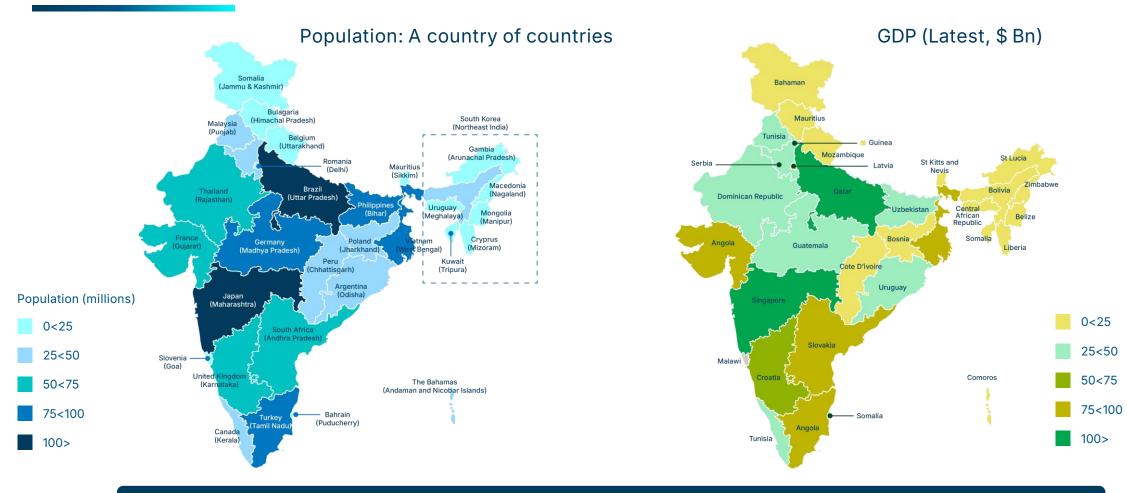
~70 bps



## The India Opportunity

Beyond the Headlines

# Large population + Large domestic market + Rising per capita income = Epicenter of global growth

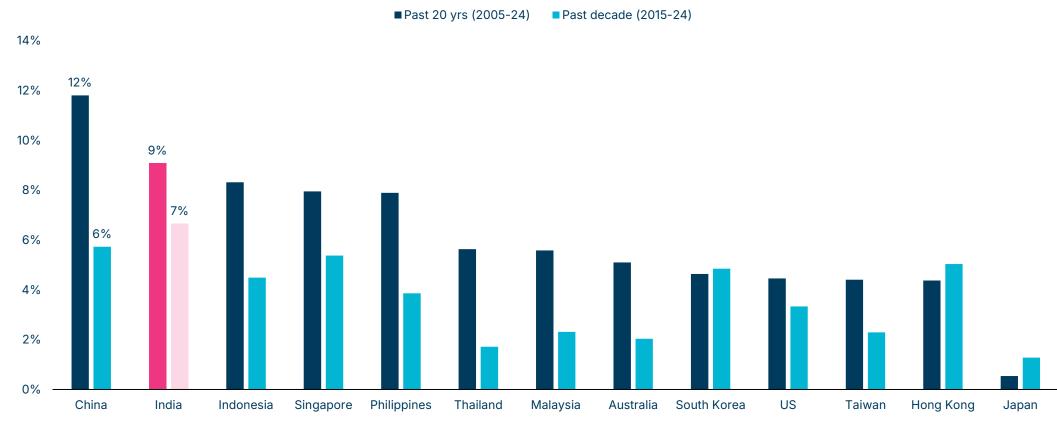


Large population + large domestic market + rising per capita income = The epicenter of global growth



# India has delivered a nominal GDP CAGR of 9% over the past two decades, second only to China







# Economic Growth May Or May Not Result In Commensurate Equity Returns

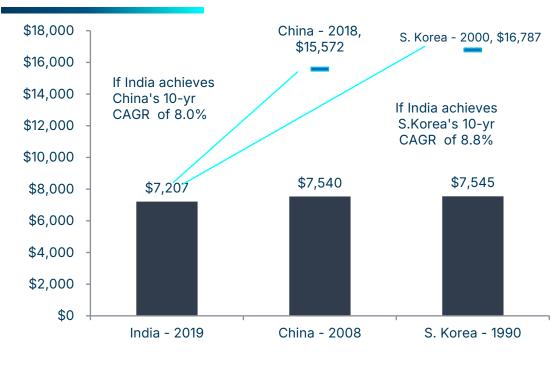
#### 30 Year Returns For Frontline Equity Indices In Local Currency & Adjusted For Inflation

Country	Real GDP Growth	Local Currency Returns	Real Returns
China	8.6%	0.4%	-3.0%
Philippines	4.7%	3.1%	-1.6%
Hong Kong	2.8%	2.3%	-1.0%
Malaysia	4.8%	1.7%	-0.7%
Indonesia	4.4%	9.3%	0.9%
Korea	4.3%	3.8%	0.9%
UK	2.0%	3.3%	1.0%
Australia	3.1%	4.6%	2.0%
Japan	0.8%	2.3%	2.0%
France	1.5%	4.6%	2.9%
Mexico	2.0%	11.1%	3.0%
Canada	2.3%	5.6%	3.5%
India	6.2%	10.3%	3.6%
United States	2.5%	8.4%	5.9%
Brazil	2.4%	15.9%	9.3%

<sup>\*</sup>Countries marked in green -> Real returns higher than Real GDP growth



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



#### Per-capita GDP (PPP)

- 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.

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

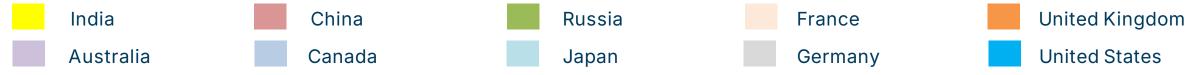
- 1 Penetration of Financial Services
- Consumption story fast forwarded by Digitization
- 3 Infrastructure boom
- 4 Export Opportunities



## India: A Trillion Dollars Of Annual Investments

Gross Fixed Capital Formation In Current US Dollars (Bn) By Country

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1990	1995	2000	2005	2010	2015	2020	2022	2023	33 Yr-CAGR
1269	1697	2373	2990	2756	4656	6240	7540	8006	14.4%
1114	1594	1415	1251	2674	3778	4602	5476	5774	8.1%
433	609	450	901	1303	1110	1289	1105	1109	4.9%
297	321	395	543	664	672	837	996	1087	4.7%
258	243	297	479	585	604	728	902	979	4.1%
148	238	294	447	557	524	616	700	620	3.3%
129	111	146	269	399	509	471	566	531	2.5%
95	92	122	256	379	371	384	503	490	2.3%
86	91	108	188	330	354	322	464	434	2.2%
84	83	44	136	311	281	301	390	416	-0.1%



## India's Consumption Growth Outpacing Most of its Global Peers

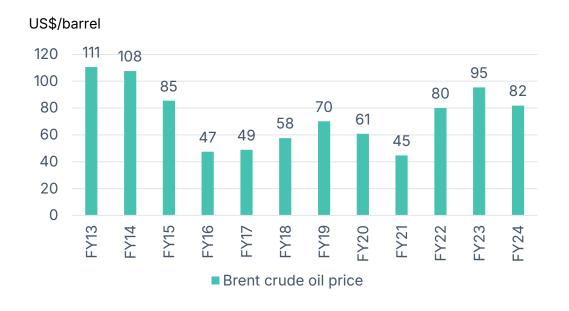
Households Final Consumption Expenditure (US\$ Bn)

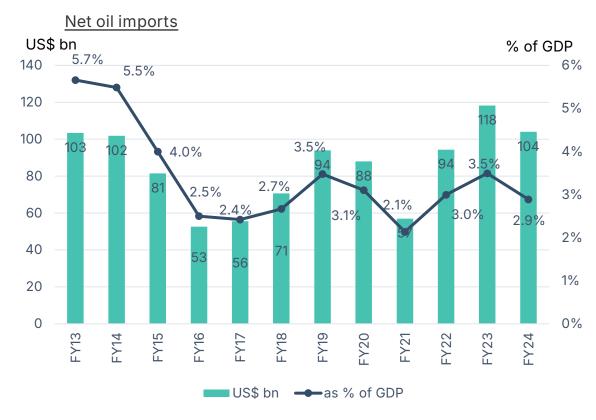
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	1608	2925	2666	2648	3275	4178	5611	6686	6967	7.2%
	998	1444	1102	1642	2090	2479	2733	2366	2260	5.0%
	726	876	1097	1610	1874	1877	1952	2084	2142	4.9%
	701	856	735	1195	1587	1779	1634	2044	2119	4.3%
	333	338	566	905	1464	1318	1598	1911	2065	3.9%
	253	336	406	637	922	1241	1408	1484	1628	3.2%
	215	230	299	471	917	900	941	1163	1182	2.6%
	180	211	239	396	785	758	769	1100	1007	2.5%
	170	206	120	382	635	718	693	824	856	0.8%
	India	1	Chin	а	Rus	ssia	Fra	nce	Unit	ted Kingdom
Australia		Cana	ida	Jap	oan	Ger	many	Unit	ted States	



## India's Oil Troubles Are Becoming Smaller, Manageable

#### Global crude oil prices (average)





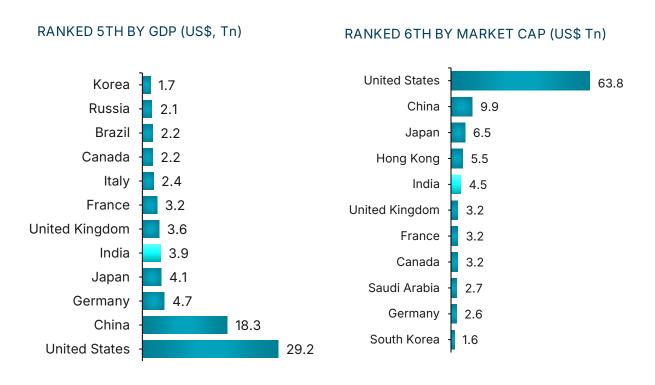
- 1. A US\$10/bbl average increase in global crude prices would widen India's CAD by cUS\$16bn (0.4% of GDP).
- 2. India imports 88% of its oil requirement
- 3. Buoyant services exports and resilient remittance inflow have helped build a buffer against global oil price volatility.
- 4. We estimate India can sustain global crude oil prices up to US\$90/bbl, all else remaining unchanged



## Greater diversification with direct India exposure (not via EM)

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

2 India has low representation in global indices



#### MSCI ALL COUNTRY WORLD INDEX M

### MSCI EMERGING MARKETS INDEX

Country	Holding				
USA	66.7%				
Japan	4.7%				
UK	3.2%				
Canada	2.7%				
France	2.4%				
Germany	2.0%				
India	1.8%				
South Korea	0.9%				
Others	15.8%				

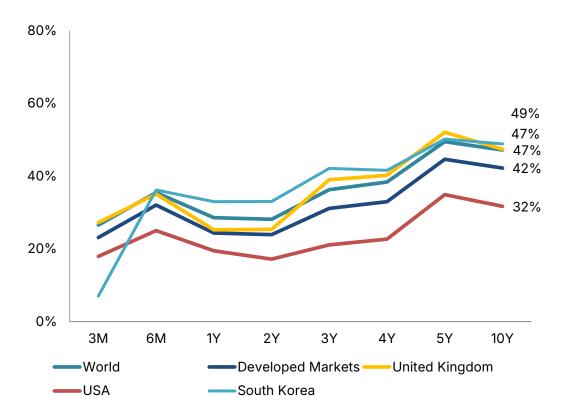
Country	Holding			
China	27.9%			
Taiwan	19.4%			
India	18.5%			
Others	11.1%			
South Korea	9.2%			
Brazil	4.6%			

India is only 1.5% of MSCI ACWI, but contributes ~3% to world GDP and market cap



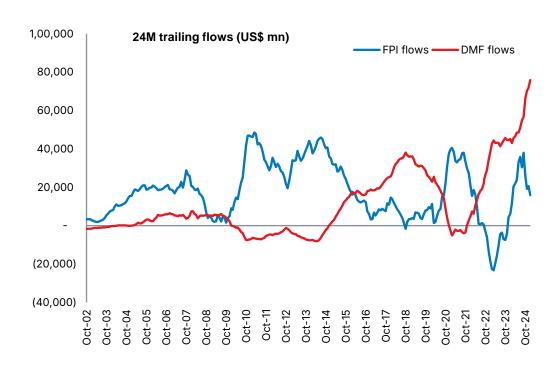
## Greater diversification with direct India exposure (not via EM)

3 Low correlation of India with global markets



Strong domestic cushion; domestic flows outpacing foreign flows

#### 24M TRAILING FPI FLOWS AND 24M TRAILING DMF FLOWS (\$ Mn)



## India is well diversified across sectors

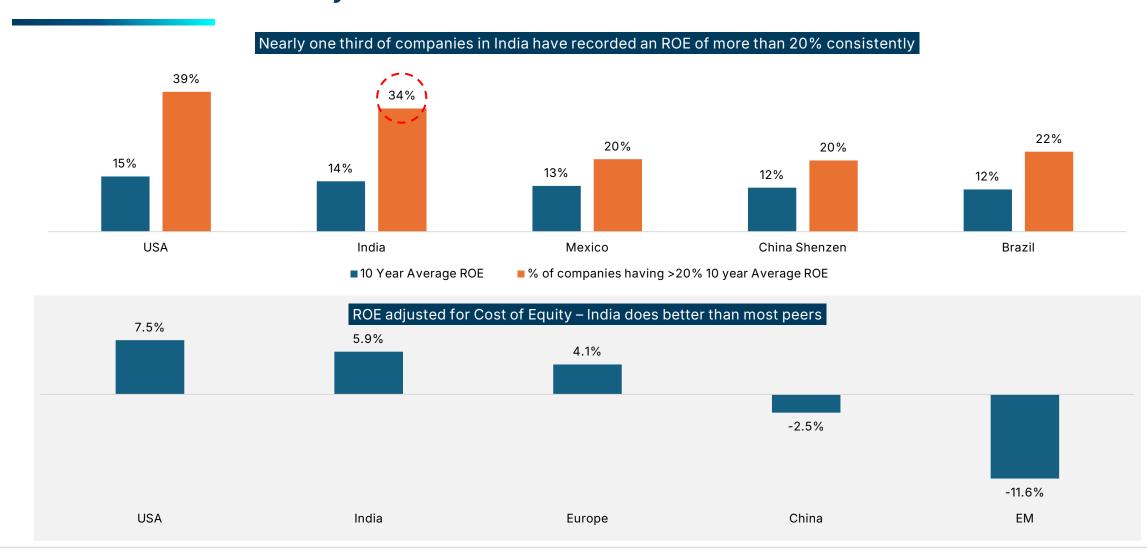
MSCI Sectors	India	China	Korea	Taiwan	Hong Kong	Singapore	Malaysia	Indonesia	Australia
Energy	9%	3%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	4%	3%
Materials	8%	3%	4%	2%	0%	0%	6%	9%	18%
Industrials	8%	4%	15%	2%	16%	12%	9%	5%	5%
Consumer Discretionary	13%	32%	9%	1%	4%	1%	4%	4%	7%
Consumer Staples	7%	4%	2%	1%	2%	2%	10%	9%	4%
Financials	28%	18%	12%	11%	49%	54%	44%	60%	40%
Healthcare	6%	3%	8%	0%	0%	0%	3%	2%	9%
Information Technology	12%	8%	42%	80%	0%	0%	1%	0%	2%
Communication Services	5%	21%	7%	2%	2%	23%	7%	7%	3%
Utilities	4%	2%	0%	0%	11%	1%	14%	0%	1%
Real Estate	2%	2%	0%	0%	17%	7%	0%	0%	6%
Top 2 Sector Weights	40.7%	53.2%	57.0%	91.1%	65.1%	76.5%	58.1%	69.1%	58.4%

## Just A Few Winners: Long Term Equity Returns Are An Exception, Not the Norm

Country	Local Currency returns	Real Returns (LC)	USD	Real Returns (USD)	US Bond Market Index			
2 2 m. m. y	CAGR (30 Years)							
Malaysia	2%	-1%	0%	-3%				
China (HK Listed)	0%	-3%	0%	-2%				
Philippines	3%	-2%	1%	-2%				
Japan	2%	2%	1%	-2%				
Korea	4%	1%	2%	-1%				
Indonesia	9%	1%	2%	0%				
Hong Kong	2%	-1%	2%	0%				
France	5%	3%	2%	0%	4.5%			
UK	3%	1%	3%	0%	(2% real return)			
Australia	5%	2%	4%	2%				
Mexico	11%	3%	5%	3%				
Canada	6%	4%	6%	3%				
China Mainland	5%	2%	6%	3%				
Brazil	16%	9%	6%	3%				
India	10%	4%	7%	4%				
US-S&P 500	8%	6%	8%	6%				



# Why India Outperforms Over The Long Term? It's Not Flows, GDP Growth or The Story...

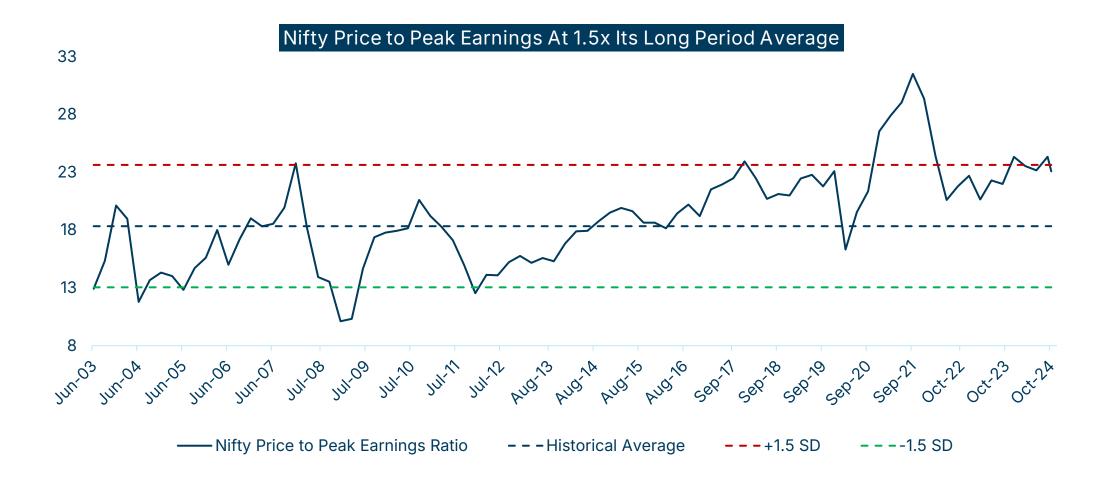




## Indian Firms Have Superior Return Ratios & Earning Growth

Sectors	India Leader	Global Leader	Indian Leader 20 Yr Avg ROE	Global Leader 20 Yr Avg ROE	Indian Leader 20 Yr EPS CAGR	Global Leader 20 Yr EPS CAGR
Aerospace & Defense	Bharat Electronics Ltd	Rtx Corp	21.2	16.4	14%	-1%
Pharmaceuticals & Biotech	Sun Pharmaceuticals	Johnson & Johnson	20.7	24.9	16%	9%
Banks	HDFC Bank Ltd	JPmorgan Chase & Co	17.9	11.1	21%	12%
Automobiles	Tata Motors Ltd	Volkswagen Ag	17.4	11.5	15%	15%
IT - Software	Tata Consultancy Services	Microsoft Corp	43.5	33.5	18%	15%
Ferrous Metals	Tata Steel Ltd	Glencore Plc	14.8	5.0	-1%	-6%
Cement & Cement Products	ULTRATECH CEMENT	Crh Plc	18.0	10.7	29%	4%
Oil	ONGC	Exxon Mobil Corp	17.6	19.5	9%	4%
Construction	Larsen & Toubro Ltd	China State Construction	19.5	18.4	10%	15%
FMCG	Hindustan Unilever Ltd	Nestle Sa-reg	69.3	19.7	11%	5%
Healthcare Services	Apollo Hospitals Enterprise	Tenet Healthcare Corp	10.5	-5.8	15%	4%
Telecom – Services	Bharti Airtel Ltd	Verizon Communications	11.1	30.0	12%	0%
Power	NTPC Ltd	Enel Spa	10.9	12.0	7%	-1%
Insurance	Life Insurance Corp	Ping An Insurance Group	22.8	17.2	98%	15%

## High Valuation Could Continue To Act As A Headwind





## Ignoring India Is A Costly Error of Omission

#### MSCI Indices EPS (USD)



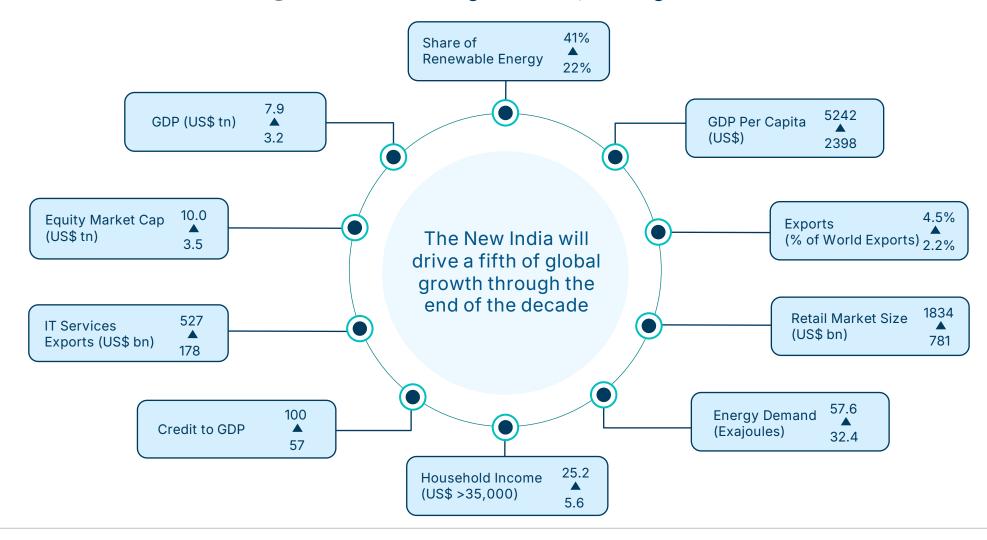
## Risks/challenges

- Geo-politics/recession led growth slowdown
- Oil prices above USD 100/bbl will impact, inflation, currency, CAD and BOP
- Consumption (rural) demand continues to be weak
- Implications of Gen AI on different sectors/industry medium term risk



### India Vision 2030

#### India @ 2030: Unleashing Potential, Driving Transformation



# 'Poor Managements Produce Poor Market Prices, Superior Managements Produce...'

#### Nifty 500 Companies showing growth in Book Value per share over 20 years

Change in Book Value Over The Last 20 Years	No. of Companies	No. of Companies which had growth every year	% of Companies
Growth	309	49	62%
Contraction	64		13%
Merged/Delisted	123		25%

## India's Oil Troubles Are Becoming Smaller, Manageable

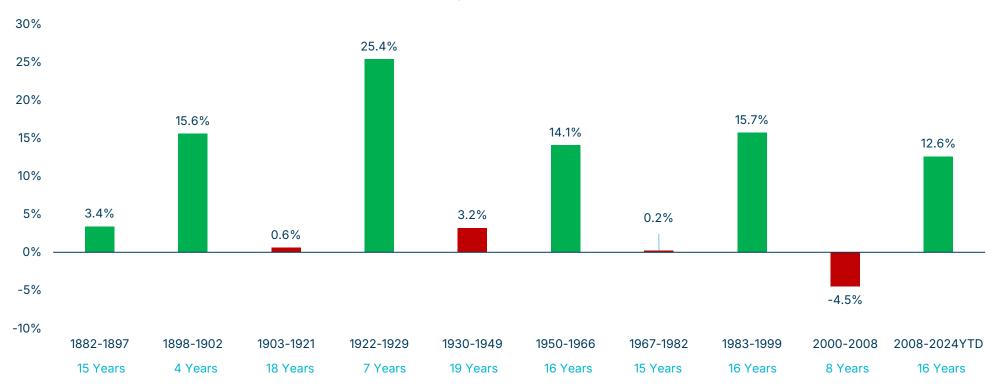
Balance of Payment Components (USD, Billions)	FY24	FY23	FY15 to FY12 (average)	FY15	FY14	FY13	FY12
Current Account	-78	-67	-56	-27	-32	-88	-78
Merchandise	-240	-265	-170	-145	-148	-196	-190
Oil Trade Deficit	-96	-112	-96	-81	-102	-103	-99
Oil Trade Deficit (as a % of GDP)	-2.7%	-3.3%	-5.1%	-4.0%	-5.5%	-5.6%	-5.4%
India Crude Oil Basket (avg price \$/BBL)	83	103	103	84	105	108	114
Services	162	143	70	77	73	65	64
Remittance	106	101	65	66	65	64	63
Services + Remittance	268	244	134	142	138	129	128
Services + Remittance as a % of GDP	7.6%	7.2%	7.1%	7.0%	7.4%	7.0%	7.0%
Current Account Balance as a % of GDP	-2.2%	-2.0%	-3.7%	-1.4%	-1.8%	-5.7%	-5.7%
Select components only							



What could cause India's current account to turn into a surplus is \$60 crude or lower, a steady pace of growth in India's services exports (5% CAGR), along with a rise in India's electronic goods exports to \$40 billion, from FY23 total of \$24Bn, over the next 5 years. For now, we are far from this goldilocks scenario.

## Booms and Busts: The Bulk of Our Investment Life Lies Beyond Our Control

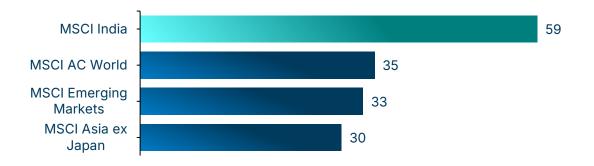




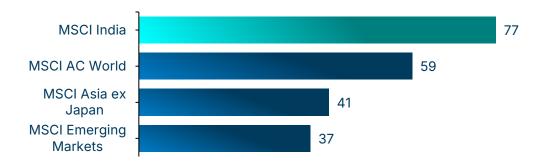


## Indian companies are competitive as per global benchmarks

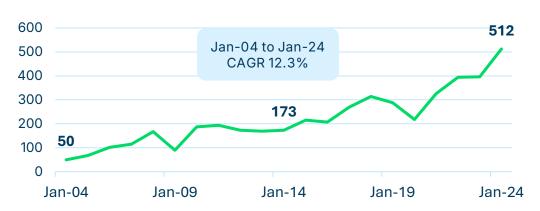
1 % of companies with ROE >15%



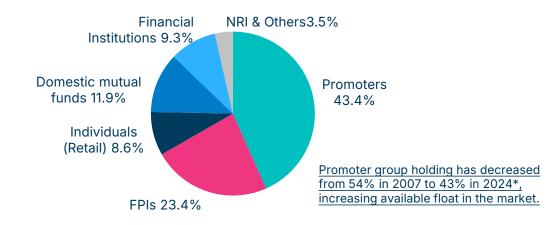
2 % of companies with mcap >US \$10Bn



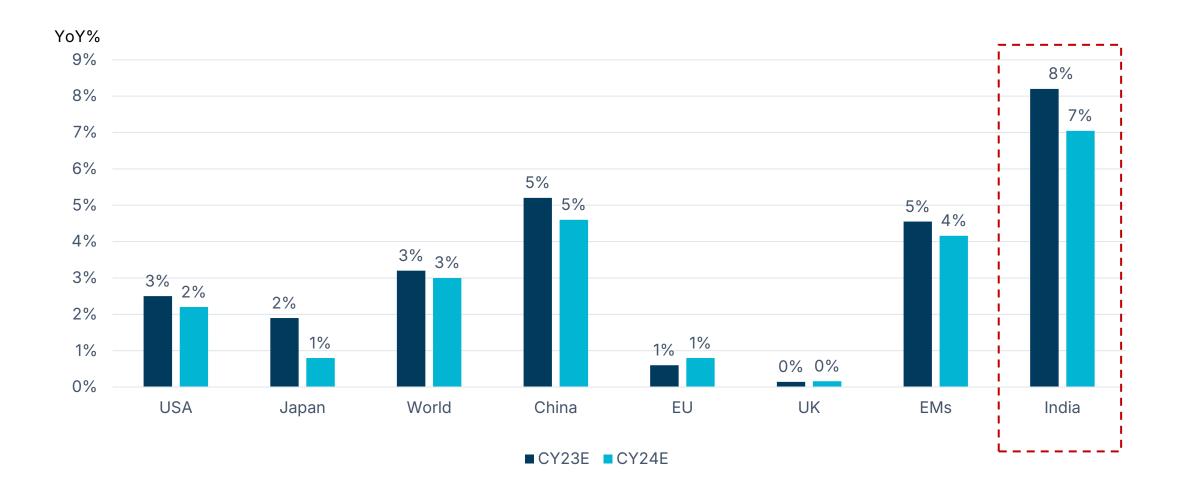
3 No. of billion dollar companies in India (market cap)



4 % Ownership of top 75 Indian companies



## Indian economy to grow by 6.8% YoY in FY25E





## In Conclusion

- We believe India's superior performance is driven by corporate profitability, across cycles. A benign macroenvironment is an added benefit
- There are more firms in India which earn attractive returns for shareholders than in most countries
- A carefully built portfolio of Indian businesses based on valuations and quality cash flows could be beneficial for investors looking to create diversified driver of returns



# Appendix

## Evolution of DSP – Indian Roots, Global Partnerships

Founded in 1860, the DSP Group, headed by Mr. Hemendra Kothari, is one of India's oldest financial services firms

#### 1860

The DSP family commenced its stockbroking business.

#### 1875

The first Indian stock exchange (now Bombay Stock Exchange) was established, with a member of the DSP family among the founders.

#### 1969

Mr. Hemendra Kothari joined his family's stockbroking firm DS Purbhoodas (fourth generation from the family).

#### 1984

DSP Financial Consultants (DSPFC) entered a business partnership with Merrill Lynch, then the largest investment bank in the U.S.

#### 2018

In August 2018, DSP Group purchased BlackRock's 40% stake. The organization was renamed DSP Asset Managers and DSP BlackRock Mutual Fund was renamed DSP Mutual Fund.

### 2008

As part of BlackRock's takeover of Merrill Lynch's global asset management business in 2006, DSP Merrill Lynch Fund Managers became DSP BlackRock Investment Managers.

#### 1997

DSP Merrill Lynch Asset Management launched its first domestic equity and first domestic debt mutual fund schemes.

#### 1996

DSPFC set up a joint venture with Merrill Lynch, providing an equity stake of 29.41% with a provision to increase it up to 40%. This new investment banking partnership was called DSP Merrill Lynch (DSPML)

### 2023

Effective April 1, 2023, the asset management business was demerged from DSP Investment Managers Pvt Ltd (DSPIM) to DSP Asset Managers Pvt Ltd (DSPAM).

## DSPAM Organization Structure - Senior Management

Hemendra Kothari
Chairman





Kalpen Parekh Managing Director & CEO



Anil Ghelani Head - Products and Passive Investments



Vinit Sambre Head - Equities



Rohit Singhania Co-Head - Equities



Sandeep Yadav Head – Fixed Income



Gaurav Pant Head – AIF



Aparna Karnik Head – Quantitative Investment & Analysis



Jay Kothari Global Head – International Business & Investment Strategist



Usha Nair Head – Distribution



Yamini Sood Head – Institutional Sales & Family Offices



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Aditi Kothari Desai Vice Chairperson – Strategic Investments



Sanjiv Kumar Head of Human Resources



Yogesh Bhalla Chief Technology Officer



Pranjal Vora Chief Risk Officer



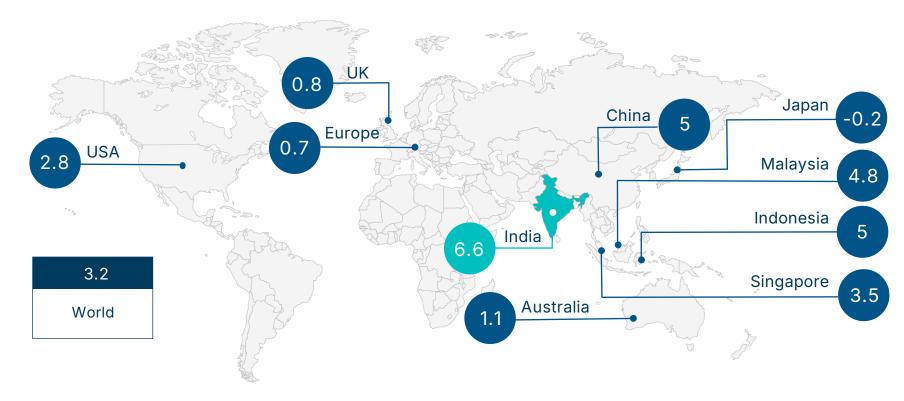
Harsh Kothari COO

## Incentives aligned to investment objectives

Factors driving performance for Analysts	Share*
Model portfolio outperformance	[]%
Research process covering fundamental attributes, thesis, extent of variation on chosen fundamental parameters	[]%

Factors driving performance for Portfolio Managers	Share*
Fund performance vs. Benchmark 3Y and 1Y (rolling returns)	[]%
Research process and adherence to framework	[]%

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



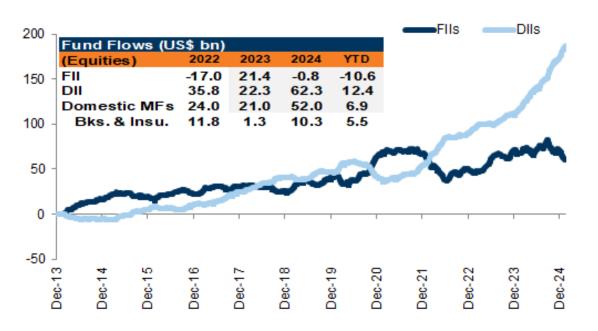
	US	India	Japan	Australia	Europe	UK	Brazil	China	MSCI EM	ACWI World
10 Y	9.8%	13.1%	5.7%	6.2%	4.4%	1.7%	7.5%	2.7%	6.2%	3.8%
15Y	9.8%	13.7%	6.0%	6.0%	5.5%	3.0%	6.8%	-1.3%	6.0%	3.5%
20Y	7.9%	10.1%	5.2%	4.5%	4.5%	7.5%	10.0%	5.7%	6.9%	6.1%

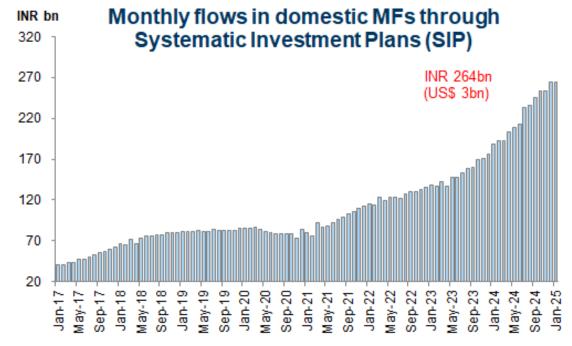
CAGR	10Y	15Y	20Y
US DINR Cross	-3.3%	-4.1%	-3.4%



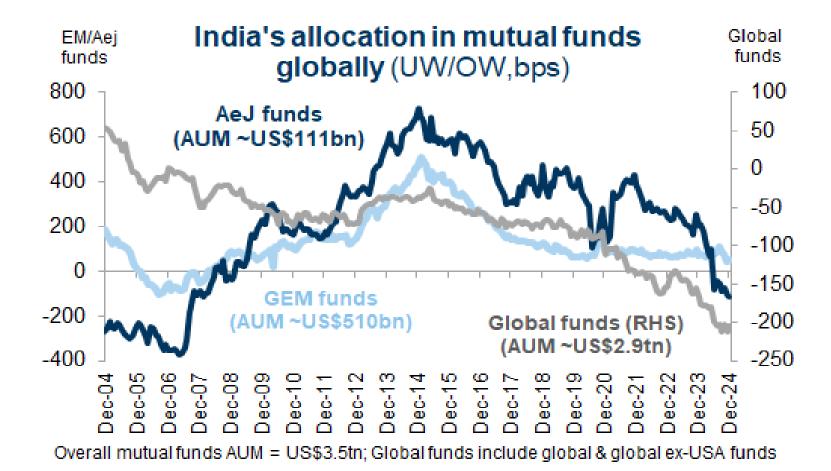
# Domestic institutional & retail flows remain supportive, amid rapid financialization of household savings in India

### Cumulative fund flows in Indian equities (US\$ bn)





## Mutual fund positioning in India remains conservative:





## Are you late in investing into India? No, not in our view.

- Equity returns have matched strong economic performance over past two decades
- Focus on earnings, not just starting P/E Starting valuations in CY 2023 was like today but markets up ~20%.
- India is likely to see the highest GDP growth in the next 2 years, vs. key global markets
- Capex + Real Estate cycle to drive earnings and upgrades
- Corporates have deleveraged (net debt to equity at 0.5x)
- Corporate profits to GDP ratio improving in recent years
- Foreign flows & positioning remain conservative, suggesting room to increase exposure in medium term
- Domestic flows remain supportive (financialization of household savings in India)



# India – one of the few countries demonstrating an increasing contribution to world economic growth

#### 2018-2019

China 28.6%  All Other Economies Combined 22.4%	l l	ndia 8.5%	United States 14.3%			
	Indonesia 3.6%	Germany 2.2%	Brazil 1.6%	Spain 1.3%	Pakistan 1%	
			S.Korea 1.5%	Philippines 1.3%	Thailand 0.9%	
	Russia 2.7%	United Kingdom 1.9%	Egypt 1.4%	Canada 1.2%	Mexico 0.7%	
		France 1.9%	Japan 1.4%	Italy 1%	S.Arabia 0.6%	

#### 2023-2024

China 23.9%		India 13.6%	United States 11.8%		
	Indonesia 3.3%	Turkey 2%	Brazil 1.9%	France 1.3%	United Kingdom 1.4%
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	Japan 2%	Germany 1.6%	S.Arabia 1.4%	Vietnam 1.3%	Thailand 0.9%
		Russia 2.2%	Bangladesh 1.1%	Egypt 1.3%	Malaysia 0.9%



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