

# Ace what's next

# on the horizon.

**PMS offering**  
**HSBC Aspire Portfolio**

December 2025

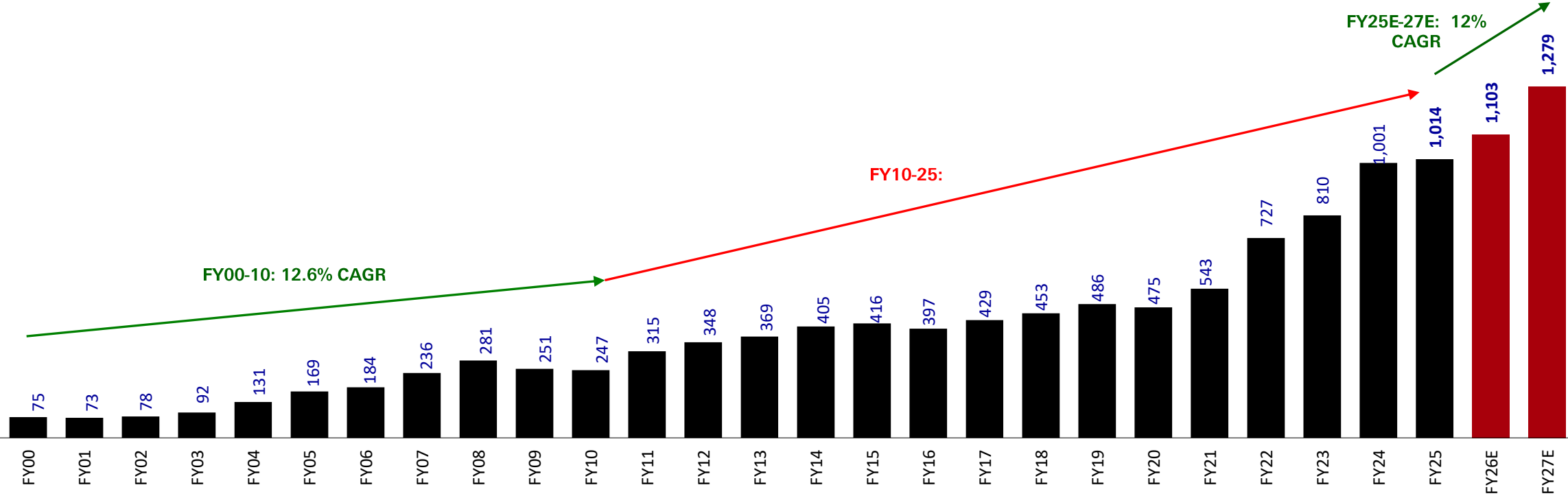
# What decides the longer-term equity market outlook



**These five factors play a larger role in determining direction of the market in longer run**

# India to witness positive future growth trajectory

## Nifty Earnings

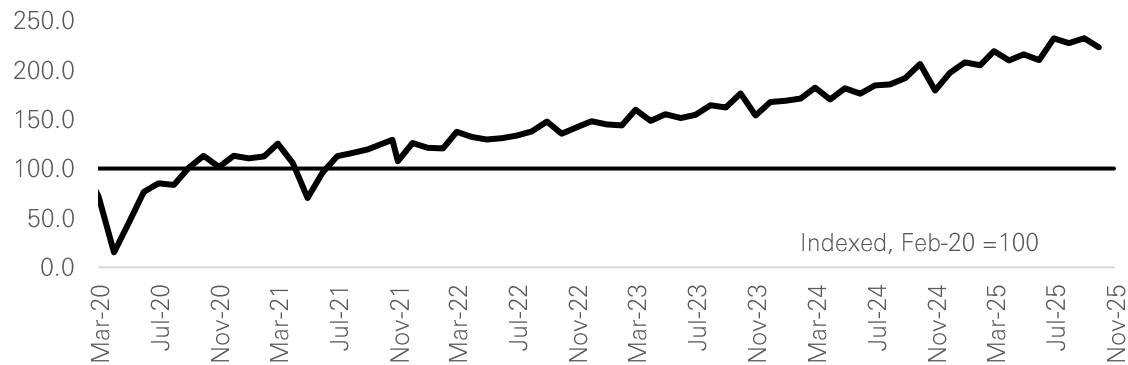


**Strong macro, corporate fundamentals and supporting liquidity  
may suggest strong outlook for the Indian equities**

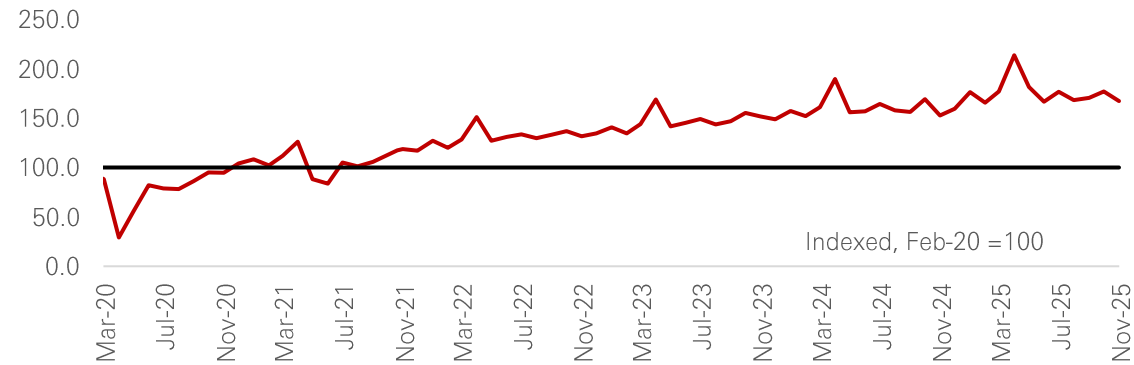
Bloomberg, Nifty Earnings Per Share (EPS) and growth, Data as at Nov 2025  
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# India economic activities continue to remain buoyant

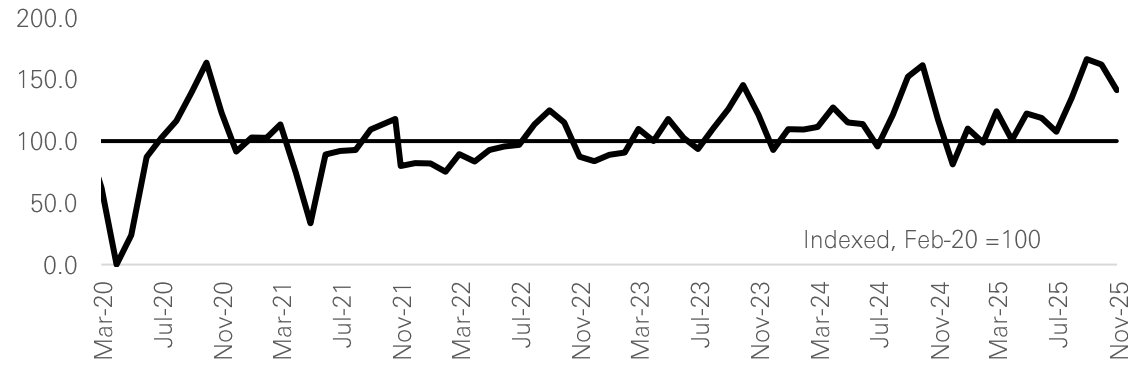
E-way bills



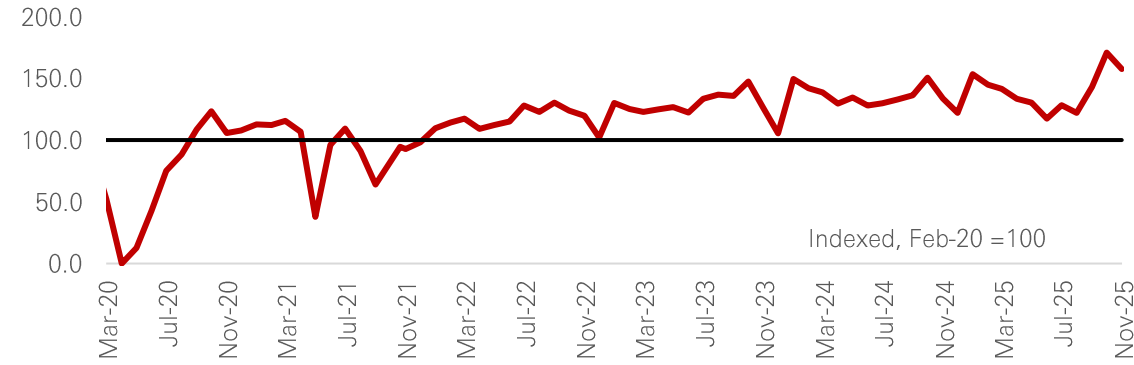
GST collections



TW Sales



PV sales

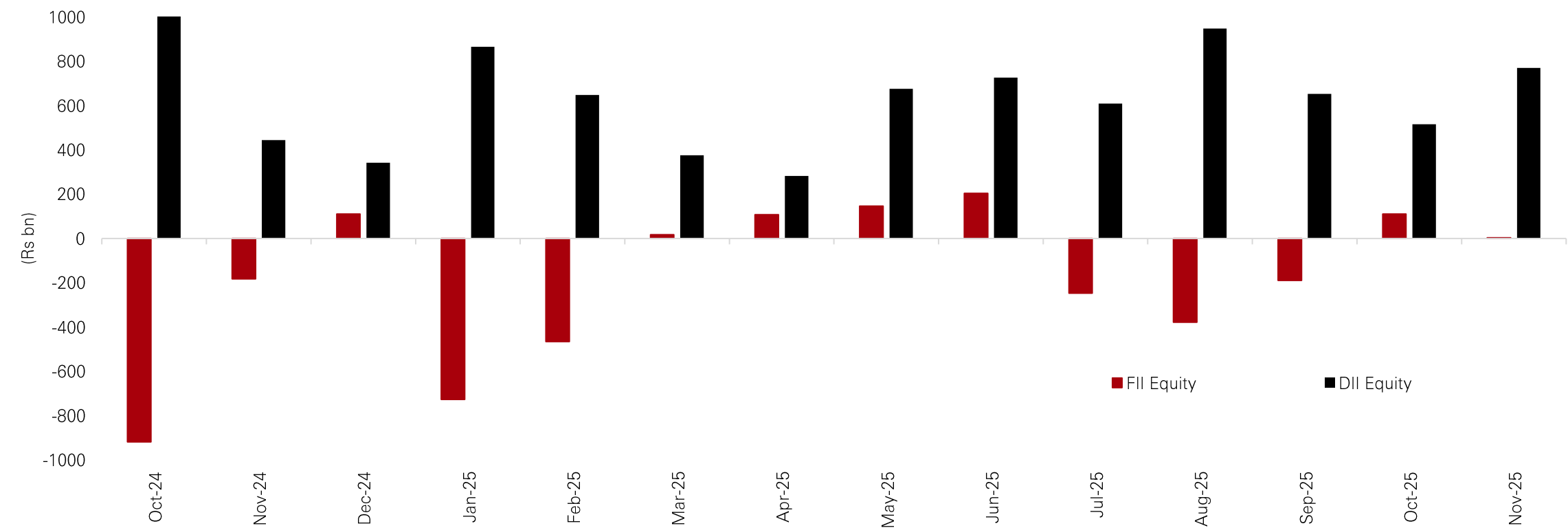


Positive economic data with an active domestic consumption could drive markets

Source: Elara Capital, Bloomberg, All data rebased to 100, Latest available data as at Nov 2025  
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# Liquidity improving with improving corporate fundamentals

DII-FII flows Net investments (Rs bn)

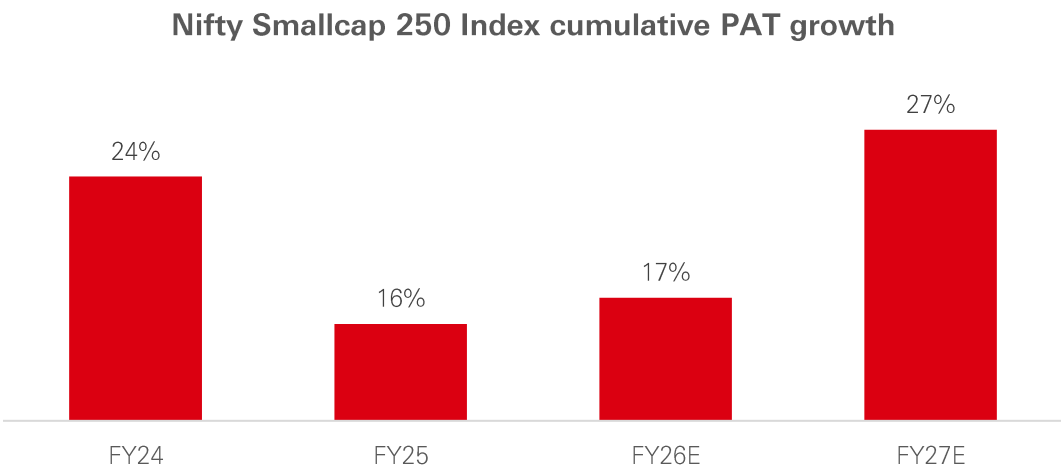
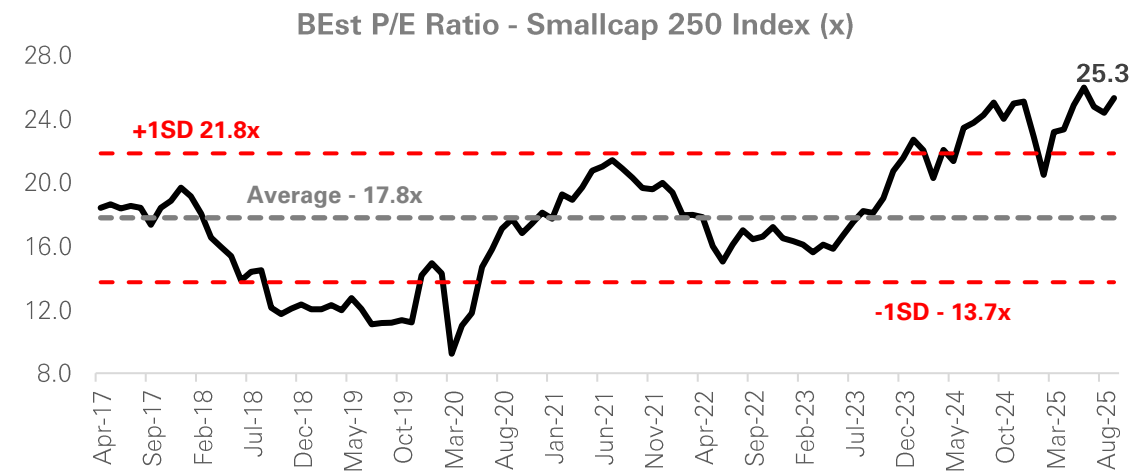
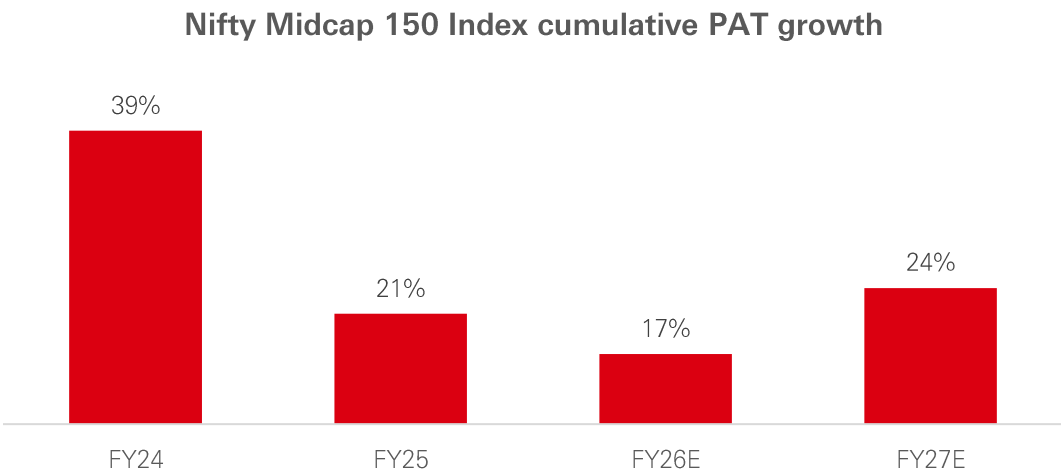
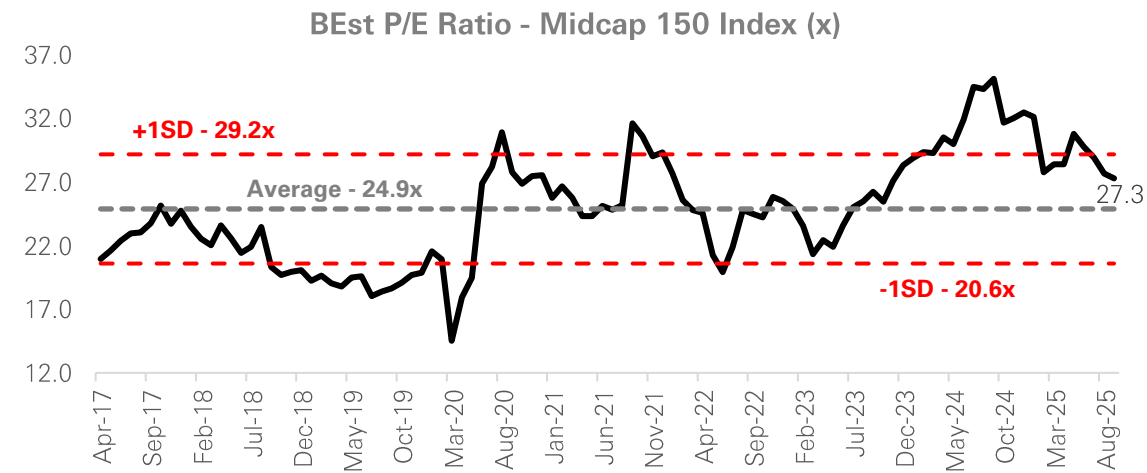


Markets are supported well by consistent MF inflows

Source: CRISIL, NSDL, NSE, MOSL, Capitaline, Note: Corporate profit compiled from Capitaline for available listed + unlisted companies; Latest available data as at Nov '25  
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# Mid cap valuations corrected from peak

Small cap valuations relative to growth reasonable

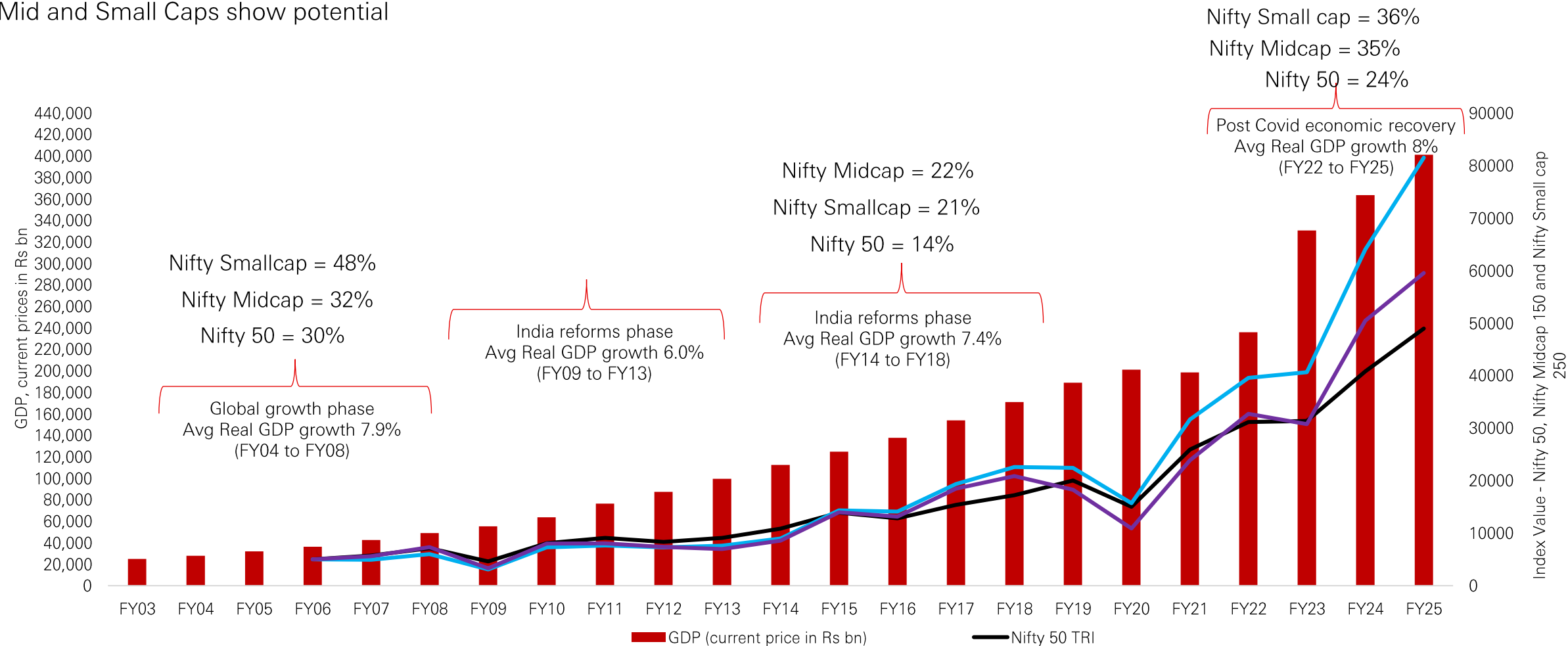


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# When economic cycle gathers pace

Mid and Small Caps show potential

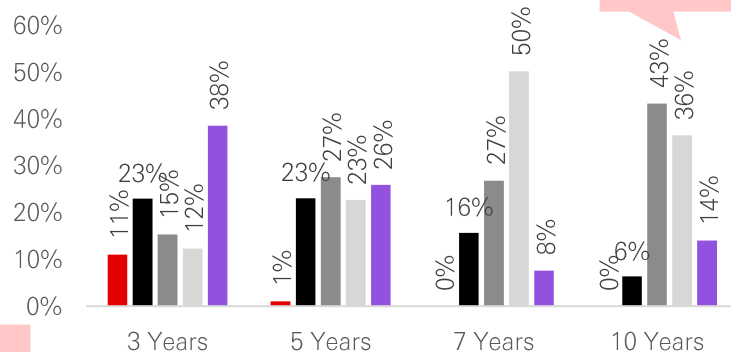


Source – Economic Survey of India, UBS, Data as at Nov 2025, All TRI Indices value rebased to 5000, Nifty Midcap 100, Nifty Smallcap 100, Nifty50 index CAGR for (1) 31 Mar '04 to 31 Mar '08, (2) 31 Mar '08 to 31 Mar '13, (3) 31 Mar '13 to 31 Mar '18 and (4) 31 Mar '20 to 30 Nov '25. The sector(s)/stock(s)/issuer(s) mentioned in this document do not constitute any research report nor it should be considered as an investment research, investment recommendation or advice to any reader of this content to buy or sell any stocks / investments. The Strategy/portfolio may or may not have any existing / future position in these sector(s)/stock(s)/issuer(s). Past performance may or may not be sustained in future and is not a guarantee of any future returns.

# Why Mid and Small Cap stocks?

Long term high growth

**Return distribution  
Nifty Midcap 150 TRI Index**

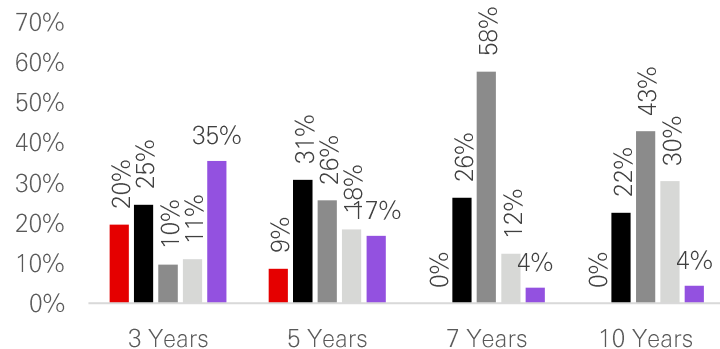


CAGR  
Returns  
Range

■ < 0% ■ 0% to 10% ■ 10% to 15% ■ 15% to 20% ■ > 20%

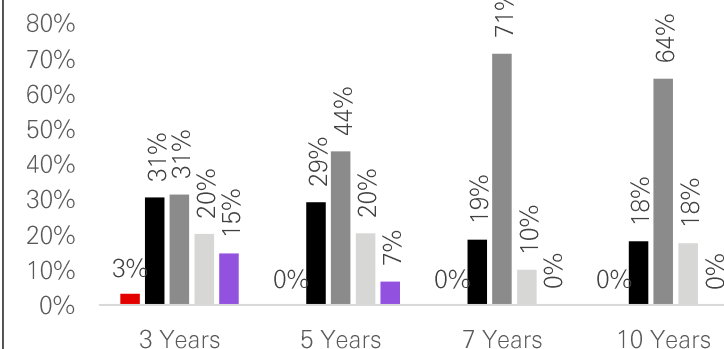
36%  
instances  
of 15-20%  
returns

**Return distribution  
Nifty Small cap 250 TRI index**



■ < 0% ■ 0% to 10% ■ 10% to 15% ■ 15% to 20% ■ > 20%

**Return distribution  
Nifty 50 TRI Index**



■ < 0% ■ 0% to 10% ■ 10% to 15% ■ 15% to 20% ■ > 20%

Stocks from relatively new sectors are getting listed and many of these are mid and small caps

Market share shift from unorganized to the organized sector is beneficial to well run companies of this size

India gaining traction as a manufacturing source would mean opportunities for a lot of ancillary sectors which would be smaller in size

Historically, Mid and Small Caps have delivered reasonable performance over medium to long term

Small and Mid Cap stocks are good-options to hold emerging business leaders. More Mid-Small cap businesses are dependent on domestic factors





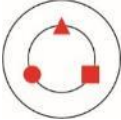
**Mid Caps and Small Cap stocks offer potential of delivering reasonable alpha over medium to long term**

Source: ICRA MFI, Data as at Dec 2024,  
Return distribution based on a daily rolling returns of various holding periods. Period considered Calendar Year End: 1 January 2005 – 31 Dec 2024.  
Mid Cap stocks are represented by Nifty Midcap 150 TRI index. Small Cap stocks are represented by Nifty Smallcap 250 TRI index. Large Cap stocks are represented by Nifty 50 TRI index.  
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# Why Mid and Small Cap stocks with flavor of Large Cap stocks

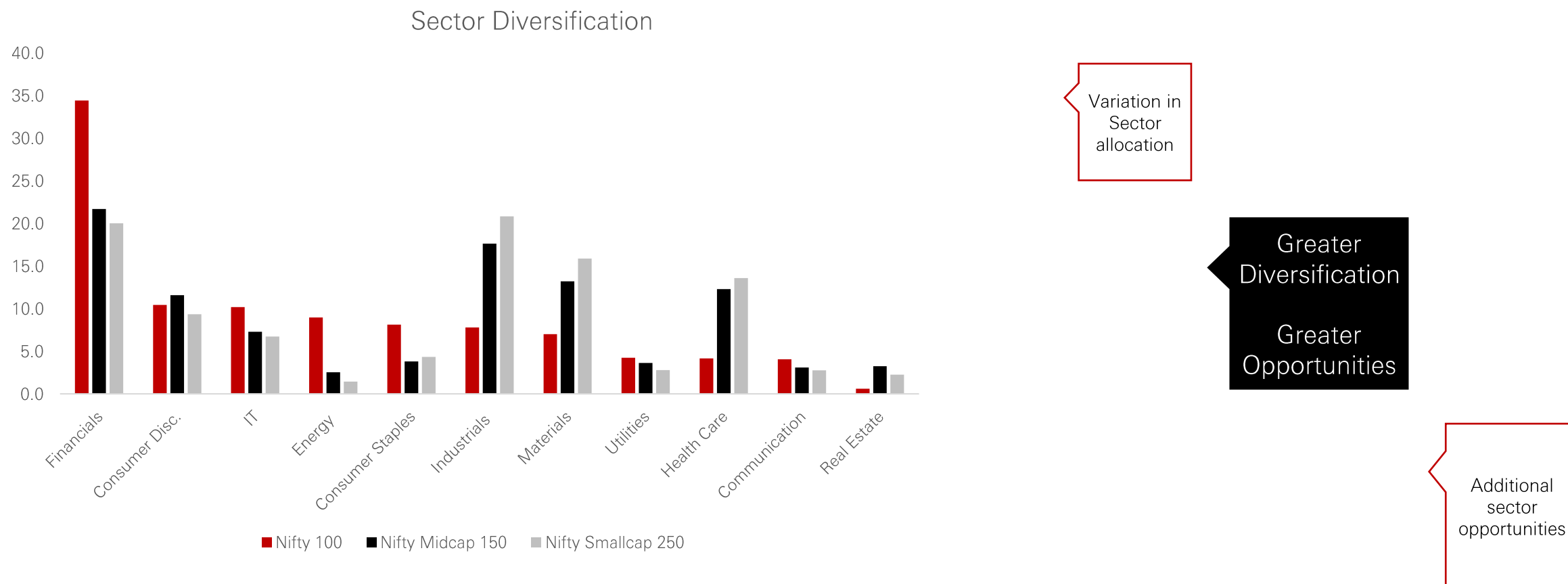
Potential alpha generators

Mid Cap stock features	Small Cap stock features	Large Cap stock features
 Historically above average performance	Multi-baggers of tomorrow	Low volatility
 Earnings acceleration and superior growth trajectory	High earnings growth potential	Relatively stable earnings growth
 Under-researched, Under- owned	Under-researched and under-owned	Well-researched
 Leaders in smaller sectors	Opportunities to spot pricing anomalies	Well-owned
 Niche players in traditional sectors	Diversity and alpha potential, Large under owned universe of around ~700 stocks in small cap space	Reasonable valuations

**Mid and Small Cap stocks offer potential of delivering growth and alpha in the long term**

# An essential diversification – Nifty 100 vs Nifty Midcap150 vs Nifty Smallcap 250

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**Mid and Small cap stock indices aim to offer more diversified universe for investment**

Source: Bloomberg, NSE, Data as at Financial Year End Mar 2025, The above data is provided for illustration purpose only.

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**Aspirational themes from Mid and Small Cap universe**

# **HSBC Aspire Portfolio**

**Portfolio Management Services**

**HSBC Asset Management (India) Private Limited**

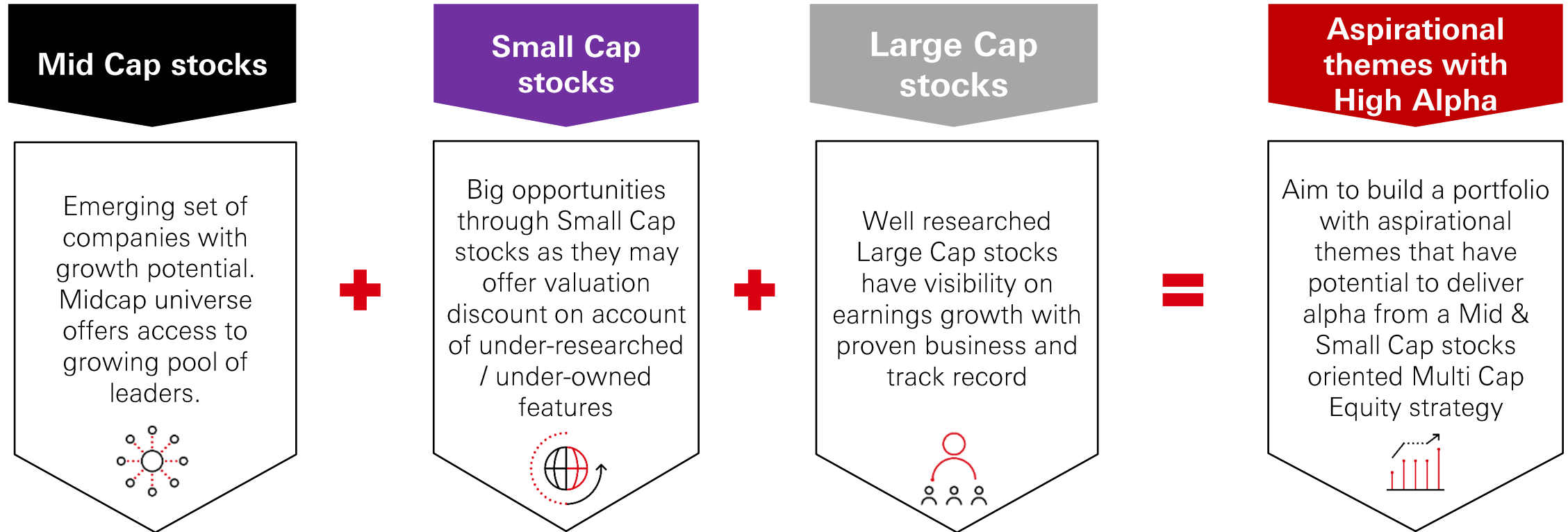
**High  
conviction  
ideas**

**Emerging  
segments**

**Concentrated  
portfolio of  
Mid and Small  
Cap universe**

# Emerging themes from Mid and Small Caps to lead in the next decade

HSBC Aspire Portfolio (HASP)



Aspirational themes from Mid and Small Cap stocks with flavor of quality Large Cap stocks

# Portfolio holdings (top 10) and sector allocation

## HSBC Aspire Portfolio

### Top 10 Holdings

Name	Weight%
MAX FINANCIAL SERVICES LTD	6.53
ECLERX SERVICES LTD	4.23
ERIS LIFESCIENCES LTD	4.13
FORTIS HEALTHCARE LTD	4.07
BANK OF BARODA	3.97
MANAPPURAM FINANCE LTD	3.90
HERO MOTOCORP LTD	3.85
360 ONE WAM LTD	3.70
HINDUSTAN AERONAUTICS LTD	3.58
AADHAR HOUSING FINANCE LTD	3.55

Performance#	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	2 Years	Since inception (21/09/23)
Portfolio (HSAP)	0.73 %	4.40 %	5.26 %	-0.94 %	12.62 %	13.02 %
BSE 500 TRI ^	0.96 %	6.57 %	5.62 %	6.27 %	16.17 %	16.22 %

### Sector Allocation

Sector Name	% of Net Assets
Financials	27.88
Materials	16.36
Industrials	12.64
Consumer Discretionary	9.65
Health Care	8.20
Information Technology	8.11
Real Estate	3.46
Consumer Staples	2.67
Utilities	2.48
Communication Services	2.30

### Market Capitalisation

Small Cap :	42.98%
Mid Cap:	34.55%
Large Cap:	16.22%

^ Regulatory benchmark, The above information is for general information purpose only and it should not be considered as investment research, investment recommendation or advice to any reader of this content to buy or sell investments. The portfolio may or may not have any future position in these stocks. Data as on 30 Nov 2025. To view the portfolio's performance relative to other Portfolio Managers, you may click here ([APMI \(apmiindia.org\)](#)). Large Cap:1st 100 company in terms of full market capitalization. Mid Cap: 101st to 250th company in terms of full market capitalization. Small Cap: 251st company onwards in terms of full market capitalisation.

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# Portfolio positioning

## HSBC Aspire Portfolio (HASP) -



### Many sectors/segments of the market represented by Mid & Small Cap category only

- e.g. Textile / Hospitality industry / Hospitals / auto ancillary / agrochemicals & agri inputs / real estate / consumer durables/media/building material & home improvement/fashion, retail, new age technology, etc.
- As India's economy is expected to grow from 3 trillion to 5 trillion to 10 trillion economy in the coming decade, many of these sectors may grow disproportionately and selection of quality stocks from these sectors can offer immense opportunity in Aspire portfolio.

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# Differentiation from the market

## HSBC Aspire Portfolio (HASP)

### Strong lineage

- Aspire Portfolio is from the HSBC Asset Management that has:
  - Competent investment management team
  - Consistent Track record
  - Sound investment process & philosophy

### Portfolio positioning

- Focus on alpha generation from selection of quality Mid / Small Cap stocks with non-consensus approach and in-house research

### Opportunistic

- Flexibility in investing into new themes, special situation plays.

### Investment discipline

- Clear focus on “what not to buy”

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# How we manage the volatility?

## **Diversification**

Diversification of portfolio comprising 25-30 stocks across different sectors (single stock exposure max 8% at time of investment)

## **Tactical asset allocation strategy**

Though Aspire strategy is midcap/small cap oriented portfolio, tactical allocation to large cap will help to reduce volatility of the portfolio

## **Risk conscious approach**

Selection of companies, management quality, earnings & balance sheet risk, valuation, sector/company specific issues, discipline of what not to buy (in periods of market euphoria, following herd can lead into adding overhyped and subsequently overpriced investments).

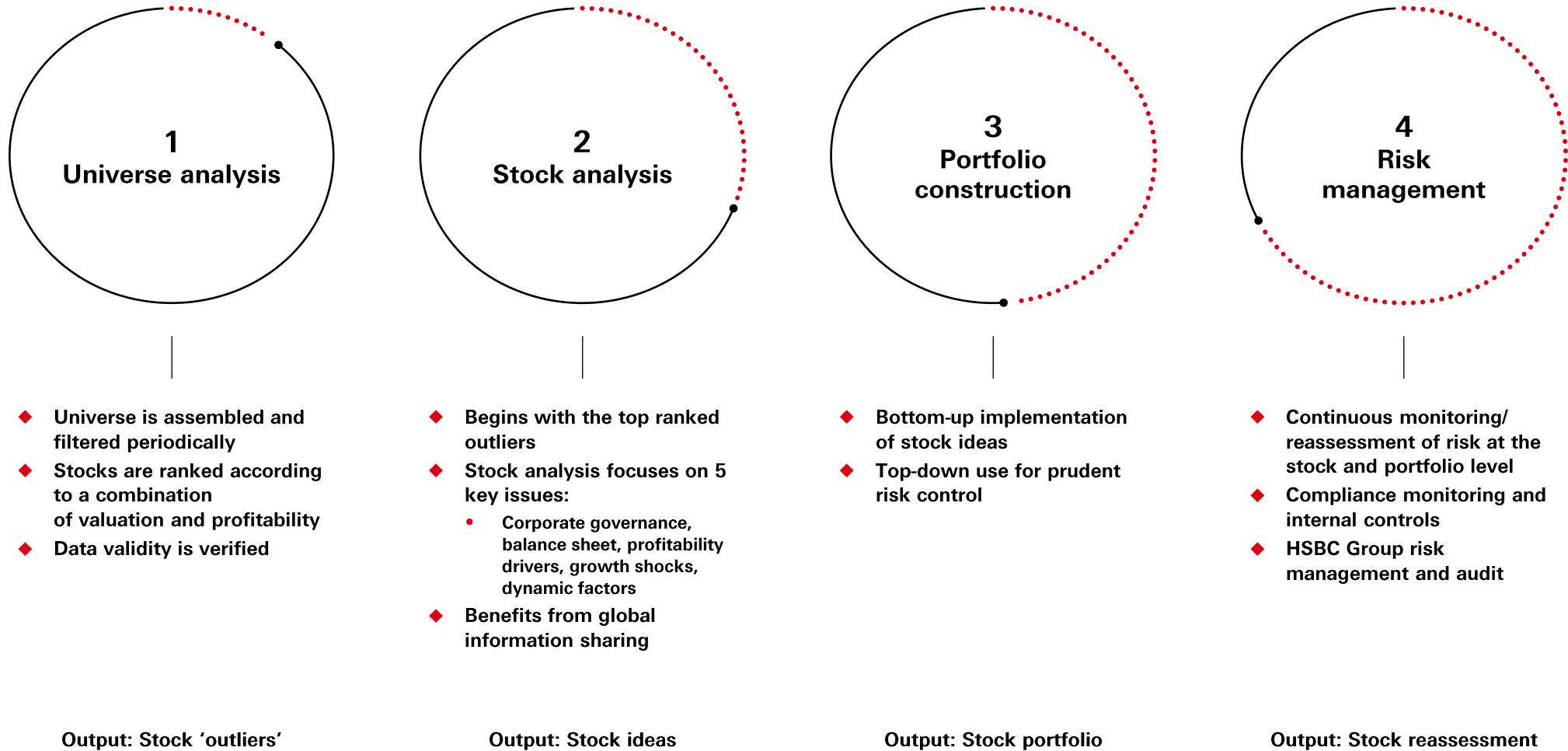
## **Drawdown policy**

Maximum drawdown policy & review/re-evaluate each stock as a part of risk mitigation plan



# Investment process overview - valuation framework

## HSBC Aspire Portfolio (HASP)



# Investment Approach: HSBC Aspire Portfolio (HASP)

## Investment Objective

- HSBC Aspire Portfolio aims to generate long-term capital growth from an actively managed portfolio of equity and equity related securities predominately from the mid and small cap companies. However, the approach would also have the flexibility to invest in companies across the entire market capitalization spectrum. There can be no assurance or guarantee the objective of the investment approach would be achieved

## Description of types of securities

- Equity and equity related securities including convertible bonds and debentures and warrants carrying the right to obtain equity shares
- Derivatives instruments as may be permitted by SEBI / RBI
- Units of liquid funds/overnight funds of HSBC Mutual Fund
- Cash and Cash equivalents
- Any other instruments as may be permitted by RBI / SEBI / such other Regulatory authorities from time to time

## Benchmark

- BSE 500 TRI Index

## Rationale for selection of benchmark:

- Regulatory Benchmark/ Strategy Benchmark: Benchmark prescribed by Association of Portfolio Managers in India (APMI) as mandated by SEBI to evaluate relative performance of the portfolio. This is decided by APMI as per market-cap based methodology for equity strategy.

Source - HSBC Asset Management India

# Investment Approach: HSBC Aspire Portfolio (HASP)

## Indicative tenure or investment horizon

- Medium to Long Term (5 years+)

## Risk associated with investment approach

- Deployment of monies under the investment approach will be oriented towards equity and equity related securities of companies belonging to mid cap and small cap. Stocks of these companies usually have lower trading volumes on the exchanges, which may result into higher impact costs and longer execution time compared to large cap stocks. These companies tend to be less researched compared to large cap stocks and this may result into longer waiting period for the stock to reach their potential intrinsic value. A lot of smaller companies can be highly volatile and hence tend to have large up and down movements which may result in periods where the investor may see drawdowns. Further, small cap companies have higher opportunities of growth but these come with higher amount of risk as well and therefore, are suitable only for those investors who have higher risk appetite. It is likely that the portfolio may also experience period of volatile performance and liquidity challenges in view of its exposure towards mid and small cap companies. These companies will also be affected by the broader macro-economic environment such as interest rate changes, liquidity, cross border fund flows, statutory/ regulatory changes etc.
- Since the portfolio is expected to be concentrated with exposure to select themes/sectors, it may perform differently from the broader stock markets/benchmark, but may still be impacted by broad market movements. It is likely that the portfolio may also experience period of volatile performance and liquidity challenges in view of the limited number of stocks invested in by the fund manager.

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# HSBC Aspire Portfolio (HASP)



Investment Objective - The investment objective of the Portfolio is to generate long-term capital growth from an actively managed portfolio of equity and equity related securities predominantly from the Mid and Small Cap segment. However, the strategy would also have the flexibility to invest in companies across the entire market capitalization spectrum. However, there can be no assurance or guarantee that the investment objective of the strategy would be achieved.

Investment-approach	HSBC Aspire Portfolio	Portfolio Manager	Sheetalkumar Shah
Benchmark	BSE 500 TRI Index		

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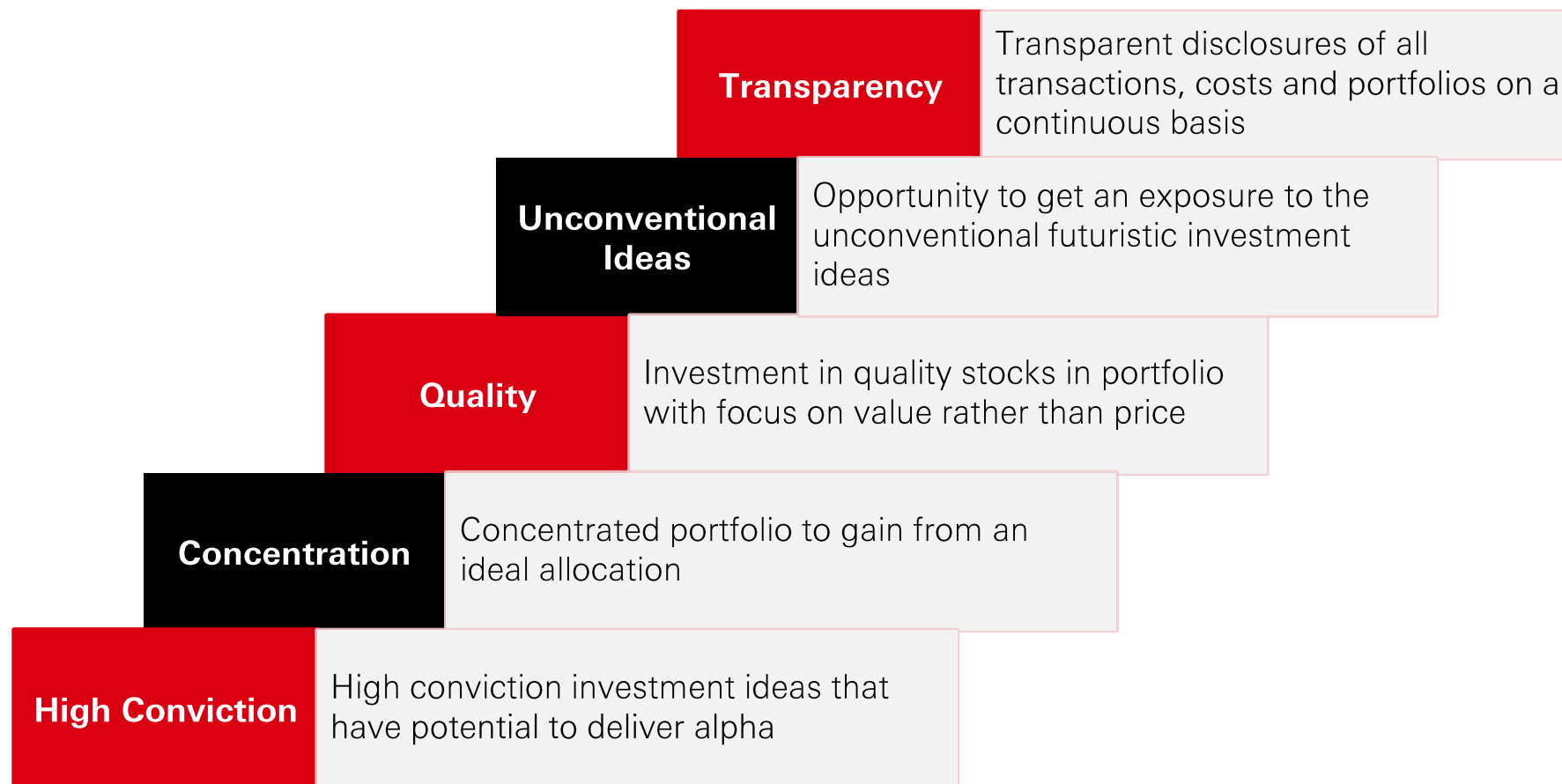
## Investment expertise



**Sheetalkumar Shah,**  
SVP & Fund Manager - PMS

Sheetalkumar has a total experience of over 28 years in the Indian stock markets. Prior to joining HSBC, he was Head of PMS at IDBI Capital Markets. He has spent over 12 years at Kotak PMS, managing equity portfolios across market capitalisation. Prior to that, he worked with GIC Asset Management Co Ltd as a Fund Manager for 7 years. By virtue of his long experience, Sheetalkumar has strong relationships with a wide gamut of Indian capital market participants and corporates. Sheetalkumar is an MBA (Finance) from Department of Management Studies, Pune University (PUMBA) and an Engineer (Electronics & Telecommunications) from Government Engineering College, Pune.

# Why opt for Portfolio Management Services (PMS)?



High conviction and concentrated portfolio endeavor to support high alpha generation

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