

HSBC India Next Portfolio

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Which themes can benefit the most in economic revival?

CONSUMPTION		GLOCAL		DIGITISATION		HIGH ALPHA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secular, high growth sector Conventional yet progressive theme 	+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Play on MNCs in India Structural, long term theme 	+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disruptive and New age theme 	=	Disruptive themes combined with secular & progressive ones have great potential to deliver high alpha

High growth potential themes have potential to deliver superior & sustainable growth

HSBC India Next Portfolio (HINP)

Focus on Consumption | GLOCAL | Digitisation

Inception Date
18 February 2021

Minimum Application Amount
For (1) Fixed fee option and (2) Fixed & Performance-linked option = INR 5 million

Investment Objective
HSBC India Next Portfolio aims to generate returns and provide long term capital appreciation by investing in equity and equity related securities across market cap of businesses benefitting from transformation in Indian economy

Benchmark – S&P BSE 200
Rationale for selection of benchmark
The portfolio is being benchmarked against the BSE200 index since its composition is in line with the objective of the investment approach. The index is broad based and is most suited for comparing the performance of the portfolio

Fund Manager
Sheetalkumar Shah, Total Experience: 24 years, managing this portfolio since 18 February 2021

Indicative tenure or investment horizon
Medium to Long Term (3 years+)

Description of types of securities

- Equity and equity related securities including convertible bonds and debentures and warrants carrying the right to obtain equity shares.
- Derivative 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

Investors should note that pursuant to SEBI circular no. SEBI/HO/IMD/DF1/CIR/P/2020/26 dated February 13, 2020, an option to invest directly i.e. without intermediation of persons engaged in distribution services, is available to the investors.

Portfolio Manager's commentary:

The September month was eventful for equity markets with macro factors driving asset prices and contributing to a higher level of volatility. Rate hikes continued across the globe in September ranging from 0.25% to 1.25%. Over the past one month, global growth outlook appears to be moderating with major developed economies witnessing slowdown due to sharp rate hikes and an emerging energy crisis due to the ongoing Ukraine-Russia conflict. RBI hiked policy repo rate by 50 bps to 5.9% on expected lines with GDP forecast of 7% for FY23.

The deteriorating global outlook is weighing on commodity prices, which plunged in September. Most commodities are now trading at levels below those prior to the Russian-Ukraine conflict. Moderating commodity prices/inflation will be a significant near-term positive for India while being adverse for most EMs.

Economic activity in India remains strong. Capacity utilisation, PMI, credit growth, and car sales continue to improve. GST collections are likely to remain strong with elevated inflation, improvement in activity and incidence of higher tax.

India's IT sector has underperformed significantly over last one year due to concerns on demand slowdown in developed countries. Based on our discussion with industry experts, management commentary of listed, unlisted Indian and global IT companies, there is no significant red flags around demand and client IT budgets as of now. We believe, IT spending is now connected to the core of businesses across sectors and hence will be stickier in nature. Our channel check suggests, clients don't see IT spending as discretionary spending, in fact they are considering as an essential spending for digital transformation of the business. Growth in the past two years was broad-based and driven by elevated client spending and vendor capacity constraints. A tightening environment will mean that easy growth or benefit of low hanging fruits will fade. We expect growth to be a lot more polarised from hereon. Companies with full stack capabilities and better product & platform will benefit from vendor consolidation. We hold two quality names Infosys and Persistent Systems, both are growth leaders in large cap and mid cap universe respectively. Having said this, we'll closely analyse their results and management commentary to take portfolio action if required.

We will closely monitor 3QFY23 results of corporate India and rebalance the portfolio if required.

With sharp outperformance of Indian equity markets since June lows, markets may remain volatile in near term. However, we remain optimistic on India's growth prospects on the back of improved corporate earnings, easing supply chain, weakening commodity prices etc. India's economic and earnings recovery coupled with capital expenditure cycle is expected to keep Indian markets attractive over long term.

Top 10 Holdings

Name	Weight	Theme	ROE (FY22e)	EPS CAGR (2Yrs)
STATE BANK OF INDIA	6.35	Consumption + Digital	11.9	36.6
BAJAJ FINANCE LTD	5.88	Digital + Consumption	17.4	26.2
TITAN CO LTD	5.77	Consumption	25.9	26.5
RELIANCE INDUSTRIES LTD	5.49	Digital + Consumption	8.2	21.3
PHOENIX MILLS LTD	5.37	Consumption	4.1	22.0
J.B. CHEMICALS & PHARMA LTD	5.21	Consumption	19.5	24.1
COROMANDEL INTERNATIONAL LTD	5.14	Digital	26.6	15.8
INFOSYS LTD	5.07	Digital	29.1	14.6
MARUTI SUZUKI INDIA LTD	5.06	GLOCAL + Consumption	7.1	16.8
TIMKEN INDIA LTD	4.91	GLOCAL	21.8	21.1

Performance*

	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	Since Inception
Portfolio (HINP)	-3.07%	10.38%	1.65%	0.02%	13.46%
S&P BSE 200	-3.56%	10.43%	-0.23%	-1.24%	9.92%

Source – Bloomberg, Returns over 1 year are annualized. Returns are adjusted for inflows/outflows. 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.

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Basis of selection of types of securities

The investment approach is to create long term wealth for investors by participating in companies from sectors that are likely to be beneficiaries of transformation in the Indian economy including themes such as, digitization, consumption, GLOCAL i.e. Global companies working in local markets, etc. The portfolio manager intends to do the same by buying equities of these businesses and hence, equity and equity related securities are chosen for investment. The portfolio manager may, from time to time, invest un-deployed funds in units of liquid funds/ overnight funds of HSBC Mutual Fund including cash and cash equivalents for cash management purposes

Allocation of portfolio across types of securities

Instruments	Indicative Allocation (% of assets)	
	Minimum	Maximum
Equity and equity related securities	95%	100%
Units of liquid funds/overnight funds of HSBC Mutual Fund including cash and cash equivalents	0%	5%

Why invest in HSBC India Next Portfolio (HINP)?

Fueled by focused themes

The portfolio aims to gain by focusing on the select themes such as Consumption, GLOCAL and Digitisation in a more concentrated manner that can propel growth.

Growth with new age portfolio

HINP's allocation to Discretionary spending can offer above average growth over a long term. Allocation to Digitisation adds new age investment ideas.

Earning visibility

Expected earnings acceleration can offer high alpha generation opportunities effectively.

High conviction and concentration

High conviction and concentrated portfolio of HINP can provide high alpha generation opportunities with our portfolio construction process and TVSQ strategy. (TVSQ – Dominant Themes, Reasonable Valuations, Scalability & Sustainability and Management Business Quality)

Risk associated with investment approach

Deployment of monies under the investment strategy will be oriented towards equity and equity related securities of companies belonging to themes/sectors that are likely to be beneficiaries of transformation in the Indian economy including themes such as digitization, consumption, GLOCAL i.e. Global companies working in local markets, etc. and hence will be affected by risks associated with these industries as well as any factors that affect 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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Sector Allocation

Sector Name	% of Net Assets
Financials	25.11
Consumer Discretionary	14.30
Industrials	12.84
Information Technology	8.76
Materials	8.36
Energy	5.49
Real Estate	5.37
Health Care	5.21
Consumer Staples	4.19
Communication Services	3.93

Market Capitalisation

Large Cap:	46.10%
Mid Cap:	34.13%
Small Cap:	13.33%
Avg. Weighted Market Capitalisation Rs.267,146	
Cr Median Market Capitalisation Rs.56,532 Cr	
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.	

Portfolio Fundamentals & Attributes

Dividend yield FY22	0.8%	2 year EPS CAGR	30.6%
P/E FY22	51.9x	RoE FY22	30.4%
P/E FY23 estimates	36.3x	Beta:	0.80

2 years EPS CAGR: FY22 – 24, Data as on 30 September 2022 Document Date - 8 October 2022

Investment Strategy

The portfolio strategy endeavors to capitalize on long term wealth creation opportunity by investing in select high growth potential businesses from sectors that are likely to be beneficiaries of transformation in the Indian economy including themes such as Digitisation, Consumption, GLOCAL i.e. Global companies working in local markets, etc. The portfolio would be market cap agnostic and would focus on select themes with potential to deliver alpha over medium to long term.^

However, it is expressly clarified that clients are not being offered any guaranteed / assured returns and that the Portfolio Manager only endeavors to meet the investment objective

HSBC India Next Portfolio offers high conviction, concentrated investment portfolio focused on sectors that are likely to be beneficiaries of transformation in the Indian economy

Data as on 30 September 2022 ^ The Portfolio Manager may also participate in the Securities Lending Scheme. **Portfolio Disclaimer:** The portfolio attributes of the investment approach mentioned above are based on all clients' portfolios existing as on the date stated above, excluding any temporary cash investments, and does not represent the model portfolio being offered to the clients, including prospective clients, and hence it is possible that these stocks may not be part of the portfolios constructed for new clients. The above information are for illustrative purpose only and it should not be considered as investment recommendation or advice or opinion from the Portfolio Manager on the above mentioned stocks/sectors. In no event shall the Portfolio Manager, its directors or employees or its affiliates have any liability for any financial impact to the recipient on account of use of the above information.

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