We are an independent, partner-centric Investment Management firm investing in Indian public equities.



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# **ABOUT US**

About us	<ul> <li>Boutique firm, ~1800 Cr AUM, ~200 families</li> <li>Private, independent ownership (CIO and close friends)</li> <li>Team incentivized as owners - 25% of PBT shared with team</li> </ul>
Desired outcome	<ul> <li>Seeking 15% IRRs post fee every rolling 5 years +1.5% Alpha over BSE500 TRI, under assumption of 11% nominal GDP growth (no guarantees)</li> <li>Profits with Purpose</li> <li>Never risk ruin despite promise of very high upside</li> </ul>

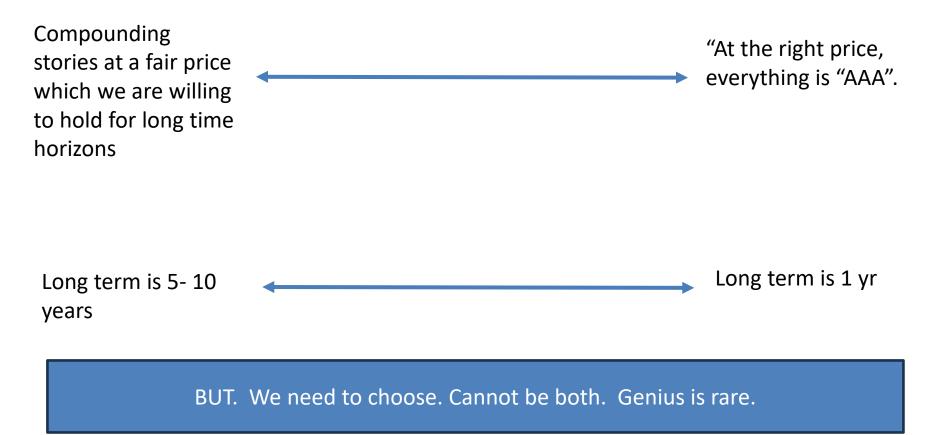


## **OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

- 1. Be mission driven. Profits with purpose.
- 2. Disciplined process that focuses on superior <u>long-term outcomes</u>
- 3. Path to long term outcomes via resilience over speed
- 4. Priority  $\rightarrow$  Partners. Team. Shareholders.
- 5. Culture that emphasizes radical candour and accepts mistakes. No hierarchy in the conference room.

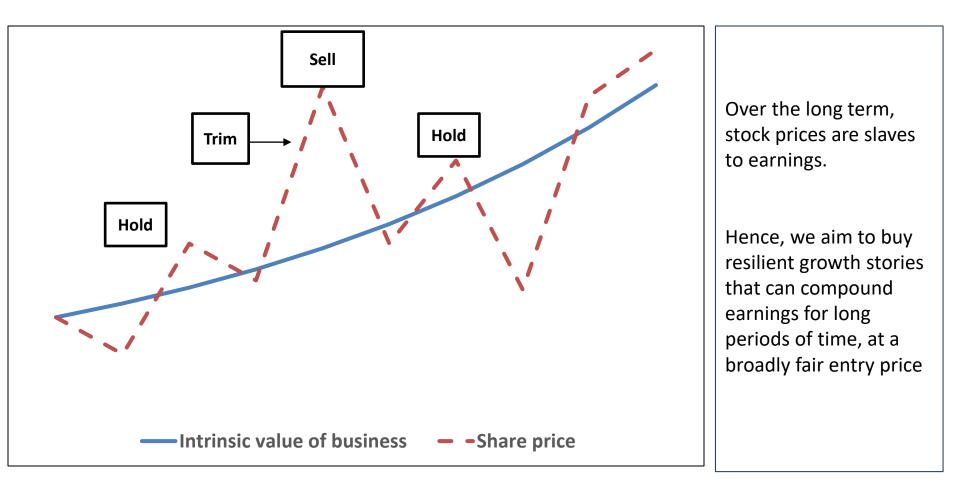


#### THERE ARE MULTIPLE WAYS TO INVEST



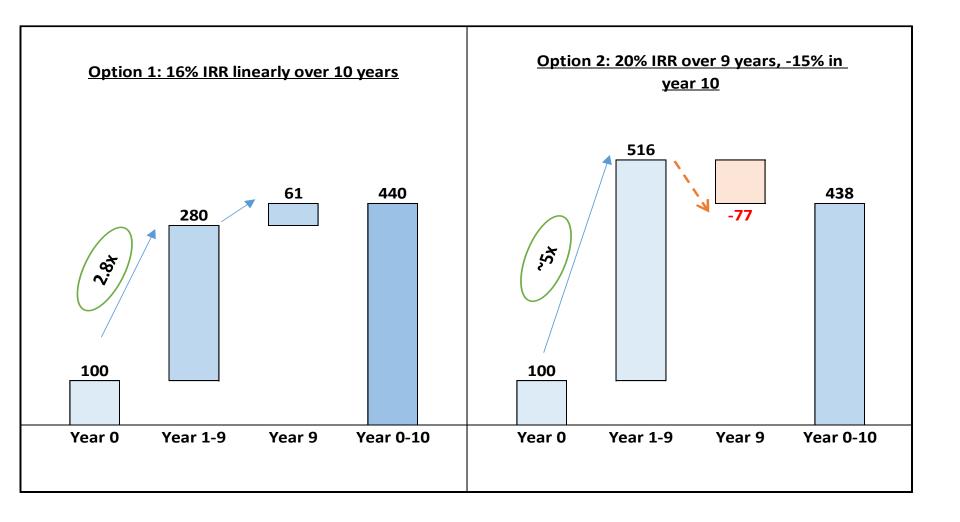


#### WE SEEK HIGH PROBABILITY EPS COMPOUNDING WITH LOW CHURN



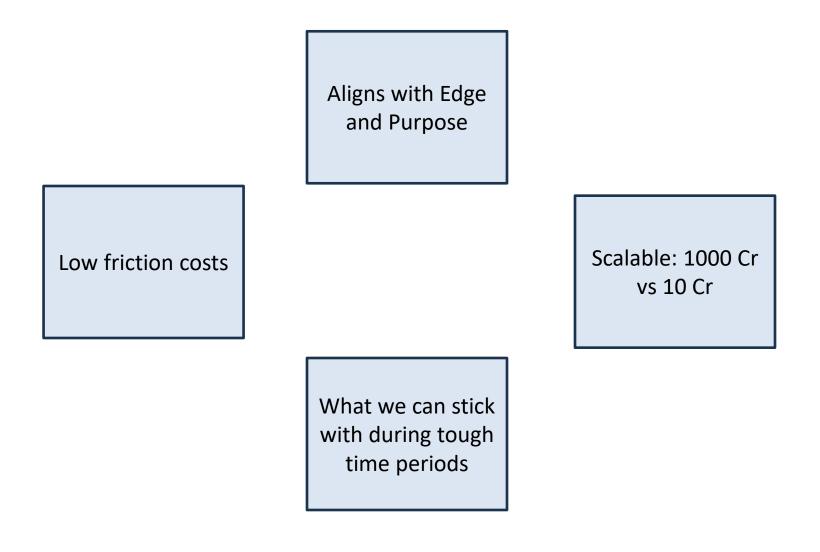


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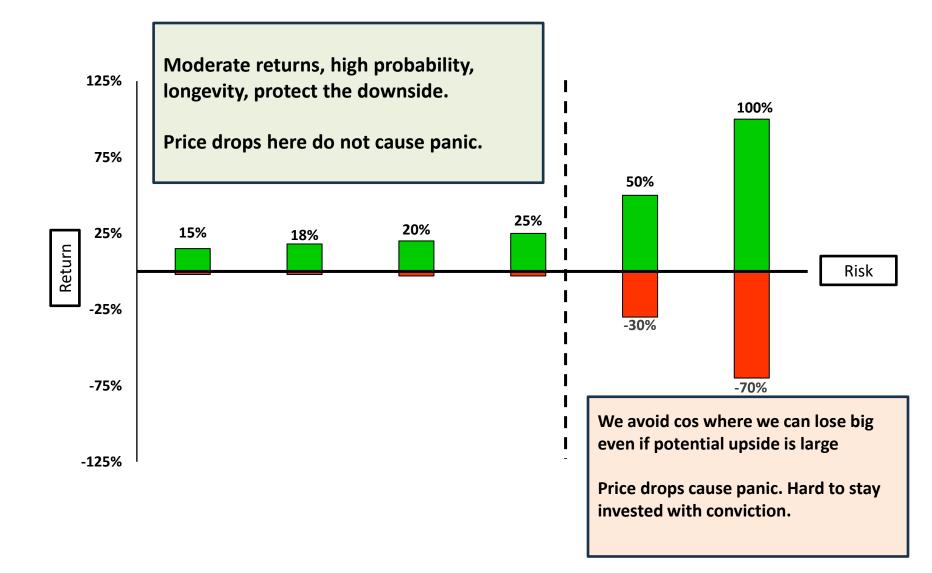


## WE ARE LOOKING FOR <u>RESILIENT</u> BUSINESSES THAT CAN COMPOUND EARNINGS FOR LONG PERIODS OF TIME





#### WE WILL NEVER RISK RUIN FOR PROMISE OF HIGH RETURNS





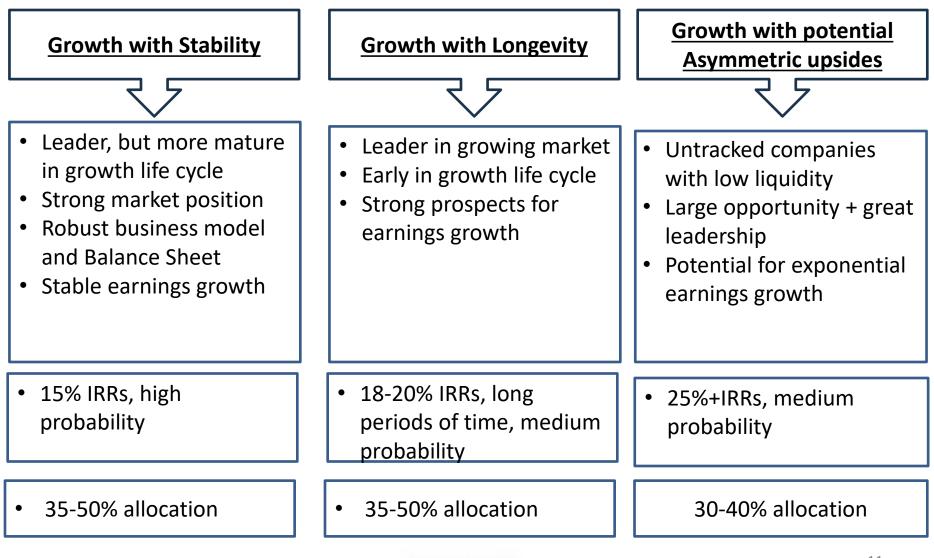
#### **PORTFOLIO CONSTRUCTION STRATEGY**



#### PATIENCE



# **STABILITY+ LONGEVITY + ASSYMETRIC UPSIDE + PATIENCE (1)**



#### **PERFORMANCE HISTORY**

Aggregate across all partner accounts						
Performance (in TWRR)	1 Year	2 Year	3 Year	5 Year	Since Inception^	
SOLIDARITY- PRUDENCE	21.1%	14.9%	8.5%	19.5%	18.1%	
BSE500TRI	27.0%	20.0%	16.9%	19.6%	16.9%	
Data as of 30 Nov 2024						
^ From 11 MAY 2016 -Start date of scheme						
Solidarity performance is net of all fees & expenses						
Performance data provided in the above table is not verified by SEBI						

Aggregate across all partner accounts					
Performance (in TWRR)	1 Year	2 Year	3 Year	5 Year	Since Inception^
SOLIDARITY- EMERGING LEADERS	25.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	21.8%
BSE500TRI	27.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	30.7%
Data as of 30 Nov 2024					
^ From 26 APR 2023 -Start date of scheme					
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#### PROCESS HAS WORKED LONG TERM Anchor partner

Period	Solidarity Anchor client performance %	BSE500TRI performance %	Alpha % over BSE500TRI			
FY15*	67.2%	34.1%	33.1%			
FY16	0.8%	-6.4%	7.2%			
FY17	20.0%	25.5%	-5.6%			
FY18	17.1%	13.2%	3.9%			
FY19	6.3%	9.7%	-3.4%			
FY20	-15.7%	-26.5%	10.7%			
FY21	96.5%	78.6%	17.9%			
FY22	27.6%	22.3%	5.3%			
FY23	-8.6%	-0.9%	-7.7%			
FY24	22.2%	40.2%	-18.0%			
FY25 YTD	18.9%	12.5%	6.4%			
Last 5 years	19.8%	19.6%	0.3%			
Since Inception	20.3%	16.2%	4.0%			
* From 2 May 2014- Start date of Anchor client						
Data as of 30 Nov 2024						
Return is in TWRR, net of all fees & expenses						
Performance da	ta provided in the ab	ove table is not ve	rified by SEBI			

We do well during times of tough market conditions e.g. FY 20, Covid.

Performance is mean reverting. Strong performance followed by underperformance... as is expected in a low churn approach.

Performance impacted in FY23 due to some errors



# ARE WE RIGHT FOR YOU ?

Definition of success: 1.5% Alpha over BSE 500 TRI over 5 years. <u>We expect to lag</u> markets in a raging bull market. We will not compromise on governance to chase <u>higher returns</u>.

We think very long term – you must be willing to think 5 years at a minimum.

We will embrace some illiquidity. If you choose to withdraw prematurely, exit may be at discounted prices.

Minimum 2.5 Cr investment size per family.

A PMS has "time value of money" tax disadvantages over a MF. It has advantages of smaller size, customization, less stress during times of market turmoil.

#### We are right for you if you are looking for consistent, stable returns over <u>long</u> <u>periods of time</u>

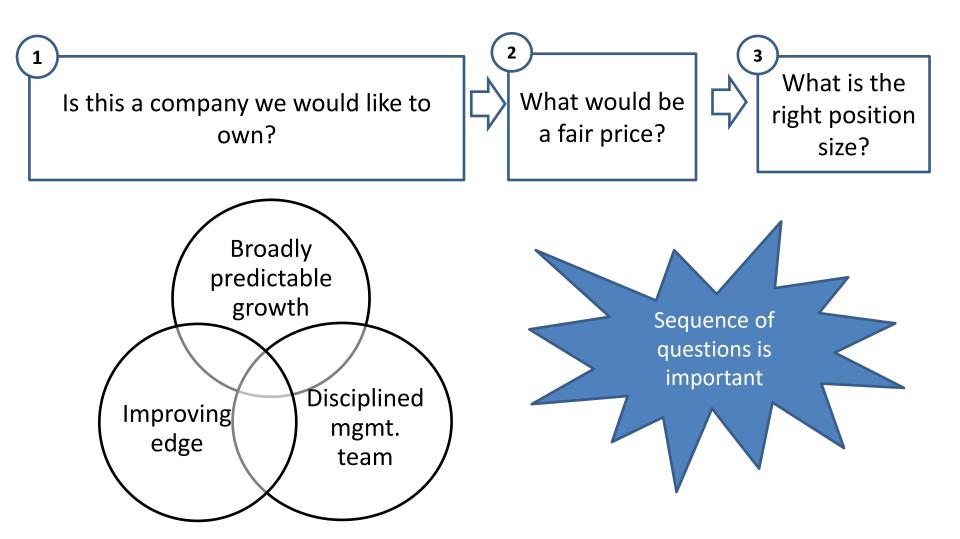


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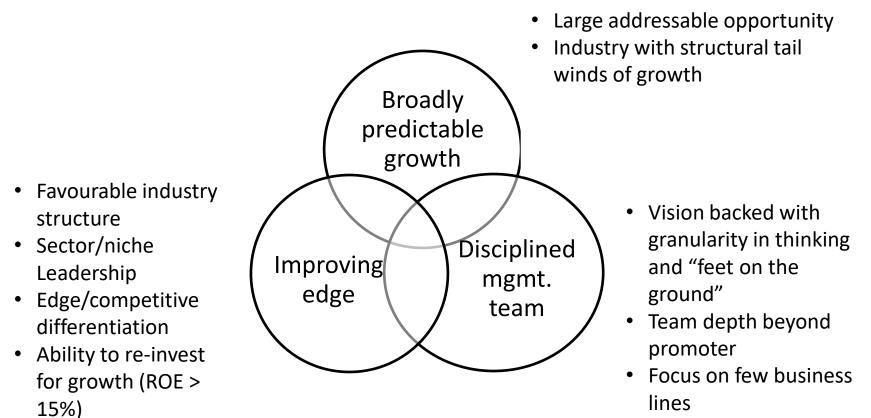


#### **OUR PROCESS (1)**





# IS THIS A COMPANY WE WOULD LIKE TO OWN ?



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- Disciplined on Capital Allocation
- Prudent use of leverage

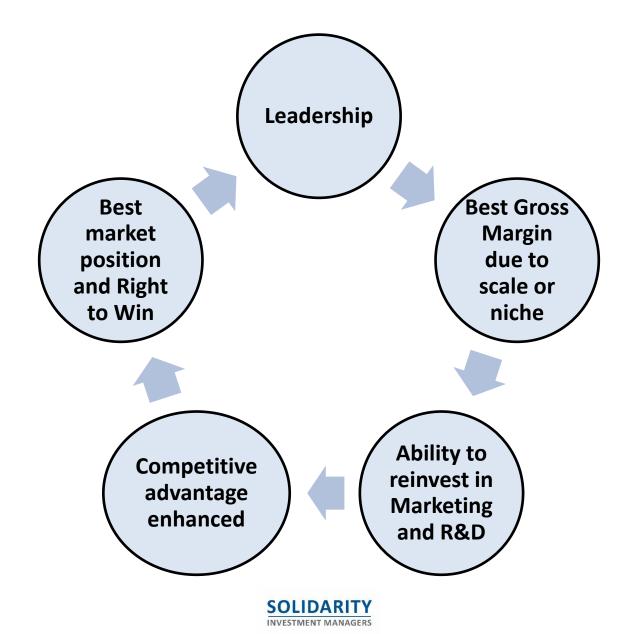


# COMPOUNDING REQUIRES A LARGE AND GROWING OPPORTUNITY

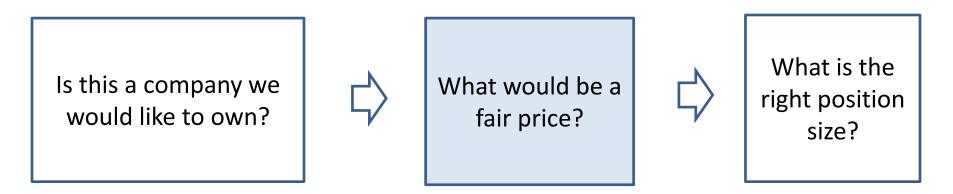
	Secular Themes of interest to us
1	Opportunity to gain market share in global supply chains: Manufacturing/Services
2	Pvt Sector Banks who will gain market share
3	Life Insurance: trusted brands, strong distribution
4	General Insurance with preference for adoption of Health Insurance
5	Digital Business Models and enablers of Digital
6	Mitigation of inequality
7	Discretionary consumption – "Affordable luxury"
8	Financialisation of Savings
9	Formalization of the economy
10	Thrust on Clean Energy



#### WE PREFER SECTOR LEADERS OR COS THAT DOMINATE A NICHE



# OUR PROCESS (2)



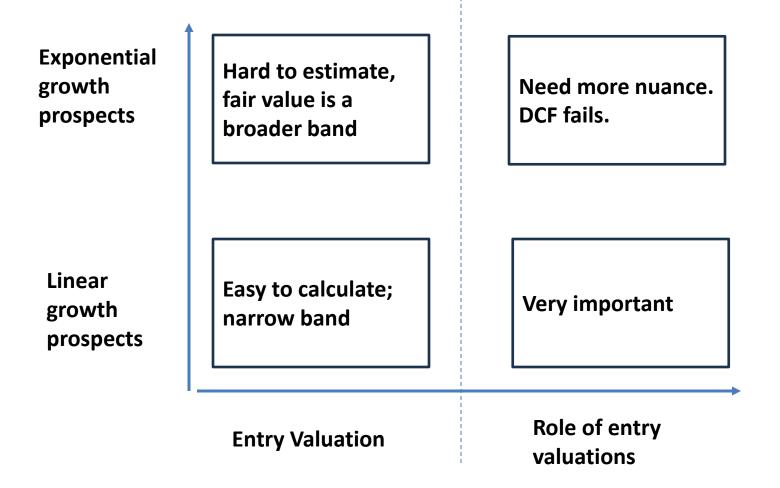
Valuation is both art and science. We believe in being broadly correct, rather than aim for precision

Tools used

- Qualitative: where are in the growth life cycle, Optionality/longevity in business model, behavioural cycle?
- Quantitative: DCF– Cost of Capital, Growth, ROE, longevity
- Wisdom of crowds

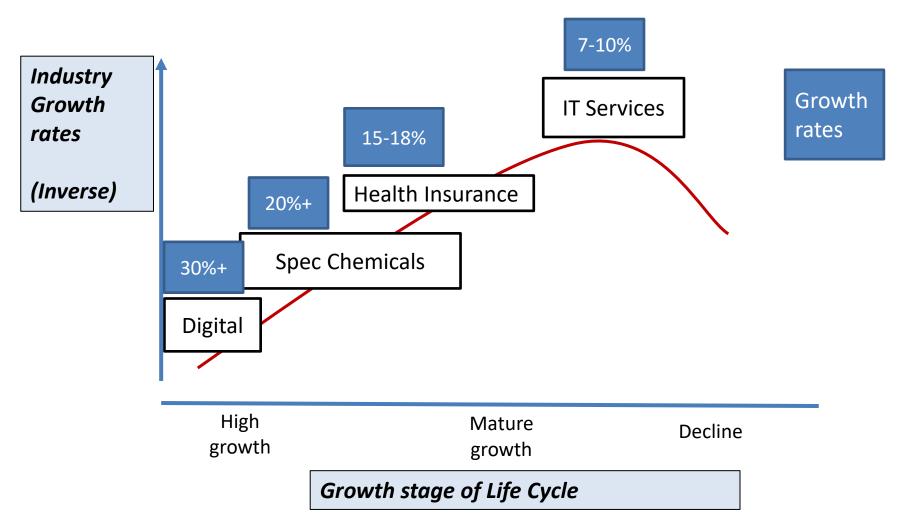


#### FAIR VALUE IS VERY CONTEXTUAL



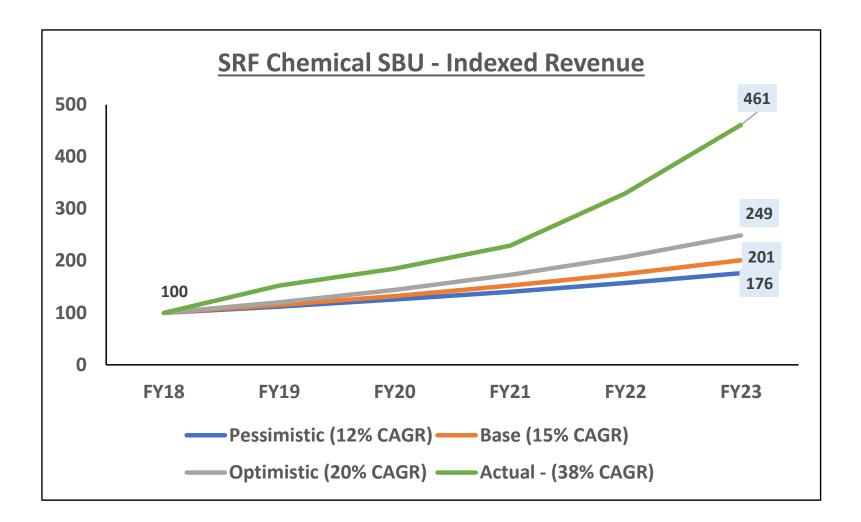


# VALUATIONS VERY SENSITIVE TO WHERE IS THE SECTOR IN THE GROWTH LIFE CYCLE?





#### EXPONENTIAL GROWTH PROSPECTS NEED MORE LEE WAY IN VALUATION BANDS





# **OUR PROCESS (3)**

Is this a company we would like to own?

What would be a fair price?

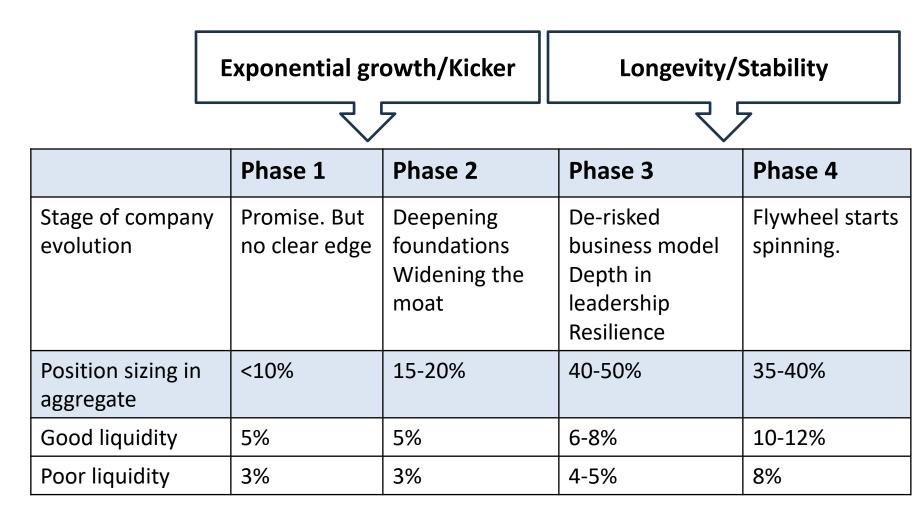


What is the right position size?

- What bucket?
  - Clear Leader
  - Emerging Leader
  - Special Situations
- Liquidity
- Initial position size
- When to add

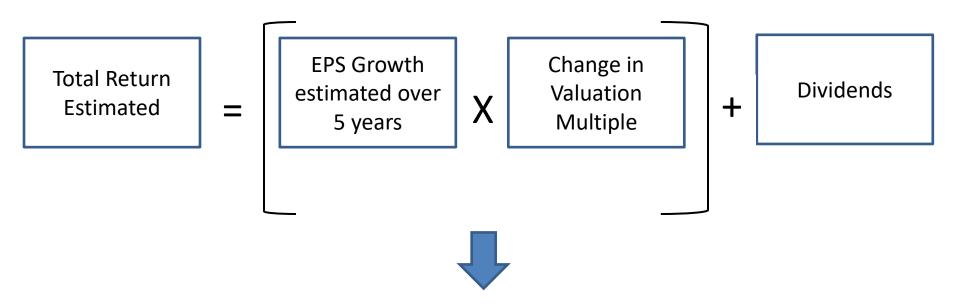


## POSITION SIZING: WHERE IS THE COMPANY ON ITS EVOLUTION ?





# PORTFOLIO CONSTRUCTION: EXECUTING THE IDEA



Can we see, with reasonable confidence, a path to our desired return over 5 years?

What is the variance perception we have over the market? What do we see that the market does not? What are we willing to do that the market is not?



## **RISK MANAGEMENT**

#### **Buying Right**

- Don't invest in what we don't understand
- Avoid complexity and poor governance
- Use check lists
- Position sizing Increase size of bet with conviction and liquidity

#### **Constant Vigil**

- Track progress of Financial and Operating variables
- Track capital allocation decisions of surplus cash flow
- Track valuations

#### Selling Right

- When facts change that requires us to change our views
- When we encounter evidence that our analysis is wrong
- Exit/trim during euphoria Bull case IRR falls below NIFTY returns estimate
- Ability to re-allocate capital to a significantly better opportunity

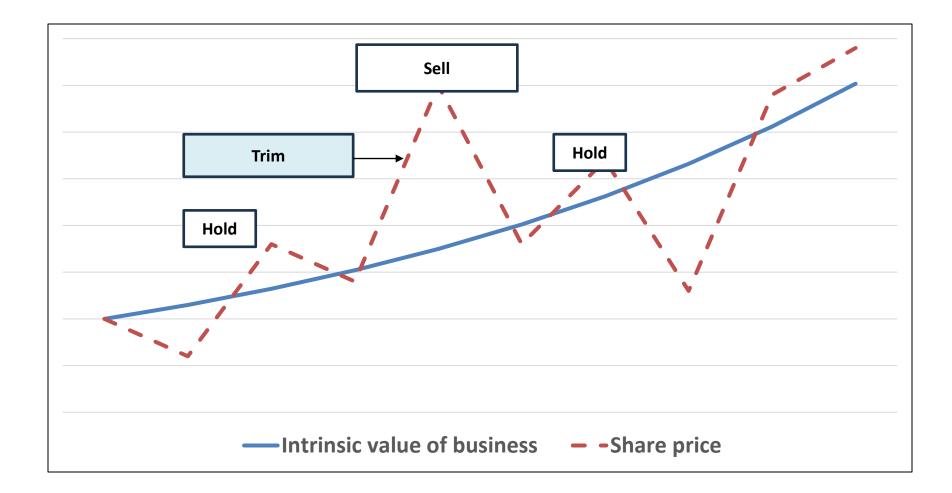


## **RISK MANAGEMENT: INVESTMENT CHECK LIST**

GROWTH	<ul> <li>Large and growing opportunity + Benefitting from secular tailwinds</li> <li>No threat from disruption</li> </ul>				
EDGE	<ul> <li>Favourable industry structure and eco system</li> <li>Right to win. Leadership or domination of a niche. Relative market share</li> <li>Scarcity, permanence, dependability</li> <li>Reflected in high ROCE</li> <li>High OCF generation – Capital light or can self finance growth</li> </ul>				
MANAGEMENT	<ul> <li>Long term orientation on a focused business definition</li> <li>Capital allocation discipline. Balance sheet discipline</li> <li>Past governance record + Direction of travel</li> </ul>				
VALUATION	<ul> <li>Growth + Exit multiple = targeted IRRs. Time to close gap</li> <li>Longevity of growth; durability of franchise, predictability of growth</li> </ul>				
RISK MGMT.	<ul> <li>Understand sources of fragility</li> <li>Invest in what we understand + Position sizing</li> </ul>				
EXIT STRATEGY	Hold through corrections, Exit during euphoria				
Desk research	Field visitsMentorship from domain expertsManagement meetings				

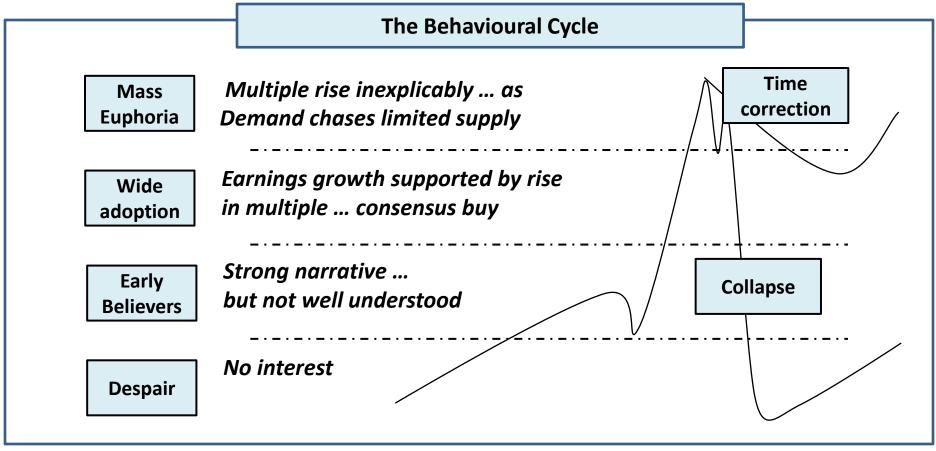


#### WE TOLERATE SLIGHT OVERVALUATION FOR OUR COMPOUNDERS





#### ENTRY AND EXIT DECISIONS MUST LOOK AT WHERE COMPANIES ARE IN THE BEHAVIOURAL CYCLE



A disciplined approach could underperform in short term if one does not participate in euphoria



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#### **FEE OPTIONS- PRUDENCE SCHEME**

Principal infused		2.5 to 5 Cr	5 to 10 Cr	10 to 25 Cr	25 to 50 Cr
Fixed	On NAV	2%	1.75%	1.5%	1.25%
Semi Variable	Fixed fee on NAV	1%	1%	1%	1%
(profit	Hurdle rate pre tax	12%	12%	12%	12%
share drawn after 3 yrs.)	Profit share above hurdle rate	20%	17.5%	15%	12%
Variable	Fixed fee	0%	0%	0%	0%
(profit share	Hurdle rate pre-tax	8%	8%	8%	8%
drawn after 3 yrs.)	Profit share above hurdle rate	20%	20%	20%	17%
Brokerage/GS	ST at actuals. Additiona	l 2bps for Custor	dy & Fund accou	nting	



# WE HAVE TWO SCHEMES WITH SAME STRATEGY THAT DIFFER ON LIQUIDITY AND CONCENTRATION RISK

Market Cap (In crs)	Prudence (as of today)	Market Cap (In crs)	Emerging Leaders (new launch)
>100000	42%	>100000	
25000-100000	12%	25000-100000	
10000-25000	9%	10000-25000	
5000-10000	12%	5000-10000	20%
2500-5000	7%	2500-5000	
<2500	17%	<2500	80%
	100%		100%

Only for existing partners (closed at present for new inflows)



#### FEE OPTION- EMERGING LEADERS SCHEME

Principal inf	2 Cr & above				
Semi Variable	Fixed fee on NAV	1%			
(profit share	Hurdle rate pre tax	12.5%			
drawn after 3 yrs)	Profit share above hurdle rate	20%			
Unlike Prudence, exit loads apply.					
<b>U</b> .	T at actuals. Additional nd accounting	2bps for			



## **OUR PROMISE TO PARTNERS**

Prudent risk taking + Ruthless long-term thinking.

Controlled pace of Solidarity growth to not lose focus on existing clients and start deploying capital at any price.

100% CIO skin in the game – complete alignment of positions

Customized portfolios for prices at time we accept capital.

Transparency

- Detailed Q Letters
- Blogs on relevant topics
- Quarterly review calls (group)



## **OUR TEAM**

Member	Title	сv	Investing experience	Time with Solidarity
Manish Gupta	Founder and CIO	MBA IIM Ahmedabad BCG (7 years)	15+ years	9+ years
Manjeet Buaria	Partner	CA, CFA	10+ years	9+ years
Anirudh Shetty	Partner	CA, CFA	6+ years	8+ years
Naarah Pereira	Partner	ВВА, МСОМ	NA	9+ years
Don Thadeuse	СОО	MBA, ex Quantum Advisors	NA	< 1 yr
Aman Thadani	Analyst	CFA	4+ years	2+ years
Pratik Jain	Analyst	МВА	NA	2+ years
Dinesh Gianchandani	Manager - Operations	СА	NA	2+ years
Prachi Sawant	Office Manager	PGDFM, BCOM	NA	>4 years



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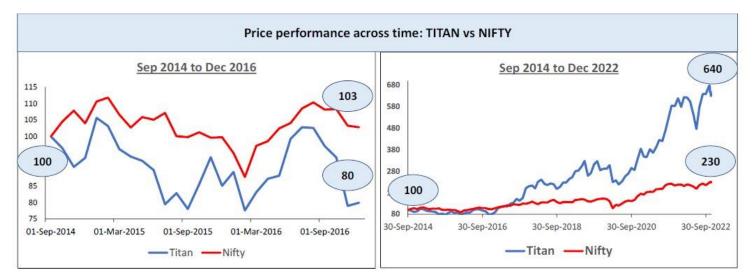
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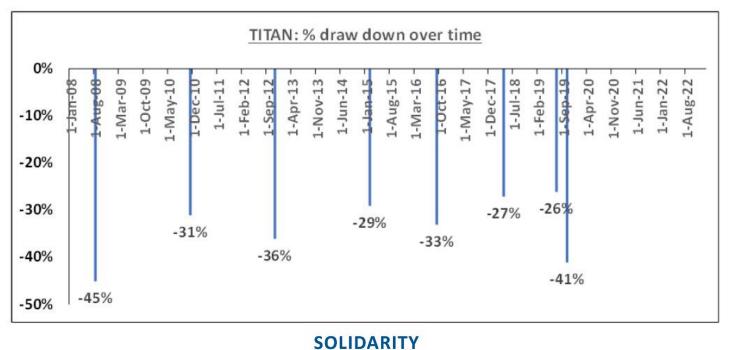
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	Initial		Closing			Initial		Closing
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3	100	11%	284		3	100	11%	284
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5	100	11%	284		5	100	11%	284
6	100	11%	284		6	100	15%	405
7	100	11%	284		7	100	15%	405
8	100	11%	284		8	100	15%	405
9	100	15%	405		9	100	30%	1379
10	100	30%	1379		10	100	30%	1379
	1000		4055			1000		4986
Compounding Time period (yrs) 10			ſ	Compounding Time period (yrs)			10	
XIRR			15.0%		XIRR			17.4%
Market			11.0%		Market			11.0%
Alpha			4.0%		Alpha			6.4%

The very few investments that deliver Asymmetric outcomes influence results



#### STABILITY+ LONGEVITY + ASSYMETRIC UPSIDE + PATIENCE (3)





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## **OUR APPROACH**

- <u>Quality:</u> Ensures survival. Ensures we don't manic during market dislocations. Better business 5 yrs out vs today.
- <u>Time</u>. *Think 5-10 years, not 1-3 years*
- <u>Concentration</u>. *15-20 best ideas*
- <u>Valuation</u>. *Price paid matters*. *However, for companies at inflection points, fair value is hard to determine*. *Don't be greedy for the first 3% weight*.
- <u>Conviction</u>. *Do not hug the Index*
- <u>Use size to advantage</u>. *Be willing to embrace some illiquidity*
- <u>Discipline</u>. Stay true to process when things not working. Trust in mean reversion.
- <u>Exit</u>: No foolish loyalty, but high bar for churn due to valuations. No ego if we are wrong.



## **CORE INVESTMENT PRINCIPLES**

- Buy "Quality": ~18%+ sustainable ROE, a promoter that thinks long term, willing to re-invest in growth, "win-win" mindset, prioritizes resilience over speed.
- We want to be in businesses that will be better in 5-10 years vs today: benefiting from secular growth, leaders of their industry/dominate niches, with an expanding moat/edge at a broadly fair entry price. This will result in a high probability of long-term uninterrupted earnings
- Our choices may differ considerably from the Index with implications for short-term performance.
- We will be willing to embrace some illiquidity in the portfolio to take advantage of our size and fish where larger firms cannot.
- We will not chase the wrong risks to boost returns irrespective of how attractive valuations are. We will always have 100% alignment in interests.
- High bar for churn, but no foolish consistency

