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ABOUT US

About us

- Boutique Equities firm
- ~1700 Cr AUM, ~200 families
- Private, independent ownership (CIO and close friends)
- Team incentivized as owners 25% of PBT shared

Desired outcome

- Seeking 15% IRRs post fees AND 1.5% Alpha over BSE500
 TRI every rolling 5 years under assumption of 11% nominal GDP growth (no guarantees)
- Never risk ruin despite promise of very high upside.



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 → Partners. Team. Shareholders.
- Culture that emphasizes radical candour and accepts mistakes. No hierarchy in the conference room.

THERE ARE MULTIPLE APPROACHES TO INVEST IN EQUITIES

Compounding "At the right price, stories at a fair price everything is "AAA". which we are willing to hold for long time horizons Long term is 1 yr

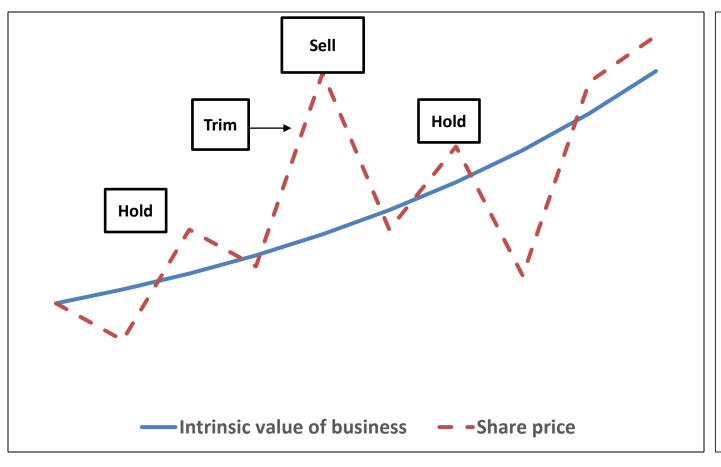
Long term is 5- 10

years

All choices have trade offs. Opportunism does not pay in long term



WE SEEK HIGH PROBABILITY EPS COMPOUNDING WITH LOW CHURN



Over the long term, stock prices are slaves to earnings.

Hence, we aim to buy resilient growth stories that can compound earnings for long periods of time, at a broadly fair entry price



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

Aligns with Edge and Purpose

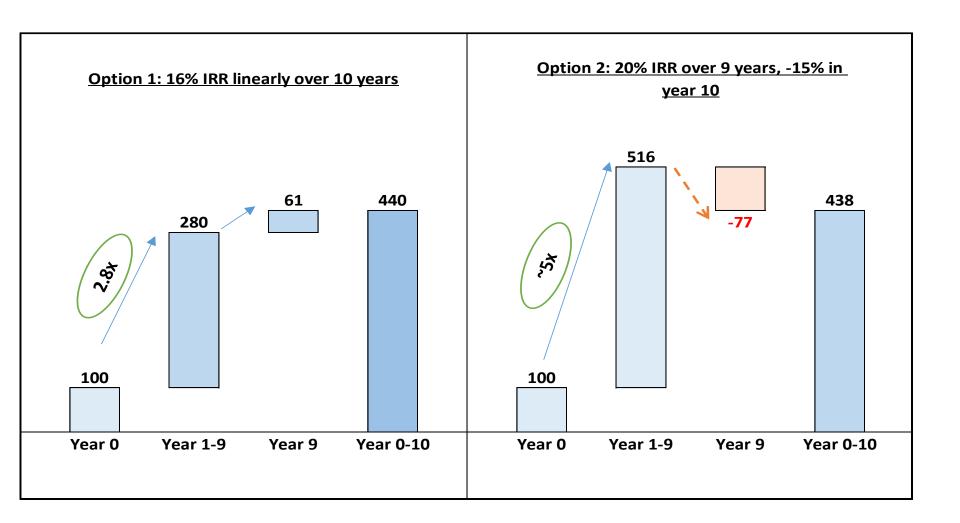
Low friction costs

Scalable: 1000 Cr vs 10 Cr

What we can stick with during tough time periods

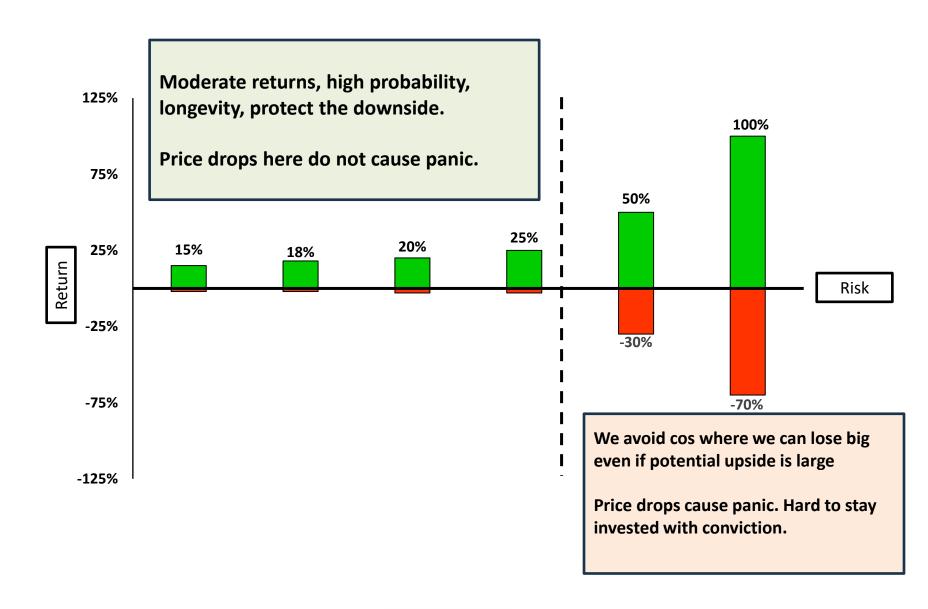


RESILIENCE OVER SPEED PAYS OFF IN THE LONG TERM





WE WILL NEVER RISK RUIN FOR PROMISE OF HIGH RETURNS





OUR APPROACH

- Quality: 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
- Concentration. 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
- Use size to advantage. 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.



PORTFOLIO CONSTRUCTION STRATEGY

GROWTH WITH STABILITY

GROWTH WITH LONGEVITY

GROWTH WITH POSSIBILITY OF ASSYMETRIC OUTCOMES

PATIENCE



STABILITY+ LONGEVITY + ASSYMETRIC UPSIDE + PATIENCE (1)

Growth with Stability



- Leader, but more mature in growth life cycle
- Strong market position
- Robust business model and Balance Sheet
- Stable earnings growth

- 15% IRRs, high probability
- 35-50% allocation

Growth with Longevity



- Leader in growing market
- Early in growth life cycle
- Strong prospects for earnings growth

Growth with potential Asymmetric upsides



- Untracked companies with low liquidity
- Large opportunity + great leadership
- Potential for exponential earnings growth

- 18-20% IRRs, long periods of time, medium probability
- 35-50% allocation

probability

25%+IRRs, medium

30-40% allocation



PROCESS HAS WORKED LONG TERM Anchor partner

Period	Solidarity Anchor client performance %	S&P BSE 500 TRI performance %	Alpha % over S&P BSE 500 TRI	
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	Y19 6.3%		-3.4%	
FY20	-15.7%	-26.5%	10.7%	
FY21	Y21 96.5%		17.9%	
FY22	FY22 27.6%		5.3%	
FY23	-8.6%	-0.9%	-7.7%	
FY24	22.2%	40.2%	-18.0%	
FY25 YTD 20.7%		10.8% 9.9%		
Last 5 years	Last 5 years 20.0%		1.0%	
Since Inception	20.3%	15.9%	4.3%	

^{*} From 2 May 2014- Start date of Anchor client. Client was our 1st advisory client & was later onboarded as a PMS client once we obtained our PMS license.

Data as of 31 Dec 2024

Solidarity performance is net of all fees & expenses

Performance data provided in the above table is not verified 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



PERFORMANCE HISTORY

Aggregate across all partner accounts					
Performance (in TWRR) 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 5 Year Since Inception^					
SOLIDARITY- PRUDENCE	21.4%	17.7%	8.4%	19.6%	18.0%
S&P BSE 500 TRI	15.8%	21.0%	15.4%	19.1%	16.5%

Data as of 31 Dec 2024

^ From 11 MAY 2016 -Start date of scheme

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Aggregate across all partner accounts					
Performance (in TWRR) 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 5 Year Since Inception^					Since Inception^
SOLIDARITY- EMERGING LEADERS	30.6%	NA	NA	NA	22.7%
S&P BSE 500 TRI	15.8%	NA	NA	NA	27.8%

Data as of 31 Dec 2024

^ From 26 APR 2023 -Start date of scheme

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ARE WE RIGHT FOR YOU?

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

You must be willing to think 5 years at a minimum.

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

Minimum 2.5 Cr investment corpus per family.

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

We aim for consistent, stable returns over long periods of time, rather than the fastest returns short term



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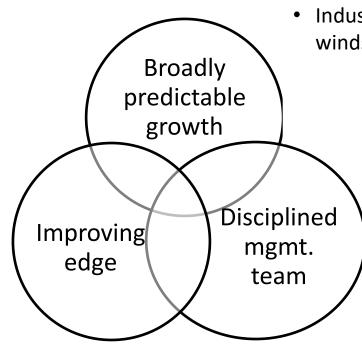
OUR PROCESS (1)

What is the Is this a company we would like to What would be right position a fair price? own? size? Broadly predictable growth Sequence of questions is important Disciplined **Improving** mgmt. edge team



IS THIS A COMPANY WE WOULD LIKE TO OWN?

- Favourable industry structure
- Sector/niche Leadership
- Edge/competitive differentiation
- Ability to re-invest for growth (ROE > 15%)



- Large addressable opportunity
- Industry with structural tail winds of growth

- Vision backed with granularity in thinking and "feet on the ground"
- Team depth beyond promoter
- Focus on few business lines
- Disciplined on Capital Allocation
- Prudent use of leverage

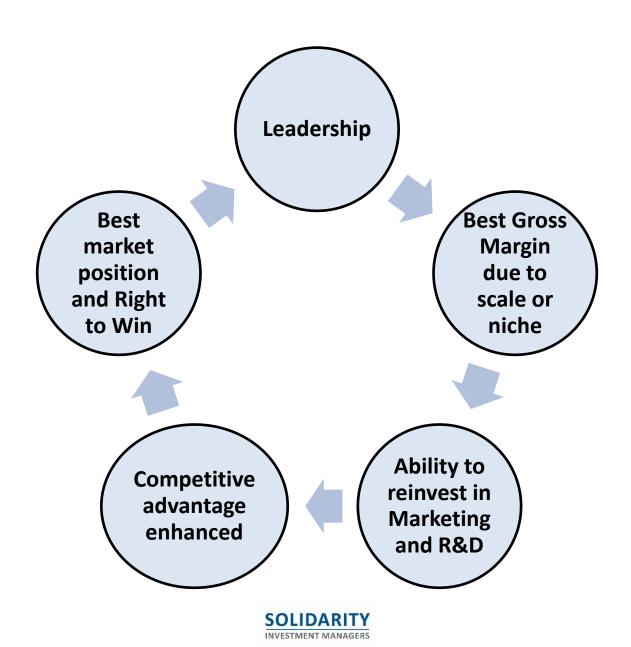


COMPOUNDING REQUIRES A LARGE AND GROWING OPPORTUNITY

	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)

Is this a company we would like to own?



What would be a fair price?



What is the right position size?

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

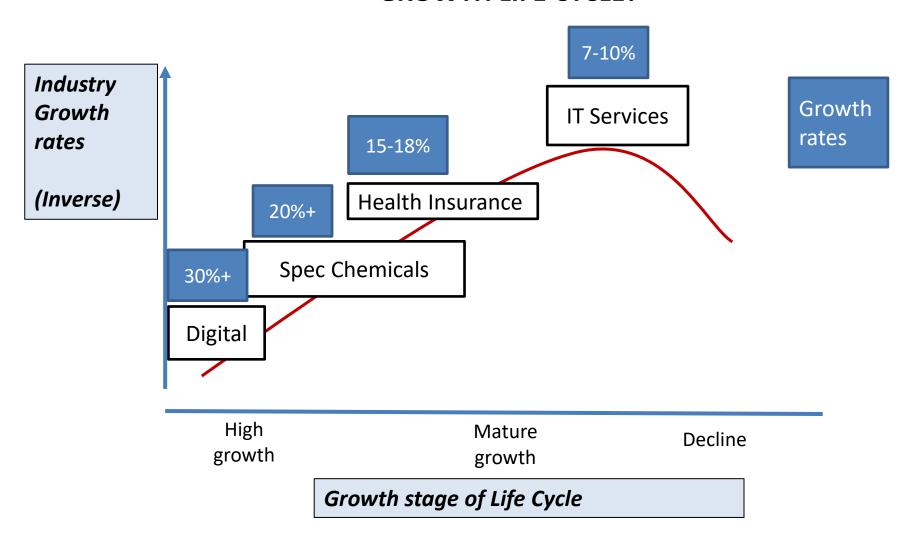


FAIR VALUE IS VERY CONTEXTUAL

Exponential Hard to estimate, growth Need more nuance. fair value is a DCF fails. prospects broader band Linear Easy to calculate; **Very important** growth narrow band prospects **Role of entry Entry Valuation** valuations

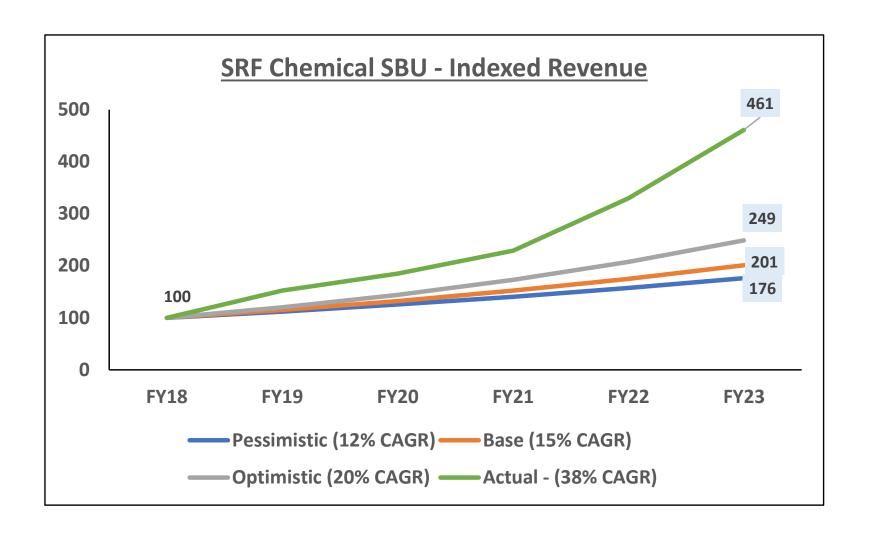


VALUATIONS VERY SENSITIVE TO WHERE IS THE SECTOR IN THE GROWTH LIFE CYCLE?





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



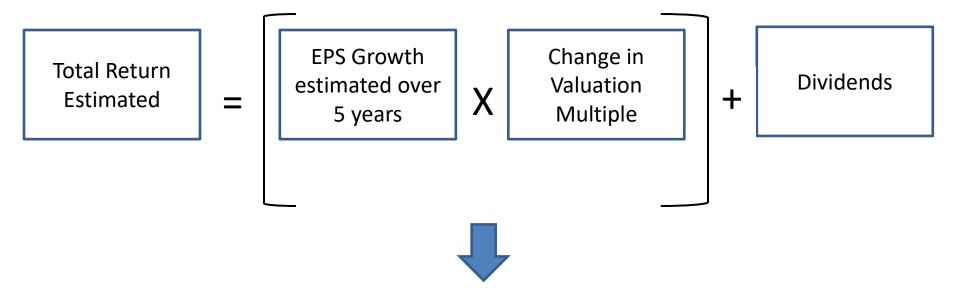
POSITION SIZING: WHERE IS THE COMPANY ON ITS EVOLUTION?



	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4
Stage of company evolution	Promise. But no clear edge	Deepening foundations Widening the moat	De-risked business model Depth in leadership Resilience	Flywheel starts spinning.
Position sizing in aggregate	<10%	15-20%	40-50%	35-40%
Good liquidity	5%	5%	6-8%	10-12%
Poor liquidity	3%	3%	4-5%	8%



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

- Large and growing opportunity + Benefitting from secular tailwinds
- No threat from disruption

EDGE

- Favourable industry structure and eco system
- Right to win. Leadership or domination of a niche. Relative market share
- Scarcity, permanence, dependability
- Reflected in high ROCE
- High OCF generation Capital light or can self finance growth

MANAGEMENT

- Long term orientation on a focused business definition
- Capital allocation discipline. Balance sheet discipline
- Past governance record + Direction of travel

VALUATION

- Growth + Exit multiple = targeted IRRs. Time to close gap
- Longevity of growth; durability of franchise, predictability of growth

RISK MGMT.

- Understand sources of fragility
- Invest in what we understand + Position sizing

EXIT STRATEGY

• Hold through corrections, Exit during euphoria

Desk research

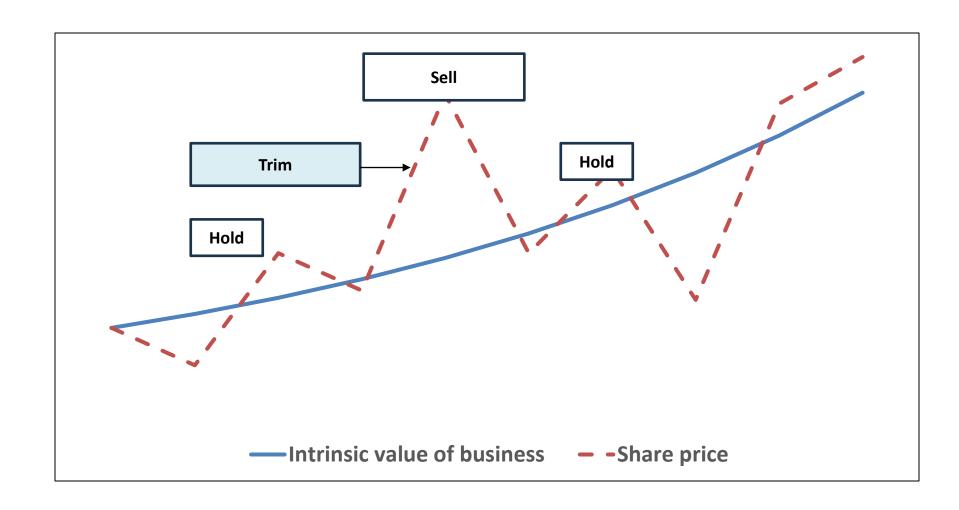
Field visits

Mentorship from domain experts

Management meetings

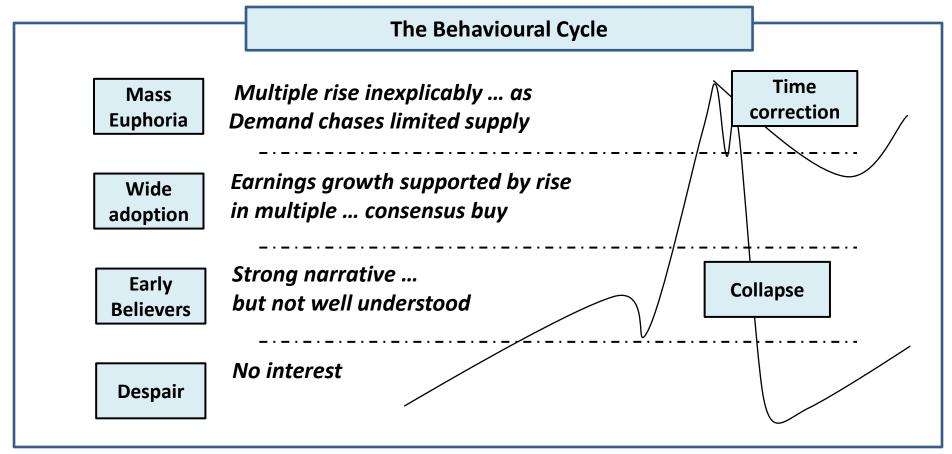


WE TOLERATE SLIGHT OVERVALUATION FOR OUR COMPOUNDERS





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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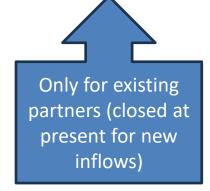
FEE OPTIONS- PRUDENCE SCHEME

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	Hurdle rate pre-tax	8%	8%	8%	8%
share drawn after 3 yrs.)	Profit share above hurdle rate	20%	20%	20%	17%
Brokerage/GST at actuals. Additional 2bps for Custody & Fund accounting					



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%





FEE OPTION- EMERGING LEADERS SCHEME

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



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	CV	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	BBA, MCOM	NA	9+ years
Don Thadeuse	COO	MBA, ex Quantum	NA	< 1 yr
Aman Thadani	Analyst	CFA	4+ years	2+ years
Pratik Jain	Analyst	МВА	NA	2+ years
Dinesh Gianchandani	Manager - Operations	CA	NA	> 1 year
Prachi Sawant	Office Manager	PGDFM, BCOM	NA	>4 years



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