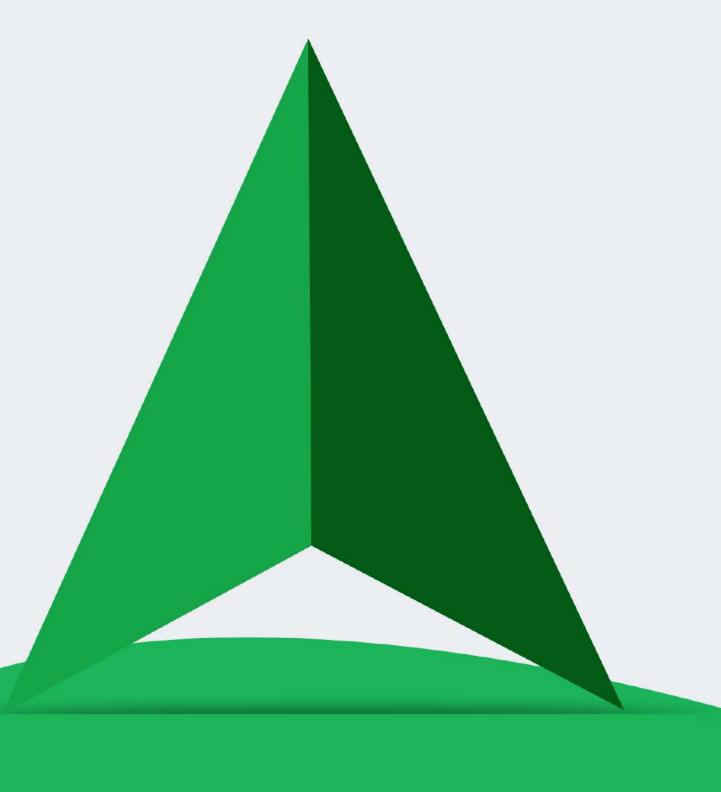


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# THE WORD EQUITAS ORIGINATES FROM THE LATIN WORD AEQUITAS

#### AEQUITAS

Aequitas is the Roman goddess of equity and fairness, often depicted holding a pair of scales. At times, she is shown also holding a cornucopia, which symbolises abundance and wealth. At Aequitas, we strive to conduct ourselves in a fair and equitable manner.



## WHO ARE WE?



A boutique investment fund specializing in smallcap equities



Firm AUM of ~INR 5000 Crs; (significantly outperforming markets since inception)



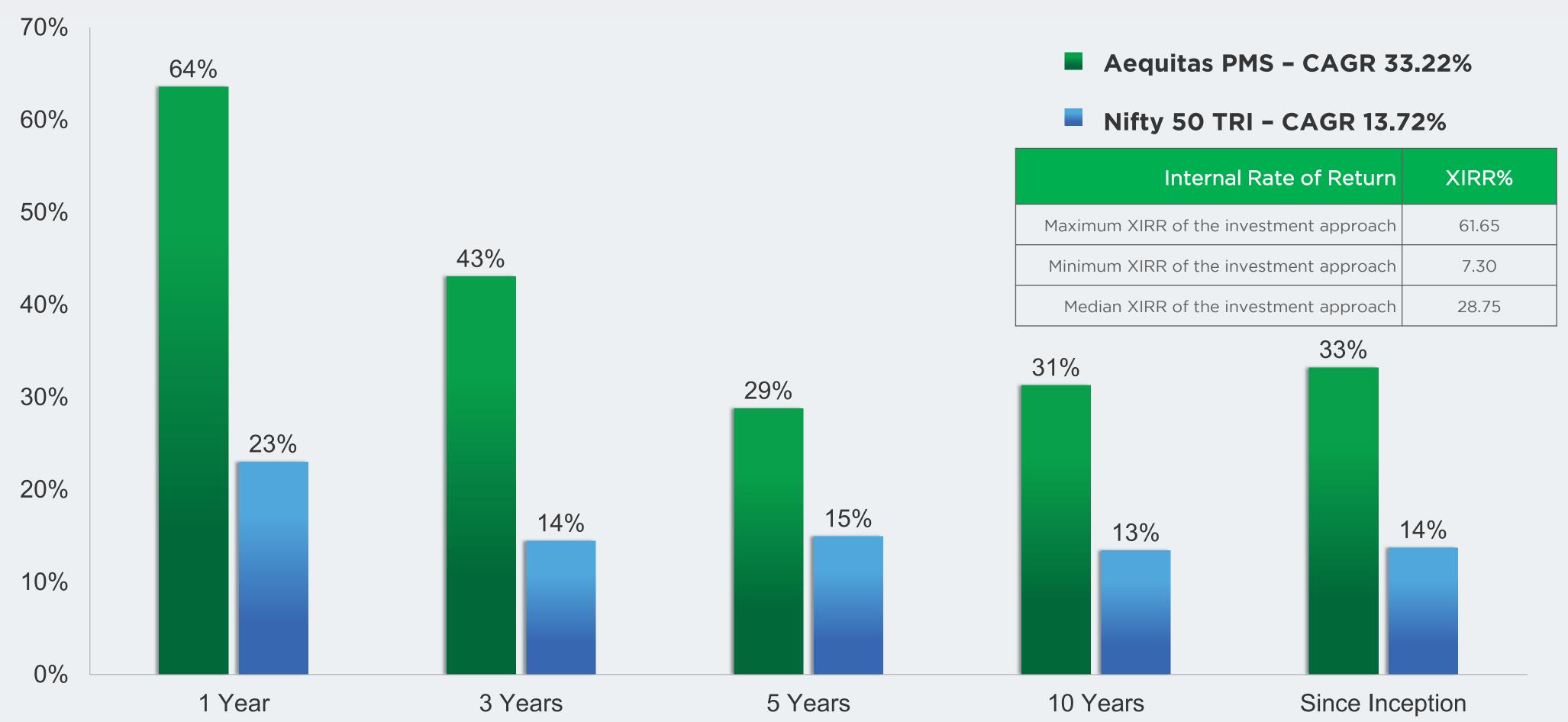
We work with UHNIs; select family offices and foreign institutions



Our Products: **Domestic** – PMS, AIF and FPI
Fund

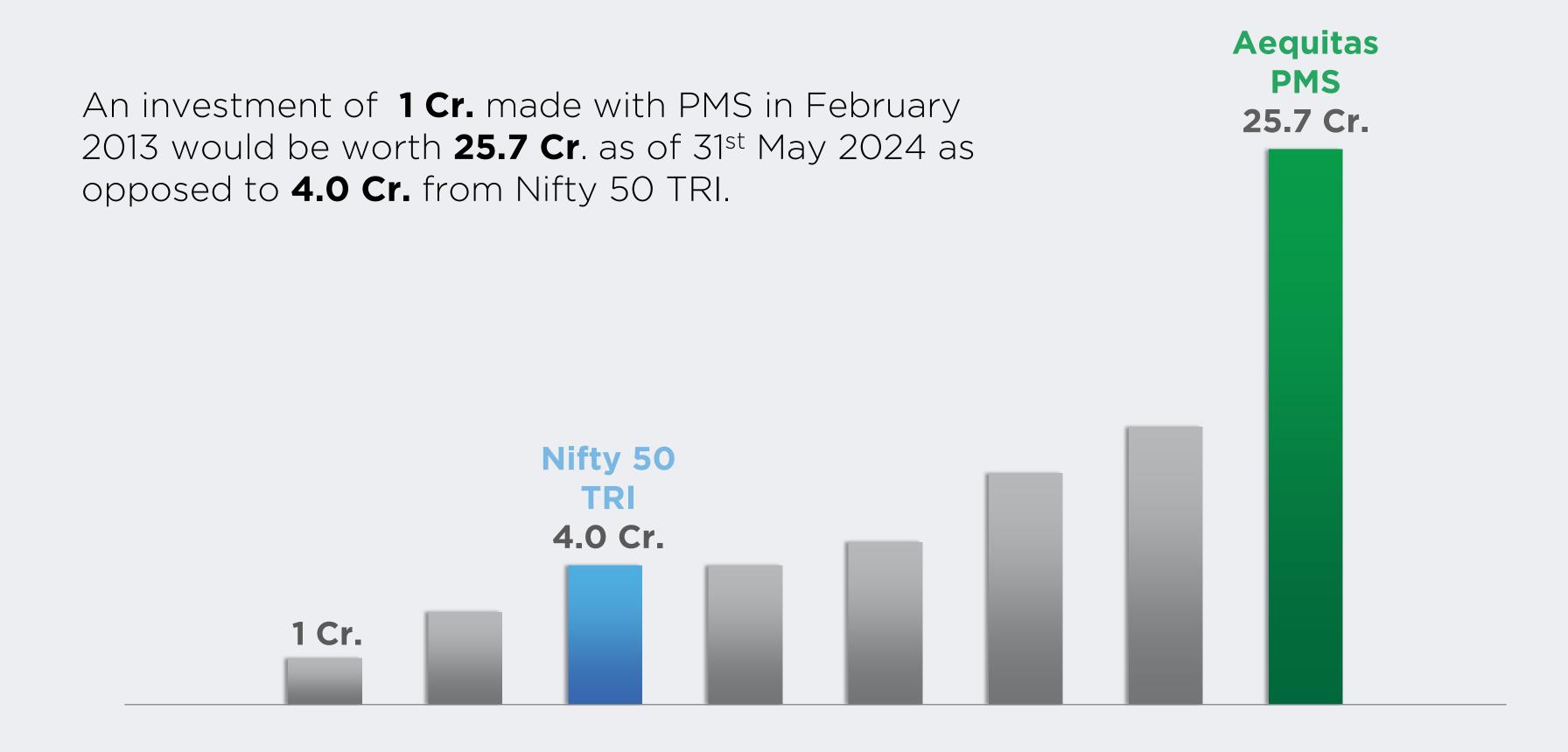
International – Far East Fund

## OUR PMS PERFORMANCE



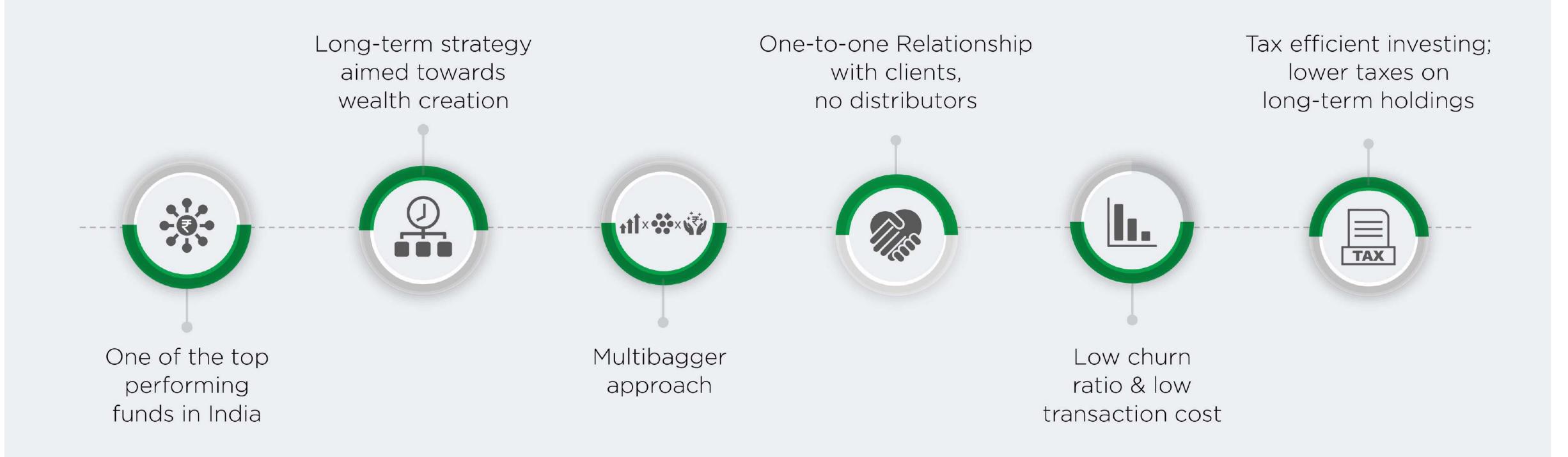
- Returns over 1 year period are on a compounded annual basis; returns are adjusted for inflows/outflows and are after expenses as of 31st May 2024
- Please note that the performance of an individual portfolio may vary from that of other investors and that generated by the Investment Approach across all investors because of The timing of inflows and outflows of funds
  - Differences in the portfolio composition because of restrictions and other constraints. Absolute XIRR return is computed for clients completing less than 1 year from the reporting date.
- Performance-related information provided herein is not verified by the regulator

## **OUR PMS PERFORMANCE**



The chart depicts Absolute Values over time since inception; returns are adjusted for inflows/outflows and are after expenses; 31st May 2024

## WHY CHOOSE AEQUITAS?



## WHAT SETS US APART?





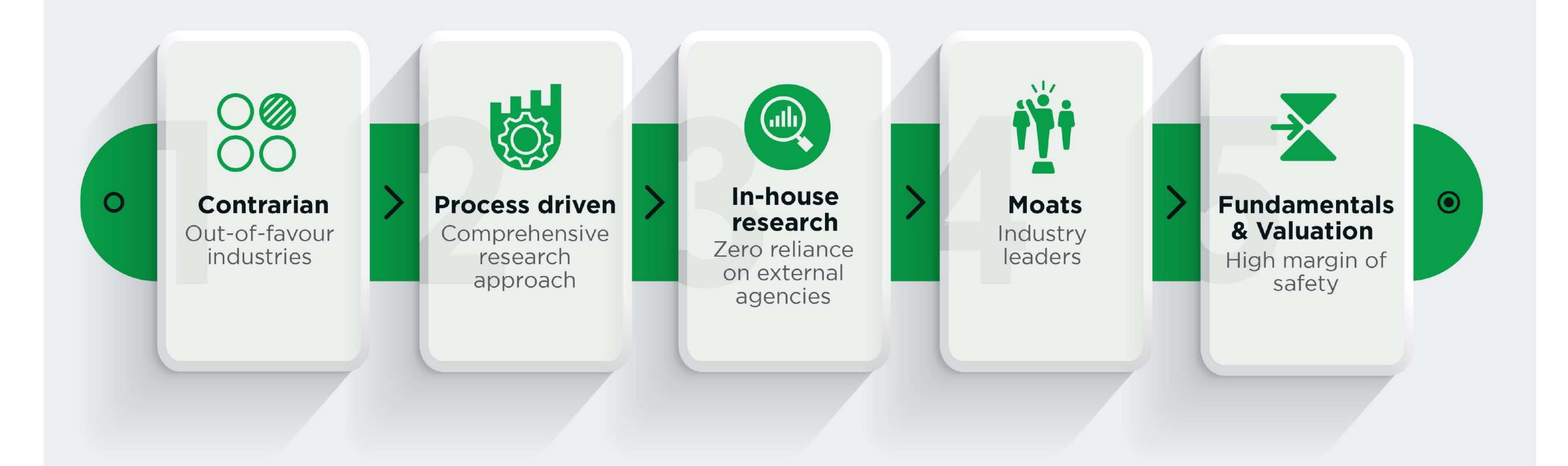






- Direct relationships with clients
- Bespoke portfolios, not off-the-rack model portfolios
- Based on a multibagger approach, we pursue a single investment strategy, which has consistently outperformed the markets

## **OUR FORTE**



## INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY



FOCUS AND PROFESSIONAL DISCIPLINE

MULTIBAGGER APPROACH

**PROCESS FLOW** 

PORTFOLIO CONSTRUCTION

WHY SMALL CAPS

**SELECTION CRITERION** 

**RISKS** 

## FOCUS AND PROFESSIONAL DISCIPLINE

#### **WE AVOID**

- Impulsive decisions
- Being influenced by financial news channels and platforms
- Acting on market movements
- Chasing winners or hot stocks
- Trading and short-term investments
- Derivatives

#### **RED FLAGS**

- Low promoter holdings
- Poor corporate governance
- High institutional ownership
- Leverage
- Fad / hot sectors
- Expensive valuations
- IPOs
- QIPs / Secondary equity sales

## MULTIBAGGER APPROACH



The company has to be a growth company with above-average growth potential for the next 3-5 years. Markets reward a higher PE multiple for growth companies.



Contrarian approach does not mean doing the opposite of others, rather, it means doing things differently. Buying in popular names will not provide multibagger returns.



The valuation has to be reasonable. This is important because there has to be potential for re-rating. A combination of EPS growth and PE re-rating leads to multibagger returns.

## PROCESS FLOW



#### **SCREENERS**

- Sales growth, PAT growth, capacity utilisation
- Valuation dislocation EV/Sales, PE ratio, EV/EBITDA
- Debt
- Dividend track record
- Promoter ownership
- Insider Buying
- Industry Leadership
- Credit rating
- Long term track record



#### **RESEARCH**

- Annual report
- Quarterly results
- Industry & company news
- Management interviews
- Third party research
- Management meetings
- Press releases
- Conference calls / Analyst meets



## PORTFOLIO CONSTRUCTION

- around 20 stocks
- Balance across sectors
- Catalyst for stock re-rating



ONGOING RESEARCH

## PORTFOLIO CONSTRUCTION

We invest in quality companies with a focus on small and Mid cap growth companies.

Most market participants focus on price; we focus on company fundamentals.

We aim to construct a portfolio of around 20 stocks across various sectors.

Invest with a 3-5 year horizon with a focus on low churn rate.

A value can remain a value for a long time. We actively look for catalysts that can lead to stock re-rating.

## Multibaggers Know No Size



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  Most Small Caps are junk
- Capitalization is stupid Matrix
- Large Companies + Small
  Mcap = Multibaggers

#### Large caps which have become small caps

Companies	Peak Price	Current Price	Erosion
RCom	792	2	-100%
Reliance Power	275	19	-93%
DLF	1194	529	-56%
Jet Airways	1324	68	-95%
Yes Bank	393	17	-96%
Suzlon	398	29	-93%
Unitech	521	2	-100%

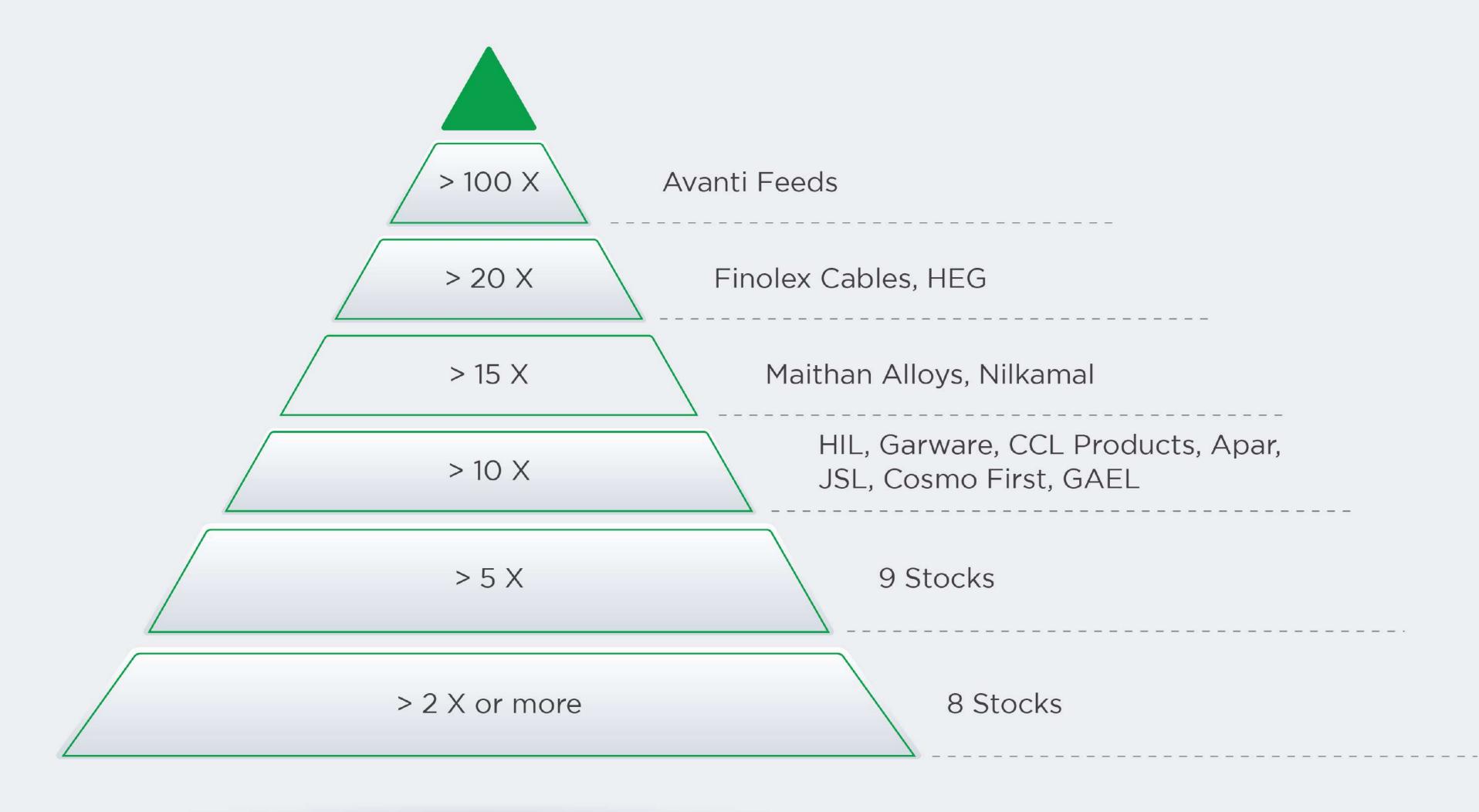
#### Small caps which have become Large caps

Companies	Price in 2002	Current Price	Multiple
Kotak	9	1742	202X
HDFC	37	1540	41X
ICICI	16	941	60X
Axis	9	1006	112X
Sun Pharma	13	1128	84X
IPCA	9	933	103X
Airtel	11	925	81X

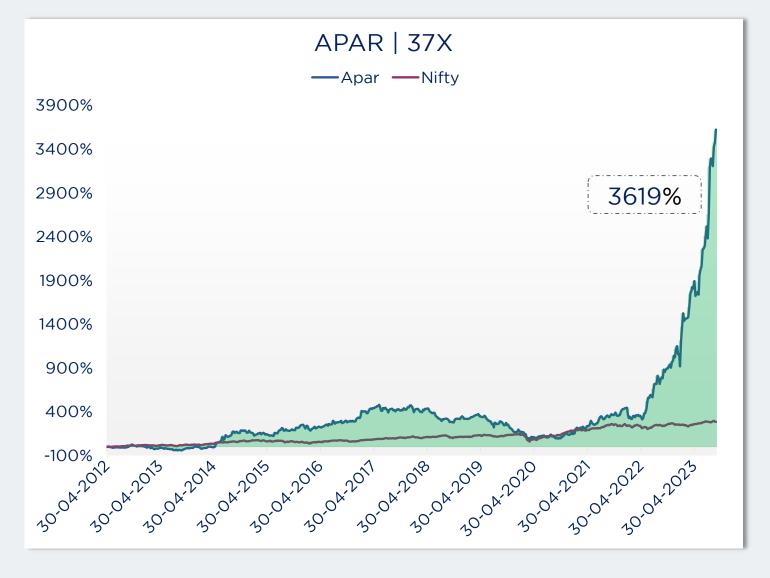
## SELECTION CRITERION

INDUSTRY LEADERS	Most of the companies in our portfolio are industry leaders with a strong sustainable competitive advantage
LOW DEBT	Companies need to have very low debt levels and some of the companies are in fact net cash positive
MANAGEMENT	A good dividend paying record, corporate governance practices & a sound long-term performance record is a must.
VALUATIONS	The portfolio PE ratio is lesser than market PE ratios (adjusted for cyclicality in earnings).
CREEPING ACQUISITION / BUYBACKS	Majority of our companies have done buy-back / creeping acquisition in the 12 months prior to our initial acquisition.
CASH FLOW	Our portfolio includes companies with strong and consistent cash flow generation.

## OUR MULTIBAGGER PICKS

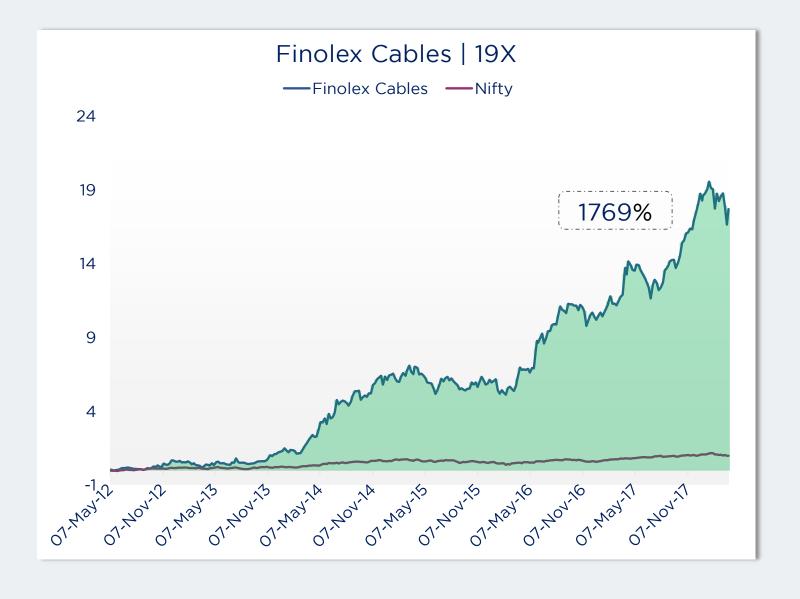


## **Case Studies**



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✓ Industry Leadership ✓

When did we buy?

323 Market Capitalization (In Cr) 493

Revenue (In Cr) 2064

Price to Earnings Ratio 5.0

Price to Sales 0.2

## **Case Studies**





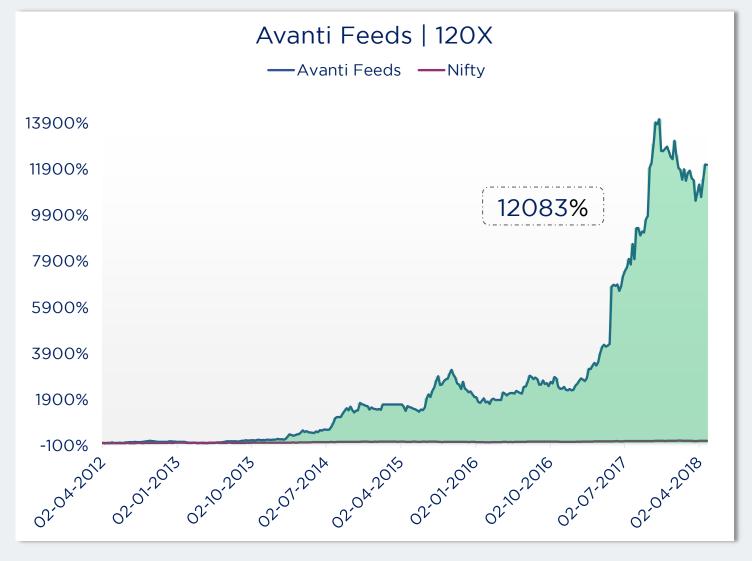
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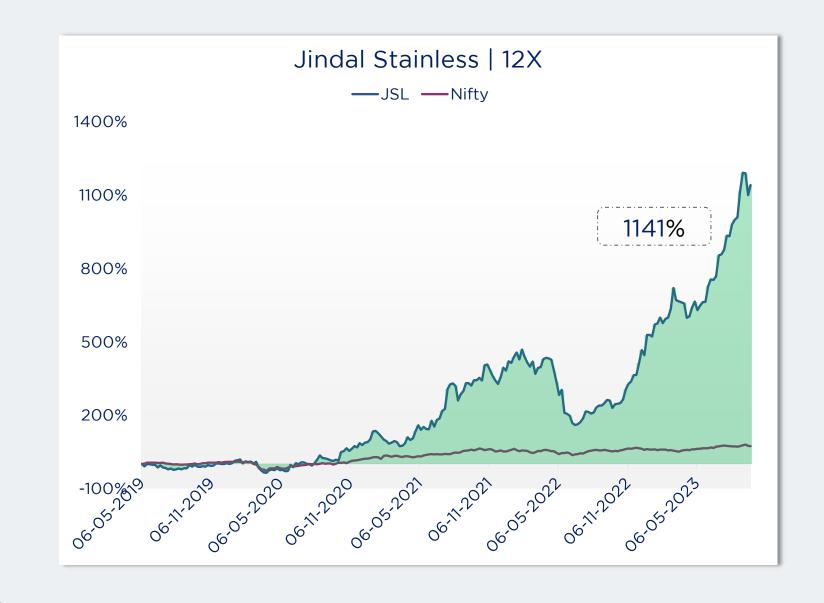
Industry Leadership



888	Market Capitalization (In Cr)	589
1417	Revenue (In Cr)	1044
15.6	Price to Earnings Ratio	NA
0.6	Price to Sales	0.6

## **Case Studies**





<b>✓</b>	Industry Leadership	
	When did we buy?	
96	Market Capitalization (In Cr)	1901
383	Revenue (In Cr)	13557
3.4	Price to Earnings Ratio	13.1
0.2	Price to Sales	0.1

## RISK

Risk is not a number, rather, it is a concept or notion. Risk equates to what Ben Graham called a "permanent loss of capital".



Risk of buying stocks dear without adequate margin of safety. Reasonable valuation is the corner stone of all our investment decisions.



Risk that current earnings could decline due to technological changes, economic changes or deterioration in management.



The risk of an overleveraged balance sheet which is ignored during good times in favour of the cyclic high and unsustainable earnings.

## KEY PERSONNEL



SIDDHARTHA BHAIYA

Managing Director & Fund Manager

- Founded Aequitas in 2012
- A qualified Chartered Accountant
- Has consistently outperformed the markets.
- Delivered industry-beating CAGR returns
- Headed PMS division at Reliance Mutual Fund
- Expert at finding multibaggers with his contrarian approach



**NEERAV SHAH**Director - Operations

- Co-Founder at Aequitas
- 18+ year's experience in market operations
- A qualified Chartered Accountant
- Previously with Reliance Capital Asset
   Management and Birla Sun Life
- Handled operations, funds accounting and dealing functions



PRITHIPAL SINGH
Director and Head (Business Development)

- Amongst the renowned in the Mutual Fund industry
- 15+ years of experience in the finance sector
- Has led Marketing & Sales teams at leading firms
- Disciplined personality, Military school background

#### **RESEARCH TEAM**



PRATIKSHA DAFTARI
Co - Fund Manager

With an experience of 9.5 years, Pratiksha Daftari specialises in the analysis of investee companies including industry trends, finding new investment opportunities, understanding of macro-economic scenario and its bearing on markets at large. A qualified Chartered Accountant, her MBA qualification from Indian School of Business, combined with her proactive thought process, patience and passion elevates the quality of her work as an Assistant Vice President of Research at Aequitas.



SUBHAM AGARWAL
Co - Fund Manager

After a successful kickstart to career post Chartered Accountancy course as an Investment Banker, Subham Agarwal wanted to pursue his career in Equity Investment in listed space. Having worked at Edelweiss and Investec for over 4 years, he joined investment team of Aequitas with deep understanding of varied sectors and valuations. With his entrepreneurial stint as Founder of Prep CA, he is valued in the team for his fresh and rounded perspective about business challenges and processes.



NISHITH SHAH
Co - Fund Manager

After working at MultiAct for a year, along with 2 years of running his own business, Nishith decided to follow his inspiration, Warren Buffet and take a plunge into the industry by joining Aequitas as a Research Analyst. He overlooks portfolio of companies and works at identifying new opportunities in his current role. He brings more than 9 years of experience of investing into equities and is driven by the process of finding Multibagger opportunities. His hobbies include playing cricket, swimming and reading.

#### **RESEARCH TEAM**



RIYA MEHTA Research Analyst

A Chartered Accountant by profession, who is also a chartered holder under CFA (USA) and has mastered Actuarial Science (3 levels) at the age of 25 years. Riya Mehta is an experienced Research Analyst on our team. Having worked at institutions like Anand Rathi and IIFL Securities in the past, she is well-versed with macro and company specific research when it comes to building an investment thesis. Hardworking and persistent, she loves to travel, dance, and dabble in Mandala art in the after-hours.



NIHARIKA JAIN Research Analyst

With 8+ years of experience at a big-4 audit firm and large listed manufacturing company, Niharika Jain is a Fellow Chartered Accountant & has cleared all 3 levels CFA (US). She is skilled at in-depth sector and company research and her strengths include quick adaptability, diversified experience, micro-analytical skills, and data crunching. Being inspired by her father at a young age, she loves to paint, read, and travel to new destinations on her days off.

## BEST-IN-CLASS PRACTICES

## WORKING WITH LEADING SERVICE PROVIDERS TO ENSURE THE BEST-IN-CLASS SERVICES TO CLIENTS



A SEBI registered portfolio management firm.



Tie-up with HDFC Bank for banking services.



Tie-up with top institutional brokers for broking services



Tie-up with Axis Bank for providing custodian and fund accounting services.

#### REPORTING

- Monthly Performance appraisal statement
- Regular Intervals Portfolio appraisal statement
- Audited statements at end of financial year

- Monthly transaction statement
- Monthly bank book

## INVESTMENT FEATURES AND FEE STRUCTURE

	PMS
MINIMUM INVESTMENTS	₹ 25 Crs. US \$3mn (NRIs)
SUITABLE TIME FRAME	3 - 5 years
MODE OF INFLOW	Cash or stock transfer
FEES	2% p.a. of daily average AUM charged monthly
PERFORMANCE SHARING	10% profit sharing with high-water marking charged annually at the end of the financial year

## CONTACT DETAILS



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