# UNDERSTANDING STOCK MARKETS

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## **Context & Disclaimer**

#### Context

- We all understand Stock Markets, or
- at least we think we understand Stock Markets, but
- we don't understand stock markets, and
- we won't understand Stock Markets
- However, People (read clients) think we understand Stock Markets

#### Disclaimer

- No specific stocks will be discussed or even commented upon.
- I head the Research and Advisory practice of a FinTech firm, which is a Corporate SEBI RIA. We offer an Equity Advisory Product. References have been made to our Investment philosophy and our performance to the extent necessary. There is no intention to market/ sell our service.

#### What is a Stock?

Stock, or Share, as we understand, is part ownership of a business.

It entitles us to Dividends, Voting Rights and protection of Limited Liability.

- It is akin to owning a partnership business
- We also understand it as Equity

## What is Stock Market?

- Primary Market for Shares
  - Market where a security is created.
  - Primary Objective is to provide Capital to Issuer
    - IPO, FPO, Private Placements
  - Is investing in an IPO a good idea?
- Secondary Market
  - Market where securities change hands
  - Primary Objective is to provide Liquidity to Investor
    - Market for Shares
    - Market for ETFs
    - Market for Derivatives
      - Stock Derivatives, Index Derivatives, Currency Derivatives
    - Market for Bonds
    - Commodity Markets

#### What do we want to do in the Stock Market?

- We want to make money / grow our wealth
- Investment vs Trading
- Investment is a cash outflow in anticipation of Expected Future Returns
  - Can be short term or Long Term
  - It is NOT necessary to Buy AND Sell shares. Just one leg is Ok.
- Trading is buying AND selling with the intention of making profit – selling price being higher than buying price
  - Hedging vs Speculation vs Arbitrage
  - Both Buy and Sell transactions need to be executed

## **Busting some Myths**

- Investment in Stock Markets is full of risk
- You can easily make a lot of money in stock markets
- Stock Market is a Gambler's Den
- You need lot of money to invest in Stock Markets.
- All I need is that one/few multi-bagger(s)
- Stock prices are manipulated. You never get the best price
- One needs "expert knowledge" to invest in stock markets
- One needs to spend a lot of time to invest in Stock markets

## Route to Investing in Stock Markets

#### Professional Help

- Mutual Funds
- Portfolio Management Services
- Portfolio Advisory Services

#### **Direct Equities**

- Research Reports
- Broker Recommendations
- TV Channels / Business Papers
- Tips/ Insider Information
- Own Research

## **Fundamental Analysis**

An effort to predict the future performance of the company by studying the environment in which it is operating and its ability to take advantage of the same.

Macro Economic Analysis – GDP, Money Supply, Interest rates, Exchange rates, Investment Environment, Taxation, etc

Industry Analysis – Industry specific Factors, Competitive Landscape, Entry and Exit Barriers, Bargaining power of Suppliers and Customers

Company Analysis

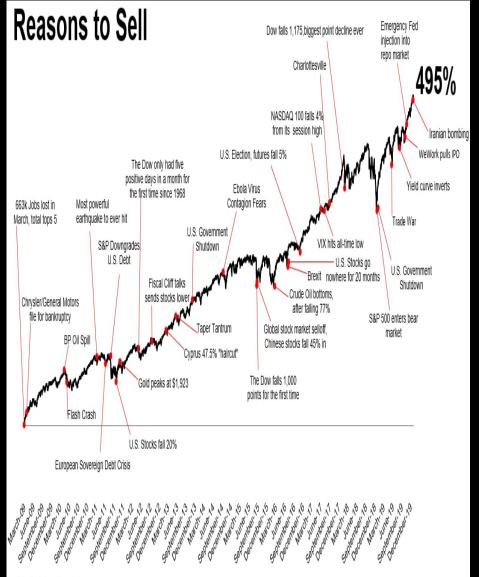
Top- Bottom Approach vs Bottom –Top Approach

## Value vs Price

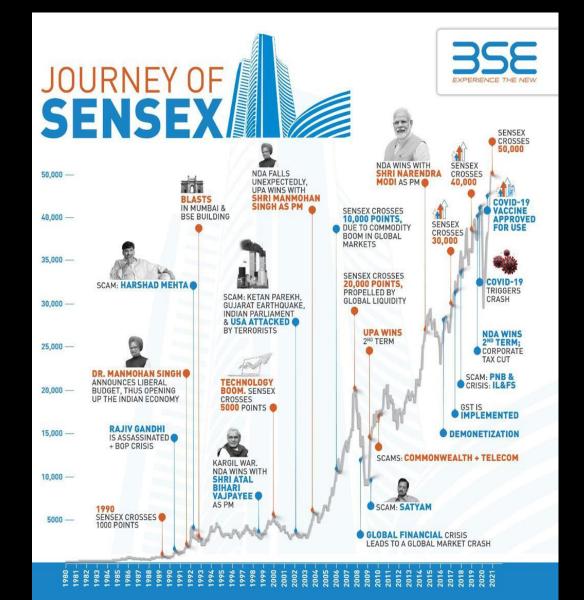
- Value is what we think a share is worth
- Price the rate at which it can be bought/ sold
- Value is "subjective" and "Price" is objective
- Value > Price Buy
- Value < Price Sell</li>
- How do we determine what is Value?
  - Which "Valuation model" do we use?

#### **Macro Economics**

- Information overflow. Too much emphasis on this aspect.
- Useful to a Global Investor evaluating economies.
- LIQUIDITY (Money Supply) is a major determinant.
- Macro policies and Macro Environment impacts Liquidity.
  Hence, this data is very useful for "Traders"
- Other Macro Factors can also be used for a better understanding of the environment and fine-tune your strategy
- For Long Term Investors focussed on one economy, Macro data helps generate "Intelligent talk"



Data Source: StockCharts.com. S&P 500 Total Return



## **Industry Analysis**

- One must know what business one is entering into.
- Many Industries are difficult to Understand (e.g. Chemicals, Engineering) with too many sub-classifications.
- Almost every Industry will have "potential" to grow
- Portfolio returns are greater when there is greater weightage of "growth" industries.
- Diversification helps, but be aware of the risk-return tradeoff
- Industry leaders in a mature industry can deliver better returns than Industry laggards in a Growth Industry

## **Company Analysis**

- Ultimately, this is the business you will be partly owning.
- 5000+ listed companies. About 3000 get traded on and off.
- Market Cap of listed companies on NSE as on Dec 31, 2020: Rs.182 lakh crores
- Which "Cap" do you wish to wear?
  - Large Caps: 100 companies -Rs.136 lakh Crores (approx: 75%)
  - Mid Caps: 150 companies Rs. 28.5 lakh crores (approx.: 15%)
  - Small Caps: Rs. 17.5 lakh crores (Approx: 10%)
- Data driven, unemotional, unbiased analysis

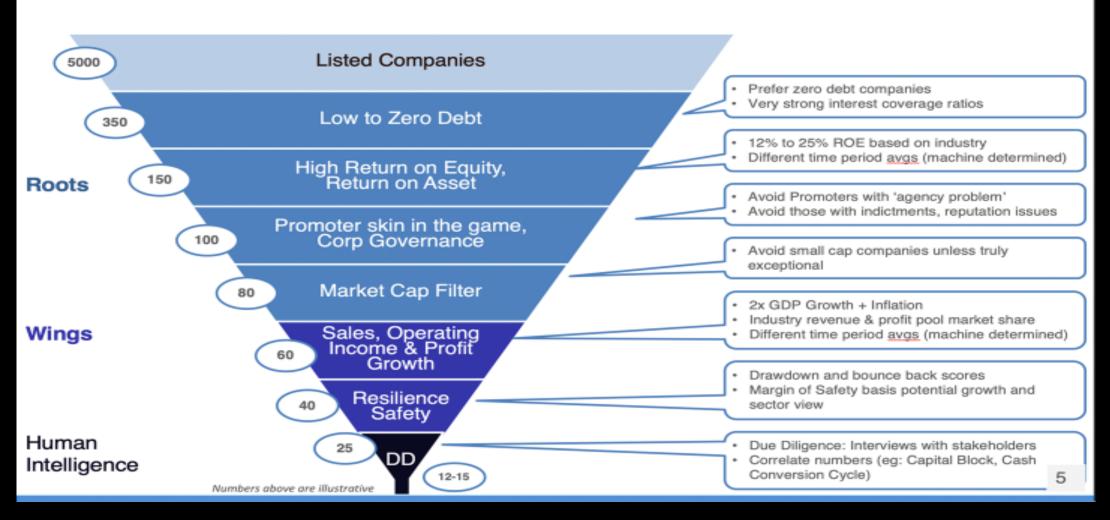
## Our Investment philosophy - Roots & Wings

- Roots
  - Low Debt
  - Return on Equity
  - Promoter Values
  - Stamina/ Pedigree
  - Corporate Governance
- Wings
  - Topline Growth
  - Profit Growth
  - Operating Cash flow growth
  - Margin Growth
  - Market Share

## **Stock Selection - Filtering Process**

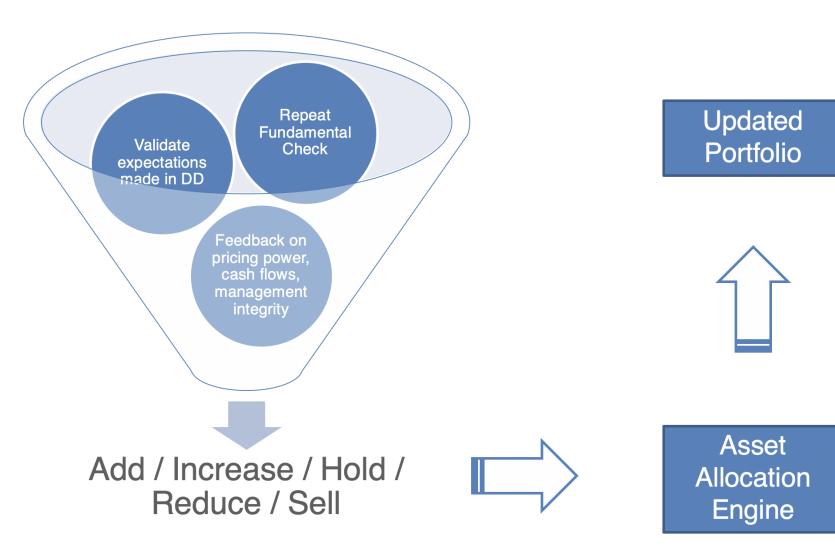
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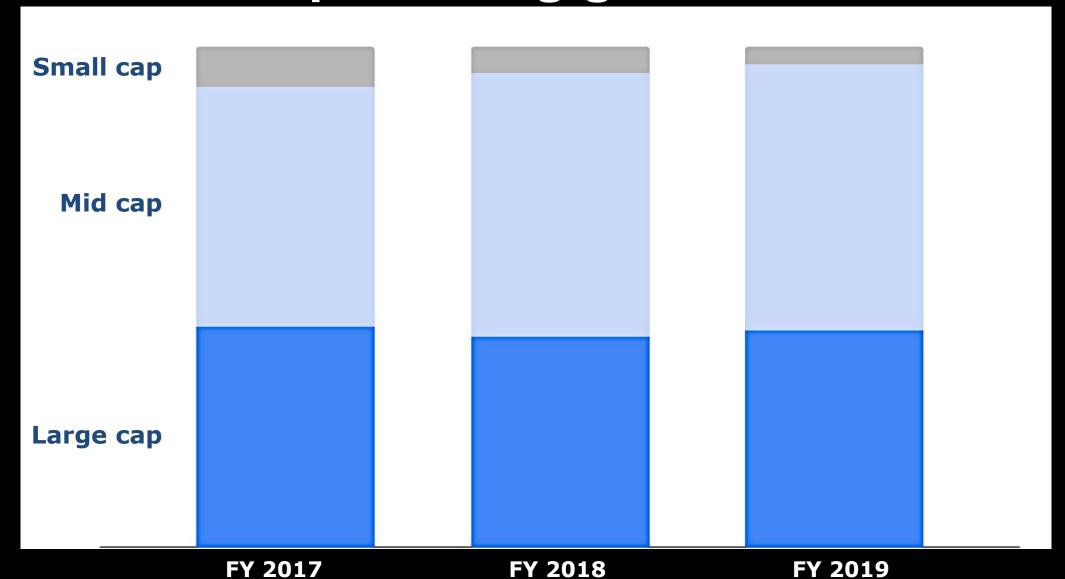


# Careful Picking is followed up with rigorous monitoring and creative churn.



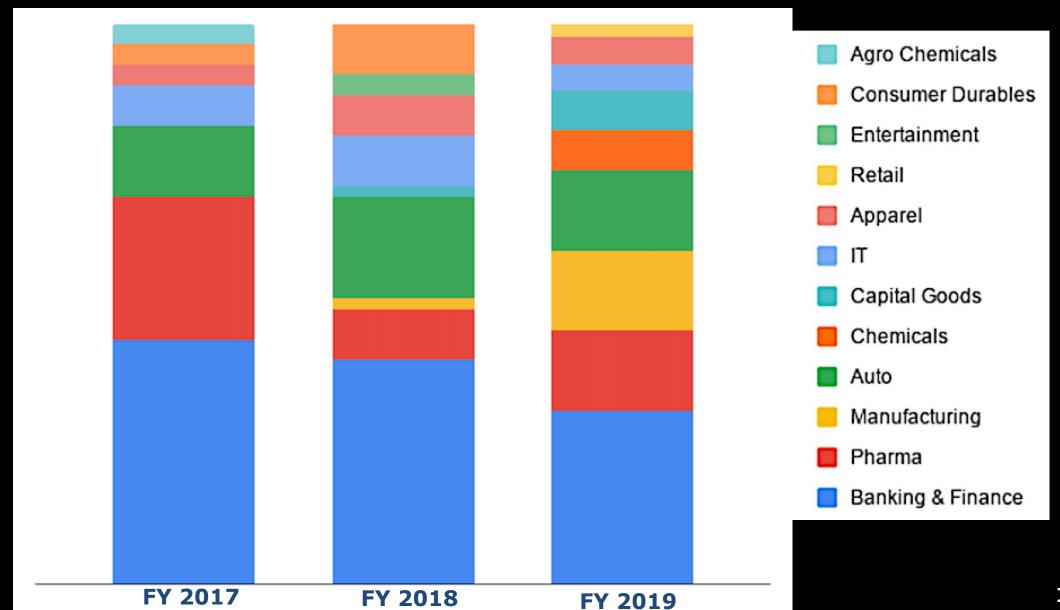


# A large & mid cap focus preserves wealth without compromising growth



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### We focus on Businesses across Sectors



# **Comparative returns**

Performance- Best in Class	10 yr Returns	
	CAGR	Absolute Returns
Nifty TRI	10.06%	161%
Motilal Oswal Next Trillion Dollar Opportunities Fund (PMS)	17.48%	401%
Alchemy High Growth (PMS)	10.90%	182%
Canara Robeco Equity Diversified -Regular plan Growth (MF)	13.38%	251%
UTI Equity Fund Growth (MF)	15.40%	319%
Our Portfolio	26.95%	987%

## **Technical Analysis**

- No concept of Value. Only "Price". "Volumes" is another aid.
- Same knowledge/ strategy can be used across markets.
- Markets know everything. Everything is reflected in Price
- Use of Price patterns and Trading Signals, and nothing else!
- Reflection of Market Psychology
- Trend lines, Moving Averages, Patterns (Candle Stick, Head and Shoulder, Evening Star),
- Trade with the Trend, look for Breakouts, ride the momentum
- Lot of Software is now available to help traders
- Our firm does not use Technical Analysis. We are working on a different "Momentum" portfolio

### In Conclusion

- There is nothing right or wrong about Investment Strategies.
- It is possible to consistently generate Superior Returns (Alpha)
- Invest with Conviction
- Believe in Consistency
- Remove Emotion out of the Equation
- Do not compromise on Values (Corporate Governance)
- It is alright to go wrong!
- You Don't have to be the investor earning the highest returns.
  There is no competition going on
- Happy Investing!

# Q n A