

Innovation

Investment Theme

The strategy aims to invest in companies which are beneficiaries of the fast changing landscape across industries (innovation led) and companies that have a scalability in the form of market size over the next decade (secular growers).

Fund Details

Structure: Discretionary PMS | **Strategy Name:** Innovation | **Benchmark:** BSE 500 TRI

Fund Inception Date: April 24, 2018 | Fund Manager: Salvin Shah

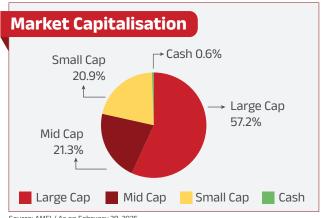
Performance



Performance as on February 28, 2025 / Source: ABSLAMC Internal Research

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Source: AMFI / As on February 28, 2025

Sector Allocation **Financial Services** 27.6% Information... 10.7% Chemicals 9.2% Telecom 8.5% **Consumer Services** 8.5% Auto 8.0% 6.3% Construction Capital Goods 5.8% Oil & Gas 4.9% Utilities 3.9% **Consumer Durables** 2.3% Healthcare 2.2% FMCG 16% Cash | 0.6%

Companies	% to Net Assets
ICICI Bank Ltd	8.5%
Persistent Systems Ltd	8.5%
Trent Ltd	8.5%
Bharti Airtel Ltd	8.1%
Larsen & Toubro Ltd	6.3%
HDFC Bank Ltd	5.5%
Bajaj Finance Ltd	5.5%
Reliance Industries Ltd	4.9%
Maruti Suzuki India Ltd	4.2%
Ion Exchange India Ltd	3.9%

Portfolio data as on February 28, 2025

Equity Outlook

The Nifty recorded its fifth consecutive monthly decline in February, falling 5.9%. Mid-cap and small-cap. indices experienced sharper declines, falling 10.8% and 13.1%, respectively. Sector-wise, all sectors ended in red, with capital goods, PSU and realty declining 14.4%, 13.5% and 13.4%, respectively. The key reasons behind the market fall include (1) uncertainty about trade tariffs imposed by the US President, (2) disappointing December quarter earnings, (3) expensive valuations of Indian equities and (4) record selling by FPIs. FIIs sold in Feb 2025 to the tune of \$6.4bn (secondary) and DIIs remained net buyers to the tune of \$7.5bn.

The 3QFY25 corporate earnings scorecard was modest, driven once again by BFSI, with positive contributions from Technology, Telecom, Healthcare, Capital Goods, and Real Estate. Earnings for the Nifty-50 rose modest 5% YoY. Nifty reported a single-digit PAT growth for the third successive quarter since the pandemic (Jun'20). The aggregate performance was hit by global commodities (i.e., Metals and O&G). Excluding the same, Nifty posted 7% earnings growth.

On the economy front, high frequency indicators (like E-way bill, GST collection, CPI, PMI) suggest marginal improvement in economy. 3Q GDP real GDP growth rose to 6.2%YY in 3QFY25 (Dec-24) from 5.6% in 2Q, in-line with consensus. The improvement was driven by a pickup in private consumption, even as investment growth remained broadly stable. Feb GST collections rose 9.1% to Rs1.84tn. Revenues from domestic transactions jumped 10.2% to Rs1.42tn while those from imports grew 5.4% to Rs417bn. January CPI inflation decelerated to 4.3% from 5.2% in December. WPI inflation for January was at 2.3% compared to 2.4% in December. However, IIP reported a soft print with growth of moderating to 3.2% in December from 5.2% in November.

Other key developments: (1) In FY2026, the Union Budget continued the government's focus on gradual consolidation, while providing a boost to consumption; (2) the RBI started off a rate-cut cycle with a 25-bps cut to reduce the reporate to 6.25% after being on a pause for 24 months; (3) BJP won the Delhi legislative assembly elections with 48 out of 70 seats, marking its return to power in the capital after 27 years; and (4) the RBI reduced risk weights for bank financing to NBFCs and microfinance loans.

Overall, at the portfolio level, we remain invested in high quality franchisees and expect these businesses to continue to deliver healthy earnings growth over the medium to long term.

Source: Internal Research

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Portfolio Update:

In the month of February 2025, ICICI Bank Limited, Persistent Systems Ltd, Trent Ltd, Bharti Airtel Ltd & Larsen & Toubro Ltd. continue to be the fund's top holdings. We continue to employ our extensive bottom-up research process, to identify mispriced opportunities, with special focus on companies with credible managements, healthy balance sheets, higher returns on capital, and strong runway for growth.

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Investment Style

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	Growth	Blend	Value
Large Cap			
Mid & Small			

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