

ABSL INDIA SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES PORTFOLIO

INVESTMENT THEME

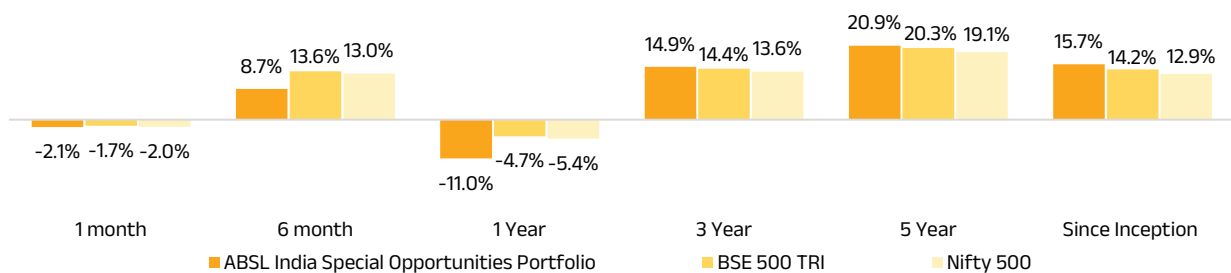
The strategy aims to invest in companies that are primed to benefit from the following catalysts - Micro turnaround, Macro Turnaround, Management Change, Deleveraging, Demerger, Mid to Largecap potential and Secular growth companies.

FUND DETAILS

Structure: Discretionary PMS | **Fund Manager:** Sameer Narayan & Salvin Shah

Benchmark: BSE 500 TRI | **Fund Inception Date:** June 14, 2018

PERFORMANCE



Performance as on August 31, 2025 / Source: ABSLAMC Internal Research

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RISK RATIOS

Standard Deviation 13.93%

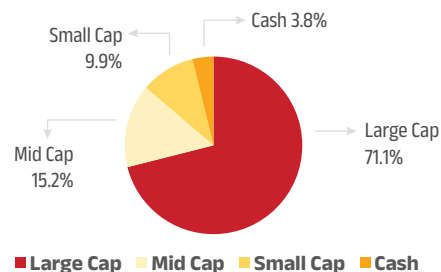
Sharpe Ratio 0.67

Beta 0.98

Portfolio Turnover (%) 0.47

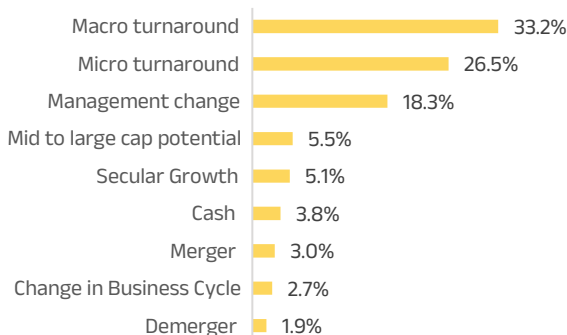
Above Ratios are 3 year ratios calculated on annualised basis

MARKET CAPITALISATION

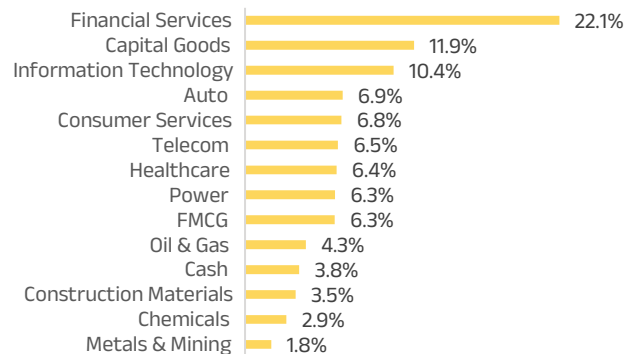


Source: AMFI / As on August 31, 2025

CATALYST ALLOCATION



SECTOR ALLOCATION



TOP 10 PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS

Bharti Airtel Ltd	6.5%	Axis Bank Ltd	3.6%
Bharat Dynamics Limited	5.7%	Cholamandalam Inv. & Fin. Co. Ltd	3.5%
ICICI Bank Ltd	5.6%	Sun Pharmaceuticals Ind. Ltd	3.4%
Trent Ltd	5.5%	United Spirits Ltd	3.2%
Bank Of Baroda	3.7%	Persistent Systems Ltd	3.2%

EQUITY OUTLOOK

The Nifty declined 1.4% in August. Sentiment remained cautious following the implementation of steep US tariffs on Indian goods. Mid-cap. and small-cap. indices underperformed large-cap. and were down 2.9% and 4.1%, respectively. Consumption-oriented sectors saw a rally on the government's plan for rationalization of GST. Auto and consumer durables sectors were up 5.8% and 2%, respectively. Oil & gas, power and realty were down 4.7%, 4.6% and 4.5%, respectively. India was among the worst-performing markets, along with South Korea (-1.8%) and the Philippines (-1.6%). Shanghai (+8%), Brazil (+6.5%) and Indonesia (+4.6%) were among the top gainers. FIIs sold in August 2025 to the tune of \$4.7bn (secondary) and DIIs remained net buyers to the tune of \$11bn.

On the domestic economy front, high frequency indicators (like E-way bill, GST collection, CPI, PMI) suggest marginal improvement in economy. Real GDP growth spiked to 7.8% in 1QFY26 (4QFY25: 7.4%) The growth was broad-based, with investment (GFCF) growth at 7.8%, private consumption growth at 7.0% and government consumption growth sharply up at 7.4% on a low base in 1QFY25. August GST collections were recorded at ₹1.86 trn, up by 6.5% YoY. July CPI inflation moderated to 8-year low of 1.6% yoy (June: 2.1%) due to a 1.8% yoy contraction in food prices led by a sharp decline in prices of vegetables, pulses and spices. Till September 5, cumulative rainfall was 9% above long-term average, rainfall was above-normal in north, west, central and south India while below-normal in east India.

The GST Council announced a broad rationalization in GST rates, resulting in most items of mass consumption at lower GST rates of 5% and 18%, while luxury and sin goods were taxed at 40%, effective from September 22. The compensation cess on most products will be abolished on the same date, except for tobacco (which will continue until payment obligations of compensation cess-related borrowings continue, likely until end-CY2025). The government estimated the revenue impact at Rs480 bn (on the FY2024 consumption base)

Other key developments: (1) India and the UK signed a Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) aiming to boost annual bilateral trade, (2) the IMF raised India's FY2026 GDP growth outlook to 6.4% from 6.2%, (3) the US Fed kept the interest rates unchanged, (4) the US announced a 25% minimum tariff on Indian exports to the US (5) Bank of England reduced their benchmark policy rates by 25 bps to 4% with a 5-4 majority, highlighting the division in BoE's MPC on policy decisions and (6) 1QFY26 net income of the Nifty-50 Index came in as expected; however, downbeat guidance from management dented sentiments.

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 August 2025, Bharti Airtel Ltd, Bharat Dynamics Limited, ICICI Bank Ltd, Trent Ltd & Bank of Baroda. 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.

The portfolio includes Deepak Nitrite Limited.

Rationale:

- Deepak Nitrite has a history of significant discipline in capital allocation, and has been smartly increasing capacities through de-bottlenecking – sodium nitrite, optical brighteners (OBA) and phenol are a few such examples.
- It has steadily grown volumes profitably. The company took a bold call to foray into phenol, a global bulk chemical, and DPL (subsidiary), not only executed it well but also has increased capacity through de-bottlenecking, and optimisation to 150% of base capacity. Also, it has been running the plant at full utilisation – set against the backdrop of the global average being 65–70%. Thus, DPL has achieved cost advantage, and now can withstand a tougher competition scenario.
- Further, Deepak Nitrite has identified opportunities in backward and forward integration of operations – this brings multiple advantages such as increased resilience of its operation, capital allocation into area within control; thereby, maximizing returns, opportunity to optimise cost structure and increase product base. Therefore, the company is able to command dominant market share in nitration, hydrogenation, and now phenol.
- Company entered phenol only a few years ago, and has recently expanded into isopropyl alcohol (IPA), and acetophenone. The company also plans to foray into bisphenol-A (BPA) and polycarbonate (PC). Therefore, capturing value from the entire ecosystem.
- At CMP, the stock is trading at 25x FY27 EPS.

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INVESTMENT STYLE

Absl India Special Opportunities Portfolio			
	Growth	Blend	Value
Large Cap			
Mid & Small			

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