

## **Top 200 CEP**

#### **Investment Theme**

The strategy aims to invest in companies that consistently create value through favourable industry operating conditions. It is predominantly a Large Cap oriented portfolio.

#### **Fund Details**

Structure: Discretionary PMS | Strategy Name: Top 200 CEP | Benchmark: BSE 200 | Fund Inception Date: July 27, 2015 | Fund Manager: Salvin Shah

#### Performance

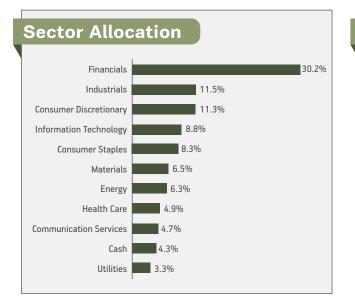


Performance as on December 31, 2022 / Source: ABSLAMC Internal Research

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Risk Ratios		
Standard Deviation	21.2%	
Beta	0.86	
Sharpe Ratio	0.44	
Portfolio Turnover (%)	29.0%	
Above ratios are 3 year ratios calculated on annualised basis		





### Top 10 Portfolio Holdings

Companies	% to Net Assets
HDFC Bank Ltd	7.1%
ICICI Bank Ltd	6.4%
Infosys Ltd	5.7%
Trent Ltd	5.1%
Cummins India Ltd	4.7%
Bharti Airtel Ltd	4.6%
Bajaj Finance Ltd	4.5%
Axis Bank Ltd	4.3%
Reliance Industries Ltd	4.1%
ACC Ltd	4.1%

### **Equity Outlook**

Indian equities under-performed emerging markets during the month (Nifty50 & MSCI EM was down by 3.5% and 1.6% respectively). Overall global weakness was driven by hawkish US Federal reserve which believes that higher restrictive monetary policy is needed to control inflation, which further increased recession risk in US.

High frequency indicators (like E-way bill, GST collection, loan growth etc) continue to suggest healthy level of economic activity. Healthy reservoir levels, helped by above normal south-west monsoon has brightened prospects of Rabi season which in turn may help revive rural demand. November 2022 Consumer Price Index (CPI) softened to 5.9% YoY (fallen below RBI's upper tolerance band of 6% for the first time in 2022) from 6.8% in October, helped by sharp drop in food prices (driven by lower vegetable prices). October 2022 Index of Industrial Production (IIP) declined by -4% YoY (a 26-month low) due to slowdown in exports and consumption demand. RBI slowed the pace of repo rate hike to 35bps (as compared to previous hikes of 50bps each). RBI monetary Policy Committee (MPC) revised its FY23 GDP growth forecast lower to 6.8% YoY from the earlier 7.0% YoY, while keeping FY23 inflation forecast unchanged at 6.7%.

We believe that despite weakening global demand, domestic growth outlook may remain healthy given a) Stable consumer outlook and optimistic business outlook in terms of demand conditions and sales prospects; b) Uptick in economic activities (as evident from high frequency indicators); and c) Easing commodity prices and supply side pressures. We intend to accumulate high quality stocks in portfolio from medium to long term perspective.

### **Portfolio Update:**

In the month of December 2022, HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank, Infosys, Trent, 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 Fund entered LTI Mindtree which offers extensive range of IT services like applictaion development, maintenance and outsourcing, enterprise solutions, infrastructure management services, testing, digital solutions, and platform-based solutions to the clients in diverse industries. Potential uptrend in tech spending of BFSI verticle and bottoming out of the Energy & Utilities vertical. Also LTI's innate capabilities in client mining and its top class digital offerings will give it an edge over other mid-caps.

The Fund exited Avenue Supermarts due to hightened competitive intesity, suboptimal unit economics and expensive valuation of the stock.

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## Investment Style

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	Growth	Blend	Value	
Large Cap				
Mid & Small				

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