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June 2022

## **Innovation**

#### **Investment Theme**

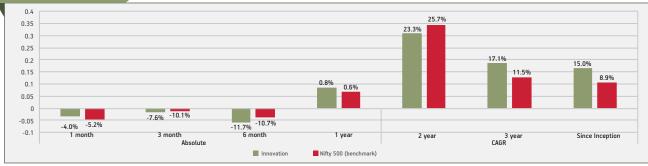
The strategy aims to invest in companies which are beneficiaries of the fast changing landscape across industries (innovation led) and companies that have a scalability in the form of market size over the next decade (secular growers).

### **Fund Details**

Structure: Discretionary PMS | Strategy Name: Innovation | Benchmark: Nifty 500

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

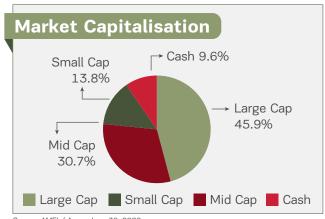
#### Performance



Performance as on June 30, 2022 / Source: ABSLAMC Internal Research

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Source: AMFI / As on June 30, 2022

### Sector Allocation **Financials Consumer Discretionary ■**18.7 10.3 Materials Cash 9.6 Information Technology 9.2 8.8 Industrials 6.4 Energy Communication Services Consumer Staples 2.7 Health Care 2.6

Top 10 Portfolio Holdings	
Companies	% to Net Assets
ICICI Bank Ltd	10.4
HDFC Bank Ltd	7.2
Trent Ltd	6.9
Reliance Industries Ltd	6.4
Bajaj Finance Ltd	5.8
Persistent Systems Ltd	5.2
Larsen & Toubro Ltd	5.2
Maruti Suzuki India Ltd	5.0
PI Industries Ltd	4.9
Honeywell Automation India Ltd	4.0

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# **Equity Outlook**

Indian equity market saw some correction during the month of June with Nifty down by 4.8%. Market was apprehensive by rising interest rates globally; Brent Crude though have corrected from top but still above \$110 per barrel along with the geopolitical conflict continuing for another month. FII equity selling further accentuated in June at about US\$6.3bn as against US\$4.9bn outflow in May 2022.

Mobility indicators in India remained healthy with robust electricity demand continued in the month of June 2022, due to ongoing heat wave in various parts of the country along with delayed monsoon. April 2022 Index of Industrial Production (IIP) grew by 7.1% YoY on a low base. Various high frequency indicators suggest recovery in economic activities.

The month saw hawkish commentary by various central bankers across the world like US Federal Reserve, European Central bank and Reserve Bank of India in their latest monetary policy meeting announcement. Policy rates in US and India increased by 75bps and 50 bps respectively. All central bankers hinted at the need of front loading rate hikes in order to tame inflation and revised its growth estimate lower while increasing inflation outlook. May 2022 Consumer Price Index (CPI) cooled off to 7.0% YoY, lower than 7.8% YoY in previous month primarily due to high base. Government of India also took a series of measures (namely cut in excise duty on petroleum products, exports duty on steel products) in order to ease inflationary pressures. With monsoons expected to be good and series of actions undertaken by RBI and Government we expect inflation to start moderating from 2nd half of this financial year.

Most of the industries are cautiously optimistic in terms of demand despite recent price increase and interest rate hike. With expectation of normal monsoons, high agri prices and government capex; rural consumption is likely to revive.

Overall, at the portfolio level, we continue to remain invested into high quality businesses that have stood test of times and likely to come out stronger post crisis. We remain invested on high quality franchisees and expect these businesses to continue to deliver healthy earnings growth over the medium to long term.

## Portfolio Update:

In the month of June 2022, ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank, Trent, Reliance 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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