India Special Opportunity Portfolio

Investment Theme

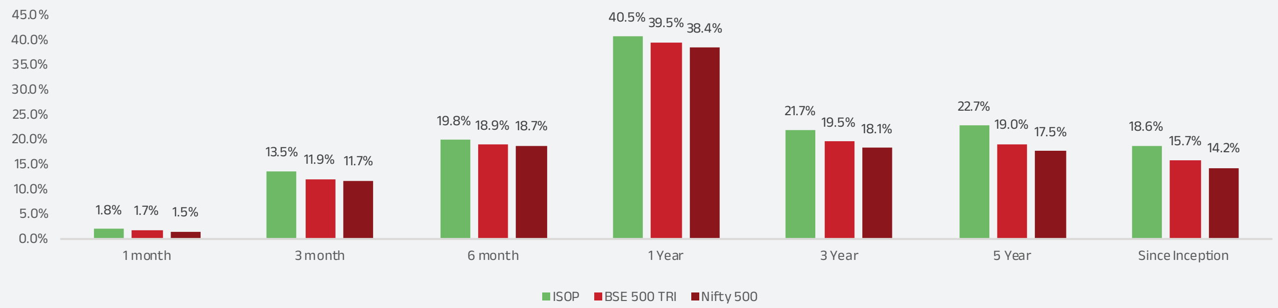
The strategy aims to invest in companies that are primed to benefit from the following catalysts - Micro turnaround, Macro Turnaround, Management Change, Develeveraging, Demerger, Mid to Largecap potential and Secular growth companies.

Fund Details

Structure: Discretionary PMS | **Strategy Name:** India Special Opportunity Portfolio | **Benchmark:** BSE 500 TRI |

Fund Inception Date: June 14, 2018 | **Fund Manager:** Sameer Narayan, Dhaval Mehta & Salvin Shah

Performance



Performance as on February 29, 2024 / Source: ABSLAMC Internal Research

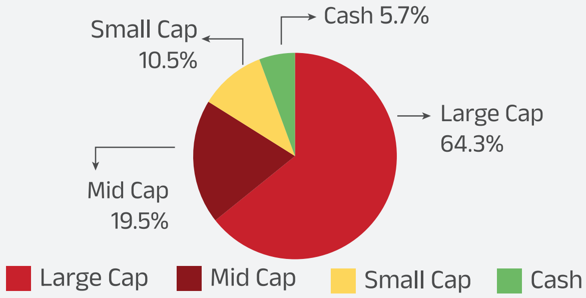
Disclaimer: Past performance of any product does not indicate its future performance. • Performance data is based on Time-Weighted Rate of Return (TWRR) for aggregated performance statistics of all investors. • Please note that performance of your portfolio may vary from that of other investors and that generated by the Investment Approach across all investors because of the timing of inflows and outflows of funds; and differences in the portfolio composition because of restrictions and other constraints

Risk Ratios

Standard Deviation	12.58%
Sharpe Ratio	1.19
Beta	0.84
Portfolio Turnover (%)	0.31

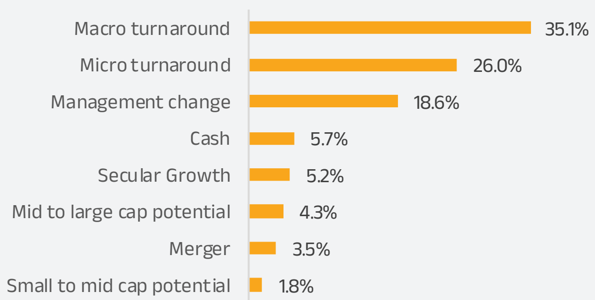
Above Ratios are 3 year ratios calculated on annualised basis

Market Capitalisation

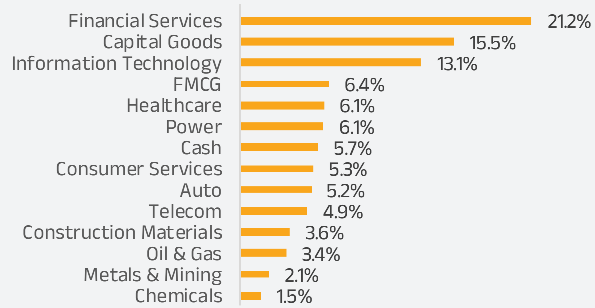


Source: AMFI / As on February 29, 2024

Catalyst Allocation



Sector Allocation



Portfolio data as on February 29, 2024

Top 10 Portfolio Holdings

Companies	% to Net Assets
Persistent Systems Ltd	7.1%
Bharat Dynamics Limited	5.9%
Bharti Airtel Ltd	4.7%
Bank Of Baroda	4.5%
ICICI Bank Ltd	4.5%

Companies	% to Net Assets
Tata Consultancy Services Ltd	4.5%
Trent Ltd	4.3%
Axis Bank Ltd	4.0%
Sun Pharma. Industries Ltd	3.6%
AIA Engineering Ltd	3.5%

Equity Outlook

Indian markets ended February on a higher note. The Nifty 50 was up 1.2% while the mid-cap (-0.5%) and small-cap (-0.3%) indices underperformed the Nifty 50 Index. Most of the global markets ended positive. Shanghai (+8.1%), Japan (+7.9%) and Hong Kong (+6.6%) were the major gainers; US SPX and NASDAQ soared to a record high and were up 5.2% and 6.1% in February; the latest rally was propelled by investor optimism about artificial intelligence. Total institutional inflows rose backed by strong domestic bid, with inflows of US$2.9bn, whereas FPIs buying increased to US$186mn. FPIs remained buyers of debt at US$2.7bn (the highest in over six years).

India's Q3 GDP growth at 8.4% was well above consensus estimates while GVA growth of 6.5% was in line. The big difference between GDP and GVA was a result of high growth in net indirect taxes in Q3 (32.0%). GDP growth was led by investments while consumption continues to remain weak. Agriculture was weak at -0.8% due to uneven rainfall and lower estimate of Kharif crop. Growth on the supply side was led by industry which grew by a robust 10.4% led by Manufacturing (11.6% YoY), Construction growth (9.5%) and electricity (9.0%). Mining expanding by 7.5%. Services sector growth also picked up compared with the previous quarter and expanded by 7.0% during Q3. Trade hotels, transport & communication sector expanded by 6.7%. Finance and Real estate expanded by 7.0% while public administration expanded by 7.5%. The Second Annual Estimate (SAE) for FY24 has been revised upwards to 7.6% from 7.3% earlier while FY23 GDP estimate has been revised down to 7.0% from 7.2% earlier. For FY24 Investments is expected to expand by 10.2% while Private consumption growth at 3.0% remains weak. On supply side, Agriculture is expected to grow by a sluggish 0.7% while Industry is expected to expand by a solid 9.0% and Services by 7.5%. Nominal growth for FY24 is estimated at 9.1% (higher than BE of 8.9%)

On the economy front, high frequency indicators (like E-way bill, GST collection, loan growth, PMI) continue to suggest healthy levels of economic activity. The gross GST revenue collected in the month of February is Rs 1.68tn up 12.5% yoy. India's CPI inflation slowed to 5.1% in January 2024, the lowest in three months led by ease in food inflation, compared to 5.69% in December. India's WPI inflation slowed to 0.27% in January 2023, marking the third consecutive period of positive wholesale inflation but slowing from 0.73% in December. December industrial production grew by 3.8%. Sequentially, IIP index jumped by 7.5% after a sluggish growth in November. In the production category manufacturing growth came in at 3.9%, mining growth was 5.1% while electricity growth was 1.2%. Within the manufacturing index, manufacture of motor vehicles and other transport vehicles performed well with YoY growth of 9.2% and 29.4% respectively.

The Q3FY24 corporate earnings ended on a strong note, with widespread outperformance across aggregates driven by continued margin tailwinds. Nifty50 delivered a strong beat with a 17% YoY PAT growth. Five Nifty companies – Tata Motors, HDFC Bank, Tata Steel, ICICI Bank, and JSW Steel – contributed 56% of the incremental YoY accretion in earnings. Ex-Metals & O&G, Nifty's earnings were up 15% YoY.

- Technology: The IT Services companies exhibited a median revenue growth of 1.0% QoQ in CC. With continued weakness in key verticals and pressure on 4Q execution, the companies have either narrowed their revenue guidance band or expect to achieve the lower end of the range. Throughout Q3FY24, softness persisted in key verticals and geographies, with BFSI, Consumer, and Communications reporting muted growth.
- Banks: The banking sector exhibited a mixed performance in Q3FY24, characterized by healthy business growth, controlled provisions, persistent NIM pressure, and high opex. Credit growth was primarily driven by retail growth. The corporate sector saw a gradual pickup, aided by MSME growth. Most of the banks witnessed stagnant or a slight dip in margins, barring select PSU banks.
- Autos: In Q3FY24, Auto volumes (ex-tractors) grew 16% YoY (flat QoQ) led by a healthy recovery in 2Ws, stable growth across other segments, and a lower base due to the festive mismatch. 2Ws witnessed the sharpest growth of ~19% YoY during the quarter.
- Consumer: The companies within our coverage universe delivered muted cumulative sales growth in Q3FY24. The consumption trend and management commentary about rural recovery remained unchanged in 3Q. Local competition, a delayed rural recovery, and price cuts continued to hurt revenue performance during 9MFY24 (4% revenue growth). Volume growth improved a bit sequentially, but revenue growth was muted due to price cuts.

Other key developments: (1) the government projected central government fiscal deficit of 5.1%, as a proportion of GDP, in FY2025BE, lower than 5.8% in FY2024RE; (2) the US FOMC, in line with expectations, maintained policy rate at 5.25-5.5%; (3) the RBI, as expected, kept the repo rate unchanged at 6.5%; (4) the minutes of the US FOMC meeting highlighted that members were not in a rush to start cutting interest rates; (5) the results of the Household Consumption Expenditure Survey (HCES 2022-23) indicate the share of expenditure on food has continued to fall while the shares of travel, consumer services and durable goods have increased.

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

Investment Style

India Special Opportunity Portfolio			
	Growth	Blend	Value
Large Cap			
Mid & Small			

Risk Factors and Disclaimers

Investments in securities are subject to market risks and there can be no assurance or guarantee that the objectives of the Product will be achieved. Any information contained in this publication does not constitute and shall be deemed not to constitute an advice, an offer to sell/ purchase or as an invitation or solicitation to do so for any securities of any entity. Please note that this is not an advertisement. The document is solely for the information and understanding of intended recipients only. If you are not the intended recipient, you are hereby notified that any use, distribution, reproduction or any action taken or omitted to be taken in reliance upon the same is prohibited and may be unlawful. Aditya Birla Sun Life AMC Limited (ABSLAMC) / its subsidiaries / affiliates or their officers, employees, personnel, directors shall not be liable for any loss, damage, liability whatsoever for any direct or indirect loss arising from the use or access of any information that may be displayed in this publication from time to time. Recipients of the information contained herein should exercise due care and caution and read the disclosure document (including if necessary, obtaining the advice of tax / legal / accounting / financial / other professionals) prior to taking of any decision, acting, or omitting to act, on the basis of the information contained herein. Aditya Birla Sun Life AMC Limited- Portfolio Manager has used information that is publicly available, including information developed in-house. Some of the material used in the document may have been obtained from members/persons other than the PMS and / or its affiliates and which may have been made available to the PMS and / or to its affiliates. Information gathered and material used in this document is believed to be from reliable sources. The PMS however does not warrant the accuracy, reasonableness and / or completeness of any information. The actual investments / portfolio decisions are a result of complex technical & fundamental valuations at the disposal of the portfolio manager. Investors are advised against replication of strategies implemented. Information contained herein shall not be copied/circulated/reproduced/quoted in any form or manner (in part or whole) without the express written consent of Aditya Birla Sun Life AMC Limited. Any forward-looking word, phrase or expression is subject to risks, Investment and assumptions that could cause actual results to differ materially from those contemplated by the said forward-looking word, phrase or expression. Investment approach level performance reported is not verified by SEBI.

Regulatory Disclosure: All investors have the option to invest directly with ABSLAMC-Portfolio Manager

Investments in securities are subject to market risks and there can be no assurance or guarantee that the objectives of the Product will be achieved.

For any service related queries, please contact us:

1800 270 7000 | care.pms@adityabirlacapital.com

Aditya Birla Sun Life AMC Limited
CIN: L65991MH1994PLC080811.

One World Center, Tower 1, 17th Floor, Jupiter Mills, Senapati Bapat Marg, Elphinstone Road, Mumbai - 400 013.
Tel: 4356 8000. Fax: 4356 8110 / 8111

Investments in securities are subject to market risks and there can be no assurance or guarantee that the objectives of the Product will be achieved.

Portfolio Update:

In the month of February 2024, Persistent Systems Ltd, Bharat Dynamics Limited, Bharti Airtel 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.

Syngene (established in 1993) as a Biocon subsidiary is India's first Contract Research Organization (CRO) which expanded later to be an integrated service provider offering end-to-end drug discovery, development, and manufacturing services on a single platform (CRAMS).

• Due to US biotech funding issues the overall order enquiries for the company has come down thus revising the growth guidance downwards in last 2 quarters from high mid-teens to high single digit.

• The small molecule plant which has received US FDA approval is yet to see pick up thus impacting future visibility of growth.

• The stock is trading at 33x FY26E consensus EPS.

Kajaria Ceramics Ltd is primarily engaged in manufacturing and trading of ceramic and vitrified tiles in India. It is the largest manufacturer of ceramic/ vitrified tiles in India and 8th largest in the world.

• Overall demand continues to be muted for the company and the sector, with volume growth of mid single digit.

• No green shoots visible, and with real estate demand expected to peak out volume improvement for the industry and company in medium term looks unlikely.

• The benefit of lower gas prices is already being played out.

• Stock is trading at 34x FY26E consensus EPS.