



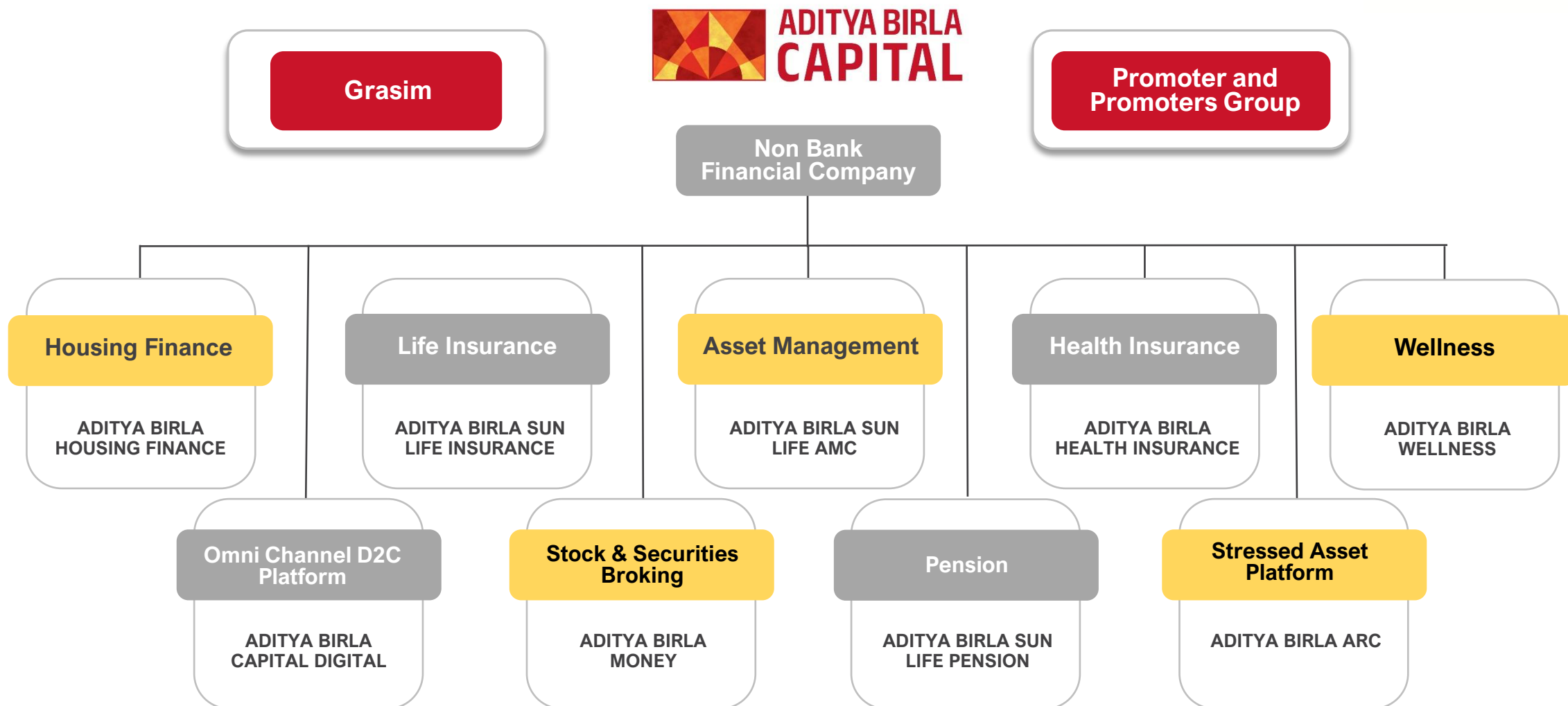
ABSL Innovation Portfolio

January 2026



ABSLAMC Overview

Aditya Birla Capital Limited - A Financial Powerhouse



Source : Internal. Above is not intended to show the complete organizational structure and all entities therein. It is intended to describe the key businesses of Aditya Birla Capital.

ABSLAMC: A Joint Venture between Two Pioneering Groups



- Part of Aditya Birla Group (ABG) - one of the largest Indian conglomerates with interest across various commodity, manufacturing & service businesses and operations in over 40 countries
- Managing AUM of ₹ 5.5 Lakh Cr (as on September 30, 2025)
- Leading financial services organization providing – Asset Management, Life Insurance, Wealth Management, Corporate Lending, Project & Structured Finance, General Insurance Broking, Broking & Private Equity, Housing Finance etc.



- A leading Canadian financial services company
- AUM CAD \$ 1,623 billion (as on September 30, 2025)
- Offering diversified range of risk and financial management products for individuals and corporate
- Large international footprint across continents – major presence in North America & Asia

Overview: Aditya Birla Sun Life Asset Management Company



Asset Management



Heritage

- Founded in 1994, one of the oldest in India
- Promoted by Aditya Birla Capital Group & Sun Life Financial
- Have seen the market evolve across different asset classes over the years
- Driven by client centric product Innovation
- International presence in Dubai, Singapore and Mauritius.



Market Dominance

- One of the top AMC's in India with MF AUM of over 4,39,236 Cr (November 2025)
- Over 10.7 million investor accounts (November 2025)
- Strengths across different asset classes



Alternate Business



Investment Solutions

- Offer portfolio management services, alternate & offshore investment solutions to HNIs and Institutions
- Managing/advising Rs. 38,386 Cr of assets as of December 2025

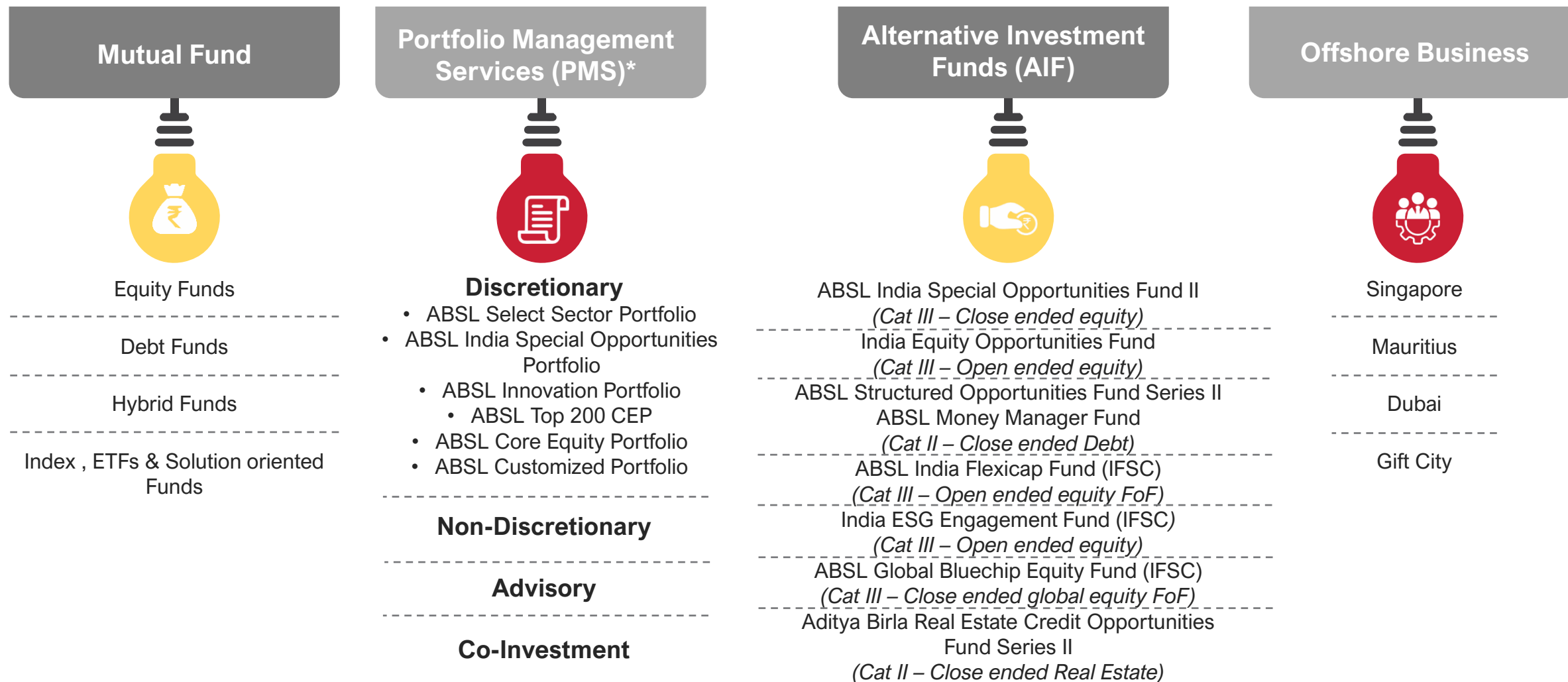


Best in Class Management

- 21-member dedicated investment team for Equity, Fixed Income, Real Estate and GIFT with a cumulative experience of 250+ years
- Focus on delivering sustained investment performance and portfolio differentiation.
- Strong and robust risk management and governance framework

ABSLAMC - Diversified Investment Experience

Aditya Birla Sun Life AMC Limited (*Investment Manager*)



* We also offer customized portfolio solutions for Equity, Debt and Real Estate

Alternate Business - Equity Investment Process



To identify & capitalize upon the prevailing market inefficiencies in a **Simple, Timely & Efficient** manner



Purchase at Reasonable Price
Entry Level valuations which accord “Margin of safety”



Focus on Businesses
With ability & commitment to grow earnings faster than Nominal GDP



Buy Companies that have

- Large Opportunity Canvas (*scope for non-linear growth outcomes*)
- Credible Management
- Emphasis on Capital Efficiency
- Superior return ratios

Investment Process

Investment Universe

Portfolio Universe as per fund mandate



Portfolio Optimisation

- Risk reward analysis & Portfolio optimisation



Monitoring

- Periodic monitoring
- Stop loss Triggers
- Maintain Sell Discipline



Stock Screening

- Financial Modelling & Due Diligence
- Quantitative & Qualitative Screener



Portfolio Construction

Portfolio of high conviction names



Investor Servicing

Fund Performance, Reporting & Investor Servicing



Screening

Fundamentals



Return on Equity >15%
Net Debt / EBITDA less than 2x
Improving margins & Turnover Ratios
Aggregate Portfolio liquidity

Valuation



Superior EPS Growth, RoCE & Net Debt to EBITDA vs benchmark
Large Opportunity Canvas

Governance



Promoter's conduct & Management Integrity
High Pledge & Accounting Red Flags
Limited Equity Dilution in recent past

Financial Modelling & Due Diligence



Visible Earnings CAGR > 15% in medium term
Sustained Competitive Advantage led by Unique Value Proposition
Interaction with investee companies & its ecosystem

Risk Management

Stop loss Triggers



If loss on stock is higher than benchmark on trailing 6 months by more than 30%

Periodic Monitoring



Quarterly Monitoring
Event Based Triggers

Maintain Sell Discipline



Poor Capital Allocation
Weakening Competitive Position
Any emerging governance issues



ABSL Innovation Portfolio

INNOVATION

**Sustainable
Profitability**

New way of
doing business

Much more
than Invention

Relevant



**Innovation is new, differentiated and profitable way
of doing business.**

- Innovation is much more than invention of new-age products.
- It is a new way of doing business, new systems of products & services or new interactions & forms of engagement between your organization & customers.
- Innovation must be able to sustain & return its weighted cost of capital
- It should be relevant and significant to the organization. Incremental innovations are important but they might not move the needle for large organizations.

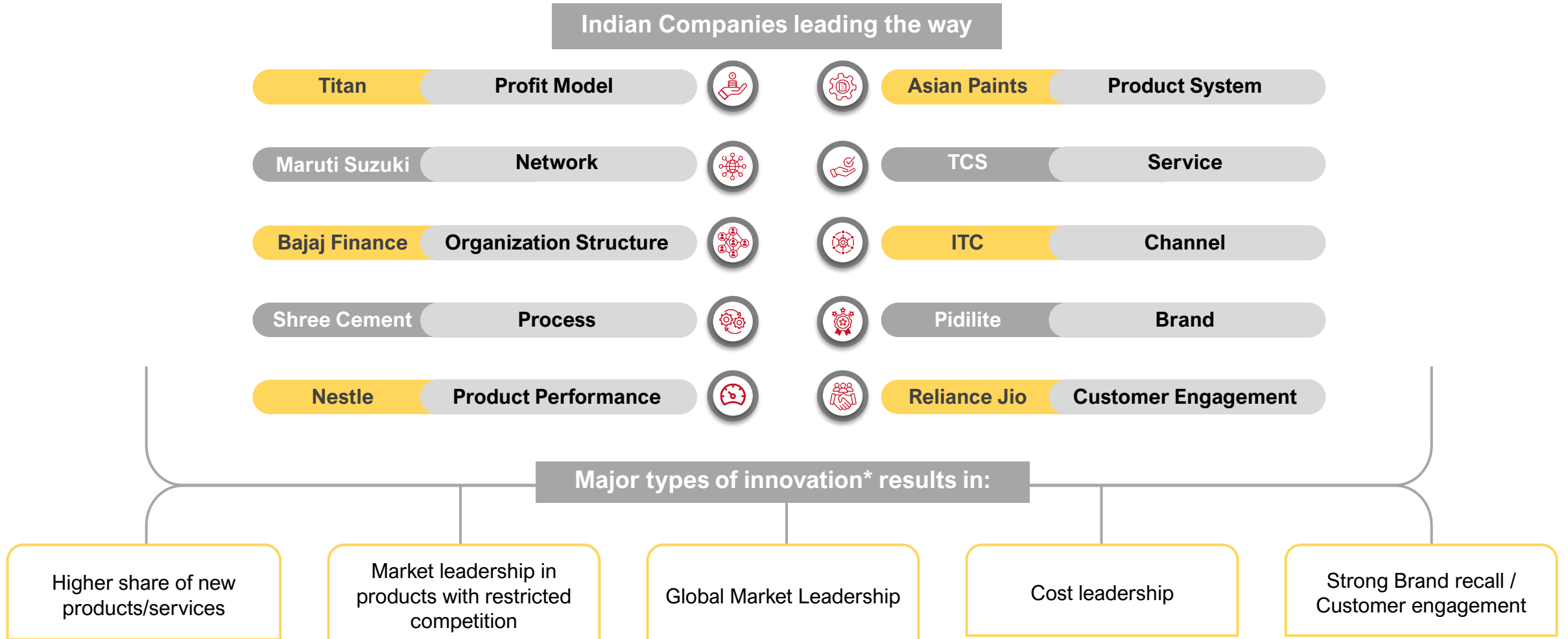
- Nearly 2000 examples of innovations were analyzed & from this emerged the framework of ten types of innovation by Larry Keeley in his work 'Ten types of innovation'.
- All great innovations comprise some combinations of the ten basic types which are organized into three categories.

Category



*Ten types of Innovation, Larry Keeley et al., 2013

Innovation leads to healthy outcomes...



*Ten types of Innovation, Larry Keeley et al., 2013. The stocks mentioned above are only for illustrative purposes and the same may or may not form part of the portfolio

Indian Examples: Outcome from Innovation

Outcome	Past Examples	Description
Higher share of New Products/Services	Nestle, HUL	Companies focusing on launching new products thereby creating a new category or leading to market share gains resulting in improved revenues & profitability
Market leadership in products with restricted competition	Biocon, Siemens	Companies having a high market share for existing products which is expected to sustain in the near to medium term due to expertise/high R&D capability backed by vision of the promoter/top management
Global Market leadership	Sanofi, Pfizer, Bayer Cropscience	Indian subsidiaries stand to benefit in terms of expertise, strong parentage & opportunities to scale up
Cost Leadership	Shree Cement, Reliance Industries, Avenue Supermarts	Cost leadership enables certain companies to deliver quality products at a lower price than the competition due to their superior execution capabilities, vertical integration or economies of scale
Strong brand recall/ Customer Engagement	HDFC Bank , Maruti Suzuki	Brand visibility in a commoditized market plays a very important role in gaining the mind share of the customers, thus improving sales

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Focus on Strong Filters

Innovation type	Example	Company characteristics (Inclusion Criteria)
Profit Model	Trent	Top quintile ROCE/ROE vs. Sector
Network	Maruti Suzuki	Highest number of service centres vs. peers leading to higher resales and customer retention
Organization Structure	Bajaj Finance	Strong cross sell franchise leading to lower customer acquisition cost for new products
Process	Shree Cement	Cost leadership in production and capex vs. peers
Product Performance	Bayer CropScience	Improving share of new products, Market leadership in existing categories
Product System	Asian Paints	Number of complimentary products launched vs. peers
Service	HDFC Bank	Client retention, Customer Persistency
Channel	Hindustan Unilever	Sector leading distributor network, lower working capital intensity vs. peers
Brand	Pidilite	Strong brand recall reflected in market leadership in both B2B and B2C segment
Customer Engagement	Reliance Jio	Market share gains through customer engagement

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ABSL Innovation Portfolio - Broad Concept

The Portfolio would be invested in

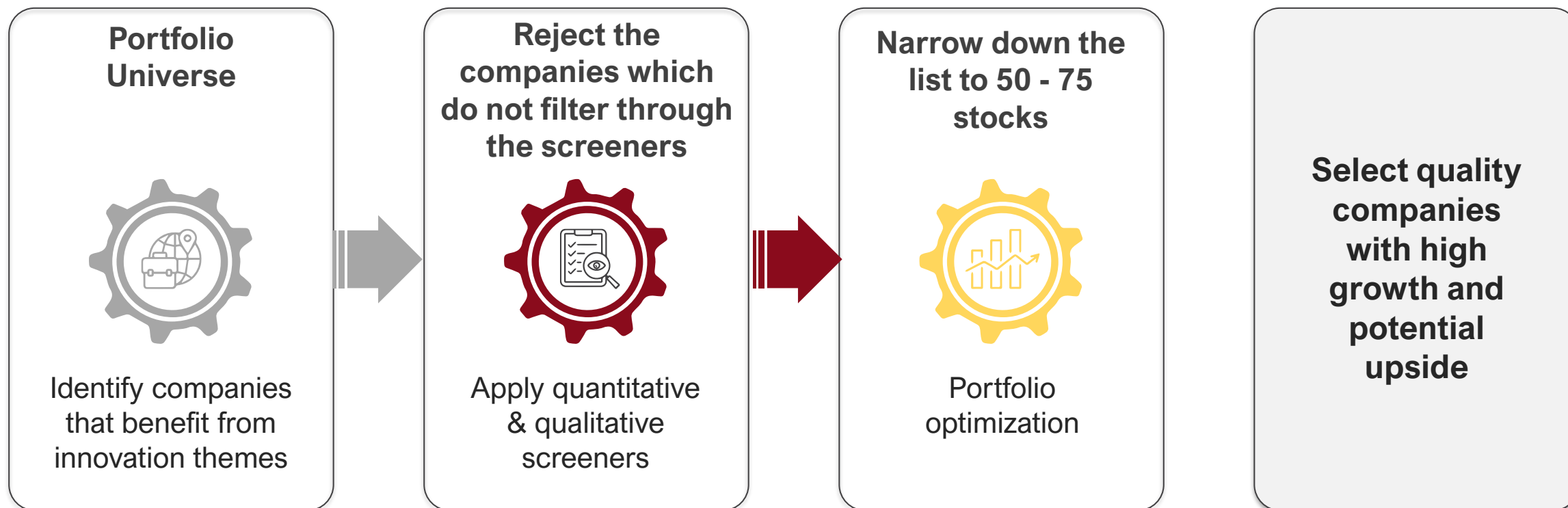
- Objective - Wealth creation with lower volatility
- Well diversified multi-cap portfolio across sectors with innovation at core

Portfolio Characteristics

- Companies which are beneficiaries of the fast changing landscape across industries (innovation led)
- Companies that have a scalability in the form of market size over the next decade (secular growers)

Portfolio Construction

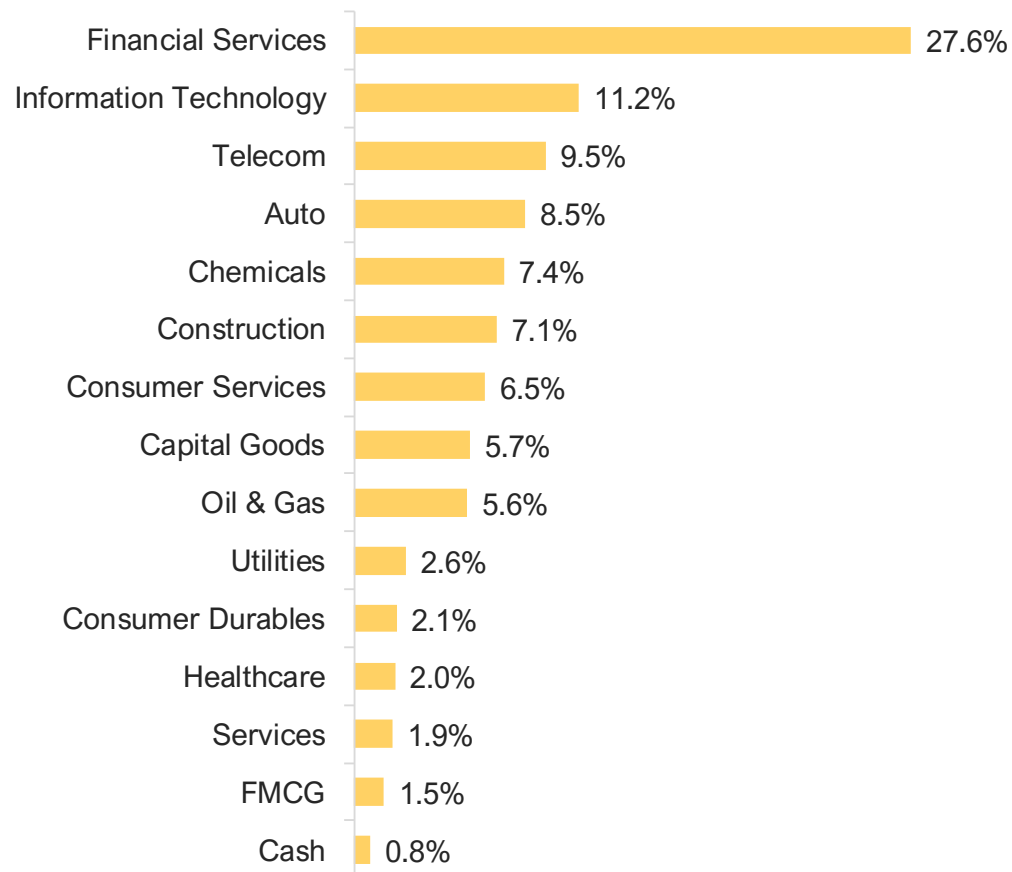
Category	Weight	Rationale
Innovation	65%-100%	Capture maximum value in fast changing landscape across industries through product or process innovation.
Secular Growth	0%-35%	Scalability in the form of market size over the next decade.



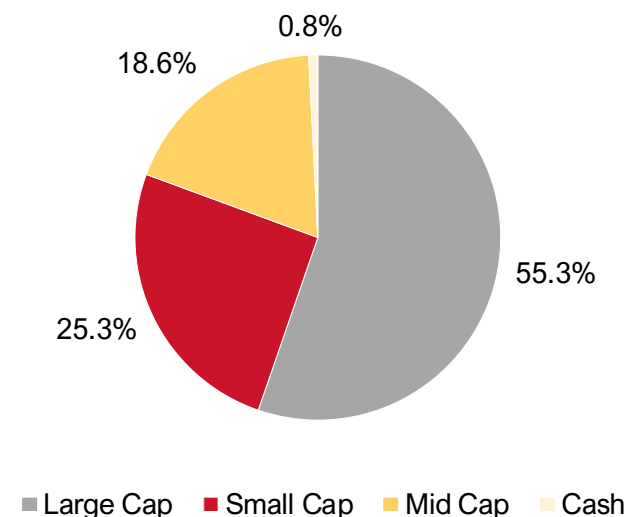
Higher share of new products/ services | Market leadership with limited competition
Global Market Leadership | Cost Leadership | Strong brand recall Customer Engagement

Current Model Portfolio

Industry Allocation



Market Cap



Investment Style

	Growth	Blend	Value
Large Cap			
Mid & Small			

Market Cap Categorization as per Average Market Capitalization of listed companies during the six months ended Dec 31, 2025.

Source : AMFI

As on December 31, 2025

Current Model Portfolio

Portfolio vs. Benchmark (Higher Growth/ROEs with low leverage)

PE (x)	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	Prem/Disc to Benchmark (FY26E)
ABSL Innovation Portfolio	38.9	39.0	31.8	79.7%
Nifty 500	23.7	21.8	19.2	
BSE 500 TRI	23.3	21.7	19.1	

ROE (%)	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	Prem/Disc to Benchmark (FY26E)
ABSL Innovation Portfolio	21.7%	19.1%	20.1%	32.0%
NIFTY 500	14.3%	14.5%	14.4%	
BSE 500 TRI	14.3%	14.5%	14.4%	

EPS Growth (%)	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	Prem/Disc to Benchmark (FY26E)
ABSL Innovation Portfolio	53.8%	8.1%	22.4%	195.2%
NIFTY 500	10.5%	4.7%	18.1%	
BSE 500 TRI	12.1%	2.7%	18.1%	

Net Debt to Equity* (%)	FY 25	Prem/Disc to Benchmark
ABSL Innovation Portfolio	11.2%	-58.0%
NIFTY 500	32.3%	
BSE 500 TRI	26.6%	

Top 10 Holdings & Weights

Top 10 Portfolio Holdings	% of Net Assets
Bharti Airtel Ltd	9.5%
Persistent Systems Ltd	8.7%
ICICI Bank Ltd	8.3%
Larsen & Toubro Ltd	7.1%
Trent Ltd	6.5%
Reliance Industries Ltd	5.6%
HDFC Bank Ltd	5.5%
FIEM Industries Limited	5.5%
Bajaj Finance Ltd	4.5%
PI Industries Ltd	3.3%

Portfolio Characteristics



Key Ratios (3 Years)	ABSL Innovation Portfolio	BSE 500 TRI
Standard Deviation	13.1%	12.8%
Sharpe Ratio	0.90	0.83
Beta	0.90	
Portfolio Turnover	0.18	
Avg MCap (Rs. Cr.)	₹ 5,31,211	
Median MCap (Rs. Cr.)	₹ 65,736	

Performance - ABSL Innovation Portfolio

*Inception date: 24/04/2018

Returns (%)	Absolute				CAGR			
	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception (24/04/2018)
ABSL Innovation Portfolio	-1.4%	3.1%	-5.6%	-0.7%	10.3%	17.6%	17.0%	17.3%
BSE 500 TRI	-0.2%	5.0%	1.6%	7.6%	11.6%	16.4%	16.8%	14.2%
<i>Out/Underperformance</i>	-1.2%	-1.9%	-7.2%	-8.3%	-1.4%	1.2%	0.2%	3.2%
Nifty 500	-0.3%	5.0%	1.1%	6.7%	10.8%	15.6%	15.7%	12.9%
<i>Out/Underperformance</i>	-1.2%	-1.9%	-6.7%	-7.4%	-0.6%	2.0%	1.3%	4.4%

As on December 31, 2025

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
- Investment approach level performance reported is not verified by SEBI

Case Studies

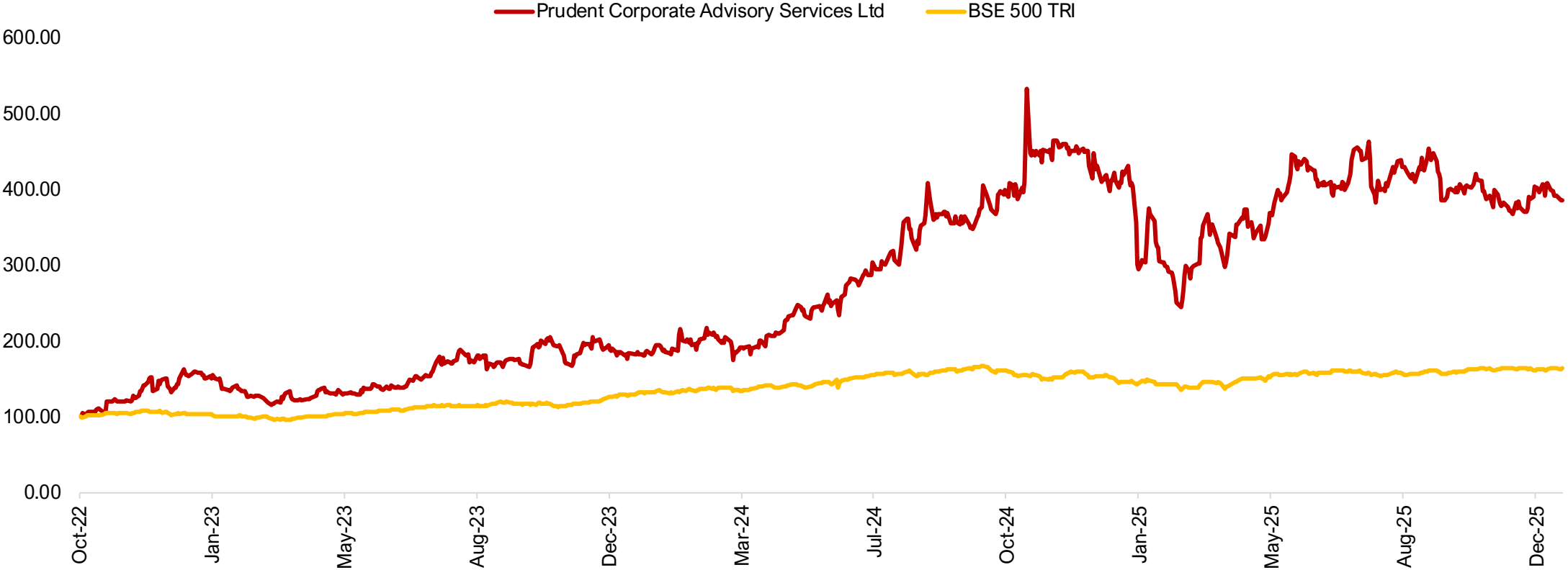
Sector – Financial Services

- Prudent Corporate Advisory Services Limited is a leading Indian mutual fund distributor offering retail wealth management solutions.
- Their tech-enabled platform supports seamless distribution of mutual funds, insurance, stock broking, and trading services across online and offline channels.

Key Facts

- Prudent Corporate Advisory Services Limited is India's second-largest non-banking mutual fund distributor by commission earned, supported by a team of over 1,400 professionals and a network of 33,000+ channel partners.
- Prudent operates a distinctive B2B2C model, delivering integrated investment and protection solutions through a unified digital platform.
- Prudent's business is anchored in stable, recurring SIP flows rather than volatile, market-driven investments. Its SIP-focused model, supported by loyal long-term investors and a strong distribution network, provides resilience and consistency even during market downturns.
- India's mutual fund industry is poised for exponential growth and Prudent is primed to lead this transformation with scale, digital agility, and unmatched reach.

Source: Bloomberg, Internal Research



Date of Investment
12 October 2022



Investment Price
₹660



Current Price
₹2,548



Total Returns
3.86x (3.2 Years)

Note: Stock and Index rebased to the date of first purchase / As on December 31, 2025 / Source: Bloomberg

Sector – Information Technology

- Affle (India) Limited is a global technology business with two segments - Consumer Platform for mobile advertising and online to offline services, and Enterprise Platform for enhancing engagement with mobile users.
- It powers unique and integrated consumer journeys for marketers to drive high ROI, measurable outcome-led advertising through its Affle2.0 Consumer Platform Stack.

Key Facts

- Affle is a global technology company with a proprietary consumer intelligence platform that transforms ads into recommendations helping marketers to effectively identify, engage, acquire and drive transactions with their potential and existing users.
- Affle's core “**cost-per-converted-user**” pricing aligns revenue to measurable conversions (installs/transactions/registrations), not impressions or clicks; driving superior ROI accountability for advertisers and reducing budget wastage.
- With a strong presence across **emerging markets (incl. India)** and an ongoing push into **developed markets** (which command higher CPCU rates and premium inventory, including CTV), Affle has multiple volume-and-pricing levers.
- The company's strategy - acquire capabilities where “buy vs. build” is faster, migrate them to **CPCU** economics, and cross-sell across the stack—has been consistently articulated and executed, supporting operating leverage as adoption scales
- The Company also has 10 pending patent applications in India covering various algorithms in the area of digital fraud detection.

Source: Bloomberg, Internal Research



Date of Investment
01 September 2021



Investment Price
₹933



Current Price
₹1,799



Total Returns
1.93x (4.3 Years)

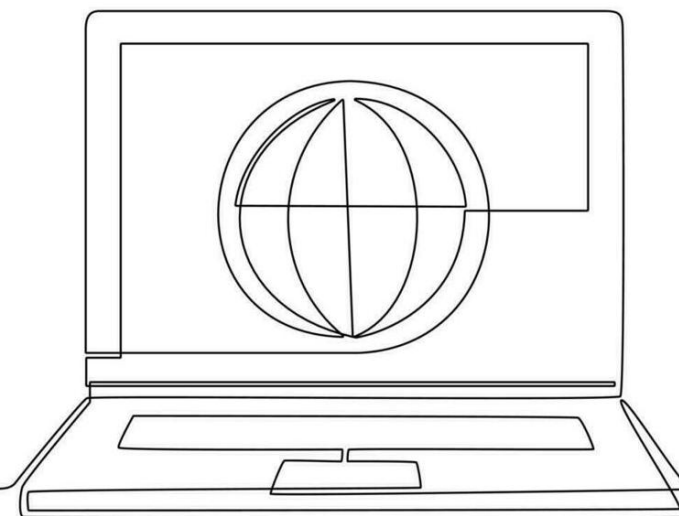
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Sector – Information Technology

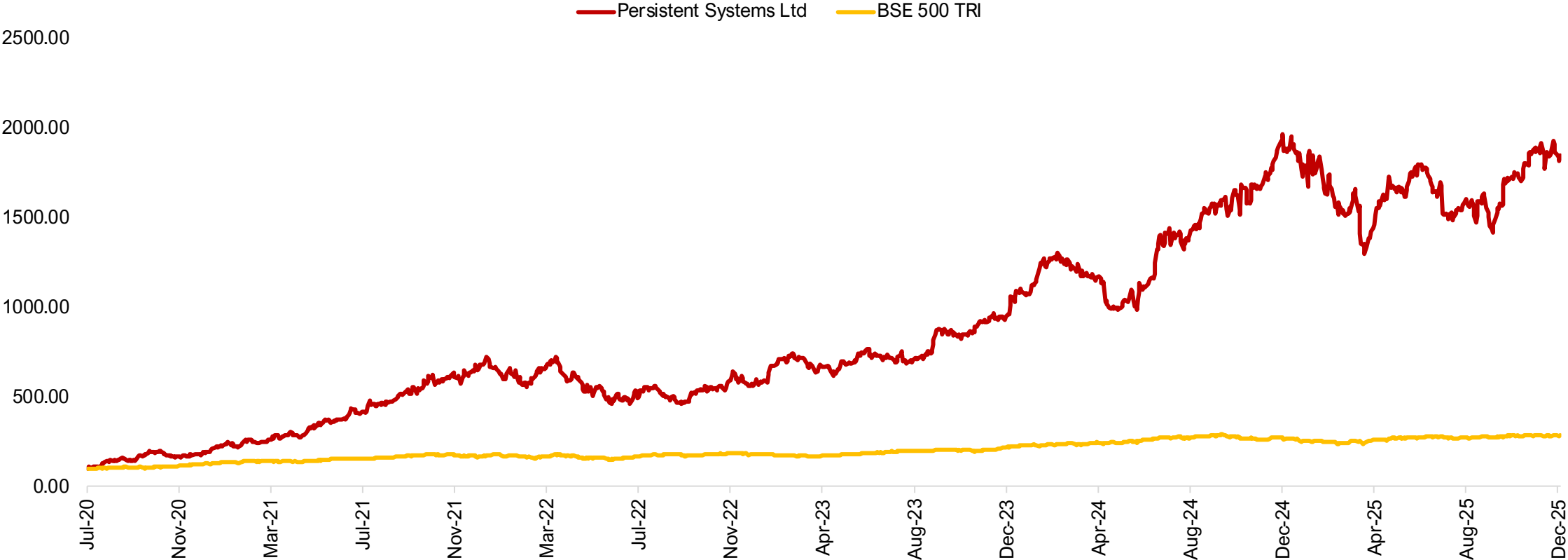
- Persistent Systems Limited is a global company specializing in software products, services and technology innovation.
- It designs, develops and maintains software systems across various industries such as telecommunications and life sciences, offering complete product life cycle services to enhance customer software products.

Key Facts

- The company's "Re(AI)maging the World" initiative positions it as a leader in AI-powered digital transformation. Investments in AI, cloud modernization, and data platforms are driving next-gen enterprise solutions
- Persistent has built a strong Total Contract Value (TCV) and Annual Contract Value (ACV) base, reflecting high client retention and new client acquisition. Trusted by global enterprises for end-to-end product engineering and digital transformation.
- Presence across telecom, healthcare, BFSI, and technology sectors reduces dependency on any single vertical. Enables resilience against sector-specific downturns.
- Post the management changes; Persistent Systems has actively focused more on winning multi-year, multi-million dollar deals with enterprise clients as against the traditional, shorter OPD deals.



Source: Bloomberg, Internal Research



Date of Investment
7 July 2020



Investment Price
₹340



Current Price
₹6,272



Total Returns
18.46x (5.5 Years)

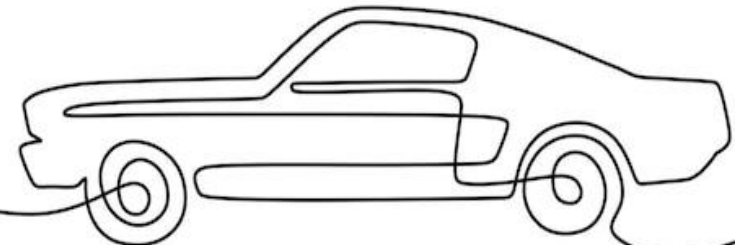
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Sector - Auto

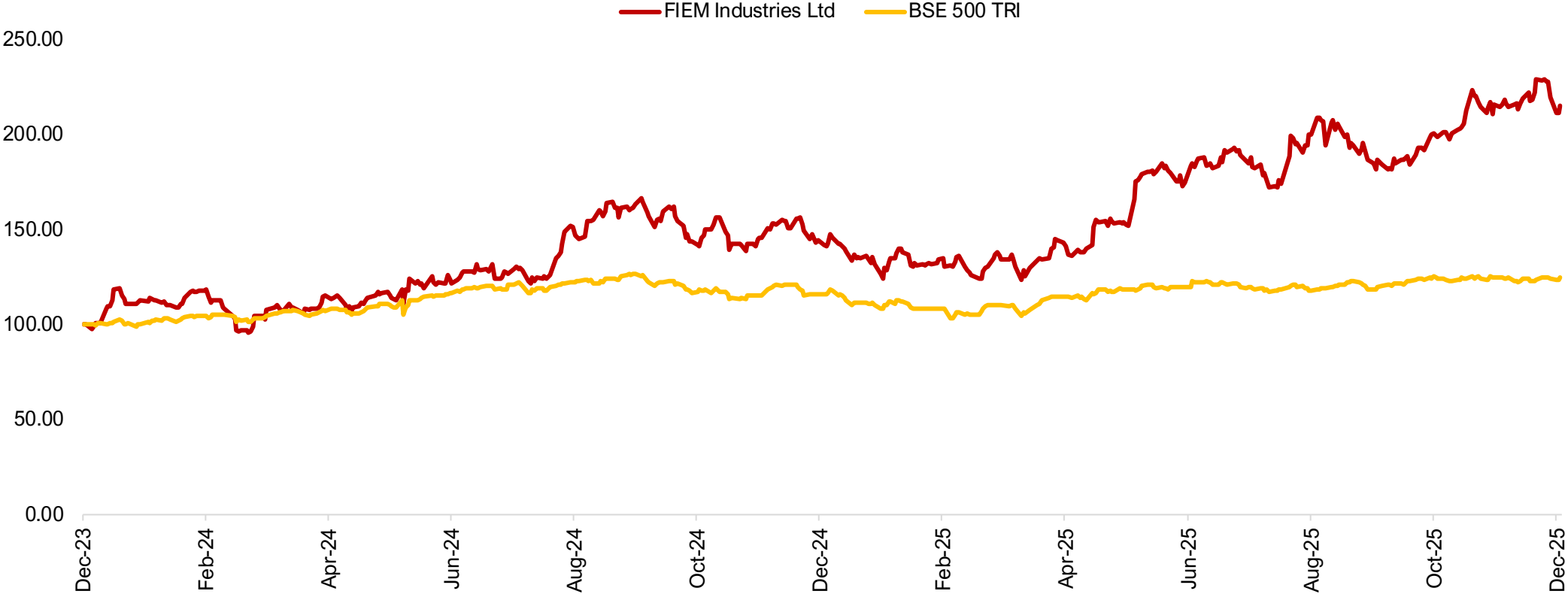
- FIEM is a leading Indian manufacturer of automotive lighting, signaling equipment, and rear-view mirrors, primarily serving the two-wheeler segment.
- FIEM offers a diverse product portfolio including headlamps, tail lamps, signaling lamps, roof lamps, rear-view mirrors, wheel covers, warning triangles, rear fender and frame assemblies, mudguards, sheet metal and plastic parts, canisters, and lean angle sensors.

Key Facts

- FIEM boasts a robust client base of over 50 OEMs and has been a trusted supplier since its inception. It holds a significant market share in automotive lighting, signaling equipment, and rear-view mirrors for both two-wheeler and four-wheeler OEMs.
- FIEM has established strategic technological partnerships with global players to deliver advanced and cost-efficient products. The company has also diversified into Integrated Passenger Information Systems (IPIS) featuring LED displays.
- FIEM operates three world-class R&D and design centers in India, Italy, and Japan, staffed by over 120 experts specializing in design, optical simulation, and guest engineering. These facilities focus on developing advanced LED lighting assemblies that meet both Indian and global standards.
- FIEM enjoys a first-mover advantage in the EV segment, collaborating with all major EV OEMs in India. Its competitive edge lies in its in-house R&D, design, and testing capabilities, enabling rapid product development.



Source: Bloomberg, Internal Research



Date of Investment
28 December 2023



Investment Price
₹1,049



Current Price
₹2,260



Total Returns
2.15x (2.0 Years)

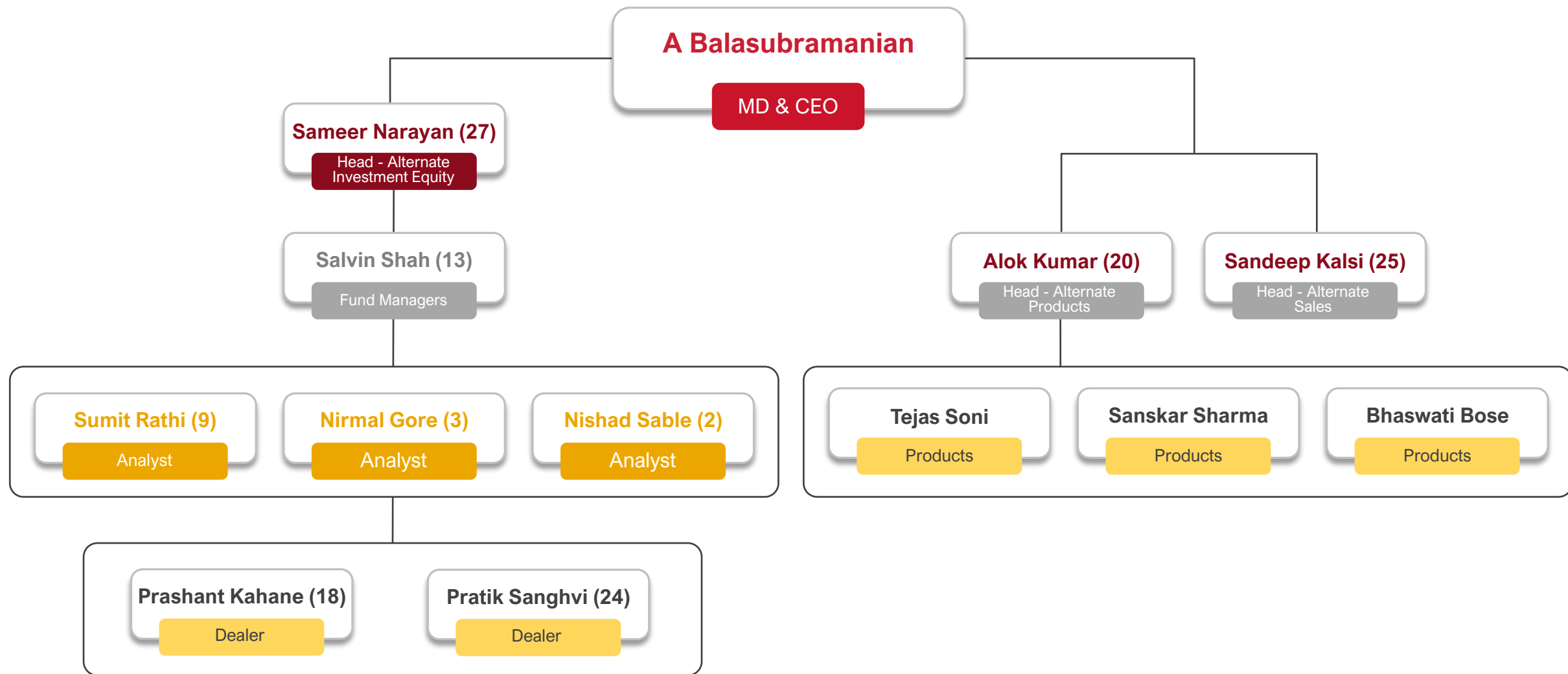
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ABSL Innovation Portfolio – Portfolio Construct

Portfolio Name	ABSL Innovation Portfolio
Structure	Discretionary PMS
Strategy	Equity
Nature	Open ended
Market cap	Multi cap
Investment approach	The portfolio invests or proposes to invest in listed equity & equity related instruments with the aim of generating long term capital appreciation &/or income in the form of dividends &/or bias towards any market cap segment etc. as mutually agreed by the client & fund manager. It can also invest in money market instruments & units of mutual fund. Features of the companies can include – High quality with consistency in growth, high ROE, low leverage & high potential for growth. It is a portfolio which can be tailored as per the specific investment preference of the client. Stock selection is done through a combination of ‘Bottom up’ approach i.e. analyzing the fundamental attributes of the company & competition & ‘Top down’ approach i.e. analyzing the macro economic factors & industry growth characteristics.
Investment Manager	Aditya Birla Sun Life AMC Limited (ABSLAMC)
Benchmark	BSE 500 TRI
Portfolio Manager	Salvin Shah
Time Horizon	Minimum 3 years
Minimum Investment	Rs 50 lakhs
Management and Performance fee	Please refer to Client Fee Schedule
Operating expenses	Please refer to Client Fee Schedule

Alternate Business - Team Structure

Team Structure



Figures in bracket is No of years of relevant work experience



Sameer Narayan | Head-Alternate Investment (Equity)

- Has 27+ years of experience in Indian Equity markets with significant alpha generation track record over longer time periods.
- Prior to joining ABSLAMC, he was Head – PMS at Invesco Asset Management (India) Pvt Ltd. Managed segregated mandates across both growth (Caterpillar) & value (RISE & DAWN) strategies.
- Has also set up the Adani Family Office in Sep 2011. Began his buy-side career with BNP Paribas Asset Mgmt in 2006 where he advised offshore mandates.
- Has varied sell-side experience through his stints at SSKI, Enam Securities & Motilal Oswal.
- Qualification: Master in Management Studies (MMS) from Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies, Mumbai and B.E. degree with specialization in Production Engineering.



Salvin Shah | Portfolio Manager (Equity)

- Has 13+ years in Portfolio Management and Equity Research, Salvin has extensive experience in managing Indian Equities. His endeavor is to maximize returns for the investors while keeping an eye on portfolio risk. He has been successful at identifying themes and stocks at a very early stage which has resulted in multi-bagger returns for the investors.
- Prior to joining ABSLAMC, he worked with Sanctum Wealth Management as Co-fund Manager in their PMS business. Before Sanctum, Salvin was a part of equity research team at Edelweiss Securities and Athena Investment Management.
- Qualification: Member of Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) and a commerce graduate from Mumbai University.



A Balasubramanian | MD & CEO

- Has over 30 years' experience in the Mutual Fund Industry and has been with ABSLAMC since inception.
- Previously worked with GIC Mutual Fund. Currently, he is on the Board of Governors of SEBI established National Institute of Securities Markets (NISM).
- Qualification: Diploma in Financial Management, AMP from IIM, Bangalore, MBA from GlobalNxt University, Malaysia, Advanced Management Programme from Harvard University.



Alok Kumar | Head - Alternate Products

- A dynamic investment professional with 20+ years of rich experience in capital market, building investment product roadmaps & wealth proposition, Investment Advisory and championing New Initiatives in the Financial Sector
- Prior to joining ABSLAMC, he was heading Alternate & Structured Products and Investment Processes at DBS Bank India Limited
- Has also set up the India's first dedicated Retirement Solutions entity under Principal Financial Group
- Developed India Venture Board as a marketplace to facilitate Venture Capital/Private Equity deals in India and SME Exchange as part of National Stock Exchange
- Qualification: MBA from Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies, Mumbai and B.E. degree with specialization in Electrical Engineering



Sandeep Kalsi | Head – Alternate Sales

- INSEAD Singapore alumnus with 25+ years of diverse experience in the financial services industry, spanning asset management, alternatives, and banking
- Has led large, multi-functional teams with a focus on delivering strategic outcomes and driving organizational growth
- Successfully built and scaled new business ventures from concept to execution across multiple domains
- He brings extensive experience across leading financial institutions, having held roles at ICICI Bank, Fidelity Mutual Fund, SBI Mutual Fund, Edelweiss Alternatives, and Kotak Alternatives.

Risk Factors associated with investments in Equity & Equity related securities:

- Risk arising from the investment objective, investment strategy, asset allocation and quant model risk:
- Market risk, political and geopolitical risk and risk arising from changing business dynamics, which may affect portfolio returns. At times, portfolios of individual clients may be concentrated in certain companies/industries. The performance of the portfolios would depend on the performance of such companies / industries / sectors of the economy.
- The portfolio proposes to invest in equity and equity related securities. Equity and Equity related securities by nature are volatile and prone to price fluctuations on a daily basis due to both macro and micro factors.
- The value of the portfolio will fluctuate as the daily prices of the individual securities in which they invest fluctuate and may be worth more or less than its original cost, at a given point in time.
- In respect of investments in equity and equity-related instruments, there may be risks associated with trading volumes, settlement periods and transfer procedures that may restrict liquidity of investments in equity and equity related securities.
- The value of the portfolio may be affected generally by factors affecting securities markets, such as price and volume volatility in the capital markets, interest rates, currency exchange rates, changes in policies of the Government, taxation laws or policies of any appropriate authority and other political and economic developments and closure of stock exchanges which may have an adverse bearing on individual securities, a specific sector or all sectors including equity and debt markets.
- Within the regulatory limits applicable at any point in time, the Portfolio Manager may choose to invest in unlisted securities that offer attractive yields. Securities, which are not quoted on the stock exchanges, are inherently illiquid in nature and carry a larger amount of liquidity risk, in comparison to securities that are listed on the exchanges or offer other exit options to the investor, including a put option. This may however increase the risk of the portfolio. The liquidity and valuation of the portfolio's investments due to their holdings of unlisted securities may be affected if they have to be sold prior to their target date of disinvestments
- Investment made in unlisted equity or equity-related securities may only be realizable upon listing of these securities. Settlement problems could cause the portfolio to miss certain investment opportunities.
- Investors may note that Portfolio Manager's investment decisions may not always be profitable, as actual market movements may be at variance with anticipated trends.
- Though the constituent stocks of most indices are typically liquid, liquidity differs across stocks. Due to the heterogeneity in liquidity in the capital market segment, trades on this segment may not get implemented instantly.
- The portfolio may have higher concentration towards a particular stock or sector, at a given point in time. Any change in government policy or any other adverse development with respect to such a stock or the sector, may adversely affect the value of the portfolio.
- The Portfolio Manager does not intend to invest in foreign securities.
- The Portfolio Manager does not intend to engage in short selling or stock lending.
- The portfolio also proposes to invest in derivative instruments. However, the portfolio manager does not intend to write options. The Portfolio manager intends to use exchange traded derivatives as a hedging tool & does not intend to take any naked positions. Nevertheless, trading in derivatives market has risks and issues concerning the use of derivatives that investor should understand. Derivative products are specialized instruments that require investment techniques and risk analysis different from those associated with stocks and bonds.

- Derivative products are leveraged instruments and can provide disproportionate gains as well as disproportionate losses to the investor. Even a small price movement in the underlying security could have a large impact on their value. Execution of such strategies depends upon the ability of the Portfolio Manager to identify such opportunities. Identification and execution of such strategies to be persuaded by the Portfolio Manager involve uncertainty and decision of the Portfolio Manager may not always be profitable. No assurance can be given that the Portfolio Manager shall be able to identify or execute such strategies.
- The risks associated with the use of derivatives are different from or possibly greater than, the risk associated with investing directly in securities and other traditional investments. As and when the product trades in the derivatives market there are risk factors and issues concerning the use of derivatives that investors should understand. Derivative products are specialized instruments that require investment techniques and risk analysis different from those associated with stocks and bonds. The use of a derivative requires an understanding not only of the underlying instrument but also of the derivative itself.
- Derivatives require the maintenance of adequate controls to monitor the transactions entered into, the ability to assess the risk that a derivative adds to the portfolio and the ability to forecast price or interest rate movements correctly. There is a possibility that loss may be sustained by the portfolio as a result of the failure of another party (usually referred as the “counter party”) to comply with the terms of the derivatives contract. Other risks in using derivatives include the risk of mispricing or improper valuation of derivatives and the inability of derivatives to correlate perfectly with underlying assets, rates and indices. Thus, derivatives are highly leveraged instruments. Even a small price movement in the underlying security could have a large impact on their value.
- The use of a derivative requires an understanding not only of the underlying instrument but also of the derivative itself. Derivatives require the maintenance of adequate controls to monitor transactions entered into, the ability to assess the risk that a derivative adds to the portfolio and the ability to forecast price or interest rate movements correctly. There is a possibility that loss may be sustained by the portfolio as a result of the failure of another party (usually referred as the “counter party”) to comply with the terms of the derivatives contract. Derivative trades involve execution risks, whereby the rates seen on the screen may not be the rate at which ultimate execution takes place. The options buyer’s risk is limited to the premium paid, while the risk of an options writer is unlimited. However, the gains of an options writer are limited to the premiums earned. The writer of a put option bears the risk of loss if the value of the underlying asset declines below the exercise price. The writer of a call option bears a risk of loss if the value of the underlying asset increases above the exercise price. Investments in index futures face the same risk as the investments in a portfolio of shares representing an index. The extent of loss is the same as in the underlying stocks. Risk of loss in trading futures contracts can be substantial, because of the low margin deposits required, the extremely high degree of leverage involved in futures pricing and potential high volatility of the futures markets.
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