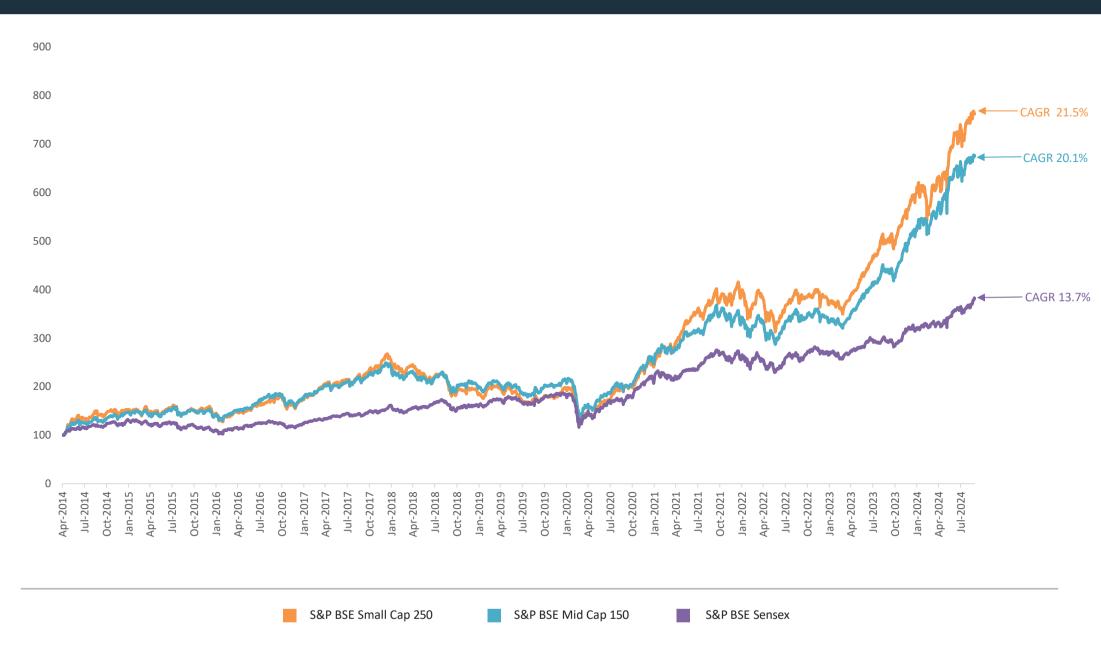




# WHY SMALL CAP?







# **Economic Cycles & Business Cycles**



#### Contraction

Economic activity slows down
GDP declines for two consecutive quarters ( typical recession)

Unemployment rises and consumer spending reduces
Overall Market and business does not do well.

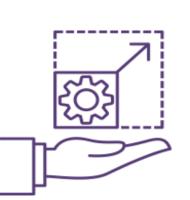


#### Recovery

Market starts to do well in anticipation of business doing well









#### Peak

Economic activity reaches its highest point

Market valuations are high

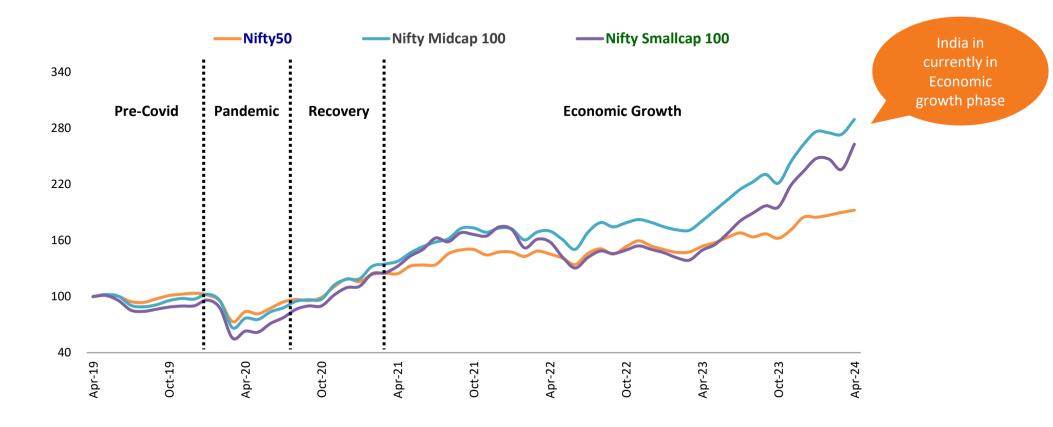
Inflation may rise due to high demand



### **Expansion**

Economic growth expectations rise
GDP increases and unemployment decreases
Market delivers nominal return 10-12%
Consumer spending and business investment rise

# SmallCap tend to outperform in expansion phase



	Pre-Covid	Pandemic	Recovery	Economic Growth	
Period	April-19 to Jan-20	Jan-20 to May-20	June-20 to Jan-21	Jan-21 to April-24	
Nifty 50	2.2%	-37.4%	21.7%	14.6%	
Nifty Midcap 100	3.0%	-50.6%	24.6%	26.2%	
Nifty Smallcap 100	-4.5%	-64.9%	26.5%	27.9%	

# Focus on sectors which are under-represented in large caps



#### Business leader opportunities in small cap



Largest Power/Commodity
Exchange Company



Largest Depository Company



Largest Movie Exhibitor



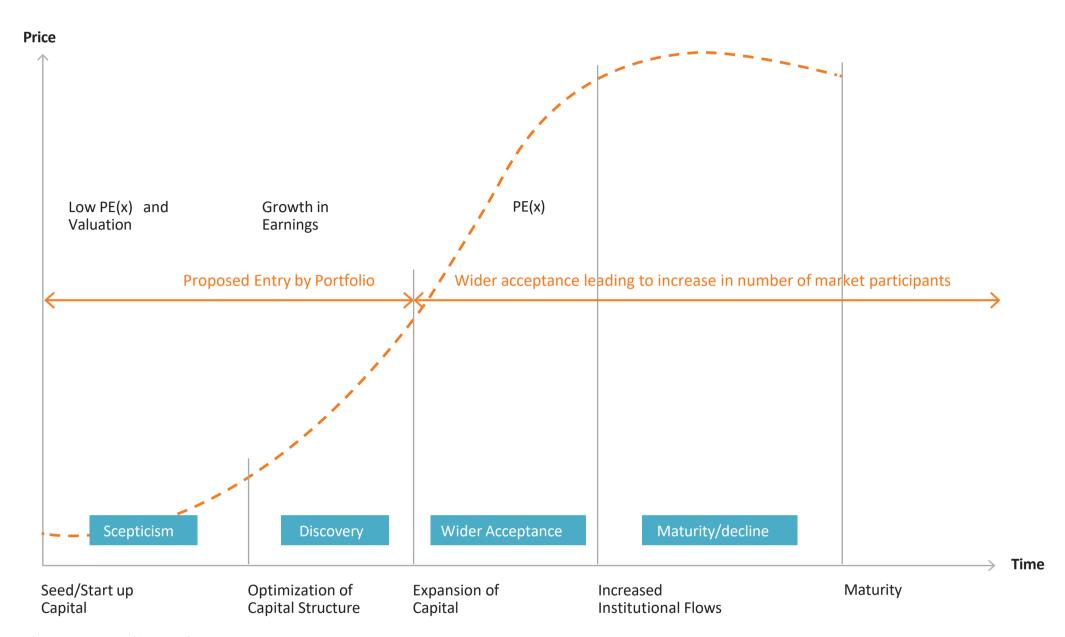
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Equipment Manufacturer



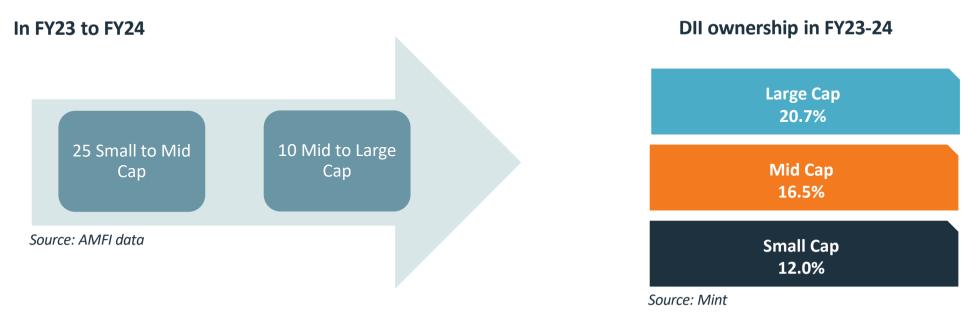
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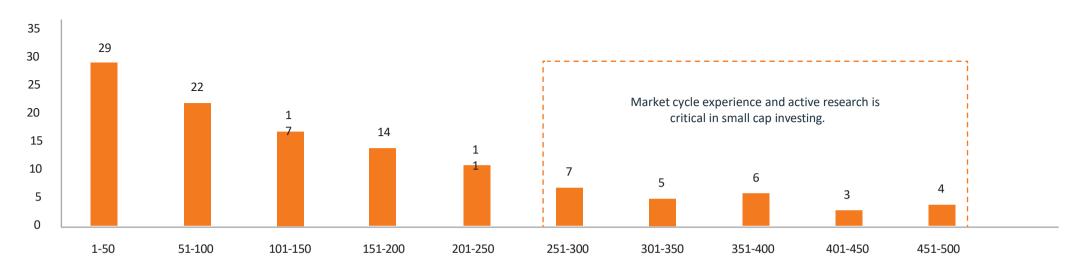




# SmallCap are Under Researched and Under Owned



# Average number of sell side analysts covering the stock\*



# MARKET VIEW



# **Business and Market Cycle Framework**



### **RECOVERY**

Business doing well but market has discounted most of the positives – time correction.

Investor sentiment is more optimistic.

### + Prices

### **BOOM**

Business and market is doing well – Investors only focused on returns and ignore risk associated to generate the returns.

Prepare yourself for the next cycle, try and minimize decision making.

+ Business Activity

### **BUST**

Business and Markets not doing well. Events which are global or local start to unravel.

Investors think about risk and not returns.

### **SLOWDOWN**

Business not doing well but market has started to discount the recovery.

Investors are still risk-averse.

# INCRED ASSET MANAGEMENT





- Great" Business at fair value
- Good" business at a discount to Intrinsic Value
- Avoid "Bad" business



- When incremental Upside-Downside ratio is unfavourable
- When the underlying business starts to deviate from the investment thesis

- Optimal Diversification
- Allocation based on conviction



Bad business  ROIC < WACC
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Inefficient capital structure
Weak coverage
Poor
Highly volatile, below industry growth rates
Not detected
Price taker
Poor
Non existent
High dependence

# Contrary to perception more experience is required to do small cap investing



### **Our capabilities**

Over 130+ years of investing experience between the senior management and core investment team.

Top quartile track record of the investment management team across market cycles spanning over 18+ years in managing funds.

Having a sound investment framework helps in superior stock selection and minimize mistakes.

Strong in-house research with over 7 research analysts and 2 fund managers covering 200 stocks out of which 82 stocks are small cap and 41 are midcap stocks.

Out of our coverage we would have 72 plus stocks where there would be negligible coverage by the sell side hence we rely on our ability to ideate, screen, research and invest.

As on October 2024



# **Capital Allocation Skills**

Management teams ability to allocate incremental capital to enhance shareholder returns.

Over Longterm ability to earn Return on Invested Capital in excess of cost of capital.

### **Superior Management**

We look for owner operator management teams that are aligned to minority shareholder interest.

Key man risk is high and hence management team evaluation is the key.

# **Potential for High Growth**

We look for companies that are in high growth industries and have a large total addressable market.

The company should be able to gain and sustain market share.

### **Small In Size**

Companies small in size have a potential to grow revenues, profits, cash flows and generate superior return on capital.

# **Longevity in Earnings Growth**

The growth in earnings should be sustainable over long periods of time and across business cycles, cash flows should be durable.

### **Reasonable Valuations**

Companies should be available at a reasonable price and should have enough margin of safety.

# Risk Management

# **Market Capitalization**

Fund rarely invests in companies that have market capitalization less than 1000 Crs. The average market capitalization of companies in the fund is 6900 Cr.

### Daily Average Volume

The purchase or sale of the stock must be executed within five days, ensuring that the traded volume does not exceed 30% of the stock's daily average volume. This helps to avoid abrupt price spikes or drops.

### **Leverage Parameters**

Excluding financials, the fund aims to invest in companies that have low Net Debt. Small and MidCap PMS has an average Debt/Equity of 0.01 and 15 companies are Net Debt free. Average Net Debt to EBITDA is 0.5.

# INVESTMENT THEMES



# THEMES | PLI would be a game changer for domestic manufacturing and exports



- Achieving Atmanirbhar Bharat through the **Production-Linked**Incentive (PLI)
- Expansion of the manufacturing sector,
- Localization of the manufacturing ecosystem
- To reduce dependence on other economies as much as possible

- •Total 14 schemes announced by the Government of India .
- •PLI holds the potential to generate **~Rs 3 trn** of capex over the scheme period (3-4 years). These investments are incremental to earlier capex cycles, promoting export competitiveness and import substitution.

#### Select Schemes in focus sectors

Category	Approval by Cabinet	Period	Outlay	Production	Exports
		Years	INR bn	INR bn	INR bn
White Goods(Air-conditioners and LED lights)	07-Apr-21	5	62.4	1680	644
IT Hardware	24-Feb-21	4	73.25	3260	2445
Pharmaceutical Drugs 2.0	24-Feb-21	6	150	2940	1960
Telecom & Networking Products	17-Feb-21	5	122	2400	2000
Medical Devices	21-Mar-20	5	34.2	684.4	
Pharmaceutical Drugs (KSM/API)	21-Mar-20	8	69.4		

Source: FY23 union budget documents, GOI

### **THEMES | ERD – The Bright Spot for Indian IT**



R&D spends are critical to maintain market share/relevance amidst shortening product cycles and disruption especially in software and automotive verticals. Through Covid, R&D intensity of global auto OEMs has increased despite shrinking revenues. ERD spend will be strongest in following sectors — automotive (ADAS, connected), TMT (Technology, media and telecom), AI, Industry 4.0, Medtech and sustainability.

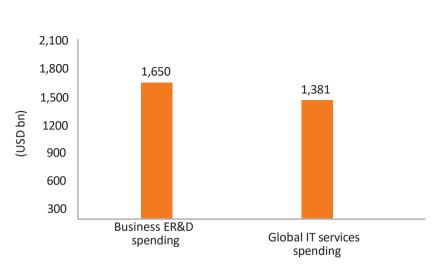
ERD outsourcing penetration is in high single digits vs c.30-40% for IT services. Of this, nearly 2/3rd goes to captives. Europe is equally large (as the USA) in ERD spender even though the latter is higher in overall IT spending. European outsourcing has been lower and has been growing relatively faster.

Digital ERD spend is expected to outpace overall IT spends, and is expected to grow @12% CAGR (vs c.8% overall IT Services) over FY23-30 benefiting IT companies. In asset heavy industries, mechanical handling may get substituted by electronic / digital engineering. Asset light industries like software and healthcare are also increasing spends, thereby increasing the TAM.

Indian players have c.20% market share in ERD vs c.50% in IT Services. Russia-Ukraine crisis has also forced some ERD spenders to diversify from eastern Europe.

#### **IT US FRD**

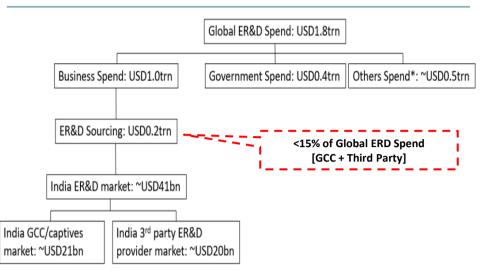
(Engineering and Research & Development)



Source: ER&D data — BCG NASSCOM, ER&D Report 2023,InCred Asset Management — 1,650 Is taken as a mid point ranging from 1,500 to 1,800 Gartner, InCred Asset Management

### **Sizing The ER&D Market Opportunities**

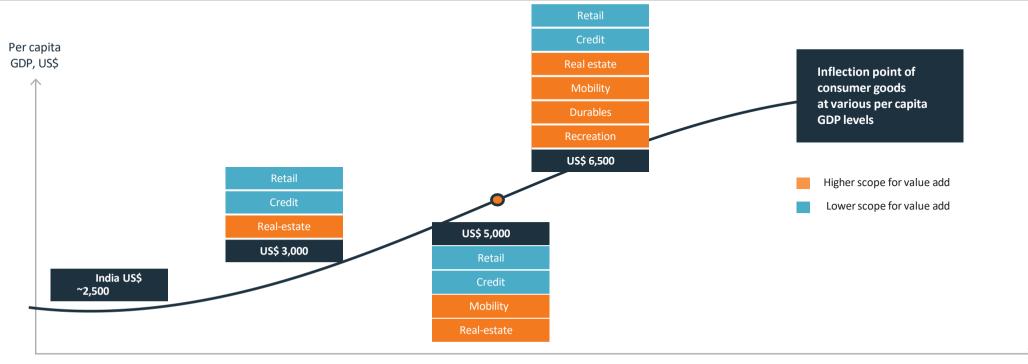
(ER&D Penetration is still low in India)



Source: BCG, Everest Group, Zinnov, Emkay Research. Note: \*Others include academia and public sector

# THEMES | Consumption at an inflection point with the exponential growth in per capita income





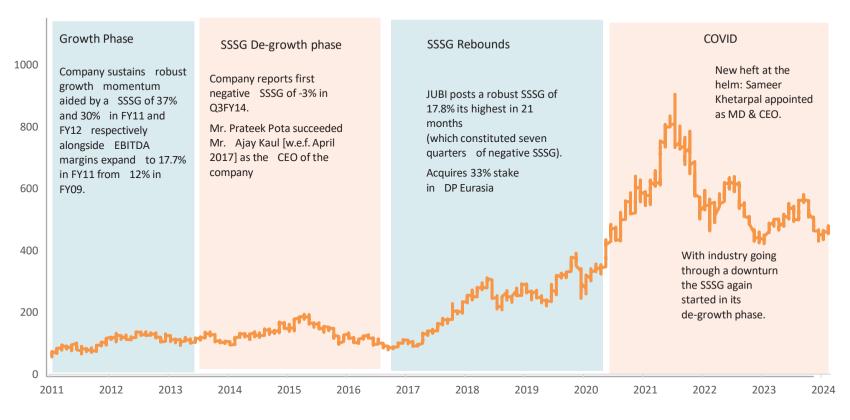
Source: Bain & co.

Sectors	Current Estimated Market Size (in \$ Bn)	Expected Market Size FY30 (In \$ Bn)	Growth (x)	
Cosnsumer Durables	20	70	3.5	
Consumer Staples	1330	3536	2.7	
Media & Entertainment	22	39	1.8	
Real Estate	257	400	1.6	
Auto & Auto Ancillary	222	358	1.6	
Retail	96	155	1.6	
Healthcare	280	411	1.5	
Food Service	39	55	1.4	

Source: IBEF, Gol

# THEMES | Consumption growth case study - Jubilant Foodworks Ltd.





**QSR** industry has faced several headwinds which are now cooling off.

As seen in the past as well, this can create an opportune time to enter the space to generate superior alpha.

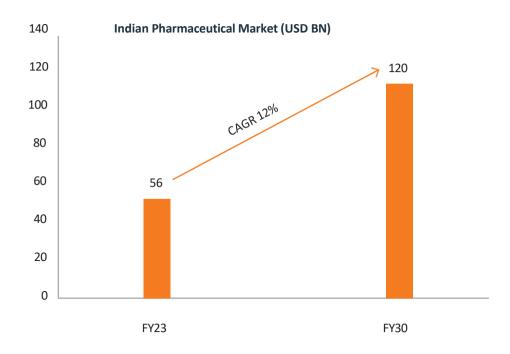
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	CAGR
Food Service Market Size(in ₹ Cr)	289724	312902	337934	364969	394167	425700	391664	450391	481918	448184	7%
QSR share in Food Service Market	6%	7%	7%	8%	8%	9%	7%	8%	8%	9%	
Jubilant Sales (in ₹ Cr)	2093	2438	2583	3018	3563	3927	3312	4396	5158	5351	12%
Operating Margins (in %)	12.2	10.8	9.3	14.6	16.8	22.3	23.3	25.2	22.2	19.4	
Return on Invested Capital (in %)	30	23	14	39	62	100	72	65	45	40	

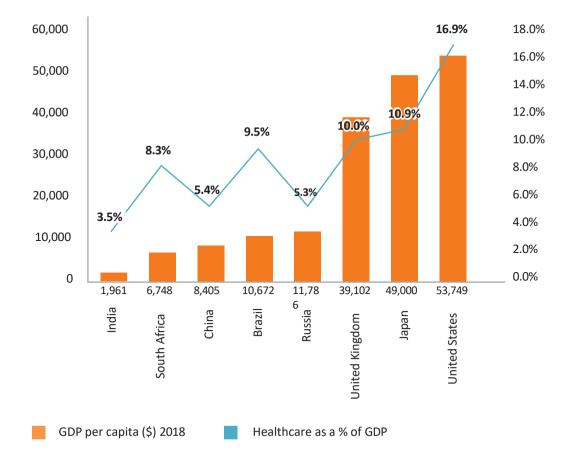
# THEME | Healthcare spending to grow



As GDP per capital increases, healthcare spend increases significantly. Developed economies have a very high expenditure on Healthcare as % of GDP vs developing economies.

This gives us comfort that there is significant headroom for growth in this sector for India.







### **Branded Domestic Business**

# High margin, low capex & steady cash flow business

- Branded generics has high sustainable cash flows, low capex & high RoE with high barriers to entry (8-10% growth & 40%-80% RoE)
- Increasing lifestyle related diseases, better diagnostics and affordability driven by Ayushman Bharat (affordability to expand from 150-200m individuals to 500-600m individuals over time)

### APIs/CDMO/CMO

# 'China + 1' a huge boost to API players

- Anti-China rhetoric could play out well for Indian API players. China exports
   ~USD30 bn worth of APIs vs
   ~USD4 bn from India. A 10% shift in demand can double India's API industry size.
- Given noncompliance to ESG and recent supply disruptions, Big Pharma is also looking at diversifying sourcing beyond China.

### Hospitals

# Capex phase largely over; time to monetize

- Indian hospital players have incurred huge capex to increase capacity which is coming to an end (Mature hospitals RoE at ~20% vs consolidated 4%-12%)
- This may lead to better margins, cash flows and lower debt resulting in re-rating of the business.





# Aditya Sood

Fund Manager, InCred Asset Management

- Overall investment experience of 20 years in equity markets out of which 18 years in fund management.
- Global experience of managing emerging market equities in the United Kingdom.
- •Formerly headed the investment function of ICICI Prudential PMS managing assets of over INR 4,000 crores
- He combines a philosophy of focusing on 'Return of Capital" along with "Return on Capital" and picked a high point in the market to close his PMS at ICICI Prudential and return capital to investors with a handsome profit
- Also spearheaded small / mid cap research at ICICI Prudential
- Funds managed InCred Multicap, small and midcap Portfolio, IVGF-1 and EBF.

### **Manager Track Record**

In Jan 2018, ICICI Prudential's PMS unit returned Rs. 700 crore to investors citing "extremely rich" valuations.



The decision to return investor money is in line with the philosophythat return of capital is also important along with return on capital - Aditya Sood

Since inception the schemes have returned 322.6% as against the BSEsmallcap index's gains of 230% - Business Standard

In July 2024, InCred AIF – IVGF returned capital along with gains two months earlier to investors.

# Hot Mkt Prompts InCred to Shut Multi-cap AIF, Return Money

#### Ruchita Sonawane

Mumbai: InCred Asset Management has decided to shut one of its equity products, India Value Growth Fund I, and return money to investors, two months before the fund's maturity, amid growing worries about the overheating equity market.

fiinancial services firm InCred. led by former senior Deutsche Bank executive Bhupinder rict flows into equity schemes Singh, said n a note to clients, it at such times. was booking profits in the fund and is handing back ₹80 crore it managed citing elevated risks of significant fluctuations in meant for the rich, was schethe market.

"This decision is driven by the 2024. Since its inception in caution," said the InCred note to its clients.

returning client money by asset managers on acco-The asset manager, owned by unt of challenging market conditions is uncommon in India. Mutual funds usually rest-

> close-ended multi-cap Alternative Investment Fund (AIF) duled to mature in September Continued on >> Smart Investing

current market conditions. September 2019, the fund deliwhich are at an all-time high, vered an absolute return of presenting a level of volatility 165.0% or an annualised 22.7% and uncertainty that warrants as of June 30 as against the BSE 200 Total Returns Index's gains of 142.7% or (20.4% an-The practice of nualised) in the same period. the note said.

"The scope for incremental IRR is reducing due to the steep valuations in the market." Aditya Sood, who manages the fund, told ET. "The markets are trading at valuations that are over three times the standard India Value Growth Fund I, a deviation, with many companies at over 100 times Price to Earnings ratio."

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Since inception the schemes have returned 165% as against the BSE 200 index's gains of 142.7% - Economic Times

# **Small and Mid Cap Portfolio Performance**



Returns	Portfolio	BSE 500 TRI	Alpha
1 MONTH	7.7%	4.3%	3.4%
3 MONTHS	4.9%	3.7%	1.2%
6 MONTHS	14.7%	8.3%	6.4%
1 YEAR	-4.7%	5.3%	-10.0%
2 YEARS	17.5%	19.6%	-2.1%
3 YEARS	22.7%	16.2%	6.5%
SINCE INCEPTION	15.9%	15.8%	0.2%

<sup>\*</sup>In comparison with BSE 500

ISMP is an Investment Approach /Product offered under Equity Strategy in terms of SEBI circular dated Dec 16, 2022. Inception date: 24th May 2021. Benchmark Index: BSE 500 TRI. Data as on 31st October 2025. Past performance may or may not be sustained in future and should not be used as basis for comparison with other investments. Returns are composite of all the Portfolios aligned to the investment approach. Returns for individual client may differ depending on the timing of inflows and outflows of funds and/or differences in the portfolio composition because of restrictions and other constraints, if any. Returns for 1 year or lesser time horizon are absolute returns. Where last 2, 3,4,5 year performance returns are not available, they have not been shown. Returns have been calculated using Time Weighted Rate of Return method (TWRR) as prescribed by the SEBI. Performance figures are net of all fees and expenses. The performance related information provided herein is not verified by SEBI nor has SEBI certified the accuracy or adequacy of the same. For performance details of other Portfolio Managers for similar strategy, please refer to https://www.apmiindia.org/apmi/welcomeiaperformance.htm?action=PMSmenu.

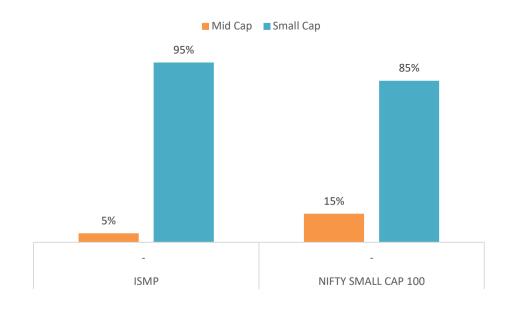
<sup>\*</sup> ISMP – InCred Small and Mid Cap Portfolio

# **InCred Small and Midcap / Portfolio Details**

# Top 10 Holdings

Name	% Weight
INDRAPRASTHA MEDICAL CORPORATION LTD	11.6%
NEULAND LABORATORIES LTD	11.6%
TEJAS NETWORKS LTD	6.1%
ARMAN FINANCIAL SERVICES LTD	5.9%
INTELLECT DESIGN ARENA LTD	5.3%
CHOLAMANDALAM FINANCIAL HOLDINGS LTD	4.7%
RELIGARE ENTERPRISES LTD	4.4%
CITY UNION BANK LTD	4.1%
STOVE KRAFT LTD	4.1%
BAJAJ HEALTHCARE LTD	3.8%
Cash	0.7%

# **Market Capitalization**



# Sector Analysis



Healthcare 33.6%



Financials 19.1%



Consumer 13.3%



Technology 10.3%



Auto & Auto Ancillary 6.3%

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