



WHY SMALL CAP







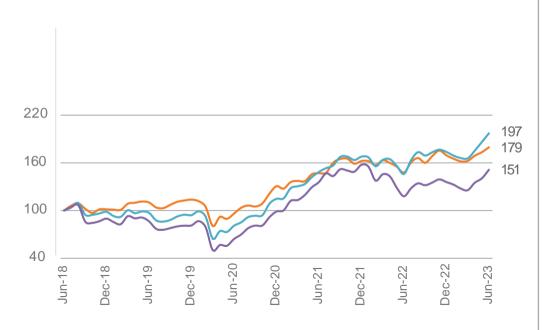
S&P BSE SMALLCAP 250 S&P BSE MIDCAP 150 S&P BSE SENSEX

Over last few years small caps have meaningfully underperformed



5-Year Annualised Return

Nifty: 11.4% | Mid Cap: 9.9% | Small Cap: 2.9%



1-Year Return

Nifty: -1% | Mid Cap: 1% | Small Cap: -14%



Nifty



Nifty Midcap 100



Nifty Smallcap 100

Focus on sectors which are underrepresented in large caps



Business leaders opportunities in small cap



Largest Power/Commodity
Exchange Company



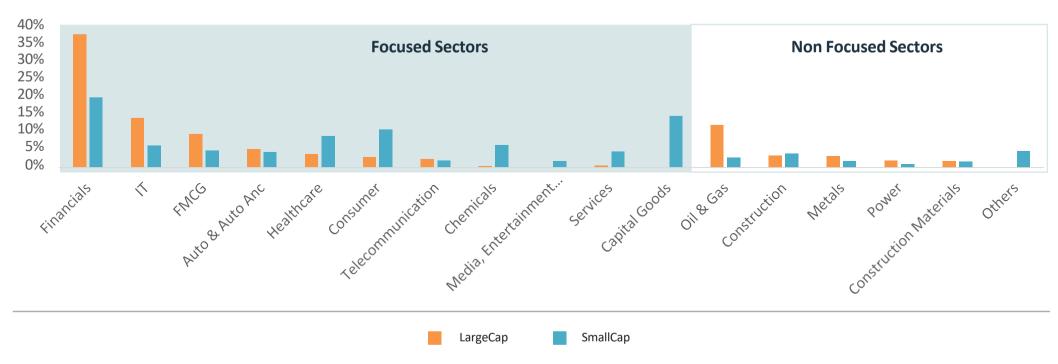
Largest Depository Company



Largest Movie Exhibitor



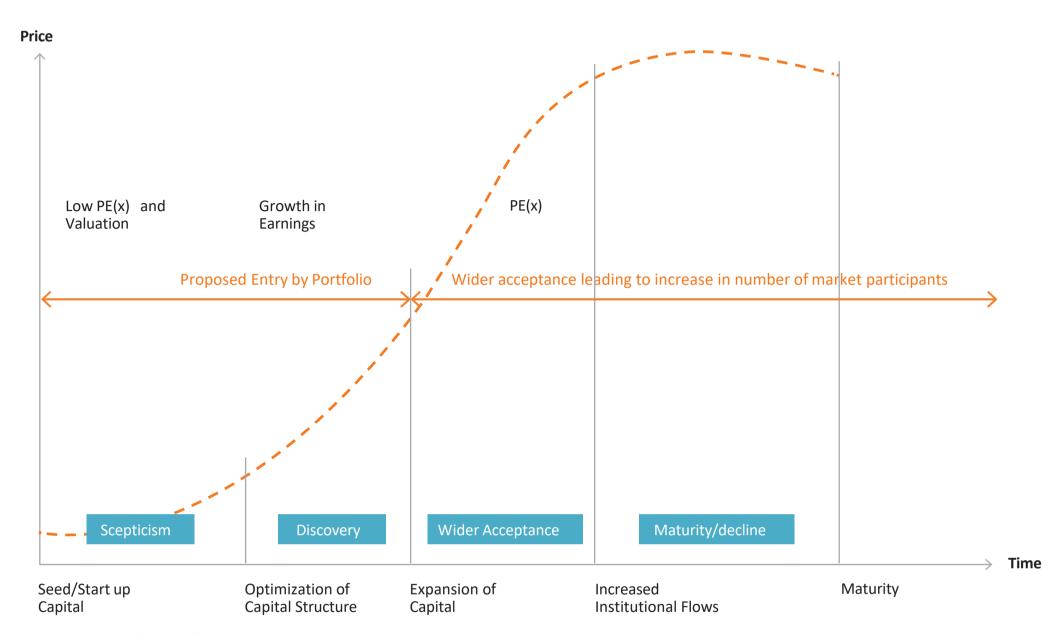
Leading Telecom
Equipment Manufacturer



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LHS: % of sector allocation in index





INVESTMENT THEMES



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



- The ambition of achieving Atmanirbhar Bharat through the Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) we believe the scheme is one of the most serious policy attempts to ensure
- 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.

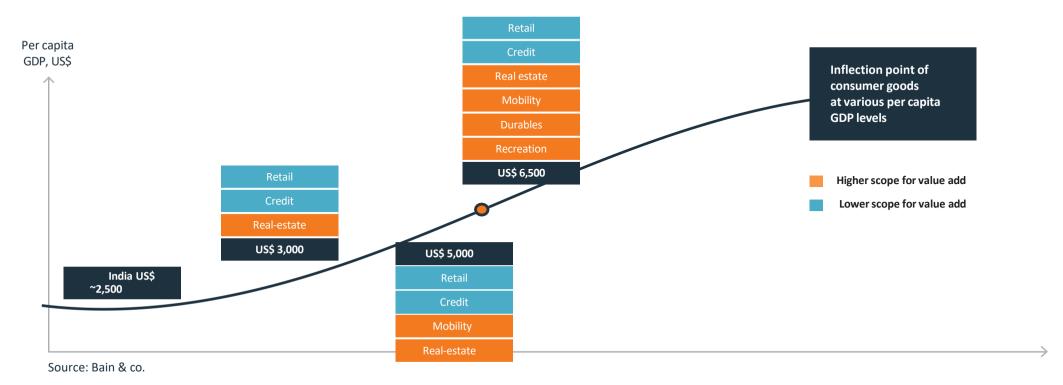
Select Schemes in focus sectors

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





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	CAGR
Food Service Market Size(in f Cr)	289724	312902	337934	364969	394167	425700	391664	450391	7%
QSR share in Food Service Market	6%	7%	7%	8%	8%	9%	7%	8%	
Jubilant Sales (in f Cr)	2093	2438	2583	3018	3563	3927	3312	4396	11%
Operating Margins (in %)	12.2	10.8	9.3	14.6	16.8	22.3	23.3	25.2	
Return on Invested Capital (in %)	30	23	14	39	62	100	72	65	

THEMES | ERD – The Bright Spot for Indian IT



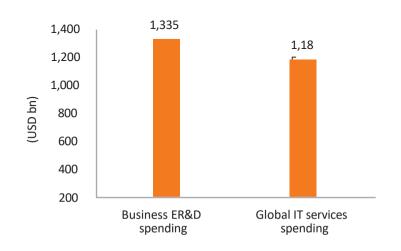
R&D spends are critical to maintain market share/relevance amidst shortening product cycles and disruption especially in software and automotive verticals. Through Covid, R&D intensity of global auto OEMs has increased despite shrinking revenues. ERD spend will be strongest in following sectors — automotive (ADAS, connected), 5G, 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 50% 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 is increasing fast.

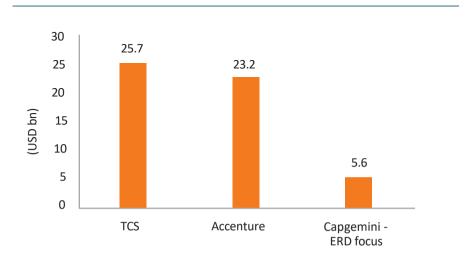
Digital ERD spend is expected to outpace overall IT spends @12% CAGR (vs 6% overall) over FY21-24 benefiting IT companies. In asset heavy industries, mechanical got substituted by electrical and now digital. Asset light industries like software and healthcare are also increasing spends, thereby increasing the TAM.

Indian players have c.30% 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 ERD (Engineering and Research & Development)



Largest IT services companies are 5x of the largest ERD operations



Source: ER&D data - Everest Group, HCL Technologies 2022, IT services data - Gartner, Axis Capital Source: NASSCOM, Everest Research Company, InCred Asset Management

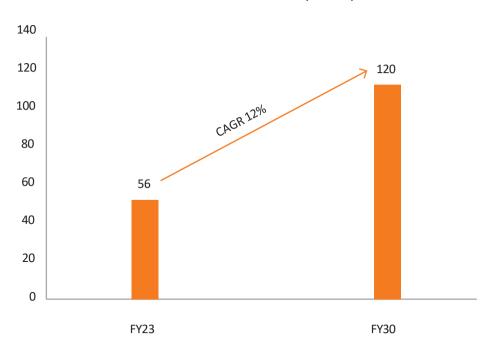
THEME | Healthcare spending to grow

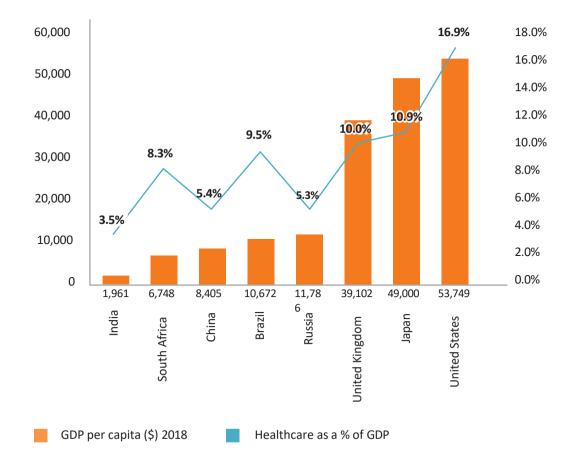


As GDP per capital increases, healthcare spend increases significantly. Developed economies have a very high expenditure on Healthcare as % of GDP vs developing economies.

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

Indian Pharmaceutical Market (USD BN)







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.

MARKET VIEW

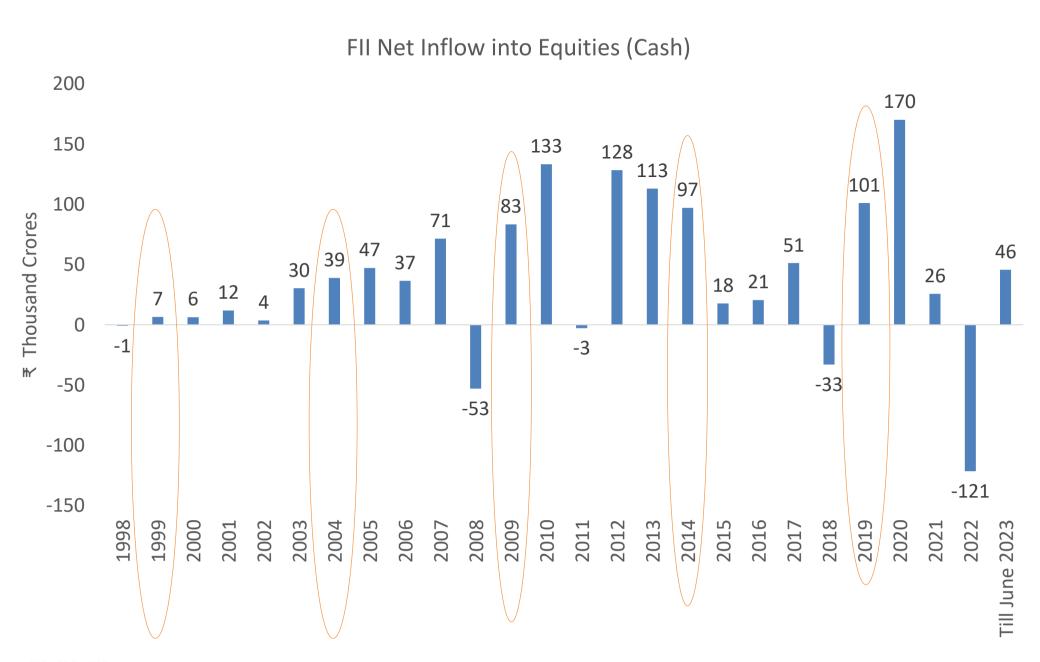


India is the best performing amongst the emerging market countries



		% change in local currency									% change	in USD				
	1-mo	3-mo	6-mo	CYTD	1-yr	3-yr	5-yr	10-yr	1-mo	3-mo	6-mo	CYTD	1-yr	3-yr	5-yr	10-yr
Developed markets																
Australia	(1)	2	(0)	1	8	22	14	50	1	2	(1)	(2)	3	18	3	7
France	(2)	2	10	11	18	46	36	92	(0)	4	13	13	22	42	27	61
Germany	(1)	6	13	13	20	30	29	99	1	7	16	15	24	26	21	67
Hong Kong	0	(6)	(4)	(5)	(13)	(24)	(35)	(8)	0	(5)	(4)	(5)	(13)	(25)	(35)	(8)
Japan	6	19	24	25	23	47	46	155	4	9	15	15	17	10	13	74
Singapore	(1)	(1)	(2)	(2)	3	23	(3)	3	(1)	(2)	(2)	(3)	5	27	(2)	(3)
UK	(2)	0	(0)	(0)	3	21	(1)	21	1	5	5	5	7	24	(5)	0
US (Dow Jones)	2	5	2	2	7	31	39	126	2	5	2	2	7	31	39	126
US (Nasdaq)	4	14	29	29	16	35	78	300	4	14	29	29	16	35	78	300
US (S&P500)	3	10	13	13	11	41	60	171	3	10	13	13	11	41	60	171
MSCI World									3	8	11	12	11	32	39	104
Emerging markets																
Brazil	7	20	9	8	21	24	67	152	12	32	19	20	32	39	32	16
MSCI China	0	(9)	(5)	(6)	(19)	(32)	(31)	14	0	(8)	(5)	(6)	(19)	(32)	(31)	13
India	1	10	4	3	19	82	74	234	2	11	5	4	14	67	45	148
Indonesia	(0)	(1)	(3)	(3)	(5)	36	14	45	(1)	(1)	1	0	(7)	29	8	(4)
Korea	1	7	11	15	9	22	10	45	2	6	9	11	8	12	(6)	28
Malaysia	(1)	(1)	(6)	(7)	(3)	(7)	(17)	(20)	(3)	(6)	(11)	(12)	(9)	(15)	(29)	(45)
Mexico	(1)	1	6	10	12	41	14	37	2	9	20	25	29	87	32	5
Russia	(2)	6	6	6	(27)	(18)	(7)	(18)	(2)	6	6	6	(27)	(18)	(7)	(18)
Taiwan	3	7	19	21	11	46	59	119	2	5	18	19	7	39	56	113
Thailand	(3)	(7)	(9)	(11)	(5)	12	(9)	4	(4)	(9)	(10)	(12)	(5)	(2)	(14)	(8)
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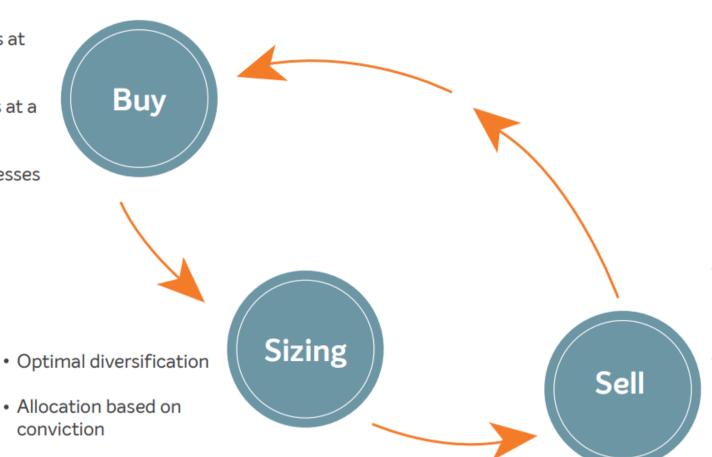


INCRED ASSET MANAGEMENT





- "Great" businesses at fair value
- "Good" businesses at a discounted value
- Avoid "Bad" businesses



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

Investment Framework Parameters



	Great business	Good business	Bad business
Quantitative			
ROIC vs WACC*	ROIC > WACC	ROIC = WACC	ROIC < WACC
Capital structure	Efficient capital structure	Average capital structure	Inefficient capital structure
Cash flow adequacy	Strong coverage	Adequate coverage	Weak coverage
Covenants	Appropriate	Average	Poor
Growth	Long runway and outperforms industry growth rates	Better than industry growth rate but can be volatile	Highly volatile, below industry growth rates
Qualitative			
Competitive advantage	Identifiable & sustainable	Identifiable but fading	Not detected
Pricing	Pricing power	Market pricing	Price taker
Character of management	Superior	Average	Poor
Alignment of interest with minority shareholders	Clear	Indistinguishable	Non existent
Dependence of external variables	Low dependence	Dependent	High dependence

^{*}ROIC = Return on Invested Capital; WACC = Weighted Average Cost of Capital; The above framework is for Illustrative purposes

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



Our capabilities

Over 125+ years of investing experience between the senior management and core investment team.

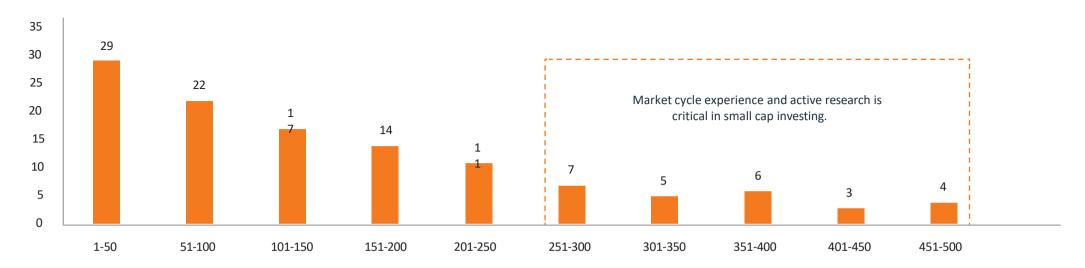
Top quartile track record of the investment management team across market cycles spanning over 18+ years in managing funds. Having a sound investment framework helps in superior stock selection and minimize mistakes.

Strong in-house research with over 6 research analysts and 3 fund managers covering 160 stocks out of which 82 stocks are small cap and 41 are midcap stocks.

As on April 2023

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.

Average number of sell side analysts covering the stock*



^{*}Stocks grouped by market capital categorization (Universe: NSE 500) Source: Bloomberg

What do we look for in a small cap company



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.





Aditya Sood

Fund Manager, InCred Asset Management

- Overall investment experience of 19 years in equity markets out of which 17 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 Portfolio



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

LOFTY STOCK VALUATIONS could make it tough to extend outperformance

ICICIPru's PMS Unit Shuts Down Two Small-Cap Schemes, to Return Money

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Mumbai: This could go down as the first strong reaction by an institutional investor in an overheated market, India's largest fund house ICICI Prudential Asset Management is shutting down two schemes run by its Portfolio Management Services division - a unit that caters to the rich investors. The schemes, which focus on small-cap stocks, seem to have run out of choice as a stunning rally has pushed stocks to lofty levels that has made it tough for fund managers to extend their outperformance in this category.

ICICI Prudential PMS's PIPE and Small Cap Portfolio Series I, managed by Aditya Sood, are in the process of returning Rs700 crore to investors in the funds, a practice prevalent in the developed markets but unheard of in emerging markets like India. The schemes have been marketed under separate names but the portfolio and investment styles of both are the same.

ICICI Prudential PMS manages Rs 4,000 crore of investor money.

In a communique to distributors, the fund has announced its decision to shut down the schemes. "The valuations are extremely rich and too much money (is)

chasing few quality small-cap companies," the communication said.

Last year, various mutual funds had restricted flows into their schemes because of difficulties in handling money IDFC Mutual Fund capped investments in its top performing product, IDFC Focused Equity Fund. DSP BlackRock Micro Cap Fund.

VALUATION WORRIES



ICICI Prudential PMS's PIPE and Small Cap Portfolio

Series I are in the process of returning ₹700 crore to investors in the funds

Mirae Asset Emerging Bluechip and SBI Small and Midcap Fund were the other funds that have put limits on investments in the last two years for similar reasons. But, none of the mutual fund schemes have returned money to investors yet.

In response to a query from ET, ICICI Prudential confirmed it is in the process of winding up the schemes and distributing

"The decision to return investor money is

in line with philosophy that return of capp tal is also important along with return on capital." said Sood, who managed the ssince their launch in Novem 2013. Since incoption, meschemes have returned 322.6% as on January 16 against the BSE small-cap index's gains of 230%. They ran a concentrated portfolio of 15 stocks Sood said expectations of earnings growth is high but many of the small-cap stocks are at the upper end of the valuation band.

"Even if earnings deliver as it is expected in the next couple of years, small stocks may not perform because of the rich valuations," he said.

The small-cap index comprising 848 stock is trading at a trailing price to earnings ratio of 111 times - its highest ever.

Sood said the crash in the stock market in 2008 had left investors mainly in several small-cap stocks high and dry "Smallcap stocks are cyclical in nature. For example, it rallied between 2003 and 2007 and then they saw a significant correction. It took almost 10 years for investors to recoup the losses," he said. "We want our investors to be shielded as much as possible. After 2-3 years, we may realise that this is a good decision."

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- Aditua Sood

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Business Standard

This decision is more or less unheard of in the Indian context though it does happen more often in developed markets - Business Standard

Weblink

Economic Times

Business Standard







InCred Small and Midcap / Portfolio Details



Performance

Returns	Portfolio	BSE 500 TRI	Alpha	Additional Benchmark NIFTY Small Cap 100	Alpha
1 Month	6.4%	4.0%	2.4%	8.0%	-1.6%
3 Months	25.6%	12.5%	13.1%	21.0%	4.6%
6 Months	35.8%	14.8%	21.0%	23.2%	12.7%
1 Year	47.7%	17.4%	30.3%	27.6%	20.1%
2 Years	13.6%	13.1%	0.5%	5.5%	8.1%
Since Inception	16.3%	15.0%	1.3%	11.8%	4.6%

Sectoral Analysis

*Sectors	% Weight	Overweight / Underweight
Consumer	24.2%	Overweight
Technology	22.5%	Overweight
Financial	18.0%	Underweight
Healthcare	16.3%	Overweight
Auto & Auto Ancillary	8.4%	Overweight
Telecom	7.5%	Overweight
Chemicals	2.7%	Underweight

Market Capitalisation

	Portfolio	NIFTY SMALL CAP 100
Large Cap	-	-
Mid Cap	-	15%
Small Cap	100%	85%

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 30th June 2023. 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.

^{*}In comparison with Niftu Small Cap 100

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