

India's Resilience in a slowing World

Given the indication by flash PMIs for Aug'22, both manufacturing and services activity in US and Europe seems to be facing setbacks in the wake of elevated prices. While in US CPI remains sticky, they remain a concern in the Eurozone and UK. Looming energy crisis and fast approaching winter season can add to the woes of Europe. In the US, impact of aggressive rate hikes by the Fed is set to hamper growth.

Fed Chair, Powell, in his speech at the Jackson Hole admitted that there will be consequences of high interest rates on labour market and economic growth. He also reiterated that Fed remains committed to bringing inflation substantially down, thus signalling continued rate hikes by the central bank in the upcoming meetings, despite running the risk of recession. Further, ECB official also indicated that the bank will have to hike rates even if it leads to a recession. ECB officials have also signalled that a 75bps rate hike should be discussed in the Sep'22 meeting.

Chances of growth slowdown in Eurozone are significantly higher as an ongoing energy crisis is already pinching on the pockets of consumers and businesses. Inflation in the Eurozone climbed up to a fresh record high at 9.1% in Aug'22 from 8.9% in Jul'22, driven by gas prices and a drought. Even China runs the risk of growth slowdown as key macro-economic indicators continue to exhibit weakness. Industrial production in Jul'22 rose by 3.8%, down by 3.9% in Jul'22 and est.: 4.3%.

India's Growth Resilience

India's real GDP rose by 13.5% in Q1FY23, fastest pace compared to the last three quarters, despite an elevated base (20.1% in Q1FY22). While GVA rose by 12.7% in Q1FY23 against 3.9% in Q4FY22 and compared to 18.1% in Q1FY22. Sector wise, services outperformed.

CPI came in slightly lower at 6.7% in Jul'22, down from 7% in Jun'22. Food inflation moderated further, supported by softening prices of vegetables, meat and fish, oils & fats, and milk & milk products. Core inflation edged down by 30bps to 5.7% in Jul'22 on account of sharp dip in transport and communication. We believe RBI will hike rates by another 50bps during the year.

Corporate Performance in IQFY2022-23

India Inc. presented a very positive performance in the first quarter of the financial year. Sales of a sample of 2,598 companies covering 38 sectors witnessed growth of 39.8% in net sales compared with 43.1% last year. This does sound impressive considering that barring mining, all sectors witnessed positive growth this quarter. It must however be pointed out that interpretation of data must be qualified as the preceding two years witnessed unusual lockdowns- in 2020 there was a total lockdown for two months while in 2021 the first quarter was subject to different lockdowns imposed by various states which impeded performance. CAGR in sales was 13.3% per annum for the sample companies between 2019

We believe the underlying demand trend remains strong in India as India is poised to experience, first, normalised festive season post the pandemic. At margin, the \$20 fall in crude prices will boost domestic savings by \$25bn. Corporate and Bank Balance sheets are healthy and private sector is accelerating its capital expenditures. Thus, India remains in a sweet spot in a slowing world.

Happy investing!

Pankaj Murarka

CIO & Founder

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The ALPHA BLUECHIP portfolio involves diversified companies that are worth your time and investment since it comprises of all-weather stocks, and still manages to maintain stability. We identify the titans of the industry- companies that provide strong growth prospects and functions under great management and governance.

We have a clearly structured strategy for identifying businesses to invest. Companies making their mark in the following categories always have our attention-

- Duopoly market business
- High growth in a mature industry
- Leader in emerging sectors
- Company with superior economic value
- Company with recent management and/or strategy shifts

Key Features



BENCHMARK:
NIFTY 200



NO OF STOCKS:
15-20



RISK:
Medium



TIMEFRAME:
Medium to Long Term



EXPECTED CAGR:
15-20%

Portfolio Performance (%) as on 31st August 2022

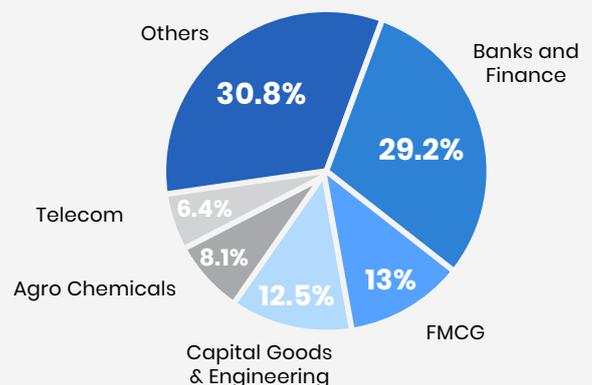
Period	1 Month	6 Months	1 Year	2 Year CAGR
Alpha Bluechip	5.5	12.3	21.2	35.0
Nifty200	4.4	7.1	5.1	26.9

#Portfolio Inception Date: 1st June 2020

TOP 5 HOLDINGS

1	ICICI BANK LTD	9.7%
2	ADITYA BIRLA FASHION AND RETAIL LTD	8.4%
3	DEEPAK FERTILISERS & PETROCHEMICALS CORPORATION LTD	8.1%
4	BHARTI AIRTEL LTD	6.4%
5	HDFC BANK LTD	5.8%

SECTORAL ALLOCATION



PERFORMANCE



WEIGHTED AVERAGE MARKET CAP

2,84,372 cr

MARKET CAPITALIZATION



Investment Core Team



Pankaj Murarka

(Founder & CIO)

Pankaj is the founder of Renaissance Investment Managers. He has over 25 years of experience in Fund Management and has several accolades to his credit. He was awarded as Best Fund Manager – Runner up Award for Axis Midcap Fund by Outlook Money in 2014. The fund delivered a CAGR return of 24% (2011-2015) significantly outperforming the benchmark and was a top decile fund for 2012 & 2013. It was ranked the No 1 performing fund in India across all funds in 2014 on 3 year basis. He was also recognized by Outlook Money as a Leading Fund Manager with 5 years of track record of consistent performance in the year 2015. Pankaj was associated with Axis Mutual Fund as the Chief Investment Officer (CIO) managing over \$2bn in Indian Equities.



Pawan Parakh

(Portfolio Manager)

Pawan has over 15 years of experience in equity research and fund management. He drives the fund management function at Renaissance. He started his capital markets career as an equity analyst with Edelweiss Securities. He had the privilege of working with marquee organizations like HDFC, HSBC and Deloitte amongst others. As part of his research process, Pawan actively interacts with company managements, industry experts, technocrats and bureaucrats to understand the nuances of businesses. He likes to do field and factory visits to enhance his business understanding. Pawan is a meritorious Chartered Accountant (all India 48th Rank holder). He has also cleared CFA exams from CFA Institute (Virginia, USA).

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