We are an independent, partner-centric Investment Management firm investing in Indian public equities.



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# **ABOUT US**





# **OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

- 1. Be mission driven. Profits with purpose.
- 2. Disciplined process that focuses on superior <u>long-term outcomes</u>. Path to long term outcomes via resilience over speed
- 3. 100% alignment of interests. Clients come first.
- 4. Radical transparency via Quarterly Letters and Calls
- 5. Build culture that emphasizes radical candour and accepts mistakes.



# **OUR TEAM**

Member	Title	сv	Investing experience	Time with Solidarity
Manish Gupta	Founder and CIO	MBA IIM Ahmedabad BCG (7 years)	15+ years	10+ years
Manjeet Buaria	Partner	CA, CFA	10+ years	10+ years
Anirudh Shetty	Partner	CA, CFA	6+ years	8+ years
Naarah Pereira	Partner	BBA, MCOM	NA	9+ years
Don Thadeuse	CO0	MBA, ex Quantum	NA	< 1 yr
Aman Thadani	Senior Analyst	CFA	4+ years	3+ years
Pratik Jain	Senior Analyst	МВА	NA	3+ years
Dinesh Gianchandani	Manager - Operations	СА	NA	2+ years
Prachi Sawant	Office Manager	PGDFM, BCOM	NA	5+ years



# **PERFORMANCE HISTORY**

Aggregate across all partner accounts							
Performance (in TWRR)	1 Year	2 Year	3 Year	5 Year	Since Inception^		
SOLIDARITY- PRUDENCE	13.0%	14.9%	16.5%	23.6%	17.8%		
BSE500 TRI	5.1%	20.6%	21.7%	24.0%	16.3%		
Data as of 30 Jun 2025							
^ From 11 MAY 2016 -Start date of sch	ieme						
Solidarity performance is net of all fee	es & expenses						
Performance data provided in the abc	ove table is no	t verified by SE	EBI				
Aggregate across all partner accounts	5						
Performance (in TWRR)	1 Year	2 Year	3 Year	5 Year	Since Inception^		
SOLIDARITY- EMERGING LEADERS	12.5%	15.6%	NA	NA	16.2%		
BSE500 TRI	5.1%	20.6%	NA	NA	24.1%		
Data as of 30 Jun 2025							
^ From 26 APR 2023 -Start date of scheme							
Solidarity performance is net of all fees & expenses							
Performance data provided in the abc	ove table is no	t verified by SE	EBI				

Please click on this <u>link</u> for viewing our performance relative to other portfolio managers

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## THERE ARE MULTIPLE APPROACHES TO INVEST IN EQUITIES





# WE SEEK PORTFOLIO RESILIENCE OVER SPEED ...





## ... VIA HIGH PROBABILITY EPS/FCF COMPOUNDING



Think like owners. Exit when valuations euphoric



## WE WILL NEVER RISK RUIN FOR PROMISE OF HIGH RETURNS





### **KEY ASPECTS OF OUR PROCESS**

Buying decision	Is this a company we would like to own for long periods of time?
	What is its role in the portfolio? Stability (Dravid) or growth kicker (Rishabh)
	What is a broadly fair entry price for the quality and its stage of evolution?
	What is the right position size basis expected IRRs?
Sell decision	Hold, trim or sell?



# CAN THIS COMPANY COMPOUND EARNINGS FOR LONG PERIODS OF TIME?



Better business today than yesterday

- Disciplined on Capital Allocation
- Prudent use of leverage



#### WE LOOK FOR COS. BENEFITTING FROM SECULAR TAIL WINDS OF GROWTH

	Secular decadal theme	Sub Theme	Portfolio names
1	Opportunity to gain market share in global supply chains:	Precision Engg.	RACL
	Manufacturing/Services	Specialty Chemicals	Kama, Yasho, Neogen
		Technical Textiles	Garware Technical
2	Growth with industry consolidation of market share in India	Banks	ICICI, HDFC, Axis
		Cement	
3	Greater deployment of Financialization of savings in risk	AMCs/Wealth Mgmt	
	Assets in India	Services to support AMCs	
4	Convenience	Quick Commerce	
5	Digital Business Models and enablers of Digital	Telecom	Bharti Airtel
		B2B Services	India MART
6	Govt efforts for mitigation of inequality	Affordable Housing	
7	Discretionary consumption – "Affordable luxury"	Jewellery	
		QSR	RBA
		Outbound tourism	
8	Clean energy transition	Battery Chemicals	Neogen
9	Solutions that drive productivity in US Healthcare		
10	Massive increase in grid electrification		
11	Explosive use of GLP 1 Drugs for Weight Loss	Injectable devices	Shaily Engineering
		APIs	



## WE PREFER SECTOR LEADERS OR COS THAT DOMINATE A NICHE



# WE AVOID COMPANIES EARNING AN UNFAIR/UNSUSTAINABLE MARGIN WHICH CAN PLUMMET

Examples where margins under attack at present	Examples where Margins will come under attack shortly
Paints	Wealth Management
Commodity Chemicals	Capital Goods e.g. Transformers



## **RED LINES**

- <18% ROE on steady state economics, 15% for Banks.
- Promising stories but where steady state economics are not clear
- Deep cyclicals, unless available at very discounted prices
- Companies that lack focus resulting in mediocre positions in many business lines
- Companies where promoters take cues from stock prices
- Company with historical governance decisions that have impacted minority shareholders
- Companies very cheap but where we are not aligned with how promoters are building the business, or lack compounding
- High Debt burdens which threaten Equity holders interests



#### PORTFOLIO DESIGN BALANCES STABILITY WITH HIGH GROWTH PROSPECTS





# EACH COMPANY HAS A ROLE IN THE PORTFOLIO Examples





#### FAIR VALUE DEPENDS ON STAGE OF GROWTH LIFE CYCLE + ROE





## HIGH VALUATION MULTIPLE CAN BE JUSTIFIED FOR COMPANIES VERY EARLY IN LIFE CYCLE

Basic thumb rule:			ROE							
approx fair 1 Y	approx fair 1 Yr Fwd PE		<b>12%</b>	15%	20%	<b>25%</b>	30%	35%	40%	
	0%	8	8	9	9	9	10	10	10	Cost
	<b>10%</b>	5	8	11	13	15	16	17	17	of
Earnings	15%	3	8	12	17	20	21	23	24	
growth for	<b>20%</b>	0	7	15	22	26	29	32	33	Equity
first 5 years	25%	-5	7	18	30	37	41	45	47	12%
	<b>30%</b>	-12	6	23	41	51	58	63	67	
	40%	-37	2	40	79	102	117	128	137	

Very few companies can compound earnings at 25% CAGR for long periods at 25%+ ROE.

Hence, paying >40x PE is a rare exception for us.

However, quality is seldom cheap. Hence, nuance is critical.



# POSITION SIZING: WHERE IS THE COMPANY ON ITS EVOLUTION ?

	Early			Very evolved
Stage of company evolution	Promise. But no clear edge	Deepening foundations Widening the moat	De-risked business model Depth in leadership Resilience	Flywheel starts spinning.
Position sizing in aggregate	<10%	15-20%	40-50%	35-40%
Good liquidity	5%	5%	6-8%	10-12%
Poor liquidity	3%	3%	4-6%	8%



# THE EXIT DECISION REQUIRES NUANCE BASIS EXPECTED IRR, OPTION VALUE AND LIQUIDITY



Is there visible Option value of new business lines that are hard to model/quantify?

Will the market give us the liquidity to exit when we choose to?

Which decile would we grade these promoters?



# BIAS TO NOT EXIT QUICKLY AND RIDE WINNERS. WE TOLERATE SLIGHT OVERVALUATION FOR OUR COMPOUNDERS





#### **BIAS TO START TRIMMING IF VALUATIONS ARE EUPHORIC**





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# SUMMARY APPROACH

- <u>Quality:</u> Ensures survival. Ensures we don't manic during market dislocations.
- <u>Time</u>. *Think 5-10 years, not 1-3 years*
- <u>Concentration</u>. *15-20 best ideas*
- <u>Valuation</u>. *Price paid matters. However, for companies at inflection points, fair value is hard to determine. Don't be greedy for the first 3% weight.*
- <u>Conviction</u>. *Do not hug the Index*
- <u>Use size to advantage</u>. *Be willing to embrace some illiquidity*
- <u>Discipline</u>. Stay true to process when things not working. Trust in mean reversion.
- <u>Exit</u>: No foolish loyalty, but high bar for churn due to valuations. No ego if we are wrong.



# WE HAVE TWO SCHEMES WITH SAME STRATEGY THAT DIFFER ON LIQUIDITY AND CONCENTRATION RISK

Market Cap (In crs)	Prudence (as of today)	Market Cap (In crs)	Emerging Leaders (new launch)
>100000	42%	>100000	
25000-100000	12%	25000-100000	
10000-25000	9%	10000-25000	
5000-10000	12%	5000-10000	20%
2500-5000	7%	2500-5000	
<2500	17%	<2500	80%
	100%		100%

Only for existing partners (closed at present for new inflows)



# ARE WE RIGHT FOR YOU ?

Definition of success: 1.5% Alpha over BSE 500 TRI over 5 years. <u>We expect to lag</u> markets in a raging bull market. We will not compromise on governance to chase <u>higher returns</u>.

You must be willing to think 5 years at a minimum.

We will embrace some illiquidity. If you choose to withdraw prematurely, exit may be at discounted prices.

Minimum 2.5 Cr investment corpus per family.

A PMS has "time value of money" tax disadvantages over a MF. It has advantages of "control" – Boutique nature, customization, less stress during times of market turmoil.



#### **FEE OPTIONS - PRUDENCE SCHEME**

AUM		2.5 to 5 Cr	5 to 10 Cr	10 to 25 Cr	25 to 50 Cr
Fixed	On NAV	2%	1.75%	1.5%	1.25%
Semi Variable	Fixed fee on NAV	1%	1%	1%	1%
(profit	Hurdle rate pre tax	12%	12%	12%	12%
share drawn after 3 yrs.)	Profit share above hurdle rate	20%	17.5%	15%	12%
Variable	Fixed fee	0%	0%	0%	0%
(profit share	Hurdle rate pre-tax	8%	8%	8%	8%
drawn after 3 yrs.)	Profit share above hurdle rate	20%	20%	20%	17%

Brokerage/GST/Incidental charges levied by the Custodian are at actuals. Additional 2bps for Custody & Fund accounting.

Fixed fee is calculated on the basis of daily average AUM & charged quarterly.

Please refer to the appendix for a detailed note on performance fees.



#### FEE OPTION- EMERGING LEADERS SCHEME

AUM		2 Cr & above
Semi Variable (profit share drawn after 3 yrs)	Fixed fee on NAV	1%
	Hurdle rate pre tax	12.5%
	Profit share above hurdle rate	20%
Unlike Prudence, exit loads apply. Brokerage/GST/Incidental charges levied by the Custodian are at actuals. Additional 2bps for Custody & Fund accounting. Fixed fee is calculated on the basis of daily average AUM & charged quarterly Please refer to the appendix for a detailed note on performance fees.		



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# **APPENDIX**

- Our billing cycle for performance fee is every three years for partners invested in the Prudence scheme & every five years for partners invested in the Emerging Leaders scheme.
- For clients invested in the **Prudence scheme** on a **fully variable fee**, a performance fee is charged **only if the portfolio return exceeds the hurdle rate over the cycle**.
- For clients in the Prudence scheme on a semi-variable fee, the performance fee is applicable if both the hurdle rate and the benchmark are exceeded during the cycle.
- For clients invested in the Emerging Leaders scheme on a **semi-variable fee**, a performance fee is charged **if returns exceed both the hurdle rate and the benchmark** over the cycle.
- Additionally, for clients invested in either scheme with a performance fee component in their fee structure, a performance fee will be levied upon termination of the agreement, provided the portfolio return exceeds the hurdle rate.

