

# **AMBIT 365**

Absolute, Consistent, All-Season

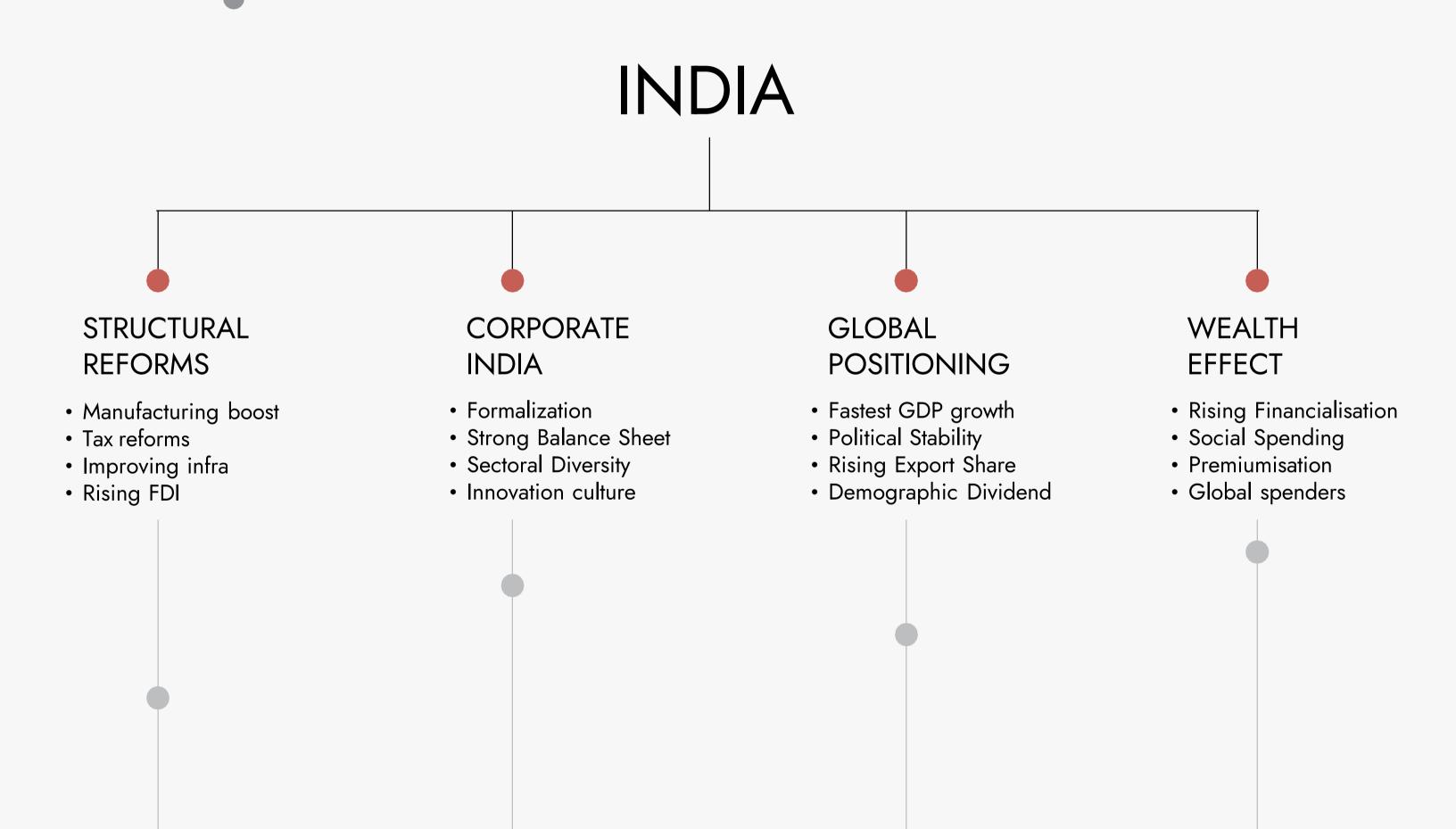
## **Ambit Investment Managers**

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An Open Ended Scheme of Ambit Investment Managers Trust, a trust organized in India and registered with Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) as Category III Alternative Investment Fund and managed by Ambit Investment Managers Private Limited.

## WHY LONG SHORT?

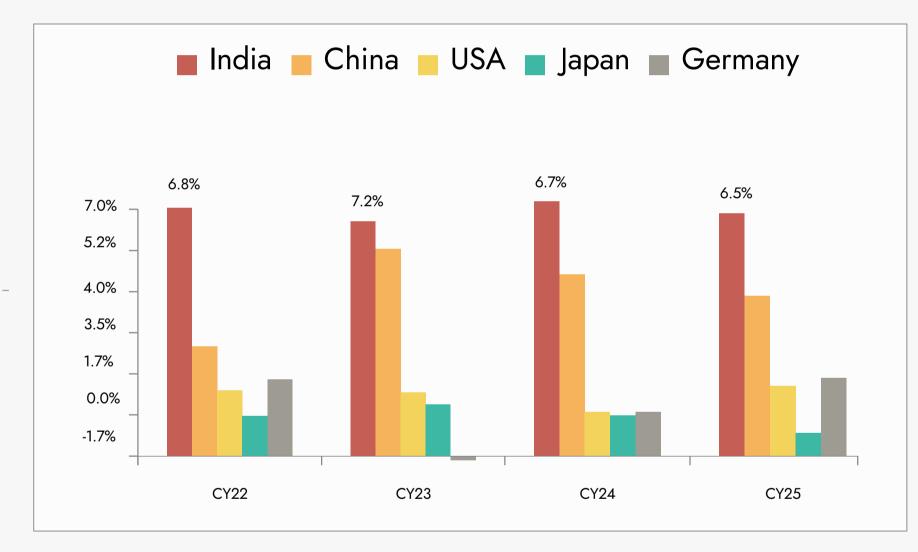
## India's Upward Journey



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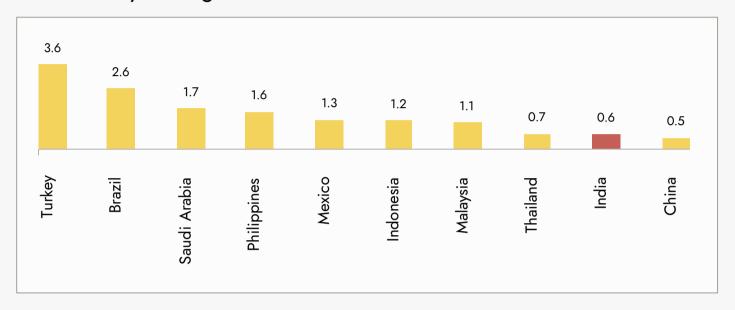
## Fastest growing & resilient (emerging) economy....

#### GDP growth

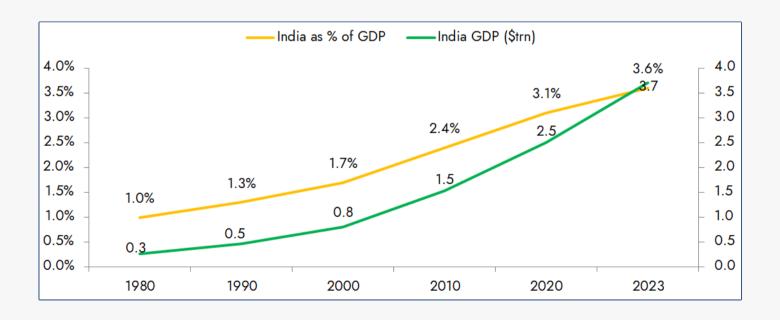


Source: IMF, Statista

#### CPI volatility during 2015-19

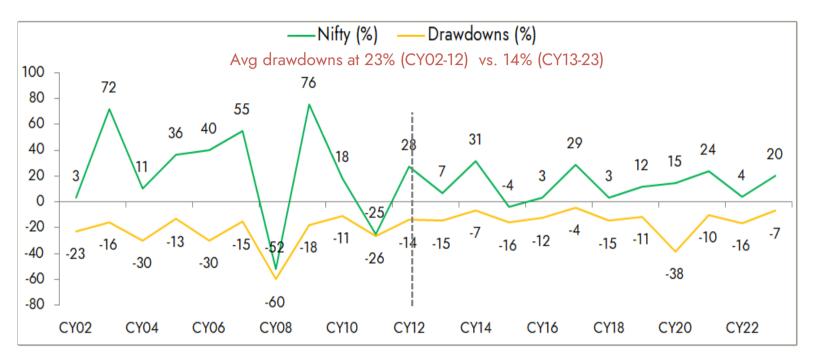


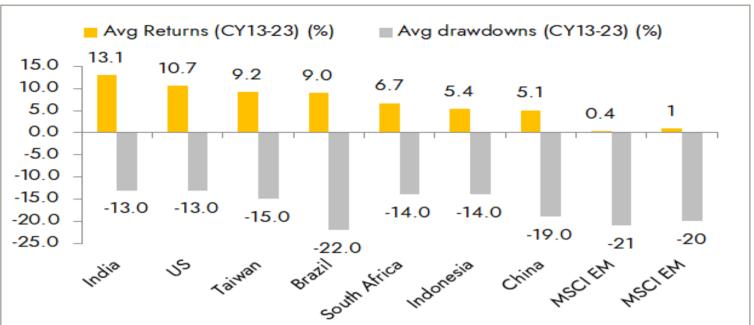
#### India is the 5th largest economy in the world

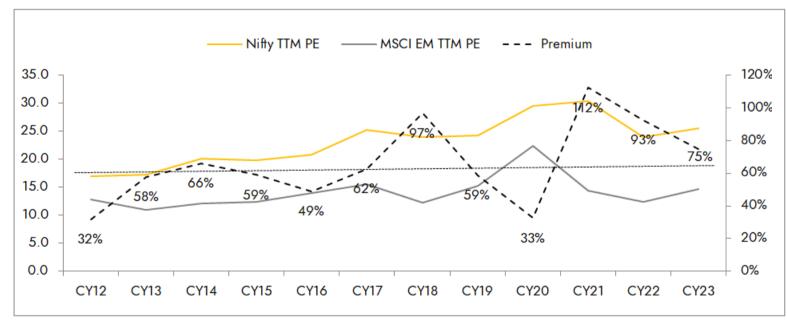


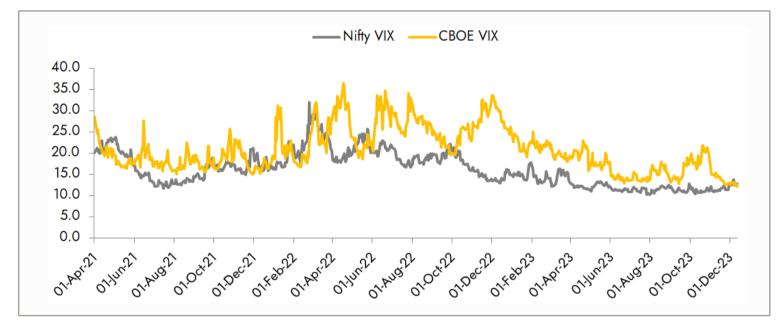
- Indian Goldilocks: Managing strong growth with low inflation volatility – even better than the developed world

## ....with developed market characteristics





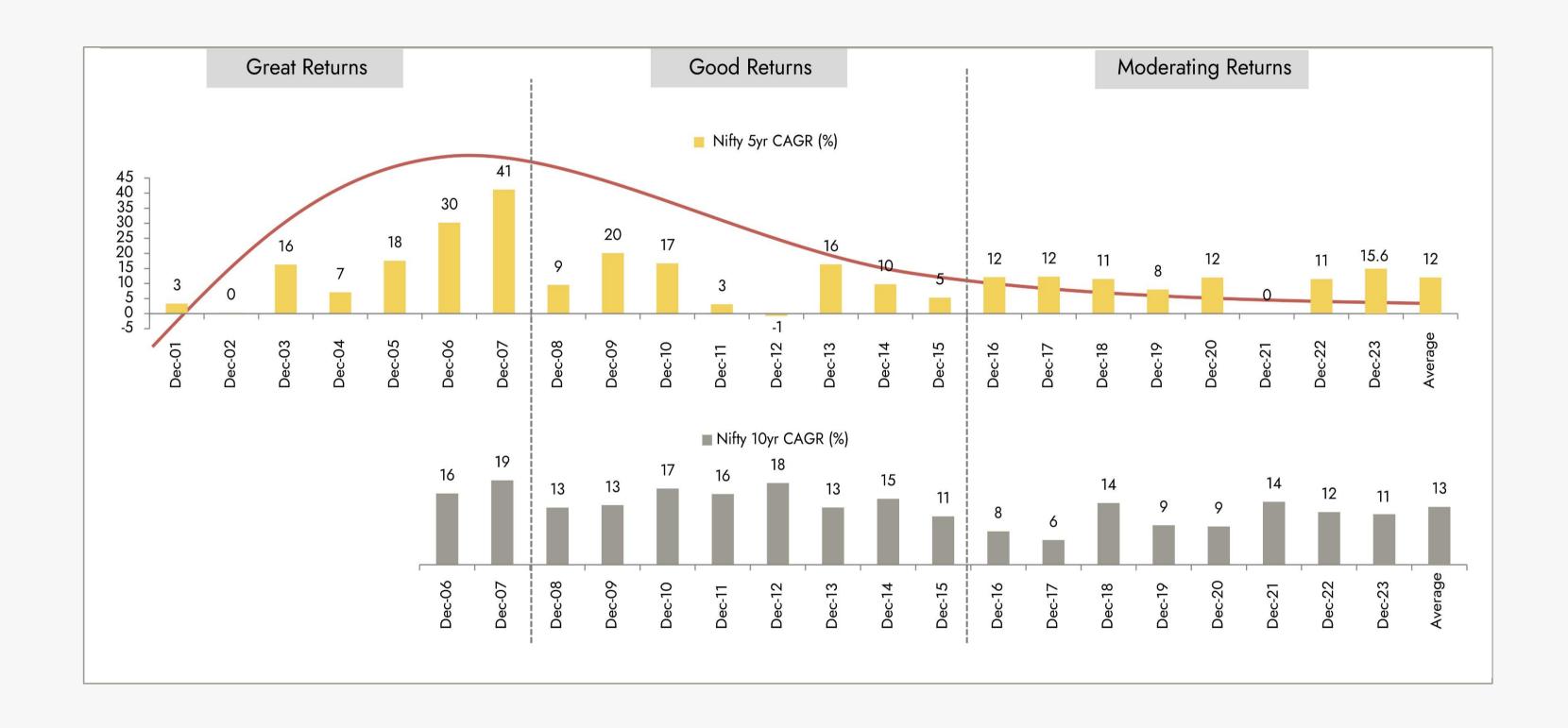




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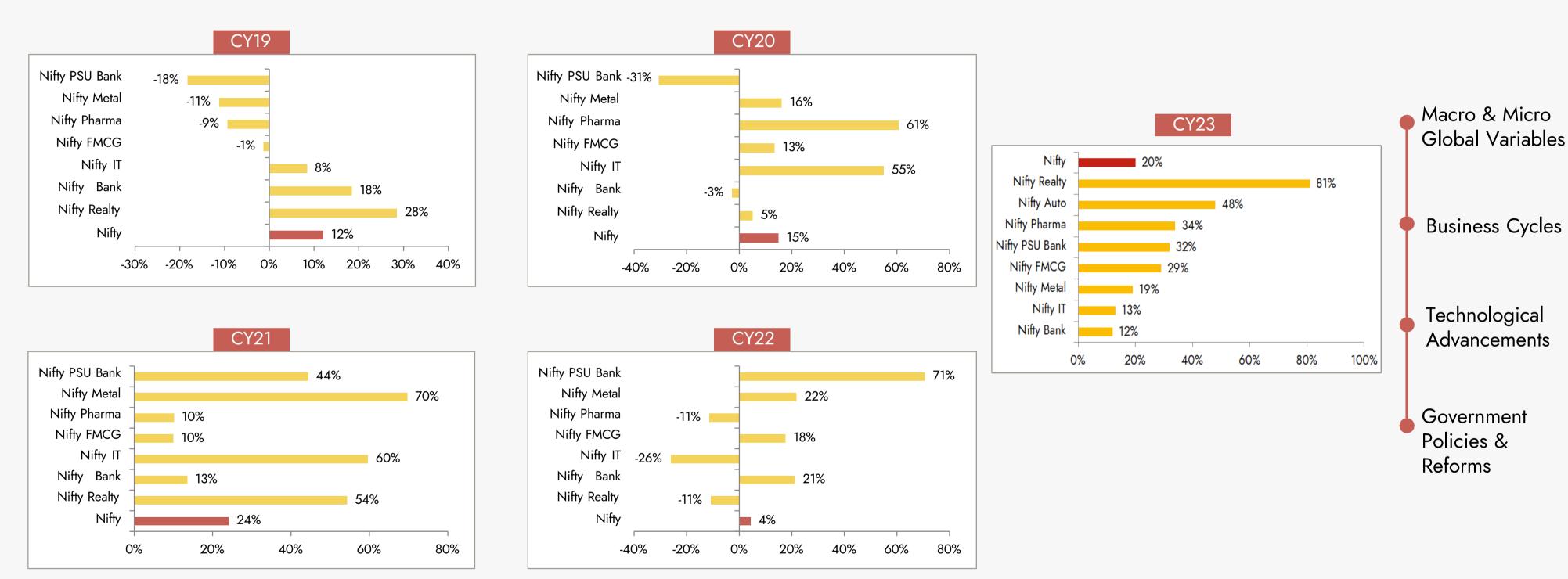
- Indian equities deliver better returns with lower draw-downs than most of the Emerging world. Volatility is now lower than NYSE

## Equity returns are moderating



- Higher stability and lower risk indicate towards moderating returns

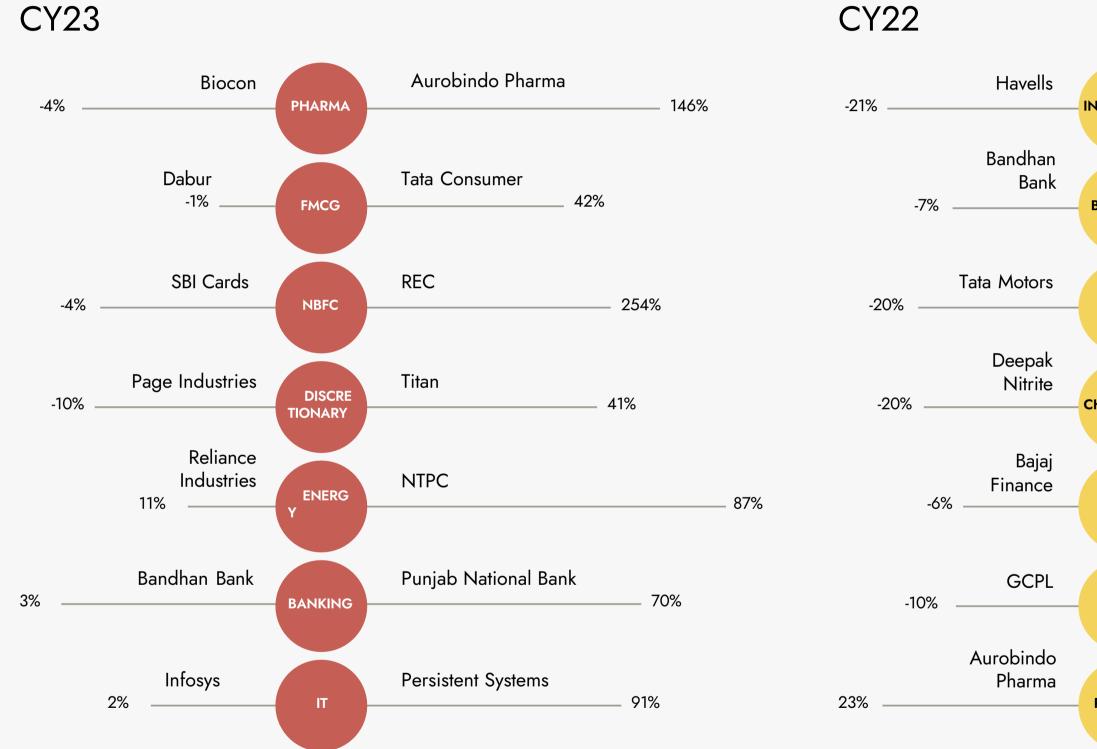
## Trends: High Diversity leading to Sector Dispersion

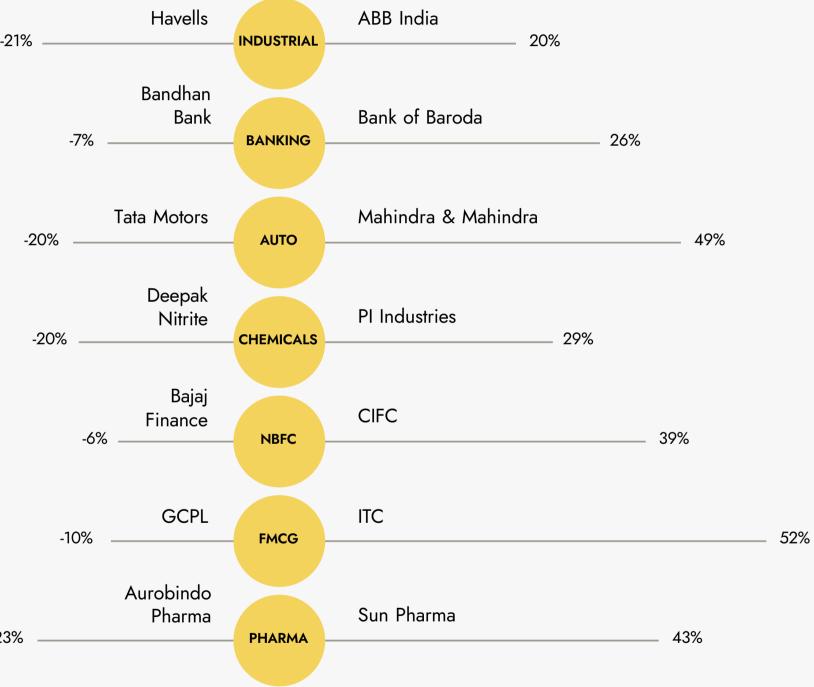


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- India's economic diversity is leading to higher sector dispersion: the greatest catalyst for long-short

## Intra Sector Dispersion

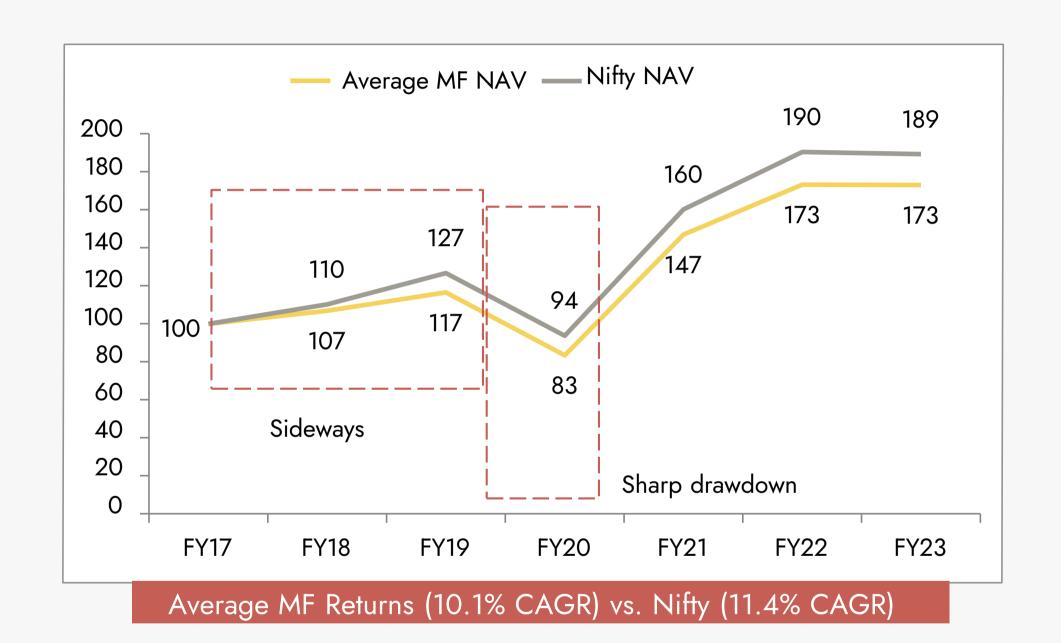




Source: Bloomberg

- Sophisticated, professional investors-driven market = high polarity in stock performance

## Consistent absolute returns – timing agnostic



Source: Equal weighted MF NAV considered for calculating MF NAV Aditya Birla Sun Life Focused Equity Fund (Growth), Franklin India Bluechip Fund (Growth), HDFC Growth Opportunities Fund (Growth), ICICI Prudential Focused Equity Fund (Growth), Nippon India Large Cap Fund (Growth), SBI BLUE CHIP FUND (Growth)

Inter & Intra sector Dispersion



Over-diversification reduces alpha



Large cap MF returns lower than Nifty TRI



Phase of two larger drawdowns & flat phase



Ambit 365 aims to generate consistent returns across cycles through Long Short Portfolio

Mutual funds lag Nifty; timing errors can drag it lower. Solution: Consistent Returns

## AMBIT 365

STRATEGY & INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK

## Ambit 365: Directional Long Short Strategy

#### **EQUITY**

Advantage: Potentially Higher return Disadvantage: Volatility, Timing Risk

#### **DEBT**

Advantage: Capital protectionDisadvantage: Lower returns, rate risk

#### **AMBIT 365**

 Aims to generate consistent returns, irrespective of market direction and lower drawdowns

#### KEY FEATURES OF AMBIT 365

**Long and Short Stocks for Alpha:** Concentrated portfolio of long and short stocks; Stock selection is driven by our Sine Curve framework

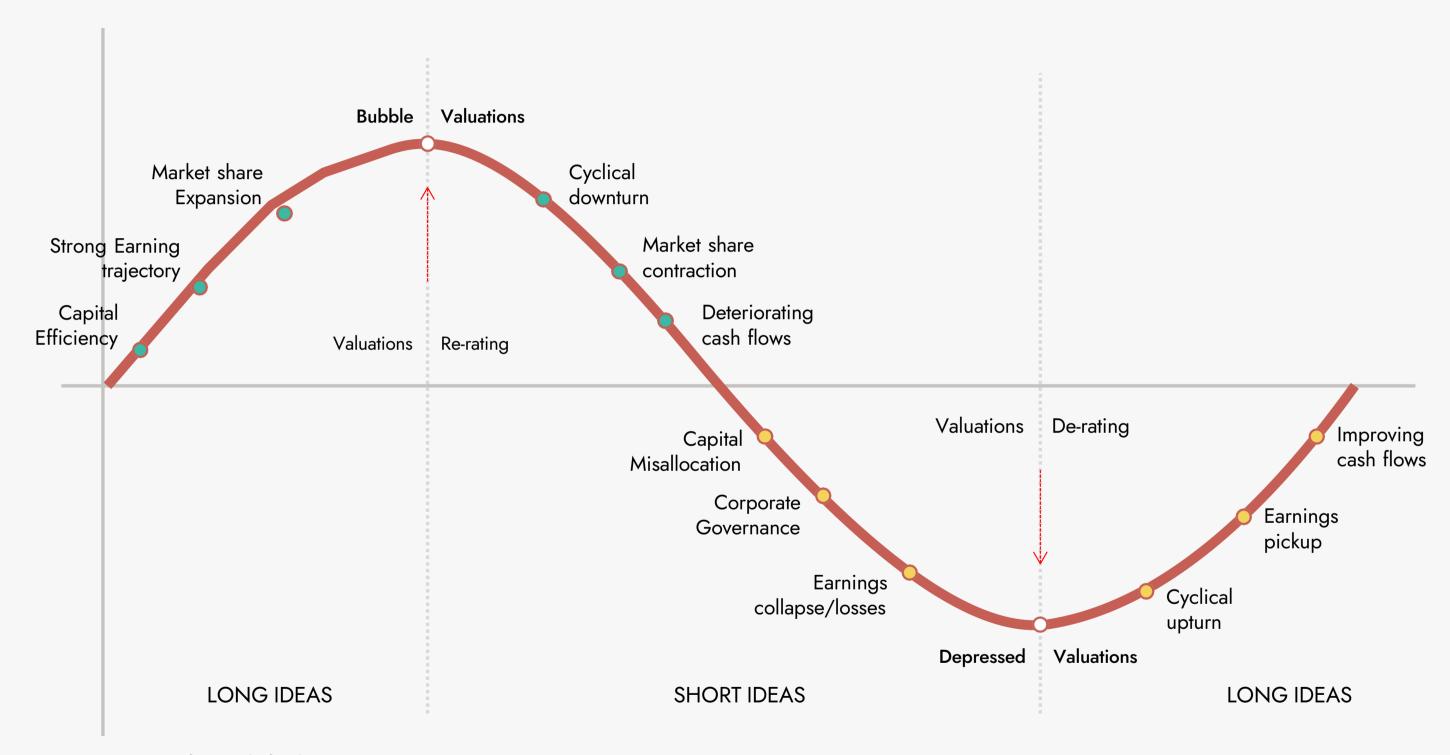
Nifty - Hedge and Beta: Rule-based approach to use Nifty as a hedge

Risk Management: Selection and allocation framework is uncorreleated

Timing agnostic: Consistent returns target to avoid timing bias

- Ambit 365 is a directional LS strategy focused on absolute returns, irrespective of market direction

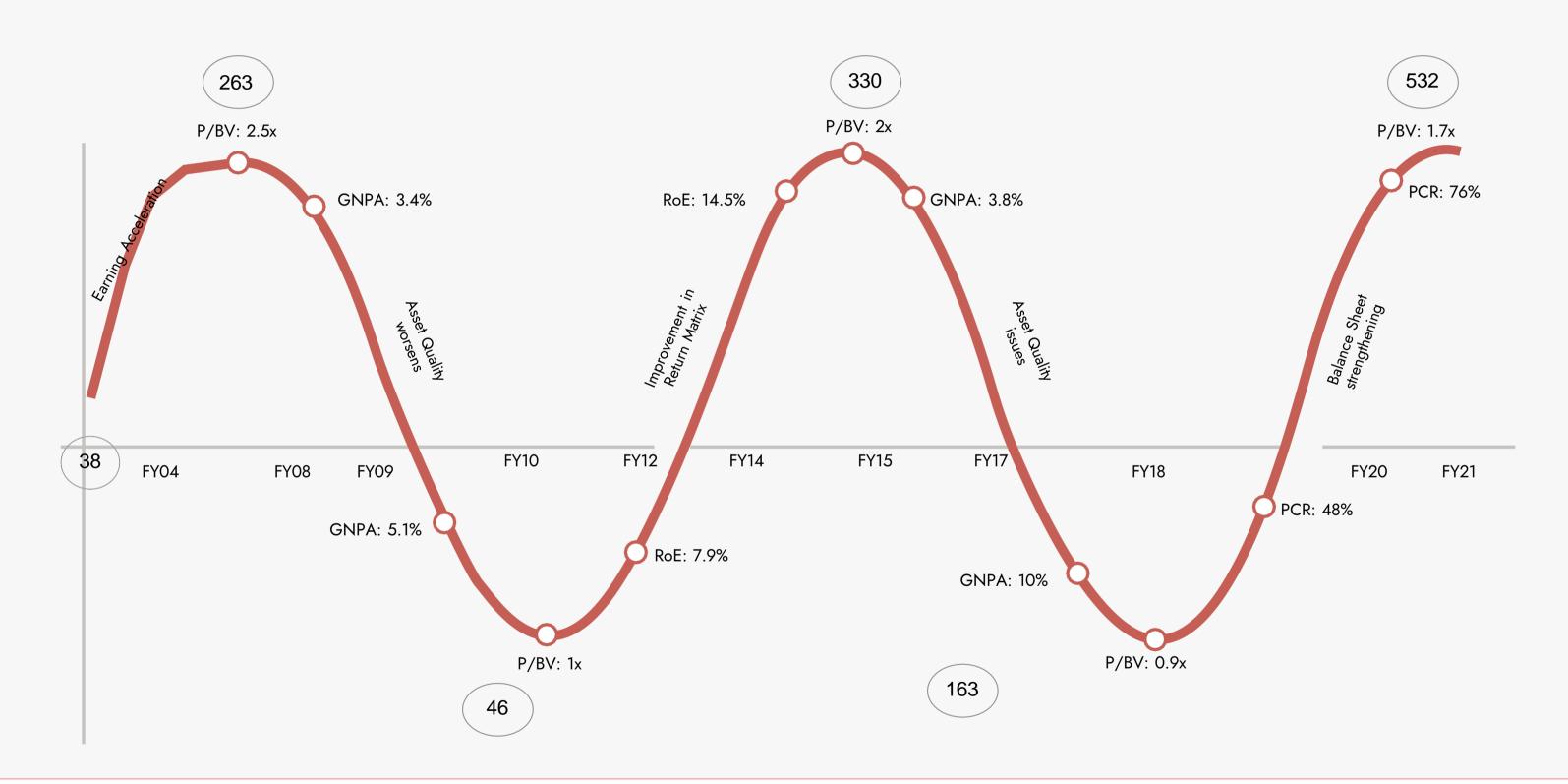
## Sine Curve\* framework for stock selection



<sup>\*</sup>Proprietary framework of Ambit Investment Managers

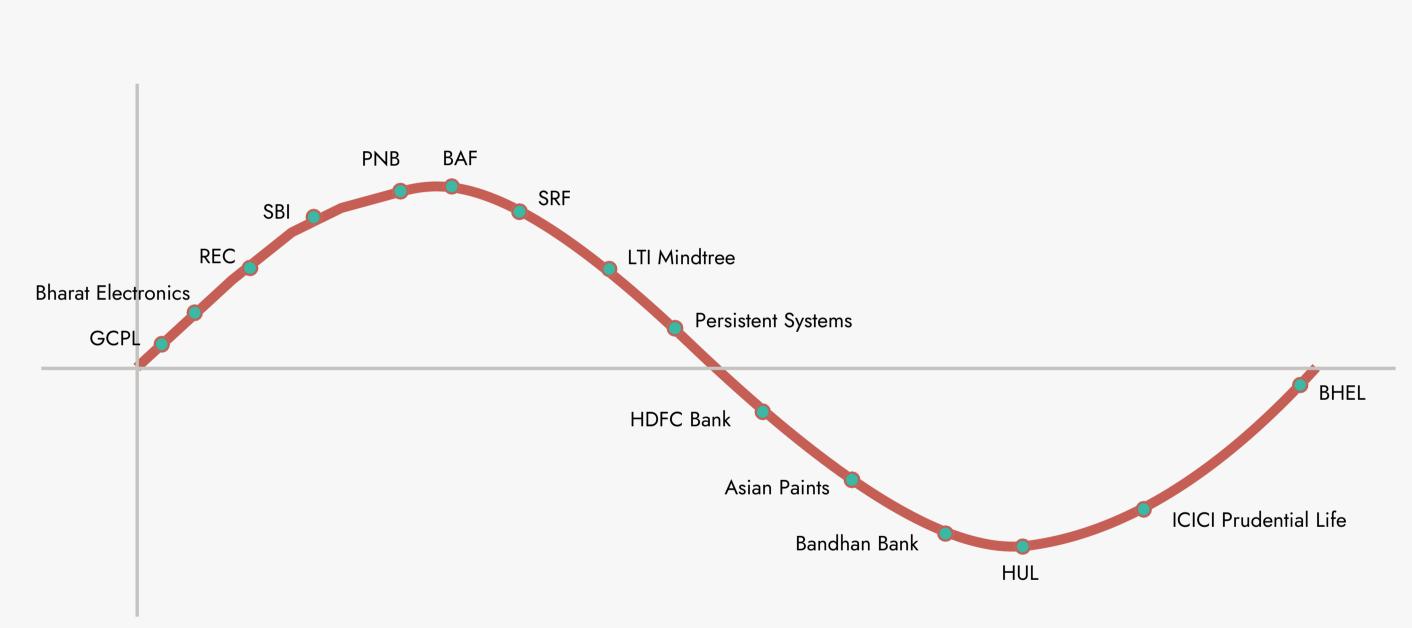
Everything is a cycle, on some time horizon

## Sine Curve Illustration: ICICI Bank



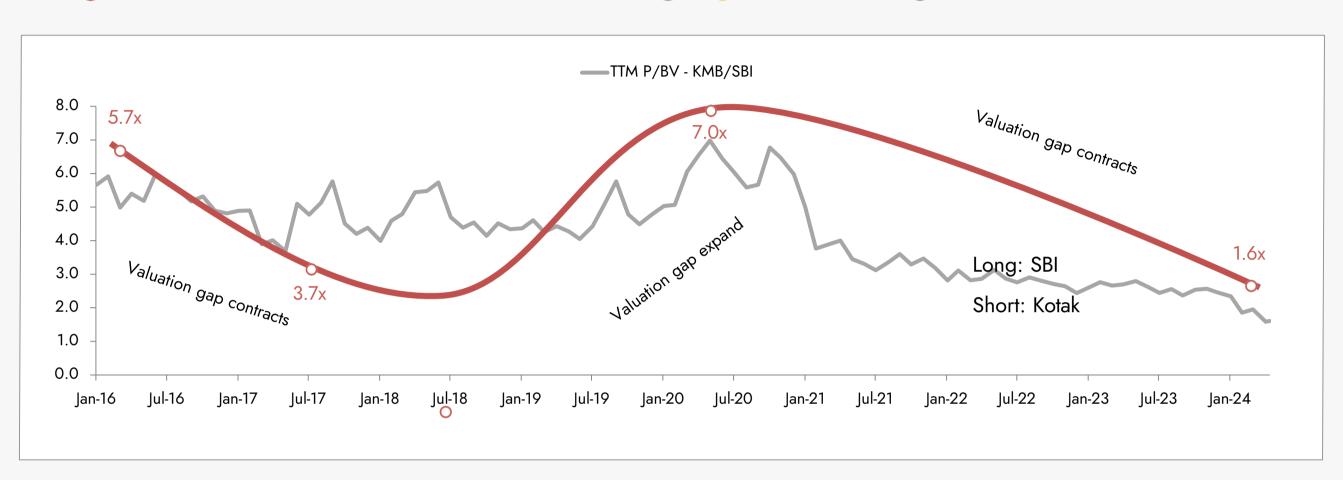
Last 3 decades ICICI has seen 2 down-cycles and 3 up-cycles- a perfect Sine Curve

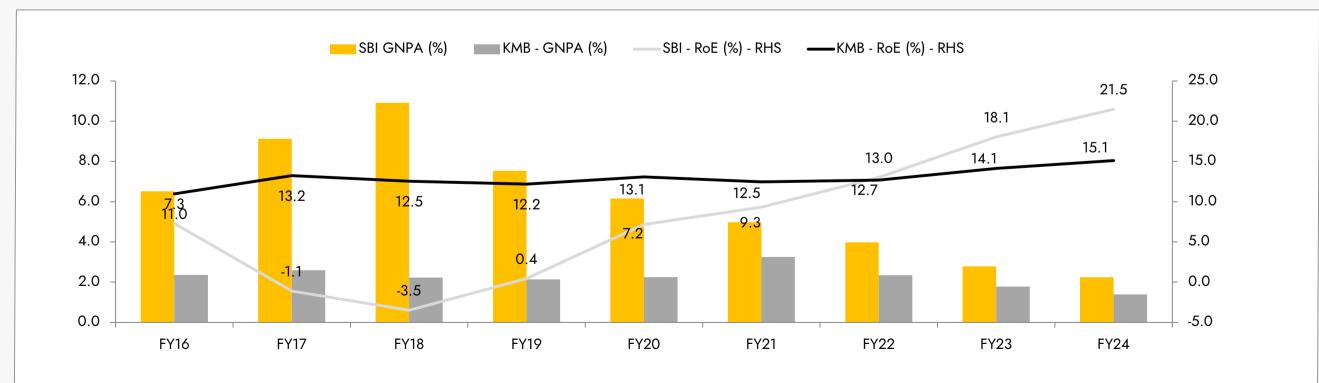
## Sine Curve: Stocks Positioning



- IPRU: ICICI Bank channel mix rising with recovery towards RWP growth
- **BHEL:** Order inflow at Rs600bn i.e. 2x of long-term average & 90GW Thermal capacity opportunity
- Bharat Electronics: Book to Bill ratio at 3.9x with Earnings CAGR at +20%
- REC: Power & Non-power credit demand opportunity at Rs50trn with AUM gg at 15-20%
- SBI: RoE at +17% & loan growth at +16%, narrowed the gap with PVBs & P/BV gap +30%
- BAF: Decelerating earnings growth with higher proportion towards unsecured lending mix at 20%+
- LTI Mind tree: Revenue growth deceleration from high midteens to mid-single digit.
- **HUL:** Volume gg subdued (1-2%) with higher regional competitiveness, resulting into earnings cut.
- HDFC Bank: Growth moderation from 20% to 14-15% with LDR & LCR at 110%; return matrix to moderate
- Asian Paints: Value growth (4-5%) vs. Volume growth (10-12%) with weak earnings CAGR at 6% over FY24-26E
- Bandhan Bank: Slippages > Recoveries & upgrades

## Long idea - SBI: Balance Sheet Valuation Convergance





#### Source: Bloomberg & Financials

#### **CONVERGENCE FACTORS:**

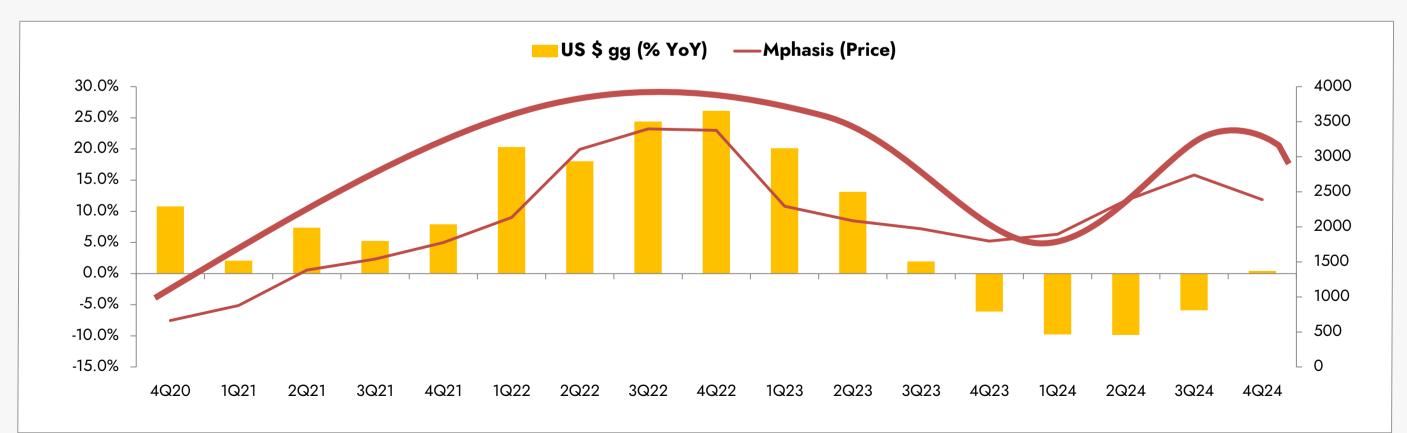
**Balance Sheet:** 3-yr CAGR advance for SBI (13%) & KMB (14%).

Asset Quality: SBI's PCR at 75% vs. KMB at 76%. Slippage rate for SBI (0.5%) vs. KMB (1.5%) for FY24.

Profitability: 5-yr CAGR for SBI (43%) vs. KMB (23%)

### Short idea — IT: Growth deceleration



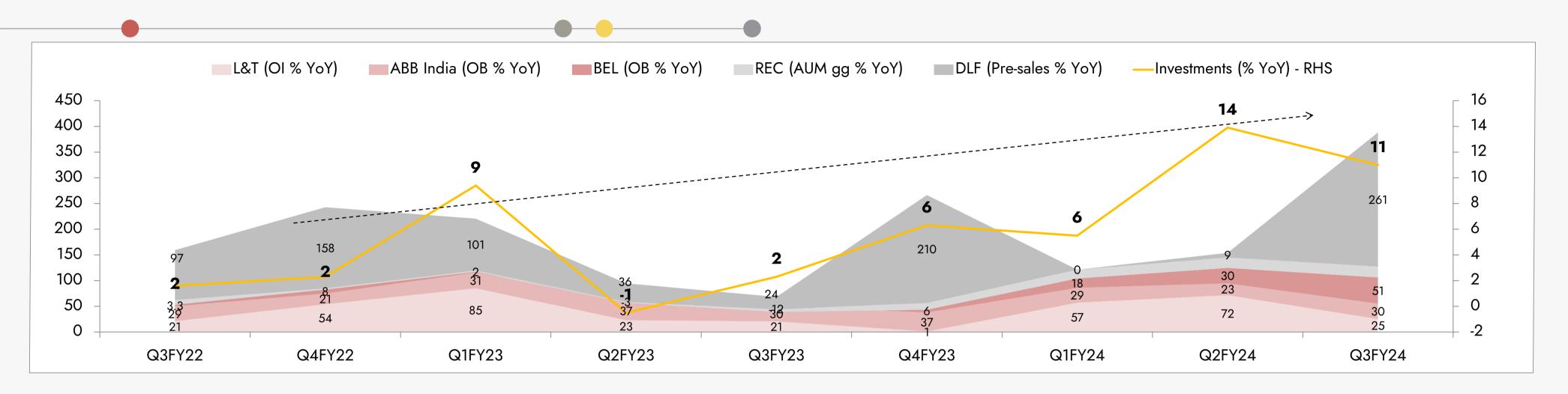


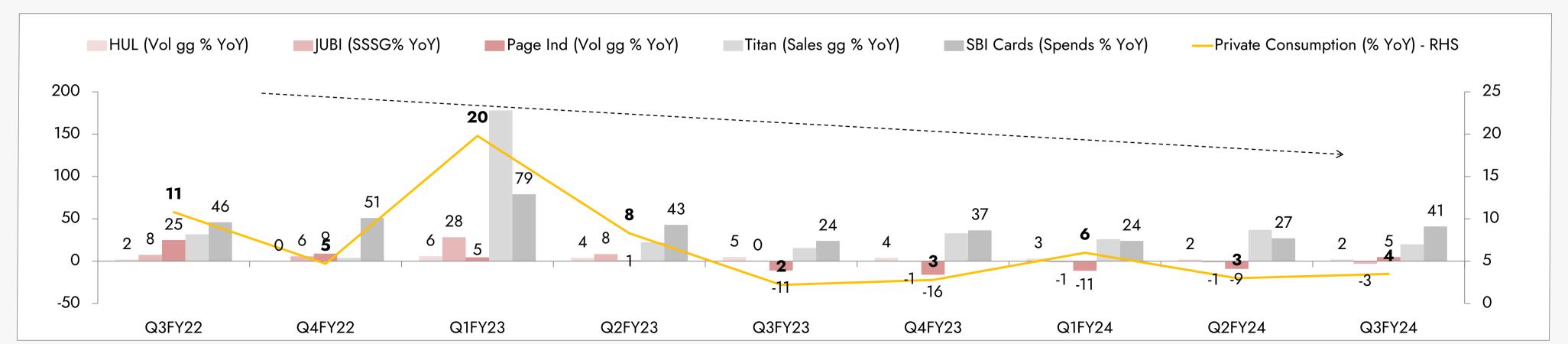
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#### **NEGATIVE CATALYST:**

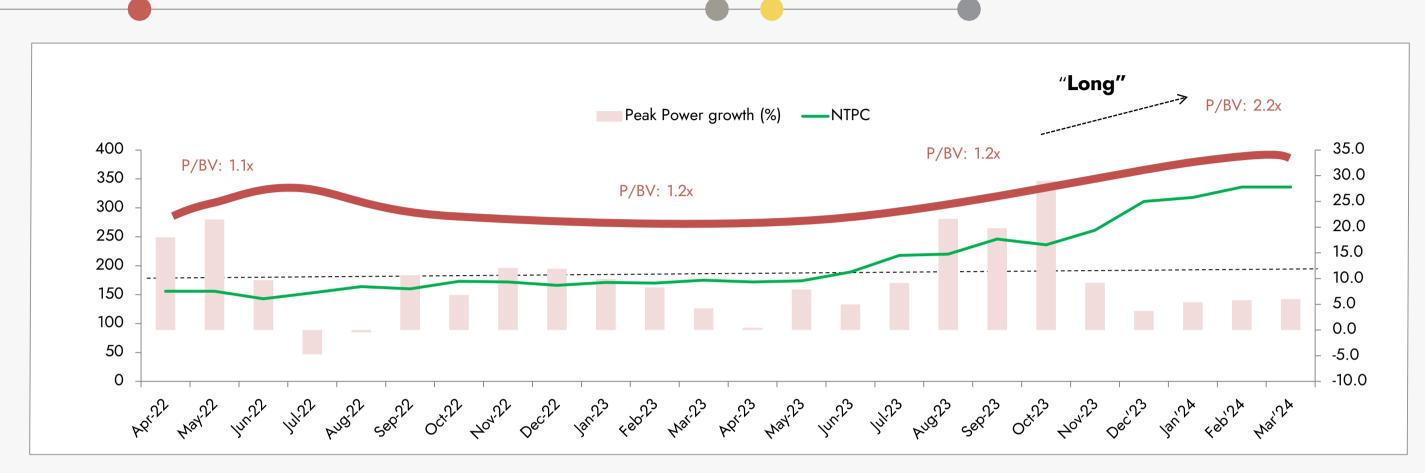
- LTI Mindtree: Senior Executive churn, Merger-related synergies delayed and risks from top banking client consolidation
- Mphasis: High exposure to troubled BFSI sector / top-clients, loss of wallet share in top accounts and delay in conversion of TCV to revenue

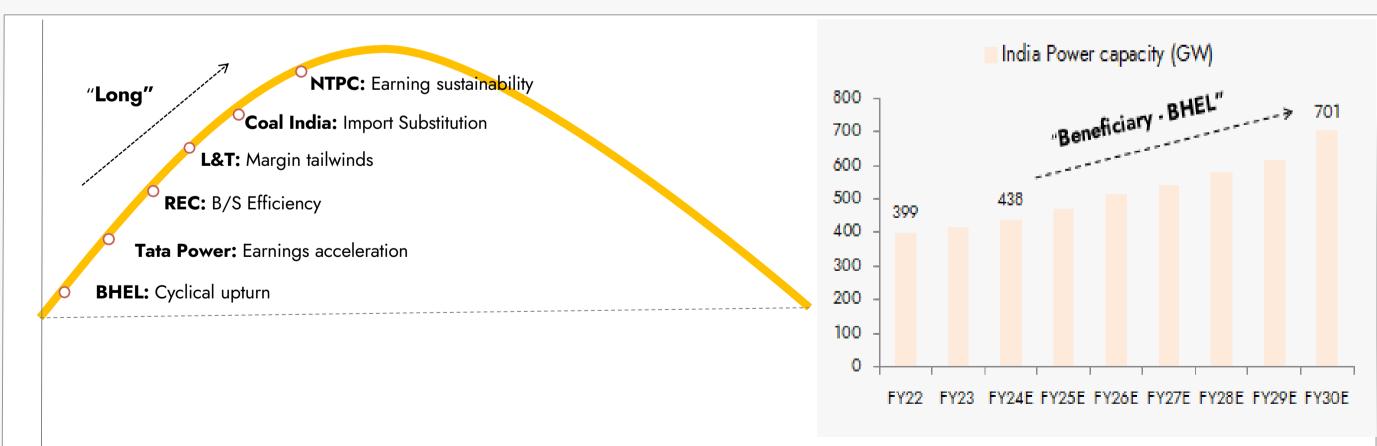
## Divergence: Investment vs. Consumption





## **Energy: Structural**





**Reforms:** Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme to reinvigorate DISCOMS & Late Payment Surcharge aiding financial discipline

**High capex phase:** Biggest beneficiary of 80GW new thermal pipeline by FY32; Thermal capacity addition from 2.5GW to 9GW p.a. & Power Capex CAGR 9% - BHEL & NTPC Beneficiary

**Energy Transition:** Renewable Mix to improve from 26% in FY23 to 50% in FY30 — NTPC, Tata Power beneficiary

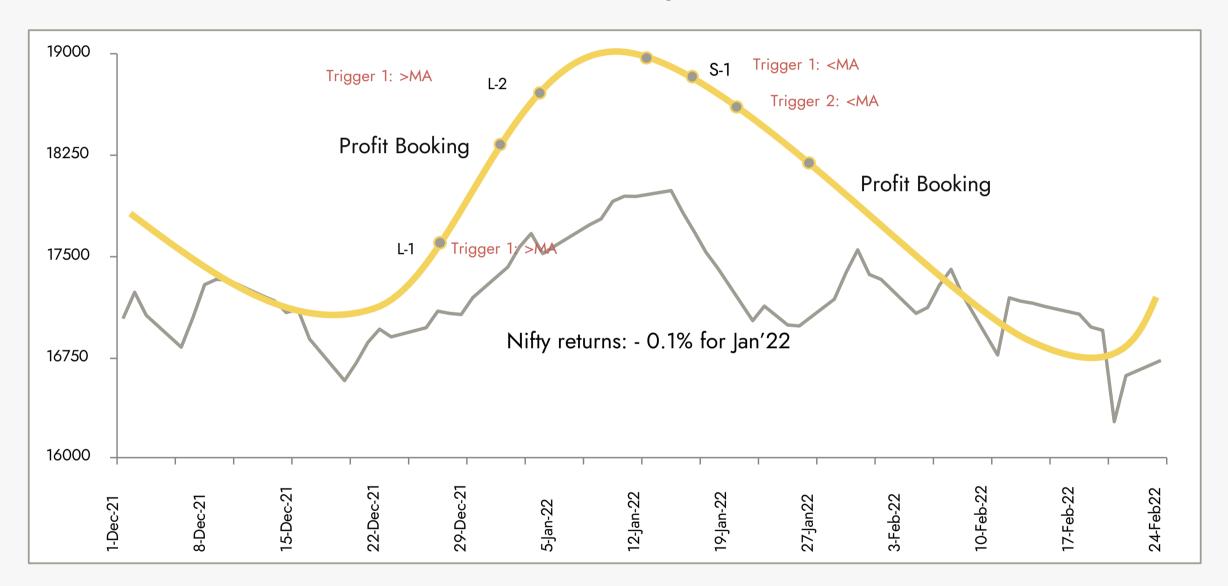
**Financier:** Driver for heavy capex & Energy transition & reforms leading to Rs10trn demand & lower slippages - REC/PFC beneficiary

Diversification: Coal mining,
Hydrogen-based energy, pumpstorage, Mobility, Chemical
manufacturing (Ammonia & Methanol)

**Financials:** Companies PAT CAGR to improve from single-digit over FY13-23 to high double-digit over FY23-27E

## Nifty Rule based framework, key allocation driver

#### **Profit Booking**

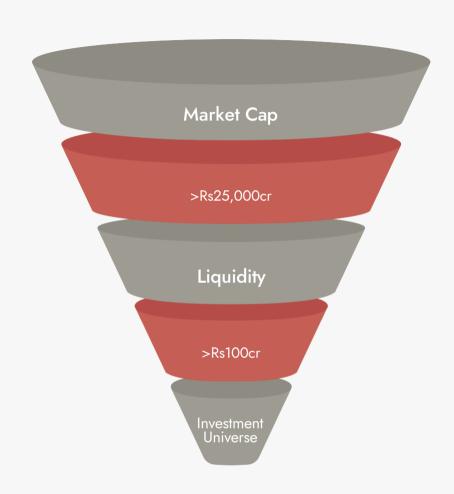


L- Long (120bps attribution) for Jan'22 S-Short (280bps attribution) for Jan'22

- **Hedging Tool:** Nifty can be long or short. Protects downside, and generates beta during uptrends
- Approach: Position building is rule based, developed around Proprietary & technical factors like Moving Averages, RSI, Trendlines.
- **Pyramid approach:** Sizing in 2 or 3 instalments; and position is ramped only when previous position is fully protected.
- Allocation driver: While maximum stock book exposure is +30 to -30, Nifty is used to drive portfolio allocation to higher ranges (cap of 100%)

## AMBIT 365

## Stock Universe & Portfolio Exposure

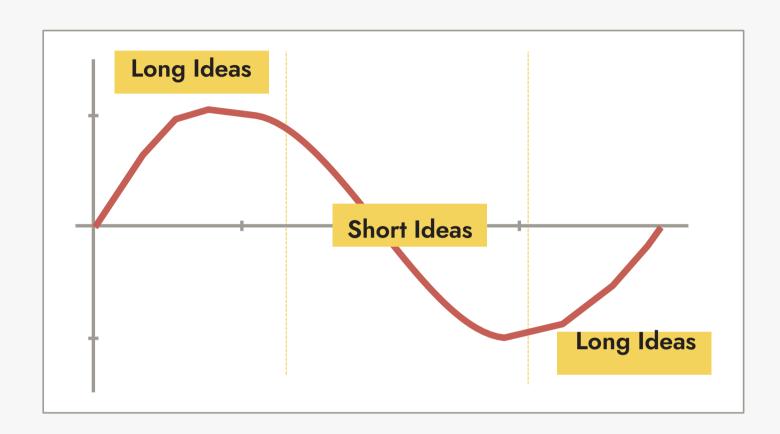


#### **IDENTIFICATION:**

Universe: Large and Liquid universe make Nifty a near perfect hedge.

**Long and Short Buckets:** Universe is further divided onto Long ideas and short idea buckets, based on our Sine Curve framework.

**Behavioral approach:** Near term catalysts and technical indicators are used to select ideas.



#### **EXPOSURE:**

Maximum Stock exposure: Long stocks and Short stocks- 50% of assets

Minimum stock exposure: Long stocks 20%; Short stocks 20% of assets

Net Stock exposure: Maximum net stock exposure of 30% long or short

Portfolio: Maximum 15 Long stocks and 15 Short stocks

**Sector Cap:** Maximum net sector exposure of 25%

Maximum single stock exposure: 10% at cost

Maximum Nifty Exposure: 80% long or short

## Risk Management Framework

### Liquidity Risk

- Large & Liquid Stock Book: Market cap: >Rs25,000cr ADV: >Rs100cr
- Nifty: Effective Hedging tool.
- **Sizing:** >5% position in the stock only when the initial position is in the money.
- **Stop-loss approach:** Hard stop loss of 10% from the cost for stocks.
- Blackout period: Stop-loss triggered, cool off period for 3 days.

#### Exposure Risk

- **Gross exposure:** 180% of the book.
- Stock Book Gross exposure: 100% of the book.
- Maximum net stock exposure: 30% net long or net short.
- Stock Book Minimum exposure: 20% on both side Long & Short.
- **Sector exposure:** Maximum 25% of the net book.
- **Concentration:** Maximum stock exposure of 10% at cost.

#### Market Risk

- Maximum Nifty exposure: 80% of the book.
- Stop-loss approach: Hard stop loss of not more than 2% from cost.
- **Pyramiding:** >50% of Nifty trigger original position is protected.
- Rule based approach: This removes the selection bias from nifty, and nifty becomes the primary exposure allocation tool.

#### **Event Risk**

- Major Events: Nil or very small (20%) Nifty position, ahead of major events (e.g. National Elections, Budget etc.)
- Minor Events: Maximum position 40%, ahead of minor events like RBI policy meet, Federal Reserve meet, state elections.

## FUND MANAGEMENT TEAM TRACK RECORD

## Ambit 365 - Track Record

Returns as on 30 <sup>th</sup> Apr'24	YTD	1M	3M	6M	1Y	2Y	Since Inception*
Ambit 365	7.6%	2.5%	4.9%	11.6%	NA	NA	11.8%

<sup>\*</sup>Start date 6<sup>th</sup> Oct'2023

# Gross return, pre-fees & pre-tax

Particulars	Std Deviation	Beta	Sharpe ratio	Max monthly drawdown
Ambit 365	5.4%	0.16	2.4	-0.1%

## Key fund terms

Ambit 365 Nature of the fund Fund Category III AIF, Open Ended fund Ambit Wealth Private Ltd Investment Manager Ambit Investment Managers Private Limited Sponsor Orbis Trusteeship Services Private Ltd **Sponsor Commitment** 5% of the corpus or Rs 10crore, whichever is lower Trustee Upto 2% (two percent) on their respective Capital Commitments Setup Fee Minimum Investment 1 cr for all contributors Operating Expenses Upto 2% (two percent) p.a. of the respective NAV of the Contributors Units issued to Contributors during the Initial Offer Period or thereafter shall be locked in till the expiry Redemption Frequency of 3 (three) months from the date of allotment of Units to such Contributor

#### Team



### DHIRAI AGARWAL

Dhiraj Agarwal is the Managing Director of Ambit Investment Managers Private Limited. He was previously a co-head of the Institutional Equities business at Ambit Capital. He has over +25 years of experience in financial markets. Before joining Ambit, Dhiraj was head of sales at Standard Chartered India. He also worked with firms like SSKI Securities where he started his career in Equity Research, and CLSA. Dhiraj has also spent four years on the buy-side with Boyer Allan Investment Management Ltd., a UK-based hedge fund. While Dhiraj was at SSKI, he founded and also led Sharekhan. He holds an MBA from the Indian Institute of Management Bangalore and is a graduate from Shri Ram College of Commerce, Delhi.



#### RAHUL MAHESHWARY

Rahul has +8 years of experience in the equity markets (buy-side). At Ambit, he is responsible for managing Long short strategy & equity research. Before joining Ambit Asset Management (PMS) in 2020, he worked at TCG Asset Management (AIF) & IDBI Asset Management (Mutual Fund) where he was responsible for extensive equity research towards various sectors such as BFSI, FMCG, Consumer Discretionary, Pharmaceuticals & Telecom. Rahul is Chartered accountant and is a graduate from K. J. Somaiya Institute of Management, Mumbai.

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- Deep understanding of prevalent regulatory framework
- Broad range of tailor-made solutions for Business Owners,
   Corporates, Institutional Investors, Family Offices and
   High Net Worth Individuals (HNWIs)

#### EXPERIENCED AND PROFESSIONAL PAN-INDIA TEAM

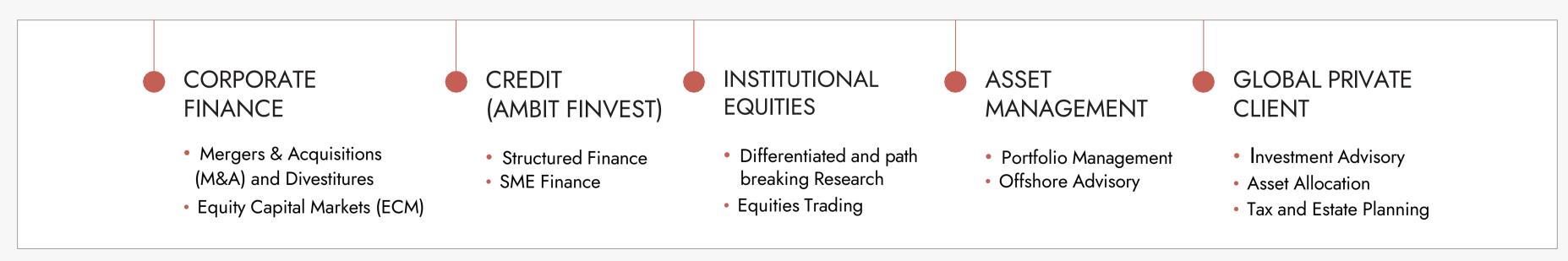
• Team of 2000+

#### PROVEN TRACK RECORD

- Consistently ranked among the top 5 Investment Banks (M&A and PE)
   by Indian & Global League tables
- Consistently awarded Best for Ultra High Networth in India by Asiamoney

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