# **OPPORTUNITIES STRATEGY**

Factsheet October 2022



## **PERFORMANCE**

For Oct-22, the Buoyant Opportunities Strategy returned 3.8% (vs 4.7% for the BSE-100, our benchmark). Returns are reported after charging fees and expenses and are computed by HDFC Bank and Kotak Mahindra Bank, our custodians and fund accounting partners.

# MARKET VIEW - upmove now faces challenges

The Dow Jones index rose ~14% over October, its best month in a long time! Contrast this with the YoY dip in reported earnings so far... Tech, the largest component of US markets, reported poor earnings. Tech stocks continue to sag. Core inflation (ex food and fuel) is highest since Aug-82. Employment is persistently strong, so rate hikes will likely continue, beyond the recent 75bps hike. *Our macro view is cautious, given that India has been resilient so far to global sluggishness, but is more integrated than ever with global macros.* 

In India, the NIFTY-50 was up  $\sim$ 5.4% for the month. The Q2 results season has been in-line with most Financials outperforming and other large sectors like IT, Energy and Consumer posting in-line results.

SECTOR	Weights (%)
Banking	30.1%
Info Tech	10.0%
Industrials	6.8%
HealthCare	6.1%
Chemicals	5.6%
Automobile	5.0%
Misc	4.2%
Insurance	3.5%
Building Materials	2.1%
Materials	2.2%
Media	2.5%
Staffing	2.1%
Textiles	2.1%
NBFC	1.8%
FMCG	1.9%
Oil & Gas	0.1%
Retail	0.6%
Cash	13.4%
Total	100.0%

MARKET CAP CATEGORY	Weights (%)
Large Cap	36.4%
Mid Cap	10.0%
Small Cap	40.3%
Cash	13.4%
Total	100.0%

INTERNAL CONSTRUCT	Weights (%)
Core	48.2%
Cyclical	13.0%
Turn around	13.0%
Value	12.5%
Cash	13.4%
Total	100.0%

We believe the market is gyrating like it has in previous phases where it remained range-bound for an extended period. Delivering alpha during such times calls for superior sector positioning, good stock selection and willingness to take cash calls within the mini-cycle.

Flows are expected to be negative in the near term, as several stocks that listed last year are poised to complete the mandatory one year lock-in for key shareholders. Most of these listings are new-age companies where the promoter holding is small. The estimated market value of shares being unlocked for sale is as high as Rs 1 lac cr (~\$12bn), even a small fraction of which can exert downward pressure.

## SECTORAL DECISIONS

Most of our sector allocations are unchanged, barring the impact of market movements. We reduced weights to Building Materials as the competitive intensity is increasing. Also, Q2 numbers were poor. We also exited a large cap Materials stock, as the steel cycle continues to be under pressure.

#### PORTFOLIO CONSTRUCTION

We remain steadfast in our DEFENSIVE stance, with the (CORE + Cash) component now at almost 62%, highest ever in this cycle, with cash at 13%+. Each of the three SATELLITE slices (Cyclicals, Turnaround and Value) is in the low teens, adding up to a bit over 38%.

That said, we are opportunistically increasing positions in certain stocks, which will lead to a calibrated increase in SATELLITE weight hereon.

Clients may expect slightly higher concentration and a lower number of stocks in individual client portfolios in future. The average number of stocks per portfolio has already come down from 27 to 25.

### **VALUATION**

The Buoyant Opportunities portfolio was valued at 25x FY23E (positive) earnings as at end-October, higher than 22x for the Nifty-50. This reflects our unchanged preference for hiding (defensive) places at a time when markets look vulnerable to upcoming events. We will switch to AGGRESSIVE mode when we believe the risk is reasonably 'in the price'.



## **INVESTMENT RETURNS**

We have outperformed our benchmark (BSE-100) over the last one, two and five years as also since inception in June-2016. We prefer not to get distracted by our short-term performance metrics and **continue to sharpen** what we believe is a durable cross-cycle framework and investment strategy.

TOTAL RETURNS (%)	Buoyant Portfolio*	BSE 100 Index	Nifty 50 Index	BSE 500 Index
Since inception (1 June 2016 to 31 Oct 2022)	20.9%	13.3%	13.1%	13.7%
Last five years	12.9%	11.3%	11.8%	11.2%
Last two years	46.5%	25.3%	24.4%	27.1%
Last one year	3.8%	2.7%	1.9%	2.5%
Last month	3.8%	4.7%	5.4%	4.0%

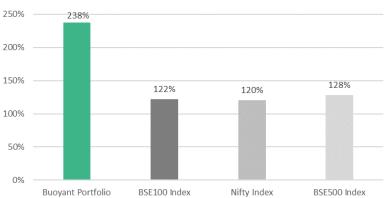
RISK METRICS	
Sharpe Ratio	0.25
Jensen Alpha	6.83
Information Ratio	0.63
Standard Deviation	19.11
R-Squared	0.68
Beta	1.01
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Source: Bloomberg for BSE 100 Index, Nifty Index and BSE 500 Index.

Buoyant Portfolio is post-fees and expenses.

More than one year returns are annualised.

# **Cumulative Returns Since Inception (%)**



### **BLOGS & MEDIA APPEARANCES**

### **Blogs**

- Once a disruptor The Economic Times on 1 Nov 2022
- Predatory pricing The Economic Times on 18 Oct 2022
- <u>UK pensions and path dependence The Economic Times</u> on 4 Oct 2022

# **Media Appearances**

- Viral Berawala (CNBC Bajar) on 21 Oct 2022
- <u>Jigar Mistry (CNBC TV18)</u> on 18 Oct 2022
- <u>Jigar Mistry (ET Now)</u> on 18 Oct 2022
- Viral Berawala (CNBC Bajar) on 13 Oct 2022
- Jigar Mistry (CNBC TV18) on 13 Oct 2022
- Viral Berawala (CNBC Bajar) on 7 Oct 2022
- Viral Berawala (CNBC Bajar) on 6 Oct 2022
- Viral Berawala (ET Now) on 3 Oct 2022

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