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INVESTOR MEMO : April 2025 The world at (tariff) war!

US President Donald Trump has **unleashed tariff wars** with most countries

We foresee a **major upheaval** in trade, investment flows and (naturally) financial markets

The macro uncertainty has led to **cracks in global stock prices**

NIFTY -15% from peak, NASDAQ -22%, S&P500 -17.5%

Almost every portfolio and investing strategy are **badly hit**

Gold and silver have outperformed equities, after several years...

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What to make of it?

Trump is executing **fiscal and trade** • 'chemotherapy' on the hyperleveraged US economy

It is claimed this will fix the cancer of unequal trade and ballooning debt

It is also seen as **shock therapy** for persistently high interest rates and inflation post COVID

This can help the US govt refinance an upcoming wall of debt (USD ~9tn) much cheaper

Also a **hard investment revival** is claimed to make up for the consumption shock over time

Expert opinions on this tariff war are widly divergent

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What happens to India?

- India will also get hit, but less than export-oriented countries like **China**, **Vietnam and Taiwan**
- Our economy is more domestic driven. Plus falling oil prices (crude has crashed) help us structurally
- Goods trade apart, a slowdown in the US also implies difficulty for Indian software cos
- There is some hope that India's bi-lateral diplomatic moves will help cushion some of the tariff pain
- China is hit much more; the US seems less likely to budge with them
- Net net, we will be hit on growth, but not much. There are shock absorbers...

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What about our stock market?

We were cruising in bubble /euphoria/narrative territory around NIFTY 26,000 in Sep-24

Since then we have corrected, with broad market indices falling more than NIFTY

A cyclical earnings slowdown was anyway visible, and tariff

wars will only add to the worry

An overdue correction is playing out and will help eliminate excesses and froth

A new bull market will take time to crystallise and will probably be led by new sectors

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Stock picking will come back in fashion, narratives will stop!

Weak hands will fall out of the market, long term investors will eventually find winners

The **pain cycle may scare off 'newbie' investors** who haven't seen a downturn

Absolute returns will be difficult to generate, but we are up for the challenge!

Presence (investing in markets), patience (with the portfolio) and perseverance (staying invested) can lead to performance...

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Portfolio stance





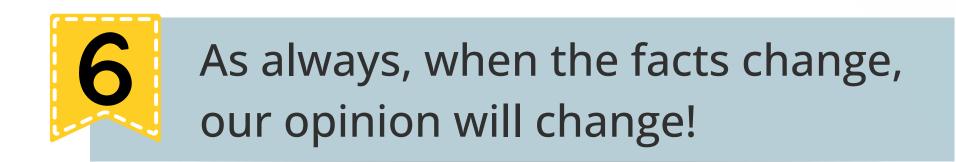
Booked losses in some counters

Raised cash to 12%



Raised healthcare exposure to 13%

There could be more churn this quarter, as tariff realities sink in

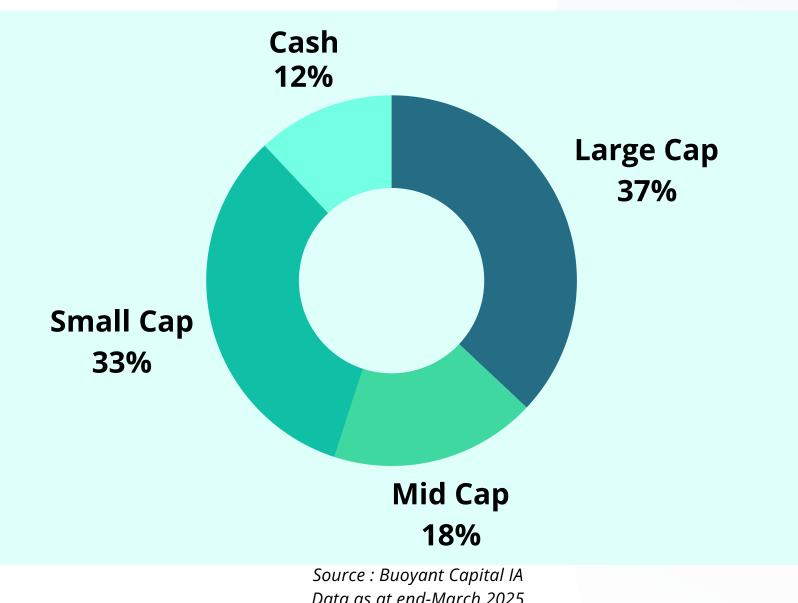


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TOP 5 HOLDINGS*

Cash	12%
ITC	8%
State Bank of India	7%
Archean Chemical	6%
Indegene	6%

Source : Buoyant Capital IA

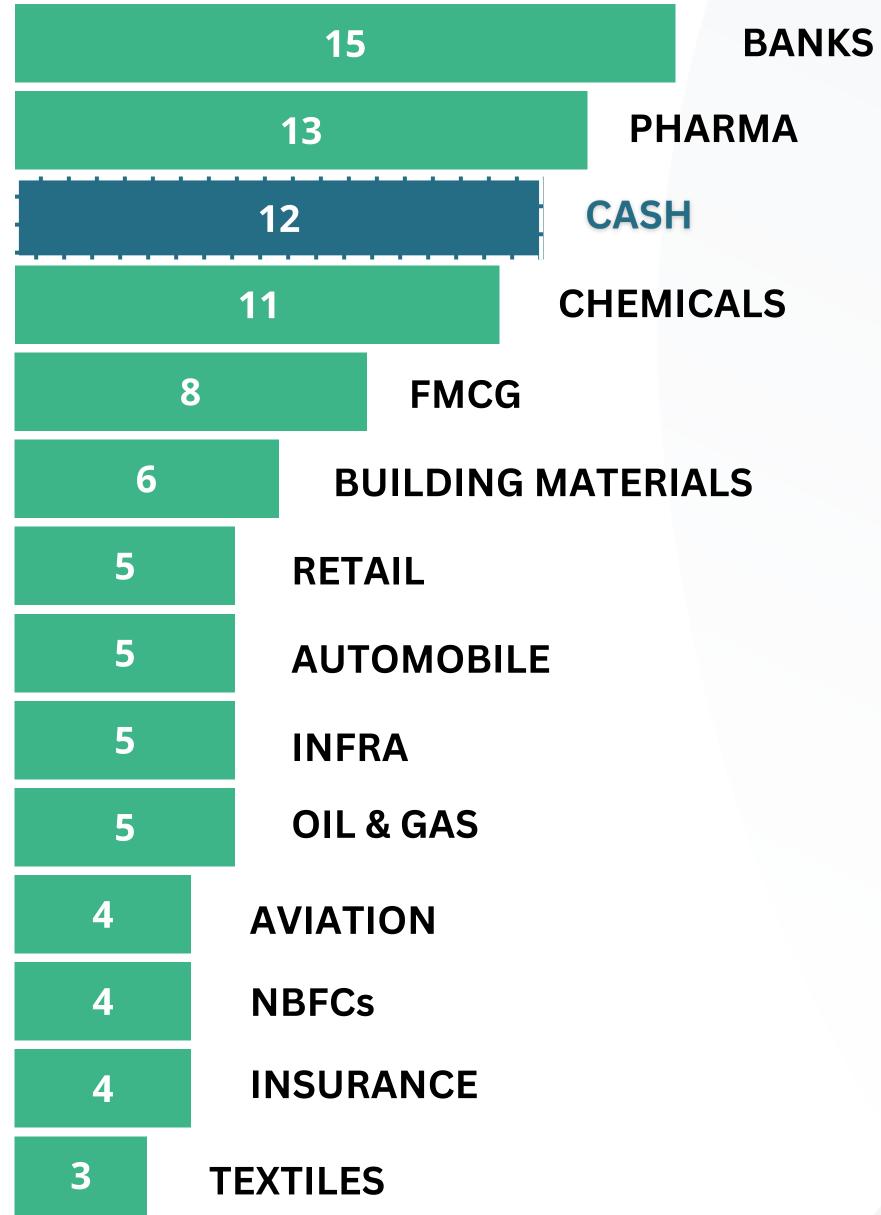
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SECTOR ALLOCATION



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Risk Category Aggressive (high risk)

> **Advisor** Dipen K Sheth

Benchmark NIFTY 500 TRI

Min. investment Rs. 2 lacs

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Fees collection Every six months Investment Style Cross cycle, Flexicap Recommended Time Horizon 3-5 Years No of Stocks 12-18

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