

# FORT VALUE

# LONG ONLY, VALUE FOCUSSED EQUITY

PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL



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### Introduction

#### Our Journey

- **2014** Established Fort Capital Investment Advisory
- **2014** Launched Fort Enhance advisory
- **2017** Obtained first PMS license
- 2018 Launched Fort Value PMS Scheme
- **2024** Launched Fort Dynamic PMS Scheme



### Introduction

#### Fort Capital - promoter background

Promoter group with a history of over 8 decades in capital markets

Successfully launched and exited fintech start-ups - Wealthdesk & Quantech Capital to PhonePe (Walmart)

High commitment to quality and integrity

Focus on knowledge, research, experience and transparency

Headquartered at Mumbai and holding a fund licence in DIFC (Dubai) for global client expansion

Promoter group participation in funds



# Key features

#### Investing in companies having

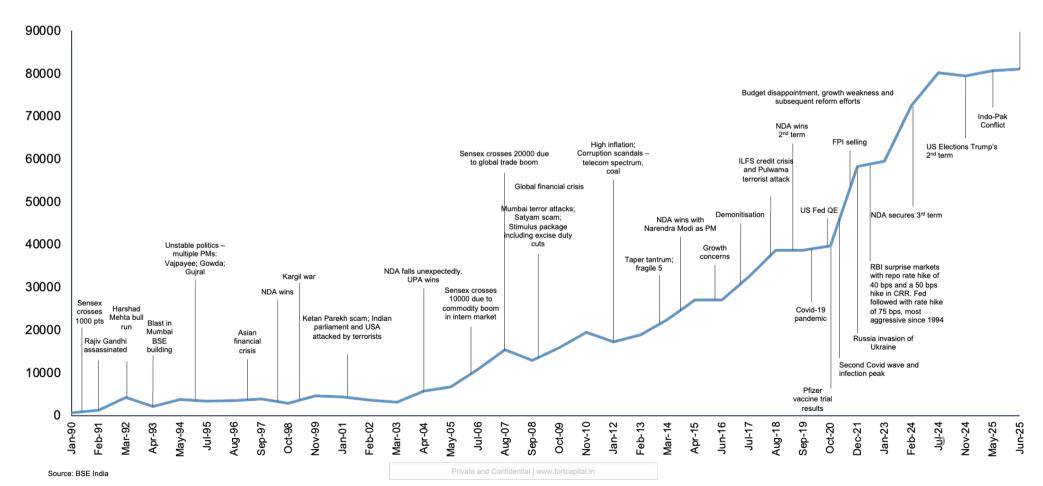
- Inherent operating advantages
- · Management pedigree
- · Free cash flows

#### **Features**

- High focus on value investing, uncovering hidden gems in the small and micro-cap space
- Ground up grass root research and due diligence for confirmation of rerating potential
- Invest and hold/add till either maximum potential is realised or better alternatives become available
- 7% alpha, with 0.83 beta over last 5 years
- Long term bottom-up approach with lower churn

After fees and expenses	Fort Value	Benchmark
CAGR (last 2 years)	7.77%	15.97%
CAGR (last 3 years)	12.36%	14.41%
CAGR (last 5 years)	26.96%	20.32%
CAGR (since inception)	15.22%	13.75%







#### India's Relative Resilience – Silver Linings Amidst the Storm

Low inflation – room for Central Bank to cut rates

Low current account and fiscal deficit

Low oil prices

Low corporate debt to GDP

Under-leverages corporates

Healthy banking balance sheets

Low trade with the US \$80 Billion (approx. 2.5% of India's GDP)

Higher dependence on domestic demand driven sectors

Resilient economy and GDP forecast of 6.5%

Indian companies have started optimising their cost structure to align with the new reality (e.g. Tata Steel)



#### Strong tailwinds



### Improving regulatory frameworks

Implementation of insolvency and bankruptcy code, real estate authority and Good and Services Tax



### Ease of doing business – Stable government

India ranks 51st as per the Economic Intelligence Unit (EIU) A stable and conducive political environment



### Consumption led economic growth

USD 5.5 Trillion GDP by 20284th Largest economy



### FDI inflows

Increased FDI inflows



#### Strong tailwinds



### Demographic advantage

611 million under 25 years;45% of the total population



### New approach to new India

Make in India; Digital India – JAM Trinity; PLI schemes



#### **Domestic inflows**

Strong domestic investments have supported Indian marketsWe believe that it will continue with monthly inflow of INR 40k crores

'FIIs and FPIs may come and go but today the Indian retail investors have proven that any shock that may come in is now taken care of because of the shock-absorbing capacity the Indian retailer has brought into the Indian market' – Nirmala Sitharaman



### Investment Process

#### **Database Creation**

Cash flow analysis; ratio analysis including leverage

#### **Desk Research**

Annual report; channel check

#### **Meeting with Companies**

Understand vision; culture; process and strategy followed by plant or site visit

#### **Monitoring & Interaction**

Continuous follow up "quarterly basis"; attend conference calls and AGMs

#### Confirmation

Re-rating potential per script hold; trim; or sell from portfolio



# **Key Criteria**

- The business should be sustainable: present and future free cash flows
- Strong balance sheet: minimum/ controlled leverage (81% of portfolio companies are debt free)
- Capital misallocation: direction/ clear path to reversion to mean (Net Debt/EBITDA), post any capex
- Long operating history: established management track record
- Track record for dividend payout: as it shows the ability of promoters to share wealth

#### BELIEFS ABOUT SMALL CAP COMPANIES

#### **General perception**

- Low liquidity (high impact cost)
- Inability to pay dividend
- High risk (promoter risk, business risk)
- Size is too low, not comparable with Large Cap
- Promoter integrity

#### Fort analysis

- Long term holding
- Sustainable growth potential
- Regular review of MIS re forming and secondary financial modelling
- Regular review of PE re rating
- Promoter, management integration, site visit, analyst call

## Key Characteristics

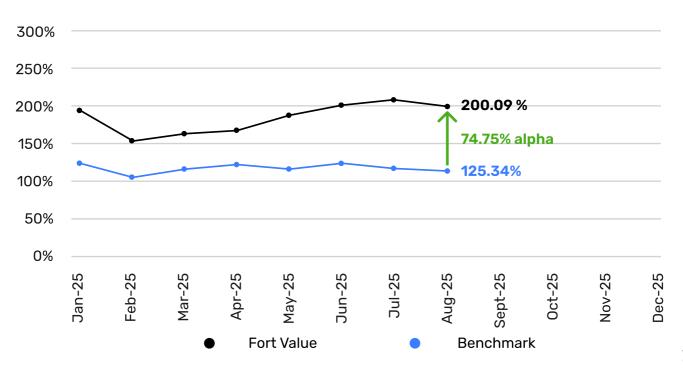
- Tailor-made portfolio
- · Betting on companies not on stock price
- Selecting high quality businesses run by great management teams and having good corporate governance
- Bets on turnaround stories with a higher margin of safety and more possibility for risk reward

Benchmark:

**BSE S&P 500 TRI** 

Maximum no of stocks permitted in portfolio:

30



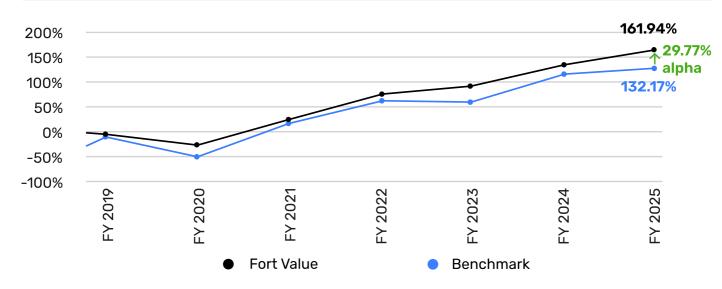


### Key Characteristics

	Net Debt/ EBITDA	Dividend Yield	Std. Deviation
Fort Value	<b>0.72</b> x	1.39%	0.07x
Benchmark	2.76x	1.12%	1.65x

### Actual returns (after deducting all expenses including management and performance fees)

Consolidated Portfolio	FY-21	FY-22	FY-23	FY-24	FY-25	Since Inception (as on 31st August 2025)
Fort Value	98.27%	46.99%	8.49%	23.32%	6.71%	200.09%
Benchmark	78.63%	22.26%	-0.91%	40.16%	5.96%	125.34%





# **Key Terms**

**High Watermark** 

Yes

Exit Load

Nil

Minimum Investment

**INR 50 Lacs** 

Performance Fees (Only above Hurdle Rate)

**Hurdle Rate:** 

12%

Management Fee (Charged quarterly)

**2%** p.a.



# Key Members



**Mr. Ishan Thakkar** Fund Manager

- Ishan Thakkar as an astute professional with an MBA in Finance, and over 6 years of expertise in the dynamic equity market.
- He has been instrumental in steering the pre investment process and adroitly managing the active investments within our portfolio companies.
- Forte lies in unearthing lucrative opportunities by employing a meticulous bottom up approach to stock selection.
- Rigorous screening process, tracks management commentary against delivered performance for at least 6 8 quarters before investment.
- Has achieved sustained outperformance against benchmark indices.



# Key Members



Mr. Swapnil Shah
Director And CIO

- ★ Has Over 15 Years Of Experience In Research And Investments.
- Advised Numerous Indian Businesses Across Sectors On Capital Market Transactions.
- A Chartered Accountant With A Strong Background In Working Closely With Mutual Funds And Broking Firms In Various Roles.
- ★ Built And Leads A High-Performing Fundamental Research Team.
- Regularly Features On Top Business Channels And Contributes Expert Market Views In Leading Indian Newspapers.
- Known For A Consistent Track Record Of High Performance And Leadership Across Multiple Functions And Businesses.



# Key Members



Mr. Yuvraj Thakker
Group Advisor

- ★ Masters Of Science (Finance) From Bentley University, Boston
- A Third-Generation Managing Director With A Strong Legacy In Financial Services.
- Specializes In Managing Large Portfolios Using Both Fundamental And High-Frequency Algorithmic Strategies.
- Believes In Long-Term Investing Backed By Perseverance And Intellectual Discipline.
- Aims To Provide Clients Of Fort Capital Access To The Strategies, Tools, And Techniques Used By Professional Traders.



### Get in Touch

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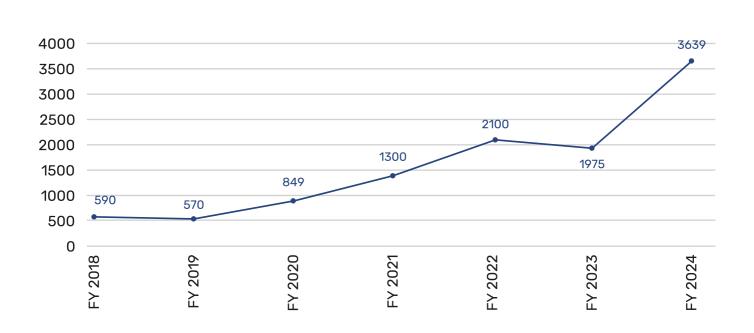
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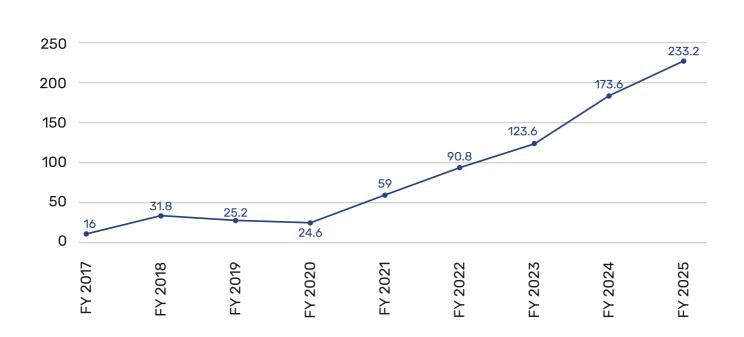


Purchase price: INR 627 Selling price: INR 3636 Absolute return: 480.38%

INR in Cr.	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Sales	1789.8	2754.9	2583.13	2298.13	3138.77	4474.4	5059.1
EBITDA	265.91	406.5	424	399.8	494.8	775.39	897.13
EBITDA Margin	14.86%	14.76%	16.41%	17.40%	15.76%	17.33%	17.73%
PAT	42.67	50.58	71.13	63.55	75.36	213.50	213.50



### Steelcast Ltd.

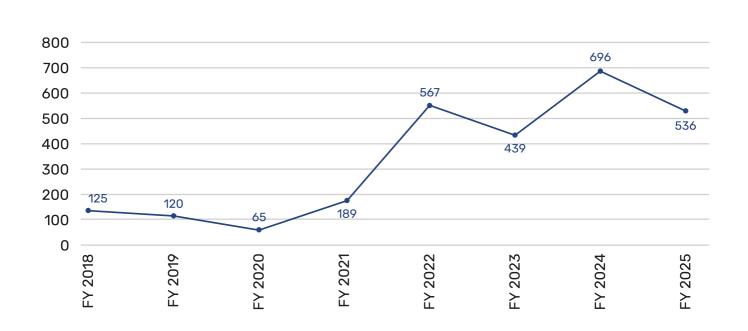


Purchase price: INR 30 Selling price: INR 235 Absolute return: 677%

INR in Cr.	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
Sales	134	231	318	201	158	302	477	410	376.16
EBITDA	25	44	59	38	32	64	114	117	106.27
EBITDA Margin	18.66%	19.05%	18.55%	18.91%	20.25%	21.19%	23.90%	28.54%	28.25%
PAT	3	21	25	8	12	33	71	75	72.2



# **ELGI Equipments**



Purchase price: INR 125

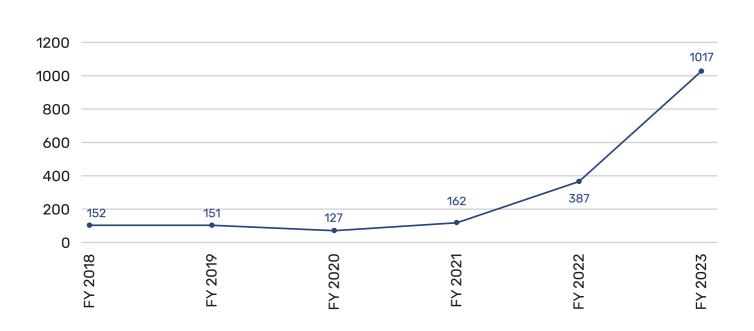
CMP: INR 471

Absolute return: 456.80%

INR in Cr.	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
Sales	1622.2	1863.5	1829.39	1924.05	2524.7	3040.7	3218	3510
EBITDA	176.12	191.75	135.88	215.65	292.34	432.87	491	529
EBITDA Margin	10.86%	10.29%	7.43%	11.21%	11.58%	14.24%	15.25%	15.07%
PAT	95.28	103.06	42.56	102.49	178.43	370.8	312	350



### KSB Ltd.



Purchase price: INR 132 Selling price: INR 1007 Absolute return: 663.03%

INR in Cr.	CY 2018	CY 2019	CY 2020	CY 2021	CY 2022	CY 2023	CY 2024
Sales	1093.06	1293.9	1208.15	1497.29	1821.96	2247	2533
EBITDA	128.34	150.23	167.79	209.47	246.64	294	338
EBITDA Margin	11.74%	11.61%	13.89%	13.99%	13.54%	13.06%	13.34%
PAT	71.6	100.73	93.78	149.38	182.74	209	248



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