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Moats & Special Situations Portfolio

Dear Investors,

Below is the performance of the Moats & Special Situations Portfolio (M&SSP) as of 31 December 2025.

Portfolio Performance ¹	Equity Allocation	Total Portfolio Returns	Benchmark Returns
Since Inception (annualised)		14.94%	12.96%
Dec 2025 Quarter	84%	4.45%	5.02%
April – Dec 2025		14.59%	12.57%

Please check relative performance of other portfolio managers by clicking on this [link](#)

As we look back at 2025, one of the most significant developments influencing global financial markets was the imposition of tariffs by the United States on its trading partners. India was initially considered to be the frontrunner to close the tariff negotiations. But the tariffs eventually increased to 50% and the resolution still seems elusive. To counter the impact of tariffs on the Indian economy, the government has given a boost through GST rationalization. Other complementary actions taken through the year - income tax reductions, interest rate cuts by the Reserve Bank of India, and enhanced systemic liquidity, are collectively expected to boost economic momentum. Preliminary indicators, such as sustained growth in automobile sales and improving FMCG volume trends, suggest that these measures are yielding positive outcomes, with momentum persisting beyond the festive season.

Against this backdrop, Indian equity markets concluded the calendar year on a positive note, with the BSE 500 and NIFTY registering gains of 7.6% and ~11.9%, respectively. However, these headline figures hide a big dispersion in the broader markets.

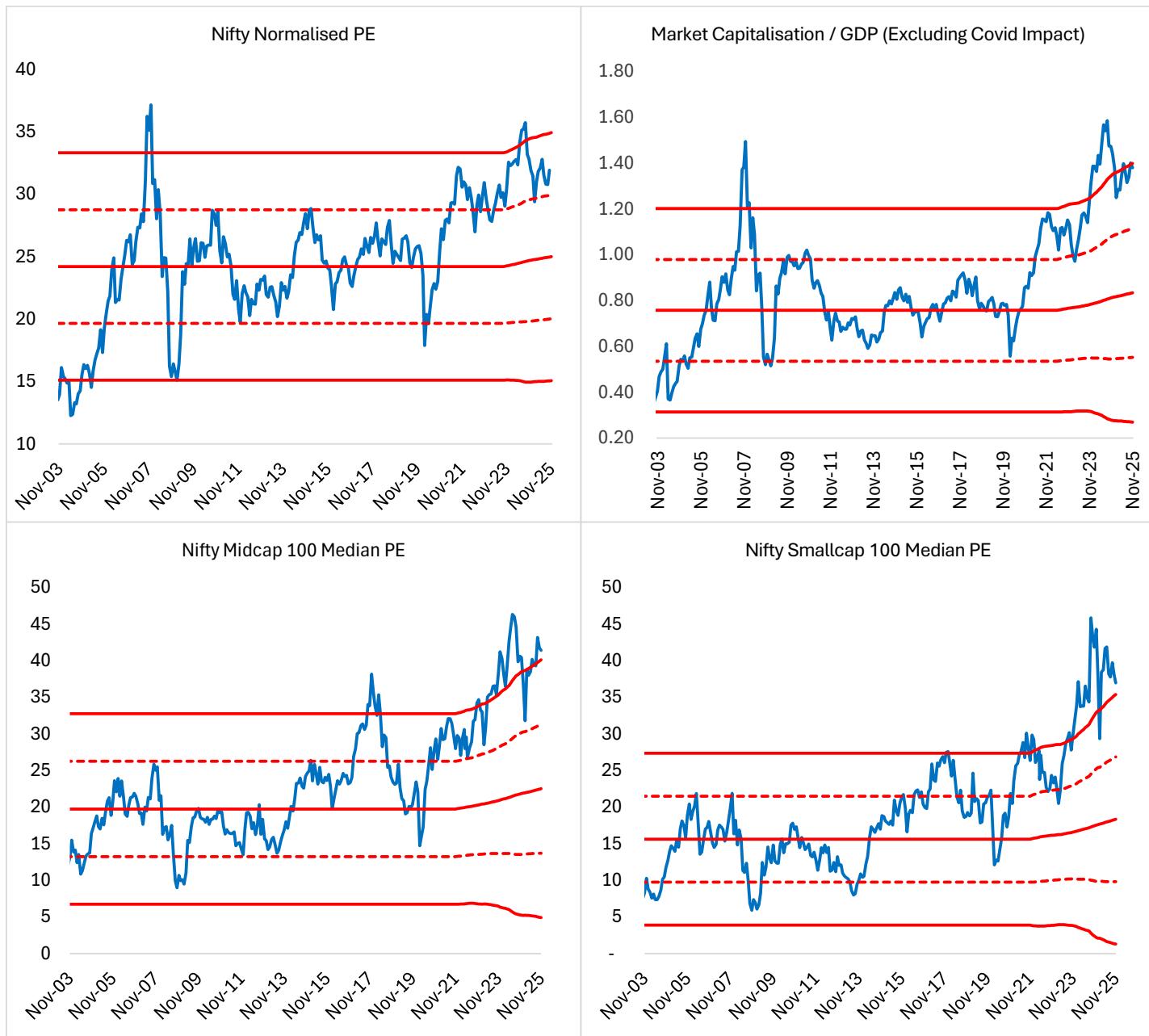
The adjacent table highlights a sharp divergence between headline index performance and the median return of index constituents for the calendar year. While the BSE 500 appreciated by 7.6%, the median performance of index constituents was -3.7%. This dislocation is even more pronounced in the Small Cap segment, where the median constituent witnessed a decline of 17.8%. The underperformance, specifically in the small & midcap space, could be attributed to a directional adjustment where valuation excesses were partially unwound. As discussed in the September quarter newsletter, the post covid rally which has been supported by strong domestic fund flow has been met by significant increase in supply of paper through promoter and private equity divestments, Qualified Institutional Placements

1 Year Performance	Index	Median
BSE 500	7.6%	-3.7%
BSE Midcap	1.1%	-6.2%
BSE Smallcap	-6.6%	-17.8%

¹ The Benchmark of M&SSP Investment Approach has been revised from BSE 500 and BSE Mid Cap index to **S&P BSE 500 TRI** with effect from 01st April 2023 as per SEBI/APMI circulars. Equity allocation mentioned above is for older accounts. The above returns are consolidated for all clients, time weighted and post management and performance expenses. The actual returns of clients may differ from client to client due to different portfolio and timing of investment. Past performance is no guarantee for future performance. Inception Date is 27th January 2011.

(QIPs), and IPOs along with constant selling by FIIs, which has led to partial normalisation in valuation. It is precisely during such periods of valuation normalization that a bottom-up stock selection strategy differentiates itself. In this context, MSSP delivered a 13.2% return in the 2025 calendar year which is favourable compared to headline index performance as well as median performance discussed earlier.

Despite the subdued equity market performance in the last year, broader market valuations remain elevated relative to historical averages (refer charts below). If valuations continue to revert to the mean, equity performance for the wider market may stay subdued going forward.



That said, we anticipate entering a phase of improved **business** momentum as the full economic benefits of recent government policy initiatives are reflected in the broader economy. The potential resolution of the ongoing tariff uncertainty could be another catalyst, which could provide a renewed boost to the export-oriented segments of the economy.

Considering this improving macroeconomic backdrop, we would like to be constructive. However, elevated valuation in the broader market leaves us with very few opportunities. While we are evaluating companies currently facing temporary business headwinds, valuations don't offer an adequate "margin of safety". If valuation normalisation continues, our equity allocation could inch up.

Asset Allocation

Our equity weight stands at 84%. For new accounts our equity weight is around 60%. Some of our portfolio stocks have done well (especially in the Auto & Auto Ancillary space) and are reaching expensive valuations. Thus, as per our investment process we have been trimming our exposure.

Portfolio Activity

Business Model Allocation	Mar-25	Jun-25	Sep-25	Dec-25
Moat	7%	6%	10%	17%
Limited Moat	61%	67%	65%	57%
Moat + Limited Moats	68%	73%	75%	74%
Special Situations	32%	27%	25%	25%
Regulated Utility	-	-	-	-
Grand Total	100%	100%	100%	100%

Sector Allocation	Mar-25	Jun-25	Sep-25	Dec-25
Financials	40%	40%	39%	40%
Financial Services	17%	20%	22%	19%
Commercial Services	12%	11%	10%	11%
Auto & Auto Ancillary	11%	16%	16%	9%
Consumer	4%	5%	8%	9%
Materials	3%	4%	4%	4%
Healthcare	11%	4%	-	4%
Media	-	-	-	4%
Technology	2%	-	-	-
Grand Total	100%	100%	100%	100%

Regards,

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