

Portfolios managed under the Value Trek Plan and allied plans
as on 30.06.2016

At the outset we wish to thank you for the faith reposed in us by investing in our Plans.

We will communicate with you every quarter; in part to inform you about the quarterly performance, but also to elaborate on some aspect of our investment philosophy or process. Over the course of time you will observe that we emphasize as much, if not more on the latter as on the former. This is borne out of our belief that a sound investment philosophy executed through a process that is unfailingly adhered to, will over the long term, inevitably lead to satisfactory investment returns.

We would like to caution you against laying too much emphasis on the quarterly performance numbers. In compiling our quarterly scorecard we are obliged to measure our performance against the market. You will observe that there will be months where our performance will be superior to the market (as reflected by the 'Sensex') as well as months when our performance lags the market. This should come as no surprise. Short term movements of the market are capricious reflecting the unpredictable and often exaggerated sentiments of the sum total of market participants as they react to the sum total of developments in the political and economic fields. This by nature is a combination of an (un)healthy dose of impulse together with reason. Our struggle is to tune out precisely this 'noise' emanating from the market place, whilst we attempt to assay the intrinsic worth of individual securities. Quarterly performances vis-à-vis the market are therefore more a measure of how 'in sync' we are with the prevalent moods of Mr. Market – a goal that we have no particular skill or desire to pursue.

Whilst the word 'black swan' has become widely used, synonymous as it is with low probability and high impact events, it may be useful to also think about high probability and high impact events. A new book, 'The gray rhino', suggests a useful framework for thinking about the latter. Investors can confront the former with options and barbell strategies, but the latter can only be confronted by overcoming some cognitive biases and proactive risk control.

There are many gray rhinos lurking around and a few of them have already been spotted. Climate change, excessive debt and enormous imbalances, demographic disasters, disruptive technologies amongst others are already in the mainstream media. Given the short term horizons of most investors, not much importance has been attached to them. 'Risk on' and 'risk off' are the only buzzwords that most commentators use. This is a shortcut for short term thinking.

The valuation of most companies and especially so in the current euphoria in India, assumes a large terminal value. So the valuation reflects a long term component. The thinking of most investors is with a horizon of not more than three years. This is decidedly short term in relation to valuations. A risk premium for 'gray rhinos' is missing.

Benjamin Graham used an engineering metaphor to illustrate his concept of the 'margin of safety'. Investors should always attempt to build a bridge in the investing jungle that can carry truckloads of rhinos.

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Whilst your individual returns are with you, we have given the weighted average results of all portfolios in the Value Trek Plan and affiliated plan for June quarter (before our management fees but inclusive of all other expenses and charges). We would once again urge you to interpret quarter by quarter returns of any fund manager with some caution.

	June 2016 Quarter
Benchmark (Sensex) returns	6.54%
Weighted average Portfolio Returns of plans under the Value Trek Plan and affiliated plan	7.37%
Proportion of cash held at the beginning of period	21.04%
Proportion of cash held at end of Period	15.94%

- ❖ Benchmark return is absolute change between start of the period to end of the period without any adjustment for fund flows during period.
- ❖ Portfolio return is based on weighted average returns of portfolio compounded monthly.
- ❖ The actual returns of clients may differ from client to client due to differences in composition of the portfolio and timing of investment/divestment.
- ❖ Past performance is not a guarantee for future performance.

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Should there be any queries, I'm always available. Please do not hesitate to contact me or members of the Jeetay team who look after the administration at the office – Divya, Rashmi or Prem!

Warm Regards,

Vinay Parikh

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