

# White Oak India Pioneers Equity Portfolio



Portfolio Performance <sup>1-8</sup>	3 Month	6 Month	1 Year	2 Year CAGR	Inception CAGR
WO India Pioneers Equity	10.5%	24.0%	65.1%	36.1%	29.6%
S&P BSE 500 TR	11.9%	23.0%	63.1%	28.6%	21.4%
Outperformance (bps)	-146	+105	+202	+746	+819
<b>Other Indices</b>					
S&P BSE 100 Largecap	12.0%	21.3%	58.9%	25.6%	20.0%
S&P BSE 150 Midcap	11.5%	27.5%	77.4%	41.5%	28.3%
S&P BSE 250 Smallcap	11.0%	34.1%	87.8%	41.8%	24.8%

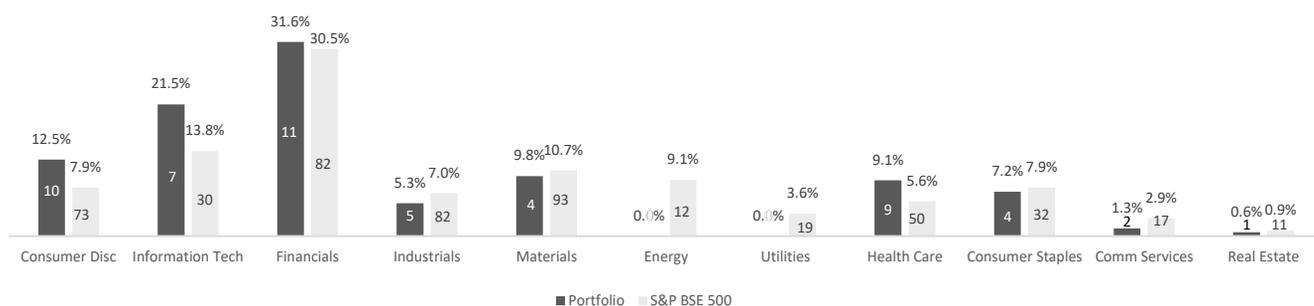
## Market Cap Attribution Since Inception (%)<sup>11</sup>

	Portfolio		Benchmark		Attribution		
	Avg Wt	Tot Return	Avg Wt	Tot Return	Selection Effect	Allocation Effect	Tot Return
Large Cap	61.4	80.6	80.7	62.2	10.0	-0.4	9.5
Mid Cap	23.6	197.2	13.3	66.9	23.5	1.0	24.6
Small Cap	12.1	117.1	5.9	44.1	12.1	-3.6	8.5
Cash/Fut/Other	2.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	-	-	-4.6
Total	100.0	99.9	100.0	61.9	45.6	-7.5	38.1

## Sector-wise Attribution Since Inception (%)<sup>12</sup>

	Portfolio		Benchmark		Attribution		
	Avg Wt	Tot Return	Avg Wt	Tot Return	Selection Effect	Allocation Effect	Tot Return
Comm Services	2.5	115.4	2.7	60.1	0.8	-0.5	0.4
Cons Disc.	11.9	77.5	8.5	42.1	4.2	-0.4	3.8
Cons Staples	8.7	50.5	9.3	40.0	2.6	-0.6	2.0
Energy	0.0	0.0	9.9	69.3	0.0	-2.7	-2.7
Financials	32.7	62.4	32.3	34.3	10.2	0.4	10.7
Health Care	12.4	182.7	5.5	91.8	8.5	9.0	17.5
Industrials	5.1	110.7	6.7	58.1	1.9	0.5	2.4
Information Tech	16.2	181.0	12.1	126.4	5.5	1.9	7.4
Materials	6.7	148.6	9.3	105.9	1.9	0.4	2.3
Real Estate	0.9	48.8	0.6	93.5	0.1	-0.2	-0.1
Utilities	0.0	0.0	3.1	98.6	0.0	-0.5	-0.5
Cash/Fut/Other	2.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	-	-	-4.9
Total	100.0	99.9	100.0	61.9	35.7	2.3	38.1

## Sector Exposure<sup>9</sup>



## Market Review

In Q3 2021, S&P BSE 500 TR index was up 11.9%. S&P BSE 100 Largecap was up 12.0%, S&P BSE 150 Midcap up 11.5%, and S&P BSE 250 Smallcap up 11.0%

FIIs were net buyers to the tune of US\$2.8bn during the quarter. For year to date, India has seen net FPI inflows of US\$8.6bn, among the highest in EMs, ex-China. The Rupee was flat, while the benchmark 10-year G-Sec yields rose slightly to 6.2%. The rally in commodities continued with Brent up by 5.1% and the S&P GSCI Industrial Metals Index up by 1.8%, QoQ.<sup>13</sup>

Among sectors, communication services and energy outperformed, whereas health care and consumer discretionary underperformed during the quarter.

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## Investment Objective

The objective of the strategy is to achieve long term capital appreciation by primarily investing in 'listed securities' in India.

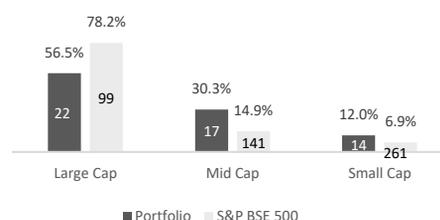
## Fund Facts

Structure:	Discretionary PMS
Firmwide AUM: <sup>3,5</sup>	₹ 40,852 Cr
WO India Pioneers Equity AUM: <sup>3</sup>	₹ 5,025 Cr
Minimum Investment:	INR 50 Lakhs
Benchmark:	S&P BSE 500 TR

## Portfolio Characteristics<sup>10</sup>

Wt. Av. Market Cap (INR Cr)	234,110
No. of Holdings	53
Standard Deviation (SI):	Portfolio : 21.6% / S&P BSE 500 : 21.8%
Sharpe Ratio (SI):	Portfolio : 1.27 / S&P BSE 500 : 0.62
Beta (SI):	0.91
ROE (FY 21):	17.6%
PE (FY 22):	28.8
Projected Revenues (3 Yr CAGR):	16.0%
Projected Earnings (3 Yr CAGR):	20.7%

## Market Cap Classification<sup>9</sup>



Classification as per Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) guidelines for Mutual Funds. Additional information on the classification methodology is available upon request.

## Performance Review

In the third quarter, the portfolio was up 10.5%, underperforming the benchmark by -146bps. The key contributors include Coforge (+26.4%), Bajaj Finserv (+46.9%) and Mphasis (+48.6%) whereas, Sequent Scientific (-29.6%), Axis Bank (+2.4%), and Intellect Design (-1.9%) were the key detractors.

Year-to-date, the fund is up 32.2%, outperforming the benchmark by +15bps. The key contributors include Coforge (+95.0%), Intellect Design (+125.3%), and Persistent Systems (+147.5%), while key detractors were Nestle India (+6.3%), Indigo Paints (-4.9%), and Asian Paints (+17.9%).

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## Top 20 Holdings & Key Contributors / Detractors

Scrip Name	Weight (%)	Scrip Name	Weight (%)
Infosys	7.5	Mphasis	2.8
ICICI Bank	7.2	Bajaj Finserv	2.7
HDFC Bank	6.2	Astral	2.6
Nestle India	4.8	Crompton Greaves	2.5
Axis Bank	4.7	Indigo Paints	2.5
Asian Paints	4.4	Cipla	2.3
Coforge	4.3	Bajaj Finance	2.0
Titan Company	3.3	Navin Fluorine	2.0
Persistent Systems	3.2	Dixon Technologies	1.9
Cholamandalam Inv	3.2	Abbott India	1.9
<b>Total</b>			<b>72.1</b>

Q3 2021 Key Contributors	Ending Weight (%)	Total Return (%)	Contribution to Alpha (bps)
Coforge	4.3	+26.4	+65
Bajaj Finserv	2.7	+46.9	+58
Mphasis	2.8	+48.6	+58
L&T Technology Services	1.4	+62.6	+40
Titan Company	3.3	+25.1	+23

Q3 2021 Key Detractors	Ending Weight (%)	Total Return (%)	Contribution to Alpha (bps)
Sequent Scientific	0.8	-29.6	-51
Axis Bank	4.7	+2.4	-26
Intellect Design Arena	1.8	-1.9	-26
Garware Technical Fibres	1.8	-1.3	-26
Indigo Paints	2.5	+1.9	-24

## Key Contributors Q3 2021

**Mphasis** is the 7th largest IT services company in India with approximately \$1.5bn in revenues. It has a strong positioning in custom application development and management for the banking & financial services (BFS) industry. Its deep domain expertise within BFS has resulted in a high-quality customer profile wherein it counts six of the top ten US banks as its clients. Its core business, constituting more than 80% of revenues, has delivered industry leading growth over the past two years. We expect the company to continue to do well on the back of continued new client additions, strong total contract value (TCV) of deal wins and mining of existing accounts. The stock outperformed during the quarter due to continued business growth momentum.

**Bajaj Finserv** is a leading diversified financial services firm with three key business units: (1) Bajaj Finance, (2) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance (BAGIC), and (3) Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance (BALIC). Bajaj Finance is India's leading consumer lending franchise. Leveraging its industry leading technology deployment, it straddles across consumer, SME, commercial, rural and mortgage segments with an enviable track record of prudent risk management. BAGIC, the group's multiline general insurance business, is the second largest and among the most profitable private general insurance companies in India. It has a long runway for profitable growth driven by increasing penetration, new product introductions and market share gains.

BALIC, the group's life insurance company, continues to see strong growth and improving profitability and has the potential to scale up multifold over time. Over the last year, Bajaj Finserv has also forayed into an e-Commerce and financial services market place and a digital health platform. Additionally, it has also received SEBI approval for setting up an Asset Management Company.

**Titan** is India's leading jewellery retailer. The industry is dominated by unorganized players which account for 70% of the market share thereby presenting a long runway for growth for organized players like Titan. The company has consistently gained market share on the back of strong execution by the management. We expect the company to continue to do well as it (a) continues to expand aggressively in smaller Indian cities and (b) strengthens its positioning in the large wedding jewellery segment. The stock's recent outperformance reflects – (a) expectations of revival in business momentum as Covid restrictions are relaxed and retail stores gradually reopen, (b) stable gold prices and continued strong store expansion, and (c) expectations of organized players like Titan benefitting from the implementation of jewellery hallmarking regulations.

## Key detractors Q3 2021

**Sequent Scientific** is India's largest animal pharmaceutical company with a global presence. It derives 65% of its revenues from formulations and 35% from APIs. It has the only US FDA approved plant for animal health in Asia and is benefitting from innovators and generic companies separating their animal and human pharma supply chains. The company has also bagged API manufacturing contracts from innovators as they look to diversify supply from China. Additionally, the formulations business is at an inflection point as it scales up the branded business in large regulated markets like the US which accounts for 35% of the global animal health market. The company has a strong portfolio of products and we expect it to improve margins and ROCE materially over the next few years. The stock underperformed in the quarter due to temporary pricing pressure in the animal API industry.

**Intellect Design Arena** is a financial services software company and regarded as one of the leading solutions in transaction banking software, which accounts for ~45% of its revenue. It has also made significant inroads in other product suites including payments, retail banking, digital banking and insurance. Intellect has cumulatively invested over \$200 million in product R&D over the last decade and has built a strong referenceability in developed and emerging markets on the back of a marquee client list which includes JP Morgan, HSBC and Barclays. Its profitability has improved significantly over the past few years from single digit operating margins to c25% led by focus on sales and operational efficiencies. The stock underperformed during the quarter post a strong rally in the preceding quarters.

**Indigo Paints** is one of the fastest growing players in the decorative paints industry with strong position in certain niche product segments. Its revenue has grown by 39% CAGR over the last decade as the company has expanded its distribution and tinting machines network during this period.

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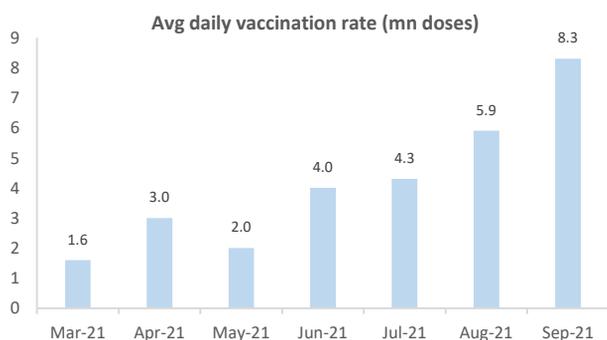
## Quarterly update

In the following paragraphs, we discuss progress of vaccination, recovery in high frequency indicators, and update on few of the key policy measures such as privatization, Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme and infrastructure spending.

### Vaccination progressing well

India's vaccination roll-out has been the largest globally with over 900 million doses administered at the end of September 2021. Approximately 47% of the total population has received at least one dose. The more important metric to look at is the vaccination progress within the adult population where almost 70% have received at least one dose. In large urban centres, which are the big drivers of economic activity, the adult vaccination rate is even higher, with at least 90% receiving their first dose. The pace of vaccination was ramped up to 8.3 million doses per day by September, and at this rate the entire adult population would likely be vaccinated by March 2022.

### Steady ramp-up in vaccination rates



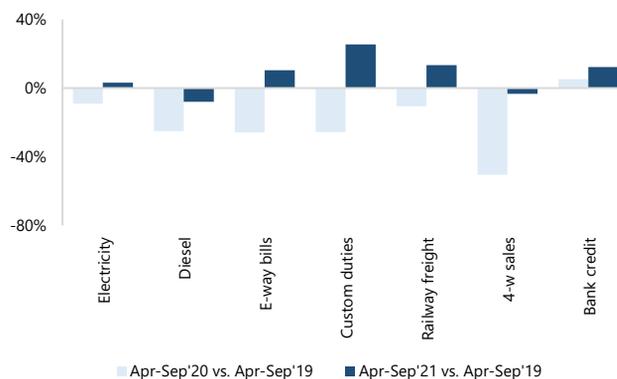
Source: White Oak, Bloomberg

### Recovery gathering pace

Most high frequency indicators continued to witness positive momentum in the July-September quarter and are at or above their pre-Covid levels. Rising indirect tax receipts, E-way bill and railway freight data point to steady recovery in economic activity. Overall, most of the mobility indicators are at or above their pre-Covid levels.

Economic normalization is likely to gather further pace heading into the busy festive season as most states have announced relaxations for schools, private offices, local transportation, and festival gatherings. In general, the pace of recovery has been faster in urban than in rural India. This is reflected in recent corporate commentary as well as indicators such as near-record residential real-estate sales in large metropolitan cities. A potential third wave is a risk, although most estimates suggest a much milder wave with vaccinations and widespread existence of antibodies from previous infections acting as possible mitigating factors.

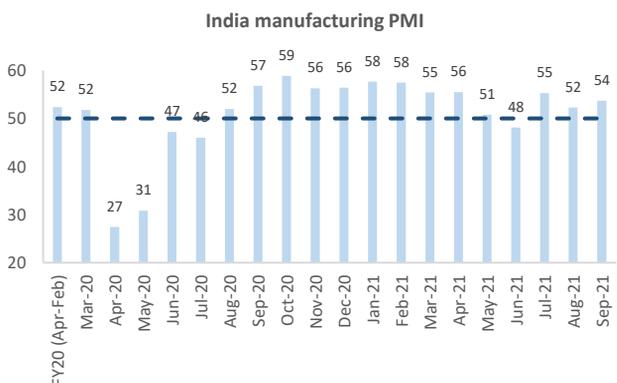
### Steady improvement in high frequency indicators



Source: White Oak, Bloomberg

India Manufacturing PMI continued to improve with the September quarter average at 53.8 vs June quarter average of 51.4. As per IHS Markit, the PMI readings for new orders and output expanded for all the sectors with improvement in consumer goods being the highest. Underlying demand in sectors such as autos is strong, even though semiconductor shortages is a risk to production in the near-term. New export orders also continue to witness strong momentum. While cost pressures seem to have intensified, larger companies across diverse sectors such as autos, durables, consumer staples, building materials, and paints have undertaken price hikes. Strengthening demand environment is enabling businesses to pass on commodity inflation.

### September Manufacturing PMI improves



Source: White Oak, Bloomberg

### Privatization: Newsflow improving

There is encouraging progress on the privatization program with media reports indicating that a ministerial panel is likely to approve the winning bid for Air India very soon. Investors would keenly await the successful execution of the deal which was first proposed in 2014 and was inherently complex, further accentuated by the impact of Covid on the airlines sector.

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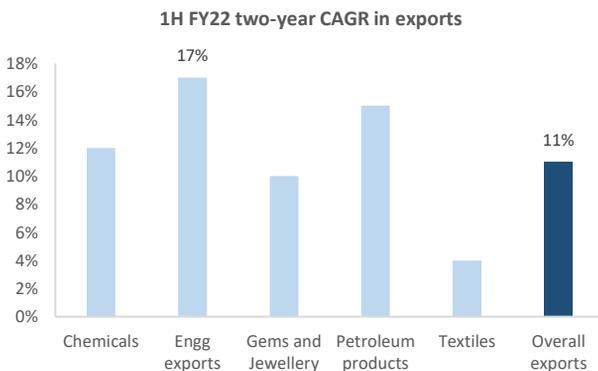
When completed it will act as an important signpost for the privatization of other SOEs. Apart from Air India, the government has also decided to privatize BPCL, Concor and Shipping Corporation of India. In the February 2021 budget, it was also proposed to privatize two SOE banks and one general insurance company. The privatization process has picked up pace after the second Covid wave and due diligence is being conducted by potential bidders in many SOEs.

The government also announced the US\$80bn National Monetisation Pipeline (NMP) program. Through the NMP, the government expects to monetise operational infra-assets to not only secure funding for the US\$1.9 trillion National Infrastructure Pipeline (NIP) but also free up public sector balance sheet for greenfield infrastructure creation. As with privatization, progress on the NMP will be tracked keenly by investors.

## Early signs of China +1 gains materializing

India's exports continue to remain a bright spot with YTD growth at 57.6% YoY and 11.4% on two-year CAGR basis. In 1HFY22, exports have touched US\$200bn, which is the highest ever for a half yearly period. Engineering goods is a key contributor, growing at 16.9% over the last two years. Global supply bottlenecks seem to be a near term headwind and there is evidence of India benefiting from disruptions in China, especially in sectors such as electronics and chemicals. Chemicals exports is up by 12% over the last two years. India's global market share in chemicals industry is still small (~4%) but even a 1-2% incremental market share gain from China can result in high-teens growth rates from hereon.

## On a two-year CAGR basis, exports showing healthy momentum



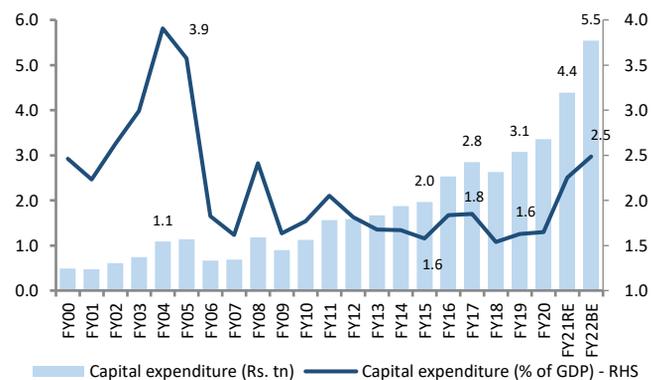
Source: White Oak, Bloomberg, CMIE

Implementation of the US\$27bn Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme aimed at developing manufacturing hubs in India for various industries is also expected to drive revival in exports. The scheme for smartphone manufacturing which was the first to be implemented has seen meaningful progress. Simultaneously there is an increased push towards relocating the component ecosystem. In this regard, India is also working on a deal with Taiwan to facilitate 'Make in India' in semiconductors.

In the July-Sep quarter, the following sectoral PLI schemes received Cabinet approval: Specialty steel, Automobiles, and Textiles. Among these, the PLI for autos is sizeable (US\$3.5 bn) and is targeted towards advanced automotive technologies. Along with the PLI scheme for Advanced Chemistry Cell and Battery Storage (US\$2.4 bn), it is expected to help India emerge as a key player in the global EV supply chain.

Infrastructure spending in sectors like roads, railways and water and sanitation has been a focus area for the government. Capex spending has been strong with a two-year CAGR of 29% for FY22 till date. As a proportion of GDP, capital expenditure is edging closer to the highs seen during 2003-06.

## Capex to GDP rising



Source: White Oak, Bloomberg, CMIE

In summary, with Covid infections receding and vaccinations progressing well, further relaxations in trade, travel, transportation and tourism is likely to lead to a more broad-based economic normalization heading into the busy festival season. Progress on important reforms such as privatization and implementation of the PLI schemes are the key monitorables. Corporate commentary in the upcoming 2QFY22 earnings season will also be tracked to validate the sustainability of the key trends observed in the previous quarters: consolidation of market share, improvement in corporate India's balance sheet, and gains from operational efficiency.

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