

Markets Seem Interesting Notwithstanding the Macro Noise

Post a subpar performance since late CY2021 Indian market valuations have drifted down to historical average levels. Given the structural changes taking place in India's economy we see a good opportunity here for equity investors with a 3-4 year horizon.

In CY2023 till date India has underperformed its emerging market peers as well as USA's S&P 500 and Nasdaq indices. This is despite the Indian economy growing faster and seemingly being much better positioned to tide over a global macroeconomic crisis if any. Indian companies are looking at a decent growth environment, healthy balance sheets, and a banking system eager and well prepared to crank up the systemic credit.

We are trying to look ahead of the debate on US Fed funds rate trajectory over next 6 months. It is quite likely that the Fed will go for the kill rolling out another 25-50 bps hike in Fed funds rate by end of CY2023 reaching a terminal rate of 5.25%- 5.5%. RBI having followed more prudent monetary policy in last 3 years has already reached close to its targeted repo rate. In fact inflation has alteady started showing signs of softening in India. In another 3-4 months interest rate will likely cease causing surprise to markets and inflation too should stasrt trending down in the USA.

Valuations, Past Sensex Return Data Point Towards a Favorably Poised Indian Equity Market Over Medium Term

Nifty 50's P/E multiple, TTM (trailing twelve month) basis, at 20.2 is close to the lower end of its last nine year band. The average multiple in last twenty years has been 21.

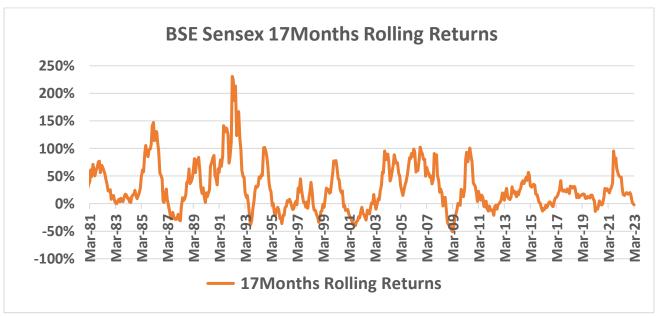
In last 17 months the Sensex return has been -1.8% (as on 22nd March, 2023). Based on monthly Sensex return data since 1979 only in 22% of the cases has trailing 17 month return been lesser than what it is currently.

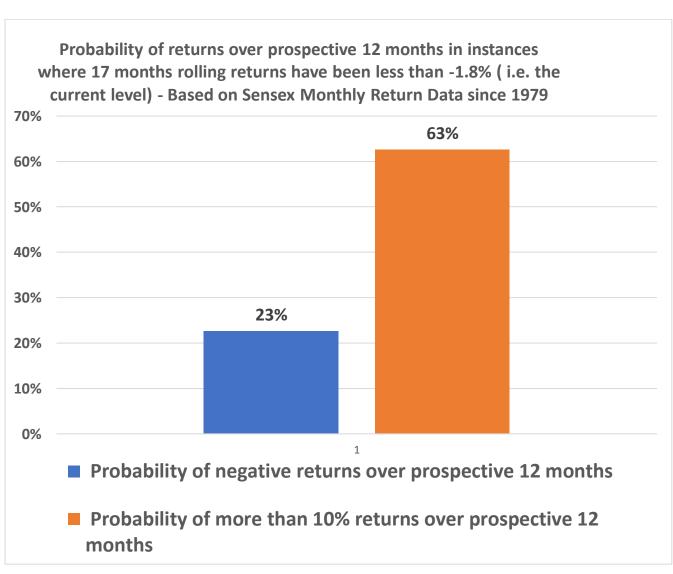
Based on the above data , in instances where 17 months rolling returns have been less than -1.8% (i.e. the current level), the prospective return over next 12 months has been more than 10% in 63% of data points and less than zero in only 23% of data points.

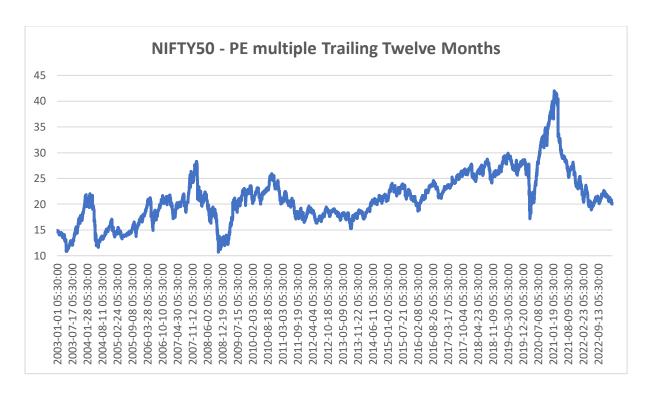
Thus at least historical data suggests that current market levels are favourably poised for investors. This is further buttressed by the lower than average P/E multiples.

This is not to suggest that markets may be on the cusp of a linear upcycle. As is true in equities, markets rarely move in straight lines and can decline by 8-10% at any point. However we believe that an

investor with medium to long term investment horizon now may have odds on his side.

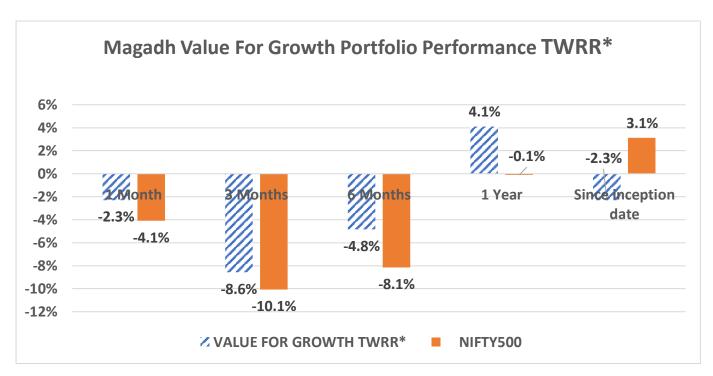


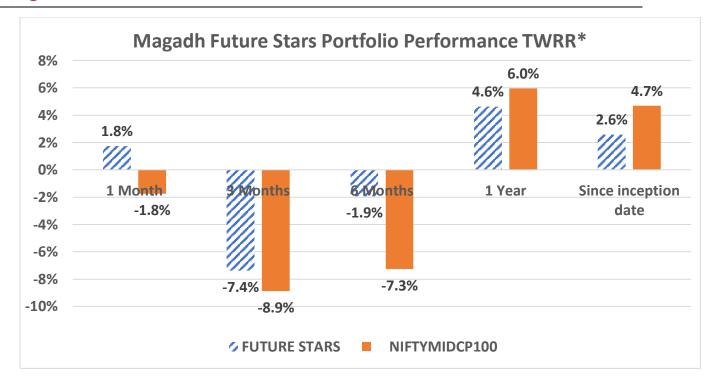




Source: Ace Equity

Magadh Capital Portfolio Performance Vs Benchmarks





Data is for the period Aug 02, 2021 till March 14, 2023

*TWRR - Time Weighted Rate of Return

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