

Power up with Special Opportunities



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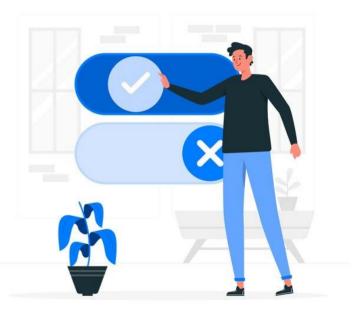
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What is a Special Situation Opportunity?

- Special Situation are the unique situations, opportunities or challenges faced by a company, sector, or economy.
- The opportunities can arise due to:
 - Temporarily and solvable problem impacting the stock price adversely or;
 - Positive developments are not fully priced in the stock price.
- Unfavourable news may lead to stock's price decline, and negative sentiments can create uncertainty in the market. The outcome is that the stock of the company starts trading below its intrinsic (fair) value in the short term and that creates a "Buying Opportunity" for Special Opportunities Fund.
- Likewise, sometimes market takes time to fully factor in some of the positive development for a stock/sector. This allows the fund manager to capitalise on such opportunity.





Some Examples of Special Situation Events

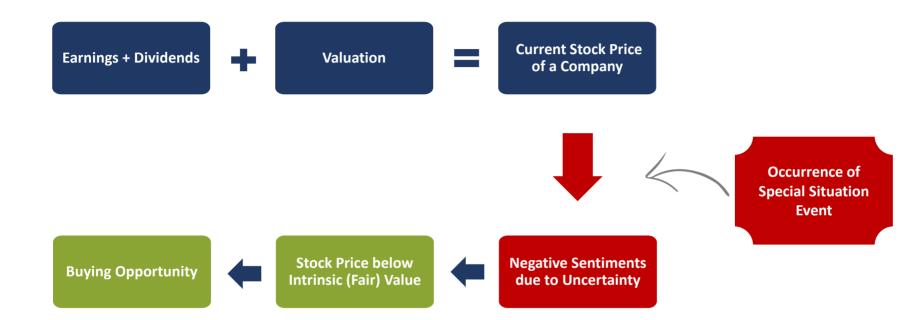




Special Situations are unusual challenges or unique situations faced by a company, industry or economy which may create a temporary disruption in the price

Special Situation = Opportunity for Active Managers

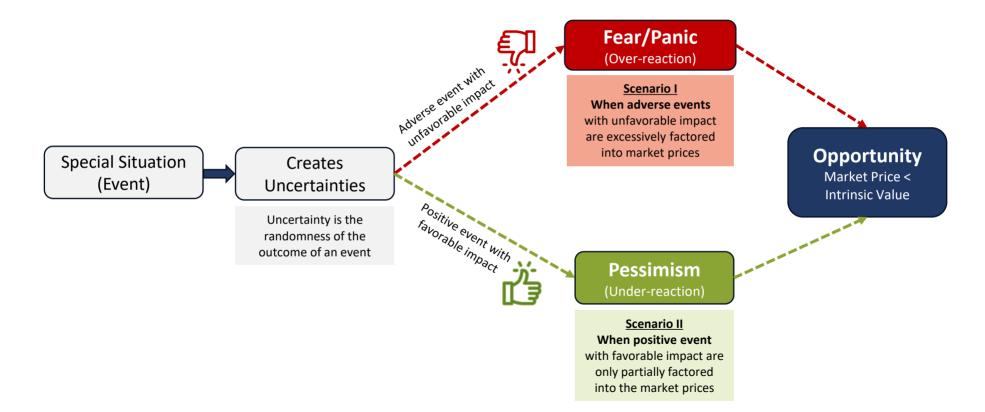




Special Situation may lead to a negative sentiment and can create uncertainty in the market. This can impact the stock price in the short-run.

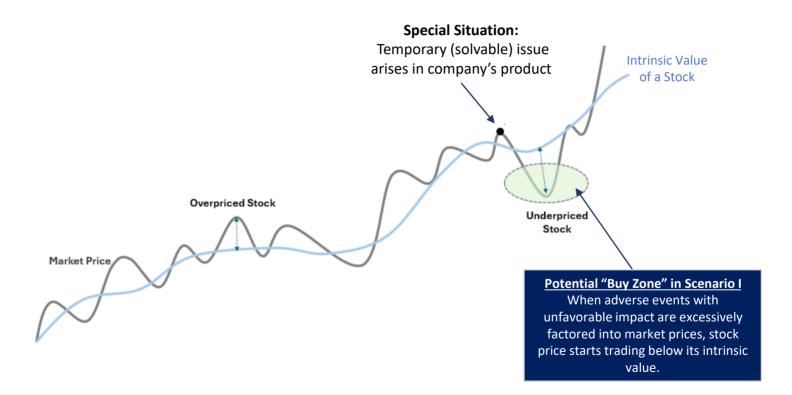
How do Special Situations create Opportunities?



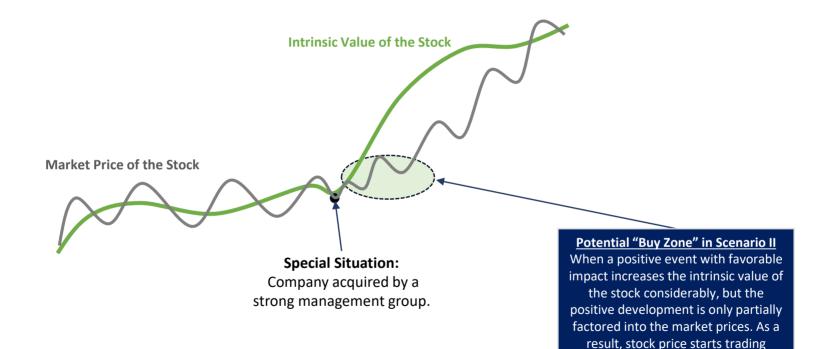


Potential 'Buy Zone' under Special Situation Scenario I: Over-reaction to Negative Event









below its intrinsic value.

Margin of Safety and Special Situations Higher Clarity, Lower Margin of Safety

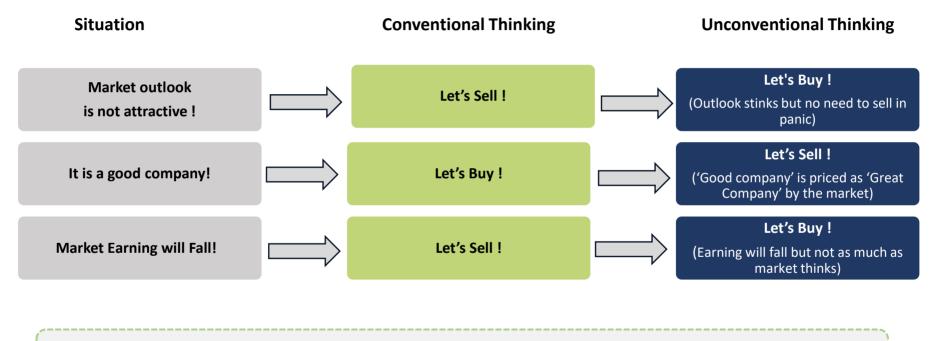




The key is to identify a situation in which stock's current market price is significantly lower than its intrinsic (fair) value due to an unfavorable event or pessimism about new development. Margin of safety changes as per level of clarity.

For representation and understanding purpose only. Margin of safety is the percentage difference between stock's intrinsic value and current market price.





If you expect superior returns, you need superior judgment. And unconventional thinking can offer the same.

For representation and understanding purpose only. Based on concept explained by Howard Marks.





Special Situation Investing

Identification of Special Situations Opportunities needs Unconventional Thinking

When market participants have a consensus view about stock's bright future, it trades at above-average valuations. As a result, even with a favorable outcome, one can't outperform others.

But when it is a non-consensus stock and hence available at an attractive valuation, one may outperform if a favorable outcome occurs.

Holding a view different from the consensus often requires patience. It's necessary to wait for the market to recognize the disconnect between price and fair value.

Favorable

Outcome

Special Situations Example *Regulation/Government Policy*



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A leading contract manufacturer of consumer electronics in India. It benefited significantly from the introduction of the PLI (Production-Linked Incentive) Scheme introduced in Oct'20, with an aim to promote domestic manufacturing of electronics and boost India's capabilities in this sector by providing incentives to eligible companies based on their incremental sales of certain products manufactured domestically.

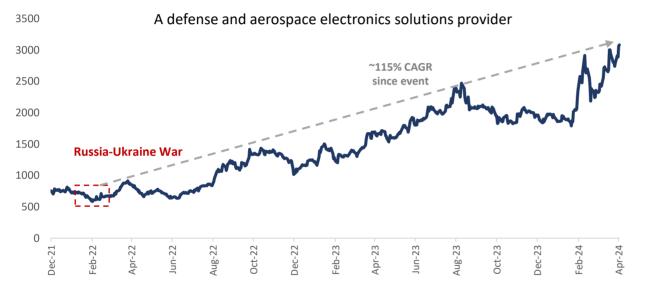
Company's existence in the contract manufacturing space, along with superior execution and an agile management team, enabled it to become one of the few players that has taken full advantage of the government's vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat and localization of electronics manufacturing.

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Special Situations Example *Geo-political Tensions*



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A vertically integrated defence and aerospace electronics solutions-provider catering to the indigenously developed defence products industry. The company focuses on the in-house development of communication, surveillance, and defence systems through innovation, design, and development efforts.

Russia – Ukraine conflict impacted major economies of the world. The growing tensions between these two countries impacted on the defense supplies to India. This indirectly helped Indian defense & aerospace companies.

The boosting of defense capital expenditure (capex) by the Indian government as well as increasing the domestic allocation of the defense budget created conducive environment for the company to expand their operations, innovate and contribute to India's defense preparedness.

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Special Situations Example Change in Leadership





The company went through significant changes in the last six years which has led to strong value creation.

The current CEO was appointed in 2017, he made significant changes to the management team by overhauling the existing team with talent from tier-1 companies. All business heads were hired in onsite locations closer to the clients compared to them being in offshore locations previously.

Earlier the company had a geography-based Go-tomarket (GTM) strategy where vertical-based domain experience could not be leveraged, which was later changed to a vertical-based GTM approach.

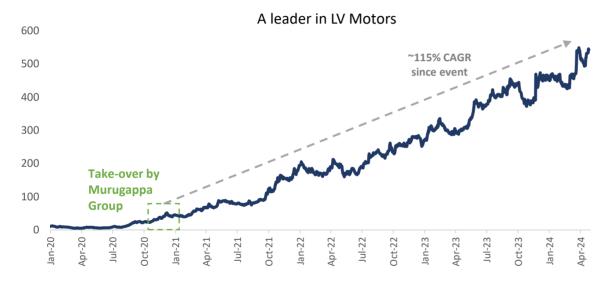
Company made capability acquisitions and was able to scale them and integrate them well with the existing capability set. It also packaged its existing capabilities into products such as AdvantageGO, which demonstrated differentiation and increased reference ability. These changes have led to a superior operating performance.

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Special Situations Example Corporate Restructuring





A leader in LV motors in India and one of the top suppliers of switchgear and transformers, along with critical components for railways. This company was acquired by Murugappa Group at the end of year 2020.

Earlier the company was suffering due to governance issues under the erstwhile promoters. This takeover marked an important development in Murugappa Group's diversification strategy, expanding its presence in the power sector through company's operations.

The company regained market share in core categories such as LV Motors by rebuilding trust with the channel network.

As the operation stabilized, the new management started looking to expand facilities and grow the revenue and profitability of the company at a rapid pace.

This change in management, including aggression towards growth, led to massive re-rating of the stock.

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Special Situations Example *Pandemic*





The hotel industry was among the sectors most severely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. In response to critical global measures such as social distancing, quarantine periods, travel limitations, etc., the company strategically navigated the uncertainties of economic recovery and the fear of COVID-19 reoccurrence.

Company's portfolio includes several iconic brands, such as Taj Hotels, Vivanta, Ginger, etc.

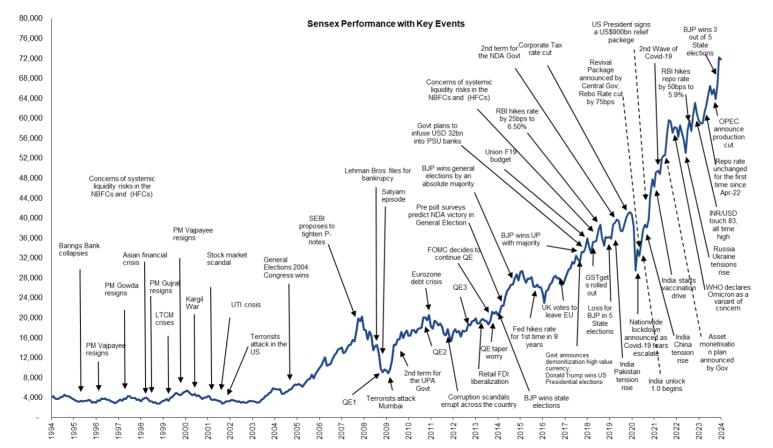
Its share price initially experienced a sharp decline when the pandemic hit in early 2020 and remained volatile throughout the pandemic period. However, the company implemented various strategies to manage costs and increase operational efficiency. Post-COVID, increased priority for safety and hygiene helped the company gain an edge over other hotels.

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Eventful Journey of Equity Market "Never let a good crisis go to waste" – Winston Churchill





The Equity Market remained eventful in the past and is likely to be eventful in future as well !!

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Source: Morgan Stanley as on January 2024. Above levels are for S&P BSE Sensex. Past performance may or may not be sustained in future and is not a guarantee of any future returns.



"Investing in special situations requires probabilistic thinking, as future outcomes are uncertain. The objective here is to identify situations with favorable asymmetric payoffs, i.e., large potential upside and low downside.

You need a contrarian mindset, questioning everything, but you don't have to be a contrarian for the sake of it; sometimes the market is right."

Disguised Special Situations (Few Examples)

- When the company's business is in structural decline – technology disruption, product obsolescence etc.
- When the risk reward offered in the special situation is unfavourable, large downside and low upside.
- When the company business is a sham and is covered by accounting shenanigans.

Not necessarily all unique situations can lead to "Special Opportunities". Disguised Special Situations need to be avoided, which needs **Experience and Expertise**!

For understanding purpose only. Portfolio will be managed as per stated Investment objective, investment strategy & asset allocation in the Scheme Information Document (SID) and is subject to the changes within provisions of SID of the Scheme.



Usually Special Situations are,



Bottom-up stock selection and In-depth analysis plays a pivotal role in analyzing the intrinsic value of the stock compared to its market price. This is a where Active Management with Bottom-up Stock Selection & Strong Research Expertise plays an important role!

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Presenting, WhiteOak Capital Special Opportunities Fund



WhiteOak Capital Special Opportunities Fund will focus on opportunities arising out of Special Situations such as:

- ✓ Corporate restructuring & Corporate Actions (including Mergers and Acquisitions):
- ✓ Government policy and/or regulatory changes.
- ✓ Technology and innovation led disruption.
- ✓ Company/sector affected by geopolitical issues.
- ✓ Company/sector affected by natural calamities.
- ✓ New trends, new & emerging sectors.
- Companies/sectors going through temporary unique challenges like such as strikes, litigation, product recalls, cybersecurity threats, supply chain disruptions, talent acquisition and retention, regulatory compliance complexity, reputation management challenges, environmental sustainability pressures, etc.

Sector/Market Cap Agnostic

Bottom-up approach of stock selection with no bias for sectors or market capitalization

Tilted Towards Contra Investing

The underlying theme necessitates contrarian bets on certain stocks/sectors going through special situations

High Active Share

Scheme endeavors to keep a High Active Share, which is one of the necessary ingredients for potential alpha generation

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A large and experienced analysts' team to track Special Situations Opportunities in the market

Focus is on being ahead of the curve i.e. identifying Special Situations well in advance and capitalizing on them before the market fully factors in the outcome

The primary focus is on specific news, events, incidence that can impact a particular stock, sector or economy

The scheme will adopt bottom-up approach of investing, carefully selecting stocks and maintaining a diversified portfolio within the theme, ensuring balanced investment strategy

The risk-reward profile makes this scheme an attractive option for those who understand and are comfortable with the potential volatility

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Background of WhiteOak Capital Group





Expertise and prior Experience only in **Investment Management**

- One of the few in the industry with DNA of investment management
- Group of Professionals led by an investment professional as 'Founder' to get SEBI license to set up an Asset Management Company (AMC)
- Core competence in domestic and global emerging equity markets

WhiteOak Capital Group





Details as on 31st March 2024. This map is used for design and representational purpose only, It does not depict the exact geographical boundaries of the country (map not to scale).

Founder's Profile and Track Record





Prashant Khemka

Founder



Extensive investing record across India, Global Emerging Market (GEM) and the US

Large and Growing Investment Team at WhiteOak Capital Group Level

Oak Capital Management (Spain), Sociedad Limitada



Well resourced team with experience across emerging and developed markets



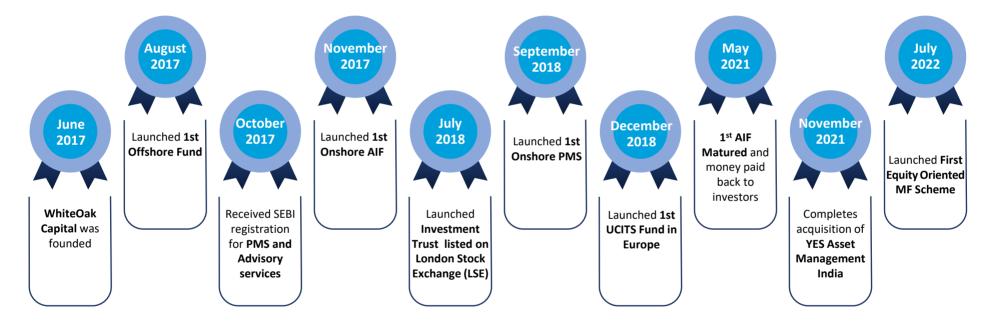
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²WhiteOak Capital AMC

WhiteOak Capital Group – Key Milestones





Overview of Domestic Business



WhiteOak Capital AMC		
Discretionary Portfolio Management Services (PMS)	 Launched in Sep 2018; amongst the top 5 PMS by AUM, total AUM: ~US\$ 760 Mn Flagship strategy amongst top performers in peer group PMS business transferred to AMC as at April 2024 	
Domestic Mutual Fund	 Launched first Equity NFO in August 2022, total AUM: ~US\$ 1,200 Mn Performance backed by expanding product suite Empanelment with large wealth distributors, national retail distributors and banks One of the fastest scale-up for a domestic mutual fund, crossing Rs 100bn in AUM recently 	
White Oak Capital M	anagement Consultants LLP	
WhiteOak Capital LLP	Alternative Investment Funds (AIF) outside the AMC, group entity WhiteOak LLP, has AUM of ~ US\$ 390mn across four AIFs and two domestic advisory mandates	

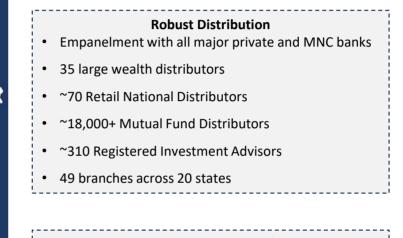
Source: WhiteOak Capital. AUM data as on April 2024. Please visit website of WhiteOak Capital Mutual Fund for details of total AUM.

Expanding Footprint



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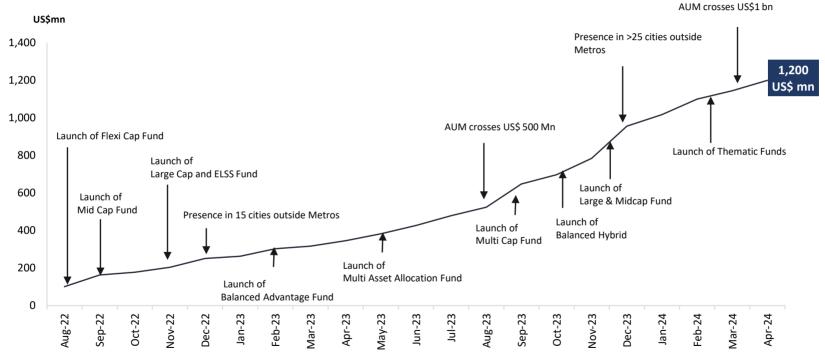
- **Granular Client Base¹** Number of unique investors: ~363k
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- Number of unique investors outside metros: ~171k
- Number of live SIPs: ~230k (100k outside metros)

Source: WhiteOak, Green dots represent WhiteOak office locations other than metros; ¹ Categorised as B-30 or Beyond top 30 cities by SEBI; Map is for representative purposes only and is not to scale. Data as on April 2024.

Evolution of Retail AMC Business

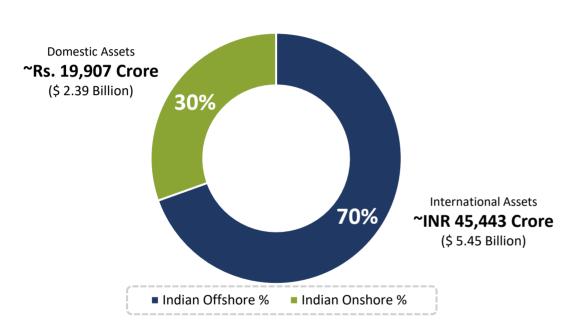


AUM of Retail AMC Business



Assets Under Management or Advisory of the WhiteOak Capital Group





Total AUM of **~Rs. 65,350 Crore** ~(\$ 7.84 Billion)

Structure & Key Terms



Type of Scheme	An open ended equity scheme following special situations theme
Investment Objective	The primary objective of the Scheme is to generate long-term capital appreciation by investing in opportunities presented by special situations such as corporate restructuring (including mergers & acquisitions etc.), government policy and/or regulatory changes, technology led disruption and innovation, new trends, new & emerging sectors, companies /sectors going through temporary unique challenges and other similar instances. However, there can be no assurance that the investment objective of the Scheme will be realized.
Asset Allocation Pattern	Equity & Equity Related Instruments of special situation theme** : 80%-100% (Risk Profile - Very High) Equity & Equity Related Instruments of other companies: 0%-20% (Risk Profile - Very High) Debt Securities and Money Market Instruments: 0%-10% (Risk Profile - Low to Medium) Units issued by REITS and InVITs: 0%-10% (Risk Profile – Very High) **Special situations includes corporate restructuring (including mergers & acquisitions etc.), government policy and/or regulatory changes, technology led disruption and innovation, new trends, new & emerging sectors, companies/sectors going through temporary unique challenges and other similar instances and new and emerging areas of Special Situations Theme.
	For detailed asset allocation, please refer to the Scheme Information Document.
Plans	Regular Plan & Direct Plan
Options	Growth Option
Minimum Application Amount	Rs. 500 (and in multiples of Re.1 thereafter)
Minimum Additional Application Amount	Rs. 500 (and in multiples of Re.1 thereafter)
Minimum Redemption Amount	Rs. 500/- and in multiples of Re 0.01/- or account balance, whichever is lower
Load Structure	Entry Load: Nil Exit Load: 1.00% (of applicable NAV) if units are redeemed / switched-out within 1 month from the date of allotment., Nil thereafter
Fund Manager	Mr. Dheeresh Pathak (Equity), Ms. Trupti Agrawal (Assistant Fund Manager - Equity), Mr. Piyush Baranwal (Debt)
Benchmark Index	S&P BSE 500 TRI

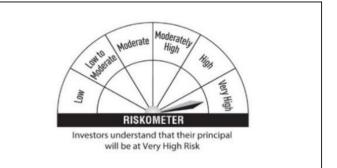
Risk-o-Meter and Disclaimer



WhiteOak Capital Special Opportunities Fund (An open ended equity scheme following special situations theme) is suitable for investors who are seeking*:

• Long Term Capital Appreciation & Income Generation over Medium to Long term

• Investment predominantly in equity & equity related instruments of special situations theme



*Investors should consult their financial advisers if in doubt about whether the product is suitable for them.

The product labelling assigned during the NFO is based on internal assessment of the Scheme characteristics or model portfolio and the same may vary post NFO when the actual investments are made. The AMC will evaluate the Risk-o-Meter on a monthly basis and shall disclose the same along with the portfolio disclosure.

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