MENTAL MODELS FOR MULTIBAGGER INVESTMENTS By Hitesh Patel (10.07.23)

01- NEW PROMOTERS: Private equity getting in distressed companies or slowgrowth companies. Bring in a new CEO/Management, settlement of family feuds, Focus shift to business growth, deleveraging B/S **Examples**: JB Chem, Essel Propack, CG Power, Magma Fincorp

03- BALANCE SHEET CLEAN-UP: Aggressive focus on debt reduction as an indicator of long-term turnaround. Fund infusion from promoters, and external investors instil confidence. Sale of assets, laggard low RoE divisions, free up cash **Examples**: Usha Martin, Kamat Hotels, Time Techno

05- PICK-AND-SHOVEL PLAY: Bet on a proxy/key beneficiary of an emerging theme rather than end companies. Auto ancillaries for EV makers, GLE equipment of Chemical manufacturers, Battery & Chemical manufactures for EV ecosystem **Examples**: Shivalik(EV), GMM, HLE(Chemicals), Guj Fluro, Exide, Amara (EV)

07- MARGIN IMPROVEMENT: Slight improvement on a big turnover, slowly emerging change in business model, focus on more profitable products, divest tail end/loss-making subs, cost optimization, improved distribution **Examples:** McDowell (Premiumization), Titan(Tanishq), Kirloskar Ferrous

09- TURNAROUNDS: Big wealth creators in a short span, only survivors in a troubled sector; sleepy companies waking up. Markets take a few quarters to take notice and assign higher multiples (disbelief on new numbers) **Examples**: Renuka Sugar, Suzlon, HCC, ITD Cementations, Tips, Saregama

11- CHANGE IN PERCEPTION: Strong fundamentals are often neglected due to historical perception. Sudden change in perception can create huge re-rating in a short time frame. PSU re-rating in Financials, Defence, Rail, etc. **Examples:** REC, PFC, Mukand Limited,

13- BEAR MARKET IPOs: IPOs at cheap/reasonable rates due to forced exits by PE etc. Often stocks are neglected post-IPO due to prevalent bear market sentiments. Value discovery and opportunity cost but rewards can be huge.
Examples: Affle India ('19), EMIL, Indiamart

02- NEW MANAGEMENT: Induction of fresh zeal from the New generation, professional management. New mindset, professional focus, and energy, business growth, focus on high ROE, great products etc. **Examples**: Eicher (Siddhartha Lal), Time Techno (Bharat Vageria), Alembic, Natco

04- VALUE MIGRATION: Flow of economic and shareholder value from old/inefficient business to new age/efficient models. PSU > Private Banks, Unorganized to Organized, Rising discretionary income, Win-win ecosystems **Examples**: HDFC, Kotak Bank, Titan, Page Industries, Zomato, Policy Bazar,

06- SPIN OFFS: Divestment from large companies, free shares offered for spinoffs. Forced selling by large funds, Needs good homework and high conviction (as value discovery is slower at times), can create significant value for retail investors **Examples**: Aarti Pharma, Aarti Surfactants, Spaisa (IIFL), Epigral (Meghmani)

08- INDUSTRY TAILWINDS: Flavour of the season, strong tailwind, short-term advantages – Demon for Banks; Covid for Pharma, China pollution for Chemicals; Govt spending for Infra boom, EV theme for auto anc. Timely exit is critical **Examples**: Banks ('16), Pharma, Chemicals ('20-'21), Defence, Railways ('22-'23)

10- CYCLICALS: Every business is cyclical of varying timeframes. Short cycle – Steel/Cement/Paper/Chemicals; Slightly longer – Hotels/Autos; Long cycle – Healthcare/Infra/Real Estate. You need a clear exit policy to protect gains. **Examples:** Steel, Cement, Paper, Chemicals, Hotels, Autos, Real Estate, Infra

12- CAPEX LED GROWTH: High capex leads to short-term pains (plant stabilization, high finance, and depreciation). Once Operating leverage kicks in huge growth in profitability with rising sales. Monetize long-term R&D investment Examples: Deepak Nitrite, CCL Products, Laurus Labs, HBL Power (Sunken R&D)

14- FALLEN ANGELs: Once market darlings but goes out of favour. Post manic rallies corrections are often overdone. Underlying prospects of business might change faster but now neglected, long time for accumulation.
Examples: Zomato, Policy Bazar, Paytm, Delhivery,