



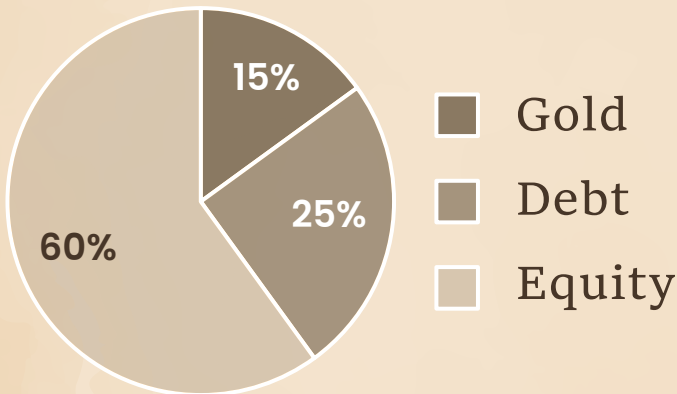
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ABOUT KARAN AGGARWAL

What is your personal portfolio allocation today?



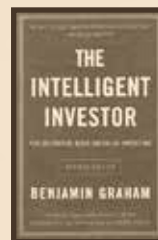
In equities, 90 % exposure restricted to factor ETFs or top 200 companies by market cap. Monthly investments goes into debt at beginning with gradual time-shift to equities and gold.

What helps you reset and stay disciplined after a bad market day?

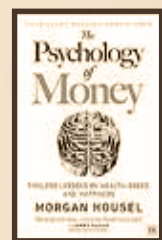
My investment philosophy is governed by tried-and-tested portfolio construction rules. Day-to-day pricing actions are

irrelevant to a rule-based framework. Unless you need the money in bad times, short-term losses are mere statistics. As a thumb rule, equity exposure is avoided for any investments with horizon of 3 years or lower.

YOUR BOOK(S) RECOMMENDATION



The Intelligent Investor
- Benjamin Graham



The Psychology of Money
- Morgan Housel



Famed 'The Black Swan'
- Nassim Nicholas Taleb

ABOUT THE BROAD MARKET

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After the strong rally in precious metals, do you believe gold and silver can continue their momentum through this year?

Gold and silver would struggle to gain any fresh momentum till ratio again reaches 80 (silver losing more than gold). We see Gold falling to US\$ 3800 and silver falling to US\$ 40-50 before next leg of bull cycle come into play. Would start with gold at ratio of 80 and silver would join party once ratio cross 100.

If passive investing delivers market returns at low cost, why should investors consider quant-based investing today?

Quant-based strategies revolve around concentrated exposure to winning factors. As of now,

factor-based investing is a fringe-play with most money going into active funds. As it might take 10-15 for factors to get mainstream recognition, quant-based strategies have clear field to outperform passive funds for a decade and a half.

Is factor investing in India still at an early stage, offering significant growth potential for quant strategies?

In next 5 years, market efficiency would reach a stage where old-school stock-picking alpha would be available only beyond top 500 companies - active outperformance would come with significant higher risks which would trigger an investor shift to factor investing for better risk-adjusted returns on core portfolio consisting of passive funds.



ABOUT THE FUNDS



When evaluating ETFs or funds, which three factors matter most?

Risk profiling, factor exposure and correlation of the fund/ETF with existing holdings are the some of the most relevant aspects in investment decision-making. Historical return trends across market and economic cycle provide an infoght into risk-return tradeoff and fitment for the portfolio while factor exposure indicate probability of continuation of past risk/return tradeoff in future.

In FactorCapro, how frequently does the model rebalance allocations across debt funds, bonds, ETFs, and equities?

It starts with 100% debt in the 1st year and over next 5 years, make partial shift portfolio to multi-asset slice (equities, debt, gold, ETFs) in time-bound approach. At the end of 12 months, 20% is moved into multi-asset slice and by end of 5th year, overall, 50% portfolio is in debt while remaining 50% is in multi-asset slice.

Quant funds have faced pressure recently — what was the maximum drawdown your strategy saw over the last year?

Historically, quant funds tend to struggle during trendless range-bound markets. Equity schemes such as FactorAlpha and FactorAlpha Smallcap gave drawdowns of 15% and 25%, respectively. On the other hand, FactorIncome, our multi-asset offering have drawdowns of only 3% as tactical asset and factor rotation capped the losses for investors.



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