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# **Estee Asset Management Newsletter**

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Estee Advisors Private Limited is a quant-based investment management and execution and advisory services firm that was started in 2008 when SEBI permitted algorithmic trading in India. Estee has been building algorithmic investment products for 14+ years and has a strong track record as an asset manager and execution and advisory services provider in Indian capital markets. The firm is a SEBI-registered Portfolio Manager Service (PMS) provider and a registered broker-dealer with all the major Indian exchanges including NSE, BSE,

### **I-ALPHA**

Estee's market neutral arbitrage product that aims to deliver consistent returns while maintaining nearly zero market exposure. The algorithm identifies mispricing between various market instruments at any given point of time and takes hedged positions to capture the pricing differences. Our positions are hedged using equivalent risks (e.g. index futures vs its components). In most cases, we can create a perfect hedge but, in certain cases we are unable to create a perfect hedge as the equivalent instruments may not have the liquidity or listed products to take the required positions. In such cases, we construct the hedge as close as possible with equivalent securities. The product does not take any directional bets. All the trades captured are balanced at the time of execution locking in a pricing gap opportunity. Price movement typically has minimal impact on our portfolio and underlying risk is typically expected to be the same, but there may be marginal price / venue risk as different sides of the arbitrage trade could be taken in different exchanges / markets. The product has a 15 year track record of consistently generating average net return of 0.93% per month at low volatility. It has not had a single month of negative return since inception.

#### **Product Characteristics**

Discretionary PMS
Market-neutral, pure arbitrage
Equity F&O
Notice by 20th of month for end of month exit
Option 1 - Fixed Fee: 1.00%; Variable fee: 35% above hurdle

Hurdle = RBI Repo Rate (This is subject to a cap of 6.5% p.a.).

Option 2 - Fixed fee: 2.50%; No performance fee

#### **Risk/Returns Parameters**

Expected Return	Deposit Rate+ 2.5% post all fees pre-tax basis				
Expected Sharpe	2.5				
Expected Max Drawdown	0%				
Key Risks	Major risk is that of system/algorithm failure. Impact of systematic/market risk is low				
Leverage	No external leverage				
Investment Amount	INR 50 Lakhs , subject to a maximum of INR 20 Cr				

#### **Gross Return Series**

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	CY Returns
2009										4.13%	0.65%	1.58%	6.46%
2010	1.40%	1.28%	0.16%	0.47%	1.02%	0.61%	1.34%	0.57%	0.37%	1.13%	1.52%	0.91%	11.32%
2011	1.07%	1.88%	1.83%	2.23%	2.15%	1.02%	1.25%	1.97%	1.39%	1.49%	1.03%	1.25%	20.21%
2012	1.23%	1.11%	1.34%	0.61%	0.90%	0.90%	1.48%	0.85%	1.27%	1.55%	1.00%	1.07%	14.15%
2013	0.96%	1.26%	1.13%	1.50%	1.35%	1.00%	1.21%	1.13%	1.39%	1.18%	1.16%	1.13%	15.39%
2014	1.11%	1.01%	1.48%	1.09%	1.63%	1.57%	1.20%	1.05%	1.12%	0.94%	0.85%	1.19%	15.20%
2015	1.09%	1.06%	1.76%	1.13%	0.94%	1.55%	1.15%	1.36%	1.24%	1.06%	0.69%	0.85%	14.79%
2016	0.92%	1.26%	0.93%	1.19%	0.81%	0.85%	0.88%	0.13%	2.16%	0.42%	0.84%	0.89%	11.88%
2017	1.00%	1.13%	1.31%	1.18%	0.92%	1.63%	1.14%	0.71%	0.81%	1.34%	1.04%	0.76%	13.77%
2018	1.48%	1.03%	0.85%	1.04%	0.03%	1.54%	0.87%	0.93%	0.75%	1.06%	0.67%	0.57%	11.36%
2019	0.81%	0.68%	1.00%	1.29%	0.81%	0.71%	2.05%	0.97%	1.56%	0.79%	0.83%	1.13%	13.38%
2020	1.31%	1.12%	1.64%	1.22%	1.12%	0.93%	1.03%	0.82%	0.82%	0.71%	0.61%	0.79%	12.82%
2021	0.89%	0.83%	0.93%	0.68%	0.46%	0.70%	0.57%	0.53%	0.86%	1.16%	0.68%	0.70%	9.35%
2022	0.62%	0.59%	0.89%	0.86%	0.93%	0.81%	0.83%	0.70%	0.41%	1.08%	1.05%	0.78%	9.98%
2023	0.68%	0.78%	0.70%	0.73%	0.79%	0.61%	1.24%	0.70%	1.82%	1.59%	1.49%	1.72%	13.62%
2024	1.69%	1.22%	1.37%	1.20%	0.71%	1.97%	0.42%	2.27%	1.15%	0.98%	1.35%	0.84%	16.26%
2025	1.03%	0.94%	1.15%	1.39%									4.59%

Fund Performance Metrics (Annualized)

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Measure	Since Inception (24 Sep '09)	12 Months	6 months	3 months	April 2025			
Annualized Net Return	11.78%	11.79%	11.30%	11.86%	18.20%			
Excess Return over Risk Free	4.74%	4.66% 4.36%		4.97%	9.54%			
Excess Return Over CRISIL Composite Bond Fund Index	3.62%	0.98%	0.36%	-2.52%	4.73%			
Standard Deviation	1.68%	1.98%	1.63%	1.48%	1.98%			
Sharpe Ratio (Based on Crisil composite Bond Fund	2.15	0.49	0.22	-1.70	2.39			

## Fund Performance vs. Competitors (Absolute Returns, Net of Fees)

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Funds	Since Inception (24 Sep '09)	12 Months	6 Months	3 Months	April 2025				
Aditya Birla Arbitrage Fund	161.39%	7.28%	3.65%	1.87%	0.71%				
Axis Enhanced Arbitrage Fund - Reg. Plan	-	7.22%	3.60%	1.83%	0.68%				
Edelweiss Arbitrage Fund - Regular Plan	-	7.31%	3.66%	1.78%	0.64%				
ICICI Prudential Equity Arbitrage Fund	172.56%	7.37%	3.68%	1.85%	0.68%				
JM Arbitrage Advantage Growth	154.29%	6.81%	3.34%	1.64%	0.62%				
Kotak Equity Arbitrage Growth	176.94%	7.46%	3.71%	1.83%	0.67%				
L&T Arbitrage Opportunities Fund - Reg. Plan	-	7.01%	3.46%	1.70%	0.61%				
Sundaram Arbitrage Fund - Regular Plan	-	7.04%	3.51%	1.73%	0.66%				
Nippon India Arbitrage Advantage	-	7.08%	3.52%	1.75%	0.63%				
Religare Arbitrage Fund Growth	165.84%	7.35%	3.60%	1.77%	0.62%				
SBI Arbitrage Opportunities Fund Growth	169.60%	7.28%	3.63%	1.80%	0.65%				
UTI Arbitrage Fund - Regular Plan	163.01%	7.45%	3.74%	1.86%	0.68%				
Estee I-Alpha Net Return*	467.47%	11.79%	5.50%	2.84%	1.38%				

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