

Investing IQ – Vol 1

## Traversing the Slowdown

Ideas on wealth creation in tough times

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## **GDP growth at six-year low**



#### GDP growth has been on a decline: Demonetization, GST, and NBFC crisis have hit the economy hard

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(Real GDP, % change over previous year)

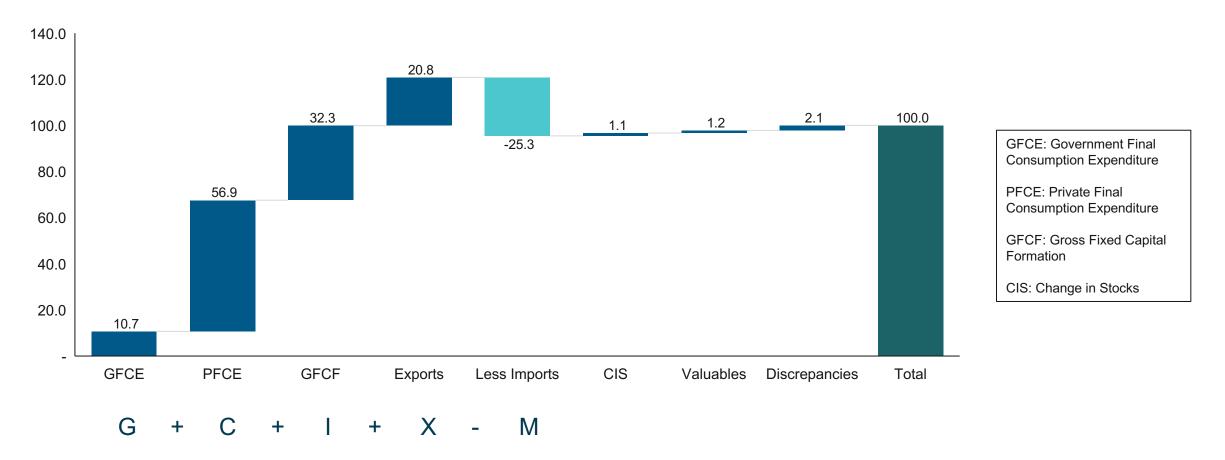
Source: MOSPI

## **Composition of India's GDP**



#### **GDP Composition 2018-19**

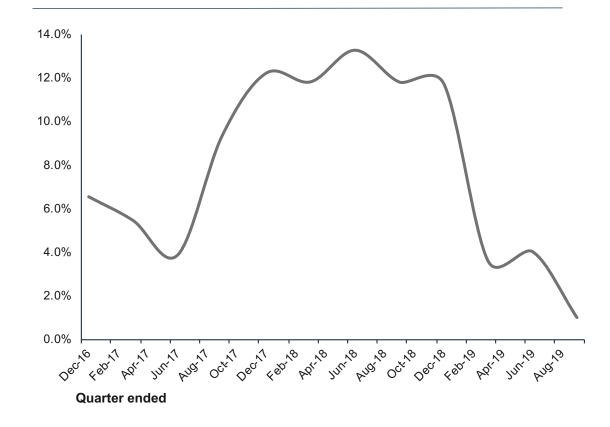
(% of Total GDP)



### Investment growth muted, net exports decline too

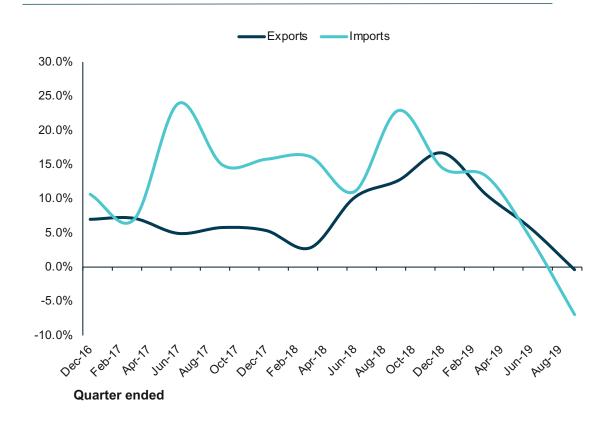


Lacklustre demand, low business confidence, Stressed balance sheets have led to slump in private Capex (GFCF, % change over previous year)



## Exports and Imports have lost momentum in the recent months

(% change over previous year)

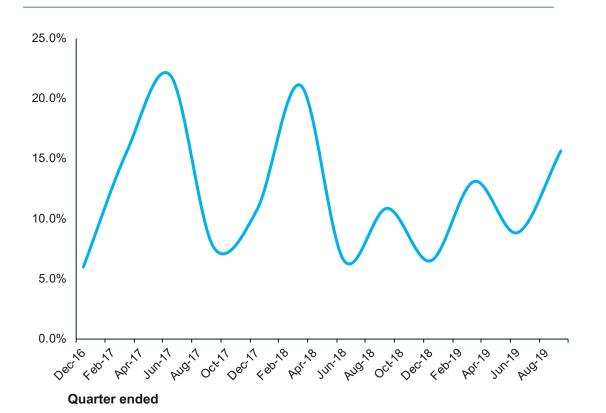


# Private consumption, the major lever that drives GDP growth has slowed down in recent months

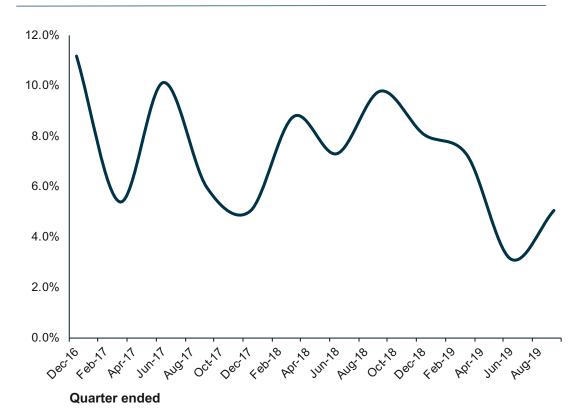


#### Government spending was the only bright spot; but not enough to drive GDP growth given its relatively small contribution to GDP

(GFCE, % change over previous year)



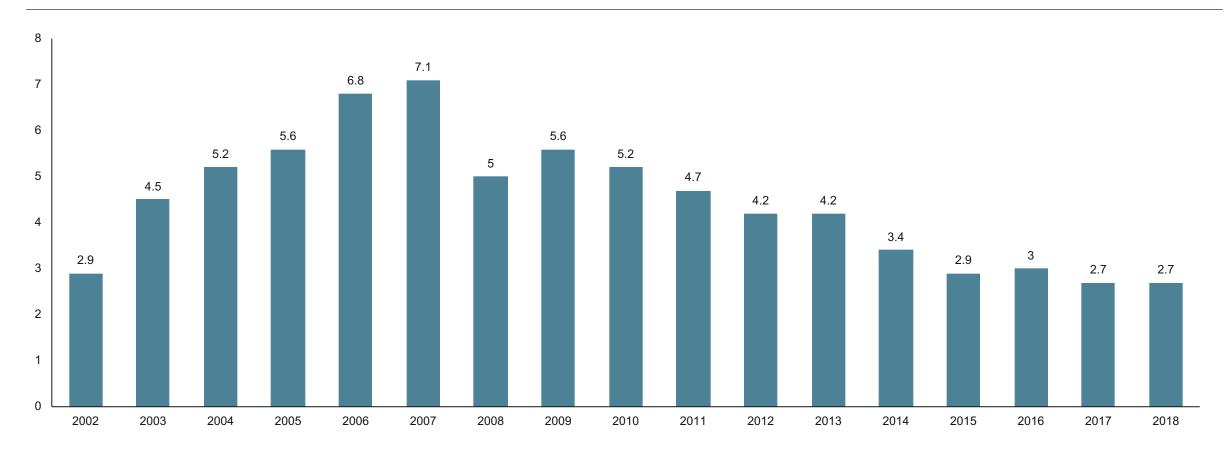
Private consumption growth was the last man standing, but has come off in the recent past (PFCE, % change over previous year)



## Corporate profitability at multi-decade low: Glass half empty or half full?

## Corporate profit to GDP at multi-decade low...But the possibility of a turnaround can't be ruled out. An optimist would see the glass as half-full.

(Corporate Profit as % of GDP)



## **Investing strategy in tough times**



One doesn't need the <u>entire economy</u> to do well to make money from Equity investing.

There are outlier companies/sectors that grow at fast pace even in not so good times. Their share prices typically tend to follow earnings/profit growth creating high capital appreciation for investors.

**Intelligent Investing** is about spotting these **handful outliers that defy the slowdown** and grow their businesses at **2-4x** of nominal GDP growth

#### Typically these are

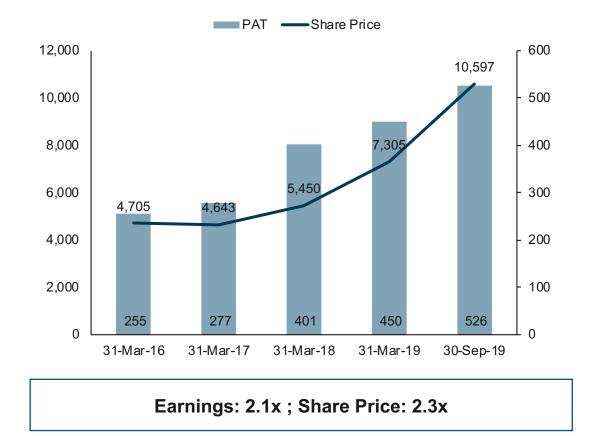
- Niche's with superlative demand outlook despite gloom and doom elsewhere
- Great businesses/ managements with a DNA to continuously gain significant market share from weaker competitors
- Firms in a turnaround mode due to corrective actions, positive change in strategic directions by the management

# Cases: Great businesses that defied the recent slowdown and made substantial wealth for investors



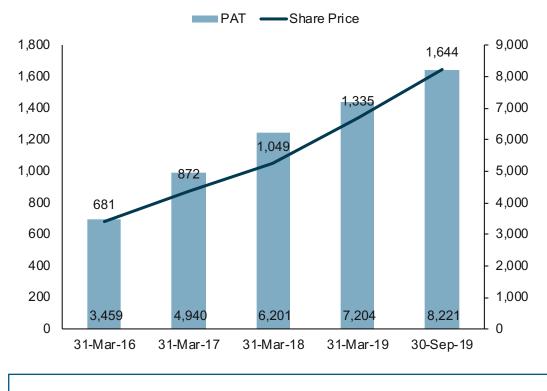
#### Abott India Limited

Left axis: Share Price (Rs.), Right axis: PAT (Rs. Crore)



#### Kotak Mahindra Bank

Left axis: Share Price (Rs.), Right axis: PAT (Rs. Crore)



Earnings: 2.4x ; Share Price: 2.4x

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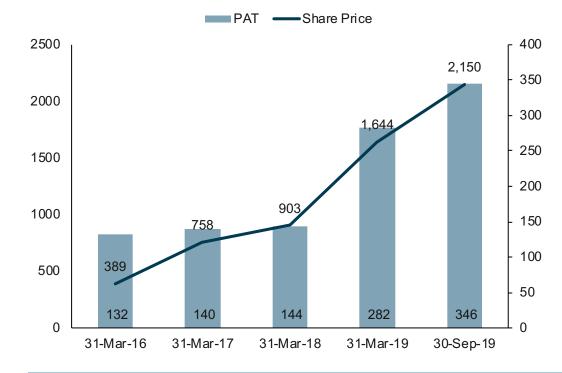
#### Bajaj Finance Limited

Left axis: Share Price (Rs.), Right axis: PAT (Rs. Crore)



### Vinati Organics Limited

Left axis: Share Price (Rs.), Right axis: PAT (Rs. Crore)



Earnings: 2.6x ; Share Price: 5.5x

#### Intelligent Investing: Stay invested in great businesses TIME IS THE FRIEND OF WONDERFUL BUSINESS, THE ENEMY OF THE MEDIOCRE



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A great company keeps working when you're not. A great company will eventually earn more and more and more while you're just sitting and doing nothing. And a mediocre company won't do that. So you're harnessing a long range force that will help you. It's very important. These mediocre companies, they by and large are going to cause a lot of agony and very modest profits. If you do fine, *you've got to sell it and find another one*. It's a lot of work. Whereas you just buy one great company, and if you get the right thing at the right price, you just *sit there*.

#### **CHARLIE MUNGER**

## What has worked for us?

#### **Business characteristics**



#### Low business risk





Business growth ~25% CAGR



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#### **Specialty Chemicals**

**Private Banks and Insurance** 

Management led turnaround cos



High conviction bet on outliers



#### Where we found the outliers



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