

Electrum Portfolio Managers Private Limited

Electrum Laureate Portfolio - April 2026

Objective

The investment objective is to generate appropriate risk-adjusted returns over the medium to long term by investing in a diversified portfolio of equity shares of fundamentally strong listed businesses with a bias towards investing in small and midcap companies.

- ◆ Active Management
- ◆ Concentrated Portfolio
- ◆ Bottom-up stock picking
- ◆ High equity risk profile
- ◆ Mid and Small-Cap Oriented Strategy

Key terms

Scheme: Electrum Laureate
 Benchmark: BSE 500 TRI
 Min. Investment: Rs 50 lakhs
 Strategy type: Open ended

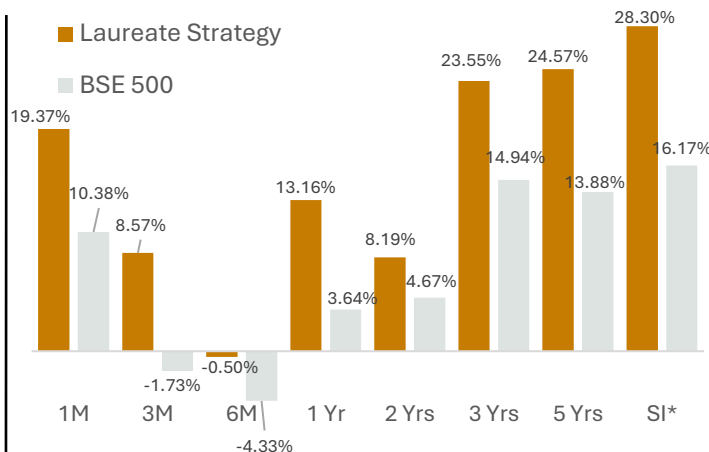
Markets, war and uncertainty

Broader markets performed surprisingly well in April month and gave a 'V' shaped recovery against general expectations of negative market sentiment amid the US/Israel – Iran war conditions. Although there is a ceasefire in place, both countries are unable to reach on a final deal which is keeping the uncertainty elevated and crude prices boiling at nearly \$100-120 levels. There seems to be a physical challenge on crude and gas availability which is impacting businesses. Although transitory in nature, short term pain looks inevitable in many upcoming results over next 2 quarters.

As per the last few days of engagement between both countries, it is visible that both countries are avoiding a major escalation into war scenario. We are seeing agreement deadlines constantly shifting and both countries trying to reach an agreement. Like tariff tantrum, this has also now become a new normal and markets seem to have accepted this. Hence even with crude near \$ 100-120 levels, markets have kept inching up with a positive bias.

Over last 2 years, large caps have struggled to perform with nifty 50 practically flat, while smallcaps have returned around 5% in the same period. Another interesting point to note is that most of the returns of smallcap index over 2 years have just come in last 30-40 days showing how non-linear smallcaps can be. As explained multiple times earlier, markets are non-linear and tend to give strong returns in less time while rest of the time markets may remain flat. If one remains uninvested on such days in markets, the overall compounding effect is reduced drastically. In many past instances we have observed that markets will price in end of an uncertain event even before the event is finished.

Electrum Laureate Performance:

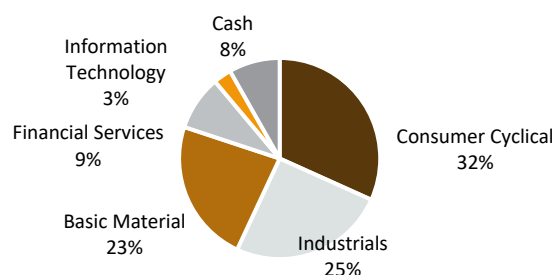


Returns as on April 30, 2026	1M	3M	6M	1 Year	2 Year*	3 Year*	5 Year*	SI**
Laureate Strategy	19.37%	8.57%	-0.50%	13.16%	8.19%	23.55%	24.57%	28.30%
BSE 500 (TRI)	10.38%	-1.73%	-4.33%	3.64%	4.67%	14.94%	13.88%	16.17%
Out/(under) performance	8.99%	10.30%	3.83%	9.52%	3.52%	8.61%	10.69%	12.13%
Nifty Smallcap 250 (TRI)	17.10%	6.23%	-3.20%	9.56%	3.40%	21.95%	19.00%	23.90%
Out/(under) performance	2.27%	2.34%	2.70%	3.60%	4.79%	1.60%	5.57%	4.40%

*Annualized Return

** Since Inception Date 23/11/2020

Top Sectors



Portfolio Attributes	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
P/E (x)**	37	22	17
D/E (x)**	0.75	0.69	0.54
ROE (%)	13%	14%	15%

Portfolio Attributes*	Laureate Strategy	BSE 500 (TRI)
Sharpe	1.42	0.93
Treynor	17.33	10.51
SD %	24.22	17.68
Information Ratio	1.19	-
Beta	1.09	-

Since last 3-4 years the emergence of macro factors has increased. Most of this is geopolitical led and we need to brace ourselves in future too. We believe that the best way to beat this uncertainty and non-linearity is to remain invested for longer period, have a process-oriented approach and invest in companies which are fundamentally strong. On the portfolio front we continue to follow our approach, make changes wherever required, keep watching the macro scenario closely. Our portfolio is well diversified, near debt free and offers reasonably good profit growth going ahead in next 2-3 years. Most of our companies have strongly bounced in April month validating the fact our strategy remains on track.

Indian economy

On the economy front, most of the parameters continue to perform well. India's goods exports grew 0.93% in FY 26 to \$ 442 bn while services exports grew by nearly 8% to ~ 418 bn. Goods export grew inspite of the tariff uncertainty. Many of the companies have been able to diversify their export base to newer geographies and we have seen new FTA'S with various countries whose benefit is yet to be seen. GST collection in April rose by 8.7% to Rs 2.42 lakh crore. On the other hand, credit growth has recorded fastest growth since FY 24 to ~ 16% while deposits rose 13.5%. The IMF has lifted India's FY 27 growth estimate recently to 6.5% from 6.4% estimated earlier.

On the negative front, India faces higher WPI inflation which rose in march to a 38 month high of 3.88% vs 2.13% in Feb 2026 primarily led by increase in prices of crude and natural gas. Increase inflation, short term growth challenges to GDP has led to rupee at record low of Rs 95/\$ which is turn has impacted FII sentiment. We have seen DII momentum intact, while FII selling exodus continue. FII's are also selling India and buying into other markets with strong AI, Semi conductor plays in Korea and Taiwan. Such plays are not available in India and hence optically FII's are bearish on India allocations.

Conclusion

Although markets have rebounded sharply in last 30-40 days, we remain cautiously optimistic and keep a close watch on the economy front and how the underlying businesses are doing. Going ahead we feel there may be continued volatility and markets may keep giving buying opportunities. India continues to offer strong growth opportunities specifically in the small and midcap space and many different businesses are available to play over next few years. The recent election victory of BJP in West Bengal sets a stage for strong development in coming years in the region which we expect to aid India's overall GDP.

Corrections offers buying opportunities as well as good margin of safety and at those points we urge investors to stay invested and add to existing positions. We wont be able to predict where markets will go in next few weeks or months, but over next few years market returns will follow earnings and growth trajectory of underlying businesses. Our endeavors is to find such companies which will offer growth rather than predict where markets will go. I would conclude by saying, buying with margin of safety and patiently waiting for the up move is better than patiently waiting for the up move to happen and then investing.