

Black Komodo Investments FZE



Komodo Management



Introducing Komodo Management

- We were born from the belief that hedge funds and banks **don't cater** to clients needs and in most cases **over-complicate** investment management and have a **narrow lens** in terms of looking for a **short-term** solution to a long term game of value creation.
- Clients are moving away from the previously conventional method of investing through banks and hedge funds which have layered fees and usually underperform the most basic investment into the S&P 500 or other such indices.
- **Komodo Management** is the investment management arm of the firm which caters to HNI's, corporates and family offices focusing on public equity investments with a **long-term** approach to **protect** and **grow** capital.



Active Management Has Failed

- Speculative trading and active management has eroded capital and value the most over the last 5 years.
- The market has changed over that time period and we are entering a new phase of the market. Active management has reached its plateau to gain significant alpha due to their implementation of technology.
- Algorithmic traders make up 50% of the invested market using the formulas which have the same/similar basis from which they are derived. This means all algo high frequency hedge funds will perform similarly and worse than most of the market.
- Seen in 2020 and 2023 with the most ever hedge funds being shuttered in 2020 due to blowing up and with the lackluster performance in 2023, when the market rallied 19% most funds and hedge funds were up 2%-7%. The tradeable market is getting ever less tradeable.



Simple Investing and Compound Interest

- Compound interest works with **time** as it's **value** generator. We focus on the long term time horizon, with **consistent** and **sustainable** growth.
- What we don't look at is **unsustainable** extremely high growth in the short run, which fizzles out, **eroding value** and **losing** you capital.
- We look at firms which have an intrinsic value yet to be realized by the public market over a 3-5 year horizon.
- We have a **bottom-up** fundamental approach to investment management **coupled with** top down scenarios. Breaking down the market and rebuilding it up to understand it and apply our strategy to perform efficiently in it.



Comparison Tables

	2025	3YR	5YR
S&P500	16.65%	76.08%	79.32%
BRK.B	10.15%	55.90%	112.30%

*Rolling 3 year average performance

	2025	3YR	5YR
S&P500	16.65%	76.08%	79.32%
Hedge Fund Average	12.74%	9.68%	31.69%

**Rolling 3 year average performance

Passively Active Investment Strategies grow value

Warren Buffet, Peter Lynch and others have used these methods to produce superior long term returns through varying environments which build **value to last**.

Actively managed, deemed “sexy” methods don’t beat the market and produce muted results in most environments.

They are more tail risk protectionism based strategies not growth strategies

They focus on maintaining an average above the benchmark comprised of other Hedge Funds rather than an industry standard of the entire market in general.

To **protect and grow** your capital you need managers who **understand the market** and can **dynamically** shift their approach as well as have the **risk stomach to digest downturns**, not shy away from them as do hedge fund managers, causing them to lose sight of the long term picture.



This is where we come in...

- This gives way to **passively active management**. We apply such a strategy. We like to call it our **BVTL** (Building Value to Last) investment strategy.
- Most hedge funds, traders and investors, including the top 5% in the world lose against the market benchmarks over the long run. The few what we call passively active management strategies have proven to beat the market over the long run consistently.
- We take advantage of overreactions in the market being **active and opportunistic** with events and moments with overreactions both upwards and downwards.
- We are **not always invested 100%**, to use the cash base to take advantage of those moments.
- And **being patient and using time** to invest passively with the waves of the market.



Our Investment Philosophy

- We believe in finding value in growth and balancing the portfolio using **pareto investing**, to curate an efficient market beating portfolio which synergizes both growth and value investing. We use a concentrated yet diverse portfolio of stocks.
- Our aim is to give you **market beating returns** when the market does well and lower than market losses when the market goes through pullbacks, **to protect your downside**.
- We use a **long-only**, equity strategy (can use leverage depending on the client and their needs). Our differentiation is in the **weights, selection of companies** and how we dynamically change the weights within the portfolio to protect against and take advantage of growth trends.



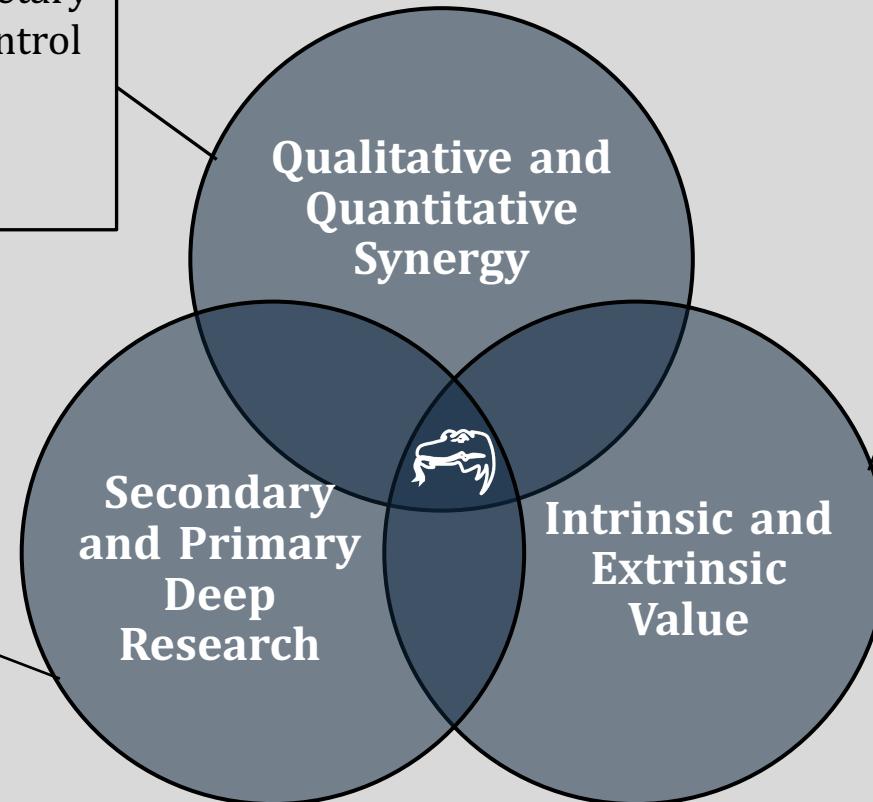
Our Investment Criteria

- We are buying companies, we are not trading stocks, we look for **consistent compounding change drivers** and we look for **holds**, not exits.
- We invest in firms that are at the **cross-section** of several industries, acting as a backbone to the future.
- **We look for companies driving the change of tomorrow, today.**
- We enter into names that satisfy not only our investment criteria but demonstrate that through a **long financial history** of consistency and a road map to grow into their **intrinsic value** over time.
- We exit out of names when we see them **deviating** from their fundamental trajectory and **lose sight** of their growth roadmap for the long term future and are no longer satisfying our investment criteria.

Our Research and Idea Generation



We use a qualitative and quantitative approach through our in-house, proprietary efficient portfolio allocator and risk control system, EPARCS to filter down our investment universe and cover all the names in the distilled universe



We then conduct a deep dive fundamental analysis understanding the product lines, revenue streams, customer demographics, business plan and road map to unlock further shareholder value than they already have.

Finally we analyse their financials as well as their technical market based indicators to understand their intrinsic and extrinsic value and if they can back up the qualitative analysis through these financials

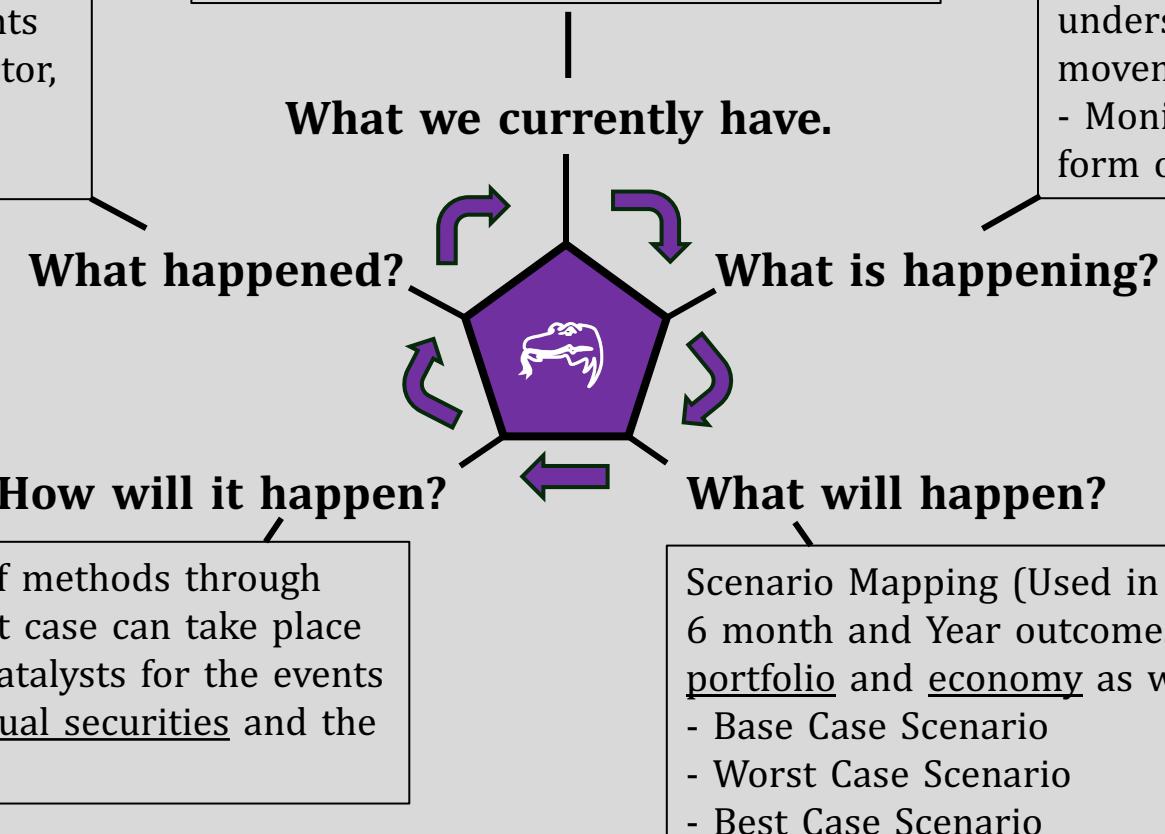
Risk Management – The Pentagon Mapping



- Consulting history for each position as well as the market environment, sector, portfolio and economy.
- Why we reached here, how we reached here and have we had similar moments in the history of that security, the sector, the market environment and the economy.

- What are our positions at the moment.
- What decisions led us here and why we made those decisions.

- Distilling the most pertinent facts from the current market environment, sector, positions and the economy to understand the reasons behind the movements in the markets
- Monitoring the underlying currents to form our Market Pulse Indicator



Stress Testing and Position Sizing



- Using our **E.P.A.R.C.S** (Efficient Portfolio Allocator and Risk Control System) system to simulate worst case scenarios and provide potential mitigation portfolio movements to manage the possible risk which may occur. Repeat that for base case and best case.
- Use history to simulate the tail risk events in the portfolio and model methods to manage the risk.
- Use these methods to correctly calculate the capital at risk and the statistical probability of the most likely scenario to occur and the risk associated with it.
- Position the portfolio security sizes according to their individual risk metrics, sectorial risk potential, intra-portfolio correlation to manage the risk through the year and the potential scenarios which may occur





Investment Universe Filtration

Known Universe: 7000 companies on the NYSE
5000 companies on the NSE/BSE

Only 10% investable for the long-term horizon: 700 and 500 respectively

50-100 on our research shelf

10-20 in each portfolio

Using our rigorous research and proprietary valuation methods and applying a fusion of **fundamental and technical valuation**



Investment Universe Filtration

- We manage accounts with a concentrated yet diversified portfolio of **diversified exposure through concentration at the cross-section** of investable firms for the long term 3–5+ year time horizon.
- We differentiate ourselves by finding the most investable firms with a growth and value synergic view within given sectors and choose sectors based on a long- term view and our client's requirements to hit the growth goals of our clients and protecting their downside to make the value last.



Founder Profile



Samridh Seth, Founder
Principle Portfolio Architect

Education: Boston University

Studied: Psychology and Physics

Specialization: Behavioral analysis and cognitive psychology,

Concentrations: Particle physics and Calculus.

Industry experiences: Aviation, management, investment management, chemicals, energy, footwear/retail and startups.

Experience: Worked at various firms in these industries, including, Lighthouse Canton, Reliance Industries, Emirates Airlines, UBS, Apax Partners, Laburnham Capital, Beyond Life, FAS and more.

He has an industry agnostic experience and has been involved in the investment management world for over 8 years.

Experience in private equity due diligence and valuation research, public equity research for long term portfolio strategy setting, single equity name research, derivative strategy and derivative idea generation, teach and energy focused research desk formation and consumer trend analysis. Additionally researched funds, ETFs, structured products and bond strategies.



Research & Analysis Team



10 member research & analysis team, **India**



Geographical focus: **US and India**



Industry agnostic with specific focus on:
Technology, Healthcare, Energy, Consumer, Macroeconomics, Materials, Industrials and Distribution Services



Team background: **Computer engineering, Psychology, Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Computer Science, Biomedical Engineering, Biotechnology and Physics**



Education: **Post Graduates, PhD students, PhD holders, and Undergraduates**

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