Berger Paints



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Peak quarter; further upgrades not visible

CMP Rs 832 as of (May 26, 2021) Target Price Rs 585 (▲) 12 months

Rating SELL (■) Upside (29.7) %

11.7

9.8%

- BRGR recorded strong sales growth of 50% to Rs20.3bn in Q4FY21, driven by 53% growth in the domestic business (7% beat). EBITDA/PAT grew 61%/102%, largely in line with expectations on account of a slight miss on margins due to higher overheads.
- Domestic performance looks better than peers' due to low comparables. Two-year sales CAGR is in line with APNT (15% for BRGR vs. 16% for APNT). Strong growth momentum indicates buoyant rural demand, pick-up in tier 1/metros and further market share gains.
- Gross margins were better, possibly driven by one-off inventory gains. Operating margin
 miss was likely a result of one-offs driving higher overhead costs. We expect margin
 pressure to increase ahead with the sharp rise in input inflation and slower pricing actions.
- Growth and execution remain impressive but earnings surprises are likely behind now, given rising margin pressures. Valuations at 68x FY23E EPS (20% premium to APNT) are expensive. Retain Sell with a TP of Rs585 (from Rs560), rolling forward to Jun'23 EPS.

Strong performance led by domestic business: Berger's Q4 sales growth was higher than that of peers (Asian and Kansai) at 53% on account of lower comparables (13% decline in Q4FY20 vs. 8% decline for APNT). Two-year sales CAGR for the Domestic business stands at 15% vs. 16% for APNT. Growth trends are similar with strong traction in the domestic business indicating stronger rural demand, recovery in metros and market share gains from unorganized. Q4 numbers are indicative of a steady performance from subsidiaries with 27% sales growth and improvement in EBITDA margins to mid-teens, resulting in strong 1.8x EBITDA growth on low comparables. While recent lockdowns will have a short-term impact on the performance, we expect pent-up demand and sustained growth trends in Tier 2/3 towns to drive 15%+ revenue growth.

Operating margins impacted by high overheads; input cost pressure to increase ahead: Despite higher input inflation, gross margins were flat YoY and only 50bps lower qoq (vs. peer witnessing a sharper decline), possibly on account of low-priced inventory, better mix and price hikes in industrial. EBITDA margins were up 120bps due to operating leverage but were lower than estimates due to a sharp 63% increase in other overheads, likely due to some one-off spends. Similar to APNT, BRGR has taken a price hike in May'21; however, given the high inflation, we expect margin pressure to increase ahead.

Expensive valuations; Sell: BRGR has continued to grow strongly, largely in line with the leader, with the performance indicating market share gains. While growth and execution remain impressive, valuations at 68x FY23 EPS (at 20% premium to APNT) are expensive and unjustified. We maintain Sell with a revised TP of Rs585 (from Rs560), rolling forward to Jun'23 EPS.

Please see our sector model portfolio (Emkay Alpha Portfolio): Consumer Goods & Retail (page 8)

Financial Snapshot (Consolidated)

(Rs mn)	FY20	FY21	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
Revenue	63,658	68,176	85,427	98,749	1,12,414
EBITDA	10,610	11,880	15,394	18,181	21,181
EBITDA Margin (%)	16.7	17.4	18.0	18.4	18.8
APAT	6,561	7,197	9,870	11,850	14,022
EPS (Rs)	6.8	7.4	10.2	12.2	14.4
EPS (% chg)	32.8	9.7	37.1	20.1	18.3
ROE (%)	25.7	24.9	28.7	28.5	27.9
P/E (x)	123.2	112.3	81.9	68.2	57.7
EV/EBITDA (x)	76.2	67.9	52.1	43.7	37.0
P/BV (x)	30.4	26.0	21.5	17.7	14.7

Source: Company, Emkay Research

Change in Estimates	
EPS Chg FY22E/FY23E (%)	(2.7)/0.5
Target Price change (%)	4.5
Target Period (Months)	12
Previous Reco	SELL
Emkay vs Consensus	

EPS Estimates

	FY22E	FY23E
Emkay	10.2	12.2
Consensus	9.6	11.5
Mean Consensus TF	Rs 654	

Stock Details	
Bloomberg Code	BRGR IN
Face Value (Rs)	1
Shares outstanding (mn)	971
52 Week H/L	843 / 441
M Cap (Rs bn/USD bn)	808 / 11.11
Daily Avg Volume (nos.)	1,143,577

Shareholding Pattern Mar '21	
Promoters	75.0%
Fils	11.2%
DIIs	4.0%

Daily Avg Turnover (US\$ mn)

Price Perfor	Price Performance											
(%)	1M	3M	6M	12M								
Absolute	15	22	30	82								
Rel. to Niftv	9	16	11	7								

Relative price chart

Public and Others



Source: Bloomberg

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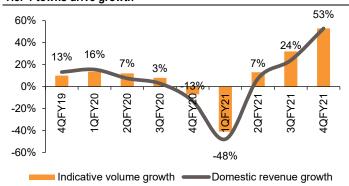
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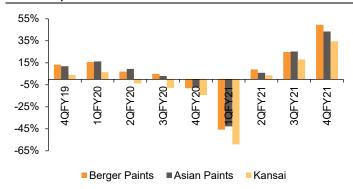
Story in Charts

Exhibit 1: Low comparables, pent-up demand and recovery across Tier 1 towns drive growth



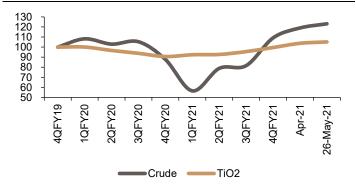
Source: Company, Emkay Research

Exhibit 3: Sales growth: Berger marginally ahead vs. APNT due to lower comparables



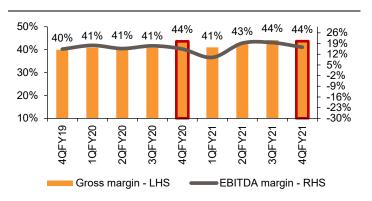
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Exhibit 5: Crude/TiO2 prices up 24%/10%; prices continue to rise post Q4



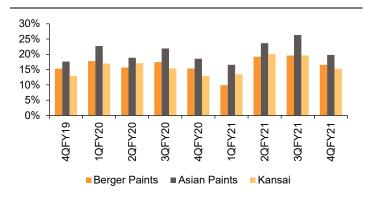
Source: Company, Emkay Research

Exhibit 2: Gross margin flat likely due to low priced inventory



Source: Company, Emkay Research

Exhibit 4: Berger's EBITDA Margin trend vs. peers



Source: Company, Emkay Research

Exhibit 6: One-year forward P/E band chart

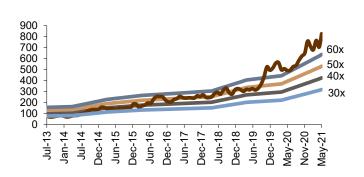


Exhibit 7: Actual vs. Estimates (Q4FY21)

	Actual	Estimate	Consensus	% vari		Commont
	Actual	(Emkay)	estimate	Emkay	Consensus	Comment
Revenues	20,261	18,878	17,956	7%	13%	Strong 50%+ volume growth
EBITDA	3,356	3,225	2,974	4%	13%	
EBITDA Margin (%)	16.6%	17.1%	16.6%	-52	0	Operating leverage drives margin gains
APAT	2,086	2,060	1,901	1%	10%	

Source: Company, Emkay Research

Exhibit 8: Quarterly Performance (Consolidated)

Rs mn	4QFY20	1QFY21	2QFY21	3QFY21	4QFY21	YoY (%)	QoQ (%)	FY20	FY21
Revenue	13,548	9,308	17,426	21,182	20,261	49.5	-4.3	63,658	68,176
Expenditure	11,464	8,387	14,073	17,032	16,905	47.5	-0.7	53,048	56,296
Consumption of RM	7,639	5,495	9,968	11,812	11,410	49.4	-3.4	37,258	38,686
as % of sales	56	59	57	56	56			58.5%	56.7%
Employee Cost	1,237	1,162	1,141	1,281	1,268	2.5	-1.0	4,525	4,851
as % of sales	9	12	7	6	6			7.1%	7.1%
Other expenditure	2,589	1,729	2,965	3,939	4,227	63.3	7.3	11,265	12,759
as % of sales	19	19	17	19	21			17.7%	18.7%
EBITDA	2,084	921	3,352	4,150	3,356	61.0	-19.1	10,610	11,880
Depreciation	493	504	537	529	542	9.9	2.5	1,910	2,111
EBIT	1,591	417	2,815	3,621	2,814	76.9	-22.3	8,700	9,768
Other Income	167	78	232	156	150	-9.9	-3.8	685	515
Interest	141	124	109	89	119	-15.2	34.5	470	441
PBT	1,617	372	2,938	3,689	2,845	75.9	-22.9	8,915	9,842
Total Tax	560	176	716	949	748	33.4	-21.2	2,271	2,589
Adjusted PAT	1,057	196	2,221	2,740	2,097	98.5	-23.5	6,644	7,253
Profit/(loss) from JV's/Ass/MI	(25)	(45)	(11)	10	(11)	-56.3	-206.9	-83	-56
APAT after MI	1,032	151	2,211	2,750	2,086	102.2	-24.1	6,561	7,197
Extra ordinary items	-	-	-	-	-			0	0
Reported PAT	1,032	151	2,211	2,750	2,086	102.2	-24.1	6,561	7,197
Adjusted EPS (Rs)	1.1	0.2	2.3	2.8	2.1	102.2	-24.1	6.8	7.4

Margins (%)	4QFY20	1QFY21	2QFY21	3QFY21	4QFY21	(bps)	(bps)	FY20	FY21
Gross Margin	43.6	41.0	42.8	44.2	43.7	10	-50	41.5	43.3
EBIDTA	15.4	9.9	19.2	19.6	16.6	120	-300	16.7	17.4
EBIT	11.7	4.5	16.2	17.1	13.9	210	-320	13.7	14.3
EBT	11.9	4.0	16.9	17.4	14.0	210	-340	14.0	14.4
PAT	7.6	1.6	12.7	13.0	10.3	270	-270	10.3	10.6
Effective Tax rate	34.7	47.4	24.4	25.7	26.3	-840	60	25.5	26.3

Source: Company, Emkay Research

Exhibit 9: Revision in earnings estimates

		FY22E				FY24E	
Y/E, Mar (Rs. mn)	Earlier	Revised	% Change	Earlier	Revised	% Change	Introduced
Revenues	84,345	85,427	1.3	95,006	98,749	3.9	1,12,414
EBITDA	16,055	15,394	-4.1	18,350	18,181	-0.9	21,181
EBITDA Margin (%)	19.0	18.0	-100 bps	19.3	18.4	-90 bps	18.8
APAT	10,146	9,870	-2.7	11,794	11,850	0.5	14,022
EPS (Rs)	10.4	10.2	-2.7	12.1	12.2	0.5	14.4

Exhibit 10: Revenue Growth Assumptions

	FY20	FY21	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
Volume Growth	15%	10%	22%	12%	10%
Realization Growth	-11%	-4%	3%	4%	4%
Domestic Growth	3%	6%	25%	16%	14%
Subsidiaries Growth	23%	18%	28%	13%	13%
Total Revenue (Rs mn)	63,658	68,176	85,427	98,749	1,12,414
Growth	5%	7%	25%	16%	14%

Source: Company, Emkay Research

Exhibit 11: Relative Valuation

	Price	Мсар		Target	ı	EPS (Rs)			P/E (x)		EV /	EBITDA	(x)
	(Rs)	(Rs bn)	Reco	Price (Rs)	FY21E	FY22E	FY23E	FY21E	FY22E	FY23E	FY21E	FY22E	FY23E
Asian Paints	2,942	2,822	Hold	2,530	32.7	37.9	48.1	89.9	77.6	61.2	58.0	50.8	40.9
Berger Paints	832	808	Sell	585	7.4	10.2	12.2	112.3	81.9	68.2	67.9	52.1	43.7
Britannia	3,416	823	Buy	4,250	77.1	76.3	87.2	44.3	44.8	39.2	33.0	33.1	29.4
Colgate	1,679	457	Buy	1,820	38.1	39.0	44.2	44.1	43.0	38.0	29.7	28.1	25.0
Dabur	532	941	Hold	530	9.6	10.8	12.6	55.5	49.3	42.2	45.8	39.2	33.4
Emami	504	224	Buy	620	14.8	15.9	17.9	34.2	31.7	28.1	24.8	22.8	20.1
GCPL	825	843	Hold	780	16.0	18.3	21.3	51.6	45.0	38.7	34.7	31.9	27.8
HUL	2,354	5,531	Hold	2,350	34.8	40.8	47.4	67.6	57.7	49.6	45.9	38.3	33.1
ITC	211	2,592	Buy	265	10.5	12.9	14.3	20.1	16.4	14.7	15.0	12.1	10.8
Marico	459	593	Hold	430	9.2	10.6	11.8	50.0	43.2	38.8	36.3	31.1	28.0
Nestle	17,541	1,691	Hold	16,800	217.5	266.9	307.4	80.7	65.7	57.1	54.2	45.8	40.0
Pidilite	2,102	1,068	Sell	1,360	22.3	24.4	32.0	94.1	86.1	65.7	63.6	59.3	45.9
Radico Khaitan	588	79	Buy	640	18.9	23.0	26.7	31.0	25.6	22.1	19.4	16.2	13.9
United Breweries	1,299	344	Buy	1,450	4.5	15.7	29.5	286.1	82.5	44.1	89.3	40.9	25.5
United Spirits	591	429	Buy	680	6.4	11.2	16.3	93.0	52.6	36.4	43.8	31.7	23.6

Key Financials (Consolidated)

Income Statement

Y/E Mar (Rs mn)	FY20	FY21	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
Revenue	63,658	68,176	85,427	98,749	1,12,414
Expenditure	53,048	56,296	70,033	80,568	91,233
EBITDA	10,610	11,880	15,394	18,181	21,181
Depreciation	1,910	2,111	2,361	2,593	2,797
EBIT	8,700	9,768	13,033	15,588	18,384
Other Income	685	515	592	651	716
Interest expenses	470	441	377	333	279
PBT	8,915	9,842	13,249	15,906	18,821
Tax	2,271	2,589	3,378	4,056	4,799
Extraordinary Items	0	0	0	0	0
Minority Int./Income from Assoc.	(83)	(56)	0	0	0
Reported Net Income	6,561	7,197	9,870	11,850	14,022
Adjusted PAT	6,561	7,197	9,870	11,850	14,022

Balance Sheet

Y/E Mar (Rs mn)	FY20	FY21	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
Equity share capital	971	971	971	971	971
Reserves & surplus	25,630	30,108	36,578	44,543	54,097
Net worth	26,601	31,079	37,549	45,514	55,068
Minority Interest	71	71	71	71	71
Loan Funds	5,359	3,836	3,336	2,836	2,336
Net deferred tax liability	178	178	178	178	178
Total Liabilities	32,210	35,164	41,135	48,600	57,654
Net block	19,156	18,944	18,983	18,790	18,393
Investment	3,152	3,152	3,152	3,152	3,152
Current Assets	24,563	32,638	41,203	52,481	65,645
Cash & bank balance	2,199	2,704	6,269	13,993	23,063
Other Current Assets	2,044	2,989	3,745	4,329	4,928
Current liabilities & Provision	16,446	20,581	23,214	26,834	30,547
Net current assets	8,117	12,057	17,989	25,647	35,098
Misc. exp	0	(56)	(56)	(56)	(56)
Total Assets	32,210	35,164	41,135	48,600	57,654

Cash Flow

Y/E Mar (Rs mn)	FY20	FY21	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
PBT (Ex-Other income) (NI+Dep)	8,229	9,327	12,656	15,255	18,105
Other Non-Cash items	0	0	0	0	0
Chg in working cap	(286)	(3,435)	(2,367)	66	(381)
Operating Cashflow	9,853	6,886	10,833	15,494	17,434
Capital expenditure	(5,327)	(1,182)	(2,400)	(2,400)	(2,400)
Free Cash Flow	4,526	5,703	8,433	13,094	15,034
Investments	798	0	0	0	0
Other Investing Cash Flow	(1,846)	(1,030)	(1,184)	(1,303)	(1,433)
Investing Cashflow	(5,690)	(1,697)	(2,992)	(3,051)	(3,116)
Equity Capital Raised	0	0	0	0	0
Loans Taken / (Repaid)	520	(1,523)	(500)	(500)	(500)
Dividend paid (incl tax)	(2,758)	(2,720)	(3,400)	(3,885)	(4,468)
Other Financing Cash Flow	(1,640)	0	0	0	0
Financing Cashflow	(4,349)	(4,684)	(4,276)	(4,718)	(5,247)
Net chg in cash	(186)	505	3,565	7,724	9,070
Opening cash position	2,385	2,199	2,704	6,269	13,993
Closing cash position	2,199	2,704	6,269	13,993	23,063

Key Ratios

Profitability (%)	FY20	FY21	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
EBITDA Margin	16.7	17.4	18.0	18.4	18.8
EBIT Margin	13.7	14.3	15.3	15.8	16.4
Effective Tax Rate	25.5	26.3	25.5	25.5	25.5
Net Margin	10.4	10.6	11.6	12.0	12.5
ROCE	30.2	30.5	35.7	36.1	35.9
ROE	25.7	24.9	28.7	28.5	27.9
RoIC	37.1	36.6	44.2	51.0	60.4

Per Share Data (Rs)	FY20	FY21	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
EPS	6.8	7.4	10.2	12.2	14.4
CEPS	8.7	9.6	12.6	14.9	17.3
BVPS	27.4	32.1	38.7	46.9	56.8
DPS	2.5	2.8	3.5	4.0	4.6

Valuations (x)	FY20	FY21	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
PER	123.2	112.3	81.9	68.2	57.7
P/CEPS	74.9	68.2	51.9	43.9	37.7
P/BV	30.4	26.0	21.5	17.7	14.7
EV / Sales	12.8	11.8	9.4	8.0	7.0
EV / EBITDA	76.2	67.9	52.1	43.7	37.0
Dividend Yield (%)	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6

Gearing Ratio (x)	FY20	FY21	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
Net Debt/ Equity	0.0	(0.1)	(0.2)	(0.3)	(0.4)
Net Debt/EBIDTA	0.0	(0.2)	(0.4)	(8.0)	(1.1)
Working Cap Cycle (days)	33.9	50.1	50.1	43.1	39.1

Growth (%)	FY20	FY21	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
Revenue	5.0	7.1	25.3	15.6	13.8
EBITDA	13.4	12.0	29.6	18.1	16.5
EBIT	15.5	12.3	33.4	19.6	17.9
PAT	32.8	9.7	37.1	20.1	18.3

Quarterly (Rs mn)	Q4FY20	Q1FY21	Q2FY21	Q3FY21	Q4FY21
Revenue	13,548	9,308	17,426	21,182	20,261
EBITDA	2,084	921	3,352	4,150	3,356
EBITDA Margin (%)	15.4	9.9	19.2	19.6	16.6
PAT	1,032	151	2,211	2,750	2,086
EPS (Rs)	1.1	0.2	2.3	2.8	2.1

Source: Company, Emkay Research

Shareholding Pattern (%)	Mar-20	Jun-20	Sep-20	Dec-20	Mar-21
Promoters	75.0	75.0	75.0	75.0	75.0
FIIs	11.8	11.7	11.4	11.5	11.2
DIIs	2.8	3.0	3.7	3.7	4.0
Public and Others	10.4	10.3	9.9	9.8	9.8

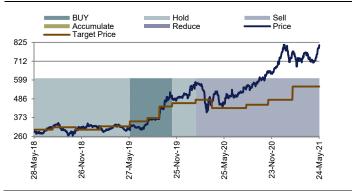
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RECOMMENDATION HISTORY TABLE

Date	Closing Price	TP	Period (months)	Rating	Analyst
11-Feb-21	772	560	12m	Sell	Ashit Desai
25-Jan-21	748	480	12m	Sell	Ashit Desai
10-Nov-20	641	480	12m	Sell	Ashit Desai
18-Aug-20	562	450	12m	Sell	Ashit Desai
26-Jun-20	511	430	12m	Sell	Ashit Desai
22-Jun-20	505	430	12m	Sell	Ashit Desai
14-Apr-20	493	430	12m	Sell	Ashit Desai
08-Apr-20	463	430	12m	Sell	Ashit Desai
06-Feb-20	572	480	12m	Sell	Ashit Desai
25-Dec-19	518	460	12m	Hold	Ashit Desai
08-Nov-19	484	460	12m	Hold	Ashit Desai
20-Sep-19	398	440	12m	Buy	Ashit Desai
05-Aug-19	333	370	12m	Buy	Ashit Desai
30-May-19	298	350	12m	Buy	Ashit Desai
09-Apr-19	323	320	12m	Hold	Ashit Desai
05-Feb-19	305	320	12m	Hold	Ashit Desai
05-Nov-18	298	300	12m	Hold	Ashit Desai
08-Aug-18	310	315	12m	Hold	Ashit Desai
31-May-18	294	300	12m	Hold	Ashit Desai

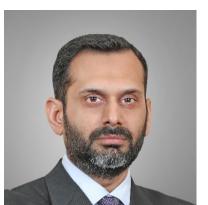
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Emkay Alpha Portfolio – Consumer Goods & Retail



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Company Name	BSE200 Weight	EAP Weight	OW/UW (%)	OW/UW (bps)	EAP Weight (Normalised)
Consumer Goods & Retail	10.67	10.67	0%	0	100.00
Asian Paints	1.52	0.61	-60%	-91	5.73
Berger Paints	0.23	0.00	-100%	-23	0.00
Britannia Industries	0.47	0.52	10%	5	4.83
Colgate-Palmolive	0.26	0.32	21%	6	2.99
Dabur India	0.35	0.32	-6%	-2	3.04
Emami	0.12	0.15	25%	3	1.45
Godrej Consumer Products	0.35	0.37	4%	1	3.44
Hindustan Unilever	2.42	1.88	-22%	-54	17.58
ITC	2.13	2.21	4%	8	20.69
Marico	0.28	0.28	0%	0	2.60
Nestle India	0.72	0.64	-11%	-8	6.02
Pidilite Industries	0.36	0.00	-100%	-36	0.00
Radico Khaitan	0.00	0.35	NA	35	3.26
United Breweries	0.10	0.55	440%	45	5.18
United Spirits	0.00	0.35	NA	35	3.28
Varun Beverages	0.11	0.16	39%	4	1.47
ABFRL	0.07	0.16	148%	10	1.51
Jubilant FoodWorks	0.22	0.27	21%	5	2.49
Page Industries	0.21	0.24	14%	3	2.22
Shoppers Stop	0.00	0.00	NA	0	0.00
Titan Company	0.76	1.02	35%	27	9.58
Westlife Development	0.00	0.28	NA	28	2.62
Cash	0.00	0.00	NA	0	0.00

Source: Emkay Research

Sector portfolio NAV

	Base					Latest
	1-Apr-19	28-May-20	24-Nov-20	23-Feb-21	23-Apr-21	25-May-21
EAP - Consumer Goods & Retail	100.0	98.0	110.6	116.4	118.2	125.2
BSE200 Neutral Weighted Portfolio (ETF)	100.0	92.8	106.3	110.8	113.9	120.6

^{*}Performance measurement base date 1st April 2019

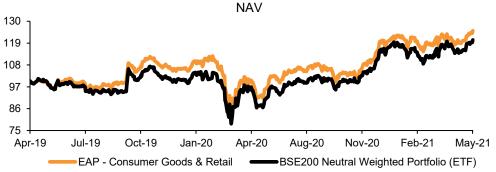
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Price Performance (%)

	1m	3m	6m	12m
EAP - Consumer Goods & Retail	6.0%	7.6%	13.2%	27.8%
BSE200 Neutral Weighted Portfolio (ETF)	5.9%	8.8%	13.4%	29.9%

Source: Emkay Research

NAV chart



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