# Handbook for the Financial Wellbeing Journey Investing In Stocks





Thank you for your interest in the Financial Wellness program. Hope the program was insightful with many implementable take-aways.

Here is a Handbook which gives a glance:

- Direct Equities Vs Mutual Funds
- Factors to consider while picking stocks
- Financial Ratios & Other concepts in Fundamental Analysis
- Do's and Don'ts of Equity Investing
- Useful video/ calculator links to help you with further information
- Finsafe Tips



## **Direct Equities Vs Mutual Funds**



#### **Comparison between Direct Equity and Equity Mutual Funds**

| Feature             | Direct Equity   | Mutual Funds  |
|---------------------|---|---|
| Investment amount   | Larger investment needed for diversification          | Smaller investment needed for diversification             |
| Research effort     | More analysis needed for stock selection              | Less analysis needed for fund selection                   |
| Risk return profile | Can be higher even with diversification               | Lower as easier diversification possible                  |
| Tax efficiency      | Less tax efficient as sale/rebalancing triggers taxes | More tax efficient as taxes applicable only on sale of MF |
| Holding period      | Can be short, medium or long term                     | Usually, long term  |



#### **Investing Styles:**

- **Growth Investing** Investing in companies that will derive most of their growth in the long term
- Value Investing Investing in companies that are undervalued

#### **Fundamental Analysis:**

- Accounting Framework Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Cash Flow statement
- **Financial Ratios** Profitability ratio, Efficiency ratio, Leverage ratio, Return on equity (key measure)





## **Financial Ratios**





### **Profitability Ratio:**

Profitability Ratio = Net Profit/ Sales



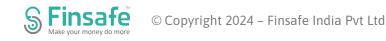
### Efficiency Ratio:

Efficiency Ratio = Sales/ Total Assets



#### Leverage Ratio:

Leverage Ratio = Assets/ Shareholders Equity







## **Fundamental Analysis – Other Concepts**

#### Free Cash Flow

Cash flow after all payments that are available to shareholders and debt holders

#### **Earnings Quality**

Ratio of Cash Flow from Operations to Net Income

#### **Working Capital**

A lower working capital via current ratio would indicate better use of assets

#### Valuation

Price to Earnings ratio or Enterprise Value to EBITDA are the primary valuation ratios



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## Equity Investing – Do's & Don'ts



### Do's

- Stay invested for the long term as markets move in cycles
- Diversify across large, mid and small companies based on risk profile
- Have a minimum of 15 and maximum of 25 stocks in your portfolio
- Invest only 10 to 15% of equity allocation in direct stocks

### **Don'ts**

- Don't chase price momentum while choosing a stock
- Don't invest more than 20-25% in a single sector
- Don't invest more than 12 to 15 percent in a single stock
- Don't engage in short term speculative trading
- Don't borrow and invest in stocks



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