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25 Years of Trust, Discipline, and Process: From Chartered Accountancy to Building AKCJ Capital

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I am privileged to have received the “**Card of Recognition**” from the **Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI)** in recognition of **25 years of membership**. I express my sincere gratitude to ICAI and to all those who have supported and accompanied me throughout this professional journey. This milestone is not just a measure of time, but a reflection of **qualification, experience, discipline, ethics, and credibility**—values that form the very foundation of my professional approach and have directly shaped the philosophy behind **AKCJ Capital**.

The Chartered Accountancy profession instils a strong grounding in **financial discipline, governance, risk assessment, compliance, and long-term thinking**. Over 25 years of professional experience—working closely with individuals, professionals, entrepreneurs, and business families—has reinforced a simple but powerful insight:

Sustainable wealth creation is less about products and more about process, discipline, and alignment with financial goals.

It is this perspective that led to the establishment of **AKCJ Capital**, an **AMFI-registered Mutual Fund Distributor (MFD)**, designed to facilitate mutual fund investments through a **structured, transparent, and process-led wealth management framework**, aligned with regulatory expectations and best practices.



AKCJ Capital: A Disciplined, Process-Led Approach to Wealth Management

In an increasingly complex financial environment, effective wealth management requires more than access to investment products or short-term market views. It requires a **clearly defined process**, consistency, documentation, and regulatory adherence.

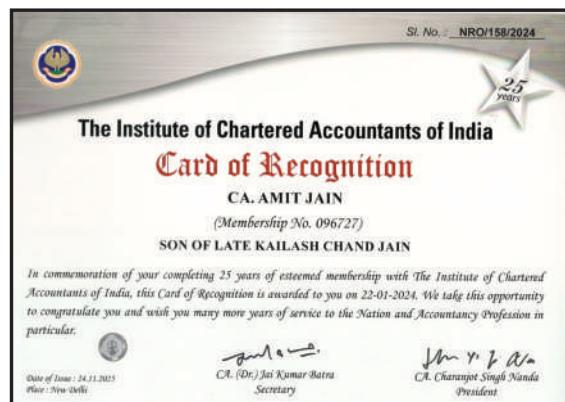
Why AKCJ Capital Entered Wealth Management

Through years of engagement, it became evident that many investment decisions were often made without:

- Clearly defined financial goals
- A documented financial plan
- Periodic review and monitoring mechanisms

While investment products are widely available, **process-driven guidance and disciplined execution remain limited**. AKCJ Capital was established to bridge this gap by enabling investors to participate in mutual fund investments within a **goal-aligned, documented, and review-oriented framework**.

Our Process-Oriented Wealth Management Framework



At AKCJ Capital, the role of a Mutual Fund Distributor goes beyond transaction facilitation. Our approach emphasises discipline, suitability, transparency, and continuity, in line with AMFI and SEBI guidelines.

1. Goal Identification

Structured discussions to understand financial objectives, time horizons, and risk considerations, providing direction and suitability.

2. Financial Planning

A broad planning framework covering cash flows, asset allocation considerations, and timelines to guide investment decisions.

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Indian Family Office Models: Your Place in the Long-Term Capital Landscape

— By Anjeet Khandelwal – Founding Partner in



India's family office ecosystem is expanding rapidly—but not uniformly. Some families are building capital for continuity across generations. Others are still deeply anchored in founder-led conviction. Many are navigating the complex transition between the two.

What's important to understand is this: **there is no single Indian family office model.**

Instead, there is a spectrum—shaped by how wealth was created, how risk is understood, and what families want their capital to stand for over time. To make sense of this diversity, it helps to view Indian family offices through a simple map.

The Spectrum: From Founder-Led Conviction to Institutional Stewardship

At one end of the spectrum are family offices that remain close to the entrepreneurial roots of wealth creation. At the other are systems designed to outlast individuals.

Most Indian families sit somewhere in between.

1. The Entrepreneurial / First-Principles Model

This model is typically seen among first-generation or early second-generation wealth creators.

Capital remains closely tied to founder intuition and operating experience. Decisions are conviction-led, long-term in orientation, and deeply values-driven. Governance is lean, not absent—designed to support speed and clarity rather than bureaucracy.

Families operating here often view capital as permanent, not transactional.

Indian examples include: Premji Invest, the Zerodha founders' family office, and several new-age technology entrepreneurs.

What this model optimises for:

Long-term value creation, founder partnerships, and ethical compounding.

2. The Hybrid / Transitioning Model

As wealth scales and generations expand, many families evolve into a hybrid structure. Founder DNA remains influential, but governance begins to institutionalise. Ownership and management are gradually separated. Independent boards and professional leadership emerge, while family members shift from operators to stewards.

This is often the most complex but also the most critical phase in a family's journey.

Indian examples include: the Godrej family office, the RPG Group (Goenka family), and the Infosys founders' family offices.

What this model optimises for:

Smooth generational transitions, balanced risk-taking, and continuity of values alongside growth.

3. The Institutional / Stewardship Model

At this end of the spectrum, the system matters more than any individual. Family influence is exercised through governance, not daily operations. Professional management runs businesses and capital allocation. Values are codified, and decisions are evaluated through a multi-decade lens.

Capital here is not just financial—it carries reputational, societal, and institutional responsibility.

Indian examples include: the Tata Trusts and Tata Group ecosystem, the TVS family office, and other legacy industrial families.

What this model optimises for: Wealth continuity, institutional trust, and resilience across cycles and crises.

4. The Financial-First / Risk-Calibrated Model

Some family offices are designed primarily around financial discipline. These families focus heavily on asset allocation, diversification, liquidity, and downside protection. Operating involvement is limited, and success is measured through risk-adjusted outcomes rather than influence or control. This approach is often shaped by backgrounds in banking, investing, or financial markets.

Indian examples include: Uday Kotak's family office and other finance-led wealth creators.

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Why Asset Allocation Matters More Than Fund Selection

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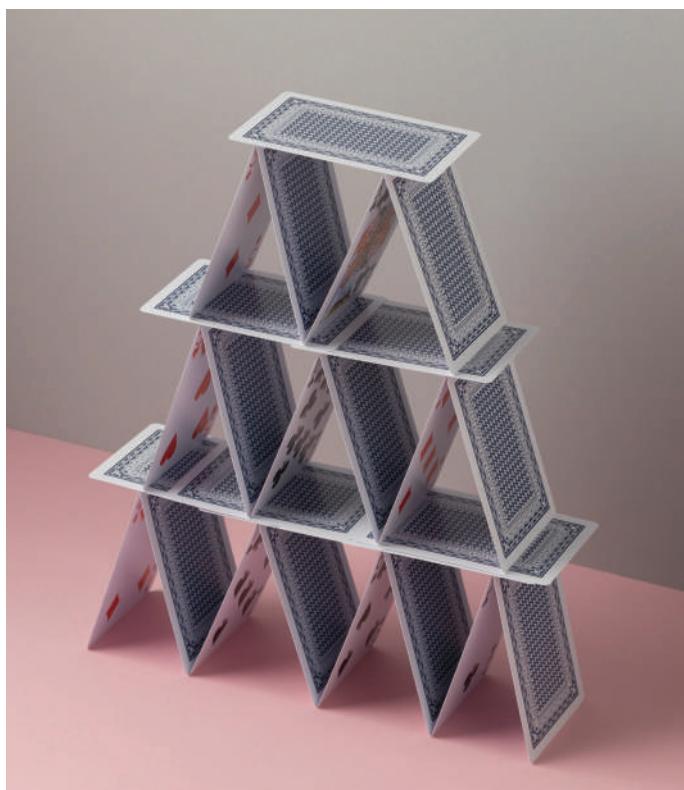
When investors think about mutual fund investing, the first question they usually ask is, "Which is the best fund?" Rankings, recent returns, and star ratings often dominate decision-making. While fund selection has its role, focusing on it alone can be misleading. Over long periods, investment outcomes are influenced far more by **asset allocation**, how money is distributed across equity, debt, and other asset classes, than by choosing the "best" individual fund.

In simple terms, **asset allocation defines the risk and return profile of a portfolio**, while fund selection fine-tunes performance within that framework.

Asset Allocation Drives Portfolio Behaviour

Decades of investment research across global markets show that **asset allocation explains the majority of portfolio return variability**, not security or fund selection. Whether a portfolio holds 70% equity or 40% equity has a much greater impact on long-term outcomes than choosing between two competent equity funds.

Equity provides growth but comes with volatility. Debt offers stability and liquidity. Low-volatility strategies such as arbitrage, and diversifiers like gold, help reduce portfolio stress during uncertain periods. The proportion in which these assets are combined determines how a portfolio behaves across market cycles- during rallies, corrections, and prolonged sideways phases.



Even the best-performing equity fund cannot offset a portfolio that is structurally misaligned with an investor's risk tolerance or time horizon.

Risk Is a Portfolio Concept, not a Fund Label

Investors often ask whether a particular fund is "risky." This framing is incomplete. **Risk is meaningful only at the portfolio level**, not at the level of an individual fund.

A mid-cap fund may appear risky on its own, but when it forms a limited allocation within a diversified portfolio that includes large-cap equity, debt, and low-volatility assets, the overall risk becomes intentional and manageable. Asset allocation ensures that drawdowns remain within acceptable limits, both financially and emotionally, reducing the likelihood of panic-driven decisions.

Structure Enables Behavioural Discipline

Most investors underperform not because of poor funds, but because of poor behaviour. Panic selling during market corrections, stopping SIPs after short-term underperformance, and chasing last year's top funds are common mistakes.

A well-designed asset allocation acts as a behavioural anchor. When investors understand that volatility is expected in the equity portion of their portfolio- and that stability exists elsewhere- they are more likely to stay invested during stressful periods. In practice, **a portfolio that an investor can stick with consistently often outperforms a theoretically superior portfolio that is frequently abandoned**.

Asset Allocation Adapts Across Market Cycles

No asset class performs well in every environment. Equity leads during economic expansion, while debt provides protection during slowdowns or rate cycles. Low-volatility strategies help smooth transitions when markets are uncertain.

Asset allocation allows portfolios to adapt to changing conditions without constant fund switching or market timing. It reduces dependence on any single narrative- growth, inflation, interest rates, or global events- and ensures resilience across cycles. Fund selection plays a supporting role, but it cannot correct a flawed allocation.

Rebalancing: The Quiet Advantage

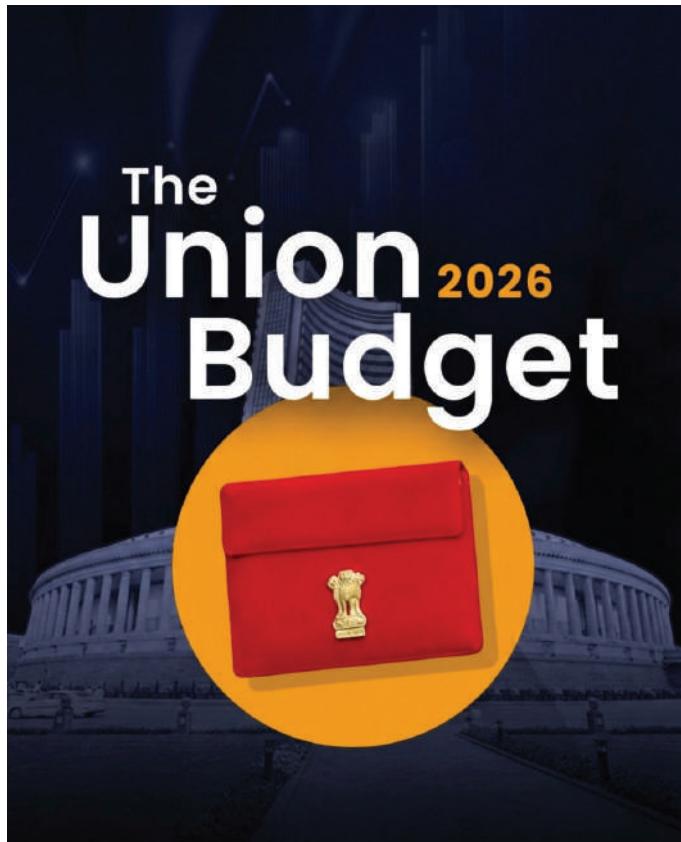
Asset allocation is not static. Over time, market movements

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India's Union Budget 2026: Strategic Outlook for Investors

— By CA Harshul Chopra – Assistant Manager in

The 2026–27 Union Budget of India arrives at a crucial inflection point — an era where growth momentum remains robust, but macroeconomic headwinds and evolving global trade dynamics pose both challenges and opportunities for markets and investors.



This newsletter synthesises verified economic data and pre-budget expectations to provide an informed, forward-looking analysis of investment themes across asset classes and key sectors, and how budgetary policy could influence them.

Macroeconomic Backdrop: Growth, Deficits, and Fiscal Momentum

- **Real GDP** for FY2025–26 is projected at **~7.4%**, driven by consumption, services, and manufacturing recovery — a notable improvement from **6.5% in FY2024–25**.

- **Nominal GDP** — the base for revenue and fiscal assumptions — is anticipated to grow **~8–10.5%** in FY2026–27 according to economist surveys.
- International institutions like the IMF estimate real growth at **~6.6% for FY2025–26**, affirming India's position among the fastest-growing major economies.

These figures imply expanding economic activity, which underpins revenue estimates and fiscal planning.

Budgetary Deficit & Fiscal Strategy

- The fiscal deficit is widely expected to **remain near current levels (~4.2–4.3% of GDP)** in FY2027, reflecting a balance of growth stimulus and fiscal prudence.
- Ongoing policy signals also point to medium-term debt consolidation with continued capital expenditure emphasis.

Investor Takeaway: A stable fiscal glidepath with targeted deficit moderation supports investor confidence and may anchor Indian sovereign credit valuations.

Sectoral Investment Outlook: Expectations & Budget Impacts

Below we analyse key sectors, major investment drivers, risks, and potential budgetary implications.

1. Infrastructure & Capital Goods

Outlook: Positive → Strong Policy Support

- Public capital expenditure is forecasted to grow **10–15%** over FY2025–26 levels, reinforcing infrastructure engines like railways and roads.
- Transport infrastructure investments reduce logistics costs (currently **~7.9% of GDP**) and expand project pipelines.

Potential Budget Measures

- Increased allocations for **rail safety and signalling**, urban transport, and rural connectivity.

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