



Home Improvement Segment in the Spotlight

Supported by self-funded growth, multi-category reach, and healthy balance sheets

"The Home Improvements segment which has lagged in the recent years is now positioned for recovery."

-Nimesh Chandan

Source: Economic Times, 23rd November 2025.

Healthy Fundamentals

Profitability Resilience

- Operating margins across the segment remained in the mid- to high-teens, even after normalisation from peak levels.
- Strong brand recognition, premium product mixes and efficient cost structures enabled healthy FCF (Free Cash Flow) generation, underscoring a resilient value chain with durable economics.

Balance Sheet Strength

- The segment is characterised by negligible leverage, with the majority operating effectively net-cash.
- This capital discipline positions the sector as financially low-risk, providing ample headroom for reinvestment without reliance on external borrowing.

Return Profile (Return on Capital Employed and Return on Capital)

- Return ratios remained comfortably above the cost of capital, even in a year of earnings moderation.
- Sustained high ROCE reflects capital-efficient business models that compound value through pricing power, distribution strength and operating leverage.

Funded Expansion Cycle

- Capacity additions are underway across categories tiles, panels, sanitaryware, pipes and decorative solutions.
- Most expansion is funded through internal accruals, signalling long-term demand visibility and reinforcing the segment's ability to self-finance growth.



Segment Tailwinds

Demand Momentum

- Segment revenues grew across most categories in FY25, despite a muted macro backdrop.
- Growth was supported by relatively steady renovation activity, rising urbanisation and lifestyle upgrades.

Premiumization and Value Chain Upgrade

- The profit pool is steadily shifting from unorganised, low-value products toward branded, premium, design-led solutions.
- This enables a varied product mix, improved pricing ability and continued consumer engagement.

Multi-Category Ecosystem Expansion

- Businesses are increasingly capturing multiple nodes of homeimprovement spend across surfaces, plumbing, bath solutions, panels, décor and adhesives, within the same dealer/installer network.
- This creates cross-selling leverage, higher wallet share per home and a more integrated, ecosystem-driven potential growth model.

% allocation towards the segment across our select equity schemes

Name of the scheme	Bajaj Finserv Flexi	Bajaj Finserv	Bajaj Finserv Multi
	Cap Fund	Consumption Fund	Cap Fund
% to NAV	3.24%	7.81%	7.86%

Source: Annual reports of Asian Paints Limited, Astral Limited, Kajaria Ceramics Limited, Cera Sanitaryware Limited, Century Plyboard India Limited of FY25.

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Bajaj Finserv Consumption Fund

An open ended equity scheme following consumption theme

This product is suitable for investors who are seeking*:

• wealth creation over long term

• to invest predominantly in equity and equity related instruments of companies that are likely to benefit directly or indirectly from the domestic consumption led demand.

*Investors should consult their financial advisers if in doubt about whether the product is suitable for them

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Bajaj Finserv Flexi Cap Fund

An open ended equity scheme investing across large cap, mid cap, small cap stocks.



Bajaj Finserv Multi Cap Fund

An open ended equity scheme investing across large cap, mid cap, small cap stocks

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• wealth creation over long term

• to invest predominantly in equity and equity related instruments of large cap, mid cap, small cap companies.

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Mutual Fund investments are subject to market risks, read all scheme related documents carefully.