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Just 5 questions...



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**Will the global gloom impact
Indian markets on Monday?**

I don't think the global markets would impact. Sometimes we see a correlation. But, last couple of weeks we have seen decoupling. Majority of the emerging markets have decoupled. Globally, markets have run up last week. Indian markets, too, have gained around 1,000 points and would now consolidate. Mid-caps would continue to see huge buying interest.

Anything to be cautious about in 2008?

Some small- and mid-cap stocks are surging even though they have no justification for the rise. Investors should not buy without considering the fundamentals of the stock. There is some euphoria in these stocks, which could hurt investors.

What sectors would work well in 2008?

Apart from the usual sectors such as banks, capital goods, power, realty, infrastructure and oil, sectors such as education, alternative energy, water and mining & metals. Mining is a huge sector globally and in 2008, it would see tremendous visibility as a lot of companies are likely to get listed.

Your take on the market in December?

FII's were big sellers. Probably they would have booked some profits and taken something off the table. Domestic liquidity, too, chipped in. More importantly, we saw the return of mid-caps. Some stocks and sectors have moved up in bad times and have given phenomenal returns.

What changes would the new year bring?

The new year would be a continuation of the India-growth story. Global investors would look at India as a growing investment destination. India would become more visible. There is huge global liquidity waiting to be invested and domestic liquidity, too, is waiting. Equity investments should be reasonable in 2008.