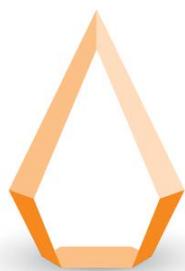


**Sumitomo Mitsui Asset Management wins  
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In the category Equity India for its performance over 3years

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