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Trump-Musk Breakup: A Predictable Fallout

Devina Mehra in an interview to ET Now describes the fallout between Donald Trump and Elon Musk as a very predictable outcome. She compares it humorously to a situation any relationship counsellor or even a pastor could have foreseen ending badly. Just days ago, Musk was singing Trump's praises, and now he's calling for impeachment, accusing Trump of forgetting the support and money he received. Devina believes the feud will only get uglier from here.



Tesla's Slide & EV Sector Risk

Tesla has already taken a hit with a 14% drop in its stock price. Devina points out that this is not just about political drama but deeper supply chain risks tied to China. Since China dominates the rare earth element market, the global EV industry is vulnerable. She notes Tesla's volatility and news-driven nature as reasons why her global funds have stayed away from the stock, calling it high-risk in nature.



Indian Markets: Stay Invested, Stay Selective

Devina recalls advising investors back in March to invest even as market sentiment was low. Now, with the Nifty rising from around 22,000 levels, her message remains clear—stay invested. She emphasizes that missing just the top 10 days in the market can drastically reduce your returns. This is not the time to be sitting out. Instead, focus on large-cap, fundamentally strong, sector-specific stocks.



Going Global: Beyond the US Playbook

In her book, Devina advocates global diversification, but not by simply buying into US indices or big-name tech stocks. Her funds have been underweight the US since January and are instead overweight on Europe, China, and slightly on India. Fixed income was added earlier this year, though it remains volatile. Strategic rebalancing has increased positions in pharma, auto components, and FMCG sectors.



Strategic Allocation for 2025

Looking ahead, Devina highlights overweight positions in pharma, auto components, and FMCG. She notes that even though banks have seen some increase in allocation, her funds are still underweight in that space. The emphasis is on regional and sectoral balance, with a cautious approach to fixed income. For long-term performance, she stresses the importance of global diversification and regular rebalancing.