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### Market Update

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### **Global and Indian Economy**

- October was a volatile month for markets, with equities moving lower after a strong rally during the first nine months of the year. Japanese equity market outperformed other markets during the month. Returns for Oct'24: S&P: -1%, Nikkie: +3.06%, Hang Seng: -3.86%, NIFTY: -6.22%.
- US GDP reported a growth 2.8% for the September quarter which was broadly in line with the expectations. However, employment data was weak. The non-farm payroll for October month showed addition of 12,000 jobs as compared to expectations of 100,000.
- India's trade deficit swung from the second-highest absolute print on record of \$29.7bn in August to a five-month low of \$20.8bn in September. August spike was driven by an idiosyncratic jump in gold imports which normalised in September .
- India's index for industrial production for the month of August came in below expectations at -0.1% yoy versus expectations of 1% growth.
- Banking system credit growth continued its moderating trend and came at 11.5% YoY while deposit growth improved to 12.1%.

## Fixed Income and Equities

- India's Consumer Price Inflation (CPI) for Sept'24 came in above expectations, at 5.5% yoy, underpinned by higher-than-expected food prices. With food prices continuing to rise during October, CPI for October is expected to be 5.8-6% yoy.
- Crude prices remain volatile, after declining by 8.9% in Sept' 24, Brent crude rose by 2% during Oct'24.
- The benchmark 10-year G-Sec yield rose by 10 basis points during the month to close at 6.85%. This rise was due to higher domestic inflation and rise in global yields.
- Corporate earnings season for Q2 started with slowdown in earnings growth versus market expectations. As a result, earnings growth for full year now expected to be at 5% as compared to earlier expectation of 10-11%.
- The Nifty 50 index ended the month at 24,205 (-6.2%), marking its worst fall since the COVID-19 crash. Small-caps and mid-caps continued to dip, falling by 3.8%/8.0%, respectively, while large-caps fell by 7.3%. Combination of slowdown in earnings, FPI outflows led to fall in markets during the month.
- FPIs recorded their highest ever monthly outflow and ended the month with a net selling of USD 10.4bn (versus net buying of USD 5.9bn in Sept'24). FPIs were sellers in the debt market too at USD 0.7bn (following a buying of USD 2.3bn in Sept'24). DIIs remained net buyers for the 14th consecutive month with a record inflow of \$12.8bn in Oct (vs +\$3.8bn in Sep).

Sources: BSE, NSE, SEBI, RBI, Morning Star, Bloomberg, Reuters, Economic Times, Business Standard and CRISIL

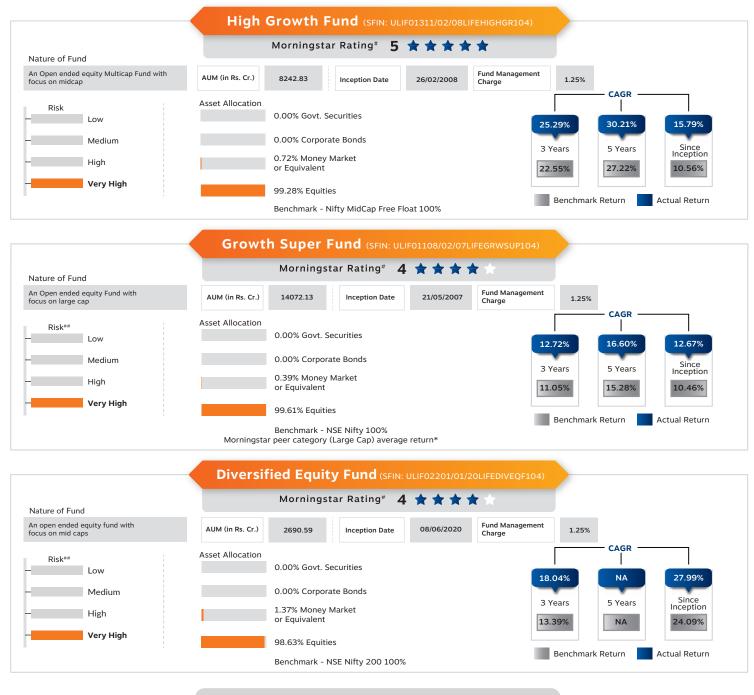
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## MAX LIFE FUND SNAPSHOT

Total Asset Under Management (AUM) as on 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2024 : ₹1,67,888 Crores

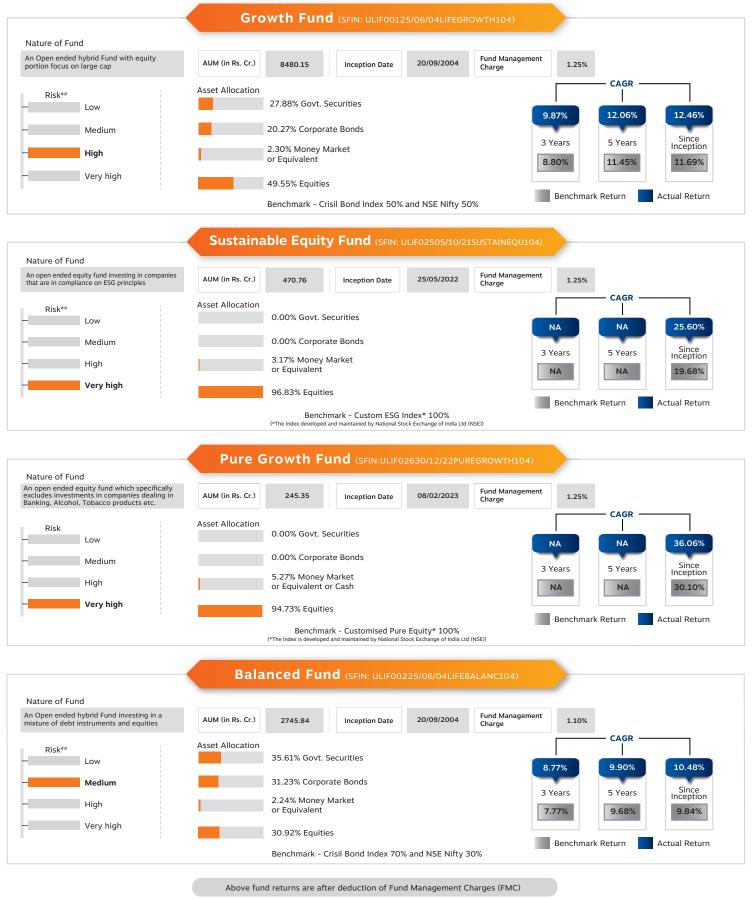


Above fund returns are after deduction of Fund Management Charges (FMC)

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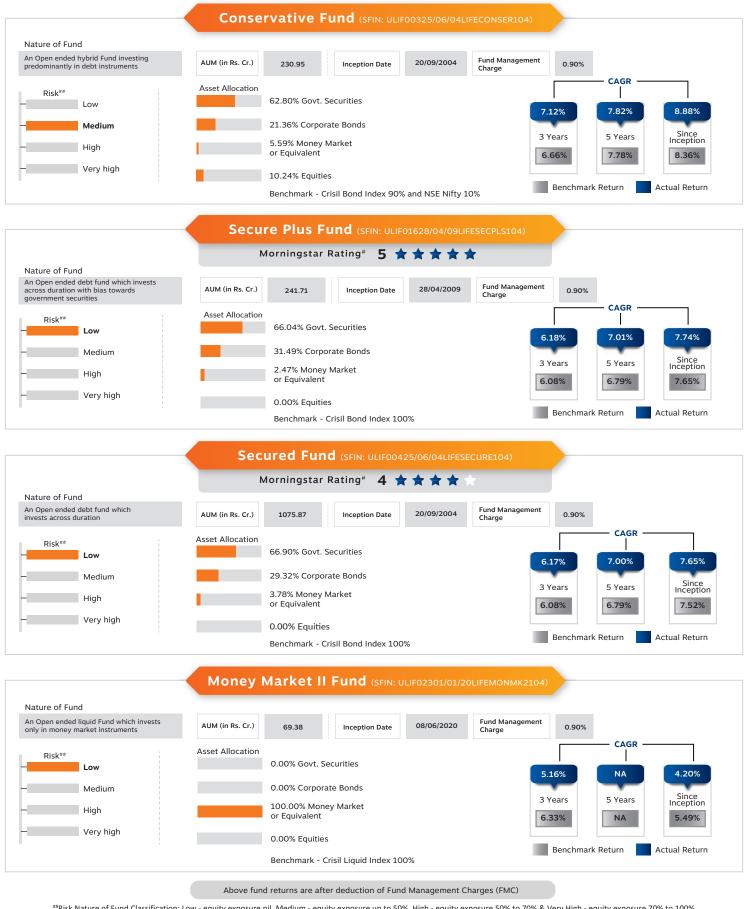




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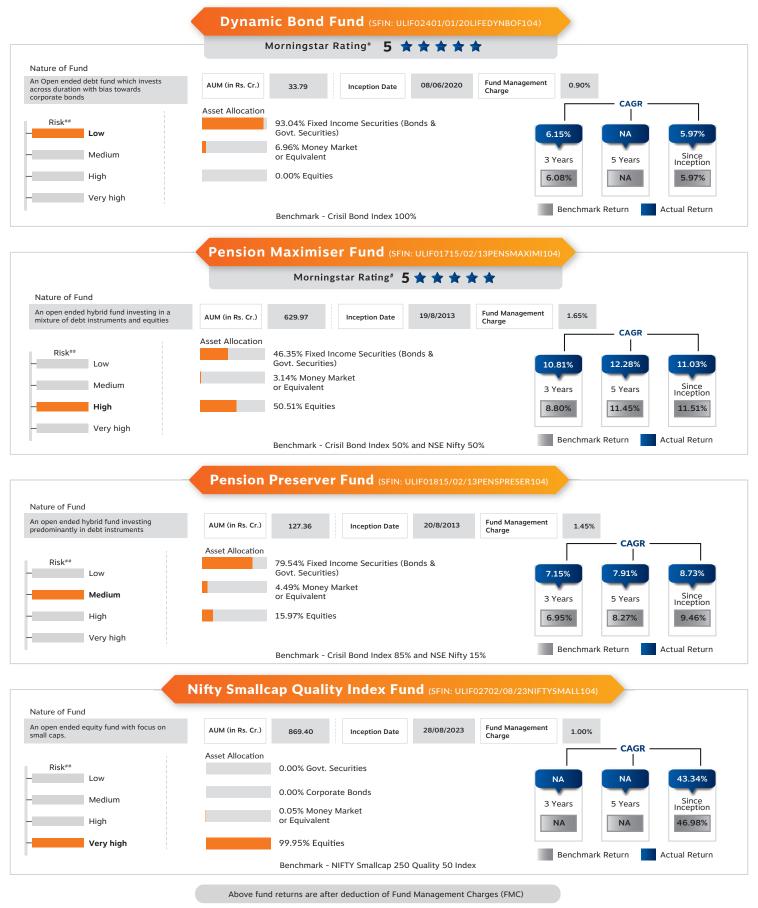




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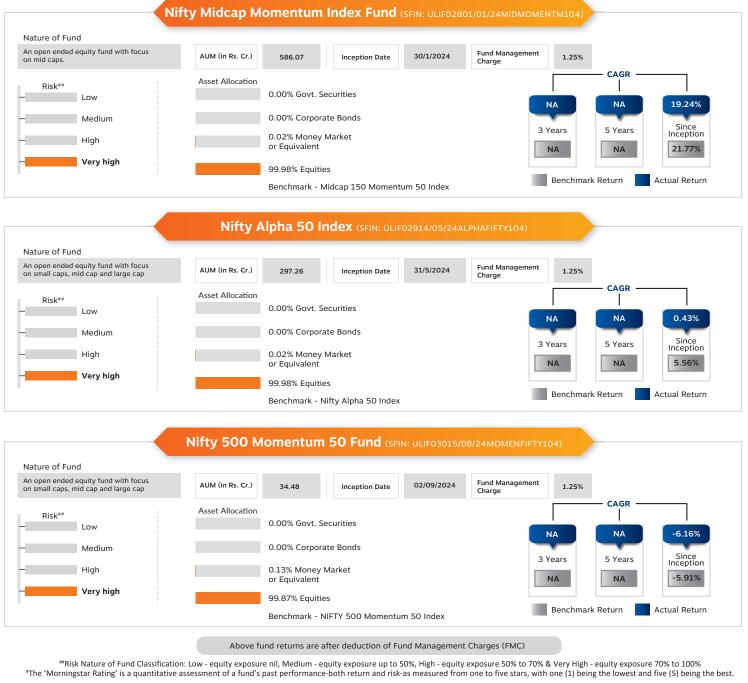




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