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### Market Update

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### **Global and Indian Economy**

- Global equity markets continued its upward trend in July, with the exception of China and Japan, which saw a decline. US S&P 500: +1.1%, Nikkei: -1.2%, Shanghai Composite: -1%, and Nifty: +3.9%.
- The US Federal Reserve (FOMC) maintained benchmark interest rates unchanged in its July review. Based on the recent data and expectations, Fed Chair Powell signalled that a September rate cut is a reasonable base.
- For India, Industrial Production (IIP) grew by 5.9% in May'24 accelerating from 5.0% previously. Sectoral classification shows manufacturing activity increased 4.6% (3.9%), mining increased 6.6% (6.8%) and electricity production increased 13.7% (10.2%).
- Bank credit growth for Jun'24 moderated to 13.9% YoY versus 17% in May'24 (ex- HDFC merger). Personal loan growth moderated to 18% YoY versus peak 27% recorded in Mar'23.
- For July, Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) saw net inflows, with USD 3.87bn in Indian equities and USD 2.67bn in debt, whereas Domestic Institutional Investors (DIIs) bought US\$2.8 bn.
- Brent Crude declined by 6.5% MoM in July, broadly reversing the upward trend seen in June. In precious metals, gold prices saw a sharp uptick by 6.7% while silver narrowed the decline to 1.55%.

# Fixed Income

- Headline consumer price inflation (CPI) for Jun'24 came at 5.1% YoY versus 4.8% in May'24. Core inflation (ex-energy and food) dropped to another record low of 3.1% YoY.
- The FY25 Union Budget delivered a prudent balance between capital expenditure, fiscal prudence and welfarism. The Govt. continued its focus on fiscal consolidation with fiscal deficit as % GDP target at 5-5.1% for FY25 and 4.5% for FY26.
- In its June'24 review, the RBI Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) kept the policy rates and the stance unchanged. The MPC increased the real GDP growth forecast for FY25 by 20 basis points to 7.2% while inflation forecast for FY25 was kept unchanged at 4.5%.
- Benchmark 10-year Govt. security yield averaged at 6.97% in July (marginally down from 7.0% in Jun'24). The 10-year yield ended the month at 6.93%.

# **Equities**

- Indian markets ended the month at a new high, gaining 4% amid volatile sessions due to Budget.
- NIFTY Midcap and small-cap were up 5.8% and 4.5% in the month respectively.
- NIFTY 50 companies delivered profit growth of 24% in FY24 versus estimate of 16% in the beginning of the fiscal.
- On a high base of FY24, we expect the Nifty EPS CAGR over the next two years to slowdown but remain in double digit growth of 13.7%.

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

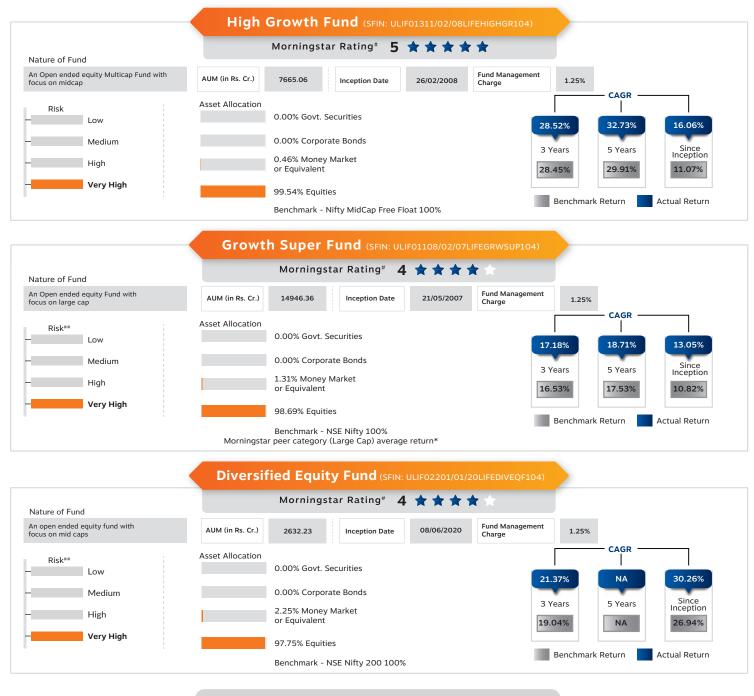
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## MAX LIFE FUND SNAPSHOT

Total Asset Under Management (AUM) as on 31st July, 2024 : ₹1,64,759 Crores

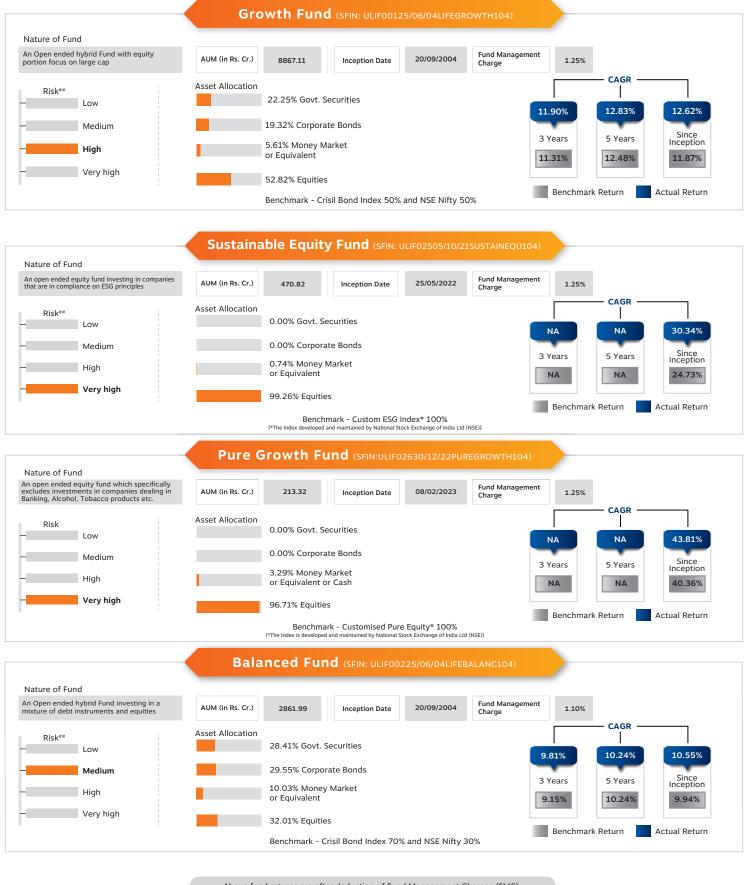


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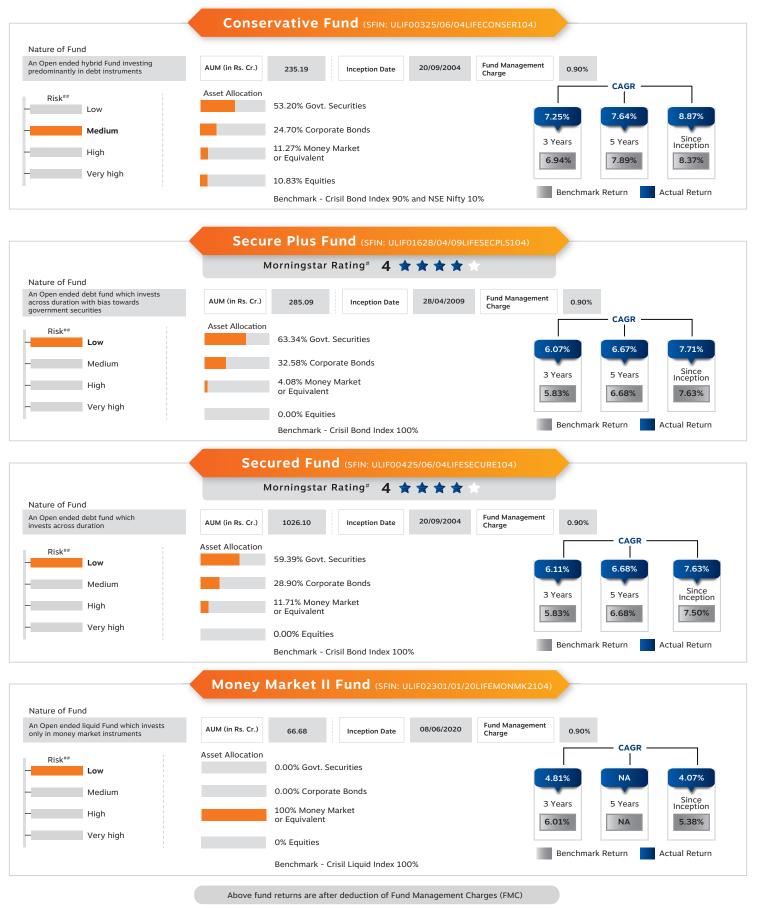


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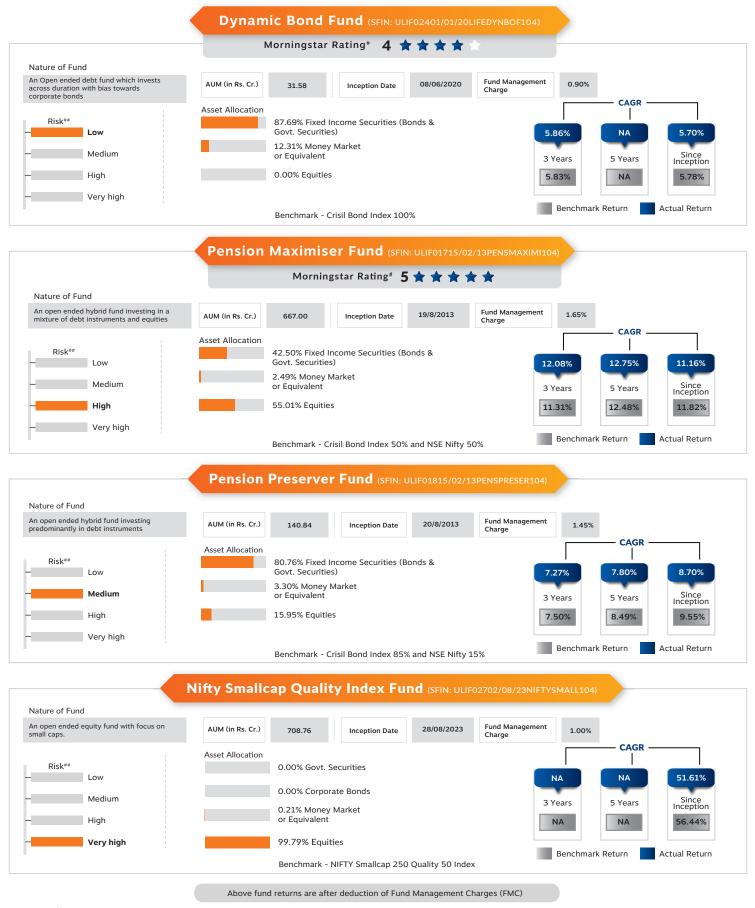




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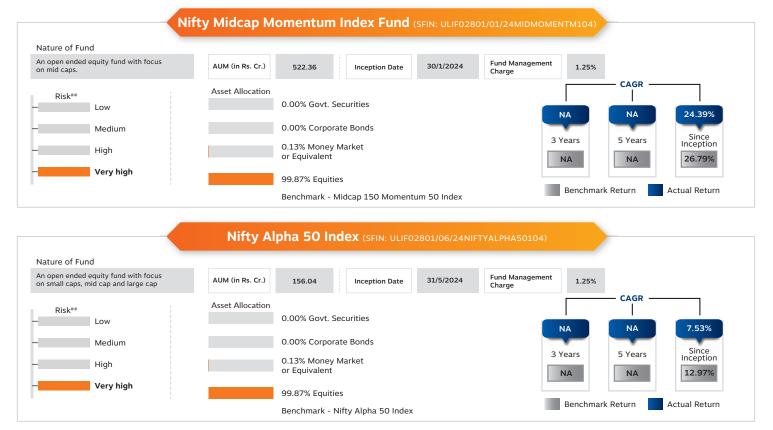




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