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Market Update

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Global and Indian Economy

- As per the latest world economic outlook, IMF has raised global growth to 3.3% from 3.2% mainly due to better growth prospect of USA and China. India's growth outlook has been maintained at 6.5%.
- The Federal Reserve kept interest rates unchanged in its Jan review. US benchmark bond yield remains elevated due to a) fewer rate cuts in future compared to earlier expectations and b) policies under the new President being viewed as inflationary.
- For the month of January, performance of Asian equity markets was mixed, whereas US and European markets delivered positive returns. For the month, US S&P 500: 2.7%, Eurostoxx 8.0%, Nikkei: -0.8%, Shanghai Composite: -3%, and Nifty50: -0.6%.
- After a sharp rise of 8% during Oct-Dec'24, the dollar index stabilised during the past month.
- India's statistical office estimated FY25 GDP at 6.4% versus 8.2% for FY24. Further, economic survey, estimated FY26 growth to be in the range of 6.3%-6.8%.
- The merchandise trade deficit for India, was \$21.94 billion for Dec'24, widening from the \$19.8 billion in the corresponding period last year, but below expectations of \$27.3 billion.
- In Jan' 25, Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPI) sold \$ 8.9 bn in equities and purchased \$1.3 bn in debt.



Fixed Income

- CPI inflation for December softened to 5.2% from 5.5% in November. WPI inflation for December was at 2.4% yoy compared to 1.9% in November. CPI for Jan'25 is expected to fall further to below 5% due to sharp drop in food items during the month.
- In its latest budget announcement, the Government has set a fiscal deficit target of 4.4% of GDP for FY26. The primary objective of the budget is to achieve fiscal consolidation while fostering economic growth.
- The Reserve Bank of India announced series of measures on the liquidity front. These measures aim to address the liquidity needs of the banking system and ensure smooth functioning of financial markets.
- As a result of above announcements and expectations of rate cuts in the future, the yield on benchmark 10-year Government Security fell by 8 basis points during the month to close at 6.70%.



Equities

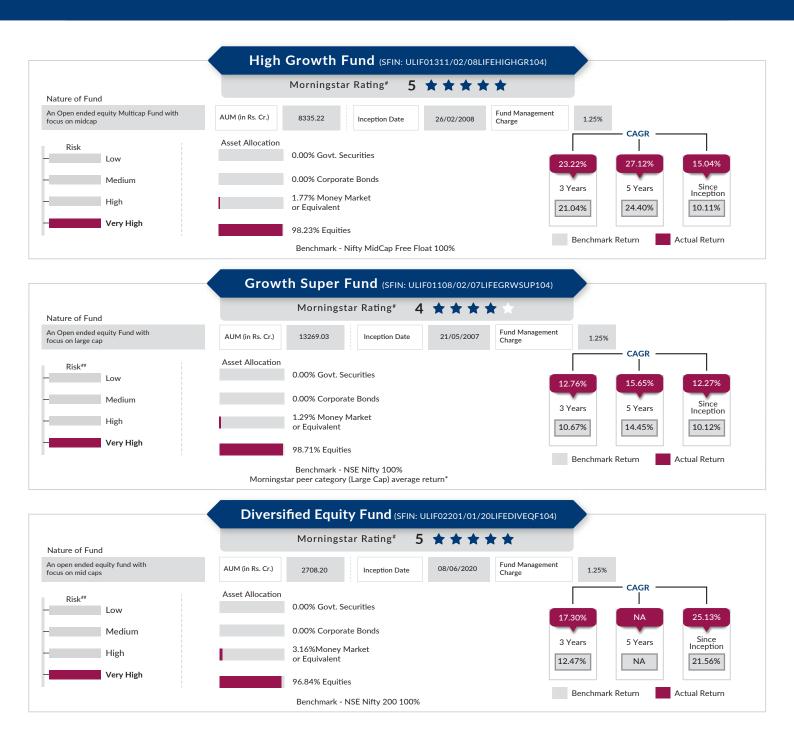
- The Nifty50 index declined by 0.6% during the month, registering its fourth consecutive monthly loss. Mid-cap and small-cap indices experienced sharper declines, falling 6% and 10%, respectively.
- With respect to sector-wise performance, most sectors ended in red, with Real estate, Consumer durables and Healthcare declining 13%, 10% and 8%, respectively.
- Thus far, the corporate results for Q3 have been mixed, with Consumer Discretionary, Banks, and IT sectors broadly meeting market and analysts' expectations.





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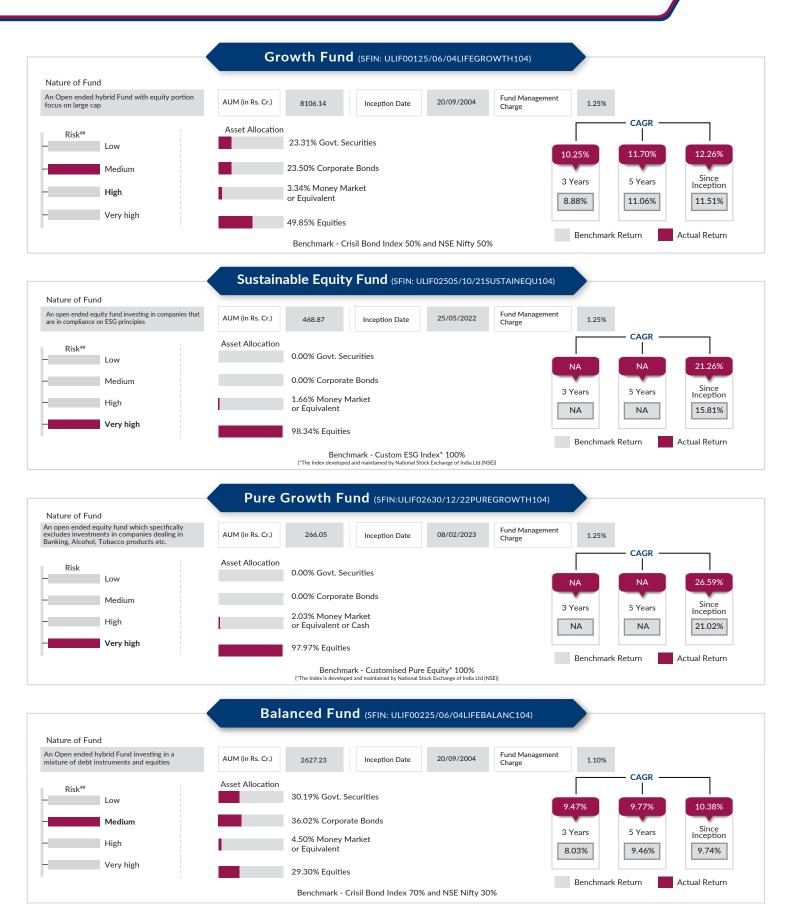
Total Asset Under Management (AUM) as on 31st January, 2025: ₹1,70,309 Crores*



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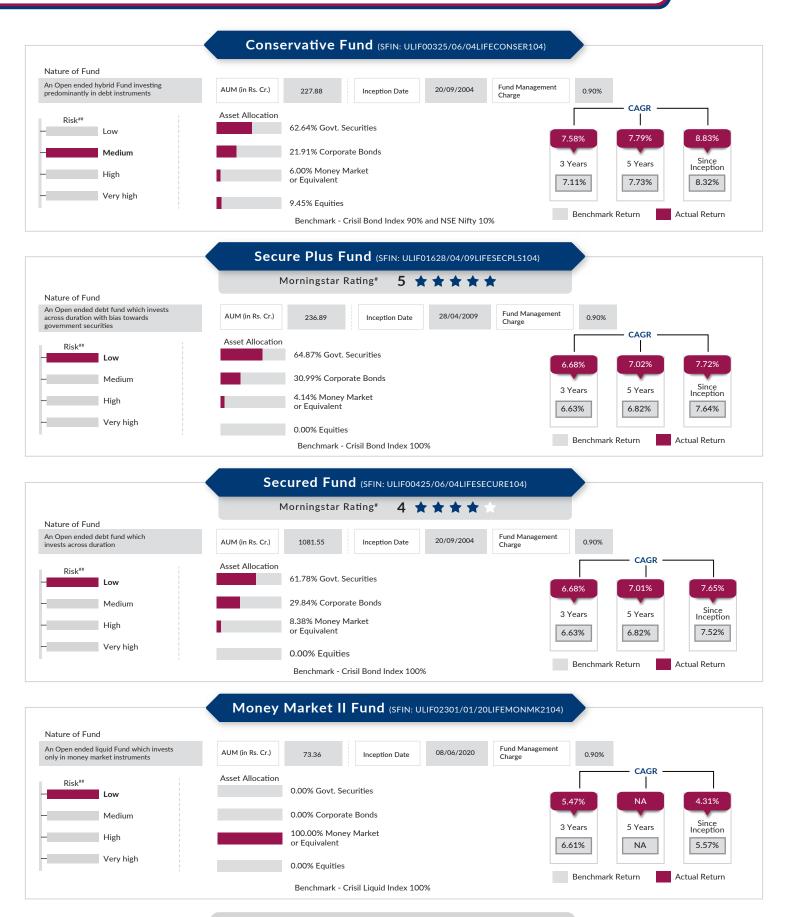


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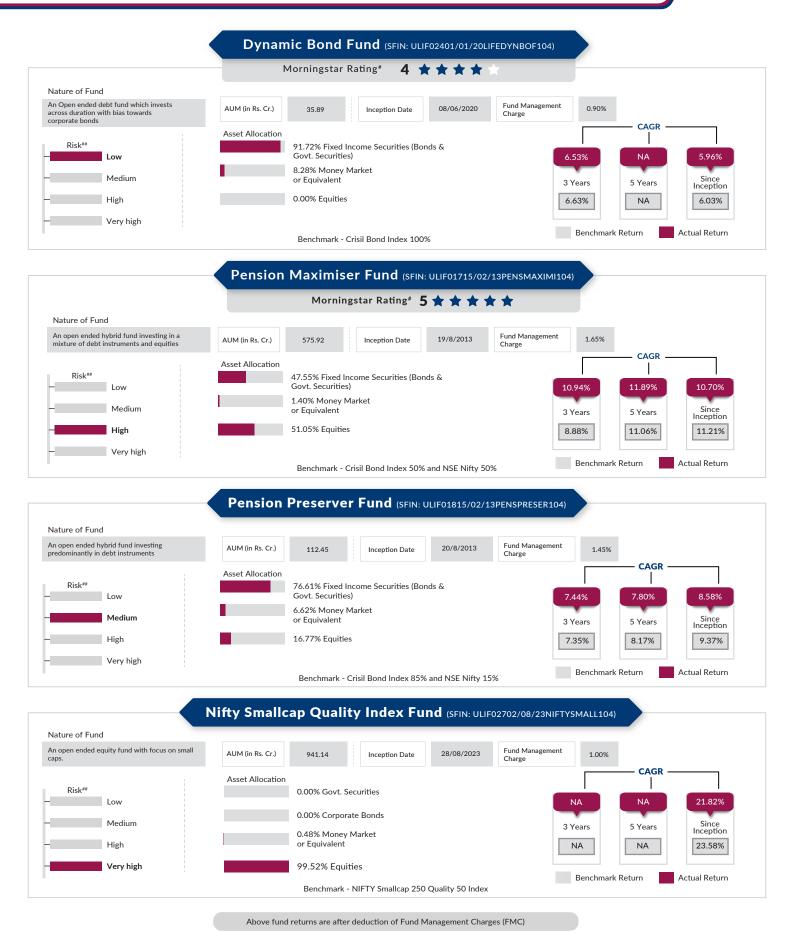




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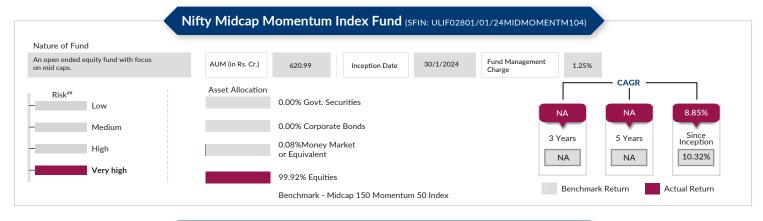
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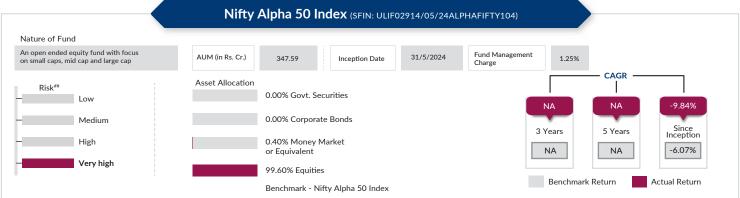


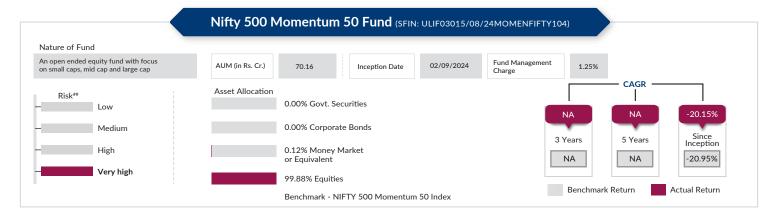


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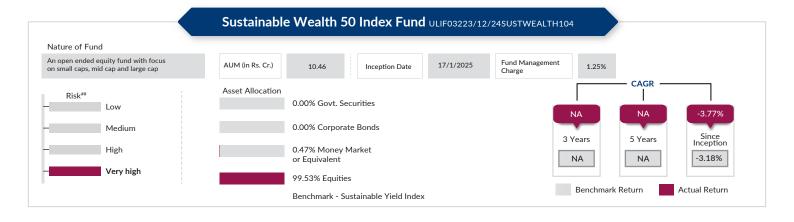




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