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Market Update

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Macroeconomic Summary

- Global equity markets posted gains for the month of Sept 2025. The markets were supported by easing monetary policy and resilient consumption. Major indices: S & P500: +3.5%, NIKKEI: +5.2%, Hang Seng: +7.1%, Nifty: 0.8%.
- The US Federal Reserve cut rates by 25bps, in line with market expectations, guided for one more rate cut in 2025.
- In India, the GST council implemented rate cuts effective 22nd Sept, reducing slabs to three (5%, 18%, 40%), aimed at boosting
 consumption and simplifying compliance.
- India's CPI inflation rose to 2.1% YoY in August, up from 1.6% in July. Sep 2025 CPI is expected at 1.5%.
- Index for Industrial Production (IIP) growth in August eased marginally to 4% from 4.3% in July, indicating some moderation in growth momentum post strong Q1FY26 GDP print of 7.8%.
- In commodities, brent crude fell by 1.6% during Sep 2025 as OPEC hinting to increase production. Gold surged 12%, hitting new highs amid central bank buying and stagflation concerns. Copper rose 7% due to supply disruptions.
- India's trade deficit remained elevated at USD 26.5bn for Aug 2025 (driven by a narrowing of oil deficit) tad lower than USD 27.4bn in July 2025.



Fixed Income

- India's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) unanimously held policy rates at 5.5%, in line with market expectations. The RBI revised up its GDP forecast for FY26 from 6.5% to 6.8% and marked down its CPI forecast from 3.1% to 2.6%.
- Fiscal deficit increased in Aug 2025 thus driving FYTD fiscal deficit to INR 6tn. In Aug 2025 income tax collection grew 48% YoY thus making up for the large deficit seen earlier in the year.
- India's 10-year benchmark Govt. security yield closed flat during the month at 6.57%. Over the past 3 months yields rose by 20bps due to supply demand mismatch.
- Indian rupee depreciated by 0.7% during the month, ending Sep 2025 at 88.79/USD due to tariff related concerns with US and persistent FPI outflows.



Equity

- The Nifty rose 0.8% in Sep 2025, recovering from August losses. Large caps outperformed, while mid and small caps declined 0.9% and 0.6%, respectively.
- Sectoral indices ended mixed. Metals, Auto and oil & gas indices were up 9%, 6% and 5%, whereas Consumer durables, IT and FMCG indices
 declined 5%, 3% and 2%.
- FPI (Foreign Portfolio Investor) equity outflows totalled \$2.13bn, while FPI debt inflows were \$1.22bn. DII inflows remained strong, supporting markets and bought USD 7.4bn.
- Large part of inflows directed towards new issuances as capital market activity surged. There were 25 mainboard IPOs and 53 SME IPOs launched in Sep 2025, raising over \$1.8bn collectively.

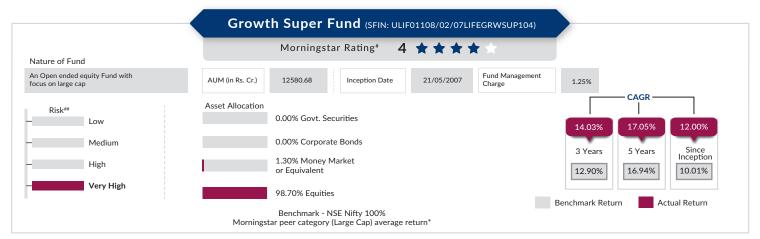


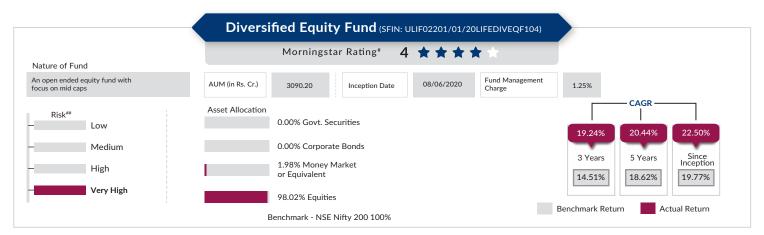


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Total Asset Under Management (AUM) as on 30th September 2025: ₹1,85,335 Crores*



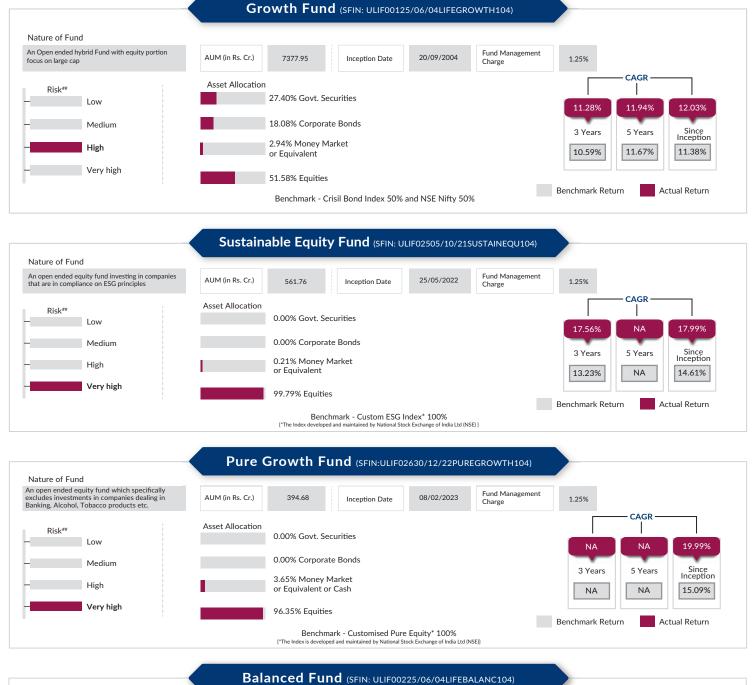




Above fund returns are after deduction of Fund Management Charges (FMC) $\,$

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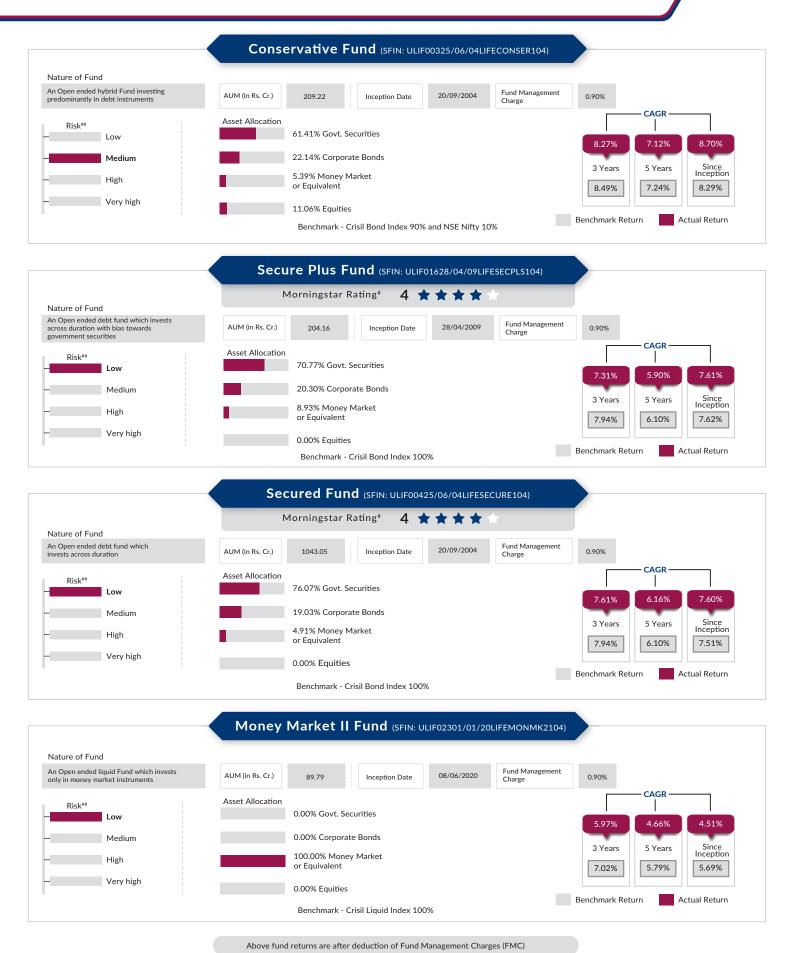






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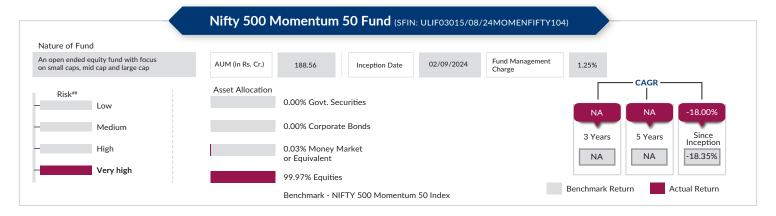


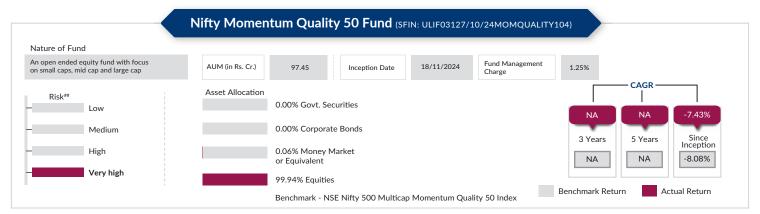
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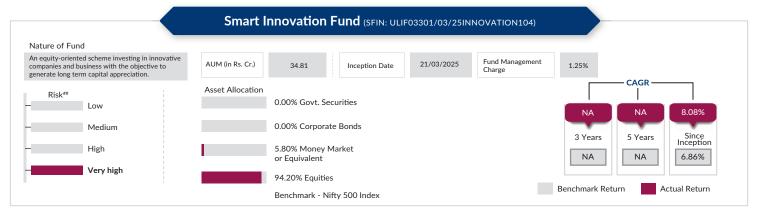


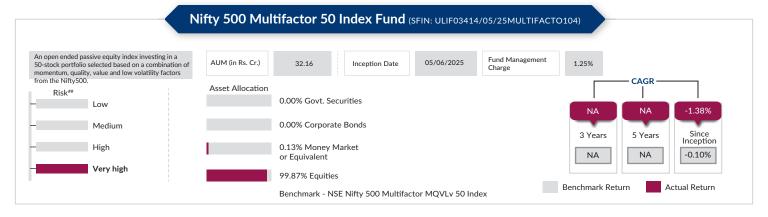


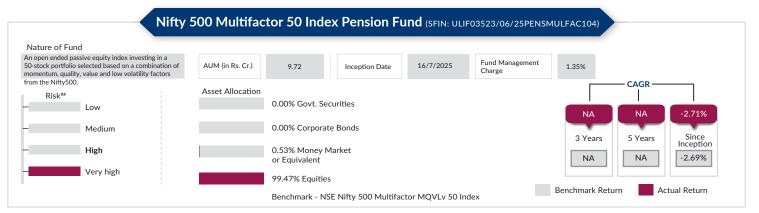
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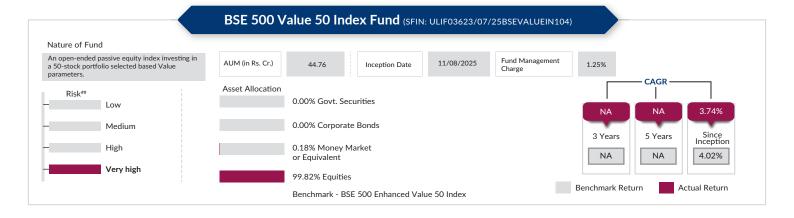


















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