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Market Update

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Macroeconomic Summary

- Global equities extended gains in October as dovish policy signals and easing US-China trade tensions lifted sentiment. Major indices: Korea + 19.9%, NIKKEI: +16.6%, S&P500: +2.3%, Hang Seng: -3.5%, Nifty: 4.5%.
- US-China tensions eased. US reduced headline tariffs on China from 57% to 47%; in return China is likely to resume farm and LNG purchases and ensure steady rare-earth exports for at least a year.
- The Federal Reserve cut rates by 25 bps for second consecutive meeting, lowering the federal funds target range to 3.75–4.00%, and ended balance-sheet runoff to inject liquidity.
- Commodities: Brent crude fell to USD 65/bbl amid surplus signals (2.9% decline). Gold prices rose by 3.7% and copper prices rose by 4.8%.
- In Oct 25, Composite PMI fell to 59.9 (versus 61.0 in Sep 25), while Manufacturing PMI rose to 58.4 (versus 57.7 in Sep 25)
- India's goods exports rose 6.8% YoY to USD 36.4bn in Sep`25, while services exports fell 3% YoY. Imports surged 16.7% YoY, widening the trade deficit to USD 32.2bn, despite strong export growth to China, UAE, and Hong Kong.



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%.
- Headline CPI moderated to 1.54% YoY in September, an 8-year low, driven by GST rate cuts and benign food inflation. Core CPI rose to 4.5%
 YoY due to elevated precious metal prices.
- The Centre's fiscal deficit stood at 36.5% of the Budget Estimates (BE) during the first half of FY26, higher than 29.4% of BE recorded in the same period last year. This reflects a faster pace of spending relative to revenue receipts.
- India's 10-year benchmark Govt. security yield declined by 4bpsto 6.53% in Oct 25.
- Indian rupee was volatile during the month due to RBI intervention but closed flat during the month at 88.7 to a dollar.



Equity

- Nifty rose 4.5% in Oct`25, supported by 1) robust festive demand, (2) renewed optimism around India-US trade deal and (3) decent 2QFY26 earnings.
- Mid-caps and small caps outperformed NIFTY gaining 5.8% and 4.7% respectively.
- All sectoral indices ended the month in the green. Sectoral performance: PSU Banks (+22.1%), Realty (+9.2%), IT (+6.1%), Metals (+5.7%) led gains. FMCG (+2.7%) and Auto (+1.0%) lagged.
- In Oct`25, FIIs turned net buyers with a buying of \$2.1bn (vs outflow of \$2.1bn in Sep`25). DIIs continued their strong buying momentum with inflows of \$5.9 bn (vs \$7.4bn in Sep`25). SIP inflows in Sep reached a record high of INR29,361cr (\$3.3bn)
- India's primary market witnessed its highest-ever IPO activity in a single month in October; there were 10 IPOs raising US\$5bn.





AXIS MAX LIFE FUND SNAPSHOT

Total Asset Under Management (AUM) as on 31st October 2025: ₹1,88,830 Crores*



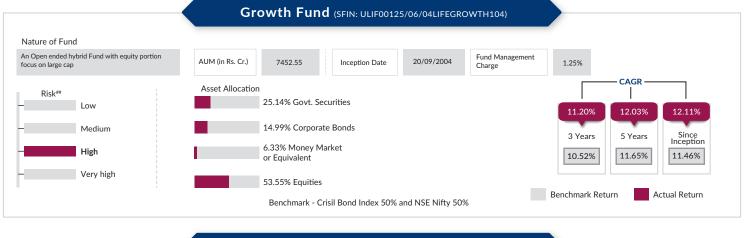




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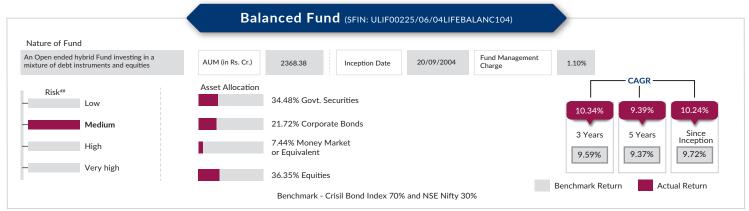
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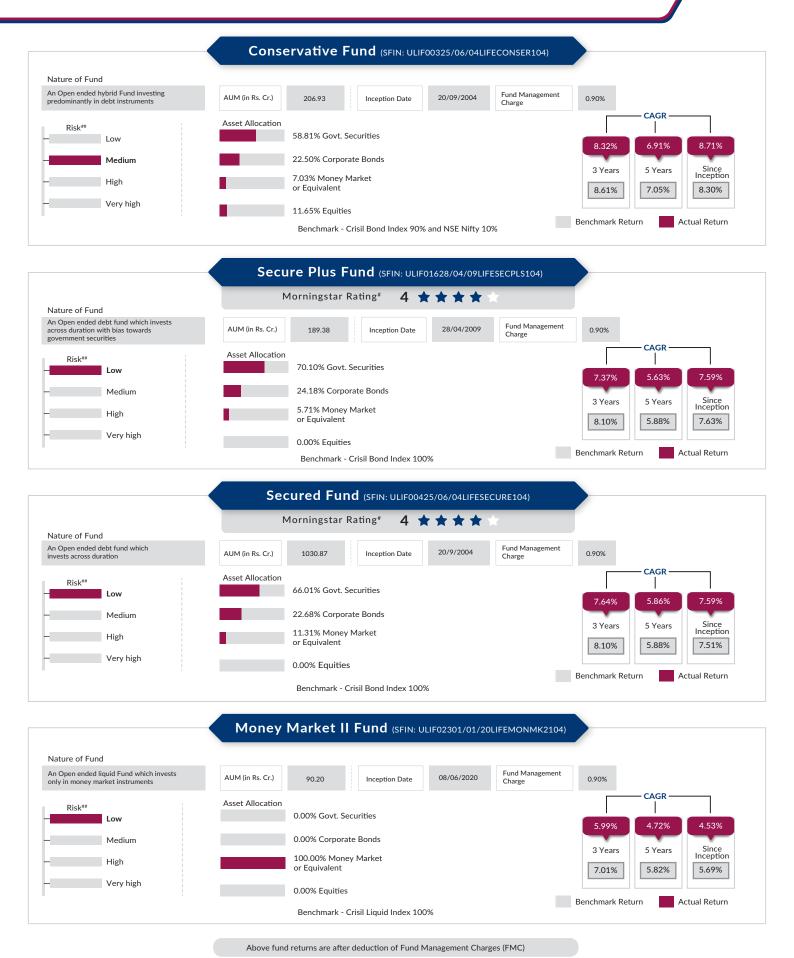






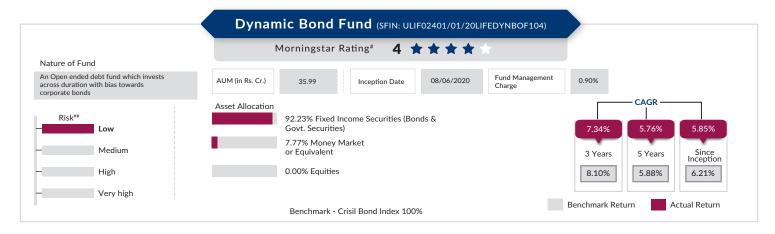
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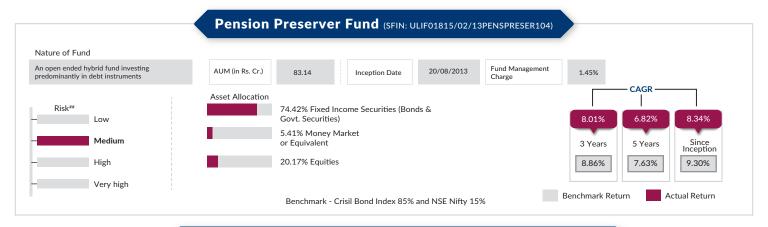


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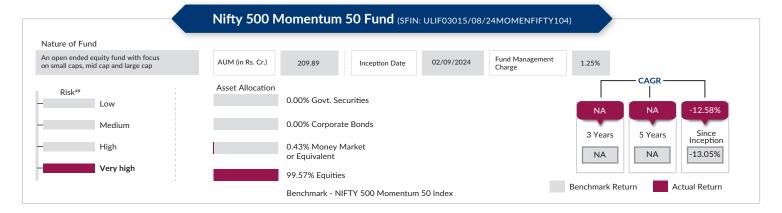


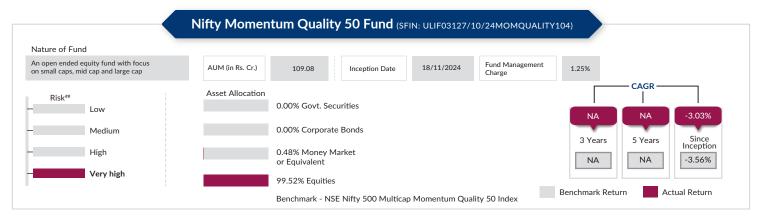
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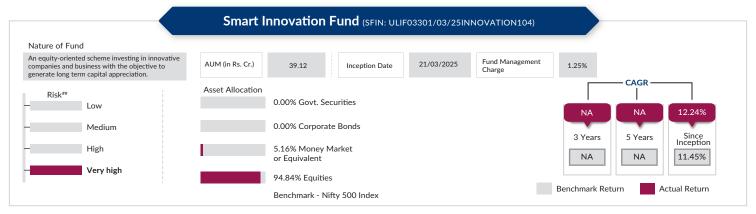


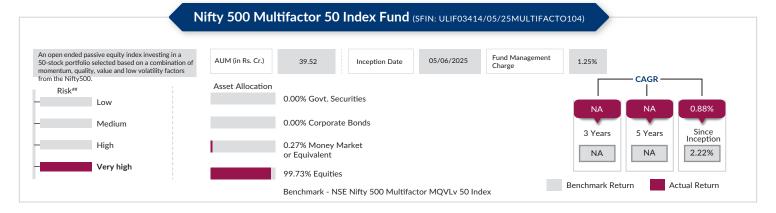


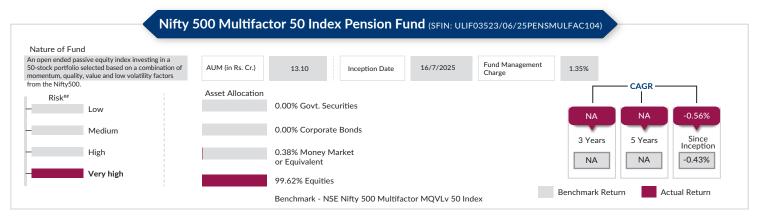
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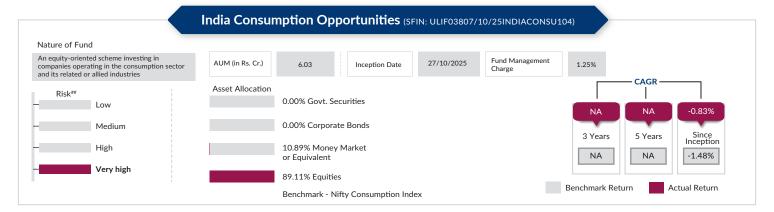




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