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Market Update

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Global and Indian Economy

- After a strong start to 2025, February saw some of the shine come off the US growth story. Growing uncertainty about the impact of the
 US administration's policy agenda weighed on both corporate and consumer sentiment in US as concerns around growth started to
 re-emerge.
- 10% tariff on all Chinese imports came into effect & 25% tariff on Mexican & Canadian imports are expected to come in Mar 25.
- US Federal Reserve maintained its "pause" stance in its FOMC meeting.
- After hitting a record high during the month, the S&P 500 closed down 1.4% in February due to growth concerns, tariff uncertainty and a sharp drop in technology stocks. Performance of Asian indices were mixed for the month. Shanghai Composite (+2.2%) and Hang Seng (+13.4%) were up, while Nifty (-5.9%) and Nikkei (-6.1%) declined.
- Commodity markets: CRB All Commodities index fell 0.5%, after a 1% rise in January. Brent crude prices fell 4.6% MoM. Gold continued its upward journey and was up 3% MoM.
- India's Q3FY25 GDP growth clocked 6.2%, in line with expectations, but better than Q2 (5.6%). Improvement in Q3 was led by consumption, both private (6.9%) and govt (8.3%), while Gross Fixed Capital Formation (GFCF) stayed middling (5.8%).
- Trade deficit widened to USD 23bn in Jan'25 from USD 21.9bn in Dec'24 due to higher non-oil non-gold deficit.
- In Union Budget, government maintained fiscal discipline by keeping fiscal deficit for FY25 at 4.8% (versus BE of 4.9%) and targeting FY26 fiscal deficit at 4.4%, lower than the glide path of 4.5% for FY26.



Fixed Income

- RBI MPC cut the repo rate by 25bps, to 6.25% from 6.5%, while keeping the stance 'neutral'. It also delayed the implementation of several regulatory norms (LCR/ECL/project financing norms). RBI announced a slew of liquidity infusion measures in response to sustained heavy system liquidity deficit thereby infusing ~Rs5.5trn of liquidity during February through various measures such as OMO (Open Market Operations) purchases, FX swaps and long-term VRRs (Variable Reverse Repo)
 - Headline CPI for Jan'25 came in at a five-month low of 4.3% (vs 5.2% in Dec'24), driven by continued sequential easing in food prices, especially vegetables.
- 10-year G-sec yield traded between 6.64%-6.73% during the month. It closed at 6.73% up 3 bps month on month



Equities

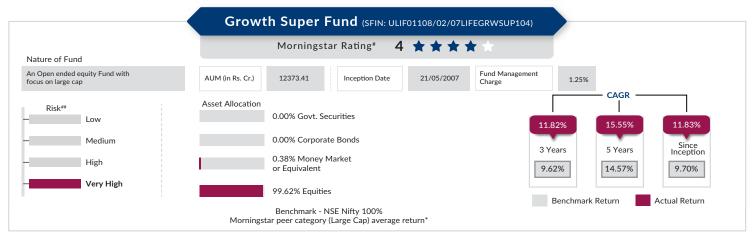
- The Nifty 50 index declined for the fifth consecutive month on the back of uncertainty around US trade tariffs, weaker than expected third quarter earnings and continued FPI selling.
- The Nifty 50 index declined 5.9%, while mid-cap and small-cap indices fared much worse, declining 10.8% and 13.1%, respectively in the month
- With respect to sector-wise performance, all sectors ended in red, with capital goods, PSU and realty declining 14.4%, 13.5% and 13.4%, respectively.
- FPIs sold approximately US\$ 5 Bn of Indian equities in the secondary market, whereas DIIs bought US\$6 bn during the month of February.

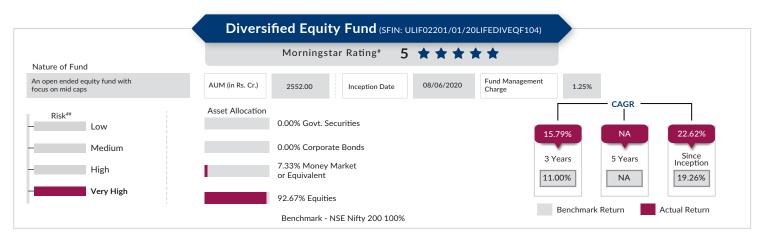


MAX LIFE FUND SNAPSHOT

Total Asset Under Management (AUM) as on 28th February, 2025 : ₹1,67,920 Crores*



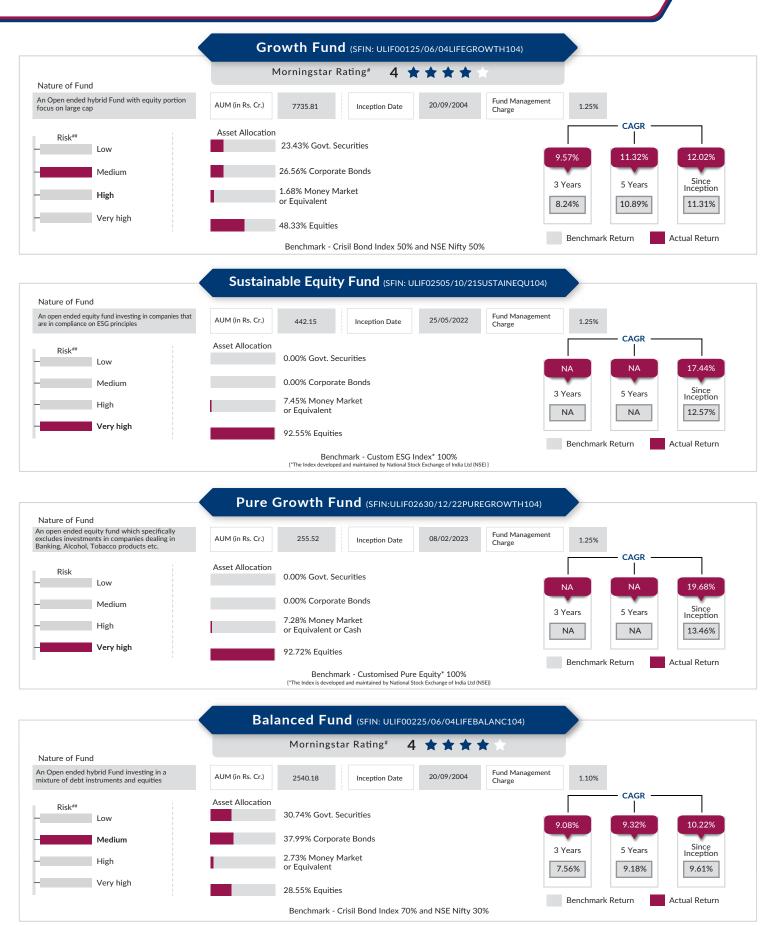




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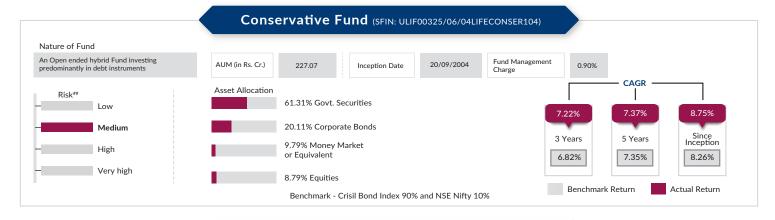


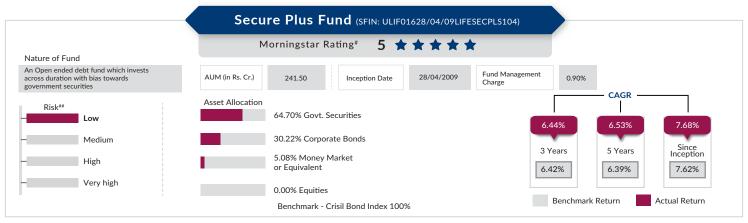


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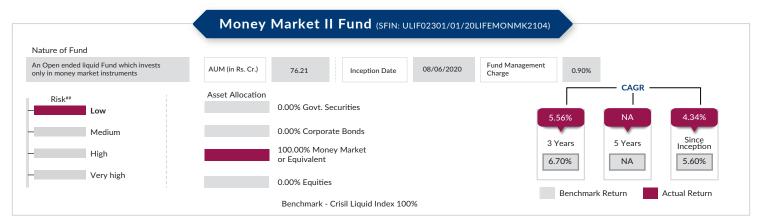
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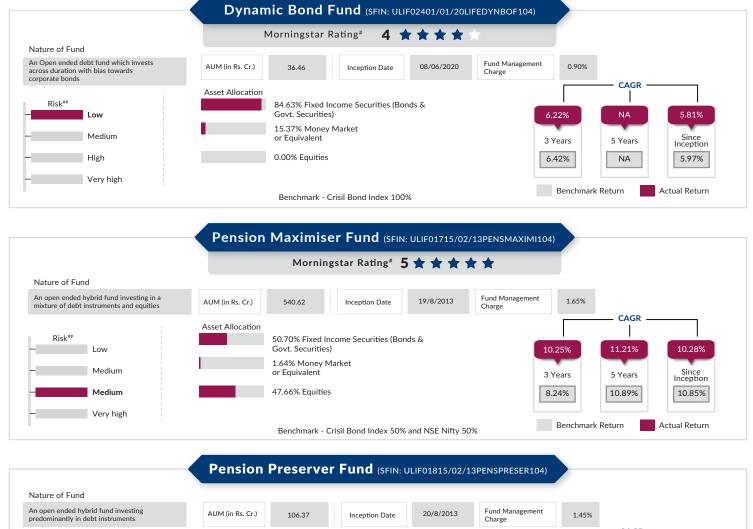




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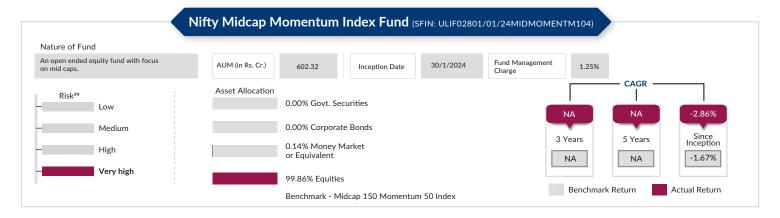




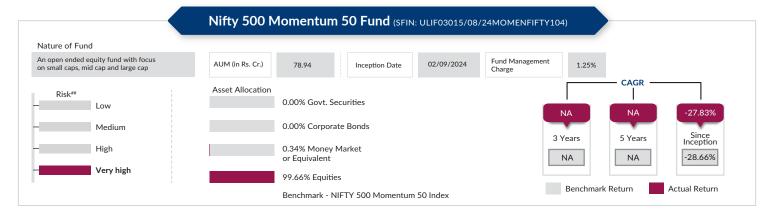
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