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Market Update

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Macro Summary

- The month of April started with US government announcing reciprocal tariffs for large number of countries. This announcement triggered significant market volatility, which prompted US government to postpone implementation of these tariffs by 90 days for most countries, with an exception to China where high tariff remains in place.
- Uncertainty around trade tariffs is leading to global trade slowing down and GDP growth forecasts getting downward revised across countries.
- Commodity markets: CRB All Commodities index rose by 2.4% during the month of April. OPEC+ decided to increase oil production, raising output by 0.4mn barrels per day. Brent price declined by 18% during the month.
- India's trade deficit widened to USD 21.54 bn. in Mar`25 from USD 14 bn. in Feb`25, driven by surge in imports, particularly oil and gold. Overall goods and services trade balance was in deficit of USD 3.63 bn. versus surplus of USD 4.43 bn. in Feb`25.
- Industrial product (IIP) growth was lower in Feb'25 to 2.9% from 5% in Jan'25 due to moderation in growth of manufacturing and mining sectors.
- Headline CPI softened to 3.34% in Mar'25 verses 3.6% in Feb'25, supported by lower vegetable prices, strong crop output and falling crude
 oil prices.
- USD/INR has strengthened to 84.50 from 85.46 supported by weaker dollar and stable CAD. Currency has been volatile in recent weeks, driven by geopolitical concerns.



Fixed Income

- In its April review, RBI MPC unanimously decided to cut the repo rate by 25bps to 6.0% and changed stance to "accommodative" from "neutral". This was the second consecutive cut after the cut in Feb policy.
- Further, RBI announced INR 2.45tn worth of Open Market Operations in which it will buy Govt bonds from the market.
- RBI issued the final guidelines for the Liquidity coverage ratio (LCR) framework, effective from 1st April 2026. The revised LCR norms are
 expected to reduce the additional liquidity buffers that banks would have been required to maintain under the initial guidelines issued in
 July 2024. According to estimates, this could free up bank liquidity by approximately INR 2.5 to 3.0 tn, thereby supporting credit growth in
 the banking sector
- 10-year benchmark Govt Securities traded between 6.36%-6.58%, declined by 22bps during the month because of rate cuts and OMO operations.



Equities

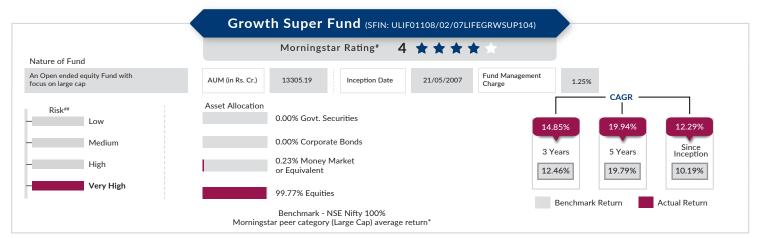
- Nifty gave positive return for the second consecutive month and was up 3.5%. Mid-cap and small-cap indices were up 4.7% and 2.2% respectively.
- Almost all sectors ended in green, except metals and IT, which declined 5.8% and 3%, respectively.
- Global markets ended mixed. Mexico, Indonesia and Australia were up 6%, 3.9% and 3.6%, respectively, whereas US (Dow), Hong Kong and Singapore declined 4.6%, 4.3% and 3.5%, respectively.

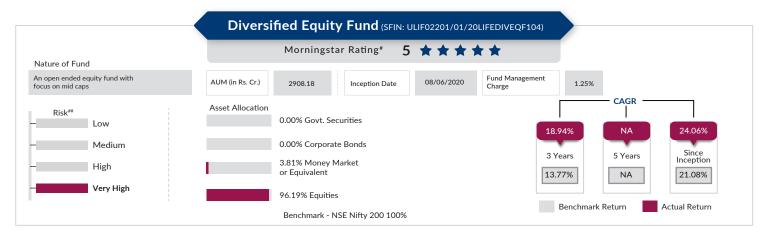


AXIS MAX LIFE FUND SNAPSHOT

Total Asset Under Management (AUM) as on 30th April 2025 : ₹1,77,842 Crores*



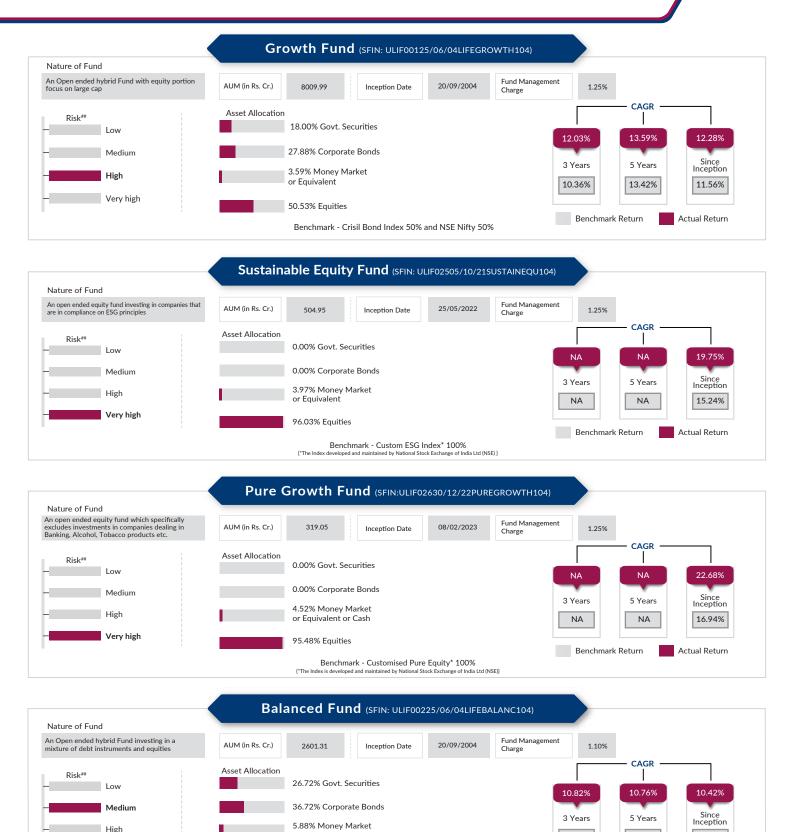




Above fund returns are after deduction of Fund Management Charges (FMC) $\,$

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or Equivalent

30.67% Equities

Very high

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Benchmark - Crisil Bond Index 70% and NSE Nifty 30%

9.40%

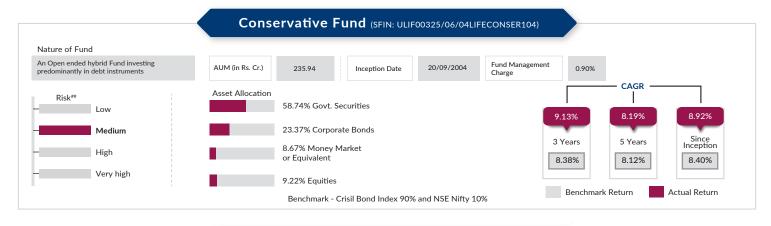
Benchmark Return

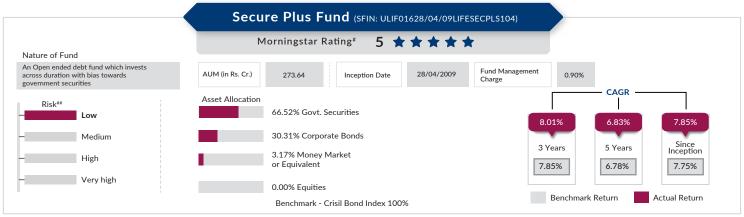
10.79%

9.80%

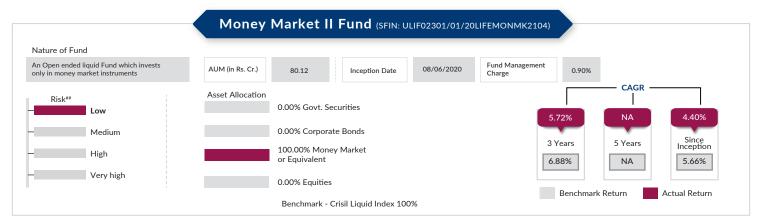
Actual Return





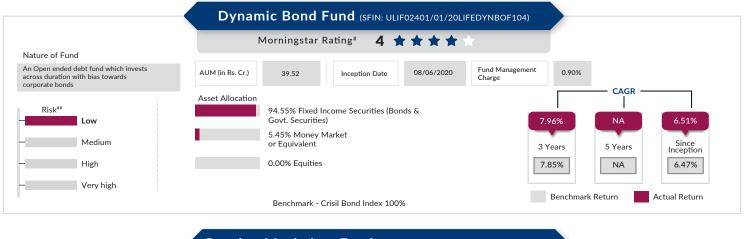






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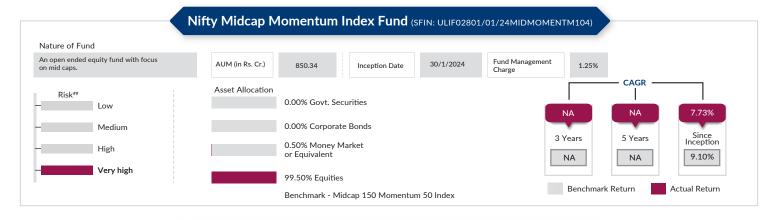


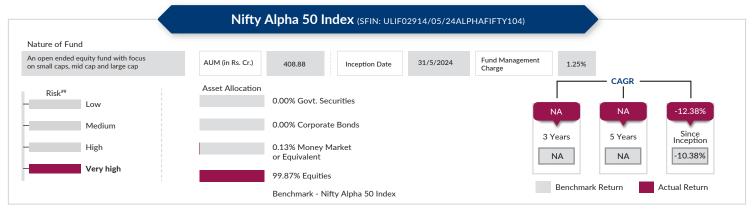


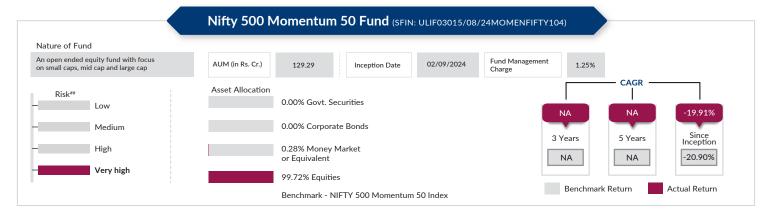


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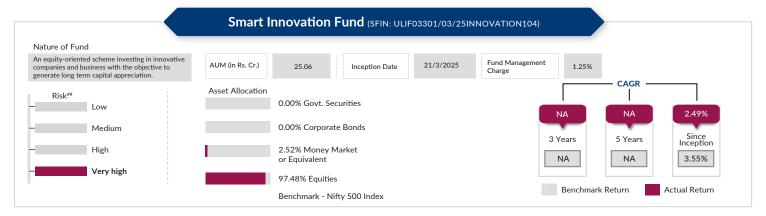


















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