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Market Update

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Macro Summary

- August saw divergent market trends as global investors weighed tech-driven optimism against escalating trade conflicts. US equities notched new highs while Asian markets were mixed. Market performance: S&P500: 1.91%, NIKIE: 4.01%, Hang Seng: 1.23%, NIFTY: -1.38%.
- The US Federal Reserve kept its policy rate unchanged in its Aug`25 meeting. In his late-August Jackson Hole address, Fed Chair Jerome Powell struck a balanced tone acknowledging that tariff-driven price pressures are a concern but also noting signs of cooling in the labour market.
- S&P Global Ratings upgraded India's sovereign credit rating to 'BBB' from 'BBB-'. This follows S&P's revision of India's outlook to positive in May`24.
- On 15th August address, PM Modi announced overhaul of GST tax framework to reduce the current four slabs (5%, 12%, 18%, 28%) to two (5%, 18%). The changes in tax rates to ease compliance and to support consumption.
- After imposing a 25% tariff on imports from India on July 30, the US imposed additional 25% "secondary tariffs" which came into effect from 27th Aug`25.
- Brent crude fell by 6.08% in Aug`25. Gold continued its run higher and rose by 4.80% during the month. Dollar Index (DXY) fell by 2.20% to 98.78.
- Real GDP records sharp recovery in Q1FY26, at 7.8%, exceeding expectations of 6.8%, helped by lower GDP deflator as nominal GDP grew by 8.8%. Real GVA growth increased to 7.6% from 6.8% in previous quarter.



Fixed Income

- India's Monetary Policy Committee maintained repo rate at 5.5% in Aug`25 MPC meeting. FY26 growth projection was retained at 6.5% but inflation for FY26 was revised down from 3.7% to 3.1%.
- India's CPI fell further to 1.6% YoY in Jul`25, driven by food price deflation and high base effects.
- India's 10-year G-sec yield rose sharply from 6.37% to 6.57% in the month of Aug`25 (+20bps MoM).
- Indian rupee depreciated by 0.7% MoM due to India US trade related tensions, ending Aug'25 at 88.20/USD.



Equities

- The Nifty declined 1.4% in August. Sentiment remained cautious following the implementation of steep US tariffs on Indian goods. Mid-cap. and small-cap indices underperformed large-cap. and were down 2.9% and 4.1%, respectively.
- Consumption-oriented sectors saw a rally on the Government's plan for rationalization of GST. Sectors such as Auto and Consumer durables were up 5.8% and 2%, respectively while Oil & Gas, Power and Real estate were down 4.7%, 4.6% and 4.5%, respectively.
- FPI flows continue to be negative for second month running with US\$4.3 bn of outflows from Indian equities in Aug`25, whereas DIIs bought US\$10.8 bn.

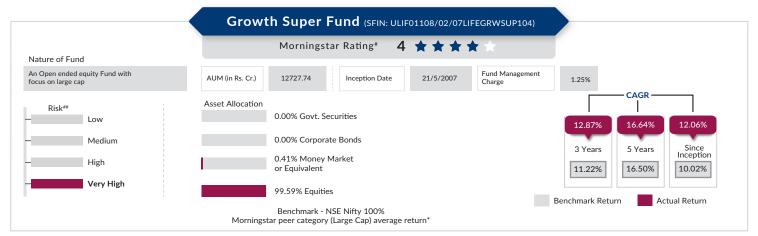


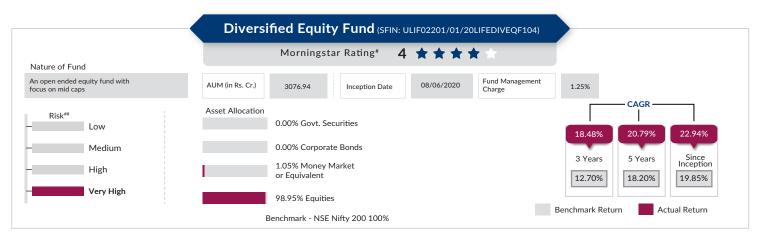


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Total Asset Under Management (AUM) as on 29th August 2025: ₹1,82,599 Crores*



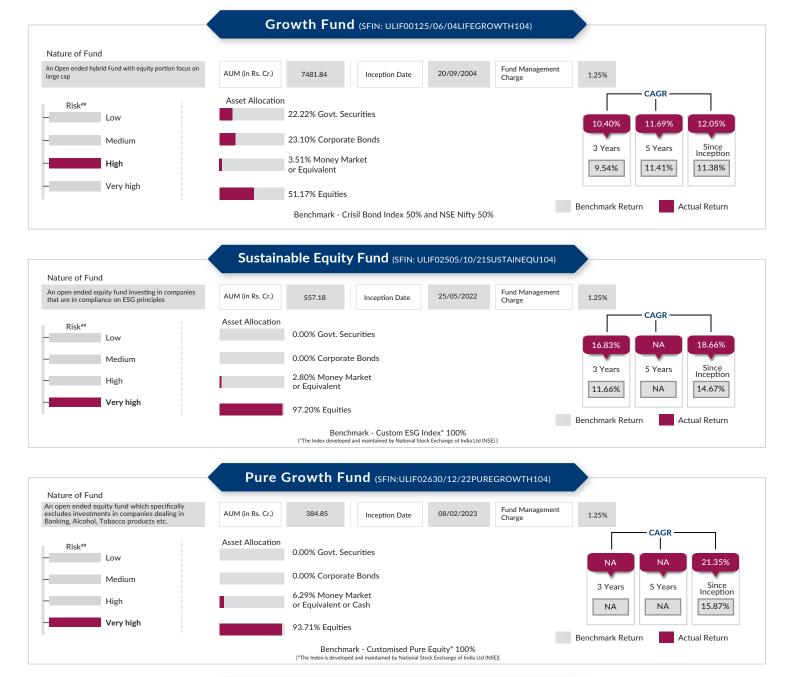


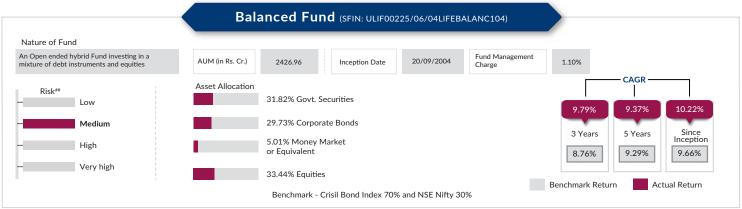


Above fund returns are after deduction of Fund Management Charges (FMC)

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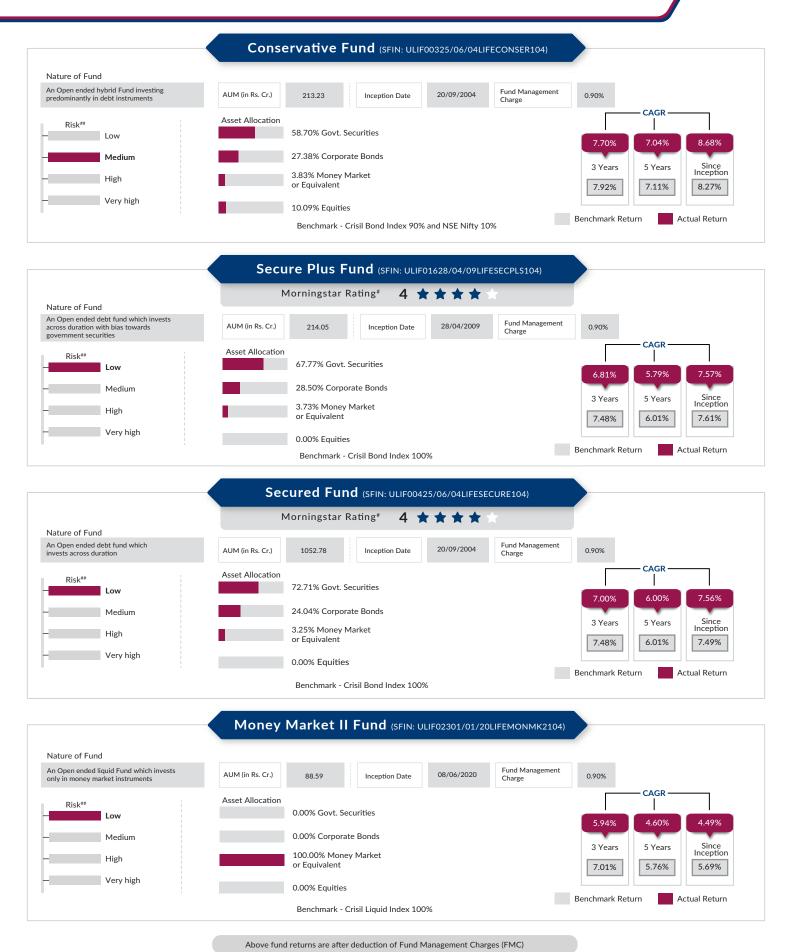






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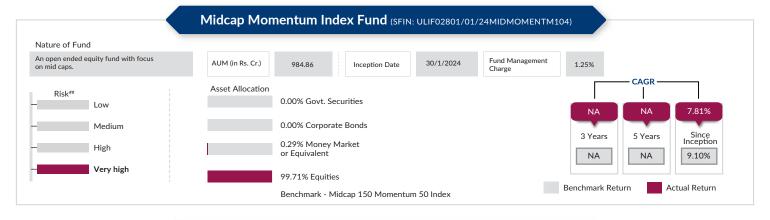




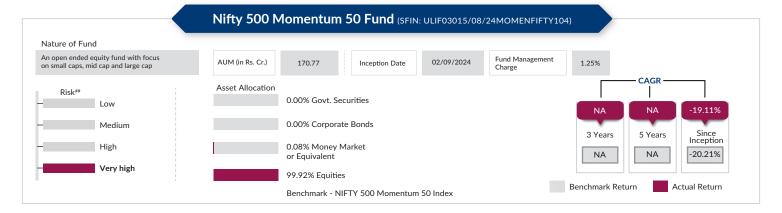


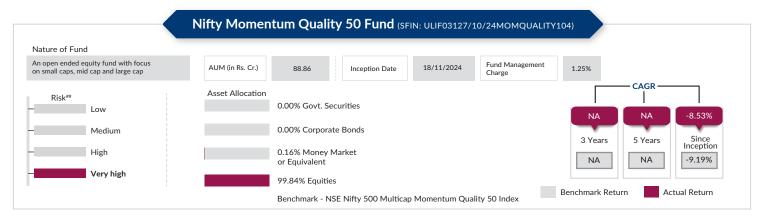
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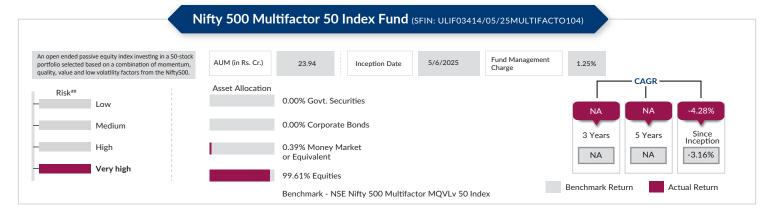














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