

## Market Update

#### From our Director and Chief Investment Officer



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# **Fixed Income Summary**





- RBI raised repo rate by 25bps in February, thereby taking cumulative hikes for the current tightening cycle to 2.50%. The RBI Repo Rate now stands at 6.5%.
- Inflation in March is likely to remain elevated and hence RBI is likely to raise interest rates further.
- Short tenor yields spiked during the quarter due to tight liquidity conditions, while long tenor yields remained stable due to strong demand from end investors (insurance and provident funds).
- 10-year Government Security traded in a range of 7.25%-7.47% during the quarter.

### **Economic Environment**

- Globally, growth and inflation both surprised on the higher side. World growth consensus estimate for CY23 went up from 2.1% in December end to 2.4% in March 2023.
- In March, financial stability concerns took center-stage. US witnessed collapse of two banks-Silicon Valley Bank and Signature Bank with a third saved at the last moment by emergency measures. US Regulators extended deposit guarantee to all depositors of the two banks and provided additional liquidity window for stressed banks. In Europe, Credit Suisse was acquired by UBS as part of an emergency rescue deal to save the banking system.
- Despite this turmoil, ECB and Fed continued with rate hikes to address elevated inflation.
- In India too, headline inflation (CPI) remained above RBI's target band of 2%-6% for two consecutive months. March CPI is also expected to be elevated.
- Government adhered to the fiscal deficit target of 6.4% for FY23 and announced fiscal deficit target of 5.9% for FY24, with the aim of sticking to the fiscal glide path of reaching 4.5% by FY26.



#### **Equity Summary**

- For the calendar year 2023, so far India is amongst the worst performing major markets globally. India is down 4% and Mid and Small Cap indices have underperformed the Large caps.
- Most Developed markets have rallied sharply during the quarter as inflation and rate-hike concerns gave way to optimism that central banks will pause rate hikes due to the banking stress in US and Europe.
- India stands out vis-à-vis global peers due to better growth. Domestic demand is more resilient demand and inflation is likely to gradually taper down in the next few months.
- Domestic high frequency data has been mixed with industrial data points holding steady while consumption seems to be slowing down.
- FII selling continued with net sell of US\$2.9 Bn during the quarter. Domestic inflows remained strong with US\$10 Bn over the same period.
- We have maintained equity exposures of over 95% across our equity funds during the quarter
- We continue to be positive on domestic infrastructure and manufacturing sectors
- Manufacturing/Industrials and Financials are our preferred sectors, while we are relatively underweight on Consumer and IT sectors

Sources: BSE, NSE, SEBI, RBI, Morning Star, Bloomberg, Reuters, Economic Times, Business Standard and CRISIL The unit linked insurance products do not offer any liquidity during the first five years of the contract. The policyholder will not be able to surrender / withdraw the monies invested in linked insurance products completely or partially till the end of fifth year.

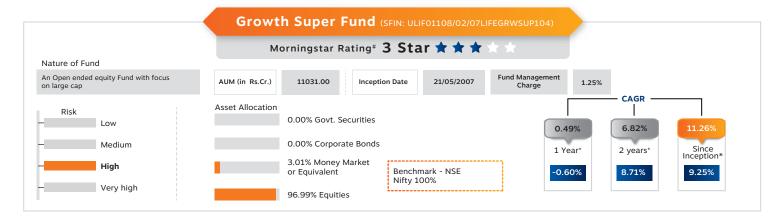


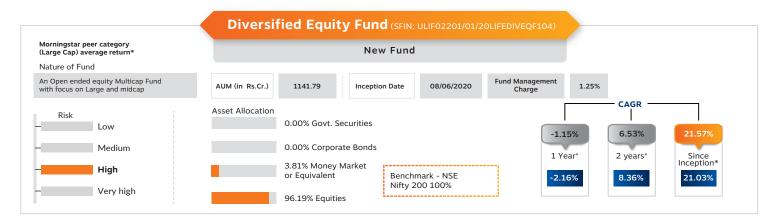


# MAX LIFE FUND SNAPSHOT

As on 31st March 2023 : ₹ 1,22,856 Crores





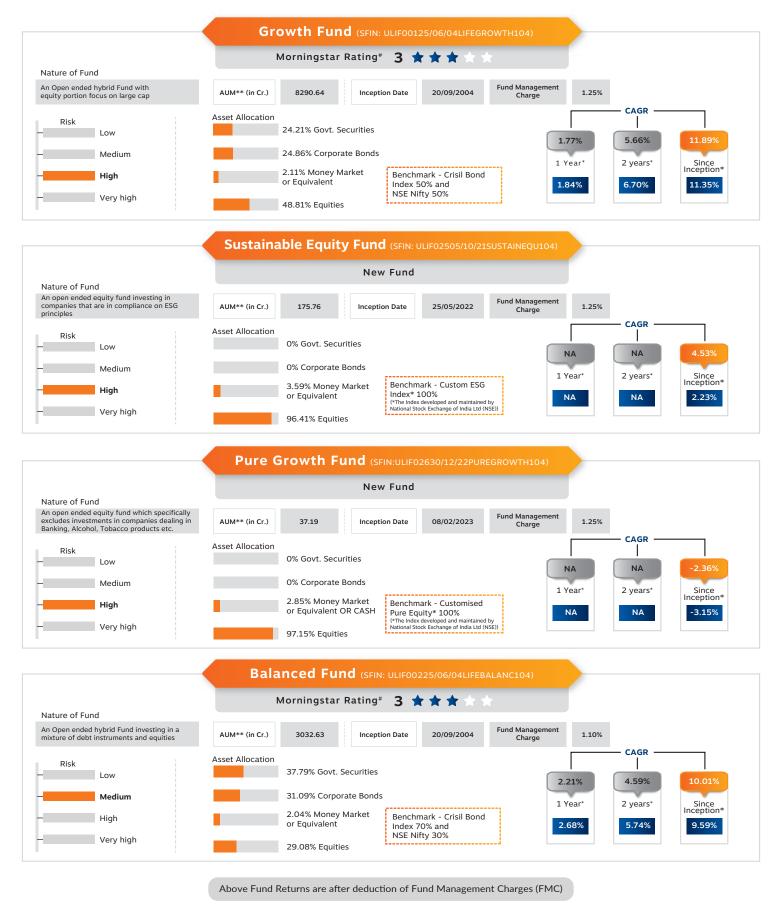


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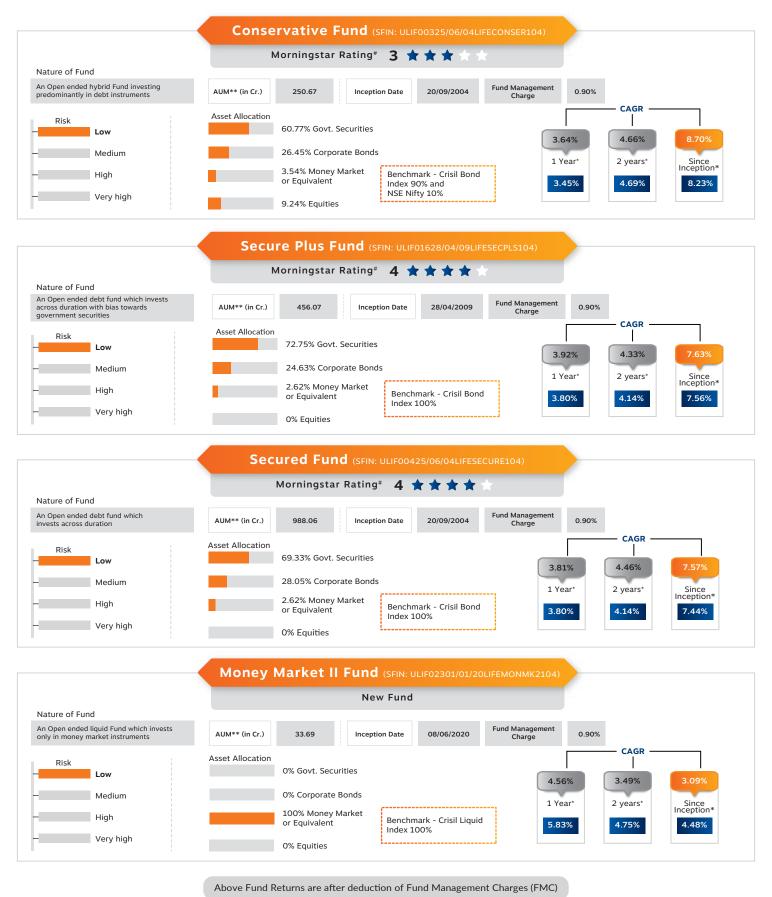


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