

# Market Update

#### From our Director and Chief Investment Officer



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### **Fixed Income Summary**



- The Union budget for FY24 was presented on Feb 1st. Fiscal consolidation, continued emphasis on capital expenditure and reduction in revenue expenditure was the key theme of the budget.
- The fiscal deficit for FY23 to be met at 6.4% of GDP and reduction of 0.5% to 5.9% for FY24.
- Capital expenditure remained in focus: budget allocation increased by 37% over FY23RE, with 40% allocated to roads,
- Government borrowing for the year at Rs 15.4 trn was in line with market expectations which bodes well for the fixed income markets.
- December Consumer Price index (CPI) came at 5.74% as compared to 5.9% for Nov'22. The print was below RBI upper tolerance level of 6%. We expect inflation to remain around 6% for next couple of months.



### **Economic Environment**

- Globally, all markets ended weak as better-than-expected Q3 US GDP data further signaled more rate hikes by the US Fed.
- China's reopening of the borders after three years was a positive for the markets, rising Covid infection and its impact on the global economy worried investors.



### **Equity Summary**

- The Nifty Index declined 2.4% in January. Globally, most of the markets ended with positive returns; Hong Kong, Shanghai and US SPX gained 10%, 5% and 5%, respectively. Indian markets were the worst-performing markets globally.
- Mid-cap and small-cap indices were down 2.6% and 2.4%, respectively.
- Sector-wise, power (-11%), oil & gas (-9%) and bank (-6%) indices fell the most, while auto (+5%), IT (+3%) and metals (+1%) gained the most.
- Other key developments in the month: (1) China lifted quarantine provisions for inbound travelers, (2) the World Bank slashed its growth forecasts for most countries and regions and warned that new adverse shocks could tip the global economy into a recession, (3) sharp fall in Adani group stocks, and (4) the BOJ maintained its policy rate at (-)0.1% and surprised markets by not tweaking the range for the 10-year yield fluctuations.
- FPIs sold US\$3 bn (until January 30) worth of Indian equities in the secondary market, while DIIs bought US\$4 bn.secondary market, while DIIs bought US\$4 Bn.

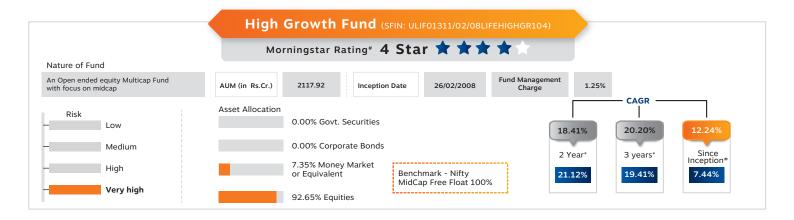
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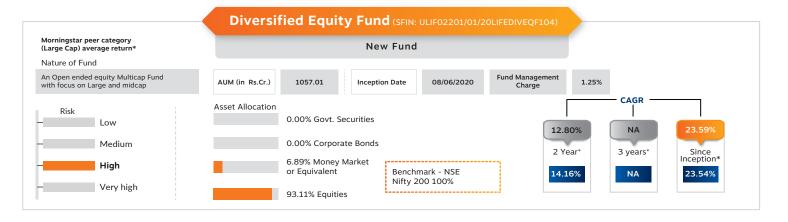


## **MAX LIFE FUND SNAPSHOT**

As on 31st January 2023 : ₹ 1,18,725 Crores





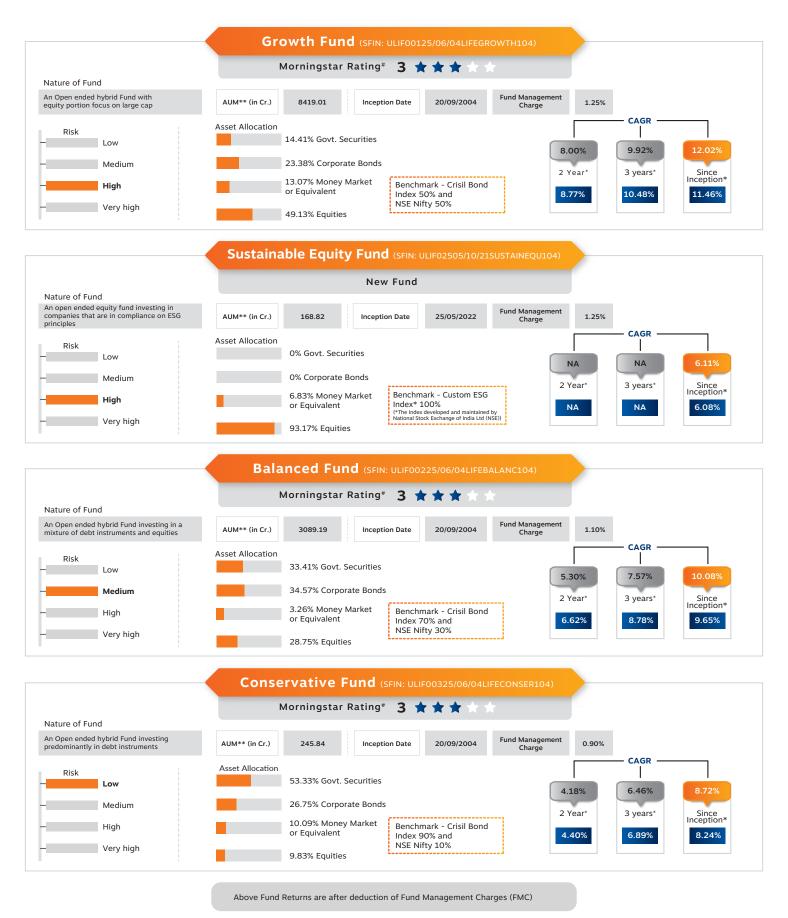


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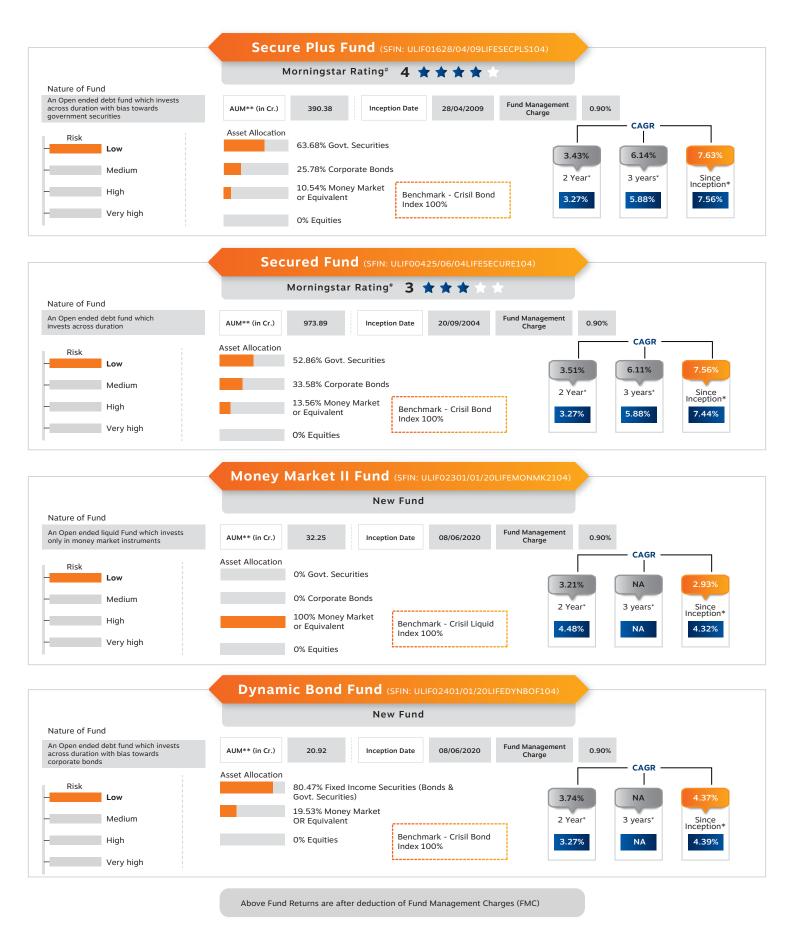




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