

Market Update

From our Director and Chief Investment Officer



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Fixed Income Summary

- Reserve Bank of India delivered another 50 basis points hike in policy repo rate to 5.9% in the September review of Monetary Policy Committee (MPC). The hike was in line with the market expectations. The inflation projections were kept unchanged at 6.75 while growth was revised slightly lower.
- August inflation surprised on the upside at 7% yoy as • compared to 6.7% in the previous month. Recent surge was mainly on account of higher food prices during the month. May CPI inflation print came at 7.04% as compared to 7.8% in April.
- Inflation remains higher than RBI MPCs upper tolerance level of 6%. Therefore, it will be key priority for the MPC, and it is expected to hike rates further and tighten liquidity in the coming months.
- The global interest rates moved up sharply because of sharp rate hikes by global central bank to control inflation. In India too, yields moved up by 15bps during August to 7.36%. Shorter-end yields were up much more with 1-year G-Sec moving from 6.35% to near 7%, due to front loading of rate hikes.

Investor sentiment in developed markets continues to be subdued as growth falters and inflation remains stubbornly high.

Economic Environment

• Almost all markets ended lower than the previous month. Hong Kong, Taiwan and the US SPX were down 14%, 11% and 9%.

Equity Summary

- The Indian equity markets ended the month negative, however it outperformed all major developed markets during the month
- All sectoral indices closed in the month negative, except for pharma and FMCG indices; power, oil & gas and realty indices were down almost 9% each.
- Midcap and small-cap indices outperformed large-cap indices, and were down 2.7% and 0.7%
- Post strong buying in August, FPIs turned net sellers. FPIs sold US\$1.4 Bn worth of Indian equities, while DIIs bought US\$1.7 Bn

Sources: BSE, NSE, SEBI, RBI, Morning Star, Bloomberg, Reuters, Economic Times, Business Standard and CRISIL

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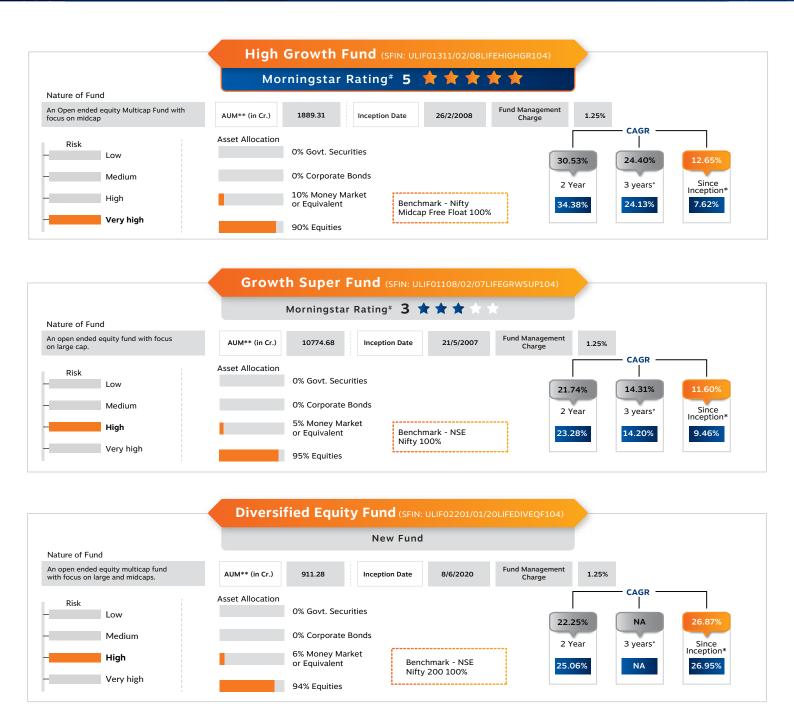


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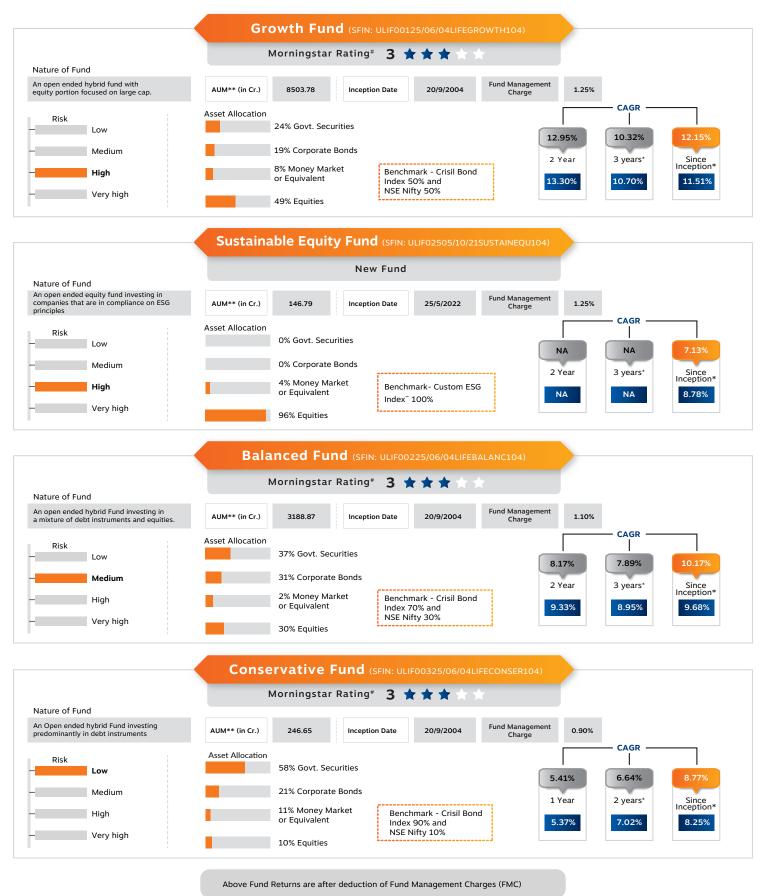


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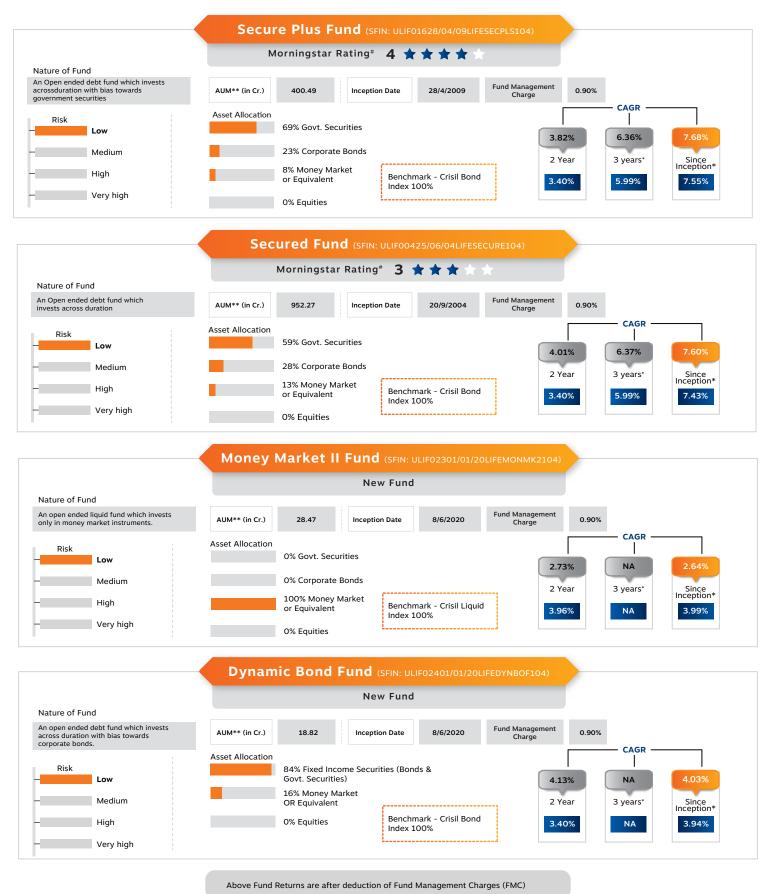


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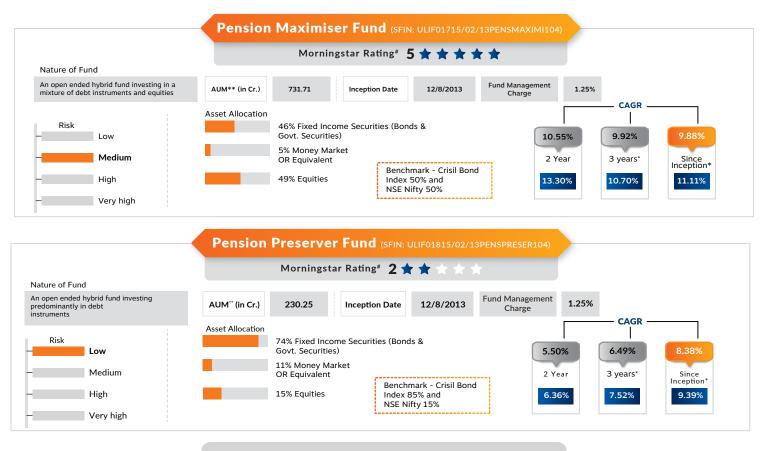






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