



Market Update

From our Director and Chief Investment Officer



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Fixed Income Summary



- December CPI bounced to 5.6%, close to market expectations from 4.9% in November, reflecting both firm sequential momentum (0.5% m / m, sa) and the fading away of favorable base effects from previous months
- Based on data of the last few months, India could face sticky inflation and the widening of current account deficit in 2022.
 In this context both fiscal and monetary policy will need to tighten
- The INR was down 0.4% MoM, reaching ~74.62 / USD in January. DXY gained +0.9% over the month
- Benchmark 10-year treasury yields averaged at 6.60% in January (19 bp higher v/s. December avg.). On month-end values, the 10Y yield was up and ended the month at 6.68% (up 23bps MoM)



Economic Environment

- Global equities fell sharply in January (5% for the month) due to concerns on inflation and tightening monetary policy of Central Banks
- Growth backdrop is expected to stay supportive for the next few months as Omicron recedes. China activity deceleration is by now largely behind and economic surprises in key regions are back in positive territory
- Despite the recent panic around the Omicron variant, global COVID-19 deaths have been at their lowest points
- Oil prices continued their momentum from previous month, gaining 17.4% in January



Equity Summary

- Indian equities declined 0.1% outperforming other emerging markets in January which were down (-4% to -1.9%). Performance of both mid-caps (-0.6% MoM) and small caps (-1.5% MoM) was weaker than large caps
- By sector, Utilities, Energy, Consumer Discretionary and Financials ended the month in the green while IT, Consumer Staples and Healthcare were key laggards
- FIIs remained net sellers of Indian equities in January (-\$4.5 Billion, following -\$1.7 Billion in December). DIIs recorded inflows of \$2.9 Billion in January, maintaining the buying trend observed since March 2021

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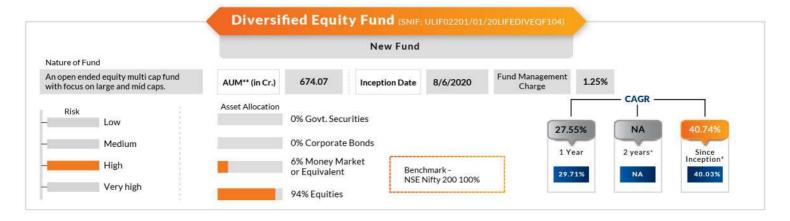


Max Life Fund Details - A Snapshot 31st January, 2022

As on 31st January, 2022: ₹ 103,130 Crores







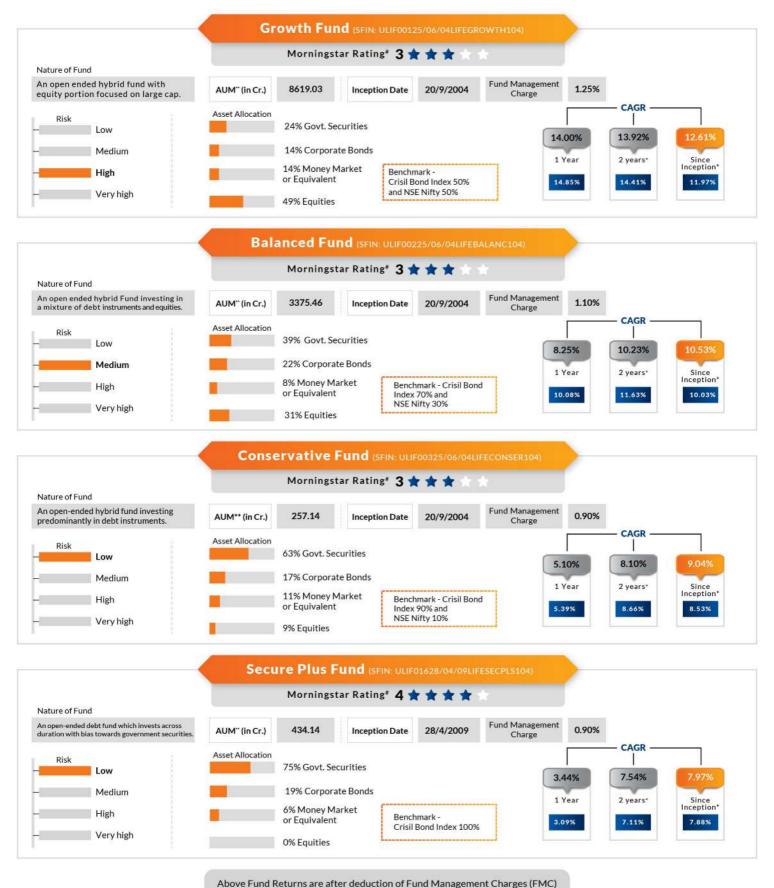
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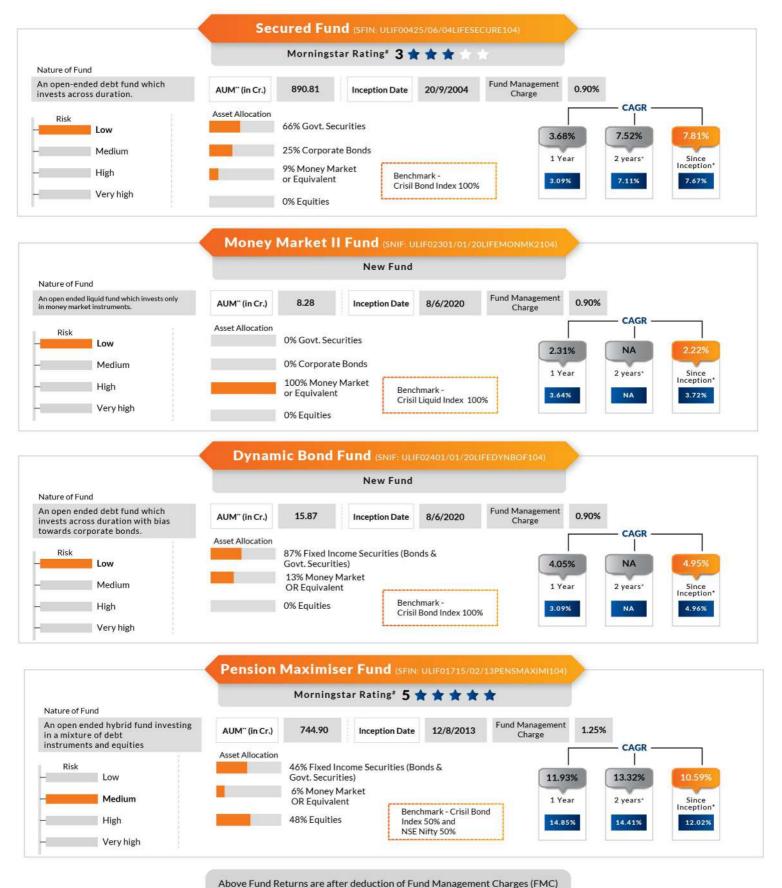


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