

Market Update

From our Director and Chief Investment Officer



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Fixed Income Summary



- 3Q GDP growth was a strong print but in-line with expectations. The good news was that the GDP has nearly recovered to pre-pandemic levels. With the service economy recovering, the growth trend should continue
- GST collections hit a 3-month low in December coming in at
 ₹ 1.3 Trillion (marginally lower than levels seen in November),
 up 13% YoY while also being +26% from December 2019
- INR appreciated over the month (up 1.1% MoM) and ended the month at 74.34/\$ in December
- Benchmark 10-year treasury yields averaged at 6.41% in December (6bp higher v/s. the November average). On month-end values, the 10Y yield was up and ended the month at 6.45%

Economic Environment

- The economic expansion that was underway after the previous wave of Covid-19 is currently in the midst of its first real test due to the new variant
- Despite the recent panic around the Omicron variant, global COVID-19 deaths have been at their lowest points
- Oil prices recovered from the weakness of the previous month and gained 11% in December and even US equities climbed higher, up 4% in December



Equity Summary

- Indian equities rose by 2.3% in-line with other broader markets in December. Performance of mid-caps (+2.5%) was in-line with large caps, while small caps (+4.1%) outperformed significantly
- By sector, IT, Industrials and Materials ended the month higher while Communication Services, Financials and Energy were notable laggards in December
- FIIs remained net sellers of Indian equities again (-\$1.8 Billion, following -\$0.8 Billion in November), however, markets were supported with domestic inflows
- Three key events that investors are tracking:
 - 1) Economic impact of Omicron
 - 2) Tapering by the US Fed
 - 3) FII equity flows

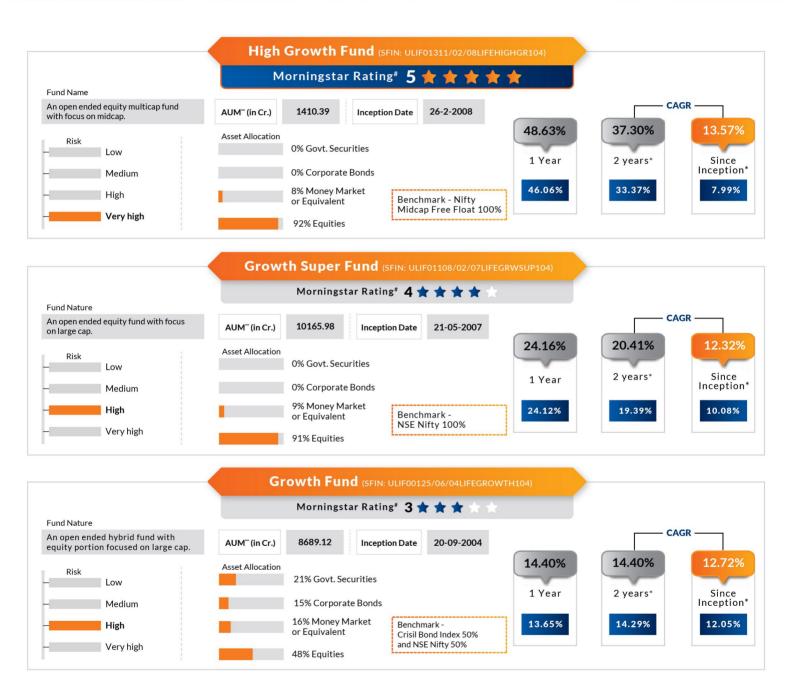
Sources: BSE, NSE, SEBI, RBI, Morning Star, Bloomberg, Reuters, Economic Times, Business Standard and CRISIL
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Max Life Fund Details - A Snapshot 31st December, 2021

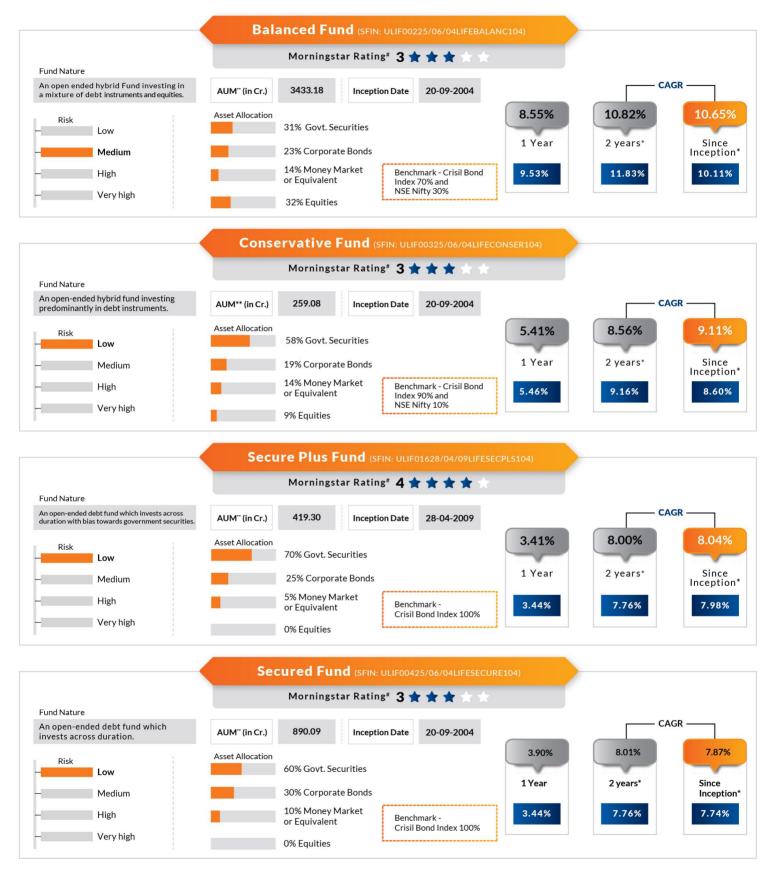
As on 31st December, 2021: ₹ 102,471 Crores



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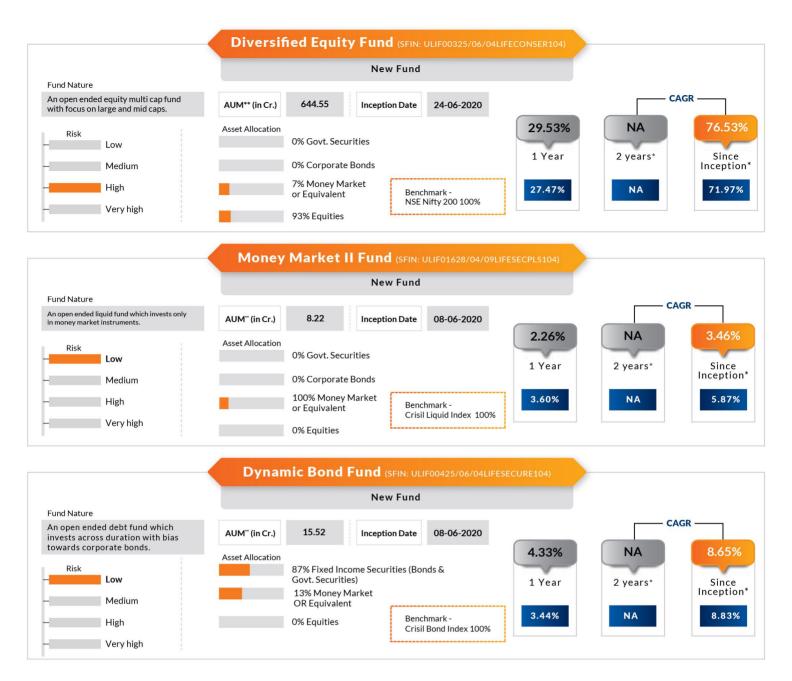






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