



# Market Update

#### From CIO'S Desk



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### **Fixed Income Summary**



- Macro prints have been mixed:
  - (i) 2Q GDP contracted 23% sequentially (q / q, saar) in the midst of the second wave
  - (ii) Both manufacturing and services PMIs bounced back in July
  - (iii) CPI inflation gapped down to 5.6% in July
- GST collections grew 30% YoY in August (₹ 1.12 Trillion, from ₹ 1.16 Trillion in July). This was the 10<sup>th</sup> consecutive month with collections of more than ₹ 1 Trillion starting October last year (exception of June 2021)
- INR rallied (up 1.9%) and ended the month at INR 73.01 / \$
  in August
- Benchmark 10-year treasury yields averaged 6.23% in August (5 bp higher v/s July average). On month end values, the 10Y yield was up and ended the month at 6.22%

## **Economic Environment**

- Global equities had a solid run up by 2.4% in August.
   Strong growth, solid earnings, surprises and Fed's accommodative stance have led global equities higher
- Chinese equities remained flat led by weakness in July and continued regulatory overhang
- Indian equities performed well in August, supported by global liquidity
- Concerns of a third COVID-19 wave in India have increased too, as parts of the country have recently seen higher daily case counts

## **Equity Summary**

- Large caps (up 8.6%) outperformed mid-caps (up 2.2%) and small caps were down by 2.5% in August. By sector, utilities, communication services, IT and staples outperformed while materials, consumer discretionary and health care were notable laggards in August
- FIIs turned to net buyers of Indian equities again (+\$628 Million, following -\$ 1.7 Billion in July) DIIs remained big net equity buyers for the sixth month running (+\$ 930 Million, v/s +\$ 2.5 Billion in July)
- June-q results were strong (benefitting from lower base last year) but reflected increasing margin pressure and moderation in top-line momentum

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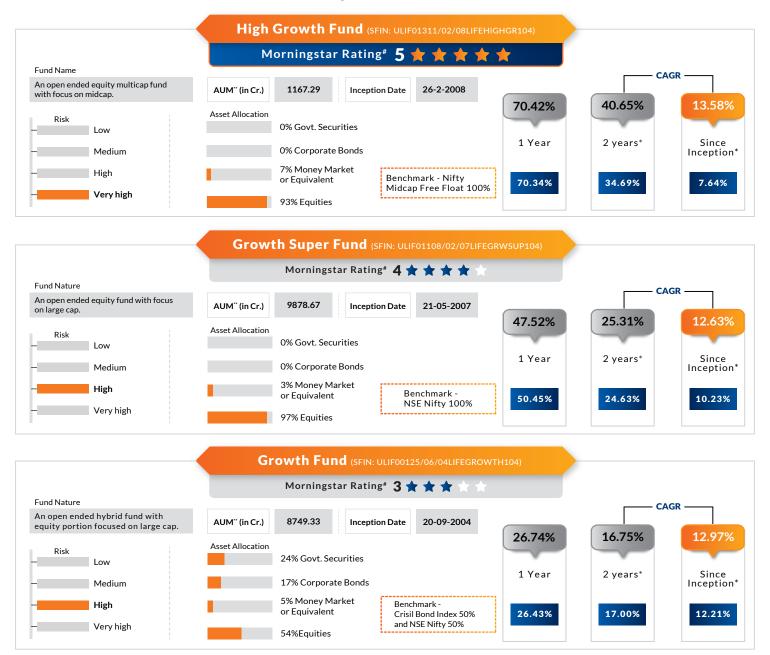




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# Max Life Fund Details - A Snapshot 31st August 2021

As on 31st August, 2021: ₹ 98,330 Crores

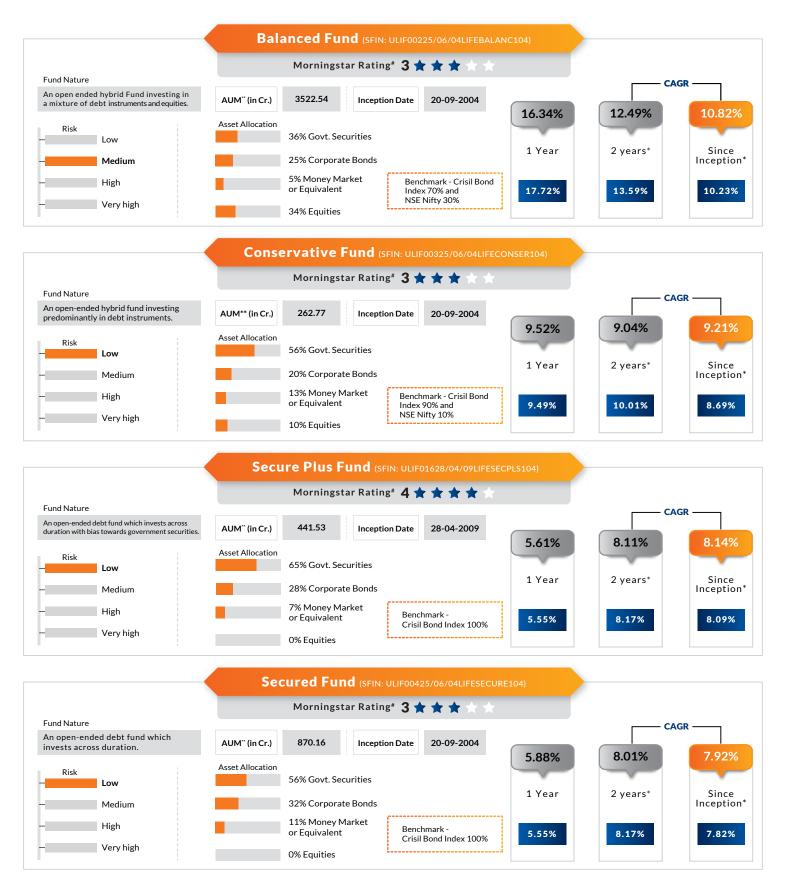


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#### \*As per Monthly Factsheet as on 31st August, 2021. ^As per Annual Audited Financials for the FY 2020-2021.

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