



Market Update

From CIO'S Desk



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Fixed Income Summary



- Latest macro prints reveal resilience after the contraction in 2Q GDP by 17% QoQ in real terms during the second wave v/s. the 30% fall in 1QFY21. Both manufacturing and services PMIs remained strong and exhibited expansion in output in September 2021; CPI inflation fell to a 4-month low of 5.3% in August 2021. Google mobility trends improved further for workplaces, now at merely 7% below the February 2020 benchmark
- GST collections grew 30% YoY in August (₹ 1.12 Trillion, from ₹ 1.16 Trillion in July). This was the 10th consecutive month with collections of more than ₹ 1 Trillion starting October last year (exception of June 2021)
- INR ended at ~74.24 / USD, down 1.7% while, DXY (US Dollar index a sign of risk aversion) rose 1.7% over the month
- Benchmark 10-year treasury yields averaged at 6.18% in September (5 bp lower v/s. August average). On month end values, the 10Y yield was flat and ended the month at 6.22%. US yields were up mom



Economic Environment

- Global equities fell by 4.3% in September due to concerns over the downward shift in economic and business cycle momentum. Chinese equities were down in-line with other markets, despite concerns around the property market
- Energy prices oil, gas, and coal, gained substantially. Oil prices gained 10.6% in September, closing at \$79 / barrel.
 Asia spot LNG price gained substantially and was up 54% (at US \$ 26.5 mmbtu) led by the higher gas demand from European power companies and coal shortage in China
- Indian equities were broadly flat (USD terms), but still outperformed other emerging markets in September
- Aggregate COVID-19 daily cases in India have started to come down to 25k / day from 43k / day in early September



Equity Summary

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- Mid-cap stocks performed broadly in line with large caps, while small caps outperformed by 4% in September
- By sector, Energy, Utilities, Communication Services and Discretionary outperformed while Materials, Health Care and IT were notable laggards
- FIIs remained net buyers of Indian equities again (+\$1.1 Billion, following +\$1.0 Billion in August). DIIs remained net equity buyers for the seventh month running (+\$803 Million, v/s +\$926 Million in August)

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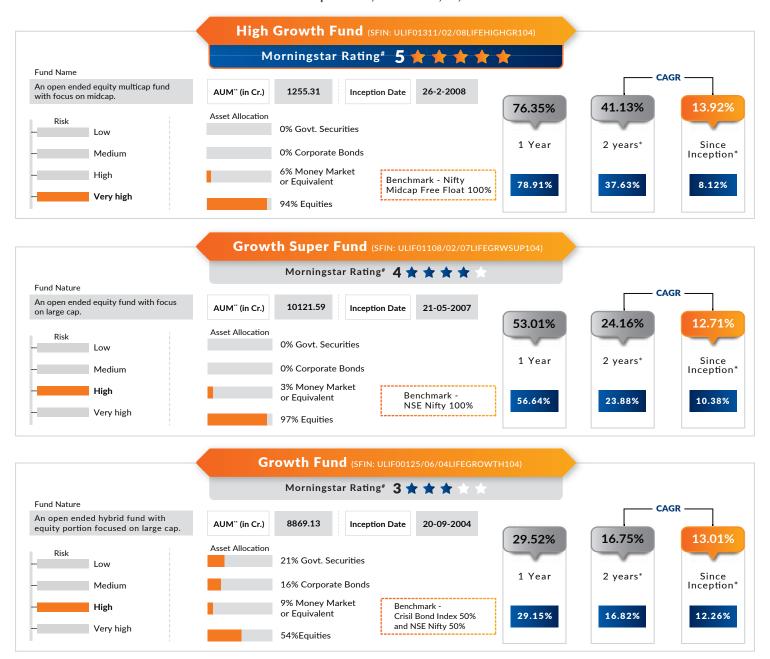




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Max Life Fund Details - A Snapshot 30th September, 2021

As on 30th September, 2021 : ₹ 1,00,090 Crores

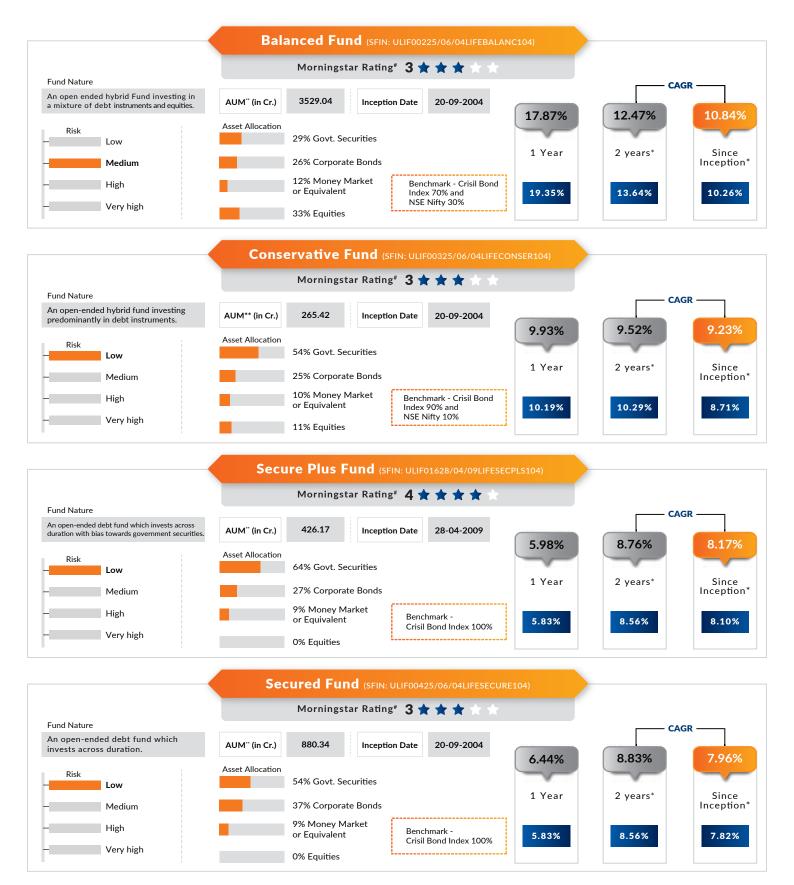


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*As per Monthly Factsheet as on 30th September, 2021. ^As per Annual Audited Financials for the FY 2020-2021.

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