

Market Update

From our Director and Chief Investment Officer



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Economic Environment

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
- October CPI came in line with the expectations, printing at 4.5% oya. On a sequential basis, headline CPI rose sharply by 1.1% m / m, sa on account of higher food prices, underpinned by the volatile vegetable price category (+14.2% m / m, sa)
- INR declined marginally (down 0.4% MoM) and ended the month at 75.17 / \$ in November. DXY gained 2% in November and ended the month at 95.99 (+4.5% in the last 12 months)
- Benchmark 10-year treasury yields averaged 6.35% in November (2 bp higher v/s October average). On month-end values, the 10Y yield was up and ended the month at 6.33%

- Global equities corrected by 2.5% in November. The recent correction can be pegged to uncertainty over the impact of the new Omicron COVID-19 variant
- The economic expansion that was underway after the Second Wave of COVID-19 is currently in the midst of its first real test due to the new variant
- Oil prices suffered a dip after two months of price rally, shedding 16.9% to near \$ 70 / bbl in November on fears of renewed lockdowns due to the COVID-19 variant Omicron
- The US Fed indicated the beginning of early taper (reduced buying of fixed income securities in early 2022) as they now believe inflation is stickier than previously thought

Equity Summary

- Indian equities fell 3.9% during the month of November, however they out-performed other emerging markets. Mid-caps were down 2.7%, outperforming large caps. Market valuations are currently at 20x on FY23 estimated earnings, which are not cheap
- By sector, Utilities, Communication Services, Healthcare, IT and Industrials outperformed, while Financials, Material, Energy and Consumer Discretionary were notable laggards
- FIIs turned to be net sellers of Indian equities again (-\$58 Million, following -\$2.3 Billion in October)

• Three key events that investors are tracking:

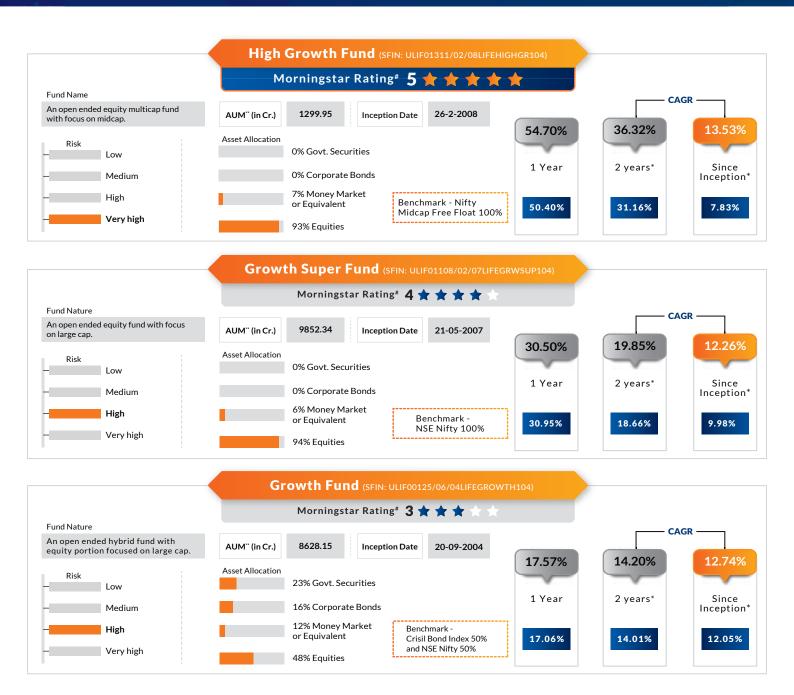
- 1) Economic impact of Omicron
- 2) Tapering by the US Fed
- 3) FII equity flows





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

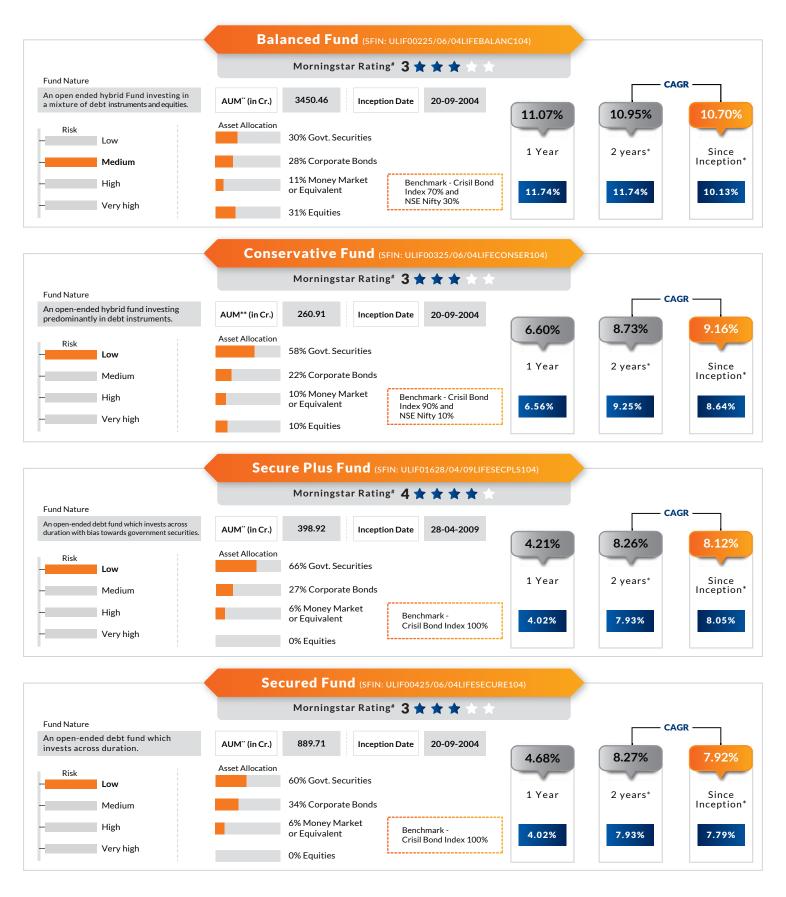
As on 30th November, 2021 : ₹ 100,530 Crores



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