



# Met Invest

## Gratuity Fund Monthly Fund Performance

January 2019 Edition



### Month gone by - A snapshot

*Global equity markets rallied in January 2019, primarily driven by increasingly dovish stance of Federal Reserve and easing trade war concerns. India underperformed global markets. MSCI India was flat; MSCI EM was up 9% whereas MSCI Developed Markets was up 8%. Crude oil prices rose by 15% during the month on the back of production cuts by OPEC. Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) turned sellers in fixed income as well as equities after positive inflows in November and December. The combined impact of higher crude oil prices and FII outflows was seen in INR which depreciated by two percent during the month. Bond yields remained volatile on the back of rising crude oil prices and concerns around fiscal slippage.*

### Macro-economic scenario benign on domestic front but external environment weakens

CPI inflation fell to an eighteen month low of 2.2% in December 2018. The decline was mainly due to lower fuel inflation as well as sustained weakness in food inflation. However, core inflation remained elevated at 5.6% as segments such as health, education and household goods recorded price increases. INR, however, fell two percent during the month and crossed 70/US\$. It ended the month at 71.1 / US\$.

### Union Budget 2019 -A mix of populism and pragmatism

The Union Budget 2019 has a strong focus on increasing rural income as well as disposable income for middle class. Two populist schemes have been announced: a) rural income distribution scheme involving direct transfer of Rs 6k/year for farmers (with less than 2 hectares land) and b) exemption of income tax for taxable income upto Rs 5 lakhs. This is estimated to benefit three crore middle class taxpayers.

### Fixed income market performance

**Fixed income markets volatile:** Fixed income yields remained volatile during the month as concerns around rising crude oil prices and potentially higher fiscal deficit kept markets volatile. Despite low retail inflation and Open Market Operations (OMO) conducted by RBI, 10-year G-sec yield ended the month at 7.3%. FIIs were net sellers of fixed income of US\$354mn in January 2019.

**Outlook:** Bond yields are likely to remain range bound given support from OMO purchases, although concerns around higher quantum of government borrowings prevail in the market. Additional risks may arise from uncertainty over crude oil prices and movement in US bond yields.

### Equity market performance

**Equities -Broader market remained under pressure:** Although Nifty ended the month flat, the broader market was bearish with mid-cap index ending 5% lower. Information technology and consumer durables were best performing sectors whereas automobiles and metals were amongst the worst performers. FII flows turned negative. FIIs sold over US\$ 463mn in equities in January 2019 whereas domestic funds bought equities worth US\$ 300mn.

**Outlook:** The global macro-economic outlook continues to remain uncertain owing to decelerating global economic growth, primarily led by trade war concerns and fading impact of stimulus in some developed economies. This coupled with global central banks uncertain stance towards monetary policies could keep investors on the sidelines. From a domestic standpoint, benign commodity prices and US Federal Reserve's dovish stance bodes well. However, corporate earnings trajectory is yet to recover meaningfully and uncertainty related to outcome of general elections is a key concern. We expect markets to consolidate in the near term.

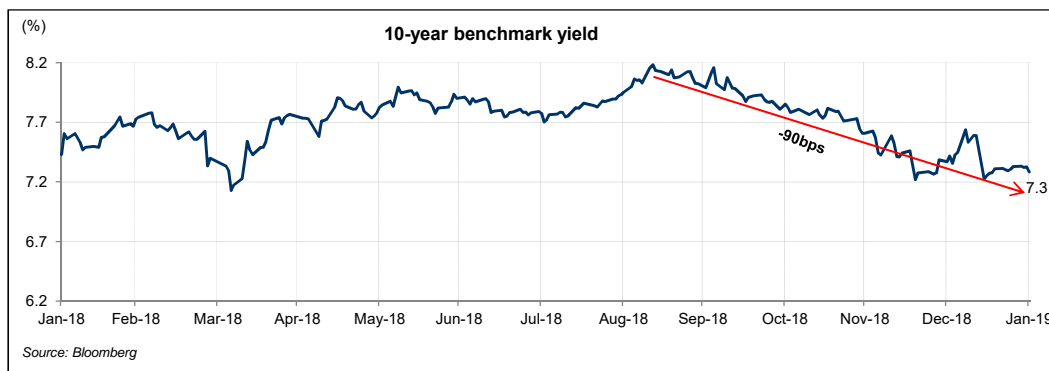
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Chief Investment Officer

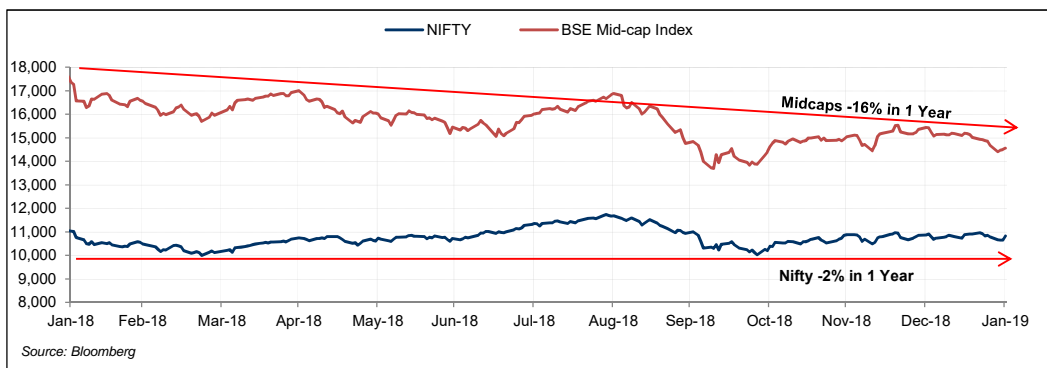
| Indicators                                      | Jan 2018 | Oct 2018 | Jan 2019 | 3 Month Change | 12 Month Change |
|---|----------|----------|----------|----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Economic indicators</b>                      |          |          |          |                |                 |
| Consumer Price Index (CPI) Inflation (%)        | 5.2      | 3.7      | 2.2      | -1.5           | -3.0            |
| Gross Domestic product (GDP Growth) %           | 6.3      | 8.2      | 7.1      | -1.1           | 0.8             |
| Index of Industrial Production (IIP) (%)        | 8.5      | 4.8      | 0.5      | -4.3           | -8.0            |
| Brent crude oil (USD/barrel)                    | 69       | 75       | 62       | -18%           | -10%            |
| <b>Domestic Markets</b>                         |          |          |          |                |                 |
| Nifty Index                                     | 11,028   | 10,387   | 10,831   | 4%             | -2%             |
| BSE Mid-cap Index                               | 17,364   | 14,613   | 14,560   | 0%             | -16%            |
| 10-year G-Sec Yield (%)                         | 7.4      | 7.9      | 7.3      | -60 bps        | -10 bps         |
| 30-year G-Sec Yield (%)                         | 7.8      | 8.2      | 7.7      | -50 bps        | -10 bps         |
| 10-year AAA PSU Corporate Bond Yield (%)        | 8.0      | 8.8      | 8.4      | -40 bps        | 40 bps          |
| Exchange rate (USD/INR) *                       | 63.6     | 74.0     | 71.1     | -4%            | 12%             |
| <b>Global Markets</b>                           |          |          |          |                |                 |
| Dow Jones (U.S.)                                | 26,149   | 25,116   | 25,000   | 0%             | -4%             |
| FTSE (U.K.)                                     | 7,534    | 7,128    | 6,969    | -2%            | -7%             |
| Shanghai Stock Exchange Composite Index (China) | 3,481    | 2,603    | 2,585    | -1%            | -26%            |
| Nikkei 225 (Japan)                              | 23,098   | 21,920   | 20,773   | -5%            | -10%            |

Source: Central Statistics Organisation (CSO), RBI, Bloomberg. \*Negative growth number signals depreciation while positive growth number signals appreciation.

## 10-year government bond yield trend



## Equity Market performance





## The time to consider Critical Illness Insurance is Now

As we celebrate world Cancer day in February, we would like to highlight insurance covers with options for critical illness. The best way to illustrate this is through an ex; Mayank Desai, a marketing executive, was diagnosed with cancer and had a long and painful recovery. While the insurance company took care of the hospital bills, Desai's family had to undergo financial stress to meet household expenses as he stayed home and recuperated.

Desai's case is by no means unique as an increasing number of people are falling prey to critical illness at younger age. At the same time, the cost of health care is rising and crippling Indian households. Keeping this scenario in mind, investing in a comprehensive health insurance plan to safeguard the interest of the family, has become imperative.

One needs to understand the structure and the benefits of different health insurance products before investing. Health insurance plans can be broadly classified in two categories, namely indemnity based and benefits based. Under an indemnity based plan the insured is paid the entire amount that he spends on medical treatment, provided it is equal to or less than the sum assured. Benefits based plans are mainly critical illness plans under which the insured can claim the entire sum assured for the treatment of a critical illness specified in the policy, irrespective of actual costs incurred.

Investing in mediclaim can prove extremely useful in case of minor ailments. However, they become futile in case the insured contracts a critical illness such as cancer which demands much larger expenses over a longer term. A critical illness plan can prove extremely beneficial in this case as the lump sum received by the insured can be used to get the illness treated by best professionals. Also the sum assured, if in excess of the medical treatment, can be used to take care of the household expenses during the time of the illness.

Investors can also go for an endowment based life insurance policy from an insurer with a Critical Illness (CI) rider as it will give them a comprehensive insurance cover. This is to say that the sum assured can be claimed by the insured in case he survives through the term or by his family in case he does not. In addition, with a CI rider to the policy, the medical expenses will also be covered in case a critical illness is contracted during the term, over and above the sum assured.

In addition to providing a cover for medical expenses, health insurance products also attract tax benefits. Investing in comprehensive health insurance therefore will not only provide investor the peace of mind but also the freedom to plan their finances to meet more fundamental financial goals.



FUND PERFORMANCE



MARKET OVERVIEW

FUND CATEGORY

Balanced

Gratuity Balanced Fund

Debt

Gratuity Debt Fund

| Dec 2018          | 3-year (CAGR) |                            |                    | 5-year (CAGR) |                            |                    | 7-year (CAGR) |                            |
|-------------------|---------------|----------------------------|--------------------|---------------|----------------------------|--------------------|---------------|----------------------------|
|                   | Portfolio     | Morningstar median returns | Morningstar Rating | Portfolio     | Morningstar median returns | Morningstar Rating | Portfolio     | Morningstar median returns |
| Balanced          |               |                            |                    |               |                            |                    |               |                            |
| Gratuity Balanced | 8.5%          | 8.0%                       | **** (4-star)      | 10.1%         | 9.4%                       | **** (4-star)      | 9.9%          | 9.6%                       |

Source: Morningstar

Notes:

1. Morningstar Rating is based on Morningstar Risk-Adjusted Return (MRAR) framework. MRAR is a measure of fund's past performance after adjusting for risk.
2. The above information is as of December 31, 2018 as the performance data for January is yet to be provided by Morningstar.
3. Morningstar median returns and rating for Gratuity Debt fund are not available as the categorization of this fund is currently under review by Morningstar. The Gratuity Debt fund was earlier classified under Intermediate Bond Fund category and was rated four-star over three-year period ending March 2018.

Morningstar rating methodology: Morningstar sets the distribution of funds across the rating levels, assigning three/five star ratings as follows:

1. All funds in the category are sorted by MRAR % Rank for the respective time period in descending order.
2. Starting with the highest MRAR % Rank, those in the top 10% of such funds receive a 5-star rating.
3. The next 22.5% (i.e., ranking below the top 10% and up to the top 32.5%) of funds receive a 4-star rating, and the following 35% (i.e., ranking below the top 32.5% and up to the top 67.5%) of funds receive a 3-star rating.
4. The next 22.5% (i.e., ranking below the top 67.5% and up to the top 90%) of funds receive a 2-star rating.
5. The remaining funds (i.e., the bottom 10% of the category) receive a 1-star rating.

Gratuity Balanced

SFIN No: ULGF00205/06/04GRABALANCE117

**Investment Objective:** To generate capital appreciation and current income, through a judicious mix of investments in equities and fixed income securities.

**Investment Philosophy:** The fund will target 30% investments in Equities and 70% investments in Government & other debt securities to meet the stated objectives.

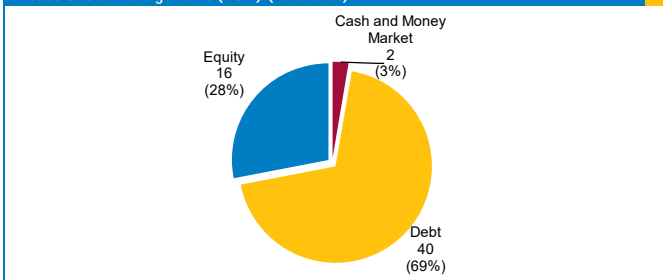
Portfolio Return As on January 31, 2019

| Returns          | Absolute Return |               | CAGR Return |              |              |                 |
|------------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|
|                  | Last 1 Month    | Last 6 Months | Last 1 Year | Last 2 Years | Last 3 Years | Since Inception |
| Portfolio return | 0.1%            | 1.6%          | 3.8%        | 6.9%         | 8.8%         | 8.8%            |
| Benchmark*       | 0.0%            | 1.9%          | 4.0%        | 7.1%         | 9.2%         | 8.5%            |

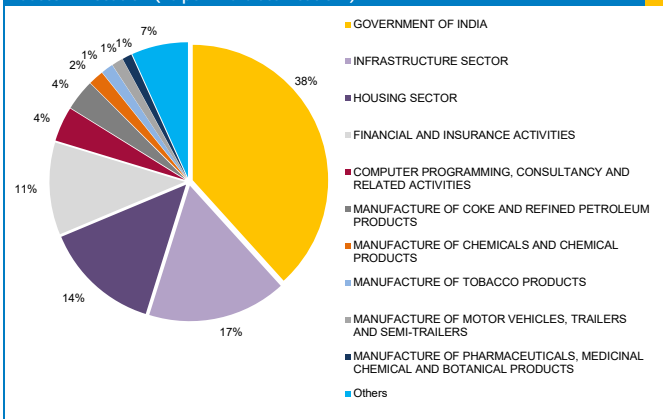
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Asset Under Management (AUM) (Rs crores)

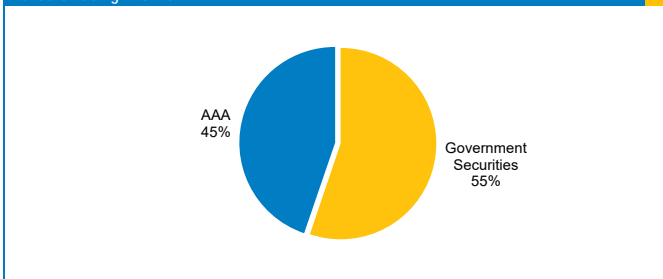


Sector Allocation (As per NIC Classification\*)

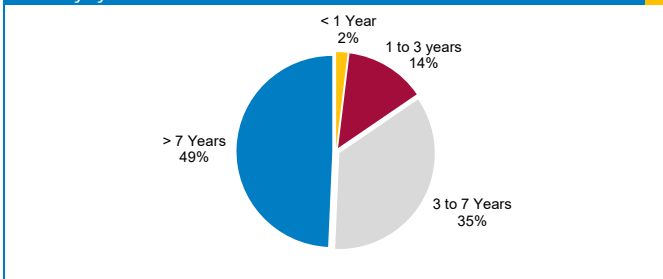


\*NIC Classification – Industrial sectors as defined under National Industrial Classification 2008

Credit Rating Profile



Maturity by Profile



Fund Details

|                             |                                   |  |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| <b>Fund Manager</b>         | Funds managed by the Fund Manager |  |
| Deb Bhattacharya            | Equity - 3   Debt - 2             | Balanced - 3                                     |
| Himanshu Shethia            | Equity - 0   Debt - 6             | Balanced - 4                                     |
| <b>AUM as on 31-01-2019</b> | <b>NAV as on 31-01-2019</b>       | <b>Modified Duration (Debt and Money Market)</b> |
| Rs. 58 crore                | Rs. 22.372                        | 5.3  |

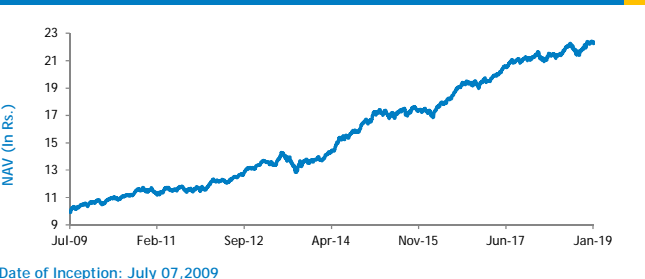
Asset Classes

| Asset Classes                        | F&U    | Actual |
|--------------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Government and other Debt Securities | 25-95% | 69.3%  |
| Equities                             | 5-35%  | 28.0%  |
| Money Market and other liquid assets | 0-40%  | 2.7%   |

Portfolio Components

| Security                                | Rating    | Net Assets    |
|---|-----------|---------------|
| <b>GOVERNMENT SECURITIES</b>            |           |               |
| 7.35% GOI 2024                          | Sovereign | 7.7%          |
| 7.17% GOI 2028                          | Sovereign | 7.2%          |
| 8.6% GOI 2028                           | Sovereign | 6.9%          |
| 8.13% GOI 2045                          | Sovereign | 5.4%          |
| 8.25% SDL 2026                          | Sovereign | 5.2%          |
| 7.72% GOI 2055                          | Sovereign | 3.4%          |
| 6.68% GOI 2031                          | Sovereign | 1.6%          |
| 7.37% GOI 2023                          | Sovereign | 0.9%          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                            |           | <b>38.3%</b>  |
| <b>CORPORATE BONDS</b>                  |           |               |
| INDIABULLS HOUSING FINANCE LTD          | AAA       | 6.9%          |
| SIKKA PORTS & TERMINALS LTD.            | AAA       | 6.1%          |
| L&T INFRA DEBT FUND LTD                 | AAA       | 5.9%          |
| DEWAN HOUSING FINANCE CORPN. LTD.       | AAA       | 5.2%          |
| RURAL ELECTRIFICATION CORPN. LTD.       | AAA       | 3.4%          |
| HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FINANCE CORPN. LTD. | AAA       | 1.7%          |
| SUNDARAM FINANCE LTD                    | AAA       | 1.7%          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                            |           | <b>31.0%</b>  |
| <b>TOP 10 EQUITY SECURITIES</b>         |           |               |
| RELIANCE INDUSTRIES LTD.                |           | 3.3%          |
| H D F C BANK LTD.                       |           | 3.1%          |
| INFOSYS LTD.                            |           | 2.4%          |
| HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FINANCE CORPN. LTD. |           | 1.7%          |
| I T C LTD.                              |           | 1.4%          |
| LARSEN & TOUBRO LTD.                    |           | 1.1%          |
| I C I C I BANK LTD.                     |           | 1.1%          |
| HINDUSTAN UNILEVER LTD.                 |           | 1.0%          |
| KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK LTD.                |           | 0.9%          |
| TATA CONSULTANCY SERVICES LTD.          |           | 0.8%          |
| Others                                  |           | 11.1%         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                            |           | <b>28.0%</b>  |
| <b>CASH AND MONEY MARKET</b>            |           |               |
|   |           | 2.7%          |
| <b>PORTFOLIO TOTAL</b>                  |           | <b>100.0%</b> |

NAV Movement



## Gratuity Debt

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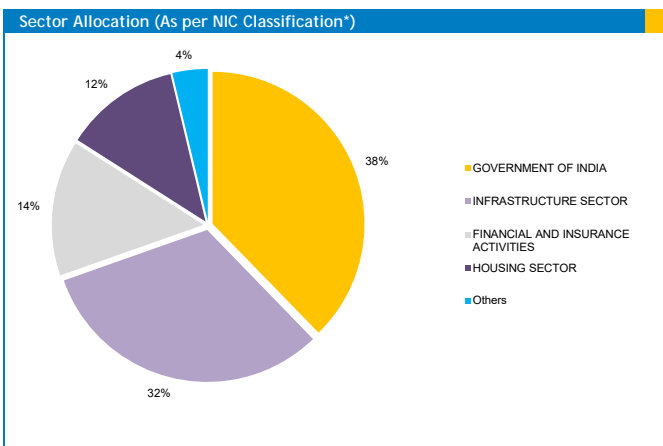
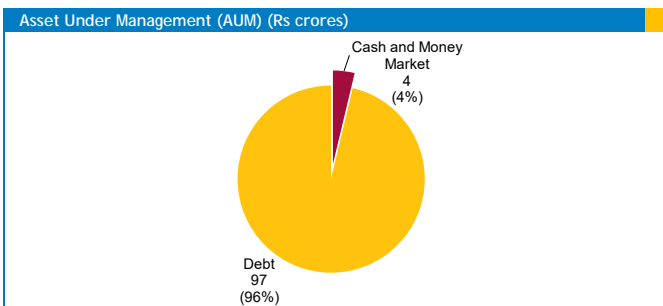
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**Investment Philosophy:** The fund would target 100% investments in Government & other debt securities to meet the stated objectives.

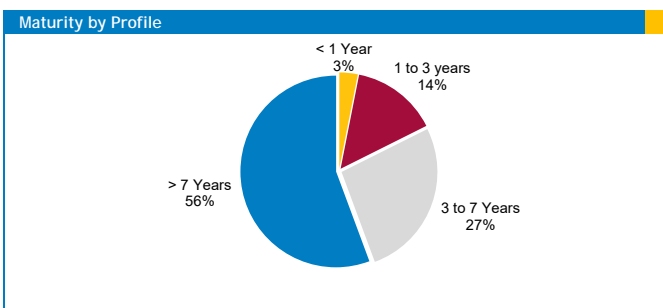
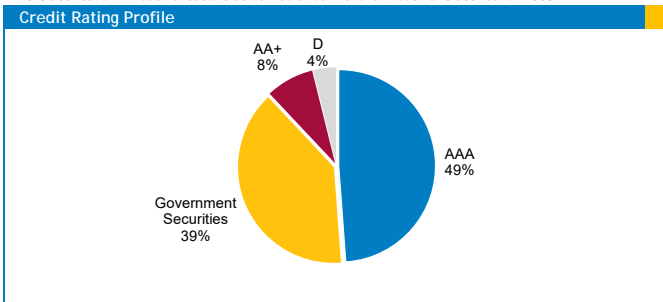
| Portfolio Return |                 | As on January 31, 2019 |             |              |              |                 |
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| Returns          | Absolute Return |                        | CAGR Return |              |              |                 |
|                  | Last 1 Month    | Last 6 Months          | Last 1 Year | Last 2 Years | Last 3 Years | Since Inception |
| Portfolio return | 0.2%            | 2.9%                   | 3.8%        | 3.1%         | 6.8%         | 8.1%            |
| Benchmark*       | 0.2%            | 4.7%                   | 6.4%        | 4.8%         | 7.7%         | 8.2%            |

**Note:** Past returns are not indicative of future performance.

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**Fund Details**

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| Himanshu Shethia            | Equity - 0   Debt - 6   Balanced - 4 |  |
| <b>AUM as on 31-01-2019</b> | <b>NAV as on 31-01-2019</b>          | <b>Modified Duration (Debt and Money Market)</b> |
| Rs. 101 crore               | Rs. 18.8837                          | 5.2  |

**Asset Classes**

| Asset Class                          | F&U     | Actual |
|--------------------------------------|---------|--------|
| Government and other Debt Securities | 60-100% | 96.3%  |
| Money Market and other liquid assets | 0-40%   | 3.7%   |

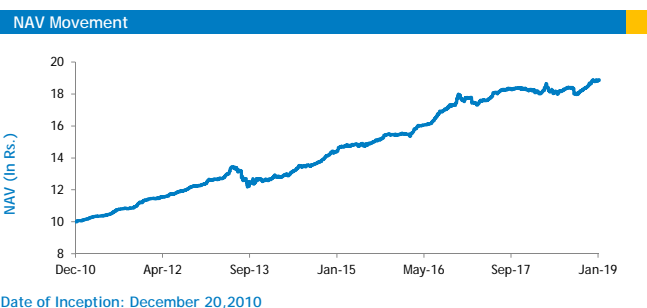
**Portfolio Components**

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| 6.68% GOI 2031                      | Sovereign | 10.7%        |
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| 7.59% GOI 2026                      | Sovereign | 5.0%         |
| 7.72% GOI 2055                      | Sovereign | 4.0%         |
| 8.83% GOI 2041                      | Sovereign | 2.8%         |
| 7.35% GOI 2024                      | Sovereign | 2.0%         |
| 7.26% GOI 2029                      | Sovereign | 2.0%         |
| 7.06% GOI 2046                      | Sovereign | 1.8%         |
| 8.4% GOI 2024                       | Sovereign | 1.5%         |
| 7.68% GOI 2023                      | Sovereign | 1.5%         |
| Others                              |           | 0.1%         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                        |           | <b>37.7%</b> |

**TOP 10 CORPORATE BONDS**

| Security                                    | Rating | Net Assets   |
|---|--------|--------------|
| SIKKA PORTS & TERMINALS LTD.                | AAA    | 8.2%         |
| L&T INFRA DEBT FUND LTD                     | AAA    | 5.0%         |
| RURAL ELECTRIFICATION CORPN. LTD.           | AAA    | 5.0%         |
| DEWAN HOUSING FINANCE CORPN. LTD.           | AAA    | 5.0%         |
| INDIABULLS HOUSING FINANCE LTD              | AAA    | 5.0%         |
| SHRIRAM TRANSPORT FINANCE CO. LTD.          | AA+    | 4.9%         |
| POWER GRID CORPN. OF INDIA LTD.             | AAA    | 4.1%         |
| STATE BANK OF INDIA                         | AAA    | 4.0%         |
| INDIAN RAILWAY FINANCE CORPN. LTD.          | AAA    | 4.0%         |
| INFRASTRUCTURE LEASING & FINANCIAL SERVICES | D      | 3.7%         |
| Others                                      |        | 9.8%         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                |        | <b>58.5%</b> |

|                              |               |
|------------------------------|---------------|
| <b>CASH AND MONEY MARKET</b> | <b>3.7%</b>   |
| <b>PORTFOLIO TOTAL</b>       | <b>100.0%</b> |





## Quantitative Indicators

- **Standard Deviation (SD)** - It shows how much the variation or dispersion of a fund's daily returns has from its average. Lesser SD indicates that the daily returns are moving closer to the average. A higher SD indicates that daily returns are widely spread over a large range of value.
- **Beta** - It indicates how the fund is performing relative to its benchmark. If beta of a fund is higher than its benchmark, which is considered 1, it indicates risk-return trade-off is better and vice-versa.
- **Sharpe Ratio** - It measures the risk-reward ratio as it indicates whether higher returns come with higher or lower risk. Greater the ratio, better is the risk-adjusted performance.
- **Average Maturity** - It is the weighted average period of all the maturities of debt securities in the portfolio.
- **Modified Duration (MD)** - It is the measurable change in the value of a security in response to a change in interest rates.
- **Bond yield** - Bond yield is the amount of return an investor realizes on a bond. Several types of bond yields exist, including nominal yield (interest paid divided by the face value of the bond) and current yield (annual earnings of the bond divided by its current market price). Yield to maturity (YTM), a popular measure where in addition to coupon return it also additionally incorporates price decline/increase to face value of the bond over the maturity period.

## Macroeconomic Indicators

- **Macroeconomics** - Macroeconomics is the branch of economics that studies the behavior and performance of an economy as a whole. It focuses on the aggregate changes in the economy such as unemployment, growth rate, gross domestic product and inflation. Macroeconomics analyzes all aggregate indicators that influence the economy. Government and corporations use macroeconomic models to help in formulating of economic policies and strategies.
- **Gross Domestic Product (GDP)** - GDP is one of the primary indicators used to gauge the health of a country's economy. It represents the total value of all goods and services produced over a specific time period. It can be stated in real terms or nominal terms (which includes inflation).
- **Gross value added (GVA)** - GVA is a productivity metric that measures the contribution to an economy, producer, sector or region. Gross value added provides a value for the amount of goods and services that have been produced, less the cost of all inputs and raw materials that are directly attributable to that production.
- **Index of Industrial Production (IIP)** - The index represents the production growth of various sectors in India. The index focuses on mining, electricity and manufacturing. The ongoing base year for calculation of index is 2004-2005.
- **HSBC Purchasers Managers' Index (PMI)** - Three types of indices - Manufacturing, Services and Composite Index are published on a monthly basis after surveys of private sector companies. An index reading above 50 indicates an overall increase in that variable, while below 50 shows an overall decrease.
- **Inflation** - Inflation measures the change in the prices of a basket of goods and services in a year. From a calculation standpoint, it is the percentage change in the value of the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) / Consumer Price Index (CPI) on a year-on-year basis. It occurs due to an imbalance between demand and supply, changes in production and distribution cost or increase in taxes on products. When economy experiences inflation, i.e. when the price level of goods and services rises, the value of currency reduces.

## Macroeconomic Indicators

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- **Nominal interest rate** - Nominal interest rate is the interest rate that does not take inflation impact into account. It is the interest rate that is quoted on bonds and loans.
- **Real interest rate** - Real interest rate adjusts for the inflation and gives the real rate of a bond or a loan.
- **Monetary Policy** - Monetary policy is the macroeconomic policy laid down by the Central bank. It involves management of money supply and interest rates to achieve macroeconomic objectives like inflation, consumption, growth and liquidity. Depending on growth-inflation dynamics, the central bank can either pursue an easy or a tight monetary policy. An expansionary/easy/ accommodative monetary policy involves expansion of money supply, mainly by keeping interest rates low, to boost economic growth. A contractionary/tight monetary policy involves reduction in money supply to control inflation in the economy.
- **Liquidity** - The Central bank of a country has to maintain an appropriate level of liquidity to help meet the credit demand of the country as well as maintain price stability. This is done by way of direct monetary policy tools such as policy rates and cash reserves to be maintained with it by banks. It is also done by indirect means such as Open market Operations (OMO) which involve sale and purchase of Government securities.
- **Fiscal Deficit** - This takes place when India's expenditure rises than its revenue. To fill this gap, the Government raises debt by issuing Government/ sovereign bonds. Fiscal deficit is usually compared with GDP to understand the financial position of the country. Rising fiscal deficit to GDP ratio is not good for the country, which requires immediate attention to cut expenditure and/or increase the source of revenue.
- **Current Account Deficit (CAD)** - Current account deficit is a measurement of a country's trade where the value of imports of goods and services as well as net investment income or transfer from abroad is greater than the value of exports of goods and services for a country. This indicates that the country is a net debtor of foreign currency, which increases the pressure on the country's existing foreign currency reserves. Current account surplus is the opposite of this.
- **Investment** - In private investment, the funds come from a private, for-profit business. A few examples of private investment are a private company's manufacturing plant, a commercial office building, or a shopping mall. In public investment, the money exchanged comes from a governmental entity such as a city, state, country, etc. It would involve roads, airports, dams and other public infrastructure.

## Market Indices

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- **Nifty 50 Index** - It is a well diversified 50 stock index accounting for 22 sectors of the economy. It is used for a variety of purposes such as benchmarking fund portfolios, index based derivatives and index funds.
- **CRISIL Composite Bond Fund Index** - It seeks to track the performance of a debt portfolio that includes government securities and AAA/AA rated corporate bonds.

## Fixed Income Indicators

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- **Repo Rate** - The rate at which the RBI lends money to commercial banks is called repo rate. It is an instrument of monetary policy. Whenever shortage of funds banks has, they can borrow from the RBI.
- **Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR)** - CRR is the amount of funds which the banks need to keep with the RBI. If the RBI decides to increase the CRR, the available amount with the banks comes down. The RBI uses the CRR to drain out excessive money from the system.

## Fixed Income Indicators

- **Marginal Standing Facility (MSF)** - It is a rate at which the RBI provides overnight lending to commercial banks over and above the repo window (repo rate). The interest rate charged is higher than the repo rate and hence it is used when there is considerable shortfall in liquidity.
- **Statutory Liquidity ratio (SLR)** - In India, commercial banks are required to maintain a certain percentage of their total deposits (net demand and time liabilities) in notified Government securities to ensure safety and liquidity of deposits. This percentage is known as the SLR rate. If the RBI or Central Bank reduces the SLR rate, it means that higher liquidity will be available to banks for their lending activity and vice-versa.

## Others

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