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Gratuity Fund Monthly Fund Performance

September 2020 Edition





Month gone by - A snapshot

Global equity markets consolidated in September, as uncertainty related to the upcoming US elections and resurgence of Covid-19 infections in Europe made investors cautious. Economic activity continues to revive in the US. However, uncertainty around additional stimulus measures ahead of the elections has led to some degree of circumspection. China continues to show strong recovery led by infrastructure investments and increasing share of global trade.

MSCI India index rose by 1%, outperforming MSCI Emerging Market index growth of -2%, as well as MSCI Developed Market index growth of -4%. Rupee and government bond yields remained stable during the month. Crude oil prices declined by 10% to US\$ 41/barrel, due to global demand concerns.

S&P has reaffirmed India's sovereign rating at BBB- with 'Stable' outlook. S&P expects that 'India's economy will recover following the resolution of the COVID-19 pandemic'. All three major global credit rating agencies continue to rate India in the 'investment grade' category.

Strong momentum in economic reforms

The Government continues to take measures to revive the long-term growth potential of the economy. The enactment of farm sector laws is expected to result in meaningful improvement in agriculture efficiency over the medium to long term, while helping farmers get better price realisations. Similarly, labour reforms are expected to lead to greater labour market flexibility and higher productivity in the economy.

Economic activity in India continues to revive with various macroeconomic data points, indicating steady improvement on monthly basis. Revival in electricity consumption is particularly robust and has shown YoY growth in September.

RBI ensures stable financial conditions: Inflation in August declined marginally, though it continues to remain above RBI's threshold level. We expect RBI to maintain an accommodative monetary policy stance. RBI's continuing liquidity support has enabled benign financial conditions in the economy. Foreign institutional investors (FIIs) bought US\$ 569mn of Indian debt in September.

Outlook: Unconventional measures taken by RBI have managed to override market concerns about inflation and increase in government's fiscal deficit. Indian government bond yields remained range-bound in September. The Government has maintained H2 FY2021 borrowing programme in line with its earlier plan announced in May. Given these measures, interest rates are expected to remain soft.

Market consolidates in September: After a sharp rally over the past few months, global markets consolidated in September as US political uncertainty, and imposition of Covid-19 related restrictions in Europe led to investor concerns. Additional fiscal stimulus in the US could be a challenge given the political gridlock. Global central banks continue to provide monetary policy support to revive economic growth.

Indian equity markets declined by 1% during the month. Information technology, Pharmaceuticals and Automobile sectors outperformed as these sectors continue to witness earning upgrades. FII outflows from equity markets in September was US\$ 0.7bn.

Outlook: Medium to long term outlook for equities remains strong on the back of revival in economic growth and ensuing improvement in corporate profitability. However, in the near term, we expect markets to consolidate as investors await outcome of US elections. The upcoming results season will be an important event for the domestic market.

Sanjay Kumar
Chief Investment Officer

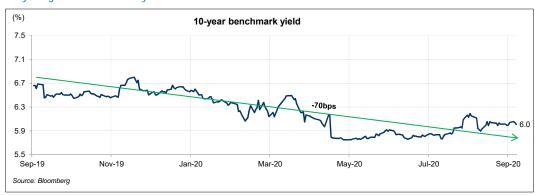
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Indicators	Sep 2019	Jun 2020	Sep 2020	QoQ Change	YoY Change
Economic indicators					
Consumer Price Index (CPI) Inflation (%)	3.3	6.3	6.7	0.4	3.4
Gross Domestic Product (GDP Growth) %	5.2	3.1	-23.9	-27.0	-29.1
Index of Industrial Production (IIP) (%)	4.9	-57.3	-10.4	46.9	-15.3
Brent crude oil (USD/barrel)	61	41	41	0%	-33%
Domestic Markets					
Nifty Index	11,474	10,302	11,248	9%	-2%
BSE Mid-cap Index	14,104	13,055	14,705	13%	4%
10-year G-Sec Yield (%)	6.7	5.9	6.0	10 bps	-70 bps
30-year G-Sec Yield (%)	7.2	6.5	6.8	30 bps	-40 bps
10-year AAA PSU Corporate Bond Yield (%)	7.7	6.8	6.7	-10 bps	-100 bps
Exchange rate (USD/INR) *	70.9	75.5	73.8	-2%	4%
Global Markets					
Dow Jones (U.S.)	26,917	25,813	27,782	8%	3%
FTSE (U.K.)	7,408	6,170	5,866	-5%	-21%
Nikkei 225 (Japan)	21,756	22,288	23,185	4%	7%

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

10-year government bond yield trend



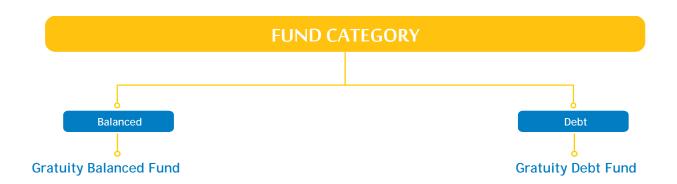
Equity Market performance



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As on September 30, 2020

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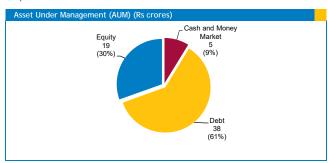
Investment Objective: To generate capital appreciation and current income, through a judicious mix of investments in equities and fixed income securities.

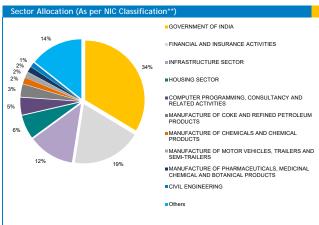
Investment Philosophy: The fund will target 30% investments in Equities and 70% investments in Government & other debt securities to meet the stated objectives.

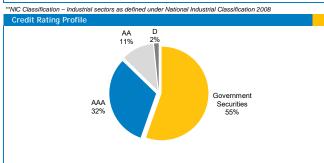
Portfolio Return As on September 30, 2020							
Datuma	Absolute	e Return		CA	GR Return		
Returns	Last 1	Last 6	Last 1	Last 2	Last 3	Since	
	Month	Months	Year	Years	Years	Inception	
Portfolio return	-0.3%	11.5%	5.2%	6.8%	5.9%	8.4%	
Benchmark*	-0.1%	12.9%	7.4%	9.3%	7.3%	8.5%	

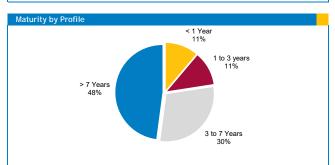
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* Benchmark return has been computed by applying benchmark weightages on Nifty 50 for Equity and CRISIL Composite Bond Fund Index for Debt





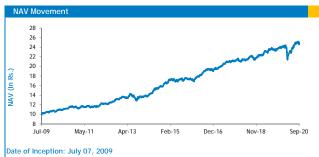






Asset Classes	F&U	Actual
Government and other Debt Securities	25-95%	60.8%
Equities	5-35%	30.5%
Money Market and other liquid assets	0-40%	8.7%

Security	Rating	Net Assets
GOVERNMENT SECURITIES	<u> </u>	
7.26% GOI 2029	Sovereign	9.4%
8.13% GOI 2045	Sovereign	5.6%
8.25% SDL 2026	Sovereign	5.3%
6.19% GOI 2034	Sovereign	4.8%
7.73% GOI 2034	Sovereign	3.2%
7.57% GOI 2033	Sovereign	2.7%
8.96% SDL 2035	Sovereign	1.9%
7.16% GOI 2023	Sovereign	0.8%
TOTAL	3	33.6%
CORPORATE BONDS		
INDIABULLS HOUSING FINANCE LTD	AA	6.8%
HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FINANCE CORPN. LTD.	AAA	6.5%
L&T INFRA DEBT FUND LTD	AAA	6.0%
N T P C LTD.	AAA	3.4%
SUNDARAM FINANCE LTD	AAA	1.8%
POWER FINANCE CORPN. LTD.	AAA	1.7%
DEWAN HOUSING FINANCE CORPN. LTD.	D	1.0%
TOTAL		27.1%
TOP 10 EQUITY SECURITIES		
RELIANCE INDUSTRIES LTD.		3.4%
H D F C BANK LTD.		2.5%
INFOSYS LTD.		2.4%
HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FINANCE CORPN. LTD.		1.7%
I C I C I BANK LTD.		1.5%
TATA CONSULTANCY SERVICES LTD.		1.4%
LARSEN & TOUBRO LTD.		1.0%
HINDUSTAN UNILEVER LTD.		0.9%
ITCLTD.		0.8%
KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK LTD.		0.8%
Others		14.0%
TOTAL		30.5%
CASH AND MONEY MARKET		8.7%
PORTFOLIO TOTAL		100.0%





As on September 30, 2020

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Gratuity Debt

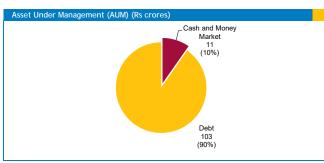
Investment Objective: To earn regular income by investing in high quality fixed income securities.

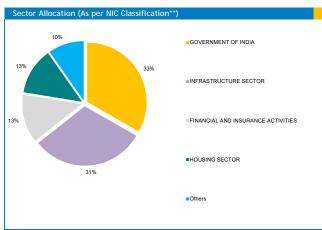
Investment Philosophy: The fund would target 100% investments in Government & other debt securities to meet the stated objectives.

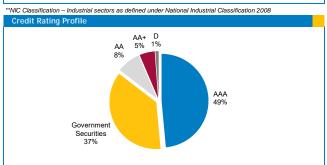
Portfolio Return	n As on September 30, 2020					
Datuma	Absolute	e Return		CA	GR Return	
Returns	Last 1 Month	Last 6 Months	Last 1 Year	Last 2 Years	Last 3 Years	Since Inception
Portfolio return	-0.1%	3.0%	7.0%	7.1%	4.1%	7.7%
Benchmark*	0.5%	5.2%	11.4%	12.5%	8.4%	8.8%

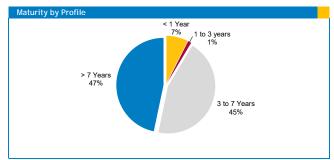
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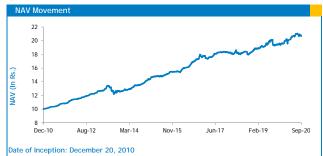






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7.59% GOI 2026	Sovereign	2.4%
8.4% GOI 2024	Sovereign	1.4%
8.13% GOI 2021	Sovereign	0.1%
7.95% GOI 2032	Sovereign	0.0%
TOTAL		33.3%
POWER GRID CORPN. OF INDIA LTD. L&T INFRA DEBT FUND LTD	AAA AAA	7.4% 4.8%
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N H P C I TD.	AAA	4.8%
SHRIRAM TRANSPORT FINANCE CO. LTD.	AA+	4.8%
INDIABILITS HOUSING FINANCE LTD	AA	4.6%
L C HOUSING FINANCE LTD.	AAA	4.5%
POWER FINANCE CORPN. LTD.	AAA	4.0%
INDIAN RAII WAY FINANCE CORPN. I TD.	AAA	3.9%
IDFC BANK LIMITED	AA	2.8%
Others		7.2%
TOTAL		57.0%
CASH AND MONEY MARKET		9.7%
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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

- 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

- 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

- 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

- Goods and Services Tax (GST) The GST is one of the biggest indirect tax reforms, with an aim to make India one unified common market. It is a single tax on the supply of goods and services, right from the manufacturer to the consumer. Credits of input taxes paid at each stage will be available in the subsequent stage of value addition, which makes GST essentially a tax only on value addition at each stage. The final consumer will thus bear only the GST charged by the last dealer in the supply chain, with set-off benefits at all the previous stages.
- Foreign institutional investors (FIIs) FIIs are those institutional investors who invest in the assets belonging to a different country other than that where these organizations are based. These are the big companies such as investment banks, mutual funds etc, which invest considerable amount of money in Indian equity and fixed income markets, and consequently have a strong bearing on the respective market movement and currency.
- Domestic institutional investors (DIIs)- DIIs are those institutional investors who undertake investment in securities and other financial assets of the country they are based in. Institutional investment is defined to be the investment done by institutions or organizations such as banks, insurance companies, and mutual fund houses in the financial or real assets of a country.
- Emerging market (EM) economy- An emerging market economy describes a nation's economy that is progressing toward becoming more advanced, usually by means of rapid growth and industrialization. These countries experience an expanding role both in the world economy and on the political frontier.
- Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC)- The OPEC was formed in 1960 to unify and
 coordinate members' petroleum policies. This was aimed at ensuring the stability of oil markets in order to secure
 an efficient, economic, and regular supply of petroleum to customers as well as a steady income to producers
 with a fair return. Members of OPEC include Iran, Iraq, Syria, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Qatar, the United
 Arab Emirates (or UAE), Oman, and Yemen. The OPEC countries produce 40% of the world's crude oil.
- Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC)- The FOMC is the monetary policymaking body of the Federal Reserve System. The FOMC is composed of 12 members - seven members of the Board of Governors and five of the 12 Reserve Bank presidents.
- International Monetary Fund (IMF)- The IMF, formed in 1945, is an international organization of 189 countries, headquartered in Washington, D.C. The key objectives include fostering global monetary cooperation, securing financial stability, facilitating international trade, promoting high employment and sustainable economic growth, and reducing poverty around the world.



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