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# Met Invest

## Group Fund Monthly Fund Performance

March 2021 Edition



### Month gone by - A snapshot

*Global equity markets saw a divergent performance in March, as developed markets continued to rally higher, while emerging markets saw a correction. While some developed economies have been able to bring the pandemic under control, many emerging economies are facing a new wave of Covid-19 infections. The US has implemented a significant fiscal stimulus in March, which is expected to boost consumption demand. It is also planning additional fiscal spending focused on infrastructure spending.*

*MSCI India index outperformed emerging market peers with a 2% increase in March, compared to a 2% decline in MSCI Emerging Market index. MSCI Developed Market index increased by 3%. The prospect of economic recovery, amidst high fiscal spending, has led to a further increase in US yields. Crude oil prices have declined to US\$ 64/barrel due to anticipated reduction in demand from pandemic affected countries. The INR remained stable during the month.*

### Indian economy shows resilience

Several high frequency indicators suggest that the economy continues to recover gradually. GST revenues have increased meaningfully and will help to address the government's revenue concerns. The second wave of pandemic is emerging as a key risk to economic growth. The Government has widened the scope of eligibility for Covid-19 vaccinations. Progress in vaccination is critical to dealing with the pandemic.

### RBI expected to reiterate policy support

The Government has extended the central bank's inflation target mandate of 2% to 6% by five years. Given the risk to growth arising from the second wave, we expect RBI to reiterate its support for economic growth in the upcoming monetary policy meeting. The decline in crude oil prices along with lower than expected borrowings by the central government led to a marginal decline in GSec yields.

The decline in Corporate and State Government bond yields was relatively higher. Foreign institutional investors (FIIs) sold US\$ 756mn of Indian debt in March. The cumulative outflow from Indian debt market in FY 2021 stands at US\$ 6.3bn.

**Outlook:** RBI continues to reiterate its intent of maintaining benign financial market conditions to support the nascent economic recovery. The underlying trend for Indian bonds suggests that yields may inch upwards, going forward. However, the supportive measures by the central bank are likely to curb undue volatility.

### Second wave of pandemic leads to high market volatility

Indian equity markets remained largely unchanged in March, as concerns regarding increasing number of Covid cases and its potential impact on economic recovery impacted investor sentiments. The Metal and IT sector outperformed owing to improving global prospects while domestic-facing sectors such as Banking and Automobiles underperformed. The FII inflows in equity markets was US\$ 2.6bn in March. The cumulative inflows into Indian equity market in FY 2021 stands at US\$ 37.6bn.

**Outlook:** While global as well as domestic growth outlook remains upbeat, the second wave of infections could delay full economic recovery. We expect the upcoming Q4 corporate results to provide clarity on demand environment across various sectors.

The movement in commodity prices and its impact on corporate profitability, FII flows and management commentaries remain key monitorable. Notwithstanding near-term concerns, our outlook on equities remains positive as conducive policy environment and benign liquidity conditions augur well for corporate profitability.

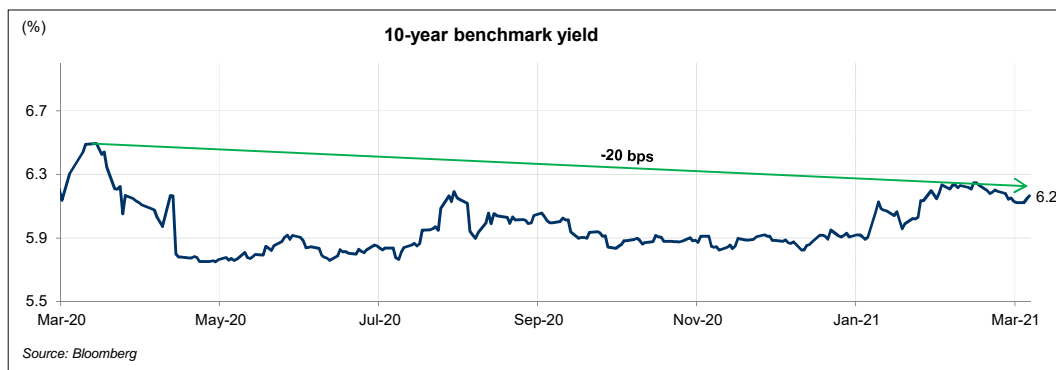
**Sanjay Kumar**

Chief Investment Officer

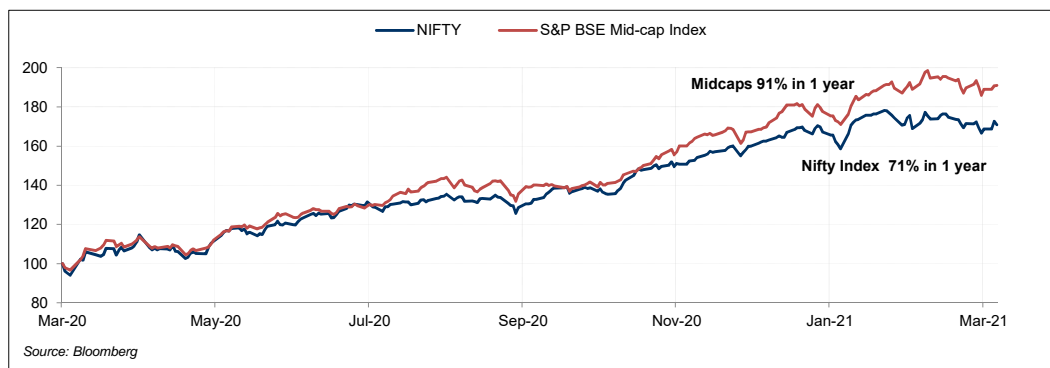
Indicators	Mar 2020	Dec 2020	Mar 2021	QoQ Change	YoY Change
<b>Economic indicators</b>					
Consumer Price Index (CPI) Inflation (%)	6.6	6.9	5.0	-1.9	-1.6
Gross Domestic Product (GDP Growth) %	3.3	-7.4	0.4	7.8	-2.9
Index of Industrial Production (IIP) (%)	2.2	4.5	-1.6	-6.1	-3.8
Brent crude oil (USD/barrel)	23	52	64	23%	178%
<b>Domestic Markets</b>					
Nifty Index	8,598	13,982	14,691	5%	71%
S&P BSE Mid-cap Index	10,570	17,941	20,181	12%	91%
10-year G-Sec Yield (%)	6.1	5.9	6.2	30 bps	10 bps
30-year G-Sec Yield (%)	6.8	6.5	6.8	30 bps	0 bps
10-year AAA PSU Corporate Bond Yield (%)	7.3	6.5	7.2	70 bps	-10 bps
Exchange rate (USD/INR) *	75.5	73.1	73.1	0%	-3%
<b>Global Markets</b>					
Dow Jones (U.S.)	21,917	30,606	32,982	8%	50%
FTSE (U.K.)	5,672	6,461	6,714	4%	18%
Nikkei 225 (Japan)	18,917	27,444	29,179	6%	54%

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





FUND PERFORMANCE



MARKET OVERVIEW

### FUND CATEGORY

Balanced

- Gratuity Balanced Fund
- Group Met Secure Fund
- Group Met Growth Fund

Debt

Gratuity Debt Fund

## Gratuity Balanced

SFIN No: ULGF00205/06/04GRBALANCE117

**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.

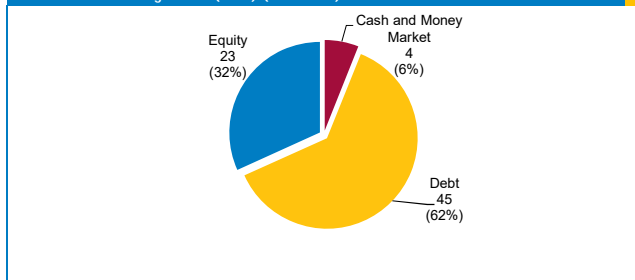
### Portfolio Return As on March 31, 2021

Returns	Absolute Return		CAGR Return			
	Last 1 Month	Last 6 Months	Last 1 Year	Last 2 Years	Last 3 Years	Since Inception
Portfolio return	1.0%	12.0%	24.9%	9.4%	9.3%	9.1%
Benchmark*	1.3%	10.8%	26.6%	10.8%	10.3%	9.1%

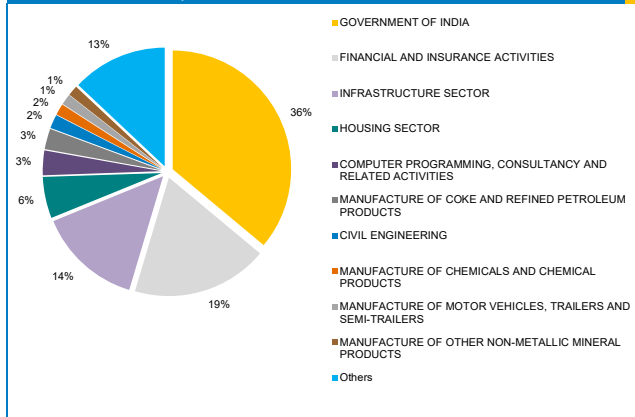
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\* Benchmark return has been computed by applying benchmark weightages on Nifty 50 for Equity and CRISIL Composite Bond Fund Index for Debt

### Asset Under Management (AUM) (Rs crores)

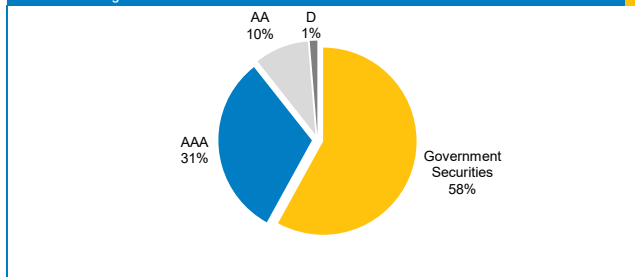


### Sector Allocation (As per NIC Classification\*\*)

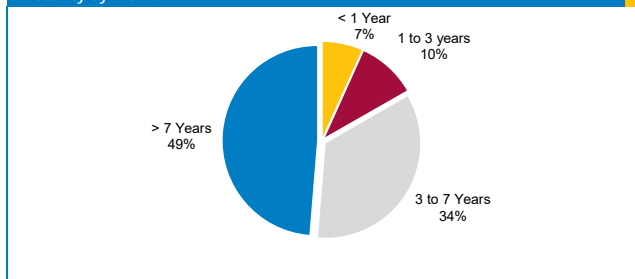


\*\*NIC Classification – Industrial sectors as defined under National Industrial Classification 2008

### Credit Rating Profile



### Maturity by Profile



### Fund Details

Fund Manager	Funds managed by the Fund Manager
Deb Bhattacharya	Equity - 2   Debt - 8   Balanced - 8
AUM as on 31-03-2021	NAV as on 31-03-2021
Rs. 72 crore	Rs. 27.7752
	Modified Duration (Debt and Money Market)
	5.0

### Asset Classes

Asset Class	F&U	Actual
Government and other Debt Securities	25-95%	62.2%
Equities	5-35%	31.8%
Money Market and other liquid assets	0-40%	6.1%

### Portfolio Components

Security	Rating	Net Assets
<b>TOP 10 GOVERNMENT SECURITIES</b>		
7.26% GOI 2029	Sovereign	8.0%
8.13% GOI 2045	Sovereign	4.8%
5.85% GOI 2030	Sovereign	4.8%
8.25% SDL 2026	Sovereign	4.5%
5.15% GOI 2025	Sovereign	4.1%
5.77% GOI 2030	Sovereign	2.7%
7.73% GOI 2034	Sovereign	2.7%
7.57% GOI 2033	Sovereign	2.2%
8.96% SDL 2035	Sovereign	1.7%
7.16% GOI 2023	Sovereign	0.7%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>36.1%</b>

### CORPORATE BONDS

Security	Rating	Net Assets
INDIABULLS HOUSING FINANCE LTD	AA	5.8%
HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FINANCE CORPN. LTD.	AAA	5.6%
L&T INFRA DEBT FUND LTD	AAA	5.1%
POWER FINANCE CORPN. LTD.	AAA	4.3%
N T P C LTD.	AAA	2.9%
SUNDARAM FINANCE LTD	AAA	1.5%
DEWAN HOUSING FINANCE CORPN. LTD.	D	0.8%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>26.1%</b>

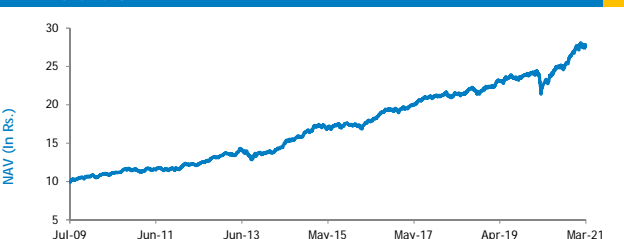
### TOP 10 EQUITY SECURITIES

Security	Net Assets
RELIANCE INDUSTRIES LTD.	2.6%
H D F C BANK LTD.	2.5%
I C I C I BANK LTD.	1.7%
HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FINANCE CORPN. LTD.	1.6%
INFOSYS LTD.	1.4%
TATA CONSULTANCY SERVICES LTD.	1.4%
STATE BANK OF INDIA	1.0%
LARSEN & TOUBRO LTD.	1.0%
AXIS BANK LTD.	0.9%
I T C LTD.	0.9%
Others	16.7%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>31.8%</b>

### CASH AND MONEY MARKET

CASH AND MONEY MARKET	6.1%
<b>PORTFOLIO TOTAL</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

### NAV Movement



Date of Inception: July 07, 2009

## Gratuity Debt

SFIN No: ULGF00105/06/04GRADEBTFND117

**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.

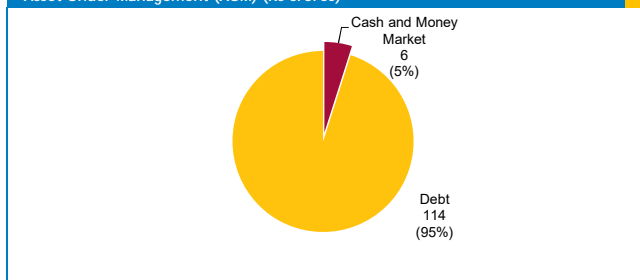
### Portfolio Return As on March 31, 2021

Returns	Absolute Return		CAGR Return			
	Last 1 Month	Last 6 Months	Last 1 Year	Last 2 Years	Last 3 Years	Since Inception
Portfolio return	1.4%	2.7%	5.9%	5.1%	4.9%	7.6%
Benchmark*	1.4%	2.4%	7.7%	10.1%	9.0%	8.6%

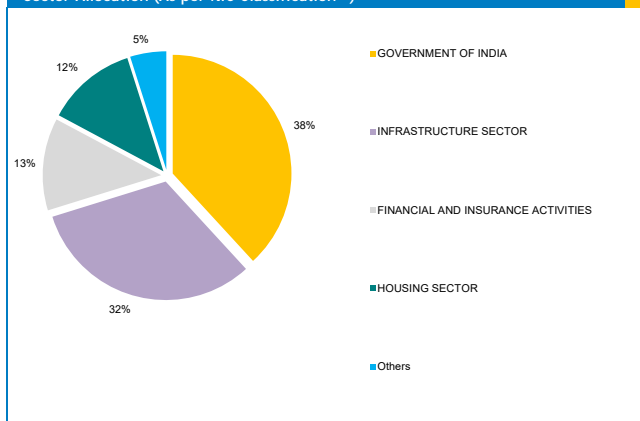
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### Asset Under Management (AUM) (Rs crores)

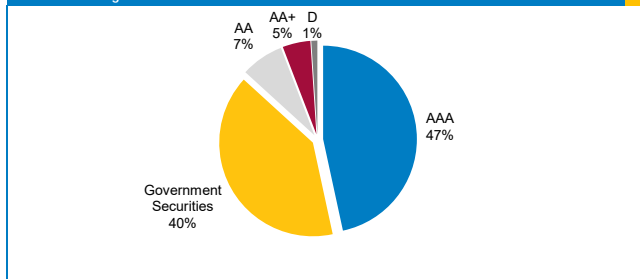


### Sector Allocation (As per NIC Classification\*\*)

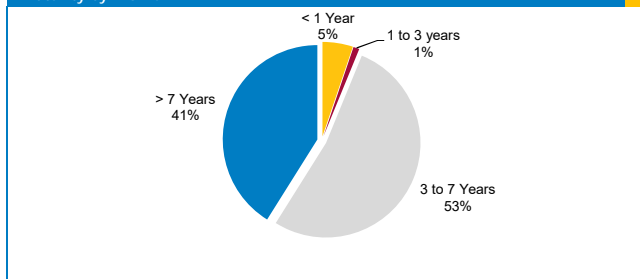


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### Credit Rating Profile



### Maturity by Profile



### Fund Details

<b>Fund Manager</b> Deb Bhattacharya	<b>Funds managed by the Fund Manager</b> Equity - 2   Debt - 8   Balanced - 8	
<b>AUM as on 31-03-2021</b> Rs. 120 crore	<b>NAV as on 31-03-2021</b> Rs. 21.2469	<b>Modified Duration (Debt and Money Market)</b> 5.1

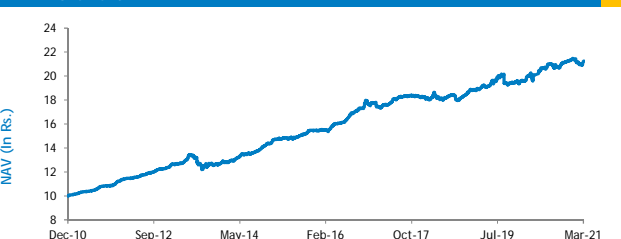
### Asset Classes

Asset Class	F&U	Actual
Government and other Debt Securities	60-100%	95.1%
Money Market and other liquid assets	0-40%	4.9%

### Portfolio Components

Security	Rating	Net Assets
<b>TOP 10 GOVERNMENT SECURITIES</b>		
8.96% SDL 2035	Sovereign	11.9%
5.15% GOI 2025	Sovereign	6.5%
7.57% GOI 2033	Sovereign	5.2%
7.2% SDL 2027	Sovereign	4.3%
5.77% GOI 2030	Sovereign	4.0%
8.83% GOI 2041	Sovereign	2.6%
7.59% GOI 2026	Sovereign	2.2%
8.4% GOI 2024	Sovereign	1.4%
8.13% GOI 2021	Sovereign	0.1%
7.95% GOI 2032	Sovereign	0.0%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>38.2%</b>
<b>TOP 10 CORPORATE BONDS</b>		
HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FINANCE CORPN. LTD.	AAA	7.9%
POWER GRID CORPN. OF INDIA LTD.	AAA	7.1%
POWER FINANCE CORPN. LTD.	AAA	6.1%
N H P C LTD.	AAA	4.6%
L&T INFRA DEBT FUND LTD	AAA	4.6%
SHRIRAM TRANSPORT FINANCE CO. LTD.	AA+	4.6%
INDIABULLS HOUSING FINANCE LTD	AA	4.4%
L I C HOUSING FINANCE LTD.	AAA	4.4%
INDIAN RAILWAY FINANCE CORPN. LTD.	AAA	3.7%
SIKKA PORTS & TERMINALS LTD.	AAA	2.7%
Others		6.9%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>56.9%</b>
<b>CASH AND MONEY MARKET</b>		<b>4.9%</b>
<b>PORTFOLIO TOTAL</b>		<b>100.0%</b>

### NAV Movement



Date of Inception: December 20, 2010

## Group Met Secure fund (Open Fund)

SFIN No: ULGF00410/09/14METSECUREF117

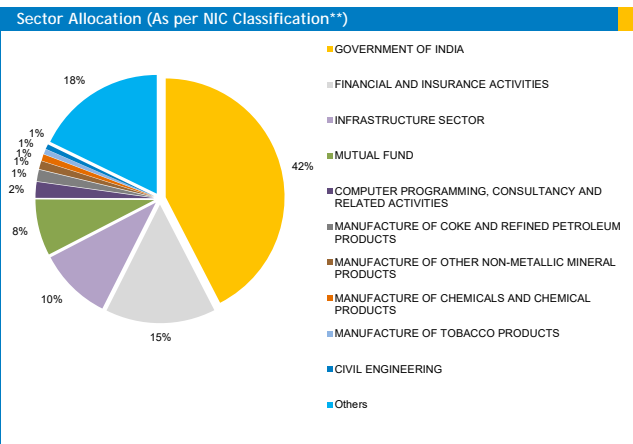
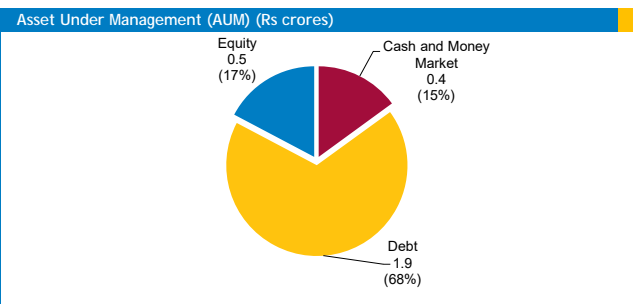
**Investment Objective:** To generate regular income by investing in high investment grade Fixed Income Securities and to generate capital appreciation by investing a limited portion in equities.

**Investment Philosophy:** The fund will target 15% investments in Equities and 85% investments in Government & other debt securities (Including Money Market) to meet the stated objectives.

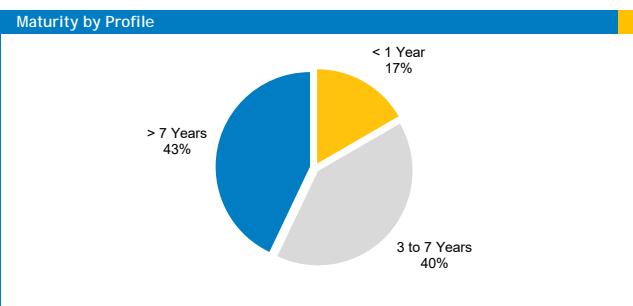
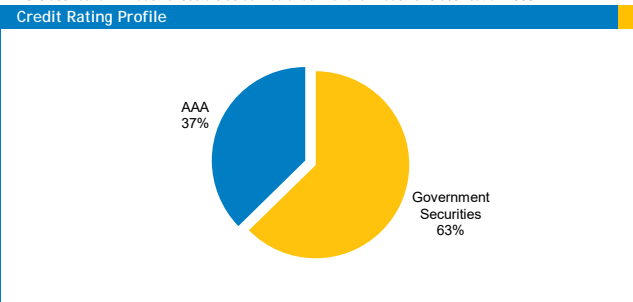
Portfolio Return		As on March 31, 2021				
Returns	Absolute Return		CAGR Return			
	Last 1 Month	Last 6 Months	Last 1 Year	Last 2 Years	Last 3 Years	Since Inception
Portfolio return	1.4%	-	-	-	-	0.5%
Benchmark*	1.3%	-	-	-	-	0.5%

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

\* Benchmark return has been computed by applying benchmark weightages on S&P BSE Sensex 50 for Equity, CRISIL Composite Bond Fund Index for Debt and Crisil Overnight Index for Liquid.



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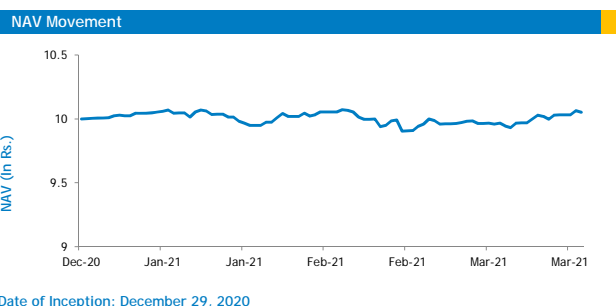


Fund Details		
<b>Fund Manager</b>	Funds managed by the Fund Manager	
Deb Bhattacharya	Equity - 2   Debt - 8   Balanced -8	
<b>AUM as on 31-03-2021</b>	<b>NAV as on 31-03-2021</b>	<b>Modified Duration (Debt and Money Market)</b>
Rs. 2.8 crore	Rs. 10.0510	4.4

Asset Classes	F&U	Actual
Listed Equities	10%-20%	17.3%
Government and other Debt Securities	10%-80%	67.7%
Money Market and other liquid assets	10%-80%	15.0%

**Portfolio Components**

Security	Rating	Net Assets
<b>GOVERNMENT SECURITIES</b>		
5.15% GOI 2025	Sovereign	28.5%
6.5% SDL 2030	Sovereign	13.9%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>42.4%</b>
<b>CORPORATE BONDS</b>		
POWER FINANCE CORPN. LTD.	AAA	8.9%
NATIONAL BANK FOR AGRICULTURE & RURAL DEVL.	AAA	8.8%
EDELWEISS BHARAT BOND ETF -APRIL 2025	AAA	4.3%
EDELWEISS BHARAT BOND ETF -APRIL 2031	AAA	3.3%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>25.3%</b>
<b>TOP 10 EQUITY SECURITIES</b>		
RELIANCE INDUSTRIES LTD.		1.5%
H D F C BANK LTD.		1.3%
HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FINANCE CORPN. LTD.		1.2%
INFOSYS LTD.		1.1%
TATA CONSULTANCY SERVICES LTD.		1.0%
I C I C I BANK LTD.		1.0%
I T C LTD.		0.7%
STATE BANK OF INDIA		0.6%
BAJAJ FINANCE LTD.		0.6%
LARSEN & TOUBRO LTD.		0.5%
Others		7.7%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>17.3%</b>
<b>CASH AND MONEY MARKET</b>		<b>15.0%</b>
<b>PORTFOLIO TOTAL</b>		<b>100.0%</b>



## Group Met Growth Fund (Open Fund)

SFIN No: ULGF00510/09/14METGROWTHF117

**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 55% investments in Equities and 45% investments in Government & other debt securities (Including Money Market) to meet the stated objectives.

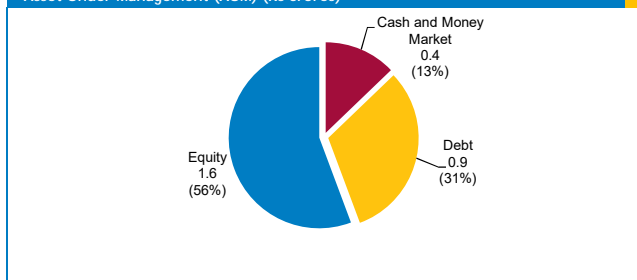
### Portfolio Return As on March 31, 2021

Returns	Absolute Return		CAGR Return			
	Last 1 Month	Last 6 Months	Last 1 Year	Last 2 Years	Last 3 Years	Since Inception
Portfolio return	0.8%	-	-	-	-	2.9%
Benchmark*	1.2%	-	-	-	-	2.9%

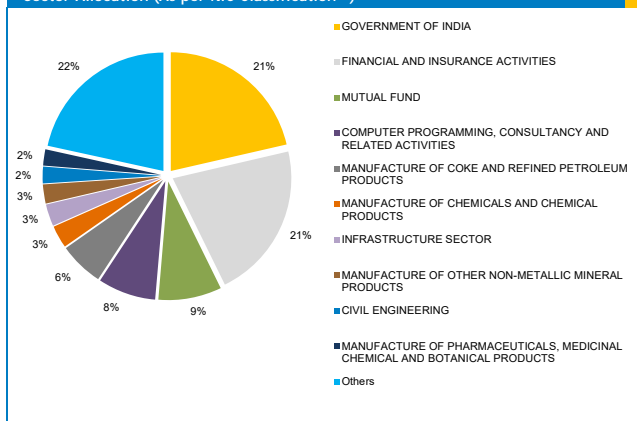
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### Asset Under Management (AUM) (Rs crores)

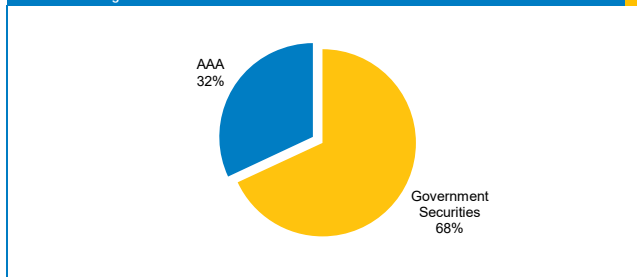


### Sector Allocation (As per NIC Classification\*\*)

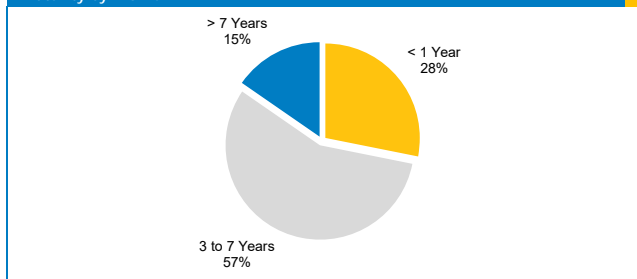


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### Credit Rating Profile



### Maturity by Profile



### Fund Details

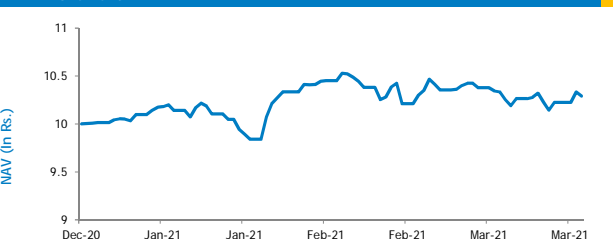
Fund Manager	Funds managed by the Fund Manager	
Deb Bhattacharya	Equity - 2	Debt - 8   Balanced -8
AUM as on 31-03-2021	NAV as on 31-03-2021	Modified Duration (Debt and Money Market)
Rs. 2.9 crore	Rs. 10.2892	3.2

Asset Classes	F&U	Actual
Listed Equities	30%-60%	55.7%
Government and other Debt Securities	10%-60%	31.4%
Money Market and other liquid assets	10%-60%	12.9%

### Portfolio Components

Security	Rating	Net Assets
<b>GOVERNMENT SECURITIES</b>		
5.15% GOI 2025	Sovereign	21.4%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>21.4%</b>
<b>CORPORATE BONDS</b>		
NATIONAL BANK FOR AGRICULTURE & RURAL DEVL.	AAA	3.4%
EDELWEISS BHARAT BOND ETF -APRIL 2025	AAA	3.3%
EDELWEISS BHARAT BOND ETF -APRIL 2031	AAA	3.3%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>10.0%</b>
<b>TOP 10 EQUITY SECURITIES</b>		
RELIANCE INDUSTRIES LTD.		5.5%
H D F C BANK LTD.		4.5%
TATA CONSULTANCY SERVICES LTD.		4.0%
INFOSYS LTD.		3.9%
I C I C I BANK LTD.		3.9%
HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FINANCE CORPN. LTD.		3.1%
NIPPON INDIA BANK BEES ETF		2.0%
STATE BANK OF INDIA		1.9%
LARSEN & TOUBRO LTD.		1.5%
BAJAJ FINANCE LTD.		1.5%
Others		23.8%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>55.7%</b>
<b>CASH AND MONEY MARKET</b>		<b>12.9%</b>
<b>PORTFOLIO TOTAL</b>		<b>100.0%</b>

### NAV Movement



Date of Inception: December 29, 2020



## 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.

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- **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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