

Market Outlook

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June 2025





Markets climb wall of worry

Against the adage of Sell in May and Go Away, the month of May turned out to be quite positive for equity markets globally. Equity Markets climbed the wall of worry related to tariff war & Geopolitical uncertainty and delivered handsome returns. The rally was led by developed Markets like US (Nasdaq up 9.6%, S&P 500 Index up 6.2%), Germany (6.7%), Japan (5.3%) while Emerging Markets also delivered decent returns. Domestically, Smallcap (8.7%) and Midcap (6.1%) space outperformed Nifty 50 Index (1.7%) as the risk appetite for the markets recovered in the second half of the month post the announcement of the ceasefire.

As highlighted in the previous newsletters, we continue to believe that India is seeing inflection at three major levels.

- a) Government's spending- CAPEX spend for FY25 was back-ended with Q4FY25 witnessing a 33% YoY growth, helping surpass the full year target. The pace of expenditure also continued unabated in April 2025 with CAPEX spend of 1.59 lakh crore, up 61% YoY.
- b) Monetary Policy-There has been a discernible shift in the monetary policy stance with RBI cutting interest rates by 50 bps and infusing significant liquidity (in excess of 8.5 lakh crore) through various instruments like Open Market operations (OMO), FOREX Swaps, VRRR etc. There is expectation of further reduction in interest rates by atleast 50 bps over next 6 months.
- c) Regulatory landscape- There has been significant relaxation on the regulatory side with reduction in risk weights towards lending to NBFCs, removal of the embargos on several companies, deferment of the several regulations like LCR, provisions increase in project finance etc.

All these steps are beginning to get reflected in the growth indicators. GDP growth has revived from a low of 5.6% in Q2FY25 to 7.4% Q4FY25. Other high frequency indicators are also suggesting pickup in economic activity with GST collection growing 16.4% YoY for May 2025, continued strength in PMIs and other demand indicators. The early onset of the monsoon along with projections of normal monsoon enthuses confidence on domestic growth inflation dynamics. While domestic economy continues to remain resilient, we are cautious on the global growth outlook. The flip flop on the tariffs along with new legal challenges questioning the Trump administration's authority under the International Economic Emergency Powers Act to impose such tariffs will keep the uncertainty high. This will keep the decision making of the global corporates slow and will impact the global growth unless there is certainty on extent and duration of tariffs.





Equity Market Outlook

Given our positive stance on the domestic growth outlook, we remain constructive on Equity Markets. We believe that India is a beacon of stability in this fragile global economic landscape owing to resilience of the domestic economy. We firmly believe that the domestic equity markets will be supported by revival in earnings growth, easing monetary policy, strong domestic liquidity and revival in FII flows. We are beginning to see green shoots in the earnings with Q4FY25 with number of companies witnessing downgrades to FY26/FY27 earnings estimates declining significantly. We expect FY26 and FY27 to see significantly better earnings growth led by three factors-Topline growth due to revival in consumption on back of tax cuts, pick up in margins due to soft commodity prices and bottoming out of margin profile of banks as the interest rate transmission on liability side picks up. In the context of revival in earnings growth and best in a decade balance sheet of corporate India, we find valuations at ~21x 1-year forward PE reasonable. Additionally, the composition of Nifty 50 has changed significantly over the last 5 years with low valuations old economy stocks being replaced by highly valued consumer stocks making the comparison with historical averages flawed. While Midcap & Small cap optically appears to be expensive at 25x and 24x FY26 EPS, this has to be seen in the context of significantly reduced balance sheet risk and higher growth that these companies will deliver. The consensus earnings growth expectation for Nifty Midcap 100 Index and Nifty Small Cap index stands at 18% and 22% CAGR, respectively over next two years. While volatility is an inherent feature of the markets, we believe that Indian markets still offer significant bottom-up opportunity to add quality businesses to our portfolio.





Fixed Income Outlook:

India bond yields remained supported in the month of May despite unfavourable global cues. The US yields have inched up due to tariff related uncertainties, fiscal worries and firmer-than-expected economic activity data deferring interest rate cut expectations by the Fed. The UST 10Y yield has risen ~24 bps mom, closing the month of May at 4.40% (reaching highs of 4.63% during the month). Domestically, bond markets have rallied, barring the Indo-Pak border escalation episode.

The position on the fiscal and inflation front appears comfortable. We have seen an early onset of the monsoon which along with expectations of above average monsoon at 105% of LPA (±4% of LPA is considered normal monsoon) bodes well for the Inflation trajectory. On the fiscal front, government has got the cushion to the tune of 0.25% of the GDP by way of rise in excise duty on fuel (0.1% of GDP) and RBI Dividend of Rs 2.69 lakh Crore which exceeded the budget estimates by 0.15% of GDP. Favourable CPI inflation trends, along with positive fiscal math supported the bond markets, though higher than expected GDP growth print at the end of the last week weighed on the bond market sentiments.

We have seen RBI cutting rates by 50 bps in last 2 MPC meetings with call for the stance to shift from neutral to accommodative. We expect yields to remain steady with downward bias taking into consideration scope for rate cut of another 50-75 bps and continued easy liquidity. However, higher-than-expected GDP growth and continued geopolitical and global trade policy uncertainties will pose upside risks to yields.





GROUP INCOME FUND SFIN No. ULGF005010118GRPINCFUND13 ABOUT THE FUND PORTFOLIO AS ON 30-May-2025 OBJECTIVE SECURITIES HOLDINGS SECTORAL ALLOCATION This fund aims to provide stable returns by investing inassets with MONEY MARKET INSTRUMENTS & NCA 2.74% relatively low to moderate level of risk. Thefund will invest in fixed income securities such as Govt. Securities, Corporate Bonds & any Sovereign other fixed incomeinvestments along with Money Market GOVERNMENT SECURITIES 77.27% Instruments for liquidity. 6.75% Gsec 23/12/2029 19.65% 6.90% Gsec 15/04/2065 12.74% 17.73% 0% CS 19/12/2029 9.23% Fund Manager Details 7.10% Gsec 18/04/2029 8.80% No. Of Funds Managed 7.10% GOI Sovereign Green Bond 27/01/2028 8.45% Fund Manager Debt Hybrid 7.51% UP SDL 27/03/2038 4.51% 2.26% 7.34% Gsec 22/04/2064 4.49% Shobit Gupta 0% CS 22/02/2030 4.01% 6.79% Gsec 07/10/2034 2.18% SSET ALLOCATION 7.26% Gsec 22/08/2032 1.51% Actual Others 1.70% Composition Min. Max. Cash and Money Market 2.74% 0.00% 40.00% SECURITIES 97.26% Fixed Income Instruments 60.00% 100.00% 0.00% CORPORATE DEBT 19.98% Equities 0.00% 0.00% 8.90% BHARTI TELECOM Ltd 05/11/2031 13.64% 6.72% 7 50% RISK RETURN PROFILE 8.40% Cholamandalam Investment And Fin Co Ltd 09/08/2028 6.65% Low To Moderate 7.6065% HDB Fin. 06/05/2030 4.37% Risk Return High 7.89% Bajaj Housing Finance Ltd 14/07/2034 2.26% DATE OF INCEPTION 31st March 2019 ■ AAA ■ SOV ■ AA+ FUND PERFORMANCE as on BENCHMARK COMPARISON (CAGR RETURN) 30-May-2025 Returns since Publication of NAV Absolute Return CAGR Return 12.00% 10.00% 8 00% AUM (In Lakhs) NAV 6.00% 17 1389 474 16 4 00% Modified Duration (In Years 2 00% 5.76 0.00% Ayears 3 years Money Market ■ FUTURE GROUP INCOME FUND & NCA, 2.74% Benchmark :Nifty Composite Debt Index 100% NCD, 19.98% ■ GSEC, 77.27% 17 00 16.00 MODERATE RISK MODERATE RETURN

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