

# **Market Outlook**

for March 2025





## Navigating through tariffs induced volatility

Indian Equity Markets seemed to have found some floor in March 2025. While the uncertainty around tariff wars and geopolitical risks persisted, the markets seemed to have taken cognizance of the fact that the broader economic slowdown in India has bottomed out. The recovery was driven by a plethora of factors viz. strong domestic liquidity, interest rate cut, contained inflation, moderation in FII outflows, and robust retail participation. There has also been a rebound in many high frequency indicators like Power Consumption, Toll collection, GST collection, etc. Having said that, the recent tariffs announced by President Trump on countries around the world, and his continuing comments, will keep markets on the edge. While steep tariffs have been imposed on India as well, we believe that India is best poised to navigate this volatility owing to limited export dependency, ability to significantly bridge the trade deficit with US through purchase of energy and defense procurements and significantly larger tariffs on our competing countries thereby providing us an opportunity to gain market share across most products. Over the medium term, we believe India's macro fundamentals remain strong, and the economy is likely to remain among the fastest growing emerging markets.

## **Outlook on Indian Equity Market**

We believe the Indian economy has started to witness green shoots of recovery with the high frequency indicators turning positive after an election induced slowdown. It is evident that a pivot is happening at three major levels:

A) Monetary Policy easing and significant liquidity infusion: RBI has infused a significant amount of permanent liquidity in the markets through OMO and FX Swaps. The total liquidity infusion thus far has been in excess of 7 lakh crores. The same has been done in a busy season and we expect its impact to be seen gradually over the next couple of quarters. As we move forward into FY26, we expect system liquidity to turn into sizeable surplus which accelerate the transmission of looser monetary policy

| Monetary action by RBI   |                |  |  |
|--------------------------|----------------|--|--|
| Action                   | Amount (in Rs) |  |  |
| Repo Rate Cut            | 25 bps         |  |  |
| OMO Purchase             | 3.2 Lakh Crore |  |  |
| FX Swaps                 | 2.1 Lakh Crore |  |  |
| VRR (Variable Rate Repo) | 1.8 Lakh Crore |  |  |
| Total Liquidity Infusion | 7.1 Lakh Crore |  |  |





B) Fiscal spending is laggard but expected to pick up pace: The Centre's expenditure was marred by election-related slowdown and the model code of conduct in the first half of the last financial year (H1FY25). The capex, however, picked up post November 2023, led by expenditure for Railways, transfers to states, and capital outlay on defense services. While there will be monthly variations as is visible in the slowdown in February CAPEX spend, the growth for November-February is still very strong at 35%. We anticipate continuation of strong fiscal/CAPEX spending in FY26 as well.

| Capital Expenditure (Rs Crore) |          |          |          |
|--------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Month                          | FY24     | FY25     | Growth % |
| April                          | 78,457   | 99,235   | 26%      |
| May                            | 89,332   | 44,390   | -50%     |
| June                           | 1,10,691 | 37,426   | -66%     |
| July                           | 38,599   | 80,209   | 108%     |
| August                         | 56,720   | 39,727   | -30%     |
| September                      | 1,16,829 | 1,13,979 | -2%      |
| October                        | 56,296   | 51,579   | -8%      |
| November                       | 38,721   | 46,955   | 21%      |
| December                       | 87,985   | 1,71,837 | 95%      |
| January                        | 47,557   | 72,022   | 51%      |
| February                       |          | 54,528   | 35%      |

- A) **Regulatory relaxations:** Reserve Bank has started easing/unwinding some of the regulatory/macro prudential measures while deferring some others. For instance, RBI has:
  - a. relaxed the risk weight on Bank Lending to NBFCs
  - b. relaxed risk weight on Bank lending towards Micro Finance
  - c. deferred the implementation of the LCR guidelines, Project Finance guidelines and ECL framework
  - d. relaxed restrictions on several organizations like Kotak Mahindra Bank, Ashirwad Micro Finance, Arohan Micro Finance, Navi, etc.

We believe, collectively, the measures stated above will start being reflected in economic growth with a lag of 1-2 quarters. With green shoots of economic recovery visible through high frequency indicators, monetary and fiscal policy acting in tandem, easing liquidity conditions, and regulatory environment becoming lenient, we believe now is the time to build equity portfolio and reap benefits once these measures start showing results.





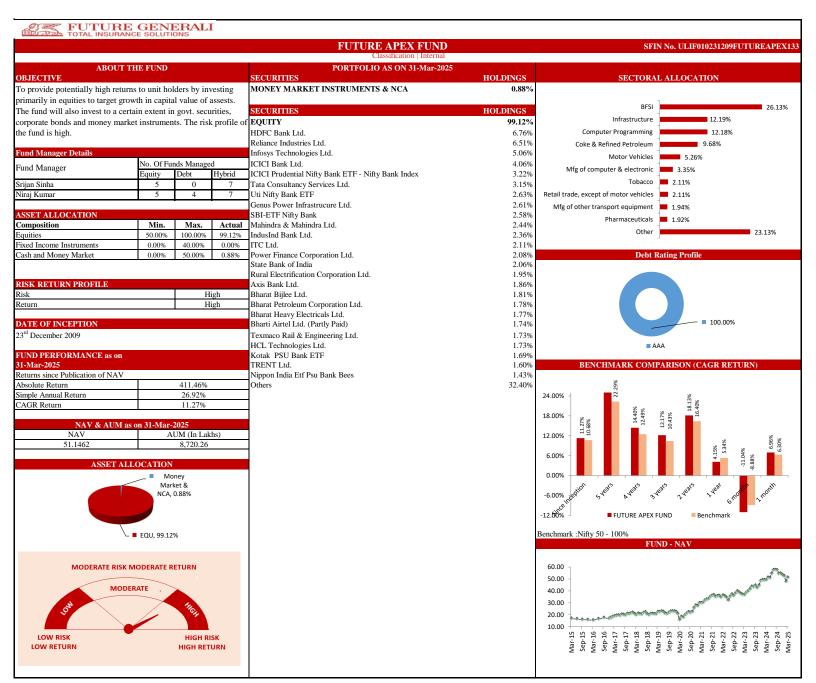
#### **Outlook on Indian Fixed Income Market**

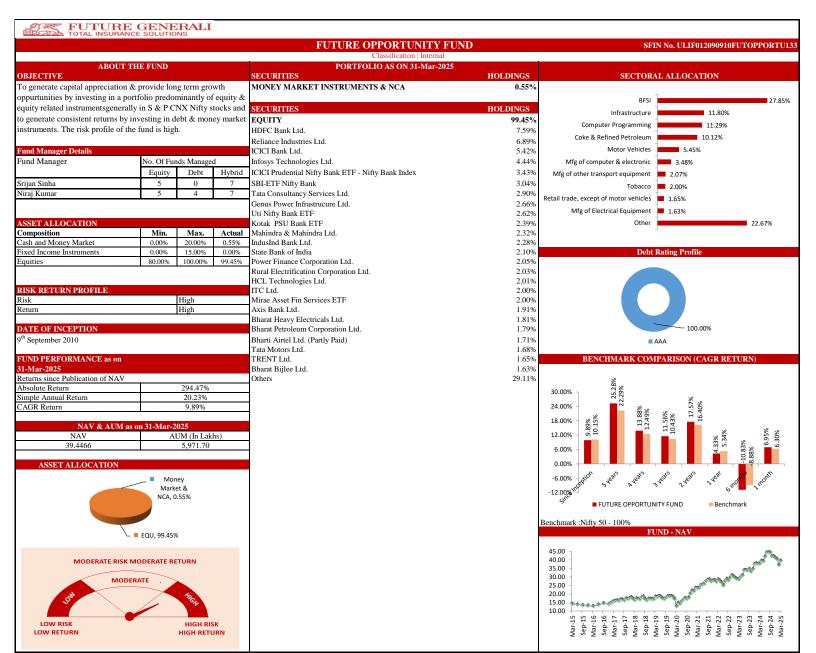
Indian Fixed Income markets have had a strong run over past few months with the benchmark 10 Year yield slipping below 6.5%, lowest since middle of 2021. The domestic interest rate environment has turned conducive with RBI providing unprecedented liquidity in a non-crisis environment, anticipation of further interest rate cuts in April & subsequent MPC meetings, significant correction in crude oil prices and increased geopolitical uncertainties. While RBI embarked on a monetary easing cycle in the last MPC in Feb 2025, we believe that as we move forward RBI will have significantly more confidence in the inflation trajectory being benign which will open room for further monetary accommodation.

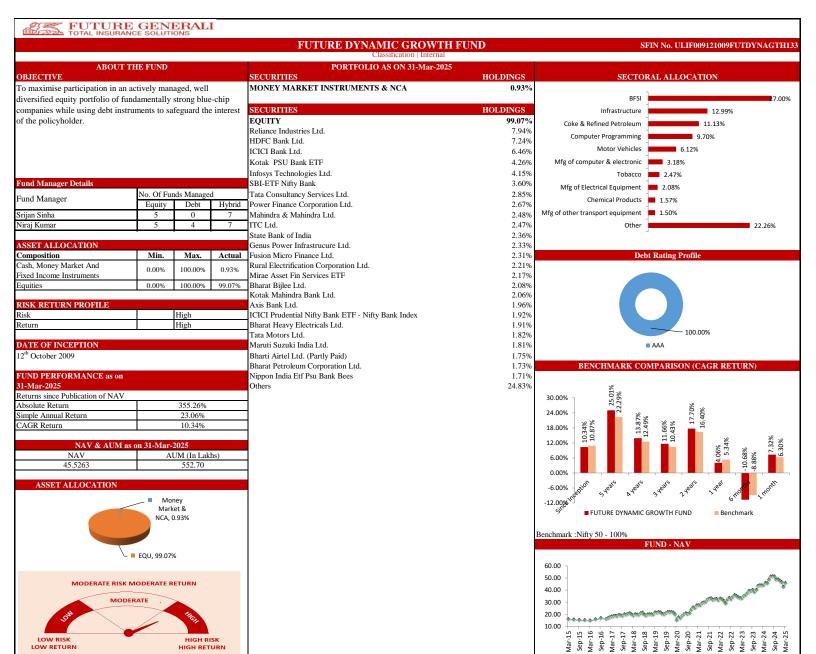
Globally too, we are witnessing increased macro uncertainty owing to trade/tariff related noise leading to question marks on global growth. In this context, we believe that global central banks including US Fed, ECB, BOJ and BOC to be on an easing trajectory albeit at variable pace.

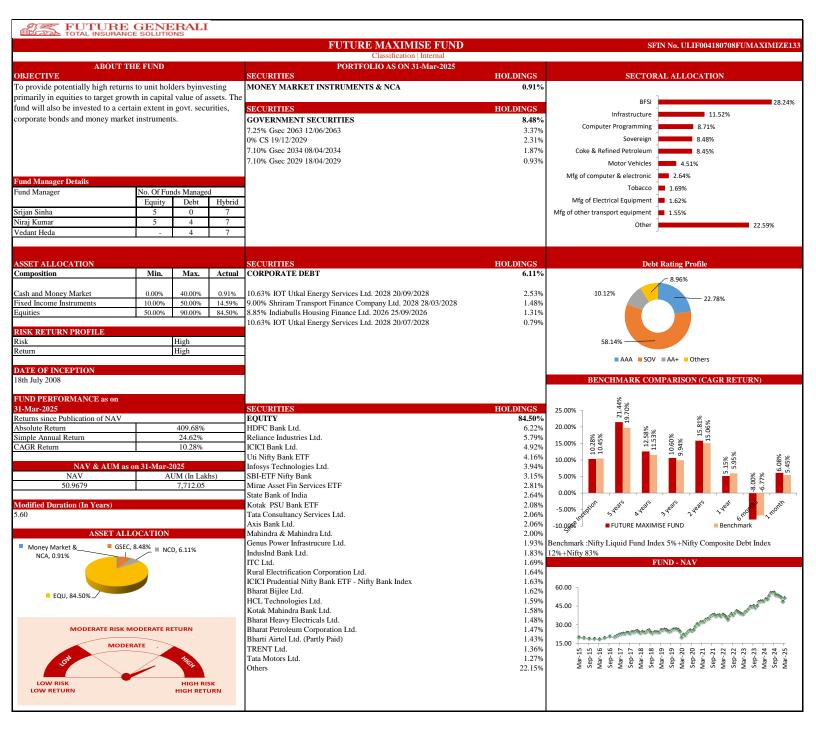
Overall while we remain constructive on Indian Fixed Income markets, we believe that a significant part of the rally might have played out. However, with favorable demand supply dynamics and inflation scenario, interest rates will still have a downward bias albeit at lower pace.

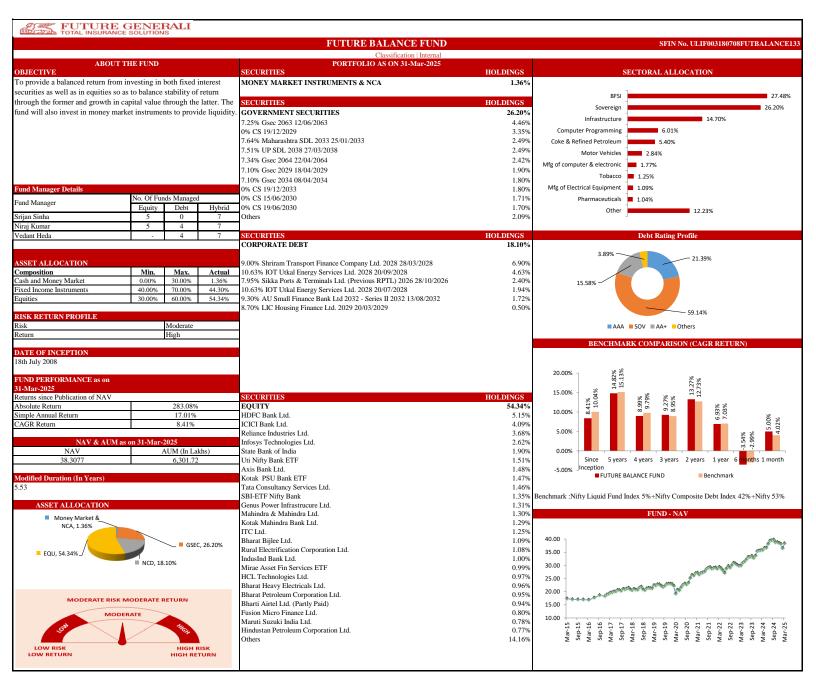












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Benchmark :Nifty 50 - 100%

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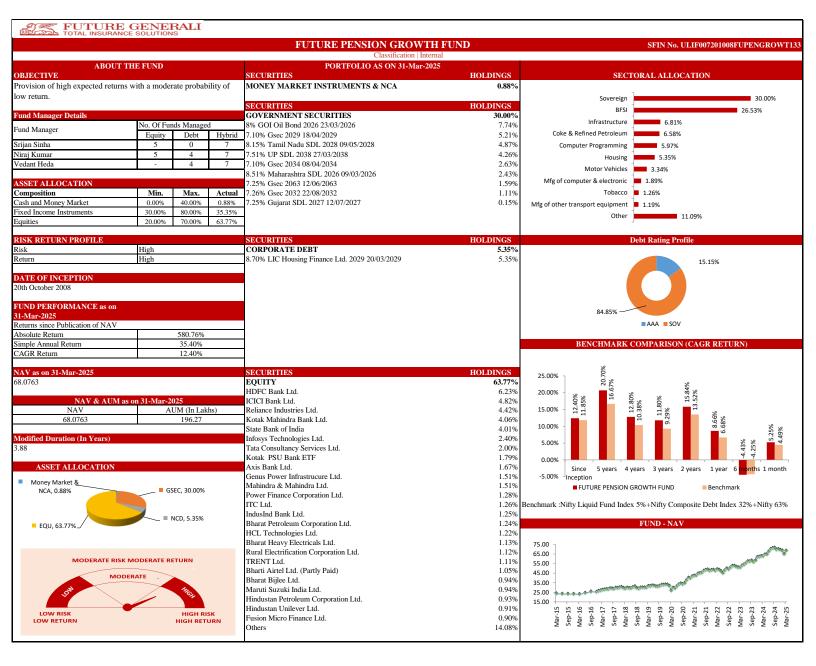
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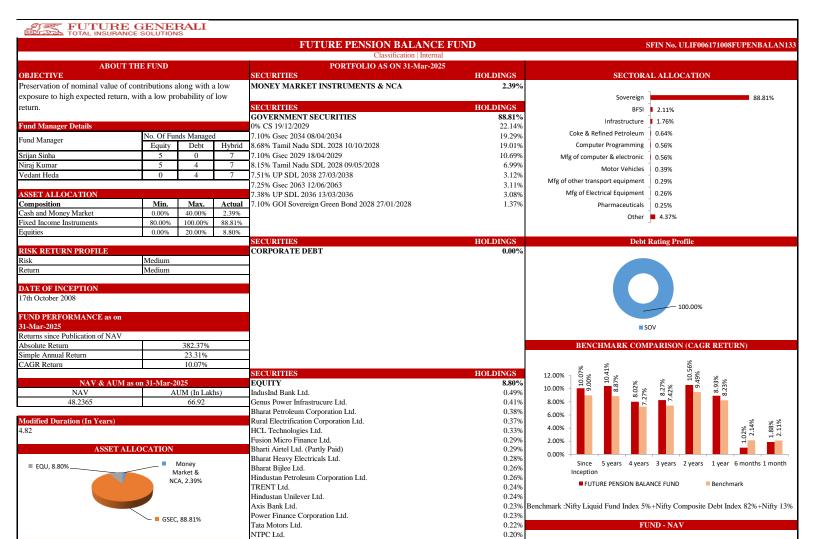
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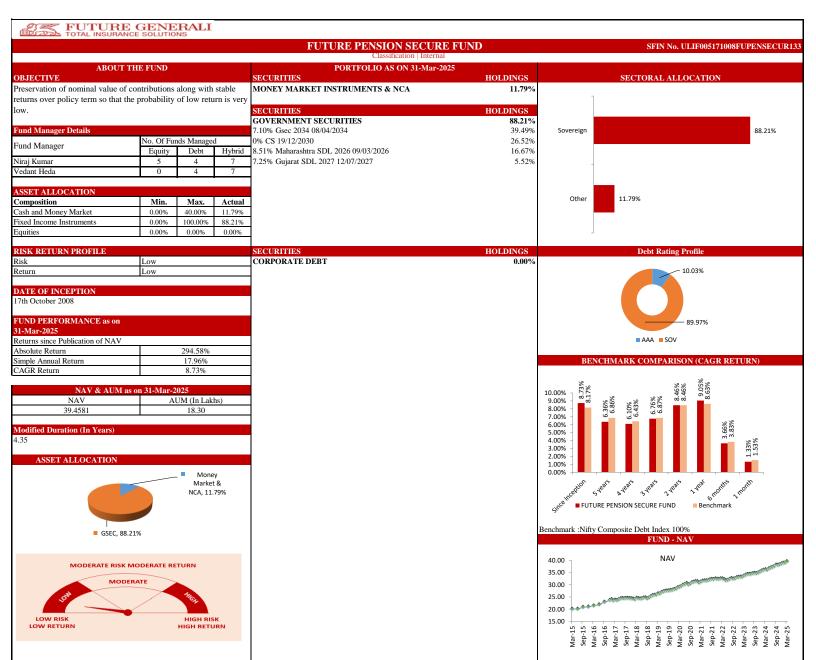
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#### FUTURE SECURE FUND SFIN No. ULIF001180708FUTUSECURE133 ABOUT THE FUND PORTFOLIO AS ON 31-Mar-2025 SECURITIES HOLDINGS SECTORAL ALLOCATION To provide stable returns by investing in relatively low risk assets. MONEY MARKET INSTRUMENTS & NCA 1.27% The Fund will invest exclusively in treasury bills, bank deposits, certificate of deposits, other money instruments and short duration government securities. GOVERNMENT SECURITIES 98.73% 7.41% UP SDL 2034 14/06/2034 Sovereign 98.73% 17.38% 0% CS 12/12/2029 11.02% 0% CS 15/06/2030 10.22% 7.10% Gsec 2029 18/04/2029 8.27% Fund Manager Details 7.26% Gsec 2033 06/02/2033 7.64% No. Of Funds Managed 0% GS 15/12/2027 7.43% Fund Manager Equity Debt Hybrid 6.90% GOI OIL Bond 2026 04/02/2026 6.99% Other 1.27% Niraj Kumar 0% CS 17/12/2027 6.19% Vedant Heda 0% CS 19/06/2030 6.05% 0% CS 19/12/2029 4.68% ASSET ALLOCATION Others 12.85% Composition Min. Max. Actual Cash and Money Market 0.00% 75.00% 1.27% Fixed Income Instruments 25.00% 100.00% 98.73% 0.01% 0.00% 0.00% 0.00% Equities RISK RETURN PROFILE Risk Low Return 99.99% DATE OF INCEPTION 18th July 2008 ■ AAA ■ SOV FUND PERFORMANCE as on BENCHMARK COMPARISON (CAGR RETURN) 31-Mar-2025 Returns since Publication of NAV Absolute Return 240.83% 9.00% Simple Annual Return 14.47% 8.00% 7.00% CAGR Return 7.65% 6.00% NAV & AUM as on 31-Mar-2025 5.00% 4.00% NAV AUM (In Lakhs) 3.00% 34.0833 1,360.71 2.00% 1.00% Modified Duration (In Years) 0.00% 4.45 ASSET ALLOCATION ■ FUTURE SECURE FUND Money Market Benchmark :Nifty 1 year Tbill Index 30%+Nifty Liquid Fund Index 70% & NCA, 1.27% FUND - NAV 35.00 ☐ GSEC, 98.73%

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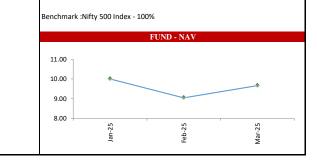
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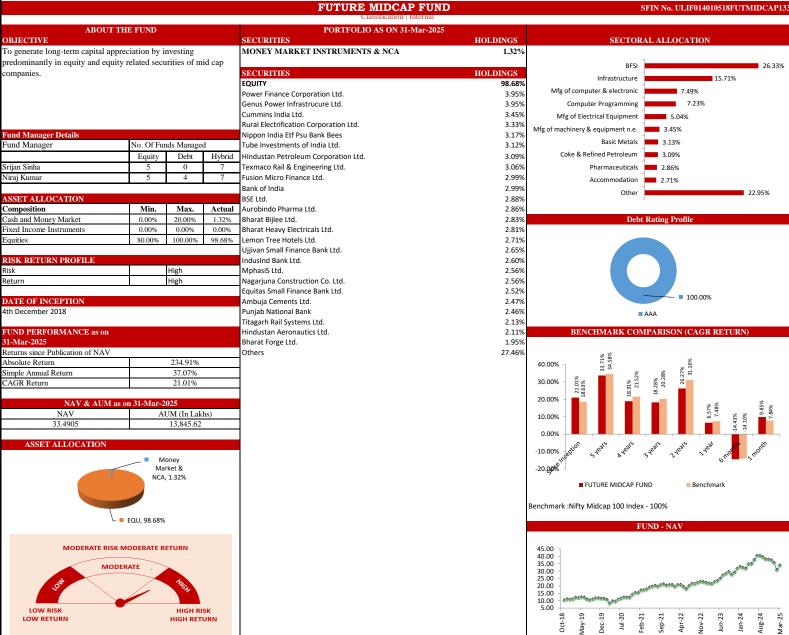
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