



# **Group Fund**

## Monthly Fund Performance

## **August 2024 Edition**



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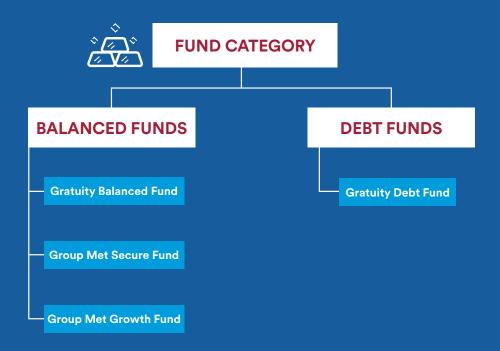
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#### Sanjay Kumar Chief Investment Officer

#### The month gone by - A snapshot

Global equity markets rose in August as monetary policy easing cycle gathered pace. With major central banks such as European Central Bank, Bank of Canada and Bank of England having initiated rate cuts, US Fed Chair Jerome Powell indicated that the Fed will also start reducing policy rates from this month. Inflation in the US has continued to decline and is now at a 39-month low.

Led by strong gains in the US markets, global equity markets rallied by 2.5% last month. MSCI Emerging Markets index showed a relatively subdued performance with 1.4% gain. Expectations of higher crude oil production by OPEC+ countries from October onwards, as well as slowing demand from major economies, led to prices declining by 2% in August.

# Economy: Consumption revival supports GDP growth

The GDP growth eased in June quarter to 6.7% y-y from 7.8% in the March quarter. The GDP growth was supported by growth in private consumption increasing to a seven-quarter high at 7.4%, and capital expenditure holding firm at 7.5%. The decline in government expenditure acted as headwind to growth. The agriculture sector growth at 2% was at a one-year high. Above average rainfall in the ongoing monsoon season augurs well for rural demand revival.

Global rating agency Moody's has raised its forecast for India's GDP growth for 2024 and 2025. It has cited improvement in macroeconomic scenario as well as anticipated revival in rural demand. Fitch has reaffirmed India's sovereign credit rating at 'BBB-/stable'. It expects India to remain amongst the fastest growing major economies globally. All three major global credit rating agencies continue to rate India in the investment grade category.

## **Equity markets: The buoyancy continues**

Indian markets moved higher amidst the strong global backdrop driven by increasing expectation of interest rate cuts by major central banks. Nifty index was up 1% while Mid and Small Cap indices were up 0.6% and 0.9% respectively. Information Technology and Pharmaceuticals sectors outperformed while Metals and Oil & Gas sectors underperformed. Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) invested US\$1.2 bn in August while flows from domestic investors stood at US\$6 bn.

**Outlook:** The global macro-economic landscape is witnessing divergent trends with stable data points from the US economy and sluggish trends in the Chinese economy. Indian economy continues to show encouraging trends driven by industrial sector and gradual revival in the consumption segment. Benign commodity prices augur well for current account balance. Estimates for corporate earnings growth show stable trends. While we expect markets to remain range bound in the near term, our stance on equities remains positive from a medium to long term perspective.

## Fixed Income market: Yields exhibit declining trend

Retail inflation for July declined to an almost five-year low at 3.5%. The RBI's monetary policy committee (MPC) continues to maintain a cautious stance and held policy rates unchanged last month. While acknowledging the decline in inflation, RBI's Governor Das cautioned that 'the pace is uneven and slow'. Despite RBI's cautious stance, most analysts expect MPC to initiate rate cuts in the current financial year.

**Outlook:** Amidst favourable macroeconomic conditions, the 10-year GSec yield declined to a 27-month low at 6.86% in August. FIIs continue to purchase domestic debt securities, with August inflows at US\$1.9 bn. Strong growth in tax revenues suggest that the central government is likely to achieve its fiscal consolidation target for the year. Despite cautious stance by RBI, we expect yields to exhibit a declining bias in the coming months.











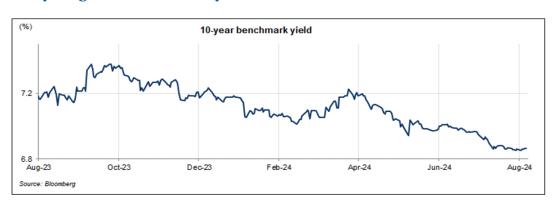


## **Economic and market snapshot**

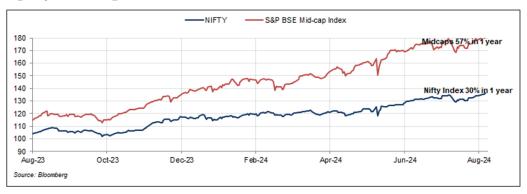
Indicators	Aug-23	May-24	Aug-24	QoQ Change	YoY Change
Economic indicators					
Consumer Price Index (CPI) Inflation (%)	7.4	4.8	3.5	-1.3	-3.9
Gross Domestic Product (GDP Growth) %	8.2	7.8	6.7	-1.1	-1.5
Index of Industrial Production (IIP) (%)	4.0	5.5	4.2	-1.3	0.2
Brent crude oil (USD/barrel)	87	82	79	-3%	-9%
Domestic Markets					
Nifty Index	19,254	22,531	25,236	12%	31%
S&P BSE Mid-cap Index	31,201	42,853	49,065	14%	57%
10-year G-Sec Yield (%)	7.2	7.0	6.9	-10 bps	-30 bps
30-year G-Sec Yield (%)	7.3	7.1	7.0	-10 bps	-30 bps
10-year AAA PSU Corporate Bond Yield (%)	7.6	7.5	7.4	-10 bps	-20 bps
Exchange rate (USD/INR) *	82.8	83.5	83.9	0%	1%
Global Markets					
Dow Jones (U.S.)	34,722	38,686	41,563	7%	20%
FTSE (U.K.)	7,439	8,275	8,377	1%	13%
Nikkei 225 (Japan)	32,619	38,488	38,648	0%	18%

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**













#### **Gratuity Balanced (Open Fund)**

SFIN No: ULGF00205/06/04GRABALANCE117

August 30, 2024



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.

Inception Date	NAV	YTM	MD	AUM
07-Jul-2009	Rs. 39.722	7.2%	8.4	Rs. 158 crore

#### Fund Manager(s)

Deb Bhattacharya Gauray Balre

Funds Managed by the Fund Managers Equity - 3 | Debt - 0 | Balanced -3

Equity - 0 | Debt - 3 | Balanced -5

Fund v/s Benchmark Return (%)		
	Fund	Benchmark*
1 Month	0.8%	0.9%
6 Months	7.7%	7.5%
1 Year	17.7%	15.3%
2 Years	12.9%	11.3%
3 Years	10.0%	8.3%
5 Years	11.2%	10.6%
Inception	9.5%	9.4%

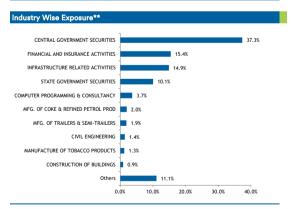
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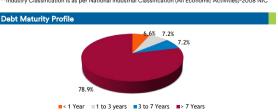
Actual v/s Targeted Asset Allocation (%)				
Security Type	Min	Max	Actual	
Government and other Debt Securities	25%	95%	64.7%	
Equities	5%	35%	29.7%	
Money Market and other liquid assets	0%	40%	5.6%	

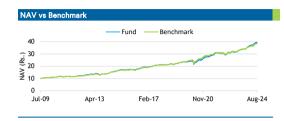
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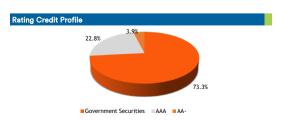








Security Name	Rating	Net Asset (%)
Equity		
ICICIBANK LTD.		2.3%
H D F C BANK LTD.		1.8%
RELIANCE INDUSTRIES LTD.		1.6%
INFOSYS LTD.		1.5%
STATE BANK OF INDIA		1.4%
IT C LTD.		1.3%
BHARTI AIRTEL LTD.		1.1%
LARSEN & TOUBRO LTD.		1.1%
TATA CONSULTANCY SERVICES LTD.		1.1%
N T P C LTD.		1.0%
Others		15.6%
Total		29.7%
Government Securities		
7.34% GOI 2064		13.2%
7.3% GOI 2053		5.6%
7.23% GOI 2039		3.9%
7.26% GOI 2029		3.6%
7.37% GOI 2054		3.3%
7.44% MAHARASHTRA SDL 2041		3.2%
7.1% GOI 2034		3.2%
7.42% KERALA SDL 2034		3.2%
6.99% GOI 2051		3.2%
7.52% HARYANA SDL 2034		1.5%
Others		3.5%
Total		47.4%
Corporate Bonds		
THE NATIONAL BANK FOR FINANCING IN	AAA	6.1%
STATE BANK OF INDIA	AAA	4.8%
INDIABULLS HOUSING FINANCE LTD	AA-	2.5%
H D F C BANK LTD.	AAA	2.5%
BAJAJ FINANCE LTD.	AAA	1.4%
Total		17.3%
Cash and Money Market		5.6%
Portfolio Total		100.0%











<sup>\*</sup>Benchmark is 30% Nifty 50 and 70% CRISIL Composite Bond Index



#### **Gratuity Debt (Open Fund)**

SFIN No: ULGF00105/06/04GRADEBTFND117

August 30, 2024



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.

nception Date	NAV	YTM	MD	AUM
20-Dec-2010	Rs. 26.4535	7.3%	8.6	Rs. 141 crore
und Manager(s)		Funds Ma	naged by	the Fund Managers

Fund Manager(s)
Gauray Balre

Equity - 0 | Debt - 3 | Balanced -5

Fund v/s Benchmark Return (%)				
	Fund	Benchmark*		
1 Month	1.0%	0.9%		
6 Months	4.8%	4.4%		
1 Year	9.8%	8.5%		
2 Years	8.4%	7.7%		
3 Years	6.6%	5.8%		
5 Years	6.4%	6.8%		
Inception	7.4%	7.9%		

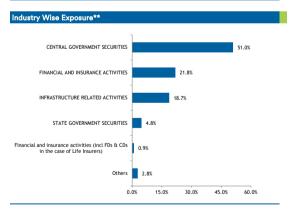
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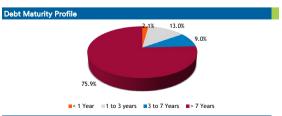
Actual v/s Targeted Asset Allocation (%)					
Security Type	Min	Max	Actual		
Government and other Debt Securities	60%	100%	97.2%		
Money Market and other liquid assets	0%	40%	2.8%		

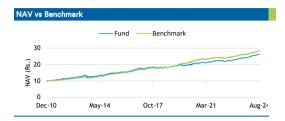
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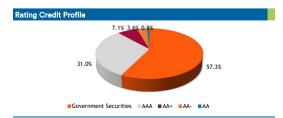








Security Name	Rating	Net Asset (%)
Government Securities		
7.34% GOI 2064		14.8%
7.3% GOI 2053		10.7%
7.46% GOI 2073		8.2%
7.09% GOI 2054		7.4%
7.25% GOI 2063		3.7%
7.1% GOI 2034		3.6%
7.23% GOI 2039		1.9%
7.71% GUJRAT SDL 2033		1.9%
7.53% WEST BENGAL SDL 2044		1.8%
7.25% MAHARASHTRA SDL 2044		1.0%
Others		0.8%
Total		55.7%
Corporate Bonds		
STATE BANK OF INDIA	AAA	9.4%
THE NATIONAL BANK FOR FINANCING IN	AAA	9.3%
BAJAJ FINANCE LTD.	AAA	5.4%
SHRIRAM TRANSPORT FINANCE CO. LTD	AA+	3.6%
L & T FINANCE LTD.	AAA	3.6%
INDIABULLS HOUSING FINANCE LTD	AA-	3.5%
CHOLAMANDALAM INVESTMENT & FINA	AA+	3.3%
H D F C BANK LTD.	AAA	2.5%
PIRAMAL CAPITAL & HOUSING FIN LTD.	AA	0.9%
Total		41.5%
Cash and Money Market		2.8%
Portfolio Total		100.0%











<sup>\*</sup>Benchmark is CRISIL Composite Bond Index



#### **Group Met Secure fund (Open Fund)**

SFIN No: ULGF00410/09/14METSECUREF117

August 30, 2024



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.

Inception Date	NAV	YTM	MD	AUM
29-Dec-2020	Rs. 13.2205	7.1%	7.7	Rs. 25 crore
Fund Manager(s)	Funds Managed by the Fund Managers			
Deb Bhattacharya	Equity - 3   Debt - 0   Balanced -3			
Gaurav Balre		Equity - 0	Debt - 3	Balanced -5

Fund v/s Benchmark Return (%)				
	Fund	Benchmark*		
1 Month	1.0%	0.9%		
6 Months	5.9%	5.9%		
1 Year	13.4%	11.7%		
2 Years	10.4%	9.4%		
3 Years	8.0%	7.1%		
5 Years	-	-		
Inception	7.9%	7.5%		

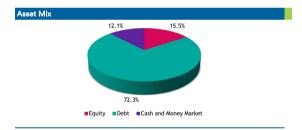
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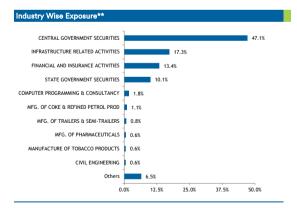
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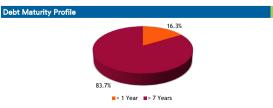
Actual v/s Targeted Asset Allocation (%)			
Security Type	Min	Max	Actual
Listed Equities	10%	20%	15.5%
Government and other Debt Securities	10%	80%	72.3%
Money Market and other liquid assets	10%	80%	12.1%

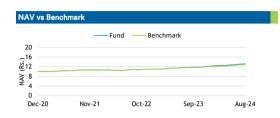
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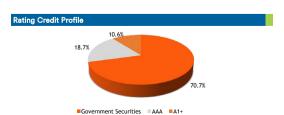


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Security Name	Rating	Net Asset (%)
Equity		
ICICIBANK LTD.		1.2%
H D F C BANK LTD.		1.1%
RELIANCE INDUSTRIES LTD.		0.8%
BHARTI AIRTEL LTD.		0.8%
INFOSYS LTD.		0.7%
STATE BANK OF INDIA		0.7%
IT C LTD.		0.6%
TATA CONSULTANCY SERVICES LTD.		0.5%
AXIS BANK LTD.		0.5%
NTPCLTD.		0.4%
Others		8.3%
Total		15.5%
Government Securities		
7.1% GOI 2034		20.4%
7.09% GOI 2054		11.3%
7.06% GUJARAT SDL 2032		8.0%
7.34% GOI 2064		6.0%
7.46% GOI 2073		4.2%
7.70% KARNATAKA SDL 2033		2.1%
7.3% GOI 2053		2.1%
7.23% GOI 2039		1.6%
8.13% GOI 2045		0.6%
8.3% GOI 2042		0.5%
Others		0.4%
Total		57.2%
Corporate Bonds		
STATE BANK OF INDIA	AAA	9.1%
THE NATIONAL BANK FOR FINANCING I	N AAA	6.0%
Total		15.1%
Cash and Money Market		12.1%
Portfolio Total		100.0%











#### **Group Met Growth Fund (Open Fund)**

SFIN No: ULGF00510/09/14METGROWTHF117

August 30, 2024



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.

nception Date	NAV	YTM	MD	AUM
29-Dec-2020	Rs. 16.3679	7.1%	6.2	Rs. 26 crore

Fund Manager(s)

Security Name

HDFCBANKLTD.

Equity ICICIBANK LTD.

Deb Bhattacharva Gauray Balre

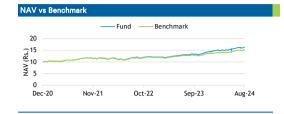
Funds Managed by the Fund Managers Equity - 3 | Debt - 0 | Balanced -3 Equity - 0 | Debt - 3 | Balanced -5

Net Asset (%)

4.0%

3.6%

Fund v/s Benchmark Return (%)				
	Fund	Benchmark*		
1 Month	0.6%	1.0%		
6 Months	9.7%	10.1%		
1 Year	25.3%	20.9%		
2 Years	17.0%	14.1%		
3 Years	13.1%	10.4%		
5 Years	-	-		
Inception	14.4%	12.6%		



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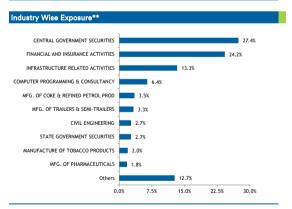
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Actual v/s Targeted Asset Allocation (%)					
Security Type	Min	Max	Actual		
Listed Equities	30%	60%	53.6%		
Government and other Debt Securities	10%	60%	35.9%		
Money Market and other liquid assets	10%	60%	10.5%		

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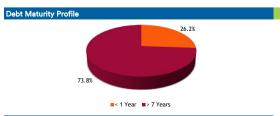


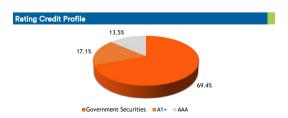
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RELIANCE INDUSTRIES LTD 2.8% INFOSYS LTD. 2.7% STATE BANK OF INDIA 2.5% BHARTI AIRTEL LTD. 2.4% LARSEN & TOURRO LTD 2 0% TATA CONSULTANCY SERVICES LTD. 2.0% IT C LTD. 2.0% AXIS BANK LTD 1.8% Others 27.7% Total 53.6% **Government Securities** 7 1% GOI 2034 19 7% 7.46% GOI 2073 4.1% 7.09% GOI 2054 3.1% 7.06% GUJARAT SDL 2032 2.7% 7.4% GOI 2062 0.4% Total 30.1% Corporate Bonds STATE BANK OF INDIA AAA 5.9% Total 5.9% Cash and Money Market 10.5% Portfolio Total 100.0%

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