

## **Market Outlook**

# For December 2025





#### **Outlook Improving as Earnings Growth Troughs out**

Global equity markets sustained their upward momentum despite a volatile November. The turbulence stemmed from two key factors: (i) profit-taking in AI-related stocks amid concerns over rising competition, elevated CAPEX, expected profitability, and cash flow pressures, and (ii) a decline in rate-cut expectations following hawkish commentary from the U.S. Federal Reserve. However, optimism for a December policy easing resurfaced late in the month, supported by mixed labor market data and dovish Fed Speak. Globally, risk appetite strengthened as several central banks adopted accommodative stances. Additionally, easing tensions between the U.S. and China and signs of de-escalation in the Russia–Ukraine conflict reinforced a risk-on environment for investors.

India's domestic macro indicators remain robust, with Q2 FY26 GDP growth surpassing expectations at 8.2%, up from 7.8% in the previous quarter and 5.6% a year ago. Inflation continued to ease, with October CPI at a record low (this series) of 0.25%, driven by falling food prices and GST rationalization. On the flip side, external balances deteriorated as the trade deficit widened to an all-time high of \$41 billion in October, reflecting tariff-related export pressures and surging gold imports. Coupled with persistent—though moderating—FII outflows, these factors pushed the rupee close to the 90 mark against the U.S. dollar. We view this pressure as temporary and expect that the anticipated trade agreement with the US, once finalized, will help alleviate some of these concerns.

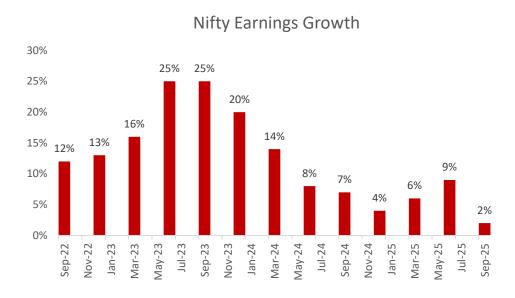
#### **India Equity Market Outlook**

The Indian equity market largely mirrored global peers in November, exhibiting relatively lower volatility. Performance was driven primarily by two heavyweight sectors—Banks and IT—while broader markets remained subdued. The Smallcap index underperformed the benchmark by nearly 5%, primarily due to stretched valuations and a surge in primary issuances, which diverted liquidity away from the secondary market. Looking ahead, we expect this pressure to ease as several recent IPOs have delivered lackluster performance, potentially tempering the pace of new offerings. Investor sentiment stayed mixed, supported by resilient earnings during what was a transitional quarter but dampened by weak broader market performance.

The Nifty earnings grew 2% (Exhibit 1) in Q2FY26; however, this figure is somewhat distorted by significant losses reported by Tata Motors and InterGlobe Aviation. Excluding these, Nifty's growth would have been in the high single digits. Additionally, recent GST rationalisation and personal income tax cuts have spurred a strong revival in discretionary consumption and improved the growth outlook going forward which is getting reflected in high frequency indicators for October & November. In November, the government introduced new labour reforms, marking another significant step in its ongoing policy reform agenda. These reforms aim to simplify compliance, strengthen worker protection, and enhance flexibility for businesses, while promoting formalization and inclusive social security coverage for gig and unorganized workers.



### Exhibit 1: Nifty Earnings Growth (%)



Going ahead, we continue to forecast high single-digit EPS growth for FY26 (early double digit growth in Q3 & Q4 FY26), followed by mid-teens growth in FY27. Looking ahead, we expect a broad-based recovery in aggregate demand in the second half of FY26, supported by GST rationalisation, earlier tax cuts, regulatory easing, and an accommodative monetary policy stance. Investor sentiment has become increasingly constructive, with growing recognition that the earnings cycle is nearing its trough. Expectations of a rebound into double-digit growth point to a favourable setup for sustained momentum and further upside.

While global factors—such as easing US—China trade tensions and progress on the India—US trade deal—remain key variables that could induce volatility, domestic fundamentals continue to anchor market strength. India's improving earnings outlook, steady domestic flows, and a low base of FII participation present a compelling case for continued market support.

#### **Fixed Income Outlook:**

#### Global update

Following the end of the shutdown, incoming U.S. data has led to considerable volatility in the Fed's rate-cut expectations. While the uptick in headline NFP data for September (+119k), upward revisions to average hourly earnings and higher labor force participation rate continue to point towards stable economy, the higher unemployment rate (4.4%) and downward revisions to employment in prior two months (-33k) suggest some slack. Also, dovish commentary from the Fed members has increased rate cut expectation in the US

Japanese bonds and FX markets witnessed significant sell-off last week after the government announced price relief fiscal stimulus worth \$112 bn. The surge in JGB yields has revived market chatter on carry unwinds. BOJ stepped in aggressively to manage the fall in the JPY.



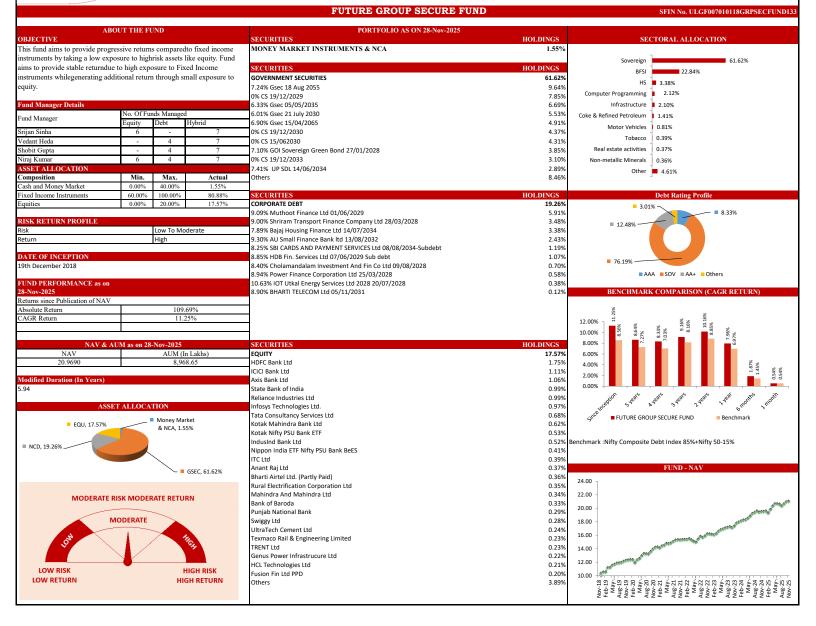
#### **Indian Fixed Income Market Levels**

	28-Nov-25	31-Oct-25	31-Dec-24
5 Yr IGB	6.23	6.18	6.72
10 Yr IGB	6.55	6.53	6.76
30 Yr IGB	7.31	7.22	7.02
US 10 Yr	4.06	4.1	4.57

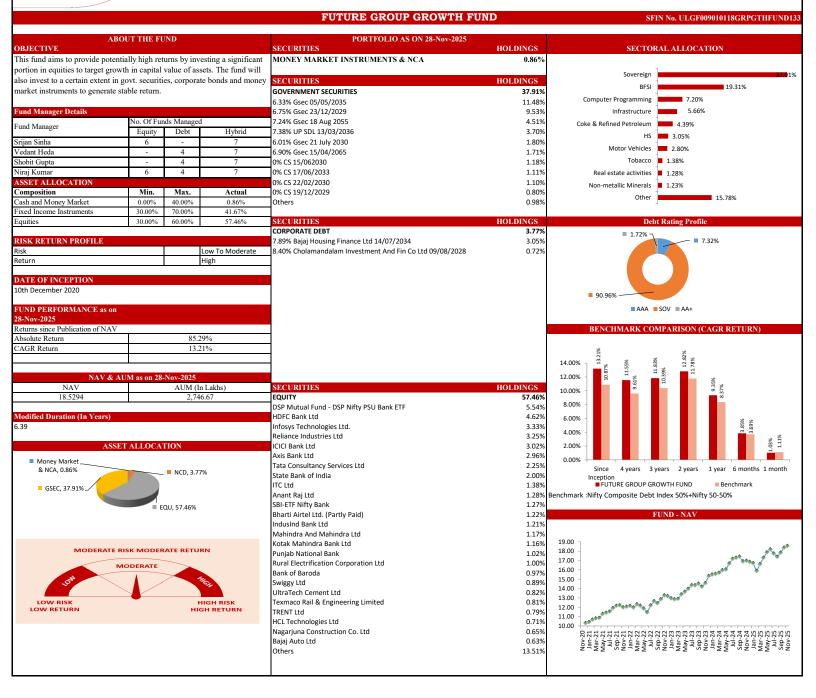
#### **Fixed Income Outlook:**

During the month, long end of the curve continues to remain under pressure on back of lack of demand. Also, SDL supply has started to come from the last week of November which has resulted in the SDL yields moving up. Going ahead we expect inflation to remain contained on back of GST cut and low food inflation & GDP growth expected to remain high will make MPC decision difficult. On one hand with dovish commentary from RBI and OMO purchase expectation building and on other hand demand supply mismatch, we expect yields to remain rangebound.

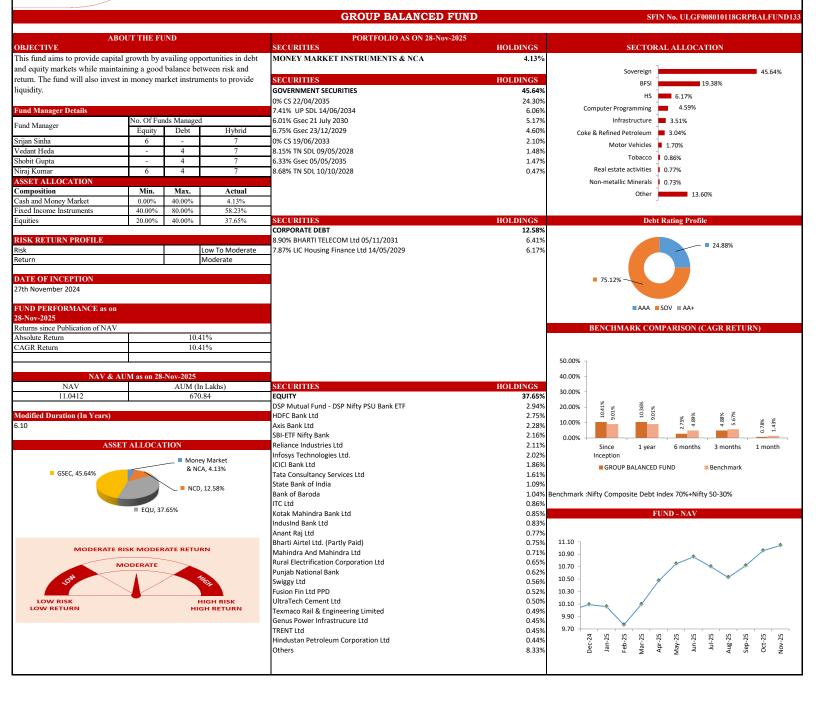














LOW RISK

HIGH RISK

HIGH RETURN

#### GROUP INCOME FUND SFIN No. ULGF005010118GRPINCFUND13 ABOUT THE FUND PORTFOLIO AS ON 28-Nov-2025 **OBJECTIVE** SECURITIES HOLDINGS SECTORAL ALLOCATION This fund aims to provide stable returns by investing inassets with MONEY MARKET INSTRUMENTS & NCA 5.51% relatively low to moderate level of risk. Thefund will invest in fixed 77.64% Sovereign HOLDINGS income securities such as Govt. Securities, Corporate Bonds & any SECURITIES GOVERNMENT SECURITIES other fixed incomeinvestments along with Money Market 77.64% Instruments for liquidity. 6.33% Gsec 05/05/2035 15.67% 0% CS 19/12/2029 14.22% 13.52% 6.90% Gsec 15/04/2065 11.94% Fund Manager Details 6.75% Gsec 23/12/2029 11 41% No. Of Funds Managed 7.24% Gsec 18 Aug 2055 7.89% Fund Manager Hybrid 7.10% GOI Sovereign Green Bond 27/01/2028 7 77% Equity Debt Vedant Heda 0% CS 22/02/2030 4 6.16% 0% CS 17/06/2033 Shobit Gupta 4 1.95% 8.00% GOI OIL Bond 23/03/2026 Niraj Kumar 6 4 0.64% -1.96% ASSET ALLOCATION Composition Max. Actual Cash and Money Market 5.51% 0.00% 40.00% SECURITIES HOLDINGS 60.00% 100.00% 94.49% Fixed Income Instruments Equities 0.00% 0.00% 0.00% CORPORATE DEBT 16.85% 6.75% 14.68% 8.90% BHARTI TELECOM Ltd 05/11/2031 6.85% RISK RETURN PROFILE 8.40% Cholamandalam Investment And Fin Co Ltd 09/08/2028 6.67% Low To Moderate 7.89% Bajaj Housing Finance Ltd 14/07/2034 3 339 Risk Return High DATE OF INCEPTION 31st March 2019 ■ AAA ■ SOV ■ AA+ ■ Others FUND PERFORMANCE as on 28-Nov-2025 BENCHMARK COMPARISON (CAGR RETURN) Returns since Publication of NAV Absolute Return 72.88% CAGR Return 8.56% 10.00% 9.00% 8.00% 7.00% 6.00% NAV AUM (In Lakhs) 5.00% 17.2877 314.22 3.00% 2.00% 3 years Zyears ASSET ALLOCATION Money ■ FUTURE GROUP INCOME FUND ■ Benchmark Market & NCA. 5.51% Benchmark : Nifty Composite Debt Index 100% NCD, 16.85% ■ GSEC 77.64% 18.00 17.00 MODERATE RISK MODERATE RETURN 16.00 15.00 MODERATE territoria de la company 14.00 13.00

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