

Market Outlook

For August 2025





Ignore the noise, stay the course

The global Equity markets continue to show remarkable resilience in the face of impending US tariff implementation and geopolitical escalations. We believe, while several major economies have managed to sign a trade deal with the US (detailed in table below), the markets are bereft of any details and hence the equity market resilience is bordering complacency. The effective tariff rate for the US is likely to increase from ~10% to ~18% and hence its pass through on consumer spending and inflation are key things to be watched out for.

Country	Liberation Day (2nd April) Proposed Tariff	Final Tariff
European Union	20%	15%
UK	10%	10%
Japan	24%	15%
South Korea	25%	15%
China	34%	30%
India	26%	25%
Indonesia	32%	19%
Vietnam	46%	20%
Switzerland	31%	39%
South Africa	30%	30%
Bangladesh	37%	20%
Philippines	17%	19%
Thailand	36%	19%



The strong economic indicators in the first half of the calendar year are perhaps a bit misleading led by front loading of exports to the US in anticipation of implementation of the tariffs. However, stronger than expected growth has led to strong equity market performance across DM & EMs.

Equity Index	1-Year Return (as on 30 th July 2025)	
DAX (Germany)	30.0%	
Shanghai (China)	21.6%	
KOSPI (South Korea)	17.1%	
MSCI EM	14.6%	
FTSE 100 (UK)	9.1%	
Dow Jones (US)	8.1%	
NIKKEI (Japan)	5.0%	
Bovespa (Brazil)	4.2%	
CAC (France	3.2%	
Sensex (India)	-0.7%	
Nifty (India)	-0.7%	
NSE Midcap (India)	-2.7%	

The trade negotiations with India have extended beyond what one would have expected and hence in the interim the US has imposed a 25% tariff on Indian imports (with several exclusion). We certainly believe that this is not the final tariff number, and the rate would eventually descend. In the context of slowing and uncertain global growth, and inflation outlook, the Indian economy remains resilient and offers good structural growth prospects.



Equity market outlook

While most global indices continued their strong run, Indian market's performance was rather weak as the uncertainty regarding trade deal prevailed for most part of the month which was followed by an actual high tariff rate of 25%. In addition, the earnings season has been muted thus far. For the earnings announced so far, Nifty 50 Index has delivered an EPS growth of high single digit (~7%). We believe that the confluence of three variables – Monetary easing, Regulatory relaxation and Fiscal push by way of Income tax cuts will take 2-3 quarters to find its way into real economic activity. Therefore, we expect significant pick up in economic activity and earnings growth starting Q3FY26 which will further be aided by the ongoing normal monsoon. The same is corroborated by the positive commentaries by the corporates across sectors. On the flows side, while domestic liquidity remains strong, FIIs have been aggressive sellers (both in Cash & Derivatives segment). The global markets offer better near-term momentum leading to weak FII flows in India. However, we believe that the secular growth prospects and stable macros that India has to offer will eventually attract long term and patient FII capital.

In this context, times like these where markets have consolidated for well over a year should be used by investors to build long-term quality portfolios. While the valuations are not cheap at 19x FY27 earnings, we believe it needs to be seen in the context of changing composition of the index, best-in-decade balance sheet of Corporate India & Banking system and rising ROEs. We continue to believe that Indian markets still offer significant bottom-up opportunity to add quality businesses to our portfolio.



Fixed Income market outlook

June CPI inflation moderated to 2.1% (May: 2.8%). Core inflation (CPI excluding food, beverages and fuel) inched up to 4.4% (May: 4.2%) led by rise in Gold prices. June WPI inflation also came in softer at (-)0.1% yoy (May: 0.4%). We now forecast full year FY2026 average CPI inflation below 3% (less than RBI's forecast of 3.7%). Cumulative rainfall this season stands at a surplus of 7% of LPA as on 28th July 2025 with a favourable temporal and spatial distribution. Recently announced 25% tariff by the US on Indian imports imparts downside risk to GDP growth and poses higher risk on inflation primarily via any potential sanction on Russian oil. Globally, in line with expectations, the Fed remained on pause as it waited for the impact of tariffs to become more visible on inflation and growth. Since then, the Non-Farm Payroll data for July along with the sharp downside revision to May and June's data has increased the likelihood of rate cuts in the US.

Key Market Levels	31-Jul-25	30-Jun-25	31-Dec-24
5-Yr IGB	6.07	6.10	6.72
10-Yr IGB	6.37	6.32	6.76
30-Yr IGB	7.03	7.06	7.02
US 10-Yr	4.38	4.23	4.57

Outlook

Inflation outlook looks benign with favourable monsoon, and with high frequency economic indicators showing a mixed picture, we see more room for monetary accommodation. With a manageable fiscal arithmetic we expect yields to tread with downward bias. However, risk emerging from geo-political tension and global macro-economic environment needs to be monitored closely.

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GROUP INCOME FUND



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