

Market Outlook

For September 2025





Domestic Economic resilience to strengthen further with policy reforms

Indian economy continues to exhibit resilience across macro-economic parameters. GDP growth for Q1FY26 came in at a strong 7.8% while inflation cooled off to a multi-year low of 1.6%. The external account also continues to be extremely strong with CAD for Q1FY26 coming at just 0.2% while FOREX reserves stand at respectable ~\$690 Billion USD. As a result of strong Fundamentals, India witnessed its first rating upgrade by S&P in 18 years. While the domestic set up looks strong, Indian economy will have to navigate headwinds posed by the imposition of 50% tariff by US on Indian exports. The sour relations between India and US with respect to the trade deal has catalysed the domestic reforms process and diplomatic thaw between India and China, as reflected in the recent SCO Summit, where both nations pledged to strengthen bilateral cooperation. The recent cut in GST rates (~60 bps fiscal stimulus – including impact of withdrawal of compensation cess) on broad spectrum of goods & services along with the lagged impact of the interest rate & personal income tax cuts will reflect in consumption pick up over subsequent quarters and cushion the drag from the US tariff. Our base case assumption is that the US tariffs are transient and eventually a bilateral deal will be signed, and the tariff rates will come off. If our assumption indeed comes true, Indian economy should be looking at a substantially stronger FY27.

Globally, US economy has started showings signs of slowdown. The Non-Farm Payroll data for May & June saw significant downward revisions which indicates weakening labour market. On top of it, while US has signed trade deals with several countries including Japan, Europe, South Korea etc, the impact of imposition of tariff from 7th August 2025 on inflation and growth remains uncertain and will need close monitoring over the next few months. Against this backdrop of uncertainty, the expectations of interest rate cut in September have inched up to nearly 100%. The same was echoed by the dovish tone of Fed Chair at the Jackson Hole Symposium.

Equity Market Outlook

Indian equity markets navigated a volatile landscape in August 2025, shaped by a blend of supportive domestic cues and disruptive global developments. While global equities maintained their upward momentum—buoyed by the hinting at potential rate cuts—Indian markets faced headwinds from trade-related shocks resulting in continued selling from FIIs. However, we remain constructive on the outlook, supported by a combination of recent policy measures. The GST rate cuts, alongside earlier personal income tax reductions, regulatory easing, and accommodative interest rates, are expected to drive a strong rebound in aggregate demand. Importantly, the GST reductions not only stimulate consumption but also ease cost pressures, potentially improving pricing power—especially in segments with relatively inelastic demand. As a result, we anticipate a meaningful pickup in economic



activity and earnings growth beginning Q3FY26, further supported by a normal monsoon. On the flows front, domestic liquidity remains robust, but FIIs have been aggressive sellers across both cash and derivatives segments. Near-term momentum in global markets has diverted FII flows away from India. Having said that, India's secular growth story, stable macro environment, and resilient corporate balance sheets are likely to attract long-term and patient foreign capital.

In this context, the ongoing market consolidation—now for over a year—offers a compelling opportunity for investors to build high-quality, long-term portfolios. We are turning positive on the markets with the valuations at 18x FY27—in line with the long-term average. Additionally, the valuation should be viewed in light of the evolving index composition, the strongest corporate and banking balance sheets in a decade, and improving return on equity (ROE) profiles which warrants a premium. We continue to believe that Indian equities offer attractive bottom-up opportunities and remain focused on adding quality businesses to our portfolio.

Fixed Income Outlook:

Indian Inflation has been undershooting while the growth has been overshooting the RBI estimates. July CPI inflation moderated to 1.6% (June: 2.1%) due to a contraction in food prices by 1.8%, led by a sharp decline in prices of vegetables, pulses and spices while GDP growth in Q1FY26 accelerated to 7.8%. In this context, we find RBI MPC pause in August meeting as a relatively hawkish pause with commentary raising the bar for further interest rate cuts. Also, RBI's focus has shifted to medium term inflation trajectory which would rebound to 4%+ levels in Q1FY27 while looking through the food-led softer near-term headline inflation. The sovereign credit rating upgrade by S&P to 'BBB' from 'BBB-' after 18 years should increase the appetite for Indian bonds amongst the foreign investors over time.

Globally, while 10 Year US bonds rallied by 15 bps during the month on back of weak job market rekindling the expectations of interest rate cuts, the longer duration bonds across the developed markets have faced the brunt on back of fiscal concern. Indian Fixed Income markets too had a weak August with yields rising 20-30 bps across tenures. The rise in yields was on back of fiscal concerns due to weak tax collection till date and announcement of GST cuts. While the impact of GST is manageable at INR 58 k Cr (State+ Centre) for FY26, the overall pick up in direct tax collection is essential to fiscal maths.

	29-Aug-25	31-Jul-25	31-Dec-24
5 Yr IGB	6.29	6.07	6.72
10 Yr IGB	6.57	6.37	6.76
30 Yr IGB	7.31	7.03	7.02
US 10 Yr	4.23	4.38	4.57



Going ahead while we expect inflation to remain contained on back of strong monsoon and GST cut, the trajectory of the bond yields will depend on evolving fiscal situation and resultant supply. We maintain our expectations of range bound yield movement with slight downward bias. The spread of SDL and longer dated G Sec over benchmark 10-year G Sec has widened to above historical averages and hence provides good opportunity to lock in interest rates at elevated levels.

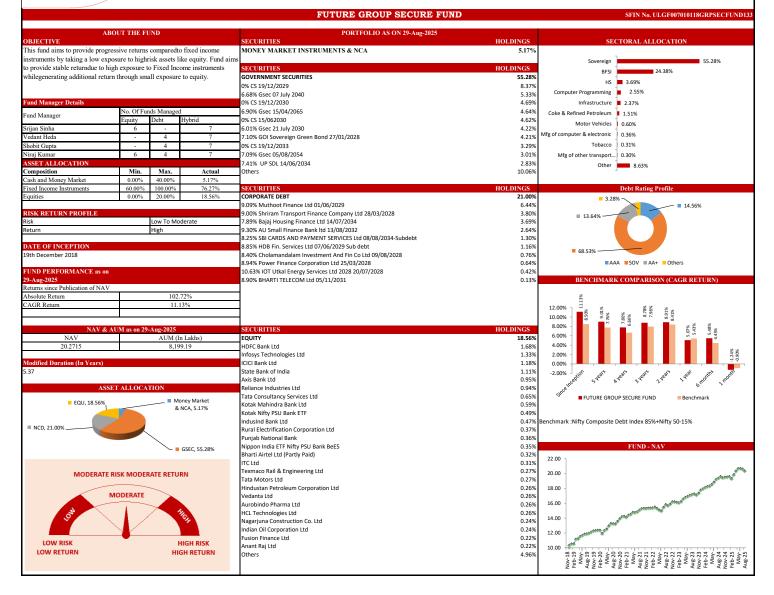
GROUP INCOME FUND

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ABOUT THE FUND PORTFOLIO AS ON 29-Aug-2025 OBJECTIVE SECURITIES HOLDINGS SECTORAL ALLOCATION This fund aims to provide stable returns by investing inassets with MONEY MARKET INSTRUMENTS & NCA 5.44% relatively low to moderate level of risk. Thefund will invest in fixed income securities such as Govt. Securities, Corporate Bonds & any Sovereign 76.34% other fixed incomeinvestments along with Money Market GOVERNMENT SECURITIES 76.34% Instruments for liquidity. 6.90% Gsec 15/04/2065 24.30% 0% CS 19/12/2029 15.05% BFSI 14.62% 6.75% Gsec 23/12/2029 12.29% Fund Manager Details 7.10% GOI Sovereign Green Bond 27/01/2028 8.41% 7.51% UP SDL 27/03/2038 7.00% No. Of Funds Managed Fund Manager HS 3.61% Equity Debt Hybrid 0% CS 22/02/2030 6.52% Vedant Heda 4 0% CS 17/06/2033 2.06% 8.00% GOI OIL Bond 23/03/2026 0.70% Shobit Gupta 4 Nirai Kumar Composition Min. Max. Actual Cash and Money Market 5.44% 0.00% 40.00% 60.00% 100.00% 94.56% HOLDINGS Fixed Income Instruments CORPORATE DEBT 0.00% 0.00% 0.00% 18.22% **- 11.64%** 8.90% BHARTI TELECOM Ltd 05/11/2031 7.40% RISK RETURN PROFILE 8.40% Cholamandalam Investment And Fin Co Ltd 09/08/2028 7.22% Risk Low To Moderate 7.89% Bajaj Housing Finance Ltd 14/07/2034 3.61% Return High DATE OF INCEPTION 31st March 2019 ■ AAA ■ SOV ■ AA+ ■ Others FUND PERFORMANCE as on BENCHMARK COMPARISON (CAGR RETURN) 9-Aug-2025 Returns since Publication of NAV 69.23% Absolute Return CAGR Return 10.00% 8.00% 6.00% AUM (In Lakhs) 16 9226 0.00% 6.38 ASSET ALLOCATION Money ■ FUTURE GROUP INCOME FUND Benchmark Market & NCA. 5.44% Benchmark :Nifty Composite Debt Index 100% ■ NCD, 18.22% ■ GSEC, 76.34% 20.00 19.00 18.00 MODERATE RISK MODERATE RETURN talences freeze e consesso de la consesso de consesso 17.00 16.00 15.00 14.00 13.00 11.00 10.00 9.00





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ABOUT THE FUND PORTFOLIO AS ON 29-Aug-2025 SECTORAL ALLOCATION OBJECTIVE SECURITIES HOLDINGS This fund aims to provide potentially high returns by investing a significant MONEY MARKET INSTRUMENTS & NCA portion in equities to target growth in capital value of assets. The fund will Sovereign also invest to a certain extent in govt. securities, corporate bonds and money 18.03% BFSI market instruments to generate stable return. GOVERNMENT SECURITIES 37.75% Computer Programming 7.84% 6.75% Gsec 23/12/2029 10.13% und Manager Details 5.68% Gsec 07 July 2040 6.26% Infrastructure No. Of Funds Manage 6.33% Gsec 05/05/2035 6.129 Fund Manager Coke & Refined Petroleum 4.94% Equity Debt Hybrid 7.38% UP SDL 13/03/2036 3.95% HS 3.26% 6.01% Gsec 21 July 2030 1.93% Srijan Sinha Motor Vehicles 2.07% edant Heda 5.90% Gsec 15/04/2065 1.839 Tobacco 1.19% Shobit Gupta 0% CS 15/062030 1 24% 0% CS 17/06/2033 Nirai Kuma 1.169 Mfg of computer & electronic 1.14% ASSET ALLOCATION 0% CS 22/02/2030 1.15% Mfg of Electrical Equipment 0.96% Min. Max. Actual 0% CS 19/12/2030 0.849 Composition Other 16.56% Cash and Money Market 0.00% 40.00% 3.18% Others 1.829 Fixed Income Instruments 30.00% 70.00% 41.77% Equities ECURITIES HOLDING Debt Rating Profile CORPORATE DEBT 4.02% ■ 1.68% -RISK RETURN PROFILE 7.89% Bajaj Housing Finance Ltd 14/07/2034 3.26% **15.52%** Low To Moderate 8.40% Cholamandalam Investment And Fin Co Ltd 09/08/2028 0.779 Return High DATE OF INCEPTION 10th December 2020 **82.80%** FUND PERFORMANCE as on ■AAA ■ SOV ■ AA+ 29-Aug-2025 BENCHMARK COMPARISON (CAGR RETURN) Returns since Publication of NAV Absolute Return CAGR Return 12.41% 12.00% HOLDINGS AUM (In Lakhs) 10.00% EQUITY 55.05% 8.00% DSP Mutual Fund - DSP Nifty PSU Bank ETF 4.719 6.00% Infosys Technologies Ltd 4.029 4.00% HDFC Bank Ltd 3.75% Reliance Industries Ltd 3.01% 2.00% ASSET ALLOCATION Axis Bank Ltd 2.599 0.00% ICICI Bank Ltd 2.309 1 year 6 months 1 Since 4 years 3 years 2 years -2.00% Money Market State Bank of India Tata Consultancy Services Ltd 2.22% Inception & NCA, 3.18% NCD. 4.02% 2.109 SBI-ETF Nifty Bank 1.239 ■ FUTURE GROUP GROWTH FUND ■ Benchmark GSEC. 37.75% ITC Ltd 1 19% Benchmark :Nifty Composite Debt Index 50%+Nifty 50-50% Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd 1.159 ■ EQU. 55.05% ndusInd Bank Ltd Bharti Airtel Ltd (Partly Paid) 1.07% Rural Electrification Corporation Ltd 1.04% 20.00 Tata Motors Ltd 0.92% MODERATE RISK MODERATE RETURN 19.00 Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd. 0.89% 18.00 17.00 Aurobindo Pharma Ltd 0.879 MODERATE HCL Technologies Ltd 0.83% 16.00 Nagarjuna Construction Co. Ltd 0.83% 15.00 Punjab National Bank 0.819 14.00 13.00 HIGH RISK HIGH RETURN Texmaco Rail & Engineering Ltd 0.80% LOW RISK LOW RETURN 12.00 Indian Oil Corporation Ltd 0.77% 11 00 Anant Raj Ltd 0.749 Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd 0.749 Ujjivan Small Finance Bank Ltd 0.719 14.659



