

### **QUICK TAKE**

- Expect lower interest rates in the second half of FY25.
- Investors should add duration with every rise in yields, as yield upside limited.
- Mix of 10-year duration and 3-5-year duration assets are best strategies to invest in the current macro environment.
- Credits continue to remain attractive from a risk reward perspective give the improving macrofundamentals.

Bond markets globally experienced volatility, influenced by stronger than expected US data and rising geo political tensions. As a result, the yields on US Treasuries rose significantly, closing the month 48 bps higher at 4.68%. Indian government bond yields too mirrored the moves of US Treasuries and rose 14 bps to 7.20%. Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPI) flows were net sellers of government bonds in April to the tune of US\$1.3 bn over the month and year to date, cumulative debt inflows amounted to US\$5.4bn.

#### Key Market Events

Shifting interest rate expectations: The macroeconomic indicators from the US have shown robust performance, particularly in retail sales and employment numbers in February-March. Concurrently, headline inflation experienced an uptick, reaching 3.5% over the month. This led to a significant increase in the yields of US Treasuries, as the possibility of interest rate reductions by

10 YEAR G-SEC YIELD **7.19%** 

June has diminished due to the Federal Reserve's (Fed) statements. Though the Fed acknowledged "lack of further progress towards its 2% inflation goal in the recent months," market implied expectations for at least one Fed rate cut this year remained intact. Initially, the markets had anticipated 5 to 6 rate cuts by the Fed at the start of the year.

In its April monetary policy meeting, the Fed retained a status quo on interest rates and refrained from mentioning about change in dot plots, but announced plans to reduce the pace of balance sheet drawdowns by US\$ 35bn starting 1 June 2024. The central bank still expects the next move to be rate cuts, but as of now, rates can remain unchanged for long. The Fed's comments led markets to believe that its ultra-hawkish stance has been tamed to a cautious one.

In the Eurozone, economic growth appears to have reached its bottom and is poised for an upswing, as suggested by GDP and PMI figures. Although inflation is on a downward trajectory, core services inflation remains somewhat high. Despite this, there is still anticipation for a potential rate cut in the near term. On a separate note, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) maintained its interest rates during the April policy meeting, adopting a vigilant stance regarding inflation.

In Japan, with the cessation of negative interest rates and yield curve control, attention has shifted to the timing and magnitude of potential rate hikes. Meanwhile, recent data from China has validated the impact of supply-side incentives, indicating stronger GDP growth coupled with increased deflationary pressures. Additionally, the GDP deflator has continued its negative trend for the fourth consecutive quarter.

**Stable rupee vis a vis emerging market currencies:** Emerging market currencies were significantly volatile during the month while Indian Rupee exhibited stability and a lesser fall comparatively. India's falling twin deficits, robust macros and one of the better growing economies tag has helped the currency to be stable.

Inflationary pressures gradually declining: CPI moderated to 4.9% in March at 5.1% in February while core CPI declined further to 3.3%. This was led by a slowdown in prices across the board, for both core goods and services, from the previous month's levels. Going forward, a normal monsoon could lead to a downward trajectory in inflation in the second half of 2024.

Increasing geopolitics drives crude prices higher: Escalating tensions between Israel and Iran which increased in the past few weeks dampened investor sentiments. Overall, commodities saw a significant uptick in prices especially Crude and precious metals due to increasing geopolitical risks. Brent crude crossed \$91 in April but ended the month at US\$ 87.86. Nonetheless, an inventory overhang led to a notable fall in prices to ~US\$ 82.

#### Market view

The US economy has surpassed expectations on economic growth and signs of a slowdown have been deferred. Inflation has been choppy but gradually heading lower. Even though macros are robust, they have taken a back seat and expectations of interest rate cuts by the Fed have shifted to end of year in light of rising geopolitical threats and the run-up in crude prices. Accordingly, we believe that the central banks globally and in India will exercise cautions before lowering interest rates. In line with our view, the RBI upheld interest rates in early April and we expect this stance to continue. Oil prices remain a risk against the backdrop of geopolitical conflicts and if oil prices remain under control, inflation could head further lower over the course of the year.

Overall, India is in an extended goldilocks against a backdrop of moderating inflation, higher economic growth and strong external account (falling fiscal and current account deficit and a stable rupee). We remain constructive on rates due to positive demand supply dynamics especially for Indian government bonds due to their inclusion in JP Morgan / Bloomberg Indices. Furthermore, the operative rate has shifted from 6.75% to 6.5% due to ease in banking liquidity and this has led to rally in short term bond yields.

#### Positioning & Strategy

The fixed income curve is pricing in no rate cuts till March 2025. We have retained our long duration stance across our portfolios within the respective scheme mandates. We do expect the 10-year bond yields to trade in a narrow range of 7.10-7.25% in the near term and to soften to 6.75% over the next few quarters. Investors need to be patient on the rate cut cycle which could be delayed to the second half of FY25.

From a strategy perspective, while the overall call is to play a falling interest rate cycle over the next 6-12 months, markets are likely to see sporadic rate movements. In the current scenario, investors should use the rise in yields to build in duration across their portfolios. With positive demand supply outlook for bonds and improved liquidity stance of RBI, investors could use this opportunity to invest in short to medium term funds with tactical allocation to gilt funds. We maintain a higher allocation to corporate bonds and SDL's due to lower issuance and perceived change in RBI's liquidity stance.

# **AXIS CORPORATE DEBT FUND**

- Axis Corporate Debt Fund endeavors to capture opportunities by investing in best ideas across the corporate bond curve.
- The fund will typically maintain duration in the range of 2 5 years.
- High grade portfolio with 100% AAA/SOV/A1+ rating.
- Aims to capitalize on the 'carry' play at the shorter end and 'capital gain' from the longer end.
- Large portfolio allocation is in corporate bonds and G-Secs having duration in the range of 2 5 years.
- The mispricing of select higher yield AAA bonds offers room for gains from market compression/normalizationinyields of such papers.
- Primary asset class: Corporate debt securities.
- Investment Horizon: 1 year and beyond.

Residual	
Maturity	

7.65%

4.71 3

3.43

Macaulay

3.62

A c t i v e l y M a n a g e d Corporate Bonds with daily Liquidity endeavors to generate stable returns by following a high quality & low-

risk strategy

Why Invest?

Residual Maturity	Modified Duration
2.27	1.92
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7.62% 2.06

#### Why Invest?

Target stable returns with high credit quality and liquidity. Rigorous credit evaluation. Suitable for investors with a holding period of 3 years or more.

# **AXIS BANKING & PSU DEBT FUND**

- The fund targets stable returns with high credit quality and liquidity predominantly through investment in Debt & Money Market Instruments issued by Banks, Public Financial Institutions (PFIs) and Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs).
- The fund is deployed into AAA instruments with a target portfolio maturity of December 2026.
- The space is a sweet spot, such a strategy is ideal for medium term investors looking to take advantage of the current opportunities in the debt markets especially with the flat yield curve and elevated overall yields.

# **AXIS SHORT TERM FUND**

- The fund is a combination of short duration as well as carry that can help mitigate interest rate risk and deliver a balanced return over a long run.
- Actively managed strategy with allocation primarily to 2 5 year corporate bonds and G-Secs, with no
  restriction on maturity of individual securities.
- The fund tracks corporate bonds, government securities and money market instruments spreads and takes an active view on the rates and liquidity to decide the allocation.
- $\bullet \ \ The fund maintains a high proportion of AAA/SOV/A1 + \& equivalents assets in the portfolio.$
- Long term rating: Sub AAA assets (excl bank CDs) ≤ 20%, no exposure to below AA rated assets
- $\bullet \ \ Primary asset class: Corporate Bonds, G-Secs and money market instruments$
- Investment Horizon: 1 year and beyond

Residual Maturity

3.72 vears

Annualized Portfolio YTM

7.73%

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2.84 years

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2.99 years Why Invest?

Actively Managed Short Duration Fund with Daily Liquidity endeavors to generate stable returns by following a high quality & low-risk strategy

# Residual Modified Duration 2.5 1.95 years Annualized Portfolio YTM\* Macaulay Duration 8.44% 2.05 years

#### Why Invest?

To capture opportunities across accrual, credit and duration space. Monitors risk by controlling the overall portfolio duration

## AXIS CREDIT RISK FUND

- The fund is positioned to benefit from its core allocation in short term corporate bonds (Below AA+) i.e. in the 2-3-year space.
- The focus of the fund is to capture the credit spreads compression in the 1-4 year corporate bonds and also have a higher 'carry'.
- In the current environment the fund has tactically allocated to AA & A names where we believe the risk reward is attractive from a carry play.
- Given our market view on improved credit environment, improving corporate profitability and looking at a
  favorable risk reward perspective the fund has an allocation to lower rated corporate bonds (below AAA
  rating).

## **AXIS STRATEGIC BOND FUND**

- The fund as part of its investment mandate aims to invest 50-60% in AAA bonds with overall portfolio duration target range of 3-4 years.
- The spreads in short non AAA corporate bonds over AAA currently looks attractive from a risk reward basis and hence the fund is allocated assets to these securities on an incremental basis.
- The portfolio design should help generate stable returns while bringing down volatility relative to a longer duration fund.

Residual Maturity	Modified Duration
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Why Invest? to target stable risk-return profile

Residual	Modified
Maturity	Duration
5.88 years	<b>4.44</b> years
Annualized	Macaulay
Portfolio YTM*	Duration

7.56%

#### Why Invest?

"Go Anywhere" a c t i v e l y managed fund following a Best Ideas approach and c a n m o v e across the yield curve

# **AXIS DYNAMIC BOND FUND**

- The fund is positioned as held to maturity strategy investing in AAA corporate bonds and SDLs.
- The flat yield curve at the longer end of the curve makes the current positioning of the strategy attractive for medium to long term investors.
- The fund is ideally suited for our current call to incrementally add duration in investor portfolios in a calibrated manner.

# **AXIS ULTRA SHORT TERM FUND**

- Targets an indicative portfolio duration of 3 6 months
- High quality portfolio with selective Sub AAA exposure: Sub AAA assets (excl bank CDs) ≤ 30%
- Primary asset class: Short term debt and money market instruments
- Elevated short term spreads offer higher yields at the shorter end of the curve. The fund aims for a low duration with low volatility and relatively higher carry.

Investment Horizon: 3 – 6 months.

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Why Invest? Short term solution for parkingfunds

Residual Maturity	Modified Duration
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402	336
days	days
Annualized	
	Macaulay
Portfolio YTM*	Macaulay Duration
Portfolio YTM*	Duration

Why Invest? Target stable

evaluation. Suitable for investors with a holding period of 3-6 months or more.

# AXIS TREASURY ADVANTAGE FUND

 The fund is well diversified with a portfolio mix of corporate bonds, certificate of deposits, commerce papers and government bonds.
 The fund will typically maintain duration in the range of 6 months to 1 year.
 Rigorous credit The fund is well diversified with a portfolio mix of corporate bonds, certificate of deposits, commercial

7.58%

- The fund is likely to benefit from steepness of the rate/liquidity curve and its high accrual vs Money Market
- Long term rating: Sub AAA assets (excl bank CDs) ≤ 20%, no exposure to below AA rated assets
- The fund is ideally positioned for the current interest rate environment and has added duration to the portfolio as interest rate hike cycle has peaked.
- Primary asset class: Money Market and short term debt instruments
- Investment horizon: 6 12 months.

# **AXIS MONEY MARKET FUND**

- Targets an indicative portfolio average maturity of 4 12 months.
- The fund has added duration in the portfolio as the interest rate cycle has peaked.
- Targets 100% A1+ high quality short term securities.
- Long term rating: Sub AAA assets (excl bank CDs) ≤ 20%, no exposure to below AA rated assets
- Primary asset class: Short term debt and money market instruments with maturity of up to 1 year

Why Invest? To limit the interest rate risksin the debt

portfolio.

• Investment horizon: 3 - 12 months.

Residual Maturity	Modified Duration	Why Invest?
246 days	245 days	Short term solution for parkingfunds
Annualized Portfolio YTM*	Macaulay Duration	
7.58%	246 days	

Residual	Modified
Maturity	Duration
10.17 years	5.94 years
Annualized	Macaulay
Portfolio YTM*	Duration
7.26%	6.15 years

# AXIS FLOATER FUND

- · Axis Floater Fund is an ideal solution for investors looking at short to medium term investment solutions aimed at generating superior risk adjusted returns across market cycles.
- The fund is positioned as a market linked actively managed portfolio of high quality securities. The fund will dynamically manage the duration of the portfolio in accordance with the interest rate environment.

# **AXIS LONG DURATION FUND**

- The fund is positioned as long bond held to maturity strategy investing in government securities.
- The flat yield curve at the longer end of the curve makes the current positioning of the strategy attractive for medium to long term investors.
- The fund is ideally suited for our current call to incrementally add duration in investor portfolios in a calibrated manner.

Residual Maturity	Modified Duration
30.26 years	11.59 years
	Macaulay

To create a long term income solution

Why Invest?

through investment in high quality d e b t instruments

# **AT A GLANCE**

	Axis Overnight Fund	Axis Liquid Fund	Axis Money Market Fund	Axis Ultra Short Term Fund	Axis Floater Fund	Axis Treasury Advantage Fund	Axis Corporate Debt Fund	Axis Banking & PSU Debt Fund	Axis Short Term Fund	Axis Credit Risk Fund	Axis Dynamic Bond Fund	Axis Strategic Bond Fund	Axis Gilt Fund	Axis Long Duration Fund
Why Invest?	Cash Managem ent	Cash Managem ent	Cash Managem ent	Short term solution for parking funds	To limit the interest rate risks in the debt portfolio	For spare cash in your Bank Account	Capture opportunities in high quality corporate bond portfolio	Short term investment with high quality portfolio	Actively Managed Short Duration Fund with Daily Liquidity	To capture opportunities from credit spread while managing risk	Fund following a	To target stable risk-return profile	To capture opportunities from investments in government securities	To create a long term income solution through investment in high quality debt instruments
Type of Scheme	Overnight Fund	Liquid Fund	Money Market Fund	Ultra Short Duration Fund	Floater Fund	Low Duration Fund	Corporate Bond Fund	Banking and PSU Fund	Short Duration Fund	Credit Risk Fund	Dynamic Bond	Medium Duration Fund	Gilt Fund	Long Duration Fund
Residual Maturity	3 days	39 days	246 days	167 days	10.17 years	402 days	4.71 years	2.27 years	3.72 years	2.5 years	5.88 years	5.29 years	16.49 years	30.26 years
Macaulay Duration	3 days	39 days	246 days	162 days	6.15 years	350 days	3.62 years	2.06 years	2.99 years	2.05 years	4.7 years	3.79 years	8.38 years	12.01 years
Modified Duration	3 days	39 days	245 days	157 days	5.94 years	336 days	3.43 years	1.92 years	2.84 years	1.95 years	4.44 years	3.62 years	8.08 years	11.59 years
Annualized Portfolio YTM*	6.65%	7.22%	7.58%	7.58%	7.26%	7.68%	7.65%	7.62%	7.73%	8.44%	7.56%	8.18%	7.35%	7.39%
Asset Mix														
Money Market Instruments	100.00%	99.49%	99.51%	69.94%	19.13%	65.97%	6.50%	5.65%	15.03%	3.96%	3.41%	5.53%	6.44%	3.24%
Corporate Bond	0.00%	0.51%	0.00%	29.20%	3.97%	30.30%	68.93%	84.62%	57.51%	79.79%	68.40%	58.99%	0.00%	0.00%
G-Sec	0.00%	0.00%	0.49%	0.61%	76.90%	2.97%	24.59%	9.73%	26.21%	15.83%	28.19%	32.98%	93.56%	96.76%
PTC	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.23%	0.00%	0.75%	0.00%	0.00%	1.25%	0.42%	0.00%	2.50%	0.00%	0.00%
Rating Mix														
Sovereign /AAA & equivalent \$	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	86.29%	100.00%	87.97%	100.00%	100.00%	85.39%	40.39%	100.00%	62.71%	100.00%	100.00%
AA+	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	6.92%	0.00%	9.01%	0.00%	0.00%	13.17%	4.34%	0.00%	6.89%	0.00%	0.00%
AA	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	4.53%	0.00%	3.02%	0.00%	0.00%	1.44%	36.78%	0.00%	17.58%	0.00%	0.00%
AA-	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	2.26%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	11.58%	0.00%	8.37%	0.00%	0.00%
A+	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	4.96%	0.00%	2.38%	0.00%	0.00%
А	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	1.95%	0.00%	2.07%	0.00%	0.00%
A-	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Below A	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Load Structi	ure													
Exit Load	NIL	Graded Exit Load^	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	If redeemed / switched- out within 12 months - For 10% of investment : Nil For remaining investment : 1% If redeemed/ switched out after 12 months from the date of allotment: Nil		If redeemed / switched- out within 12 months: - For 10% of investment: Nil - For remaining investment: 1% If redeemed/ switched out after 12 months from the date of allotment: Nil.	NIL	NIL

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm s}AAA\&$  Equivalent includes AAA/A1+-rated papers.

 $<sup>\</sup>verb|^Graded| exit| load for Axis Liquid fund as below:$ 

Investor exit upon Subscription	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7 onwards
Exit load as a % of redemption proceeds	0.0070%	0.0065%	0.0060%	0.0055%	0.0050%	0.0045%	Nil

<sup>\*</sup>in case of semi annual YTM, it will be annualised. \*The yield to maturity given above is based on the portfolio of funds as on 30th April 2024. This should not be taken as an indication of the returns that may be generated by the fund and the securities bought by the fund may or may not be held till their respective maturities. The calculations are based on the invested corpus.

<sup>&</sup>quot;The cash adjusted Yield to Maturity given above is based on the portfolio of funds as on 30th April 2024 adjusted for cash & Net current assets.

# **AT A GLANCE**

	Axis CRISIL IBX 70:30 CPSE Plus SDL April 2025 Index Fund	Axis CRISIL IBX SDL May 2027 Index Fund	Axis Nifty AAA Bond Plus SDL Apr 2026 50:50 ETF	Axis Nifty SDL September 2026 Debt Index Fund	Axis CRISIL IBX 50:50 Gilt Plus SDL September 2027 Index Fund	Axis CRISIL IBX 50:50 Gilt Plus SDL June 2028 Index Fund	Axis CRISIL IBX SDL June 2034 Debt Index Fund
Why Invest?	Low cost hassle free solution for investors looking to build their core fixed income portfolio in the debt portfolio	Focus on running a highly liquid portfolio of SDLs	Aim to earn better returns than bank fixed deposits of a similar duration	Focus on running a highly liquid portfolio of SDLs	Aim to earn better returns than bank fixed deposits of a similar duration	Aim to earn better returns than bank fixed deposits of a similar duration	Focus on running a highly liquid portfolio of SDL
Type of Scheme	Index Fund	Index Fund	ETF	Index Fund	Index Fund Index Fund Index Fund		Index Fund
Residual Maturity	0.88 years	2.89 years	1.66 years	2.29 years	3.07 years	3.7 years	9.58 years
Macaulay Duration	0.87 years	2.59 years	1.57 years	2.12 years	2.73 years	3.21 years	6.68 years
Modified Duration	0.81 years	2.5 years	1.48 years	2.04 years	2.64 years	3.1 years	6.44 years
Annualized Portfolio YTM*	7.59%	7.53%	7.57%	7.51%	7.38%	7.46%	7.59%
Asset Mix							
Money Market Instruments	2.93%	2.17%	2.60%	2.64%	4.28%	3.80%	4.69%
Corporate Bond	72.96%	0.00%	47.29%	0.00% 0.00%		0.00%	0.00%
G-Sec	24.11%	97.83%	50.11%	97.36% 95.72% 96.		96.20%	95.31%
PTC	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00% 0.00%		0.00%
Rating Mix							
Sovereign /AAA & equivalent \$	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
AA+	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
AA	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
AA-	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
A+	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
А	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
A-	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Below A	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Load Structu	ıre						
Exit Load	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL

 $<sup>^</sup>s AAA \,\&\, Equivalent\, includes\, AAA/A1+-rated\, papers.$ 

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#### **Fund Name Product Labelling Product Riskometer** Benchmark Riskometer **Potential Risk Class** & Benchmark This product is suitable for Axis Dynamic investors who are seeking\*: Bond Fund (An open Credit Risk → Relatively Low (Class A) Relatively Low (Class A) Optimal returns over medium to long term. ended dynamic debt scheme To generate stable returns investing across duration. A Moderate (Class II) relatively high interest rate risk while maintaining liquidity Very Hig and moderate credit risk) through active management of a portfolio of debt and money Relatively High (Class III) \*Benchmark: NIFTY Composite market instruments. erstand that their principal Debt Index A-III will be at moderate risk This product is suitable for Axis Gilt Fund (An investors who are seeking\*: Credit Risk Interest Rate Risk Relatively Low (Class A) Relatively Low (Class I) open-ended debt scheme Credit risk free returns over investing in government medium to long term. securities across maturity. A Investment mainly in relatively high interest rate risk Moderate (Class II) government securities across and relatively low credit risk) Relatively High (Class III) A-III maturities. \*Benchmark: CRISIL Dynamic Investors understand that their principal Gilt Index will be at moderate risk This product is suitable for Axis Strategic investors who are seeking\*: Bond Fund (An open-Optimal returns over medium ended medium term debt scheme investing in instruments term. Interest Rate Risk Relatively Low (Class A) Moderate (Class B) elatively High (Class C) Investment in diversified such that the Macaulay duration portfolio of debt and money Relatively Low (Class I) market securities to generate optimal risk adjusted returns of the portfolio is between 3 Moderate (Class II) years to 4 years. A relatively high Very Hig interest rate risk and relatively while maintaining liquidity. Relatively High (Class III) C-III erstand that their principa \*Benchmark: NIFTY Medium **Duration Debt Index A-III** This product is suitable for Axis Credit Risk investors who are seeking\*: Fund (An open-ended debt • Stable returns in the short to elatively High (Class C) Credit Risk → Relatively Low (Class A) scheme predominantly investing medium term. in AA and below rated corporate Investment in debt and money Relatively Low (Class I) bonds (excluding AA+ rated corporate bonds. A relatively market instruments across the Moderate (Class II) yield curve and credit high interest rate risk and spectrum. C-III relatively high credit risk) erstand that their principal \*Benchmark: CRISIL Credit will be at moderately high risk Risk Debt B-II Index This product is suitable for Axis Banking & investors who are seeking\* PSU Debt Fund (An Regular income over short to medium term. open-ended debt scheme predominantly investing in debt Credit Risk → Relatively Lo Interest Rate Risk ↓ (Class A) latively Hig (Class C) Moderate (Class P) Investment in debt and money Relatively Low (Class I) instruments of banks, public sector undertakings & public market instruments issued by Banks, PFIs & PSUs. Moderate (Class II) Very High Very Hiel financial institutions. relatively high interest rate risk and moderate credit risk) Investors understand that their principal will be at moderate risk \*Benchmark: Nifty Banking & PSU Debt Index A-II This product is suitable for Axis Corporate investors who are seeking\*: Debt Fund (An open • Regular income over short to Credit Risk → Relatively Low (Class A) latively Hig (Class C) medium term. ended debt scheme Relatively Low (Class I) predominantly investing in AA+ • Predominantly investing in and above rated corporate bonds corporate debt. Very High A relatively high interest rate risk and moderate credit risk) \*Benchmark: NIFTY Corporate Investors understand that their principal will be at moderate risk Bond Index A-II This product is suitable for Axis Short Term investors who are seeking\*: Fund (An open-ended short Regular income while Credit Risk → Interest Rate Risk ↓ Relatively Low (Class I) maintaining liquidity over term debt scheme investing in instruments such that the Macaulay duration of the portfolio short term. Investment in debt and money Very High Moderate (Class II) is between 1 year to 3 years. A relatively high interest rate risk and moderate credit risk) market instruments. B-III Investors understand that their principal \*Benchmark: NIFTY Short will be at moderate risk This product is suitable for Axis Liquid Fund investors who are seeking\* □reart Risk → Relatively Low (Class A) Moderate (Class B) elatively High (Class C) (An open-ended liquid scheme. A relatively low interest rate risk Regular income over short Relatively Low (Class I) B-I term. and moderate credit risk) Moderate (Class II) Investment in debt and \*Benchmark: NIFTY Liquid money market Index A-I instruments. Investors understand that their principal will be at moderate risk

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#### Fund Name **Product Labelling Product Riskometer** Benchmark Riskometer **Potential Risk Class** & Benchmark This product is suitable for Axis Treasury investors who are seeking\*: Advantage Fund • Regular income over short (An open-ended low duration debt scheme investing in term. Credit Risk → Relatively Low (Class A) Relatively Low (Class I) elatively High (Class C) Investment in debt and instruments such that Macaulay duration of the portfolio is between 6 to 12 months. A relatively high money market instruments. Relatively Hig (Class III) interest rate risk and moderate credit risk) Investors understand that their principal will be at low to moderate risk \*Benchmark: NIFTY Low Duration Debt Index A-I This product is suitable for **Axis Money** investors who are seeking\*: Market Fund (An Regular income over short Moderate (Class B) Relatively High (Class C) open ended debt scheme investing in money market Investment in money market instruments. A relatively low instruments with maturity up Moderate (Class II) Very High Very High interest rate risk and moderate to one year. credit risk) \*Benchmark: NIFTY Money estors understand that their principal Market Index A-I This product is suitable for Axis Ultra Short investors who are seeking\*: Term Fund (An open Regular income over short ended ultra-short term debt erest Rate Risk Relatively Lov (Class A) elatively High (Class C) Moderate (Class B) Low to scheme investing in instruments Investment in Debt & Money Relatively Low (Class I) such that the Macaulay duration of the portfolio is between 3 Market instruments such that the Macaulay duration of the Moderate (Class II) months and 6 months. A moderate interest rate risk and portfolio is between 3 months Relatively (Class III) 6 months. moderate credit risk) Investors understand that their principal will be at moderate risk \*Benchmark: NIFTY Ultra Short Duration Debt Index A-I This product is suitable for Axis Floater Fund investors who are seeking\*: (An open ended debt scheme Regular income over short Moderate (Class B) Interest Rate Risk predominantly investing in term investment horizon. floating rate instruments. A Relatively Low (Class I) To invest predominantly in relatively high interest rate risk and moderate credit risk) floating rate instruments (including fixed rate Moderate (Class II) Relatively High (Class III) \*Benchmark: NIFTY Medium to instruments converted to Long Duration Debt Index A-III floating rate exposures using Investors understand that their principal will be at moderate risk swaps/derivatives) This product is suitable for **Axis Overnight** investors who are seeking\*: Fund (An open ended debt Regular income with high Credit Risk → Relatively Low (Class A) Relatively Low (Class I) A-I elatively High (Class C) levels of safety and liquidity Moderate (Class B) scheme investing in overnight securities. A relatively low over short term. interest rate risk and relatively Investment in debt and money low credit risk) Very High market instruments with overnight maturity. Relatively (Class III) Benchmark: Nifty 1D Rate Index Investors understand that their principal This product is suitable for **Axis CRISIL IBX** investors who are seeking\*: 70:30 CPSE Plus Income over long term Investments in state government securities (SDLs) SDL April 2025 Relatively Low (Class A) Moderate (Class B) elatively High (Class C) Index Fund (An opensimilar to the composition of CRISIL IBX 70:30 CPSE Plus SDL – April 2025, subject to tracking errors. ended Target Maturity Index Moderate (Class II) Fund investing in constituents of CRISIL IBX 70:30 CPSE Plus A-II SDL - April 2025. A moderate interest rate risk and relatively Investors understand that their principal low credit risk) will be at low to moderate risk Benchmark: CRISIL IBX 70:30 CPSE Plus SDL Index - April 2025

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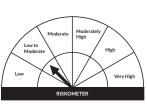
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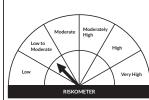
#### AXIS CRISIL IBX50:50 GILT PLUS SDL SEP 2027 INDEX

FUND (An open-ended Target Maturity index fund investing in constituents of CRISIL IBX 50:50 Gilt Plus SDL Index - September 2027. Relatively High interest rate risk and Relatively Low Credit Risk)

Benchmark: CRISIL IBX 50:50 Gilt Plus SDL Index - September 2027 This product is suitable for investors who are seeking\*:

- Income over long term.
- The Scheme that seeks to provide investment returns corresponding to the total returns of the securities as represented by CRISIL IBX 50:50 Gilt Plus SDL Index – September 2027, subject to tracking errors.





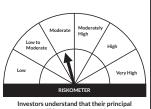
Credit Risk →	Relatively Low	Moderate	Relatively High
Interest Rate Risk 🖡	(Class A)	(Class B)	(Class C)
Relatively Low (Class I)			
Moderate (Class II)			
Relatively High (Class III)	A-III		

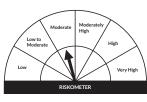
#### Axis CRISIL IBX SDL June 2034 Debt Index Fund

(An open-ended Target Maturity in dex fund investing in constituents of CRISIL IBX SDL Index – June 2034. A Relatively High Interest Rate Risk and Relatively Low Credit Risk)

Benchmark: CRISIL IBX SDL Index – June 2034 This product is suitable for investors who are seeking\*:

- Income over long term.
- Investments in state government securities (SDLs) similar to the composition of CRISIL IBX SDL Index – June 2034, subjecttotracking errors.





Credit Risk →	Relatively Low	Moderate	Relatively High
Interest Rate Risk 🖡	(Class A)	(Class B)	(Class C)
Relatively Low (Class I)			
Moderate (Class II)			
Relatively High (Class III)	A-III		

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