

Balancing convictions in
unbalanced markets.

iSIF Hybrid Long-Short Fund

ICICI Prudential Mutual Fund
Registration No.: MF/003/93/6



Our Outlook on Equities



Indian markets remained volatile in August 2026, given – a) sharp swings in crude oil prices b) renewed West Asia tensions c) Rupee staying at the weaker end. Performance during the month, was largely driven by rotation into India due to the Global AI de-risking phase.



On the macro front, the Rupee has depreciated ~10% in last one year, making it an undervalued currency. India's growth momentum remains strong- Q1 FY27 GDP grew 7.8% YoY, supported by higher growth in the services and manufacturing sectors. Other macro indicators too remain robust demand environment is good, in the current fiscal and Govt. capex continues to support economic activity.



These factors bode well for long term prospects of the economy and markets.

GDP: Gross Domestic Product, IPO: Initial Public Offering



However, in the near term we believe markets will be volatile as the uncertainty around the conclusion of US-Iran war remains high. Also, other triggers which may impact markets in near term include a heavy domestic IPO market and elevated global valuations driven by AI rally. Equity valuations continue to remain in neutral zone currently. We continue recommending investing in equities in a staggered manner in investment strategies that have the flexibility to maneuver across sectors / market cap.



Since market volatility may persist, we continue to recommend investing in Hybrid / Asset Allocation investment strategies.

Source: CRISIL Research

Our Outlook on Debt



Markets are pricing in higher yields in anticipation of rate hikes by the RBI. We expect the RBI to hike 75 to 100 basis points, based on market pricing. However, we believe the RBI will hold on till the end of the fiscal year to start its policy normalization.



Positives such as the FCNR (b) deposit boom have led to a boom in liquidity conditions. We might see the positive impact of liquidity on credit risk premiums. Credit growth and lending book quality becomes a focus.



Long-dated bond yields in G-sec and SDLs are looking attractive. We suggest investors to add some duration to the portfolios to capture the high yields.



We continue to remain positive on accruals in 1 to 3 year corporate bond space.



We recommend products in the floating interest, short term, corporate bond and banking & PSU debt category in the current scenario.



Why Invest in Specialized Investment Fund's (SIF)?

Long-Short Positions

Long-short strategies aims to reduce market sensitivity and capture potential alpha



Access to Advanced Strategies

Access to advanced derivative strategies beyond traditional mutual funds, offering innovative investment avenues.



Multiple Asset Class Exposure

Equities, Debt and InVITs exposure could be used depending on investment strategy to diversify and reduce single asset class risk



Size Advantage

Small investment strategy's fund size provides flexibility and agility to the fund managers to quickly react to market conditions and opportunities.

Better Return Potential

Potential for higher returns through actively managed, investment strategies tailored to capture market opportunities. Also, may invest in special situations as permitted by SEBI

The investments of the Investment Strategy would be as per the asset allocation and investment approach of the Investment Strategy Information Document. Past performance may or may not sustain in future.

Hybrid Long-Short Strategy & its Investing Benefits



Flexibility

Hybrid Long-Short strategy offer greater portfolio flexibility and the ability to employ advanced derivative strategies.



Dynamic

Aims to generate returns with lower volatility through long short strategies in equity and debt, while creating alpha through special situations and derivatives



Risk mitigation

The long-short can allow the fund manager to profit from both rising and falling stocks, potentially reducing drawdowns during market stress.



Market cycles

Aims to combine multiple strategies for smoother outcomes regardless of overall market direction



Diversification

Investing in equities, debt and InVITs may lead to more investment choices thereby leading to diversification



Hybrid Long-Short Strategy – Positioning



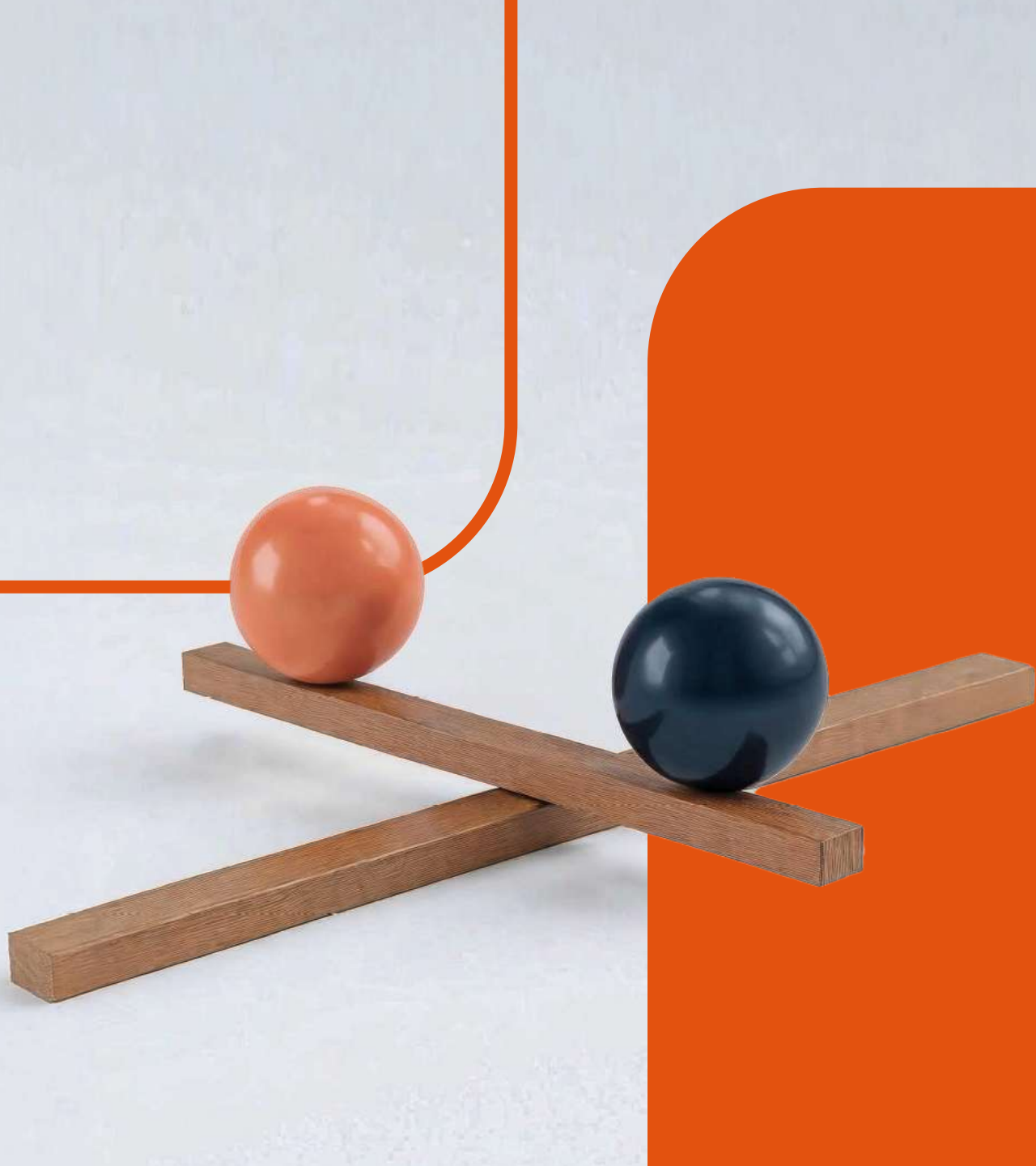
Low

Potential Risk

High

PRESENTING

iSIF Hybrid Long-Short Fund



About iSIF Hybrid Long- Short Fund



Investment philosophy

Aims to generate risk adjusted returns with lower volatility



Investment universe

Aims to generate returns by combining long-short equity positions, derivatives and fixed income investments



Security Valuations

Allocates higher in equities when the equity market valuation is low and lower when the equity market valuation is high.



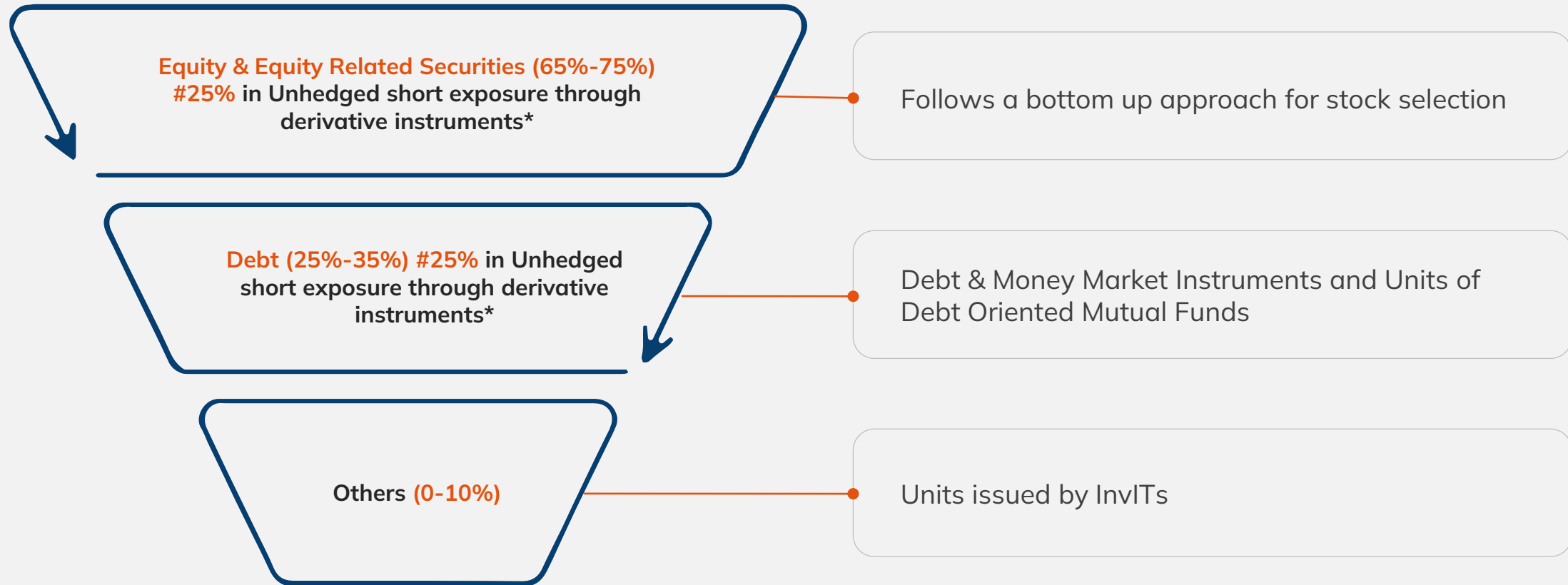
Taxation

The investment strategy enjoys LTCG rate of 12.5% with holding period of 12 months

The investments of the Investment Strategy would be as per the asset allocation and investment approach of the Investment Strategy Information Document. Please consult your tax advisor for further details on taxation.

Asset Allocation under the investment strategy

iSIF Hybrid Long-Short Fund is an interval investment strategy investing in equity, debt securities, including limited short exposure in Equity and Debt through derivatives. Under normal circumstances, the asset allocation under the investment strategy will be as follows:



Please note that the investment approach will be as per ISID. #Derivatives exposure will be upto 100% & Unhedged short position will be upto 25% of net assets.

Stock Selection Criteria



Valuation Comfort

Reasonable,
Relative Valuations



Strengthening Balance Sheet

Low leverage
levels, Cash rich
and Tangible
Assets



Relative Economic Moat

Cost advantage,
high entry barriers



Earnings Potential

High earnings
visibility & growth
in various market
cycles



Market Share Gainer

Strong execution
capabilities



Key Investment Parameters

MARKET TRIGGERS

Model Inputs

- Price to Book
- Currency/REER*
- Earnings yield vs Bond yield
- RSI

Market Positioning

- Market Trend
- FII Positioning
- Flows

MARKET DYNAMICS

Derivatives

- Hedging
- Directional

Active Calls

- Stock and Sector
- IPO/QIP/Buybacks
- Duration and Credit (Debt)

The above list is illustrative and not exhaustive. |

*The Real Effective Exchange Rate (REER) is a measure of a country's currency value relative to a basket of other major currencies, adjusted for inflation, and indicates the country's trade competitiveness.

Dedicated Investment Framework- PACE

P



Price

How much the market is paying relative to earnings, cash flows, and risk

A



Actions

How management allocates capital and behaves at different valuation and cycle points

C



Cycles

Where the business and economic cycle sits and how earnings are likely to evolve

E



Emotions

Sentiments helps in understanding investors affinity towards the markets

Equity Investment Allocations – Under different market scenario

Market Scenario	Nifty 50 Price to Book	*Net Equity Allocation	^Derivative Allocation	Other Strategies (e.g. Participation in Buybacks, Block Deals)
Undervalued	<3.0	65% to 75%	0% - 10%	Yes
Range Bound	3.0 to 3.7	25% to 65%	0% - 40%	
Overvalued	>3.7	0% to 25%	40% - 100%	

*Net Equity Allocation is arrived after netting off derivative positions. ^Derivative allocation is gross derivative position, including unhedged positions. The portfolio of the investment strategy is subject to the asset allocation and investment approach as per the Investment Strategy Information Document. The above is only for illustrative purposes, the asset classes may perform differently than shown above. Also, market scenario associated with Price to Book value level is subject to change from time to time.

Investment strategies that may be deployed in Long-Short Strategies



Equity Arbitrage

Short futures against underlying stock



Covered calls

Short calls against underlying stock



Portfolio hedging

Buying Index Put Options or Shorting Index futures to hedge the equity portfolio



Protective stock options

Buying Puts or Long calls against short stock futures



Long and Short Options

Calls taken to benefit from declining or advancing underlying asset prices



Long and Short futures

Calls taken to benefit from declining or advancing underlying asset prices



Bear Put spread

Buying and shorting put option at different strike price



Bear Call spread

Buying and shorting call option at different strike price



Shorting Straddle/Strangle

Shorting options – benefitting in range bound markets

Various Alpha Generation Strategies



Stock and Sector Selection –
depending on the market
outlook, relative valuations,
and fundamental conviction.



**Investments in accrual-oriented
debt instruments** including
corporate bonds, commercial
papers (CPs), and certificates of
deposit (CDs).



Various Derivative strategies
such as covered calls, options
and other permitted structures
with a view to enhance returns
and manage risk.



**Participation in IPOs, QIPs,
block deals, buybacks, and
other instruments** as
permitted by SEBI regulations.

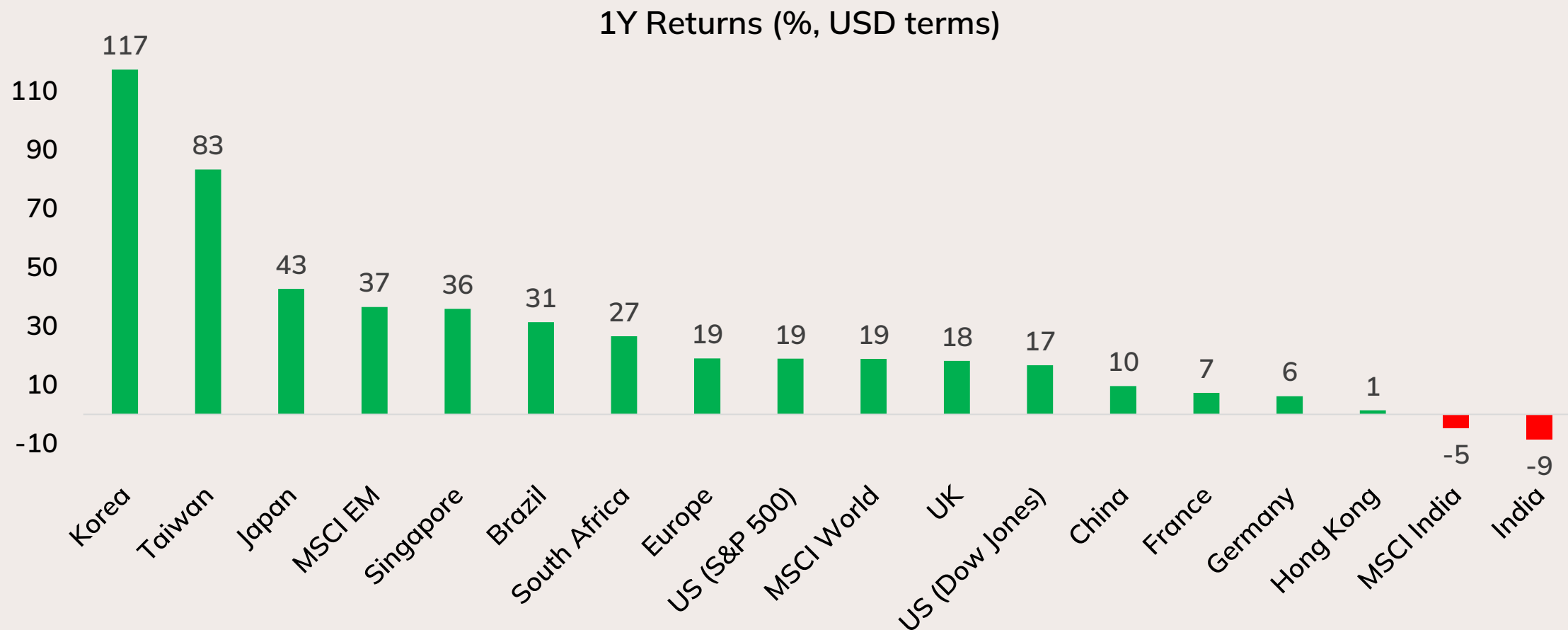




Why
**iSIF Hybrid
Long Short Fund NOW?**

'V'aluations Re-set

Indian equities were commanding rich valuations until last year. They have moderated post recent corrections



Source: Morningstar. Data as of Aug 31, 2026. Returns are in absolute terms in USD. Past performance may or may not sustain in future. Indices considered: Kospi for Korea, Taiwan – TWSE Capitalization Weighted Index, Brazil – Ibovespa Sao Paulo Index, MSCI EM – MSCI Emerging Markets Index, Japan – Nikkei 225, South Africa – JSE Top 40 Index, China – Shanghai Composite Index, Singapore – Strait Times, UK – FTSE 100, Europe – Euro Stoxx 50, Hong Kong – Hang Seng Index, France – CAC 40, Germany – DAX, India – Nifty 50

'V'aluations Re-set

The valuations froth seen in last 2 years, has come off

Period	As a % of Total Market Cap			
	Top 50	Next 50	Midcap 150	Smallcap 250
2015	59.8	14	15.2	11
2016	58.8	14.1	15.3	11.8
2017	53.4	14.7	17.3	14.6
2018	58.3	13.7	16.3	11.7
2019	61.8	13.1	15.6	9.5
2020	60.9	13.3	15.5	10.2
2021	55.6	13.1	16.8	14.4
2022	56.7	12.5	16.1	14.7
2023	51.4	13.1	17.6	17.8
2024	46.1	13.8	19.3	20.8
2025	46.7	13.9	20.0	19.4
Aug-26	43.0	14.2	20.9	21.9

Source: NSE. Data as on Aug 31, 2026. Data is on calendar year basis. Past performance may or may not sustain in future. Red indicates high valuations, Amber indicates neutral valuations and Green indicates attractive valuations.

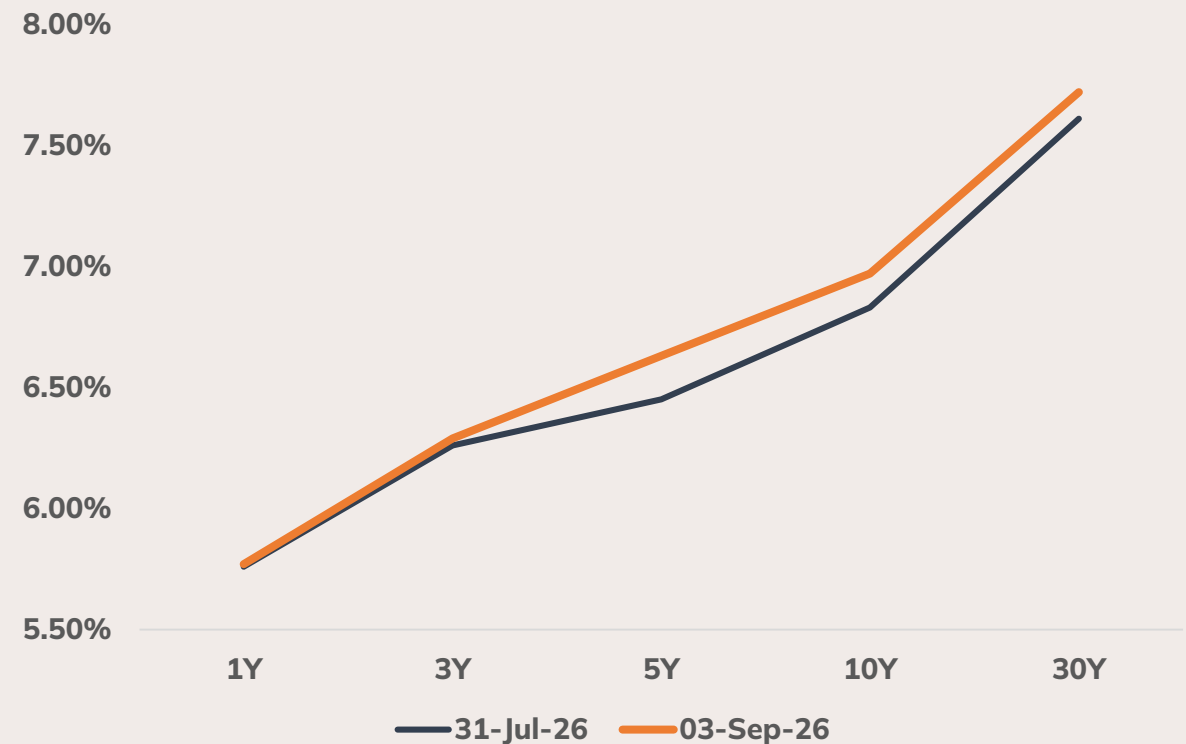
Opportunities in Bond Market

On the debt side, bond markets are starting to price in rate hikes. This is observed from the rise in corporate bond yields, suggesting wider risk premiums. On the G-sec end, too, the long-bond yields have inched up higher.

AAA Bond Yields



G-sec Yields



Long-Short Strategy: Solution to generate returns and manage volatility

All Market Conditions

Aims to generate a positive return both, when markets are rising and when they are falling



Investment Flexibility

Aims to deploy a combination of strategies that help diversify the portfolio to stay ahead of the curve



Low Volatility

Aims to generate a positive return both, when markets are rising and when they are falling

Long Short Strategies aim to generate Risk adjusted Returns with Lower Volatility.



Current Portfolio

Equity & Equity Related Holdings :

Gross: 68.10%

Net: 69.25%

Stock Futures (Short)

-3.34%

Stock Futures (Long)

0.95%

Index Futures (Long)

3.43%

Stock Options (Put)

2.18%

Stock Options (Call)

-2.07%



Debt Holdings

36.51%

Others

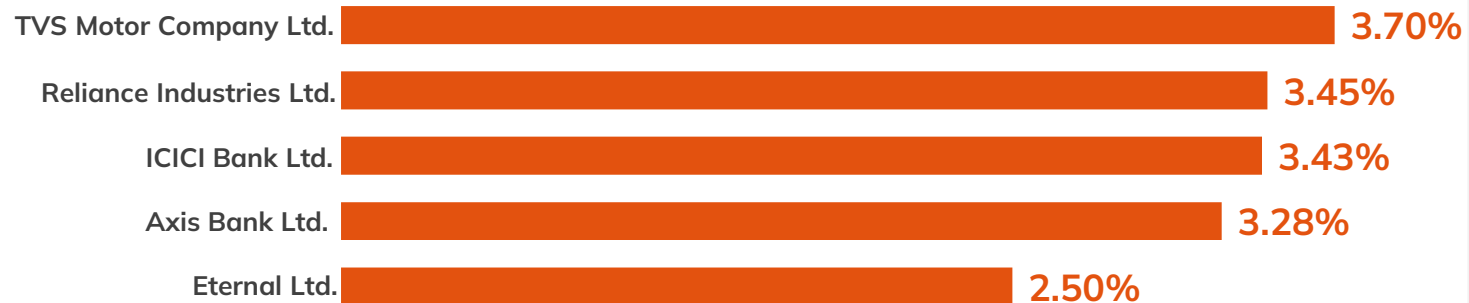
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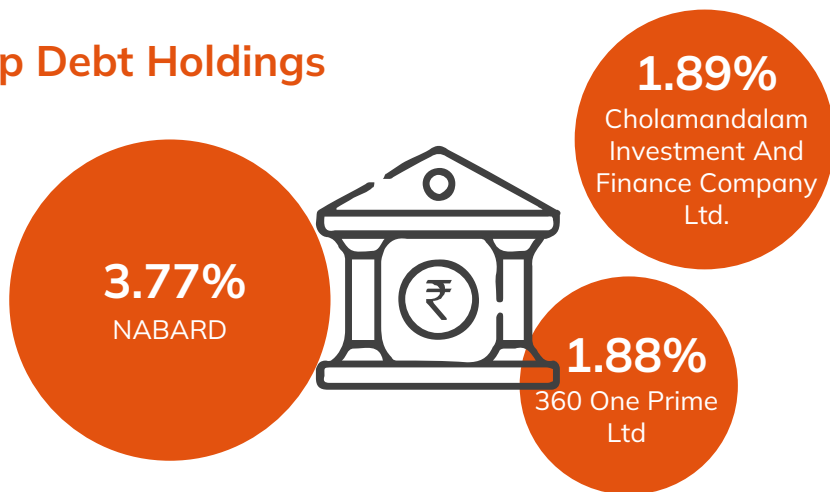
Data as on Aug 31, 2026. The gross equity level denotes holding in equity shares. The net equity level is calculated by netting/ adjusting the equity futures and options. Long options are calculated basis the premium and short options are calculated basis underlying price. The investments of the Investment Strategy would be as per the asset allocation and investment approach of the Investment Strategy Information Document. The sector(s)/stock(s) mentioned in this document do not constitute any recommendation of the same and iSIF may or may not have any future positions in the sector(s)/stock(s).

Portfolio Composition

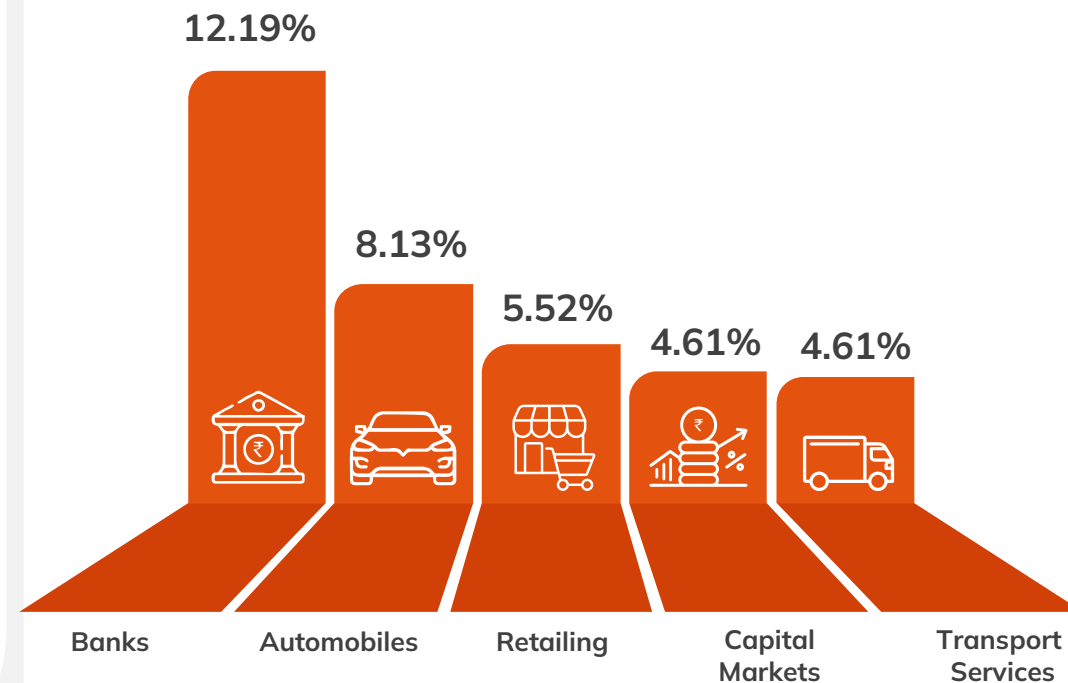
Top Equity Holdings



Top Debt Holdings



Top 5 Sectors (%)





Bottom-up approach



Stock and Sector Selection –
depending on the market outlook



Uses various Derivative strategies
such as covered calls, options etc.



Based on In-house Model



Model ensures flexibility
albeit with control



Investments in Special Situations or
other securities as permitted by SEBI

Key Takeaways about the Scheme



SIF

Why invest in iSIF?

Our Track Record

We challenge each other to work and think differently, so that together we can create a meaningful and lasting impact.

30+ Years



Experience in
Managing Investments



70



No of Fund Managers
& Analysts



655+ companies
24+ sector



Research Team
Coverage



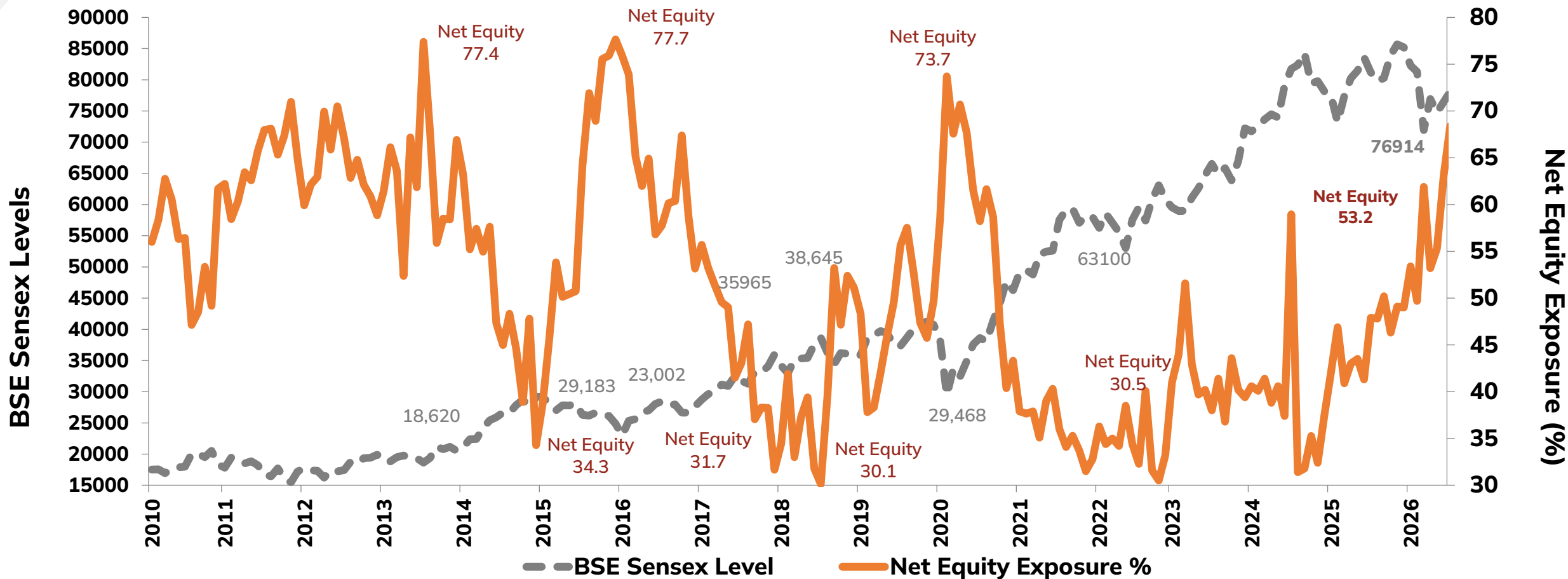
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Experience in managing
Derivatives in our
Mutual Fund Schemes



Our experience in managing Equity Levels of Dynamic Asset Allocation Scheme



Source: BSE, Internal. Data as on Aug 31, 2026. The above chart is for reference purpose only and shall not be construed as actual level of Equity Allocation. Net Equity exposure is arrived after netting off derivative positions.

Wide Research Coverage

A team of over 25 analysts, with a combined experience of over 7 decades, the research team covers as many as 655+ companies across 24+ sectors

	Agriculture & Agriculture Input		Auto & Auto Anc		Banks & Finance		Building Materials		Cement
	Chemicals		Commercial Services		Construction		Consumer Durables		Consumer Non Durables
	Education		Pharmaceuticals		Hotels & Leisure		Capital Goods		IT
	Media & Entertainment		Metals & Mining		Oil & Gas		Paper		Power & Utilities
	Real Estate		Retail		Telecom		Textiles		Transportation



EQUITY

- **Rajat Chandak** (Managing this Investment Strategy since Feb, 2026 & Overall 18 years of experience)
- **Ayush Shah** (Managing this Investment Strategy since Feb, 2026 & Overall 5 years of experience)

FIXED INCOME

- **Manish Banthia** (Managing this Investment Strategy since Feb, 2026 & Overall 23 years of experience)
- **Akhil Kakkar** (Managing this Investment Strategy since Feb, 2026 & Overall 19 years of experience)



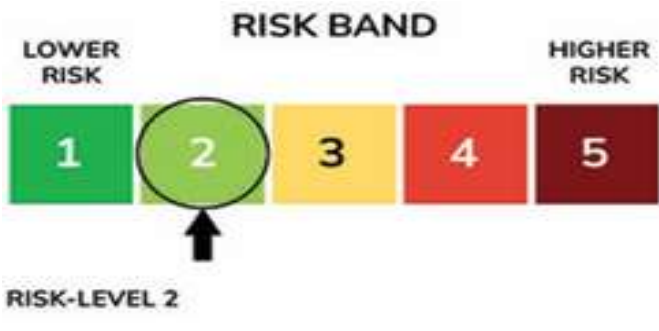
Portfolio Features

Name	iSIF Hybrid Long-Short Fund		
Investment objective	The Investment Strategy intends to predominantly invest in equity and equity related securities with an aim to achieve capital appreciation over long term and also invest in Debt instruments & Units of InVITs to generate regular income. The Investment Strategy can also adopt equity and debt derivative strategies. There is no assurance that the investment objective of the Investment strategy will be achieved.		
Scrip Codes	iSIF Hybrid Long-Short Fund - Regular Plan iSIF Hybrid Long-Short Fund - Direct Plan	NSE ISIFHLSG ISIFLSDG	BSE ISIFHLSG ISIFLSDG
Benchmark	CRISIL Hybrid 50+50 Moderate Index		
Category of investment strategy	Hybrid Long-Short Fund		
Type of investment strategy	An interval investment strategy investing in equity and debt securities, including limited short exposure in equity and debt through derivatives.		
Fund Manager	Equity: Mr.Rajat Chandak & Mr.Ayush Shah. Debt: Mr. Manish Banthia & Mr.Akhil Kakkar		
Plan & Options	Plans available under the Investment Strategy: Regular Plan, Direct Plan Options under each Plan(s): Growth		
Exit load	Exit Load: • 1% of applicable Net Asset Value - If the amount sought to be redeemed or switched out within 1 month from allotment. • NIL - If the amount sought to be redeemed or switched out more than 1 month.		
Minimum Application/ Switch In Amount	For first time investor in SIF: Rs. 10,00,000/- and in multiples of Re.1/- thereafter For accredited investor: Rs. 10,000/- and in multiples of Re. 1/- thereafter For existing investor who have complied with the Minimum Investment Threshold (of Rs. 10,00,000/-): Rs. 10,000 and in multiples of Re. 1/- Switches: Allowed from iSIF investment strategies.		
Features	Lump sum, SIP		
Min investment in SIP (subject to min investment of Rs.10 lakh)	Daily SIP: Rs.5,000 and in multiples of Re. 1 thereof; Minimum Installments - 6 Weekly, Fortnightly, Monthly SIP: Rs.10,000/- and in multiples of Re. 1 thereof; Minimum Installments - 6 Quarterly SIP: Rs.20,000/- and in multiples of Re. 1 thereof; Minimum Installments - 4		
Redemption frequency	Twice a week i.e Monday and Wednesday in every week. In case Monday or Wednesday is a non- business day, the AMC shall process the redemption on the next business day. The Trustees reserves the right to change the Redemption frequency in future, subject to SEBI Regulations and any other law, as applicable.		



Riskometer & Disclaimer



The product is suitable for investors who are seeking#	Investment Strategy Risk- band*	Benchmark Risk- band: – CRISIL Hybrid 50+50 Moderate Index
⌚ Long term wealth creation ⌚ An interval investment strategy investing in equity and debt securities, including limited short exposure in Equity and Debt through derivatives. #Investors should consult their financial advisers if in doubt about whether the product is suitable for them.		

* The Risk Bands are based on evaluation of risk level of the portfolios of the Investment Strategy of iSIF as on Aug 31, 2026.

Investments in Specialized Investment Fund involves relatively higher risk including potential loss of capital, liquidity risk and market volatility. Please read all investment strategy related documents carefully before making the investment decision.

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