

#### SCHEME INFORMATION DOCUMENT

#### Axis Nifty AAA Bond Plus SDL Apr 2026 50:50 ETF

(An open-ended Target Maturity Exchange Traded Fund investing predominantly in constituents of Nifty AAA Bond Plus SDL Apr 2026 50:50 Index. A relatively high interest rate risk and relatively low credit risk).

This product is	Scheme	Benchmark				
suitable for	Risk-o-meter	Risk-o-meter	POTENTIAL	RISK CLAS	S	
investors who are seeking*:			Credit	Relativel	Moderat	Relativel
<ul> <li>Income</li> </ul>			Risk →	y Low	е	y High
over long				(Class A)	(Class B)	(Class C)
term	Low to Moderate Moderate High	Moderate High	Interest			
<ul> <li>Investment</li> </ul>		Moderate	Rate Risk			
in AAA	Low Very High	Low Very High	Relatively			
rated	RISKOMETER	RISKOMETER	Low			
Corporate	will be at low to moderate risk	NIFTY AAA BOND	(Class I) Moderat			
Bonds &		PLUS SDL APR	e			
State		2026 50:50 INDEX	(Class II)			
Developme			Relatively			
nt Loans			High	A-III		
(SDLs) as represented			(Class III)			
by Nifty AAA						
Bond Plus						
SDL Apr						
2026 50:50						
Index,						
subject to						
tracking						
errors.						

# NSE Symbol: AXISBPSETF

\*Investors should consult their financial advisers if in doubt about whether the product is suitable for them.

#### Continuous offer for Units at NAV based prices

Name of Mutual Fund		Axis Mutual Fund	
Name of Asset Management	:	Axis Asset Management Company Ltd.	
Company	Company		
Name of Trustee Company		Axis Mutual Fund Trustee Ltd	
Addresses, Website of the entities		One Lodha Place, 22nd & 23rd Floor, Senapati Bapat	
		Marg, Lower Parel, Mumbai, Maharashtra, Pin Code – 400013	
<u>www.axismf.com</u>			
Name of Sponsor	:	Axis Bank Ltd.	

The particulars of the Scheme have been prepared in accordance with the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Mutual Funds) Regulations 1996, (herein after referred to as SEBI (MF) Regulations) as amended till date and circulars issued thereunder filed with SEBI, along with a Due Diligence Certificate from the AMC. The units being offered for public subscription have not been approved or recommended by SEBI nor has SEBI certified the accuracy or adequacy of the Scheme Information Document.

The Scheme Information Document sets forth concisely the information about the scheme that a prospective investor ought to know before investing. Before investing, investors should also ascertain about any further changes to this Scheme Information Document after the date of this Document from the Mutual Fund / Investor Service Centres / Website / Distributors or Brokers.



The investors are advised to refer to the Statement of Additional Information (SAI) for details of Axis Mutual Fund, Standard Risk Factors, Special Considerations, Tax and Legal issues and general information on <u>www.axismf.com</u>.

SAI is incorporated by reference (is legally a part of the Scheme Information Document). For a free copy of the current SAI, please contact your nearest Investor Service Centre or log on to our website.

The Scheme Information Document (Section I and II) should be read in conjunction with the SAI and not in isolation.

This Scheme Information Document is dated November 28, 2024.

#### Please refer to the NSE disclaimer overleaf.

#### DISCLAIMER

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The Performance of Nifty AAA Bond Plus SDL Apr 2026 50:50 Index will have a direct bearing on the performance of the Scheme. In the event the Nifty AAA Bond Plus SDL Apr 2026 50:50 Index is dissolved or is withdrawn by NSE Indices, the Trustee reserves a right to modify the Scheme so as to track a different and suitable index and the procedure stipulated in the Regulations shall be complied with.

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# **SECTION I**

# Part I. HIGHLIGHTS/SUMMARY OF THE SCHEME

Sr. No.	Title		Description	
I.	Name of scheme	the	Axis Nifty AAA Bond Plus SDL Apr 2026 50:50 ETF	
II.	Category of Scheme	the	Exchange Traded Fund (ETF)	
III.	Scheme type		An open-ended Target Maturity Exchange Traded Fund investing predominantly in constituents of Nifty AAA Bond Plus SDL Apr 2026 50:50 Index. A relatively high interest rate risk and relatively low credit risk.	
IV.	Scheme code		AXIS/O/O/DET/21/03/0054	
V.	Investment objective		To replicate Nifty AAA Bond Plus SDL Apr 2026 50:50 Index by investing in bonds of issuers rated AAA and state development loans (SDL), subject to tracking errors.	
			There is no assurance that the investment objective of the Scheme will be achieved.	
VI.	Liquidity/listing details		Liquidity On the exchange:	
			The Units of the Scheme will be listed on National Stock Exchange of India Ltd. (NSE) and/or any other recognized stock exchanges as may be decided by AMC from time to time. The Units of the scheme may be bought or sold on all trading days at prevailing listed price on such Stock Exchange(s). The AMC shall adhere to guidelines published by AMFI /SEBI for exceptional circumstances under which the scheme is unable to transfer redemption or repurchase proceeds within prescribed timelines.	
			Directly with the Mutual Fund:	
			The Scheme offers units for subscription / redemption directly with the Mutual Fund in Creation Unit Size/ above a specified threshold to Authorized Participants/Market Makers / and Large Investors, at NAV based prices on all Business Days during an ongoing offer period. The redemption consideration shall normally be the basket of securities represented by Nifty AAA Bond Plus SDL Apr 2026 50:50 Index in the same weightage as in the Index and cash component.	
			Listing Being an Exchange Traded Fund, the Units of the Scheme will be listed on the NSE and/or any other stock exchange within such time as the Exchange may allow or within such time as the Regulations permit. An investor can buy/sell Units on the Exchange during the trading hours like any other publicly traded stock.	
			The AMC has proposed to engage Authorised Participants/Market Makers for creating liquidity for the ETF on the Stock Exchange(s) so that investors other than Authorised Participants//Market Makers and Large Investors are able to buy or redeem units on the Stock Exchange(s) using the services of a stock broker.	
			The AMC may also decide to delist the Units from a particular Exchange, provided that the Units are listed on at least one Exchange.	



		The trading of Units on NSE and/or any other Stock Exchange(s) on which the Units are listed will automatically get suspended one Business Day prior to the record date for redemption of Units on Maturity Date. No separate notice will be issued by the AMC informing about Maturity Record Date or Suspension of trading by the stock exchange. However, the Fund reserves the right to change the record date for maturity by issue of suitable notice. The Unit holders whose name(s) appear on the list of beneficial owners as per the Depositories (NSDL/CDSL) on records date shall be entitled to receive redemption proceeds of Units. The price of the Units in the market on Exchange will depend on demand and supply and market factors and forces. There is no minimum investment amount for investment through Exchange, although Units dealt in minimum in lot of 1.
VII.	Benchmark (Total Return Index)	Benchmark: Nifty AAA Bond Plus SDL Apr 2026 50:50 Index.
		Justification of Benchmark:
		As the Scheme primarily invests in constituents of Nifty AAA Bond Plus SDL Apr 2026 50:50 Index & the investment objective is to replicate Nifty AAA Bond Plus SDL Apr 2026 50:50 Index by investing in bonds of issuers rated AAA and state development loans (SDL), subject to tracking errors, the Scheme will be benchmarked against the Nifty AAA Bond Plus SDL Apr 2026 50:50 Index.
		Tier 2 Benchmark: Not Applicable
		The Trustee/AMC reserves the right to change the benchmark for the evaluation of the performance of the Scheme from time to time, keeping in mind the investment objective of the Scheme and the appropriateness of the benchmark, subject to SEBI guidelines and other prevalent guidelines.
VIII.	NAV disclosure	By 11.00 p.m. on every Business Day on AMC (www.axismf.com) and AMFI website.
		For iNAV and further Details in Section II.
IX.	Applicable timelines	Timeline for
		<b>Dispatch of redemption proceeds:</b> The AMC shall dispatch the Redemption proceeds within three (3) working Days from the date of receipt of request from the unit holder. Redemption proceeds in the form of baskets of securities included in Nifty AAA Bond Plus SDL Apr 2026 50:50 Index in the same proportion will be credited to the designated DP account of the Authorized Participants/Market Makers / Large Investors. Any fractions in the number of securities transferable to Authorized Participants/Market Makers / Large Investors will be rounded off to the lower integer and the value of the fraction will be added to the cash component payable. The cash component of the proceeds at applicable NAV will be paid by way of cheque or direct credit or through electronic mode i.e. RTGS/NEFT. However, only Authorised Participants / Market Makers and Large Investors can directly redeem from the AMC in Creation Unit Size/ above a specified threshold. The AMC shall adhere to guidelines published by AMFI /SEBI for exceptional circumstances under which the scheme is unable to transfer redemption or repurchase proceeds within prescribed timelines. <b>Dispatch of IDCW:</b>
		Not Applicable



Х.	Plans and Options Plans/Options and	None
	sub options under the Scheme	
XI.	Load Structure	Entry Load: Not Applicable
		Para 10.4 of SEBI Mater circular for Mutual Funds has decided that there shall be no entry Load for all Mutual Fund Scheme.
		Exit Load: Nil
XII.	Minimum Application Amount/switch in	Minimum Application Amount/switch in Subscription / Redemption of Units directly with Mutual Fund: Authorised Participants/ Market Makers and Large Investors can directly purchase / redeem in multiples of Creation Unit Size on any business day.
		Large Investors can directly purchase / redeem in Creation Unit Size subject to the value of transaction is above a specified threshold (of Rs. 25 Crores) (Not applicable to Employee Provident Fund Organization, India, Recognised Provident Funds, approved Gratuity Funds, approved Superannuation Funds under Income Tax Act 1961 till such time as prescribed by SEBI from time to time) or such other threshold as prescribed by SEBI from time to time
		<b>Purchase / Sale of Units on Stock Exchange:</b> There is no minimum investment, although Units are purchased /sold in round lots of 1 Unit on stock exchange.
XIII.	Minimum Additional Purchase Amount	Not applicable
XIV.	Minimum Redemption/switc h out amount	There will be no minimum redemption criterion.
XV.	New Fund Offer Period This is the	This section does not apply to the Scheme as it has already been launched.
	period during which a new scheme sells its	The New Fund Offer opened on April 23, 2021 and closed on May 7, 2021. The units under the Scheme were allotted on May 11, 2021.
	units to the investors.	The Scheme is now available for Subscription and Redemption at NAV based prices on all Business Days.
XVI.	New Fund Offer Price: This is the	This section does not apply to the Scheme as it has already been launched.
	price per unit that the investors have to pay to invest during the NFO.	The Scheme is now available for Subscription and Redemption at NAV based prices on all Business Days.
XVII.	Segregated portfolio/side pocketing disclosure	The Scheme has provision for segregated portfolio. For Details, kindly refer SAI
XVIII	Swing pricing disclosure	The Scheme does not have provision for swing pricing.
XIX.	Stock lending/short selling	The Scheme shall not engage in stock lending / short selling subject to percentage as specified in asset allocation. For Details, kindly refer SAI.
XX.	How to Apply and other details	For making application for subscription / redemption / switches, application form and Key Information Memorandum may be obtained



	from the Official Points of Acceptance (OPAs) of AMC or downloaded from
	the website of AMC viz. <u>www.axismf.com</u> . Details in section II
Investor services	<b>Contact details for general service requests and complaints:</b> Investors can lodge any service request or complaints or enquire about NAVs, Unit Holdings, IDCW, etc by calling the Investor line of the AMC at contact number 8108622211 (chargeable) from 9.00 am to 6.00 pm (Monday to Saturday) or (022) 6649 6100 (at local call rate for enquiring at AMC ISC's) or email – customerservice@axismf.com. The service representatives may require personal information of the Investor for verification of his / her identity in order to protect confidentiality of information. The AMC will at all times endeavour to handle transactions efficiently and to resolve any investor grievances promptly.
	Investor Relations Officer: Mr. C P Sivakumar Nair Address : Axis Asset Management Company Ltd. One Lodha Place, 22nd & 23rd Floor, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel, Mumbai, Maharashtra, Pin Code – 400013 Phone no.: (022) 6649 6102
	For any grievances with respect to transactions through BSE StAR and / or NSE MFSS, the investors / Unit Holders should approach either the stock broker or the investor grievance cell of the respective stock exchange.
the scheme (such as lock in, duration in case of target maturity scheme/close ended schemes)	Not Applicable
Special product/facility available during the NFO and on	None
Weblink	<ul> <li>TER for last 6 months: <u>https://www.axismf.com/total-expense-ratio</u></li> <li>Scheme factsheet:</li> </ul>
Tenure of the Scheme	https://www.axismf.com/downloads Axis Nifty AAA Bond Plus SDL Apr 2026 50:50 ETF is an open ended target maturity Exchange Traded Fund tracking Nifty CPSE Bond Plus SDL Sep 2026 50:50 Index.
	As a function of the underlying investments of the Scheme, the maturity of the Scheme is expected to be no greater than 5 years and 6 months from the date of allotment of the Scheme ("Maturity Date"). The maturity date of the Scheme shall be April 30, 2026 or immediately succeeding business day in case maturity date i.e. April 30, 2026 is a holiday / non-business day.
	Details of the Maturity Date of the Scheme will be published in one national English daily newspaper circulating in the whole of India and in a newspaper published in the language of the region where the Head Office of the Mutual Fund is situated. Creation Unit is a fixed number of units of the Scheme, which is exchanged
Creation Unit	
	Specific attribute of the scheme (such as lock in, duration in case of target maturity scheme/close ended schemes) (as applicable) Special product/facility available during the NFO and on ongoing basis Weblink Tenure of the



number of units of the Scheme and a cash component are exchanged for Portfolio Deposit.
Creation Unit Size will be 25,00,000 units and in multiples thereof.
Every creation unit shall have a monetary value in Rupee terms equivalent to that day's portfolio deposit and cash component.
For redemption of Units it is vice versa i.e. fixed number of Units of the Scheme are exchanged for Portfolio Deposit and Cash Component, if any.
The Portfolio Deposit and Cash Component will change from time to time and is discussed separately in this SID.
The Mutual Fund may from time to time change the size of the Creation Unit in order to equate it with marketable lots of the underlying instruments.

#### INTERPRETATION

For all purposes of this Scheme Information Document, except as otherwise expressly provided or unless the context otherwise requires:

- all references to the masculine shall include the feminine and all references, to the singular shall include the plural and vice-versa.
- all references to "dollars" or "\$" refer to United States Dollars and "Rs" refer to Indian Rupees. A "crore" means "ten million" and a "lakh" means a "hundred thousand".
- all references to timings relate to Indian Standard Time (IST).
- References to a day are to a calendar day including a non Business Day.
- All references to SEBI Master Circular would refer to SEBI Master Circular for Mutual Funds dated June 27, 2024 as amended from time to time.

#### DUE DILIGENCE BY THE ASSET MANAGEMENT COMPANY

It is confirmed that:

- (i) The Scheme Information Document submitted to SEBI is in accordance with the SEBI (Mutual Funds) Regulations, 1996 and the guidelines and directives issued by SEBI from time to time.
- (ii) All legal requirements connected with the launching of the Scheme as also the guidelines, instructions, etc., issued by the Government and any other competent authority in this behalf, have been duly complied with.
- (iii) The disclosures made in the Scheme Information Document are true, fair and adequate to enable the investors to make a well informed decision regarding investment in the Scheme.
- (iv) The intermediaries named in the Scheme Information Document and Statement of Additional Information are registered with SEBI and their registration is valid, as on date.
- (v) The contents of the Scheme Information Document including figures, data, yields etc. have been checked and are factually correct
- (vi) A confirmation that the AMC has complied with the compliance checklist applicable for Scheme Information Documents and other than cited deviations/ that there are no deviations from the regulations
- (vii) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Scheme Information Document, the provisions of the SEBI (Mutual Funds) Regulations, 1996 and the guidelines there under shall be applicable.
- (viii) The Trustees have ensured that the Scheme approved by them is a new product offered by Axis Mutual Fund and is not a minor modification of any existing scheme/fund/product.

Date: November 28, 2024 Place: Mumbai Name: Darshan Kapadia Designation: Compliance Officer

# Part II. INFORMATION ABOUT THE SCHEME

# A. HOW WILL THE SCHEME ALLOCATE ITS ASSETS?

Under normal circumstances, the asset allocation will be:

Instruments	Indicative Allocation	(% of total assets)
	Minimum	Maximum
Debt Instruments comprising of Nifty AAA Bond Plus SDL Apr 2026 50:50 Index#	95	100
Money Market Instruments	0	5

During normal circumstances, the Scheme's exposure to money market instruments will be in line with the asset allocation table. However, in case of maturity of instruments in the Scheme portfolio, the reinvestment will be in line with the index methodology.

The Scheme shall not carry out short selling and securities lending. The Scheme will not invest in foreign securities. The Scheme will not invest in securitized debt and in debt instruments having structured obligations / credit enhancement. The Scheme will not participate in repo in corporate debt. The Scheme shall not take any exposure in derivative instruments.

The net assets of the Scheme will be invested predominantly in securities constituting the Nifty AAA Bond Plus SDL Apr 2026 50:50 Index.

# The Scheme will replicate the underlying index within the limits prescribed under SEBI circular dated May 23, 2022, as amended from time to time.

The Scheme may have higher allocation towards money market instruments immediately post NFO closure or towards the maturity of the Scheme.

A small portion of the net assets of the Scheme will be invested in money market instruments permitted by SEBI / RBI including call money market or in alternative investment for the call money market as may be provided by the RBI, to meet the liquidity requirements of the Scheme.

Being a passively managed exchange traded fund, change in investment pattern is normally not foreseen. However, for short durations the investment pattern may differ due to investment pending deployment, extreme market conditions or special events comprising the index.

Pending deployment of the funds in securities in terms of investment objective of the Scheme, the AMC may park the funds of the Scheme in short term deposits of the Scheduled Commercial Banks, subject to the guidelines issued by SEBI from time to time. Pending deployment, such funds may also be invested in units of debt and liquid mutual fund schemes.

**Indicative Table** (Actual instrument/percentages may vary subject to applicable SEBI circulars)

Sr. No.	Type of Instrument	Percentage of exposure	Circular references
1.	Tri party Repo	Allocation may be made to TREPS from any amounts that are pending deployment or on account of any adverse market situation.S	
2.	Mutual Fund Units	Pending deployment, such funds may also be invested in units of debt and liquid mutual fund schemes.	
		The scheme may invest in units of liquid mutual fund schemes of Axis AMC or in the Scheme of other mutual funds in conformity with the investment objective of the Scheme and in terms of the prevailing SEBI (MF) Regulations.	

Provided that such investment will be within the limits specified under SEBI (MF) Regulations and will be done for
cash management purposes.

The limits given above shall be subject to Schedule VII of the Regulations / circulars issued by SEBI and shall stand revised to the extent of changes in the Regulations/ circulars from time to time

# The scheme shall not invest in below securities/instruments:

Sr. No.	Type of Instrument
1	Short selling and securities lending & Borrowing
2	Overseas Securities
3	Securitized Debt
4	Credit Enhancement /Structured Obligations
5	Derivatives
6	Repo and Reverse repo in corporate debt securities
7	REITS and InVITS
8	Credit Default Swap
9	Debt instruments with special features AT1 & AT2 Bonds

# Portfolio rebalancing due to short term defensive considerations:

Portfolio allocation may deviate from the asset allocation for a short term period due to defensive considerations as per para 1.14.1.2 of SEBI Master circular as amended from time to time or on account of inflows in and outflows from the Scheme due to the nature of accounting, involuntary corporate action, etc. Defensive considerations may be determined by the fund manager and/or AMC from time to time. In case of deviations on account of exogenous factors, the fund manager will endeavour to rebalance the scheme within 7 calendar days from the date of such deviation.

**Portfolio rebalancing:** Further, for rebalancing the portfolio by the Scheme, following norms shall apply:

- a) In case of change in constituents of the index due to periodic review, the portfolio of the Scheme shall be rebalanced within 7 calendar days.
- b) In case the rating of any security is downgraded to below the rating mandated in the index methodology (including downgrade to below investment grade), the portfolio of the Scheme shall be rebalanced within 30 calendar days.
- c) In case the rating of any security is downgraded to below investment grade, the said security may be segregated in accordance with para 4.4.4 & 4.4.5 of SEBI Master Circular.

# B. WHERE WILL THE SCHEME INVEST?

Following are list of all instruments in which the scheme intends to invest:

- Debt Instruments comprising of Nifty AAA Bond Plus SDL Apr 2026 50:50 Index
- Debt and Money Market Instruments
- Units of liquid Mutual Fund Schemes

The Scheme shall invest in any other instruments as may be permitted by SEBI/RBI from time to time.

For detailed definitions and applicable regulations/guidelines for each instrument kindly refer Section II.

#### C. WHAT ARE THE INVESTMENT STRATEGIES?

The Scheme follows a passive investment strategy.

Axis Nifty AAA Bond Plus SDL Apr 2026 50:50 ETF is a passively managed exchange traded fund which will employ an investment approach designed to track the performance of Nifty AAA Bond Plus SDL Apr 2026 50:50 Index.

The Scheme will follow Buy and Hold investment strategy in which debt instruments by AAA rated corporate borrowers & state development loans will be held till maturity unless sold for meeting

redemptions/rebalancing.

The Scheme shall replicate the index completely. In case the Scheme is not able to replicate the index the Fund Manager may invest in other issuances within the limits specified and subject to conditions laid down by SEBI circular dated May 23, 2022 as amended from time to time.

During normal circumstances, the Scheme's exposure to money market instruments will be in line with the asset allocation table. However, in case of maturity of instruments in the Scheme portfolio, the reinvestment will be in line with the index methodology.

# Portfolio Turnover:

The Scheme being an open ended scheme, it is expected that there would be a number of subscriptions and redemptions on a daily basis by Authorized Participants / Market Makers and Large investors. Consequently, it is difficult to estimate with any reasonable measure of accuracy, the likely turnover in the portfolio.

For details pertaining to Risk Controls and Risk Mitigation refer Point no. C Part I of Section II of the Scheme Information Document

# D. HOW WILL THE SCHEME BENCHMARK ITS PERFORMANCE?

For details refer Point no. VII of Part I of Section I of the Scheme Information Document

# E. WHO MANAGES THE SCHEME?

Name of Fund Manager	Ages and Qualification	Experience of the Fund Manager	Names of other schemes under his management
Mr. Aditya Pagaria	Age: 40 years Bachelor in Management Studies, Post Graduate Diploma in Business Management	<ul> <li>Total number of years of experience: 17 years, his last 10 years' experience are as follows:</li> <li>Axis Asset Management Company Ltd. (Fund Manager - Fixed Income) - (August 1, 2016 till date)</li> <li>ICICI Prudential Asset Management Company Ltd. (Fund Manager - Fixed Income) - (Nov. 30, 2011 - July 26, 2016)</li> <li>(Operations)- (May 03, 2007 - Nov. 29, 2011)</li> </ul>	Axis Aggressive Hybrid FundAxis Banking & PSU Debt FundAxis CRISIL-IBX AAA NBFC Index-June 2027 FundAxis CRISIL IBX SDL May 2027 IndexFundAxis CRISIL IBX50:50 Gilt Plus SDLSep 2027 Index FundAxis Fixed Term Plan - Series 113(1228 Days)Axis Gold ETFAxis Gold FundAxis Money Market FundAxis Nifty AAA Bond Plus SDL Apr2026 50:50 ETFAxis Nifty AAA Bond Plus SDL Apr2026 50:50 ETFAxis Nifty SDL September 2026 DebtIndex FundAxis Short Duration FundAxis Silver ETFAxis Silver ETFAxis Silver Fund of FundAxis Silver FundAxis Silver FundAxis Silver FundAxis Silver FundAxis Silver Fund of FundAxis CRISIL-IBX AAA Bond FinancialServices – Sep 2027 Index Fund
Mr. Sachin Jain	Age: 38 Years PGDM, B.Tech	<ul> <li>Total number of years of experience: 15 years, his</li> </ul>	Axis Arbitrage Fund

	<ul> <li>last 10 years' experience are as follows:</li> <li>Dealer - Fixed Income, Axis Asset Management Company Ltd. (July 11, 2017 - till date) · Trader – Fixed Income, Sundaram Asset Management Company Ltd. (June 3, 2013 – July 10, 2017)</li> <li>Dealer – Fixed Income, ICAP Ltd. (November 9, 2010 – May 31, 2013)</li> <li>Dealer – Fixed Income, Sundhi Securities and Finance Ltd. (November 2, 2009 – October 29, 2010)</li> </ul>	Axis Conservative Hybrid Fund Axis CRISIL IBX 70:30 CPSE Plus SDL Apr 2025 Index Fund Axis CRISIL IBX50:50 Gilt Plus SDL Sep 2027 Index Fund Axis Fixed Term Plan - Series 112 (1143 Days) Axis Fixed Term Plan - Series 113 (1228 Days) Axis Gilt Fund Axis Gilt Fund Axis Money Market Fund Axis Money Market Fund Axis Multicap Fund Axis Nifty AAA Bond Plus SDL Apr 2026 50:50 ETF Axis Nifty SDL September 2026 Debt Index Fund Axis Overnight Fund Axis Strategic Bond Fund Axis Ultra Short Duration Fund
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# F. HOW IS THE SCHEME DIFFERENT FROM EXISTING SCHEMES OF THE MUTUAL FUND?

Axis Nifty AAA Bond Plus SDL Apr 2026 50:50 ETF, An Open Ended Exchange Traded Fund tracking Nifty AAA Bond Plus SDL Apr 2026 50:50 Index is a new scheme offered by Axis Mutual Fund and is not a minor modification of any other existing scheme/product of Axis Mutual Fund.

a. Reference list of existing Debt Exchange Traded Fund of Axis Mutual Fund are as follows:

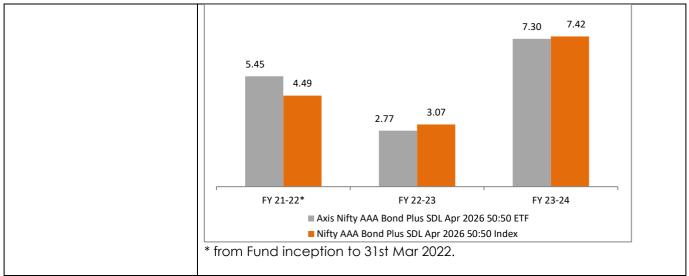
Sr. No.	Name of the scheme
1	Axis Nifty AAA Bond Plus SDL Apr 2026 50:50 ETF

The Scheme is a passive exchange traded fund. The Scheme takes no active calls and manages the fund by tracing the underlying index. Hence the passive strategy differs from all other actively managed schemes offered by Axis Mutual Fund. Further, the existing products of Axis Mutual Fund are either debt, liquid, equity or hybrid funds and hence the Scheme under consideration cannot be compared with any other existing schemes.

b. Please refer the AMC website <u>https://www.axismf.com/statutory-disclosures</u> for detailed comparative table on Differentiation with existing open ended equity schemes of Axis Mutual Fund

# G. HOW HAS THE SCHEME PERFORMED

Performance of Axis Nifty			
AAA Bond Plus SDL Apr 2026 50:50 ETF as on September 30, 2024 is as follows	Period	Axis Nifty AAA Bond Plus SDL Apr 2026 50:50 ETF^	Nifty AAA Bond Plus SDL Apr 2026 50:50 Index
	1 Year returns	7.70%	7.88%
	3 Year returns	5.22%	5.39%
	5 Year returns	-	-
	Returns since Inception (11-May-21)	5.73%	5.60%
	Absolute Returns for Last 5	Financial Years	



**APast performance may or may not be sustained in future.** Returns are compounded annualized for period more than or equal to 1 year. The performance of Scheme is benchmarked to the Total Return Variant (TRI) of the Benchmark Index in terms of Para 1.9 and Para 6.14 of SEBI Master Circular on Mutual Funds as amended from time to time.

# H. ADDITIONAL SCHEME RELATED DISCLOSURES

- i. Scheme's portfolio holdings (top 10 holdings by issuer and fund allocation towards various sectors Please refer the AMC website <a href="https://www.axismf.com/statutory-disclosures">https://www.axismf.com/statutory-disclosures</a> for said details
- ii. Disclosure of name and exposure to Top 7 issuers, stocks, groups and sectors as a percentage of NAV of the scheme in case of debt and equity ETFs/index funds through a functional website link Please refer the AMC website <a href="https://www.axismf.com/statutory-disclosures">https://www.axismf.com/statutory-disclosures</a> for said details.
- iii. Functional website link for Portfolio Disclosure Fortnightly & Half Yearly Please refer the AMC website https://www.axismf.com/statutory-disclosures for said details
- iv. Portfolio turnover ratio for the one-year period ended September 30, 2024: Not Applicable
- v. Aggregate investment in the Scheme by Concerned scheme's Fund Manager(s):

Sr. No.	Category of persons (Axis Nifty	Net Value		Market Value (in Rs.)
	AAA Bond Plus SDL Apr 2026	Units	NAV (Rs. per	
	50:50 ETF – Fund Manager(s))		unit)	
Not Applicable				

For any other disclosure w.r.t investments by key personnel and AMC directors including regulatory provisions in this regard kindly refer SAI.

vi. Investments of AMC in the Scheme -

Subject to the applicable Regulations, the AMC may invest either directly or indirectly, in the Scheme during Ongoing Offer Period. However, the AMC shall not charge any investment management fee on such investments in the Scheme.

Further, in terms of requirement of the Regulations, the AMC shall invest such amounts in Scheme, based on the risks associated with the Scheme, as may be specified by the SEBI from time to time.

Please refer the AMC website <u>https://www.axismf.com/statutory-disclosures</u> for detailed AMC Investments in Scheme(s) of Axis Mutual Fund.

# Part III- OTHER DETAILS

# A. COMPUTATION OF NAV

The Net Asset Value (NAV) of the units issued under the scheme shall be calculated by determining the value of the assets of the fund and subtracting there from the liabilities of the fund taking into consideration the accruals and provisions.

The NAV per unit shall be calculated by dividing the NAV of the fund by the total number of units issued and outstanding on the valuation day. NAV of the Units under the Scheme shall be calculated as shown below:-

	Market or Fair Value of + Scheme's Investments	Current Assets Accrued Income	including -	Current Liabilities and Provisions
NAV (Rs.) =	No. of Units outstanding under	Scheme on the Valu	ation Day	

The NAV shall be calculated up to Four decimal places. However, the AMC reserves the right to declare the NAVs up to additional decimal places as it deems appropriate.

The NAVs will be calculated and disclosed on all the Business Days.

#### Illustration of Computation of NAV:

The computation of NAV per unit using various components is explained as follows:

Particulars	Amount in Rs
Market or Fair Value of Scheme's Investments(A)	10,00,00,000.00
Add: Current Assets including Accrued Income (B)	75,34,345.00
Less: Current Liabilities and Provisions (C)	(30,00,000.00)
Net Assets (A+B-C)	10,45,34,345.00

No. of Units outstanding under Scheme on the Valuation Day: 100,00,000 The NAV per unit will be computed as follows: 10,45,34,345.34 / 100,00,000 = Rs. 10.4534 per unit (rounded off to four decimals)

The Mutual Fund will ensure that the Redemption Price will not be lower than 95% of the Applicable NAV.

For other details such as policies w.r.t computation of NAV, rounding off, procedure in case of delay in disclosure of NAV etc. refer to SAI.

#### B. NEW FUND OFFER (NFO) EXPENSES

These expenses are incurred for the purpose of various activities related to the NFO like sales and distribution fees paid marketing and advertising, Registrar & Transfer Agent expenses, printing and stationery, bank charges etc.

#### C. ANNUAL SCHEME RECURRING EXPENSES

These are the fees and expenses for operating the Scheme. These expenses include Investment Management and Advisory Fee charged by the AMC, Registrar and Transfer Agents' fee, marketing and selling costs etc. as given in the table below:

The AMC has estimated that the following expenses will be charged of the Scheme will be charged to the Scheme as expenses. For the actual current expenses being charged, the Investor should refer to the website of the AMC.

Expense Head	% of daily Net
	Assets
Investment Management and Advisory Fees	Upto 1.00%
Trustee fee	
Audit fees	
Custodian fees	
RTA Fees	
Marketing & Selling expense	
Cost related to investor communications	
Cost of fund transfer from location to location	
Cost of providing account statements and redemption cheques and warrants	
Costs of statutory Advertisements	
Cost towards investor education & awareness (at least 1 bps)	
Brokerage & transaction cost over and above 12 bps for cash market trades	
Listing Fees	
Goods and Services tax (GST) on expenses other than investment and advisory fees	
GST on brokerage and transaction cost(over & above 12bps and 5bps limit mentioned	
above)	
Maximum total expense ratio (TER) permissible under Regulation 52 (6)(b)	Upto 1.00%

No distribution expenses/ commission would be paid by the Scheme except for subscriptions received from specified cities.

These estimates have been made in good faith as per the information available to the Investment Manager and are subject to change inter-se or in total subject to prevailing Regulations.

The expenses towards Investment Management and Advisory Fees under Regulation 52 (2) and the various sub-heads of recurring expenses mentioned under Regulation 52 (4) of SEBI (MF) Regulations can be apportioned under various expense heads/ sub heads without any sub limit, as permitted under the applicable regulations. Thus, there shall be no internal sub-limits within the expense ratio for expense heads mentioned under Regulation 52 (2) and (4) respectively. Further, the additional expenses under Regulation 52(6A) may be incurred either towards investment & advisory fees and/or towards other expense heads as stated above.

The total expenses of the Scheme including the investment management and advisory fee shall not exceed 1.00% of the daily net assets.

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#### Expenses charged to the Scheme

A. In addition to the limits as specified in Regulation 52(6) of SEBI (Mutual Funds) Regulations 1996 ['SEBI Regulations'] or the Total Recurring Expenses (Total Expense Limit) as specified above, the following costs or expenses may be charged to the scheme namely-

#### Additional expenses under regulation 52 (6A)

a)Brokerage and transaction cost incurred for the purpose of execution shall be charged to the schemes as provided under Regulation 52 (6A) (a) upto 12 bps for cash market transactions. Any payment towards brokerage & transaction costs, over and above the said 12 bps for cash market transactions will be charged to the Scheme within the maximum limit of Total Expense Ratio (TER) as prescribed under Regulation 52 of the Regulations.

GST payable on investment and advisory service fees ('AMC fees') charged by Axis Asset Management Company Limited ('Axis AMC)';

- B. Within the Total Expense Limit chargeable to the scheme, following will be charged to the Scheme:
  - (a) GST on other than investment and advisory fees, if any, shall be borne by the Scheme
  - (b) Investor education and awareness initiative fees of at least 1 basis points on daily net assets of Scheme.

- (c) Incentives, if any, to Market Makers shall be charged to the Scheme within maximum permissible limit of TER.
- C. AMC fees charged by Axis AMC to the scheme will be within the Total Expense Limit as prescribed by SEBI Regulations, as amended from time to time.

The mutual fund would update the notice of change in base TER on its website (www.axismf.com) atleast three working days prior to the effective date of the change. Investors can refer 'Total Expense Ratio of Mutual Fund Schemes' section on <u>https://www.axismf.com/total-expense-ratio</u> for Total Expense Ratio (TER) details.

In accordance with the SEBI circular dated May 23, 2022, Incentives, if any, to Market Makers shall be charged to the Scheme within maximum permissible limit of TER.

#### a) Guiding Principles for incentive structure for Market Makers

Incentives to market maker will be linked to performance of the market maker in terms of generating liquidity in units of ETFs. Incentives, if any, to MM shall be charged to the scheme within the maximum permissible limit of Total Expense Ratio ("TER").

#### b) Determination of incentive for Market maker

It will be determined basis any or all of the below mentioned criteria:

- i. It will be based on volume carried out by market maker on the exchange as compared to total volume of respective ETFs on exchange.
- ii. Availability of bid & Ask as per the SEBI guidelines
- iii. Average Spread between Bid & Ask
- iv. Any other performance-based metric.

Incentives to market maker shall be at the discretion of the AMC & to be decided between the AMC and the MM which may be variable in nature or fixed amount basis agreed performance standards and will adhere to maximum permissible limit of TER.

All scheme related expenses including commission paid to distributors, by whatever name it may be called and in whatever manner it may be paid, shall necessarily paid from the scheme only within the regulatory limits and not from the books of AMC, its associate, sponsor, trustees or any other entity through any route in terms of SEBI circulars and clarification issued thereon.

#### Illustration of impact of expense ratio on scheme's returns

For any scheme, NAV is computed on a daily basis factoring in all the assets as well as liabilities of the scheme (including expenses charged). Expenses charged to the scheme bring down its NAV and hence the investor's net returns on a corresponding basis.

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#### Illustration:

Particulars	Amount (in Rs.)	No of units	NAV per unit (in Rs.)
Invested on March 31, 2016 (A)	10,000	1,000	10.00
Value of above investment as on March 31, 2017 (gross of all expenses) (B)	11,500	1,000	11.50
Total Expenses charged during the year @1% p.a. (assumed) ( C )	100		0.10
Value of above investment as on March 31, 2017 (net of all expenses) (D) = (B-C)	11,400	1,000	11.40
Returns (%) (gross of all applicable expenses) (E) = ((B/A)-1)		15.0%	
Returns (%) (net of all applicable expenses) (F) = ((D/A)-1)		14.0%	

Please Note:

- The purpose of the above illustration is purely to explain the impact of expense ratio charged to the Scheme. The Total Expenses considered in the illustration is an hypothetical number and the actual expense may vary from the same. The Illustration should not be construed as providing any kind of investment advice or guarantee of returns on investments.
- Calculations are based on assumed NAV, and actual returns on your investment may be more, or less.
- Any tax impact has not been considered in the above example, in view of the individual nature of the tax implications. Each investor is advised to consult his or her own financial advisor.

# D. LOAD STRUCTURE

Load is an amount which is presently paid by the investor to redeem the Units from the Scheme. This amount is used by the AMC to pay commission to the distributors and to take care of other marketing and selling expenses. Load amounts are variable and are subject to change from time to time. For the current applicable structure, Investors may refer to the website of the AMC (www.axismf.com) or may call at contact number 8108622211 (chargeable) from 9.00 am to 6.00 pm (Monday to Saturday) or you can contact your distributor.

Para 10.4 of SEBI Master Circular for Mutual Funds has decided that there shall be no Entry Load for all Mutual Fund schemes.

Type of Load	Load chargeable (as %age of NAV)
Exit Load	For details refer Point no. XI of Part – I of Section I of the Scheme
	Information Document.

The Investor is requested to check the prevailing Load structure of the Scheme before investing.

For any change in Load structure AMC will issue an addendum and display it on the website/Investor Service Centres.

Under the Scheme, the AMC/Trustee reserves the right to change / modify the Load structure if it so deems fit in the interest of smooth and efficient functioning of the Mutual Fund. The AMC/Trustee reserves the right to introduce /modify the Load depending upon the circumstances prevailing at that time subject to maximum limits as prescribed under the Regulations.

The Redemption Price however, will not be lower than 95% of the NAV. Any imposition or enhancement of Load in future shall be applicable on prospective investments only. At the time of changing the Load Structure:

- 1. The AMC shall be required to issue an addendum and display the same on its website immediately;
- 2. The addendum shall be circulated to all the distributors / brokers so that the same can be attached to all Scheme Information Document and Key Information Memorandum already in stock.
- 3. Latest applicable addendum shall be a part of KIM and SID of the respective Scheme(s).
- 4. Further, the account statements shall continue to include applicable load structure.

Any change in Load structure shall be only on a prospective basis i.e. any such changes would be chargeable only for Redemptions from prospective purchases (applying first in first out basis).

# E. REQUIREMENT OF MINIMUM INVESTORS IN THE SCHEME

As per Para 6.11 of SEBI Master Circular, with respect to minimum number of investors and no single investor shall account for more than 25% of the corpus of the Scheme are not applicable to exchange traded funds and hence do not apply to Axis Nifty AAA Bond Plus SDL Apr 2026 50:50 ETF.

# SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- The applicant under the Scheme will be required to have a beneficiary account with a Depository Participant of NSDL/CDSL and will be required to indicate in the application the Depository Participants (DP's) name, DP ID Number and the beneficiary account number of the applicant.
- The Scheme is not sponsored, endorsed, sold or promoted by NSE Indices Limited ("NSE Indices"). NSE Indices does not make any representation or warranty, express or implied, to the owners of the Scheme or any member of the public regarding the advisability of investing in securities generally or in the Scheme particularly or the ability of the Nifty AAA Bond Plus SDL Apr 2026 50:50 Index to track general

stock market performance in India. The relationship of NSE Indices to the Issuer is only in respect of the licensing of the Indices and certain trademarks and trade names associated with such Indices which is determined, composed and calculated by NSE Indices without regard to the Issuer or the Scheme. NSE Indices does not have any obligation to take the needs of the Issuer or the owners of the Scheme into consideration in determining, composing or calculating the Nifty AAA Bond Plus SDL Apr 2026 50:50 Index. NSE Indices is not responsible for or has participated in the determination of the timing of, prices at, or quantities of the Scheme to be issued or in the determination or calculation of the equation by which the Scheme is to be converted into cash. NSE Indices has no obligation or liability in connection with the administration, marketing or trading of the Scheme.

NSE Indices do not guarantee the accuracy and/or the completeness of the Nifty AAA Bond Plus SDL Apr 2026 50:50 Index or any data included therein and NSE Indices shall have not have any responsibility or liability for any errors, omissions, or interruptions therein. NSE Indices does not make any warranty, express or implied, as to results to be obtained by the Issuer, owners of the Scheme, or any other person or entity from the use of the Nifty AAA Bond Plus SDL Apr 2026 50:50 Index or any data included therein. NSE Indices makes no express or implied warranties, and expressly disclaim all warranties of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose or use with respect to the index or any data included therein. Without limiting any of the foregoing, NSE Indices expressly disclaim any and all liability for any claims, damages or losses arising out of or related to the Products, including any and all direct, special, punitive, indirect, or consequential damages (including lost profits), even if notified of the possibility of such damages.

An investor, by subscribing or purchasing an interest in the Scheme, will be regarded as having acknowledged, understood and accepted the disclaimer referred to in Clauses above and will be bound by it.

# **SECTION II**

# I. Introduction

#### A. Definitions/interpretation:

For details refer website of Axis Mutual Fund: https://www.axismf.com/statutory-disclosures.

#### B. Risk factors:

#### Scheme specific risk factors:

# Risks associated with Investment in Exchange Traded Funds

The Scheme are subject to the principal risks described below. Some or all of these risks may adversely affect Scheme's NAV, trading price, yield, total return and/or its ability to meet its objectives. These risks are associated with investment in debt securities.

#### **Market Risk**

The Scheme's NAV will react to the market movements. The Investor could lose money over short periods due to fluctuation in the Scheme's NAV in response to factors such as economic and political developments, changes in interest rates and perceived trends in stock prices and market movements, and over longer periods during market downturns.

#### **Regulatory Risk**:

Any changes in trading regulations by the stock exchange (s) or SEBI may affect the ability of Authorised Participant / Market Maker to arbitrage resulting into wider premium/ discount to NAV.

#### Liquidity Risk

Trading in units of Axis Nifty AAA Bond Plus SDL Apr 2026 50:50 ETF on the Exchange may be halted because of market conditions or for reasons that in the view of the Market Authorities or SEBI, trading in units of the Scheme are not advisable. In addition, trading in units of Axis Nifty AAA Bond Plus SDL Apr 2026 50:50 ETF are subject to trading halts caused by extraordinary market volatility and pursuant to NSE and SEBI ''circuit filter'' rules. There can be no assurance that the requirements of the Market necessary to maintain the listing of units of Axis Nifty AAA Bond Plus SDL Apr 2026 50:50 ETF will continue to be met or will remain unchanged.

#### Settlement Risk:

In certain cases, settlement periods may be extended significantly by unforeseen circumstances. The inability of the Scheme to make intended securities purchases due to settlement problems could cause the Scheme to miss certain investment opportunities as in certain cases, settlement periods may be extended significantly by unforeseen circumstances. Similarly, the inability to sell securities held in the Schemes portfolio may result, at times, in potential losses to the Scheme, and there can be a subsequent decline in the value of the securities held in the respective Scheme's portfolio

#### **Passive Investments**

Axis Nifty AAA Bond Plus SDL Apr 2026 50:50 ETF will be a passively managed scheme by providing exposure to Nifty AAA Bond Plus SDL Apr 2026 50:50 Index and tracking its performance and yield, before expenses, as closely as possible. The Scheme performance may be affected by a general decline in the Indian markets relating to its underlying Index. The Scheme invests in the underlying Index regardless of its investment merit.

# Market Maker Risk

The Market Maker(s) appointed would offer buy and sell quote on the exchange for creating liquidity for investors. However, at times, on account of technical issues or unforeseen events, such quotes may deviate from iNAV or may not be available.

# Risks associated with investments in Fixed Income Securities

The following are the risks associated with investment in fixed income securities:

**Interest-Rate Risk**: Fixed income securities such as government bonds, Money Market Instruments run pricerisk or interest-rate risk. Generally, when interest rates rise, prices of existing fixed income securities fall and when interest rates drop, such prices increase. The extent of fall or rise in the prices depends upon the coupon and maturity of the security. It also depends upon the yield level at which the security is being traded.

**Re-investment Risk:** Investments in fixed income securities carry re-investment risk as interest rates prevailing on the coupon payment or maturity dates may differ from the original coupon of the bond.

**Liquidity Risk:** The liquidity of money market instruments may change, depending on market conditions leading to changes in the liquidity premium attached to the price of the instrument. At the time of selling the security, the security can become illiquid, leading to loss in value of the portfolio.

**Credit Risk:** This is the risk associated with the issuer of a Money Market Instrument defaulting on coupon payments or in paying back the principal amount on maturity. Even when there is no default, the price of a security may change with expected changes in the credit rating of the issuer. It is to be noted here that a Government Security is a sovereign security and is the safest.

**Settlement Risk:** Fixed income securities run the risk of settlement which can adversely affect the ability of the fund house to swiftly execute trading strategies which can lead to adverse movements in NAV

# Risk associated with Listing of units on Stock Exchange

Listing of the units of the fund does not necessarily guarantee their liquidity and there can be no assurance that an active secondary market for the units will develop or be maintained. Consequently, the price quotes of the fund may deviate from its face value / NAV.

Trading in Units of the Scheme on the Exchange may be halted because of market conditions or for reasons that in view of Exchange Authorities or SEBI, trading in Units of the Scheme is not advisable. In addition, trading in Units of the Scheme is subject to trading halts caused by extraordinary market volatility and pursuant to Exchange and SEBI 'circuit filter' rules. There can be no assurance that the requirements of Exchange necessary to maintain the listing of Units of the Scheme will continue to be met or will remain unchanged. Any changes in trading regulations by the Stock Exchange(s) or SEBI may inter-alia result in wider premium/ discount to NAV. The Units of the Scheme may trade above or below their NAV. The NAV of the Scheme will fluctuate with changes in the market value of Scheme's holdings. The trading prices of Units of the Scheme will fluctuate in accordance with changes in their NAV as well as market supply and demand for the Units of the Scheme. However, the Units of the Scheme can be subscribed / redeemed in Creation Unit Size/ above a specified threshold directly with the Scheme, which provides efficient arbitrage between the traded prices and the NAV, thereby reducing the incidence of the units of the Scheme being traded at premium/discounts to NAV. However, any changes in the trading regulations by NSE/Stock Exchange/SEBI may affect the ability of the market makers/Authorized Participants to arbitrage resulting into wider premium or discount to NAV. The Units will be issued in demat form through depositories. The records of the depository are final with respect to the number of Units available to the credit of Unit holder. Settlement of trades, repurchase of Units by the Mutual Fund will depend upon the confirmations to be received from depository(ies) on which the Mutual Fund has no control.

The market price of the Units of the Scheme, like any other listed security, is largely dependent on two factors, viz., (1) the intrinsic value of the Unit (or NAV), and (2) demand and supply of Units in the market. Sizeable demand or supply of the Units in the Exchange may lead to market price of the Units to quote at premium or discount to NAV.

#### Risk associated with Redemption

Investors may note that even though this is an open-ended scheme, the Scheme would repurchase/redeem Units in Creation Unit Size / above a specified threshold. Thus unit holdings less than the Creation Unit Size can only be sold through the secondary market on the Stock Exchange where these units are listed, subject to the rules and regulations of the Exchange.

# Risks associated with segregated portfolio

- 1. Investor holding units of segregated portfolio may not able to liquidate their holding till the time recovery of money from the issuer.
- 2. Security comprises of segregated portfolio may not realise any value.
- 3. Listing of units of segregated portfolio on recognised stock exchange does not necessarily guarantee their liquidity. There may not be active trading of units in the stock market. Further trading price of units on the stock market may be significantly lower than the prevailing NAV.

#### C. Risk Mitigation strategies:

#### **Risk Control:**

Risk is an inherent part of the investment function. Effective Risk Management is critical to Fund Management for achieving financial soundness. Investments by the Scheme shall be made as per the investment objectives of the Scheme and provisions of the Regulations.

The Scheme aims to track the benchmark Index before expenses. The index is tracked on a regular basis and changes to the constituents or their weights, if any, are replicated in the Scheme portfolio with the purpose of minimizing tracking error.

Risk control would include managing risk in order to keep it in line with the investment objective of the Scheme. The AMC has incorporated adequate safeguards to manage risk in the portfolio construction process. The risk control process involves identifying & measuring the risk through various Risk Measurement Tools. Further, the AMC has implemented the Bloomberg Portfolio Management System as Front Office System (FOS) for managing risk. The system has inbuilt feature which enables the Fund Manager calculate various risk ratios and analyze the same.

#### Risk control measures for investment in Debt and Money Market Instruments

Market Risk / Interest Rate Risk: Changes in interest rates may affect the Scheme's Net Asset Value as the prices of securities generally increase as interest rates decline and generally decrease as interest rates rise. The price movement up and down in fixed income securities will lead to possible movements in the NAV.

Mitigation - In a rising interest rates scenario the scheme may increase its investment in money market securities whereas if the interest rates are expected to fall the allocation to debt securities with longer maturity may be increased thereby mitigating risk to that extent.

Liquidity or Marketability Risk: This refers to the ease with which a security can be sold at or near to its valuation yield-to-maturity (YTM).

Mitigation- The scheme may invest in government securities, corporate bonds and money market instruments. While the liquidity risk for government securities, money market instruments and short maturity corporate bonds may be low, it may be high in case of medium to long maturity corporate bonds.

**Credit risk or default risk:** It refers to the risk that an issuer of a fixed income security may default (i.e., will be unable to make timely principal and interest payments on the security). Normally, the value of a fixed income security will fluctuate depending upon the changes in the perceived level of credit risk as well as any actual event of default. The greater the credit risk, the greater the yield required for someone to be compensated for the increased risk.

Mitigation- Apart from the basic examination, management's past track record will also be studied. In order to assess financial risk a detailed assessment of the issuer's financial statements will be undertaken to review its ability to undergo stress on cash flows and asset quality. A detailed evaluation of accounting policies, off-balance sheet exposures, notes, auditors' comments and disclosure standards will also be made to assess the overall financial risk of the potential borrower.

**Tracking error risk:** The performance of the Scheme may not commensurate with the performance of the benchmark index on any given day or over any given period. Such variation, referred to as tracking error may impact the performance of the Scheme.

Mitigation: The Investment Manager would monitor the tracking error of the Scheme on an ongoing basis and would seek to minimize tracking error to the maximum extent possible.

# II. Information about the scheme:

#### A. WHERE WILL THE SCHEME INVEST?

The corpus of the Scheme will be invested in Debt Instruments comprising of Nifty AAA Bond Plus SDL Apr 2026 50:50 Index. The Scheme will endeavor to track the Nifty AAA Bond Plus SDL Apr 2026 50:50 Index and is a passively managed scheme. In case of any change in the index due to corporate actions or change in the constituents of Nifty AAA Bond Plus SDL Apr 2026 50:50 Index, the relevant investment decision will be determined considering composition of Nifty AAA Bond Plus SDL Apr 2026 50:50 Index. The Scheme will also invest in Money Market Instruments.

# Debt and money market Instruments

#### Certificate of Deposit (CD)

Certificate of Deposit (CD) is a negotiable money market instrument issued by scheduled commercial banks and select all-India Financial Institutions that have been permitted by the RBI to raise short term resources. The maturity period of CDs issued by the Banks is between 7 days to one year, whereas, in case of FIs, maturity is one year to 3 years from the date of issue.

#### Commercial Paper (CP)

Commercial Paper (CP) is an unsecured negotiable money market instrument issued in the form of a promissory note, generally issued by the corporates, primary dealers and all India Financial Institutions as an alternative source of short term borrowings. CP is traded in secondary market and can be freely bought and sold before maturity.

#### Treasury Bill (T-Bill)

Treasury Bills (T-Bills) are issued by the Government of India to meet their short term borrowing requirements. T-Bills are issued for maturities of 14 days, 91 days, 182 days and 364 days. The Scheme may also invest in Cash Management Bill (CMB) issued by the Government of India to meet their short term borrowing requirements. CMB are generally issued for maturities of less than 91 days.

#### **Commercial Usance Bills**

Bill (bills of exchange/promissory notes of public sector and private sector corporate entities) Rediscounting, usance bills and commercial bills.

#### Repos

Repo (Repurchase Agreement) or Reverse Repo is a transaction in which two parties agree to sell and purchase the same security with an agreement to purchase or sell the same security at a mutually decided future date and price. The transaction results in collateralized borrowing or lending of funds. Presently in India, Government Securities, State Government Securities and T-Bills are eligible for Repo/Reverse Repo.

Tri-party repo means a repo contract where a third entity (apart from the borrower and lender), called a Tri-Party Agent, acts as an intermediary between the two parties to the repo to facilitate services like collateral selection, payment and settlement, custody and management during the life of the transaction.

The Scheme may undertake repo or reverse repo transactions in accordance with the directions issued by RBI and SEBI from time to time. Such investment shall be made subject to the guidelines which may be prescribed by the Board of Directors of the Asset Management Company and Trustee Company.

**Securities created and issued by the Central and State Governments** as may be permitted by RBI, securities guaranteed by the Central and State Governments (including but not limited to coupon bearing bonds, zero coupon bonds and treasury bills). State Government securities (popularly known as State Development Loans or SDLs) are issued by the respective State Government in co-ordination with the RBI.

#### Non - Convertible Debentures

Non convertible debentures are securities issued by companies / institutions promoted / owned by the Central or State Governments and statutory bodies which may or may not carry a Central/State Government guarantee, Public and private sector banks, all India Financial Institutions and Private Sector

Companies. These instruments may be secured or unsecured against the assets of the Company and generally issued to meet the short term and long term fund requirements. These instruments may have fixed or floating rate coupon. The Scheme may also invest in the non convertible part of convertible debt securities.

# Short Term Deposits

Pending deployment of funds as per the investment objective of the Scheme, the Funds may be parked in short term deposits of the Scheduled Commercial Banks, subject to guidelines and limits specified specified in terms of Para 12.16 of SEBI Master Circular ..

#### Units of liquid Mutual Fund schemes

The scheme may invest in units of liquid mutual fund schemes of Axis AMC or in the Scheme of other mutual funds in conformity with the investment objective of the Scheme and in terms of the prevailing SEBI (MF) Regulations. Provided that such investment will be within the limits specified under SEBI (MF) Regulations and will be done for cash management purposes.

The securities / instruments mentioned above and such other securities the Scheme is permitted to invest in could be listed, unlisted, privately placed, secured, unsecured, rated or unrated and of any maturity (within the investment objective of the scheme).

The securities may be acquired through initial public offering (IPOs), secondary market, private placement, rights offers, negotiated deals. Further investments in fixed income securities will be in instruments which have been assigned investment grade rating by the Credit Rating Agency.

Investment in unrated debt instruments shall be subject to complying with the provisions of the Regulations and within the limit as specified in Schedule VII to the Regulations. The AMC may constitute committee(s) to approve proposals for investments in unrated debt instruments. The AMC Board and the Trustee shall approve the detailed parameters for such investments. However, in case any unrated debt security does not fall under the parameters, the prior approval of Board of AMC and Trustee shall be sought.

For applicable regulatory investment limits please refer paragraph "Investment Restrictions".

The Fund Manager reserves the right to invest in such instruments and securities as maybe permitted from time to time and which are in line with the investment objectives of the Scheme.

# Debt and Money Markets in India

The Indian debt market is today one of the largest in Asia and includes securities issued by the Government (Central & State Governments), public sector undertakings, other government bodies, financial institutions, banks and corporates. Government and public sector enterprises are the predominant borrowers in the markets. The major players in the Indian debt markets today are banks, financial institutions, mutual funds, insurance companies, primary dealers, trusts, pension funds and corporates. The Indian debt market is the largest segment of the Indian financial markets. The debt market comprises broadly two segments, viz. Government Securities market or G-Sec market and corporate debt market. The latter is further classified as market for PSU bonds and private sector bonds.

The Government Securities (G-Secs) market, consists of G-Sec outstanding of Rs. 80,59,921.302cr as on Feb 28, 2022 (State Govt securities - Rs 38,31,895.100 cr, (as on Feb'21) Source: CCIL), is the oldest and the largest component (50% share in market cap) of the Indian debt market in terms of market capitalization, outstanding securities and trading volumes. The G-Secs market plays a vital role in the Indian economy as it provides the benchmark for determining the level of interest rates in the country through the yields on the Government Securities which are referred to as the risk-free rate of return in any economy. Over the years, there have been new products introduced by the RBI like zero coupon bonds, floating rate bonds, inflation indexed bonds, etc.

The corporate bond market, in the sense of private corporate sector raising debt through public issuance in capital market, is only an insignificant part of the Indian Debt Market. A large part of the issuance in the non-Government debt market is currently on private placement basis.

The money markets in India essentially consist of the call money market (i.e. market for overnight and term money between banks and institutions), repo transactions (temporary sale with an agreement to buy back

the securities at a future date at a specified price), commercial papers (CPs, short term unsecured promissory notes, generally issued by corporates), certificate of deposits (CDs, issued by banks) and Treasury Bills (issued by RBI). In a predominantly institutional market, the key money market players are banks, financial institutions, insurance companies, mutual funds, primary dealers and corporates. In money market, activity levels of the Government and nongovernment debt vary from time to time. Instruments that comprise a major portion of money market activity include but not limited to:

- Overnight Call
- Tri Party Repo
- Repo/Reverse Repo Agreement
- Treasury Bills
- Government securities with a residual maturity of < 1 year.
- Commercial Paper
- Certificate of Deposit

Apart from these, there are some other options available for short tenure investments that include MIBOR linked debentures with periodic exit options and other such instruments. Though not strictly classified as Money Market Instruments, PSU / DFI / Corporate paper with a residual maturity of < 1 year, are actively traded and offer a viable investment option.

The market has evolved in past 2-3 years in terms of risk premia attached to different class of issuers. Bank CDs have clearly emerged as popular asset class with increased acceptability in secondary market. PSU banks trade the tightest on the back of comfort from majority government holding. Highly rated manufacturing companies also command premium on account of limited supply. However, there has been increased activity in papers issued by private/foreign banks/NBFCs/companies in high-growth sector due to higher yields offered by them. Even though companies across these sectors might have been rated on a same scale, the difference in the yield on the papers for similar maturities reflects the perception of their respective credit profiles.

The following table gives approximate yields prevailing on September 30, 2024 on some of the instruments and further illustrates this point.

Instrument	Current Yield range (%)
Tri-party Repo	6.50-6.60
Repo	6.50-6.60
3M T-bill	6.65-6.70
1Y T-bill	6.50-6.55
10Y G-sec	6.75-6.80
3m PSU Bank CD	7.00-7.10
3m Manufacturing co. CP	7.20-7.25
1Y PSU Bank CD	7.50-7.55
1Y NBFC CP	7.80-7.85
1Y Manufacturing co. CP	7.60-7.65
5Y AAA Institutional Bond	7.35-7.40
10Y AAA Institutional Bond	7.20-7.25

Source: Bloomberg

These yields are indicative and do not indicate yields that may be obtained in future as interest rates keep changing consequent to changes in macro-economic conditions and RBI policy. The price and yield on various debt instruments fluctuate from time to time depending upon the macro economic situation, inflation rate, overall liquidity position, foreign exchange scenario etc. Also, the price and yield vary according to maturity profile, credit risk etc.

#### B. What are the investment restrictions?

The following are the restrictions as are laid out in Schedule Seven to the SEBI (Mutual Funds) Regulations, 1996.

- 1. The Mutual Fund shall enter into transactions relating to Government Securities only in dematerialised form.
- 2. The Scheme shall not invest in unlisted debt instruments including commercial papers, except Government Securities and other money market instruments:

Provided that the Scheme may invest in unlisted non-convertible debentures up to a maximum of 10% of the debt portfolio of the Scheme subject to such conditions as may be specified by the Board from time to time:

Provided further that the Scheme shall comply with the norms under this clause within the time and in the manner as may be specified by the Board:

Provided further that the norms for investments by the Scheme in unrated debt instruments shall be as specified by the Board from time to time.

Note: According to the Asset Allocation of the Scheme, the indicative allocation of the Scheme to Debt and Money market instruments shall be in the range of 0% to 5% of the net assets of the Scheme, subject to conditions specified.

- 3. The Scheme may invest in other schemes of the Mutual Fund or any other mutual fund (restricted to only debt and liquid funds) without charging any fees, provided the aggregate inter-scheme investment made by all the schemes under the same management or in schemes under the management of any other asset management company shall not exceed 5% of the Net Asset Value of the Mutual Fund.
- 4. The Scheme shall not make any investment in :
  - a. any unlisted security of an associate or group company of the sponsor; or
  - b. any security issued by way of private placement by an associate or group company of the sponsor; or
  - c. the listed securities of group companies of the sponsor which is in excess of 25% of the net assets.
- 5. The Mutual Fund shall get the securities purchased transferred in the name of the Fund on account of the concerned Scheme, wherever investments are intended to be of a long-term nature.
- 6. Transfer of investments from one scheme to another scheme in the same Mutual Fund is permitted provided:
  - a. such transfers are done at the prevailing market price for quoted instruments on spot basis (spot basis shall have the same meaning as specified by a Stock Exchange for spot transactions); and
  - b. the securities so transferred shall be in conformity with the investment objective of the Scheme to which such transfer has been made.

Further, inter scheme transfers shall be in accordance para 12.30 of SEBI Master Circular on Mutual Funds as amended from time to time.

7. The Mutual Fund shall buy and sell securities on the basis of deliveries and shall in all cases of purchases, take delivery of relevant securities and in all cases of sale, deliver the securities:

The scheme shall not engage in in short selling of securities or carry forward transactions.

Provided further that sale of government security already contracted for purchase shall be permitted in accordance with the guidelines issued by the RBI in this regard.

8. The Scheme shall not make any investment in any fund of funds scheme.

9. Pending deployment of the funds of the Scheme in securities in terms of the investment objective of the Scheme, the AMC may park the funds of the Scheme in short term deposits of scheduled commercial banks, subject to the guidelines issued by SEBI from time to time:

The Scheme will comply with the following guidelines/restrictions for parking of funds in short term deposits:

- i. "Short Term" for such parking of funds by the Scheme shall be treated as a period not exceeding 91 days. Such short-term deposits shall be held in the name of the Scheme.
- ii. The Scheme shall not park more than 15% of the net assets in short term deposit(s) of all the scheduled commercial banks put together. However, such limit may be raised to 20% with prior approval of the Trustee.
- iii. Parking of funds in short term deposits of associate and sponsor scheduled commercial banks together shall not exceed 20% of total deployment by the Mutual Fund in short term deposits.
- iv. The Scheme shall not park more than 10% of the net assets in short term deposit(s), with any one scheduled commercial bank including its subsidiaries.
- v. The Scheme shall not park funds in short term deposit (STD) of a bank which has invested in that Scheme. Further Trustees/ AMCs shall also ensure that the bank in which the Scheme has STD do not invest in the said scheme until the Scheme has STD with such bank.
- vi. The AMC will not charge any investment management and advisory fees for funds parked in short term deposits of scheduled commercial banks

However, the above provisions will not apply to term deposits placed as margins for trading in cash market.

- 10. The Scheme shall not advance any loans.
- 11. The Fund shall not borrow except to meet temporary liquidity needs of the Fund for the purpose of Repurchase/Redemption of Unit or payment of interest and/or IDCW to the Unit holder.

The Fund shall not borrow more than 20% of the net assets of the individual Scheme and the duration of the borrowing shall not exceed a period of 6 months.

12. The total exposure in a particular sector (excluding investments in Bank CDs, CBLO, Government Securities, T-Bills, short term deposits of scheduled commercial banks and AAA rated securities issued by Public Financial Institutions and Public Sector Banks) shall not exceed 20% of the net assets of the Scheme.

Provided that an additional exposure to financial services sector (over and above the limit of 20%) not exceeding 10% of the net assets of the scheme shall be allowed by way of increase in exposure to Housing Finance Companies (HFCs) only;

Provided further that the additional exposure to such securities issued by HFCs are rated AA and above and these HFCs are registered with National Housing Bank (NBH) and the total Investment/exposure in HFCs shall not exceed 20% of the net assets of the scheme.

- 13. Pursuant to SEBI Circular no. SEBI/HO/IMD/DOF2/P/CIR/2022/69 dated May 23, 2022, replication of the Index by the Scheme shall be as follows:
  - i. Investment in securities of issuers accounting for at least 60% of weight in the index, represents at least 80% of net asset value (NAV) of the Scheme.
  - ii. At no point of time the securities of issuers not forming part of the index exceed 20% of NAV of the Scheme.
  - iii. At least 8 issuers from the underlying index form part of the portfolio of the ETF.
  - iv. The investment in various securities are aggregated at issuer level for the purpose of exposure limits.
  - v. The exposure limit to a single issuer by the Scheme shall be as under:
    - a) For AAA rated securities, exposure to a single issuer by the Scheme shall not have more than 10% weight in the portfolio. However, for AAA rated securities of PSU and AAA rated securities of PFI issuers the said limit shall be 15%.

- b) For AA rated securities, exposure to a single issuer by the Scheme shall not have more than 8% weight in the portfolio.
- c) For A and below rated securities, exposure to a single issuer by the Scheme shall not have more than 6% weight in the portfolio.
- vi. Total exposure of the Scheme in a particular group (excluding investments in securities issued by PSUs, PFIs and PSBs) shall not exceed 25% of NAV of the scheme. For the purpose of this provision, 'group' shall have the same meaning as defined in paragraph B(3)(b) of SEBI Circular No. SEBI/HO/IMD/DF2/CIR/P/2016/35 dated February 15, 2016.
- vii. Total exposure of the Scheme in a particular sector (excluding G-sec, t-Bills, SDLs and AAA rated securities issued by PSUs, PFIs and PSBs) shall not exceed 25% of the NAV of the scheme. However, this provision shall not be applicable for schemes based on sectoral or thematic debt indices.
- viii. The Macaulay Duration (hereinafter referred as "duration") of the portfolio of the Scheme replicates the duration of the underlying index within a maximum permissible deviation of +/- 10%. In case of Target Maturity (or Target Date) Scheme, the following norms for permissible deviation in duration shall apply:
  - a) For portfolio with residual maturity of greater than 5 years: Either +/- 6 months or +/- 10% of duration, whichever is higher.
  - b) For a portfolio with residual maturity of up to 5 years: Either +/- 3 months or +/- 10% of duration, whichever is higher.
  - c) However, at no point of time, the residual maturity of any security forming part of the portfolio shall be beyond the target maturity date of the Scheme.
- ix. The rating wise weightage of debt securities in the portfolio of Scheme replicates the underlying index. However, greater allocation of up to 10% of the portfolio may be made to higher rated debt securities.

# Investment restriction applicable to SDL portion of the Asset Allocation:

- The duration of the portfolio of ETF replicates the duration of the underlying index within a maximum permissible deviation of +/-10%
- In case of Target Maturity (or Target Date) ETFs/ Index Funds, the following norms for permissible deviation in duration shall apply
- a) For a portfolio with residual maturity of up to 5 years: Either +/- 3 months or +/- 10% of duration, whichever is higher.
- b) However, at no point of time, the residual maturity of any security forming part of the portfolio shall be beyond the target maturity date of the ETF/ Index Fund.
- c) However, at no point of time, the residual maturity of any security forming part of the portfolio shall be beyond the target maturity date of the ETF/ Index Fund.
- 14. Investment in Partly Paid Debenture, if undertaken, will be subject to a cap on maximum investment of Mutual Fund Scheme at 5% of the AUM of the scheme. However, once the Partly Paid Debentures are fully paid up, the cap on maximum investment of Mutual Fund Scheme at 5% of the AUM of the scheme will not apply.

The Scheme will comply with the other Regulations applicable to the investments of Mutual Funds from time to time.

All the investment restrictions will be applicable at the time of making investments.

Apart from the investment restrictions prescribed under SEBI (MF) Regulations, the fund may follow any internal norms vis-à-vis limiting exposure to a particular scrip or sector, etc

The AMC/Trustee may alter these above stated restrictions from time to time to the extent the Regulations change, so as to permit the Scheme to make its investments in the full spectrum of permitted investments for mutual funds to achieve its respective investment objective.

#### C. Fundamental Attributes

Following are the Fundamental Attributes of the scheme, in terms of Clause 1.14 of SEBI Master Circular for

# i. Type of a scheme

An open-ended Target Maturity Exchange Traded Fund predominantly investing in constituents of Nifty AAA Bond Plus SDL Apr 2026 50:50 Index. A relatively high interest rate risk and relatively low credit risk

# ii. Investment Objective

Main Objective: To replicate Nifty AAA Bond Plus SDL Apr 2026 50:50 Index by investing in bonds of issuers rated AAA and state development loans (SDL), subject to tracking errors.

There is no assurance that the investment objective of the Scheme will be achieved.

Investment Pattern: Please refer to Section – I Part – II A 'How will the Scheme Allocates its Asset?'

# iii. Terms of Issue

- Liquidity provisions such as listing, Repurchase, Redemption.
- Aggregate fees and expenses charged to the scheme (please refer to section I Part III C ANNUAL SCHEME RECURRING EXPENSES").
- Any safety net or guarantee provided. Not applicable for the Scheme

In accordance with Regulation 18(15A) of the SEBI (MF) Regulations and Regulation 25(26) of the SEBI (MF) Regulations, read with clause 1.14.1.4 and 17.10 of SEBI Master Circular for Mutual Funds, the Trustees and AMC shall ensure that no change in the fundamental attributes of the Scheme(s) and the Plan(s) / Option(s) thereunder or the trust or fee and expenses payable or any other change which would modify the Scheme(s) and the Plan(s) / Option(s) thereunder and affect the interests of Unitholders is carried out unless:

- SEBI has reviewed and provided its comment on the proposal
- a written communication about the proposed change is sent to each unitholder and an advertisement iiss given in one English daily newspaper having nationwide circulation as well as in a newspaper published in the language of the region where the Head Office of the mutual fund is situated; and
- The Unitholders are given an option for a period of atleast 30 calendar days to exit at the prevailing Net Asset Value without any exit load

# D. Index methodology:

#### ABOUT THE INDEX:

Nifty AAA Bond Plus SDL Apr 2026 50:50 Index seeks to measure the performance of portfolio of AAA rated bonds issued by government owned entities, HFCs, Corporates and State Development Loans (SDLs) maturing between May 01, 2025 to April 30, 2026. The index shall mature on April 30, 2026.

The index is computed using the total return methodology including price return and coupon return.

#### <u>Methodology</u>

# Eligibility Norms

# • Issuer eligibility

- Issuing entity should be domiciled in India and should satisfy either of the following:
  - 1. PSUs including:
    - a) Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) as listed on DPE & DIPAM website
    - b) Maharatna, Navratna and Miniratna as listed on DPE website, if not included in CPSEs list as mentioned in point 1
    - c) Public Financial Institutions (PFIs) owned and managed by GOI and not included in points 1 and 2 above
    - d) Statutory body set-up by Act of Parliament and included in the list of public enterprises sourced from https://www.indiabudget.gov.in/ having outstanding bonds of more than Rs. 100 crores
  - 2. Housing Finance Companies (HFCs)
  - 3. Corporate issuers

# • Bond eligibility

Bond should be

- 1. Plain vanilla with fixed coupon and fixed maturity
- 2. Denominated in INR
- 3. Be listed and traded on NSE and/or BSE and should be rated

# Bond should not be

- 1. Tax Free
- 2. Floating Rate Bond
- 3. Partially Paid up
- 4. Perpetual
- 5. Having Single Option (Call/Put)
- 6. Having step up/step down coupon which is linked to any contingent event
- 7. Convertible bonds
- 8. Having staggered redemption

# Selection Criteria

# Issuer Shortlisting

- Eligible issuers having credit rating of "AAA" (Triple A) at the time of index creation/review are shortlisted. In case an entity is rated by multiple rating agencies, the lowest rating assigned to the Non-Convertible Debenture/Long Term Debt of the entity is considered for the index selection purpose
- Further, issuers from the above step which have any outstanding in eligible bonds maturing between May 01, 2025 to April 30, 2026 are shortlisted for the index

# Bond Selection

• For every shortlisted issuer, bond with largest outstanding amount is selected to be part of the index provided its ISIN level outstanding is more than or equal to Rs. 1250 crs. Only one bond per issuer to be part of the index.

#### Weight Assignment

- Each bond of the selected issuer that is part of the AAA rated Bond component (constituting 50% of index) is given equal weight as of the base date of the index. This will be subject to issuer/group/sector limit in compliance with the Norms for Debt Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs)/Index Funds announced by SEBI vide circular no. SEBI/HO/IMD/DOF2/P/CIR/2022/69 on May 23, 2022
- Subsequently, the security level weights may drift due to price movement and accordingly, the total 50% weight of the AAA rated Bond component may also drift and will not get reset
- Any coupon amount received is assumed to be reinvested in the portfolio on the same date, in the proportion of the existing weights

#### 1) Methodology for SDLs component – Constituting 50% of the Index

#### Eligibility norms

SDL should not be a special bond

#### **Issuer Shortlisting**

Top 7 States/UTs are first shortlisted based on their total outstanding amount maturing between May 01, 2025 to April 30, 2026.

# Security Selection

Most recently issued SDL of each of the above shortlisted states/UTs from the above universe maturing between May 01, 2025 to April 30, 2026 and having minimum ISIN level outstanding amount of Rs. 1000 crs. to be included in the index as on the base date of the index. Each State/UT to have only one SDL as part of the index. Any State/UT from the above list whose most recently issued SDL has ISIN level outstanding less than Rs. 1000 crs. will not be part of the index.

# Weight Assignment

- Each state that is part of the SDL component (constituting 50% of index) is given equal weight within 50% weights assigned to SDLs as of the base date of the index
- Subsequently, the security level weights may drift due to price movement and accordingly, the total 50% weight of the SDL component may also drift and will not get reset

• Any coupon amount received is assumed to be reinvested in the portfolio on the same date, in the proportion of the existing weights

# Index Rebalancing/Reconstitution

- On a quarterly basis, index will be screened for compliance with the Norms for Debt Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs)/Index Funds announced by SEBI vide circular no. SEBI/HO/IMD/DOF2/P/CIR/2022/69 on May 23, 2022. In case of non-compliance, suitable corrective measures will be taken to ensure compliance with the norms
- In case there is a breach of 15% in weight of any AAA PSU issuer or breach of 10% in weight of any AAA HFC/Corporate issuer, excess weight will be redistributed in rest of the AAA rated issuers proportionally. Similarly, in case there is a breach of 15% in weight of any State/UT, excess weight will be redistributed in rest of the States/UTs proportionally.
- Based on the governments 'in principle approval' to disinvest its stake in some of the government owned entities, such entities are not included to be part of the index at launch/inception of the index. On account of disinvestment in an existing constituent, such issuer shall be excluded from the index effective next rebalancing/reconstitution only if the disinvestment process has been completed
- In case a new eligible issuer gets downgraded before the portfolio disclosure date (T-3), such issuer shall not be included in the index
- Apart from scheduled review, in case an existing issuer gets downgraded below AAA, bonds of such issuer to be excluded from the index within 5 working days of such downgrade, in compliance with the Norms for Debt Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs)/Index Funds announced by SEBI vide circular no. SEBI/HO/IMD/DOF2/P/CIR/2022/69 on May 23, 2022
- Due to the above stated reasons, if the index is rebalanced and issuer/s move out of the index,
  - If the total number of AAA rated issuers in the index is 4 and above, then the total weight of the AAA rated securities being excluded will be redistributed among the remaining AAA rated securities proportionally. This will be subject to issuer/group/sector limit in compliance with the Norms for Debt Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs)/Index Funds announced by SEBI vide circular no. SEBI/HO/IMD/DOF2/P/CIR/2022/69 on May 23, 2022.
  - If the total number of AAA rated issuers in the index fall below 4, then new AAA rated issuers will be included in the index based on the issuer selection and bond selection criteria mentioned in the AAA rated Bond component index methodology section above, to take the AAA rated issuer count to 4 and the total running weightage of AAA rated Bond component will be divided equally amongst all the AAA rated issuers in the index. This will be subject to issuer/group/sector limit in compliance with the Norms for Debt Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs)/Index Funds announced by SEBI vide circular no. SEBI/HO/IMD/DOF2/P/CIR/2022/69 on May 23, 2022.
- Expect for above stated reasons, there will be no inclusion and exclusion in the index during the quarterly review
- If there is no inclusion or exclusion on the review date, the weights will not get reset and existing weights will continue. This will be subject to issuer/group/sector limit in compliance with the Norms for Debt Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs)/Index Funds announced by SEBI vide circular no. SEBI/HO/IMD/DOF2/P/CIR/2022/69 on May 23, 2022
- As the index includes securities that shall mature during the twelve month period ending on the final maturity date of the index, any proceeds from the security redemption prior to the final maturity date of the index shall be re-invested using the following waterfall approach:
  - The proceeds from security redemption will be reinvested in the longest maturity outstanding security issued by the same issuer (SDL in case of state/UT and Bond/money market instrument in case of corporate bond) and maturing on or just before the index maturity date with the same weightage. This will be subject to single issuer limit in compliance with the Norms for Debt Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs)/Index Funds announced by SEBI vide circular no. SEBI/HO/IMD/DOF2/P/CIR/2022/69 on May 23, 2022
  - In case a replacement in the form of outstanding security of the same issuer cannot be found for reinvestment then the proceeds from such redemption shall be reinvested in the remaining entire portfolio on the same date in the proportion of the existing weights. This will be subject to single issuer limit in compliance with the Norms for Debt Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs)/Index Funds announced by para 3.5.3 of SEBI Master circular
  - In case due to any reason, it is not possible to meet any norms as prescribed by para 3.5.3 of SEBI Master circular , then the proceeds from such redemption shall be reinvested in a T-Bill maturing on or just before the index maturity date
  - If the last outstanding security (including T-Bill) in the index matures before the final index maturity date, all redemption proceeds shall be re-invested in The Clearing Corporation of India Ltd.'s (CCIL)

TREPS overnight rate tracked by Nifty 1D Rate Index for any subsequent days till the maturity of the index

# Index Termination

The index shall mature on April 30, 2026

ISIN	Issuer	Final Maturity	Weights
INE514E08FV4	EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF INDIA	12-09-2025	9.84
IN1920200061	KARNATAKA	10-06-2025	8.49
IN3120200057	TAMIL NADU	13-05-2025	8.47
INE134E08LD7	POWER FINANCE CORPORATION LIMITED	17-09-2025	9.63
INE733E08163	NTPC LIMITED	15-10-2025	10.49
IN2220150204	MAHARASHTRA	09-03-2026	7.95
INE242A08486	INDIAN OIL CORPORATION LIMITED	20-10-2025	10.48
IN3420150176	WEST BENGAL	23-03-2026	8.00
IN3320160010	UTTAR PRADESH	20-04-2026	8.08
INE020B08DF6	REC LIMITED	20-12-2025	10.32
IN1520190233	GUJARAT	31-03-2026	8.25

# Constituents of Nifty AAA Bond Plus SDL Apr 2026 50:50 Index as on September 30, 2024.

#### Index Service Provider

NSE Indices Limited (NSE Indices), a subsidiary of NSE Strategic Investment Corporation Limited was setup in May 1998 to provide a variety of indices and index related services and products for the Indian capital markets. NSE Indices provides a broad range of services, products and professional index services.

 For
 complete
 methodology,
 please
 refer

 https://www.niftyindices.com/Methodology/Method\_NIFTY\_Fixed\_Income\_Indices.pdf
 Introduction
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#### INTRODUCTION TO EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS

An ETF is a passively managed product that provides exposure to an index or a basket of securities with the objective of generating returns as close to the index as possible. The key benefit of an ETF over traditional open-ended index funds is liquidity and availability of real-time market price on stock exchange. They can be bought and sold on the exchange at prices that are usually close to the actual intra-day NAV of the Scheme. ETFs provide investors a fund that closely tracks the performance of an index with the ability to buy/sell on an intra-day basis. ETFs are structured in a manner which allows to create new units (called creation units) and redeem outstanding units directly with the fund, thereby ensuring that ETFs trade close to their actual NAVs.

ETFs are usually passively managed funds wherein subscription/redemption of units work on the concept of exchange with underlying securities. In other words, large investors/institutions can purchase units by depositing the underlying securities with the mutual fund/AMC and can redeem by receiving the underlying shares in exchange of units. Units can also be bought and sold directly on the exchange. ETFs have all the benefits of indexing such as diversification, low cost and transparency. As ETFs are listed on the exchange, costs of distribution are much lower and the reach is wider. These savings in cost are passed on to the investors in the form of lower costs. Furthermore, exchange traded mechanism helps reduce minimal collection, disbursement and other processing charges.

Tracking Error of ETFs is likely to be low as compared to a normal index fund. Due to the Creation/Redemption of units through the in-kind mechanism the mutual fund can keep lesser funds in cash. Also, time lag between buying/selling units and the underlying shares is much lower.

# **Benefits of ETFs**

- a) Can be easily bought / sold like any other stock on the exchange through terminals spread across the country.
- b) Can be bought / sold anytime during market hours at prices that are expected to be close to actual NAV of the Scheme. Thus, investor invests at nearly the real-time prices as opposed to end of day prices.
- c) Ability to put limit orders.

- d) Protects long-term investors from the inflows and outflows of short-term investors. This is because the fund does not bear extra transaction cost when buying/selling due to frequent subscriptions and redemptions.
- e) Flexible as it can be used as a tool for gaining instant exposure to the equity markets, equitising cash, for arbitraging between the cash and futures market.

Market for ETFs: The assets-under-management for ETFs which was approx. Rs 3,800 crores as of September 2010 has grown to over Rs. 2,25,000 crores in February 2021. The primary categories of ETFs in India are: ETFS tracking frontline indices like NIFTY 50, Sensex & NIFTY Bank. In addition, ETF's designed specifically as part of the government divestment programme like the Bharat 22 & Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSE) continue to manage significant assets within the ETF space. In all currently the Indian ETF market consists of 80 ETF's tracking indices across Equity, debt and gold. With the guidelines for Provident Funds being liberalized, ETFs have been the preferred mode for long-term retirement funds to access the equity markets in a hassle free manner. Also, given the ETF market globally has grown significantly over the past few years, there is a strong case that the size and breadth of the ETF market has a potential go up in India in years to come.

#### E. Principle of incentive structure for market maker

In accordance with the clause 3.6.1.4 of SEBI Master Circular for Mutual Funds, Incentives, if any, to Market Makers shall be charged to the Scheme within maximum permissible limit of TER.

#### a) Guiding Principles for incentive structure for Market Makers

Incentives to market maker will be linked to performance of the market maker in terms of generating liquidity in units of ETFs. Incentives, if any, to MM shall be charged to the scheme within the maximum permissible limit of Total Expense Ratio ("TER").

#### b) Determination of incentive for Market maker

It will be determined basis any or all of the below mentioned criteria:

v. It will be based on volume carried out by market maker on the exchange as compared to total volume of respective ETFs on exchange.

vi. Availability of bid & Ask as per the SEBI guidelines

vii. Average Spread between Bid & Ask

viii. Any other performance-based metric.

Incentives to market maker shall be at the discretion of the AMC & to be decided between the AMC and the MM which may be variable in nature or fixed amount basis agreed performance standards and will adhere to maximum permissible limit of TER.

All scheme related expenses including commission paid to distributors, by whatever name it may be called and in whatever manner it may be paid, shall necessarily paid from the scheme only within the regulatory limits and not from the books of AMC, its associate, sponsor, trustees or any other entity through any route in terms of SEBI circulars and clarification issued thereon.

# F. Floors and ceiling within a range of 5% of the intended allocation against each sub class of asset, as per clause 13.6.2 of SEBI master circular for mutual funds (only for close ended debt schemes)

– Not Applicable

# G. Other Scheme Specific Disclosure

Listing and transfer	r of	Listing
units		Being an Exchange Traded Fund, the Units of the Scheme is listed on the NSE and/or any other stock exchange within such time as the Exchange may allow or within such time as the Regulations permit. An investor can buy/sell Units on the Exchange during the trading hours like any other publicly traded stock.
		The AMC has proposed to engage Authorised Participants / Market Makers for creating liquidity for the ETF on the Stock Exchange(s) so that investors other than Authorised Participants / Market Makers and Large Investors are able to buy or redeem units on the Stock Exchange(s) using the services of a stock

broker.
The AMC may also decide to delist the Units from a particular Exchange, provided that the Units are listed on at least one Exchange.
The price of the Units in the market on Exchange will depend on demand and supply and market factors and forces. There is no minimum investment amount for investment through Exchange, although Units dealt in minimum in lot of 1.
<b>Transferability of units:</b> Units held in Demat form are freely transferable in accordance with the provisions of SEBI (Depositories and Participants) Regulations, as may be amended from time to time. Transfer can be made only in favour of transferees who are capable of holding units and having a Demat Account. The delivery instructions for transfer of units will have to be lodged with the DP in requisite form as may be required from time to time and transfer will be affected in accordance with such rules / regulations as may be in force governing transfer of securities in dematerialized mode.
The units of the Scheme will be available in dematerialized form only. Investors intending to invest in units of the Scheme are required to have a beneficiary account with the Depository Participant (DP) (registered with NSDL / CDSL as may be indicated by the Fund at the time of launch) and will be required to indicate in the application form the DP's name, DP ID Number and the beneficiary account number of the applicant with the DP at the time of purchasing units directly from the Fund on an ongoing basis in the Creation Unit Size/ above a specified threshold.
The units of the Scheme will be issued, traded and settled compulsorily in dematerialized form.
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<ul> <li>On acceptance of the application for subscription, an allotment confirmation specifying the number of units allotted by way of e-mail and/or SMS within 5 business days from the date of receipt of transaction request/allotment will be sent to the Unit Holders registered e-mail address and/or mobile number.</li> <li>As the units of the Scheme will be issued, traded and settled compulsorily in dematerialized (electronic) form, the statement provided by the Depository Participant will be equivalent to the account statement.</li> <li>For those Unit holders who have provided an e-mail address, the AMC will send the account statement by e-mail.</li> <li>Unit holders will be required to download and print the documents after receiving e-mail from the Mutual Fund. Should the Unit holder experience any difficulty in accessing the electronically delivered documents, the Unit holder shall promptly advise the Mutual Fund to enable the Mutual Fund to make the delivery through alternate means. It is deemed that the Unit holder is aware of all security risks including possible third party interception of the documents of the documents becoming known to third parties.</li> <li>The Unit holders, the AMC/ISC/Registrar. In case of specific request received from the Unit Holders, the AMC/Fund will provide the Account Statement to the Investors within 5 business days from the receipt of such request.</li> <li>The AMC shall issue Unit certificates within 5 business days from the date of receipt of request where the applicant so desires.</li> </ul>

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	& Transfer Agents will not be responsible, but the Unit holder can request for fresh statement. The Unit holder shall from time to time intimate the Fund / its Registra & Transfer Agent about any changes in his e-mail address.
Defund	Ongoing Offer period:
Refund	
	The AMC will refund the subscription money to applicants whose applications
	are found to be incomplete, invalid or have been rejected for any other reason
	whatsoever in accordance with the AMFI best practice guidelines in the matter
	The AMC will endeavor to refund such amounts within 5 business days from the
	date of purchase transactions as per the timestamp / applicable NAV, where
	the application form / online transaction is received along with the payment
	and the funds have been realized. Where the subscription amount and the
	application/ online transaction are received separately, the period of 5 business
	days shall be reckoned from the later of the date of identifying the remitte
	details, based on the credit provided by the Bank or receipt and time stamping
	of application/ online transaction.
	In the event of delay beyond 5 business days, the AMC in line with AMFI best
	practice guidelines on the matter, will pay interest at 15% per annum or such other rate of interest as may be prescribed from time to time.
Who can invest	The following persons (subject to, wherever relevant, purchase of units of mutua
	funds, being permitted under respective constitutions, and relevant statutory
This is an indicative list	regulations) are eligible and may apply for Subscription to the units of the
and investors shall	Scheme:
consult their financial	1. Resident adult individuals either singly or jointly (not exceeding three) or or
advisor to ascertain	an Anyone or Survivor basis;
whether the scheme	2. Hindu Undivided Family (HUF) through Karta;
is Suitable to their risk	3. Minor (as the first and the sole holder only) through a natural guardian (i.e
profile.	father or mother, as the case may be) or a court appointed legal guardian
	There shall not be any joint holding with minor investments;
	4. Partnership Firms;
	5. Limited liability partnership firms;
	6. Proprietorship in the name of the sole proprietor;
	7. Companies, Bodies Corporate, Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs.)
	Association of Persons (AOP) or Bodies of Individuals (BOI) and societies
	registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860(so long as the purchase
	of Units is permitted under the respective constitutions);
	8. Banks (including Co-operative Banks and Regional Rural Banks) and
	Financial Institutions;
	9. Religious and Charitable Trusts, Wakfs or endowments of private trusts
	(subject to receipt of necessary approvals as "Public Securities" as required
	and Private trusts authorised to invest in mutual fund schemes under their
	trust deeds;
	10. Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) / Persons of Indian origin (PIOs) )/ Oversea
	Citizens of India (OCI)residing abroad on repatriation basis or on non
	repatriation basis;
	11. Foreign Portfolio Investor (FPI) registered with SEBI on repatriation basis. These
	investments shall be subject to the conditions prescribed by SEBI, RBI
	Income Tax authorities and the AMC, from time to time;
	12. Army, Air Force, Navy and other para-military units and bodies created by
	such institutions;
	13. Scientific and Industrial Research Organisations;
	14. Multilateral Funding Agencies / Bodies Corporate incorporated outside
	India with the permission of Government of India / RBI;
	15. Provident/ Pension/ Gratuity Fund to the extent they are permitted;
	16. Other schemes of Axis Mutual Fund or any other mutual fund subject to the
	conditions and limits prescribed by SEBI Regulations;
	17. Schemes of Alternative Investment Funds;
	18. The Trustee, AMC or Sponsor or their associates may subscribe to Units under
	the Scheme;
	19. Such other category of person(s) permitted to make investments and a
	may be specified by the AMC / Trustee from time to time.

Who cannot invest	<ul> <li>Subject to SEBI (Mutual Funds) Regulations, 1996, any application for subscription of units may be accepted or rejected in the sole and absolute discretion of the AMC/ Trustee company. The AMC/ Trustee company may also reject any application for subscription of units if the application is invalid, incomplete, or if the AMC/ Trustee company for any other reason does not believe that it would be in the interest of the scheme or its unitholders to accept such an application.</li> <li>1. Any individual who is a foreign national or any other entity that is not an Indian resident under the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 (FEMA Act) except where registered with SEBI as a FPI or otherwise explicitly permitted under FEMA Act/ by RBI/ by any other applicable authority.</li> <li>2. Pursuant to RBI A.P. (DIR Series) circular no. 14 dated September 16, 2003, Overseas Corporate Bodies (OCBs) cannot invest in Mutual Funds.</li> <li>3. NRIs residing in Non-Compliant Countries and Territories (NCCTs) as determined by the Financial Action Task Force (FATF), from time to time.</li> <li>4. U.S. Persons and Residents of Canada as defined under the applicable laws of U.S. and Canada except the following: <ul> <li>a. subscriptions received by way of lump sum / switches / systematic transactions received from Non-resident Indians (NRIs) /Persons of Indian origin (PIO) / Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) who at the time of such investment, are present in India and b. FPIs</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	These investors need to submit a physical transaction request along with such documents as may be prescribed by the AMC/ the Trustee/ the Fund from time to time.
	The AMC reserves the right to put the transaction requests on hold/reject the transaction request/reverse allotted units, as the case may be, as and when identified by the AMC, which are not in compliance with the terms and conditions notified in this regard.
	The Trustee / the AMC /the Fund reserve the right to change/ modify the above provisions at a later date. 5. Such other persons as may be specified by AMC from time to time.
How to Apply and other details (where can you submit the	
filled up applications including purchase/redemption switches be submitted.)	For name, address and contact no. of Registrar and Transfer Agent (R&T), email id of R&T, website address of R&T, official points of acceptance, collecting banker details etc. refer back cover page.
	Please note it is mandatory for unitholders to mention their bank account numbers in their applications/requests for redemption.
The policy recording	Please refer to the SAI and Application form for the instructions.
The policy regarding reissue of repurchased units, including the maximum extent, the manner of reissue, the entity (the scheme or the AMC) involved in the same.	Units once redeemed will be extinguished and will not be reissued. The Scheme does not propose to reissue redeemed units. The number of Units held by the Unit holder in his Beneficiary (Demat) account will stand reduced by the number of Units redeemed.
Restrictions, if any, on the right to freely retain or dispose of units being offered.	Units held in Demat form are transferable in accordance with the provisions of SEBI (Depositories and Participants) Regulations, as may be amended from time to time. Transfer can be made only in favour of transferees who are capable of holding units and have a Demat Account. The delivery instructions for transfer of units will have to be lodged with the DP in requisite form as may be required from time to time and transfer will be affected in accordance with such rules /

regulations as may be in force governing transfer of securities in dematerialized mode. The Mutual Fund will not be bound to recognise any other transfer.
In case a person (i.e. a transferee) becomes a holder of the units by operation of law or upon enforcement of pledge, then the AMC shall, subject to production of such satisfactory evidence and submission of such documents, proceed to effect the transfer, if the intended transferee is otherwise eligible to hold the units of the Scheme.
The units held in demat mode can be pledged and hypothecated as per the provisions of Depositories Act, 1996 and Depositories Rules and Regulations.
<b>Pledge or Hypothecation of Units</b> The Units held in demat mode can be pledged and hypothecated as per the provisions of Depositories Act and Depositories Rules and Regulations.
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<ul> <li>Manner of creating pledge or hypothecation:</li> <li>1) If a beneficial owner intends to create a pledge on a security owned by him he shall make an application to the depository through the participant who has his account in respect of such securities.</li> <li>2) The participant after satisfaction that the securities are available for</li> </ul>
pledge shall make a note in its records of the notice of pledge and forward the application to the depository.
3) The depository after confirmation from the pledgee that the securities are available for pledge with the pledger shall within fifteen days of the receipt of the application create and record the pledge and send an intimation of the same to the participants of the pledger and the pledgee.
4) On receipt of the intimation under Clause (3) the participants of both the pledger and the pledgee shall inform the pledger and the pledgee
<ul><li>respectively of the entry of creation of the pledge.</li><li>5) If the depository does not create the pledge, it shall send along with the reasons an intimation to the participants of the pledger and the pledgee.</li></ul>
<ul> <li>6) The entry of pledge made under Clause (3) may be cancelled by the depository if pledger or the pledgee makes an application to the depository through its participant:</li> </ul>
<ul><li>7) Provided that no entry of pledge shall be cancelled by the depository without prior concurrence of the pledgee.</li></ul>
<ul> <li>8) The depository on the cancellation of the entry of pledge shall inform the participant of the pledger.</li> <li>a) Subject to the previous of the pledger.</li> </ul>
9) Subject to the provisions of the pledge document, the pledgee may invoke the pledge and on such invocation, the depository shall register the pledgee as beneficial owner of such securities and amend its records accordingly.
10) After amending its records under Clause (8) the depository shall immediately inform the participants of the pledger and pledgee of the change who in turn shall make the necessary changes in their records
<ul> <li>and inform the pledger and pledge respectively.</li> <li>(a) If a beneficial owner intends to create a hypothecation on a security owned by him he may do so in accordance with the provisions of Clauses (1) to (9).</li> <li>(b) The provisions of Clauses (1) to (9) shall mutatic mutandic apply in such</li> </ul>
(b) The provisions of Clauses (1) to (9) shall mutatis mutandis apply in such cases of hypothecation: Provided that the depository before registering the hypothecatee as a
<ul> <li>beneficial owner shall obtain the prior concurrence of the hypothecator.</li> <li>12) No transfer of security in respect of which a notice or entry of pledge or hypothecation is in force shall be effected by a participant without the concurrence of the pledgee or the hypothecatee, as the case may be.</li> </ul>

	Pledge of Units - in case of issue of Unit Certificate The Unit under the Scheme (subject to completion of Locking Period, if any) may be offered as security by way of a pledge / charge in favor of scheduled banks, financial institutions, non-banking finance companies (NBFCs), or any other person. The AMC and / or the ISC will note and record such Pledged Units. The AMC shall mark a lien only upon receiving the duly completed form and documents as it may require. Disbursement of such loans will be at the entire discretion of the bank / financial institution / NBFC or any other person concerned and the Mutual Fund assumes no responsibility thereof.
	The Pledger will not be able to redeem Units that are pledged until the entity to which the Unit are pledged provides written authorisation to the Mutual Fund that the pledge / lien charge may be removed. As long as Unit are pledged, the Pledgee will have complete authority to redeem such Units.
	Suspension/Restriction on Redemption of Units of the Scheme Subject to the approval of the Boards of the AMC and of the Trustee and subject also to necessary communication of the same to SEBI, the redemption of / switch-out of Units of Scheme, may be temporarily suspended/ restricted. In accordance with Para1.12 of SEBI Master Circular for Mutual fund and subject to prevailing regulations, restriction on/suspension of redemptions / switch-out of Units of the Scheme, may be imposed when there are circumstances leading to systemic crisis or event that severely constricts market liquidity or the efficient functioning of markets such as:
	<ul> <li>a) Liquidity issues: when market at large becomes illiquid affecting almost all securities rather than any issuer specific security;</li> <li>b) Market failures, exchange closures: when markets are affected by unexpected events which impact the functioning of exchanges or the regular course of transactions. Such unexpected events could also be related to political, economic, military, monetary or other emergencies;</li> <li>c) Operational issues: when exceptional circumstances are caused by force majeure, unpredictable operational problems and technical failures (e.g. a black out).</li> </ul>
	Restriction on / suspension of redemption of Units of the Scheme may be imposed for a specified period of time not exceeding 10 working days in any 90 days period.
	<ul> <li>When restriction on / suspension of redemption of Units of the Scheme is imposed, the following procedure shall be applied</li> <li>i. No redemption / switch-out requests up to Rs. 2 lakhs shall be subject to such restriction.</li> </ul>
	ii. Where redemption / switch-out requests are above Rs. 2 lakhs, the AMC shall redeem the first Rs. 2 lakhs without such restriction and remaining part over and above Rs. 2 lakhs shall be subject to such restriction.
	In addition to the above, the AMC / Trustee may restrict / suspend redemptions / switch-out of Units of the Scheme(s) pursuant to direction/ approval of SEBI.
	In case of any of the above eventualities, the general time limits for processing requests for redemption of Units will not be applicable.
	Also refer to the paragraph 'Suspension of Purchase and Redemption of Units' in the Statement of Additional Information.
Cut off timing for	DIRECTLY FROM THE FUND:
subscriptions/ redemptions/ switches This is the time before	On an ongoing basis, the Scheme would be open for subscriptions/redemptions only for Authorised Participants / Market Makers and Large Investors in 'Creation Unit Size' on all Business Days.
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which your application	
which your application (complete in all respects) should reach the official points of acceptance.	The cut-off time for receipt of valid application for subscriptions / redemptions is 3.00 p.m. The creation/redemption of units would be based on Portfolio deposit and the applicable cash component for the respective business day on which such creation/ redemption of units are made and the deposit and cash are credited to the Scheme's account. The Fund may also allow Cash (through RTGS / Transfer / Cheque) subscription /redemption in creation unit size/ above a specified threshold by Large investors / Authorised Participants / Market Makers.
	In line with SEBI circular dated July 30, 2021 transactions in units of the Scheme by Authorized Participants/Market Maker / Large Investors, directly with the AMC, intra-day NAV, based on the executed price at which the securities representing the underlying index are purchased / sold, shall be applicable.
	ON THE EXCHANGE:
	As the Scheme is listed and traded on the NSE/other stock exchange, the provisions of cut-off time (3 P.M.) is not applicable for secondary market transactions but will be subject to the trading time/restrictions for purchase/sale of units as per the rules and regulations prescribed by the stock exchanges on which they are listed.
	Settlement of purchase / sale of Units of the Scheme on NSE and/or any other stock exchange:
	Buying/Selling of Units of the Scheme on NSE and/or any other stock exchange is just like buying/selling any other normal listed security. If an investor has bought Units, an investor has to pay the purchase amount to the broker/sub-broker such that the amount paid is realised before the funds pay-in day of the settlement cycle on the Stock Exchange(s). If an investor has sold Units, an investor has to deliver the Units to the broker/sub-broker before the securities pay in day of the settlement cycle on the Stock Exchange(s). The Units (in the case of Units bought) and the funds (in the case of Units sold) are paid out to the broker on the pay-out day of the settlement cycle on the Stock Exchange(s). The Stock Exchange(s) regulations stipulate that the trading member should pay the money or Units to the investor within 24 hours of the pay-out.
	If an investor has bought Units, he should give standing instructions for 'Delivery- In' to his /her/its DP for accepting Units in his/her/its beneficiary account. An investor should give the details of his/her beneficiary account and the DP-ID of his/her/its DP to his/ her/its trading member. The trading member will transfer the Units directly to his/her/ its beneficiary account on receipt of the same from NSE's and/or any other stock exchange's Clearing Corporation.
	An investor who has sold Units should instruct his/her/its Depository Participant (DP) to give 'Delivery Out' instructions to transfer the Units from his/her/its beneficiary account to the Pool Account of his/her/its trading member through whom he/she/it have sold the Units. The details of the Pool A/C (CM-BP-ID) of his/her trading member to which the Units are to be transferred, Unit quantity etc. should be mentioned in the Delivery Out instructions given by him/her to the DP. The instructions should be given well before the prescribed securities pay-in day. SEBI has advised that the Delivery Out instructions should be given at least 24 hours prior to the cut-off time for the prescribed securities pay-in to avoid any rejection of instructions due to data entry errors, network problems, etc.
	Rolling Settlement
	As per the SEBI's circular dated March 4, 2003, the rolling settlement on T+2 basis for all trades has commenced from April 1, 2003 onwards. The Pay-in and Pay- out of funds and the Units will take place within 2 working days after the trading date.

	Settlemen below:	and pay-out days for funds and securities are prescribed as per the t Cycle. A typical Settlement Cycle of Rolling Settlement is given	
	Day Activi		
	T	The day on which the transaction is executed by a trading member	
	T+1	Confirmation of all trades including custodial trades by 11.00 a.m.	
	T+1	Processing and downloading of obligation files to brokers/custodians by 1.30 p.m.	
	T+2	Pay-in of funds and securities by 11.00 a.m.	
	T+2	Pay out of funds and securities by 1.30 p.m.	
	Saturday o	culating the days from the Trading day (Day T), weekend days (i.e. and Sundays) and bank holidays are not taken into consideration. <b>n of Trading and Subscription/ Redemption</b>	
	The trading of Units on NSE and/or any other Stock Exchange(s) on which the Units are listed will automatically get suspended one Business Day prior to the record date for redemption of Units on Maturity Date. No separate notice will be issued by the AMC informing about Maturity Record Date or Suspension of trading by the stock exchange. However, the Fund reserves the right to change the record date for maturity by issue of suitable notice. The Unit holders whose name(s) appear on the list of beneficial owners as per the Depositories (NSDL/CDSL) on records date shall be entitled to receive redemption proceeds of Units.		
	The AMC shall, at its absolute discretion, announce a date, from which direct Subscription/Redemption of Units of the Scheme shall be suspended ("Mutual Fund Suspension Date") to enable settlement of Units which have been Subscribed /Redeemed directly with the Mutual Fund and to determine the Unit holders of the Scheme as on the Maturity Date to whom Redemption proceeds shall be sent.		
Ongoing Offer Period This is the date from	The Scher May 18, 20	ne has reopened for continuous subscription and redemption from 021.	
which the Scheme will reopen for Subscriptions/redempti ons after the closure of the NFO period.	The Units	AUTUAL FUND: can be purchased and redeemed directly with the Fund only in Jnit size on all Business Days, at applicable NAV, subject to applicable y.	
	Application Creation L	ED PARTICIPANTS/MARKET MAKERS/LARGE INVESTORS: on for subscription of the units of the Scheme directly with the Fund in Jnit Size at NAV based prices can be in exchange for Portfolio Deposit Component.	
	shall be a the AMC Electronic	on for subscription of the units of the Scheme directly with the Fund t NAV based prices by payment of requisite cash as determined by only by means of Real Time Gross Settlement (RTGS)/ National s Funds Transfer (NEFT) or Funds Transfer Letter/ Transfer Cheque of a re the Scheme has a collection account.	
		YESTORS: e Scheme can be traded (in lots of 1 unit) during the trading hours on days of the stock exchange(s) on which the units are listed.	

Ongoing price for	
0 0 1	SUBSCRIPTION ON THE EXCHANGE
	As the units of the Scheme are proposed to be listed on NSE, the investor can
	buy units on an ongoing basis on the capital market segment of NSE at the
	traded prices in a minimum size of 1 unit and in multiples thereof.
need to pay for	
	All categories of Investors may purchase the units through secondary market on
	any trading day.
	DIRECTLY WITH THE FUND
	Ongoing purchases directly from the Mutual Fund would be restricted to
	Authorized Participants/Market Makers/Large Investors provided the value of
	units to be purchased is in Creation Unit Size. Authorised Participants/Market
	Makers /Large Investors may buy the units on any Business day of the scheme
	directly from the Mutual Fund by paying applicable transaction handling
	charges and cash component in cash and by depositing the prescribed basket
	of securities comprising Nifty AAA Bond Plus SDL Apr 2026 50:50 Index. Units may
	be allotted only after realization of cheque where the full consideration for creation unit is paid by cheque. In line with SEBI circular dated July 30, 2021
	read with circular dated May 23, 2022 transactions in units the Scheme by
	Authorized Participants/Market Makers / Large Investors, directly with the AMC,
	intra-day NAV, based on the executed price at which the securities
	representing the underlying index are purchased, shall be applicable.
	The number of Units of the Scheme that Investors can create in exchange of the
	Portfolio Deposit and Cash Component is on the basis of Creation Unit Size of
	the Scheme. Units of the Scheme in less than Creation Unit Size cannot be
	purchased directly with the Fund.
.	The Fund may allow cash Purchases of Units of the Scheme in Creation Unit Size
	by Large Investors/Authorised Participants/Market Makers. Purchase request for
	Creation Unit shall be made by such Investors to the Fund/AMC where upon the
	Fund/ AMC will arrange to buy the underlying portfolio Securities on behalf of
	the Investor. The Portfolio Deposit and Cash Component will be exchanged for
	the Units of the Scheme in Creation Unit Size.
	Creation Unit is fixed number of units of the Scheme subject is evolven and for a
	'Creation Unit' is fixed number of units of the Scheme, which is exchanged for a basket of shares underlying the Index called the Portfolio Deposit and a Cash
	Component. Creation Unit Size fixed for Axis Nifty AAA Bond Plus SDL Apr 2026
	50:50 ETF is 25,00,000 units and in multiples thereof
	The number of units of the Scheme that investors can create in exchange of the
	Portfolio Deposit and Cash Component is 25,00,000 units and in multiples
	thereof.
	AMC / Trustees reserves the right to change the size of Creation of units in order
	to equate it with marketable lot of the underlying Index.
	No cradit facility would be extended to Authorized Participant / Large investor
	No credit facility would be extended to Authorized Participant/ Large investors. Also Authorized Participants/Market Makers or Large investors will get the NAV
	as and when they bring the Portfolio Deposit/ equivalent amount of cash and
	Cash Component .
	In line with SEBI circular dated July 30, 2021, transactions in units of the Scheme
	by Authorized Participants/Market Makers/ Large Investors, directly with the
	AMC, intra-day NAV, based on the executed price at which the securities (Gold
	of prescribed purity in case of Axis Gold ETF) representing the underlying index
	are purchased / sold, shall be applicable
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		addition to the NAV, any person transacting nburse charges pertaining to transaction - b	÷		
	etc.		NUNERAYE, STI, NSDL CHAIGE		
	b)Charges related to transactions payable by the investor is per creation request				
		I will be as determined by the AMC at the tin	• •		
		ches are not allowed under the scheme. Un			
	Creation Unit cannot be purchased directly with the Fund.				
	d)Extension of credit facilities during creation of units would not be allowed. Example of Creation of Units as on:				
			1.10.4.50		
	A	Closing Price of Nifty AAA Bond Plus SDL Apr 2026 50:50 Index – September 29, 2023	1,124.53		
	В	Hypothetical NAV (1/100th of Index)	11.25		
	C	Unit Creation Size	25,00,000		
	D	Portfolio Value	23,00,000		
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			2,81,13,250		
	E	Closing Value of Portfolio (Assumed)	0.50.00.050		
			2,52,29,252		
	F	Cash Component per creation unit size (D-E)	28,83,998		
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Dividend/ IDCW	No IDCW will be declared under the Scheme.
Redemption	The redemption or repurchase proceeds shall be dispatched to the unitholders within three working days from the date of redemption or repurchase.
	For list of exceptional circumstances refer para 14.1.3 of SEBI Master Circular for Mutual Funds
	Investors may kindly note that Units can be redeemed with the fund house only in Creation Unit Size / above a specified threshold.
Bank Mandate	For detailed procedure on how to redeem, kindly refer SAI It is mandatory for investors to mention bank account details on the form as per directives issued by SEBI. Applications without this information are liable to be rejected. The Mutual Fund / AMC reserve the right to hold redemption proceeds in case requisite bank details are not submitted.
Delay in payment of redemption / repurchase proceeds	The Asset Management Company shall be liable to pay interest to the unitholders at rate as specified vide clause 14.2 of SEBI Master Circular for Mutual Funds by SEBI for the period of such delay.
	The AMC shall be liable to pay interest to the Unit holders at 15% or such other rate as may be prescribed by SEBI from time to time, in case the proceeds are not made within three (3) working Days of the date of redemption/ maturity.
	However, the AMC will not be liable to pay any interest or compensation or any amount otherwise, in case the AMC / Trustee is required to obtain from the Investor / Unit holders verification of identity or such other details relating to Subscription for Units under any applicable law or as may be requested by a Regulatory Agency or any government authority, which may result in delay in processing the application.
Unclaimed Redemption and Income Distribution cum Capital Withdrawal Amount	As per Para 14.3 of SEBI Master Circular on Mutual Funds as amended from time to time, the unclaimed Redemption and IDCW amounts shall be deployed by the Fund in money market instruments and such other instruments/securities as maybe permitted from time to time. The investment management fee charged by the AMC for managing such unclaimed amounts shall not exceed 50 basis points. The circular also specifies that investors who claim these amounts during a period of three years from the due date shall be paid at the prevailing NAV. Thus, after a period of three years, this amount can be transferred to a pool account and the investors can claim the said amounts at the NAV prevailing at the end of the third year. In terms of the circular, the onus is on the AMC to make a continuous effort to remind investors through letters to take their unclaimed amounts. The details of such unclaimed amounts shall be disclosed in the annual report sent to the Unit Holders.
	AMC reserves the right to provide the facility of redeeming Units of the Scheme through an alternative mechanism including but not limited to online transactions on the Internet, as may be decided by the AMC from time to time. The alternative mechanism may also include electronic means of communication such as redeeming Units online through the AMC Website or any other website, etc. The alternative mechanisms would be applicable to only those investors who opt for the same in writing and/or subject to investor fulfilling such conditions as AMC may specify from time to time.
	Further, according to Para 14.3 of SEBI Master Circular on Mutual Funds as amended from time to time the unclaimed Redemption and IDCW amounts may be deployed in separate plan of Overnight scheme/Liquid scheme/Money market mutual fund scheme floated by Mutual Funds specifically for deployment of the unclaimed Redemption and IDCW amounts.

	Following is the process for investments made in the name of a Miner through a
Disclosure w.r.t investment by minors	Following is the process for investments made in the name of a Minor through a Guardian: -
	<ul> <li>Payment for investment by any mode shall be accepted from the bank account of the minor, parent or legal guardian of the minor, or from a joint account of the minor with parent or legal guardian.</li> <li>Mutual Fund will send an intimation to Unit holders advising the minor (on attaining majority) to submit an application form along with prescribed documents to change the status of the account from 'minor' to 'major'.</li> <li>All transactions / standing instructions / systematic transactions etc. will be suspended i.e. the Folio will be frozen for operation by the guardian from the date of beneficiary child completing 18 years of age, till the status of the minor is changed to major. Upon the minor attaining the status of major, the minor in whose name the investment was made, shall be required to provide all the KYC details, updated bank account.</li> <li>No investments (lumpsum/SIP/ switch in/ STP in etc.) in the scheme would be allowed once the minor attains majority i.e. 18 years of age.</li> </ul>
Procedure for creation	Procedure for creation in Creation Unit Size:
and redemption of	The requisite securities constituting the Portfolio Deposit have to be transferred to the Fund's DP account while the Cash Component has to be paid to the Custodian/AMC. On confirmation of the same by the Custodian/AMC, the AMC will transfer the respective number of units of the Scheme into the investor's DP account.
	The Fund may, at its discretion allow cash purchases of units of the Scheme in Creation Unit Size / above a specified threshold by Large Investors/Market Makers /Authorised Participants. Purchase request for Creation Unit / above a specified threshold shall be made by such investor to the Fund/AMC where upon the Fund/AMC will arrange to buy the underlying portfolio securities. The portfolio deposit and cash component will be exchanged for the units of the Scheme in Creation Unit Size / above a specified threshold.
	The AMC has the right to collect any cost incurred by the AMC in terms of the transaction charges, other incidental charges, the difference between the acquisition cost and closing prices of securities comprising of the Portfolio Deposit of each business day etc. Such costs may be adjusted by allotting proportionately lesser number of units to the investor.
	The AMC may levy a fee/charges, which may vary from time to time, for providing/arranging this facility.
	<b>Procedure for redeeming units of the Scheme in Creation Unit Size:</b> The Units of the Scheme in less than Creation Unit cannot be redeemed with the Fund.
	The Authorised Participant/ Market Maker / Large Investor would transfer the requisite number of units of the Scheme equaling the creation unit / above a specified threshold to the Fund's designated DP account.
	The AMC has the right to collect any cost incurred by the AMC in terms of the transaction charges, other incidental charges, the difference between the sales proceeds and closing prices of securities comprising of the Portfolio Deposit of each business day etc. Such costs may be adjusted by redeeming proportionately additional number of units to the investor.
	Redemption proceeds in the form of basket of securities included in the Nifty AAA Bond Plus SDL Apr 2026 50:50 Index in the same proportion will be credited to the designated DP account of the Authorised Participant/ Market Maker /Large Investor. Any fractions in the number of securities transferable to Authorised

	Participant/Large Investor/Market Maker will be rounded off to the lower integer and the value of the fractions will be added to the cash component payable.
	The Fund may, at its discretion, allow cash redemption of the units of the Scheme in Creation Unit Size / above a specified threshold by Large Investor/Authorised Participant/ Market Makers. Redemption request shall be made by such investor to the Fund whereupon the Fund shall arrange to sell the underlying portfolio of securities on behalf of the investor.
	The AMC may levy a fee/ charges, which may vary from time to time, for providing/arranging this facility.
	In such a scenario, valid applications received by Mutual Fund upto 3 P.M. will be processed. The redemption request shall be processed on the basis of the closing NAV of the day of receipt of application. In case of redemptions by NRIs, requisite TDS will be deducted from the respective redemption proceeds.
	Such instances shall be tracked by the AMC on an ongoing basis and in case if any of the above mentioned scenario arises, the same shall be disclosed on the website of the AMC.
Tracking Error and Tracking Difference	<ul> <li>TRACKING ERROR</li> <li>The Fund Manager would not be able to invest the entire corpus exactly in the same proportion as in the underlying index due to certain factors such as delay in purchase or non-availability of underlying securities forming part of the index, changes to the underlying index and regulatory restrictions, which may result in Tracking Error with the underlying index of the Scheme. The Scheme's returns may therefore deviate from its underlying index. "Tracking Error" is defined as the standard deviation of the difference between daily returns of the underlying index and the NAV of the Scheme. There can be no assurance or guarantee that the Scheme will achieve any particular level of Tracking Error relative to performance of the underlying Index. Tracking Error may arise due to the following reasons:</li> <li>Delay in purchase or non-availability of underlying securities forming part of the index.</li> <li>Delay in liquidation of securities which have been removed by the Index.</li> <li>Delay in liquidation of underlying securities by the Index. Provider and AMC's valuation providers.</li> <li>Expenditure incurred by the Fund.</li> <li>Available funds may not be invested at all times as the Scheme may keep a portion of the quantity of securities/shares in the underlying index.</li> <li>Index not the funds in cash to meet Redemptions, or corporate actions or otherwise.</li> <li>Rounding-off of the quantity of securities/shares in the underlying index.</li> <li>Interest payout.</li> <li>Index providers underlake a periodical review of the securities/scrips that comprise the underlying index and may either drop or include new securities/scrips.</li> </ul>
	immediately. SEBI Regulations (if any) may impose restrictions on the investment and/or divestment activities of the Scheme Such restrictions are typically outside the control of the AMC and may cause or exacerbate the Tracking Error.
	Tracking difference:

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	I. Tracking difference i.e. the annualized difference of daily returns between the index and the NAV of the Scheme shall be disclosed on the website of the AMC and AMFI, on a monthly basis, for tenures 1 year, 3 year, 5 year, 10 year and since the date of allotment of units.
	II. For the Scheme the annualized tracking difference averaged over one year period shall not exceed 1.25%. In case the average annualized tracking difference over one year period for the Scheme is higher than 1.25%, the same shall be brought to the notice of trustees with corrective actions taken by the AMC, if any.
Role of Authorized Participant / Market Makers	The role of Authorized Participants / Market Makers is to offer liquidity of the units of the Scheme on the Stock Exchange where the Units are listed. AMC will empanel at least two Authorised Participants/Market Makers. Authorised Participants / Market Makers may offer to buy and sell quotes (bid and ask quotes) on the Exchanges such that buy and sell orders get executed in the market subject to price compatibility. Authorised Participants/Market Makers may for the purpose of creating liquidity subscribe or redeem the units of the Scheme directly with the Mutual Fund.
	The AMC reserves right to appoint / remove any Authorised Participant/ Market Maker.
Investors of all	Investors can directly approach the AMC for redemption of units of ETFs, for transaction of upto Rs. 25 crores without any exit load, in case of the following scenarios:
	<ul> <li>i. Traded price (closing price) of the ETF units is at discount of more than 1% to the day end NAV for 7 continuous trading days, or</li> <li>ii. No quotes for such ETFs are available on stock exchange(s) for 3 consecutive trading days, or</li> <li>iii. Total bid size on the exchange is less than half of creation units size daily, averaged over a period of 7 consecutive trading days.</li> </ul>
	a) In case of the above scenarios, applications received from investors for redemption up to 3.00 p.m. on any trading day, shall be processed by the AMC at the closing NAV of the day.
	b) The above instances shall be tracked by the AMC on a continuous basis and in case if any of the above mentioned scenario arises, the same shall be disclosed on the website of AMC.
Any other disclosure in terms of Consolidated Checklist on Standard Observations	NIL

#### III. **Other Details**

A. In case of Fund of Funds Scheme, Details of Benchmark, Investment Objective, Investment Strategy, TER, AUM, Year wise performance, Top 10 Holding/ link to Top 10 holding of the underlying fund should be provided

– Not Applicable

### B. Periodic Disclosures such as Half yearly disclosures, half yearly results, annual report

Fortnightly, Monthly and Half yearly Disclosures: Portfolio / Financial Results This is a list of securities where the corpus of the scheme is currently invested. The market value of these investments is also stated in portfolio	The AMC will disclose the portfolio of the Scheme (alongwith ISIN) on fortnightly and half yearly basis on the website of the Mutual Fund and AMFI within 5 days of every fortnight and within 10 days from the close of each month and half year (i.e. 31st March and 30th September) respectively in a user-friendly and downloadable spreadsheet format. Further, AMC shall publish an advertisement in an all India edition of one national English daily newspaper and one Hindi newspaper, every half year, disclosing the hosting of the half-yearly statement of its schemes' portfolio on the website of the Mutual Fund and AMFI and the modes through which unitholder(s) can submit a request for a physical or electronic copy of the statement of scheme portfolio.
disclosures.	The AMC will also provide a dashboard, in a comparable, downloadable (spreadsheet) and machine readable format, providing performance and key disclosures like Scheme's AUM, investment objective, expense ratios, portfolio details, scheme's past performance etc. on website. <u>https://www.axismf.com/statutory-disclosures</u> .
Half Yearly Results	The Mutual Fund shall within one month from the close of each half year, that is on 31st March and on 30th September, host a soft copy of its unaudited financial results on the website of the AMC and AMFI.
	The mutual fund shall publish an advertisement disclosing the hosting of such financial results on their website, in atleast one English daily newspaper having nationwide circulation and in a newspaper having wide circulation published in the language of the region where the Head Office of the Mutual Fund is situated.
	The unaudited financial results will also be displayed on the website of the AMC and AMFI.
Annual Report	https://www.axismf.com/statutory-disclosures. Pursuant to Regulation 56 of SEBI (Mutual Funds) Regulations, 1996 read with para 5.4 of SEBI Master Circular for Mutual funds dated May 19, 2023 The Scheme annual report or an abridged summary thereof shall be mailed (emailed, where e mail id is provided unless otherwise required)) to all Unit holders not later than four months (or such other period as may be specified by SEBI from time to time) from the date of closure of the relevant accounting year (i.e. 31st March each year) and full annual report shall be available for inspection at the Head Office of the Mutual Fund and a copy shall be made available to the Unit holders on request on payment of nominal fees, if any. Scheme wise annual report shall also be displayed on the website of the Mutual Fund (www.axismf.com) and on the website of Association of Mutual Funds in India (www.amfiindia.com).
	Unitholders whose email addresses are not registered with the Mutual Fund may 'opt-in' to receive a physical copy of the annual report or an abridged summary thereof.
	Further, AMC shall provide a physical copy of the abridged summary of the Annual Report, without charging any cost, on a specific request received from a unitholder.
	AMC shall also publish an advertisement every year, in an all India edition of 48 Axis Nifty AAA Bond Plus SDL Apr 2026 50:50 ETF

	one national English daily newspaper and in one Hindi newspaper, disclosing the hosting of the scheme wise annual report on the website of the Mutual Fund and AMFI and the modes through which a unitholder can submit a request for a physical or electronic copy of the annual report or abridged summary thereof.
Risk-o-meter	The AMC shall review Risk-o-meters on a monthly basis based on evaluation of risk level of Scheme's month end portfolio. Changes in Risk-o-meter, if any, shall be communicated by way of Notice cum Addendum. Investors may also refer to the website/portfolio disclosure for the latest Risk-o-meter of the Scheme.
Scheme Summary Document	The AMC has provided on its website Scheme Summary Document which is a standalone scheme document for all the Schemes which contains all the details of the Scheme viz. Scheme features, Fund Manager details, investment details, investment objective, expense ratios, portfolio details, etc. https://www.axismf.com/statutory-disclosures.
Tracking error and tracking difference	The tracking error based on past one year rolling data, on a daily basis shall be disclosed on the website of AMC (www.axismf.com) and of the Association of Mutual Funds in India - AMFI (www.amfiindia.com Tracking difference - the ETF Scheme shall also disclose the tracking difference i.e. the annualized difference of daily returns between the physical sliver and the NAV of the ETF shall also be disclosed on the website of the AMC and AMFI, on a monthly basis, for tenures 1 year, 3 year, 5 year, 10 year and since the date of allotment of units.
Disclosure Norms as per SEBI Circular dated May 23, 2022	<ul> <li>A. The ETF Fund shall disclose the following on monthly basis: <ol> <li>Name and exposure to top 7 issuers and stocks respectively as a percentage of NAV of the scheme</li> <li>Name and exposure to top 7 groups as a percentage of NAV of the scheme.</li> </ol> </li> <li>III. Name and exposure to top 4 sectors as a percentage of NAV of the scheme.</li> <li>Change in constituents of the index, if any, shall be disclosed on the AMC website (i.e. www.axismf.com/) on the day of change.</li> </ul>
Any disclosure in terms of consolidated checklist of standard observations	Nil

# C. Transparency/NAV Disclosure

The AMC will calculate and disclose the NAVs on all the Business Days. The AMC shall update the NAV on its website (www.axismf.com) and of the Association of Mutual Funds in India - AMFI (www.amfiindia.com) before 11.00 p.m. on every Business Day. If the NAVs are not available before the commencement of Business Hours on the following day due to any reason, the Mutual Fund shall issue a press release giving reasons and explaining when the Mutual Fund would be able to publish the NAV. Further, AMC will calculate intra-day indicative NAV (computed based on snapshot prices received from NSE) and update the Indicative NAV periodically on its website atleast once in two hours during market hours. However, disclosure of Indicative NAV will be subject to availability of relevant services like receipt of index value, technological feasibility and other input requirements with respect to uploading of Indicative NAV on AMC's website. Intra-day Indicative NAV will not have any bearing on the creation or redemption of units directly with the Fund by the Authorized Participants/Market Makers /Large Investors.

Information regarding NAV can be obtained by the Unit holders / Investors by calling or visiting the nearest ISC.

# D. Transaction charges and stamp duty-

Transaction charges: Not Applicable

Stamp Duty

Pursuant to Notification No. S.O. 1226(E) and G.S.R. 226(E) dated March 30, 2020 issued by Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance, Government of India, read with Part I of Chapter IV of Notification dated February 21, 2019 issued by Legislative Department, Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India on the Finance Act, 2019, stamp duty @0.005% of the transaction value would be levied on applicable mutual fund transactions.

Accordingly, pursuant to levy of stamp duty, the number of units allotted on purchase transactions (including IDCW reinvestment) to the unitholders would be reduced to that extent.

For further details on Stamp Duty, please refer SAI.

# E. Associate Transactions

- Please refer to Statement of Additional Information (SAI)

#### F. Taxation-

Taxation	Particulars	Taxability in the hands of Individuals / Non-corporates / Corporates				
Rates applicable		Resident	Non-Resident			
for the FY 24- 25 The information is provided for general information	Tax on distributed income (dividend income) Acquired before 1 April 2023	Taxed in the hands of unitholders at applicable rate under the provisions of the Income-tax Act, 1961 (Act) 3 and sold before 23 July 2024	Taxed in the hands of unitholders at the rate of 20% u/s 115A/ 115AD of the Act (plus applicable surcharge and health and education cess)			
only. However, in	Long term capital gains					
view of the individual nature of the implications, each investor is advised to consult his or her own tax advisors / authorised dealers with respect to the specific amount of tax and other implications arising out of his or her participation in the schemes.	Listed units (Holding period > 36 months) Unlisted units (Holding period > 36 months)	20% (plus applicable surcharge and health and education cess) with indexation benefit 20% (plus applicable surcharge and health and education cess) with indexation benefit	20% (plus applicable surcharge and health and education cess) without foreign currency benefit but with indexation benefit 10% (plus applicable surcharge and health and education cess) without foreign currency benefit and indexation benefit			
	Short term capital gains Listed/ Unlisted units (Holding period <= 36 months)	Will be taxed at the applicable rates depending upon the slab of each individual (plus applicable surcharge and health and education cess	Will be taxed at the applicable rates depending upon the slab of each individual (plus applicable surcharge and health and education cess)			
	Acquired before 1 April 2023 and sold after 23 July 2024					

Long term capital gains		
Listed units (Holding period > 12 months)	12.5% (plus applicable surcharge and health and education cess) without indexation benefit	12.5% (plus applicable surcharge and health and education cess) without foreign currency benefit and indexation benefit
Unlisted units (Holding period > 24 months)	12.5% (plus applicable surcharge and health and education cess) without indexation benefit	12.5% (plus applicable surcharge and health and education cess) without foreign currency benefit and indexation benefit
Short term capital gains Listed (Holding period <= 12 months)/ Unlisted units (Holding period <= 24 months)	Will be taxed at the applicable rates depending upon the slab of each individual (plus applicable surcharge and health and education cess)	Will be taxed at the applicable rates depending upon the slab of each individual (plus applicable surcharge and health and education cess)
Acquired on or after 1 April 2	2023	
Capital Gains on Specified Mutual Funds irrespective of period of holding (Refer Note 2)	Will be taxed at the applicable rates depending upon the slab of each individual (plus applicable surcharge and health and education cess)	Will be taxed at the applicable rates depending upon the slab of each individual (plus applicable surcharge and health and education cess)
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#### Note –

- 1. Axis Mutual Fund is a Mutual Fund registered with the Securities & Exchange Board of India and hence the entire income of the Mutual Fund will be exempt from income tax in accordance with the provisions of section 10(23D) of the Act.
- 2. Finance Act 2023 has inserted Section 50AA with effect from financial year 2023-24 which provides taxation of units of Specified Mutual Funds acquired on or after 1 April 2023. Explanation (ii) to Section 50AA of the Act provides definition of Specified Mutual Fund as under:

'Specified Mutual Fund' is defined to mean a mutual fund scheme where not more than thirty-five per cent of its total proceeds is invested in the equity shares of domestic companies. The said definition is applicable to units which are sold on or before 31 March 2025

Further, the Finance Act (No.2) 2024 has amended the definition of 'specified mutual fund' with effec from financial year 2025-26 to mean:

- (i) a mutual fund scheme which invest more than sixty five percent of its total proceeds is invested debt and money market instruments; or
- (ii) a fund which invests sixty five per cent or more of its total proceeds in units of fund referred above.

The aforesaid definition will be applicable to units which will be sold from 1 April 2025.

3. Applicable rates for individual, corporates and non-corporates are as under:

3. Applicable rates for individua	l, corporates and non-corporates a	re as under:
Particulars	Income slab	Rate of tax
Individual/ Hindu Undivided Family (HUF)/ AOP/ BOI#	Where total income for a tax year (April to March) is less than or equal to Rs 2,50,000 <sup>*</sup> (the basic exemption limit)	Nil
	Where such total income is more than Rs 2,50,000° but is less than or equal to Rs 5,00,000	5% of the amount by which the total income exceeds Rs 2,50,000*
	Where such total income is more than Rs 5,00,000° but is less than or equal to Rs 10,00,000	Rs 12,500 plus 20% of the amount by which the total income exceeds Rs 5,00,000*
	Where such total income is more than Rs 10,00,000	Rs 1,12,500 plus 30% of the amount by which the total income exceeds Rs 10,00,000
Co-operative society	Where total income for a tax year (April to March) is less than or equal to Rs 10,000	10% of the total income
	Where such total income is more than Rs 10,000 but is less than or equal to Rs 20,000	Rs 1,000 plus 20% of the amount by which the total income exceeds Rs 10,000
	Where the total income exceeds Rs 20,000	Rs 3,000 plus 30% of the amount by which the total income exceeds Rs 20,000
Co-operative society availing concessional tax rate benefit (subject to prescribed conditions) under section 115BAD of the Act	22%	
Co-operative society availing concessional tax rate benefit (subject to prescribed conditions) under section 115BAE of the Act	15%	
Domestic Corporate (where the total turnover or gross receipts of such company for financial year 2022-23 exceeds Rs 400 crores)/ Partnership firm/ LLP/ Local authority/ FPIs	30%	
Domestic company, where the total turnover or gross receipts of such company for financial year 2022-23 does not exceed Rs 400 crores	25%	
Domestic company availing concessional tax rate benefit (subject to prescribed conditions) under section	22%	

115BAA of the Act	
Domestic company engaged	15%
solely in the business of	
manufacture/ production and	
availing concessional tax rate	
benefit (subject to prescribed	
conditions) under section	
115BAB of the Act	
AOP/ BOI	30% or such higher rate of tax applicable to the individual members
	of the AOP/ BOI
Foreign Corporates	35%
FPIs	30%

\*In case of resident individuals of age 60 years or more, but less than 80 years, the basic exemption limit is Rs 3,00,000. Income between Rs 3,00,000 and Rs 500,000 will be taxable at the rate of 5%.

In case of resident individuals of age 80 years or more, the basic exemption limit is Rs 5.00,000. Income exceeding Rs 5,00,000 but less than or equal to Rs 10,00,000 will be taxable at the rate of 20%.

\*Section 115BAC of the Act provides individuals and HUFs to pay tax in respect of their total income at the following rates (default regime):

Income slab	Tax rate
Where total income for a tax year (April to March) is less	Nil
than or equal to Rs 3,00,000 (the basic exemption limit)	
Where such total income is more than Rs 3,00,000 but is	5% of the amount by which the total
less than or equal to Rs 7,00,000	income exceeds Rs 3,00,000
Where such total income is more than Rs 7,00,000 but is	Rs 20,000 plus 10% of the amount by
less than or equal to Rs 10,00,000	which the total income exceeds
	Rs 7,00,000
Where such total income is more than Rs 10,00,000 but is	Rs 50,000 plus 15% of the amount by
less than or equal to Rs 12,00,000	which the total income exceeds Rs
	10,00,000
Where such total income is more than Rs 12,00,000 but is	Rs 80,000 plus 20% of the amount by
less than or equal to Rs 15,00,000	which the total income exceeds Rs
	12,00,000
Where such total income is more than Rs 15,00,000	Rs 1,40,000 plus 30% of the amount by
	which the total income exceeds Rs
	15,00,000

4. Surcharge at the following rate to be levied in case of individual / HUF/ non-corporate non-firm unit holders:

Income	Individual/ HUF / non-corporate non-firm unit holders
(a) Above Rs 50 lakh upto Rs 1 crore (including dividend income and capital gains	10%
income under section 111A, 112 and 112A of the Act)	
(b) Above Rs 1 crore upto Rs 2 crores (including dividend income and capital	15%
gains income under section 111A, 112 and 112A of the Act)	
(c) Above Rs 2 crores upto Rs 5 crores [ excluding dividend income (dividend	25%
received from domestic companies only) and capital gains income under	
section 111A, 112 and 112A of the Act]	

(d) Above Rs 5 crores [excluding dividend income (dividend received from	
domestic companies only) and capital gains income under section 111A, 112	
and 112A of the Act)	
(e) Above Rs 2 crores [including dividend income (dividend received from	15%
domestic companies only) and capital gains income under section 111A, 112	
and 112A of the Act)] but not covered in point (c) and (d) above	

\*Surcharge rate shall not exceed 25% in case of individual and HUF opting for new tax regime under section 115BAC of the Act.

#### 5. Surcharge rates for Companies

Total Income	Rate of Domestic	Surcharge companies*	for		Surcharge mpanies	for
Above Rs 1 crore upto Rs 10 crores	7%			2%		
Above Rs 10 crores	12%			5%		

\*Surcharge rate shall be 10% in case resident companies opting taxation under section 115BAA and section 115BAB on any income earned.

In case of firm with total income exceeding Rs.1 crore, surcharge rate shall be 12%.

- 6. Health and Education cess @ 4% on aggregate of base tax and surcharge.
- 7. Withholding of Taxation by Mutual Fund will be as per applicable withholding tax rate.
- 8. All the above non-resident investors may also claim the tax treaty benefits available, if any.

### For further details on taxation please refer to the clause on Taxation in the SAI.

#### G. Rights of Unitholders- Please refer to SAI for details.

H. List of official points of acceptance:

For Details of official points of acceptance, please refer our website:https://www.axismf.com/statutory-disclosures.

#### I. Penalties, Pending Litigation or Proceedings, Findings of Inspections or Investigations For Which Action May Have Been Taken Or Is In The Process Of Being Taken By Any Regulatory Authority

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The Scheme under this Scheme Information Document was approved by the Trustee Company on January 18, 2021. The Trustee has ensured that the Scheme is a new product offered by Axis Mutual Fund and is not a minor modification of its existing schemes. Further, the Trustee granted its approval for the listing the Units of the Scheme in dematerialized form. It is ensured by the Trustee that the Scheme has received in-principle approval for listing on January 19, 2021 from National Stock Exchange of India Limited and that the appropriate disclosures pertaining to listing of Units is made in this Scheme Information Document.

# Notwithstanding anything contained in this Scheme Information Document, the provisions of the SEBI (Mutual Funds) Regulations, 1996 and the guidelines there under shall be applicable.

### For and on behalf of Axis Asset Management Company

Sd/-Gop Kumar Bhaskaran Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer

#### Date: November 28, 2024

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**Statutory Details:** Axis Mutual Fund has been established as a Trust under the Indian Trusts Act, 1882, sponsored by Axis Bank Ltd. (liability restricted to Rs. 1 Lakh). **Trustee:** Axis Mutual Fund Trustee Ltd. **Investment Manager:** Axis Asset Management Co. Ltd. (the AMC) **Risk Factors:** Axis Bank Limited is not liable or responsible for any loss or shortfall resulting from the operation of the scheme.

Mutual Fund Investments are subject to market risks, read all scheme related documents carefully.