

#### SCHEME INFORMATION DOCUMENT

#### Axis NIFTY IT INDEX Fund

(An open ended Index Fund tracking the NIFTY IT TRI)

This product is suitable for investors who are seeking*:	Scheme Risk-o-meter	Benchmark Risk-o-meter
<ul> <li>Long term wealth creation solution</li> <li>An index fund that seeks to track returns by investing in a basket of Nifty IT TRI stocks and aims to achieve returns of the stated index, subject to tracking error.</li> </ul>	Riskometer  Investors understand that their principal will be at Very High risk	Riskometer
	witt be at very right risk	Nifty IT TRI

<sup>\*</sup>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				
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 www.axismf.com		
Name of the 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 www.axismf.com.

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.



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	Index methodology - Disclosures regarding the index, index eligibility criteria, methodology, index	
	provider, index constituents, impact cost of the constituents	
	Principles of incentive structure for market makers (for ETFs) – Not Applicable	
	Floors and ceiling within a range of $5\%$ of the intended allocation against each sub class of asset	
	para 13.6.2 of SEBI master circular for mutual funds (only for close ended debt schemes) –	
	Other Scheme Specific Disclosures:	
	Other Details	
	In case of Fund of Funds Scheme, Details of Benchmark, Investment Objective, Investment Strateg	
	JM, Year wise performance, Top 10 Holding/ link to Top $$ 10 holding of the underlying fund should $$	
	ed – Not Applicable	
	Periodic Disclosures	
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	Transaction charges and stamp duty-	
	Associate Transactions- Please refer to Statement of Additional Information (SAI).	
	Taxation- For details on taxation please refer to the clause on Taxation in the SAI apart fro	
	owing:	
	Rights of Unitholders- Please refer to SAI for details	
	List of official points of acceptance:	
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# **SECTION I**

# Part I. HIGHLIGHTS/SUMMARY OF THE SCHEME

Sr. No.	Title	Description	
I.	Name of the scheme	Axis Nifty IT Index Fund ('the Scheme')	
II.	Category of the Scheme	Index Fund	
III.	Scheme type	An open ended Index Fund tracking the NIFTY IT TRI.	
IV.	Scheme code	AXIS/O/O/EIN/22/12/0078	
V.	Investment objective	To provide returns before expenses that corresponds to the total returns of the NIFTY IT TRI subject to tracking errors.	
		There can be no assurance or guarantee that the investment objective of the Scheme will be achieved.	
VI.	Liquidity <del>/listin</del> <del>g details</del>	The Scheme offers Units for Subscription and Redemption at NAV based prices on all Business Days on an ongoing basis. Under normal circumstances the AMC shall dispatch the redemption proceeds within three (3) working days from the date of receipt of request from the Unit holder.	
VII.	Benchmark	Benchmark: Nifty IT TRI	
	(Total Return		
	Index)	Justifications of Benchmark:	
		As the Scheme primarily invests in constituents of Nifty IT TRI & the investment objective is to generate returns in a portfolio of equity shares in the same	
		proportion as the benchmark index, the Scheme will be benchmarked	
		against the Nifty IT TRI.	
		Tier 2 Benchmark: Not Applicable	
VIII.	NAV	By 11.00 p.m. on every Business Day on AMC ( <u>www.axismf.com</u> ) and AMFI	
	disclosure	website.	
		Further Details in Section II.	
IX.	Applicable	Timeline for	
	timelines	Dispatch of redemption proceeds:  Under normal circumstances the AMC shall dispatch the redemption	
		proceeds within three (3) working days from the date of receipt of request	
		from the Unit holder.	
		Dispatch of IDCW:	
		The warrants/cheque/demand draft shall be dispatched to the Unit holders	
v	Plans and	within seven working days from the record date.	
X.	Options and	Plans Axis Nifty IT Index Fund - Regular Plan	
	Plans/Options	Axis Nifty IT Index Fund - Direct Plan	
	and sub		
	options under	Options under each plans	
	the Scheme	Growth	
		Income Distribution cum Capital Withdrawal (IDCW) (Payout and	
		Reinvestment Facility)	
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		Regular Plan is available for investors who purchase /subscribe Units in a Scheme through a Distributor.
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		Direct Plan Direct Plan is only for investors who purchase/ subscribe Units in a Scheme directly with the Fund and is not available for investors who route their investments through a Distributor.
		Eligible investors / modes for applying All categories of investors (whether existing or new Unitholders) as permitted under the Scheme Information Document of the Scheme are eligible to subscribe under Direct Plan. Investments under Direct Plan can be made through various modes offered by the Fund for investing directly with the Fund {except Platform(s) where investors' applications for subscription of units are routed through Distributors}.
		All the plans will have a common portfolio.
		Default Option/Facility The investor must clearly specify his choice of option/facility. In the absence of such clear instruction, it will be assumed that the investor has opted for 'default' option / facility and the application will be processed accordingly. The default plan/ option / facility are:
		Default Option: Growth (between Growth and IDCW) Default Facility: IDCW Reinvestment facility (between IDCW Reinvestment and IDCW Payout facility)
		For detailed disclosure on default plans and options, kindly refer SAI.
XI.	Load Structure	Entry Load: Not Applicable In accordance with para 10.4 of SEBI Master Circular on Mutual Funds as amended from time to time, there shall be no entry load.
		Exit Load:
		If redeemed / switched-out within 7 days from the date of allotment: 0.25% If redeemed / switched-out after 7 days from the date of allotment: NIL
		For more details on Load Structure, please refer paragraph "Load Structure".
XII.	Minimum Application Amount/switc	Minimum Application Amount/switch in  Rs. 100 and in multiples of Re. 1/- thereafter
	h in	Minimum application amount is applicable at the time of creation of new folio and at the time of first investment in a scheme.
XIII.	Minimum Additional Purchase Amount	Rs.100 and in multiples of Re. 1/- thereafter
XIV.	Minimum Redemption/ switch out amount	There will be no minimum redemption criterion.
XV.	New Fund Offer Period	This section does not apply to the Scheme as it has already been launched.
		The New Fund Offer opened on June 27, 2023 and closed on July 11, 2023. The units under the Scheme were allotted on July 14, 2023.



		The Scheme is now available for Subscription and Redemption at NAV based prices on all Business Days.
XVI.	New Fund	This section does not apply to the Scheme as it has already been launched.
	Offer Price	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 have provision for segregated portfolio.
XVIII	Swing pricing disclosure	The Scheme does not have provision for swing pricing.
XIX.	Stock lending/short selling	The Scheme may engage in stock lending subject to disclosure as specified in asset allocation, the Scheme shall not carry out short selling. For Details, kindly refer SAI.
XX.	How to Apply and other details	Investors can undertake transactions in the Schemes of Axis Mutual Fund either through physical, online / electronic mode or any other mode as may be prescribed from time to time.
		Physical Transactions For making application for subscription / redemption / switches, application form and Key Information Memorandum may be obtained from / submitted to the Official Points of Acceptance (OPAs) of AMC or downloaded from the website of AMC viz. www.axismf.com.
		Online / Electronic Transactions Investors can undertake transactions via electronic mode through various online facilities offered by Axis AMC / other platforms specified by AMC from time to time.
XXI.	Investor	For further details of online / electronic mode please refer SAI.  Contact details for general service requests and complaints:
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		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.
XXII	Specific attribute of the	Not Applicable



	scheme				
XXII	Special	The facilities offered	under the Scheme are	e as follows:	
I	product/facil	4 00/075144710 10 10 10	=0.T. 4.E.\ ITC		
	ity available during the	A. SYSTEMATIC INVI	ESIMENIS tic Investment Plan (SIP	1	
	NFO and on	2) Atmanirk			
	ongoing		tic Investment Plan (SIP	•	
	basis		tic Investment Plan (SIP tic Investment Plan (SIP		
			STEMATIC INVESTMENT F	•	
		B. SYSTEMATIC TRA 1) SYSTEMA	nsfers TIC Transfer Plan		
		,		ATIC TRANSFER PLAN ("CAPSTP")	
		3) FLEX - SY	STEMATIC TRANSFER PLA	an ("flex stp")	
		C. SYSTEMATIC WITH	HDRAWAL PLAN (SWP)		
		D. TRANSFER OF IN (IDCW TRANSFER		CUM CAPITAL WITHDRAWAL PLAN	
		E. SWITCHING OPTI	ONS		
		1) Inter – Sc	cheme Switching option		
		2) Intra –Sci	heme Switching option		
		F. ONLINE SCHEDULE TRANSACTION FACILITY			
		amount of SIP / SWP  1. Systematic Inve Investors shall have 28th or last date	estment Plan e an option of choosing of the Month as his	num installments / Minimum  I any date of the Month from 1st to SIP date. Minimum amount and onthly and yearly frequency under	
		SIP Facility is as follo		orining and yearly frequency orider	
		Frequency under SIP Facility	Minimum Installments	Minimum SIP amount	
		Daily	6 Installments	Rs. 100/- and in multiple of Re. 1/-	
		Weekly	6 Installments	Rs. 100/- and in multiple of Re. 1/-	
		Monthly	6 Installments	Rs. 100/- and in multiple of Re. 1/-	
		Yearly	3 Installments	Rs. 12,000/- and in multiple of Re. 1/-	
		2. Systematic Tran	sfer Plan		
		amount in one sch transfer sums at f	neme of the fund and positions of the following intervals into cheme Information Documents	nsfer Plan by investing a lumpsum providing a standing instruction to any other scheme (as may be cument of the respective schemes)	



		STP Frequency	Cycl	le Date	Minimum Amount* (in Rs.)		imum ıllment
		Daily	Monday	y To Friday	1,000/-		6
		Weekly	Monday	y To Friday	1,000/-		6
		Fortnightly		ernate nesday	1,000/-		6
		Monthly		0 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> or 25 <sup>th</sup>	1,000/-		6
		Quarterly		0 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> or 25 <sup>th</sup>	3,000/-		2
		quarterly option, Hobelow:	Weekly	Monthly	Quarterly	Half	Yearly
			Option	Option	Option	Yearly	Option
		Minimum value	Option	Option	<b>Option</b> Rs. 1,000/-	Yearly Option	Option
		Minimum value of SWP Additional amount in multiples of	Option	Option	-	_	Option
		of SWP Additional amount in multiples of Dates of SWP Installment	Any Business Day	Option	Rs. 1,000/- Re.1	_	Option
		of SWP Additional amount in multiples of Dates of SWP	Any Business	<b>Option</b> Six	Rs. 1,000/- Re.1	Option	Option
		of SWP Additional amount in multiples of Dates of SWP Installment  Minimum No of	Any Business Day Five	Six	Rs. 1,000/- Re.1 1/5/1	<b>Option</b> 0/15/25*  Four	
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## 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 Name: Darshan Kapadia

Place: Mumbai Designation: Compliance Officer



#### Part II. INFORMATION ABOUT THE SCHEME

### A. HOW WILL THE SCHEME ALLOCATE ITS ASSETS?

Under normal circumstances, the asset allocation pattern will be:

Instruments	Indicative allocations (% of total assets)		
	Minimum	Maximum	
Securities covered by Nifty IT TRI	95	100	
Debt & Money Market Instruments	0	5	

The net assets of the scheme will be invested in stocks constituting the NIFTY IT TRI. This would be done by investing in all the stocks comprising the NIFTY IT TRI in the same weightage that they represent in the NIFTY IT TRI. A small portion of the net assets will be invested in Debt and 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 index fund, change in investment pattern is normally not foreseen. However, for short durations part of the corpus may be pending for deployment, in cases of extreme market conditions, special events or corporate events, like declaration of dividend by the companies comprising the index

The gross cumulative exposure through equity, debt and money market instruments position should not exceed 100% of the net assets of the Scheme in accordance with para 12.24 of master circular as amended from time to time.

The Scheme shall not invest in Overseas securities/ADR/GDR, Derivatives, Securitized debt, REIT / InvITs, Repo in corporate debt, Corporate reverse repo, Unrated debt instruments, Credit Default Swaps, debt instruments having Structured obligations / Credit enhancements and instruments with special features as specified in para 12.2 of SEBI Master Circular for Mutual Fund. The Scheme shall not carry out short selling.

The Scheme shall adhere to the following limits should it engage in Stock Lending.

- 1. Not more than 20% of the net assets of the Scheme can generally be deployed in Stock Lending.
- 2. Not more than 5% of the net assets of the Scheme can generally be deployed in Stock Lending to any single counter party (as may be applicable).

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 vide para 12.16 of its Master Circular for mutual funds, as may be amended from time to time.

#### **Investment in Units of Mutual Fund**

The Scheme may invest up to 5% of the net assets of the Scheme in units of debt and 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.

In terms of para 3.4 of SEBI master circular for mutual funds which specifies the portfolio concentration norms as follows and as amended from time to time, shall be complied with respect to the underlying Index:

- The index has a minimum of 10 stocks as its constituents.
- No single stock in the index shall have more than 35% weight in the index.
- The weightage of the top three constituents of the index, cumulatively shall not be more than 65% of the Index.
- The individual constituent of the index shall have a trading frequency greater than or equal to 80% and an average impact cost of 1% or less over previous six months.



Sr. No.	Type of Instrument	Percentage of exposure	Circular
			references*
1.	Securities Lending and borrowing & Short Selling	<ul> <li>The Scheme shall adhere to the following limits should it engage in Stock Lending.</li> <li>1. Not more than 20% of the net assets of the Scheme can generally be deployed in Stock Lending.</li> <li>2. Not more than 5% of the net assets of the Scheme can generally be deployed in Stock Lending to any single counter party (as may be applicable).</li> <li>The Scheme shall not carry out short selling.</li> </ul>	Para 12.11 of SEBI Master Circular for Mutual Funds as amended from time to time.
2.	Tri party Repo	Allocation may be made to TREPS from any amounts that are pending deployment or on account of any adverse market situation.	-
3.	Mutual Fund Units	The Scheme may invest upto 5% of the net assets of the Scheme in units of debt and 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.	Clause 4 of Seventh Schedule of SEBI (MF) Regulations.

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	Credit default swaps
2	Overseas Securities
3	REITS and InVITS
4	Derivatives
5	Securitized Debt
6	Debt instruments with special features AT1 & AT2 Bonds
7	Credit Enhancement /Structured Obligations
8	Repo and Reverse repo in corporate debt securities

The Scheme shall not carry out short selling.

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.

### Portfolio rebalancing due to short term defensive considerations:

Due to market conditions, the AMC may invest beyond the range set out in the asset allocation. Such deviations shall normally be for a short term and defensive considerations as per para 1.14.1.2 of SEBI Master circular for Mutual Fund or as may be amended from time to time, and the fund manager will rebalance the portfolio within 7 calendar days from the date of deviation.

### Portfolio rebalancing:

In the event of deviation due to change in constituents of the index due to periodic review, in accordance with Para 3.6.7 of SEBI master circular as amended from time to time, the portfolio of the Scheme shall be rebalanced within 7 calendar days from the date of such deviation



Any transactions undertaken in the scheme portfolio in order to meet the redemption and subscription obligations shall be done while ensuring that post such transactions replication of the portfolio with the index is maintained at all points of time.

### **B. WHERE WILL THE SCHEME INVEST?**

The Scheme will invest in following instruments:

- Equity & Equity related instruments (forming part of the underlying index)
- Debt & Money Market instruments (as per asset allocation pattern)
- Short Term Deposit
- Units of debt and liquid Mutual Fund Schemes

The Scheme shall invest in any other instruments as may be permitted by SEBI/RBI from time to time in line with the investment objective of the Scheme.

Kindly refer detailed definitions and applicable regulations/guidelines for each instruments in the Section II.

### C. WHAT ARE THE INVESTMENT STRATEGIES?

The scheme follows passive investment strategy.

The Scheme would invest in stocks comprising the underlying index to track the benchmark index. The Scheme may also invest in debt and money market instruments, in compliance with Regulations to meet liquidity and expense requirements. The Scheme shall invest in stocks forming part of the underlying index in the same ratio as per the index, except to the extent of meeting liquidity and expense requirements. Events like the constituent stocks becoming illiquid in cash market, the exchange changing the constituents, a large dividend going ex but lag in its receipts, etc tend to increase the tracking error.

## **PORTFOLIO TURNOVER**

The Scheme is an open-ended scheme. It is expected that there would be a number of subscriptions and redemptions on a daily basis. 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 - Part I - 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. Hitesh Das	39 years PGDM, M.Tech, B.Tech	Total number of years of experience: 14 years, his last 10 years' experience are as follows:  Equity Research Analyst Barclays Securities India Pvt. Ltd. (January 2012 – June 2015)  Equity Research Analyst – Credit Suisse Securities (India) Pvt. Ltd.	Axis Consumption Fund Axis Equity Savings Fund Axis ESG Integration Strategy Fund Axis Flexi Cap Fund Axis Focused Fund Axis Growth Opportunities Fund Axis Multicap Fund Axis NIFTY 50 Index Fund Axis NIFTY IT ETF Axis Nifty IT Index Fund



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		(July 2011 - December 2012)	Axis Nifty500 Value 50 Index Fund
		· Equity Research	
		Analyst – Ebusinessware	
		(India) Pvt. Ltd. (February	
		2011 – June 2011)	
		· Risk Analyst – Yes Bank	
	4.7	(May 2010 – February 2011)	
Mr. Karthik	41 years	Total number of years of	Axis Arbitrage Fund
Kumar	O!:f:!:	experience: 16 years, his	Axis BSE SENSEX ETF
	Qualifications:  • M.B.A –	last 10 years' experience are as follows:	Axis BSE Sensex Index Fund
	Krannert School		Axis Equity ETFs FoF
	of	Axis Asset Management Company Limited	Axis NIFTY 100 Index Fund
	Management,	June 2019 – Till date	Axis NIFTY 50 ETF
	Purdue	SilverTree Hong Kong	Axis NIFTY 50 Index Fund
	University, USA	April 2017 – May 2019	Axis Nifty 500 Index Fund
	• C.F.A (USA)	Asiya Investment, Hong	Axis NIFTY Bank ETF
	• B.E	Kong	Axis Nifty Bank Index Fund
	(Mechanical) -	Sept 2008 – Feb 2017	Axis NIFTY Healthcare ETF
	Sardar Patel		Axis NIFTY India Consumption ETF
	College of Engg,		Axis NIFTY IT ETF
	Mumbai University		Axis Nifty IT Index Fund
	University		Axis Nifty Midcap 50 Index Fund
			Axis NIFTY Next 50 Index Fund
			Axis Nifty Smallcap 50 Index Fund
			Axis Quant Fund
			Axis Nifty 500 Value 50 Index Fund

## F. HOW IS THE SCHEME DIFFERENT FROM EXISTING SCHEMES OF THE MUTUAL FUND?

Axis NIFTY IT Index Fund, An Open Ended Index Fund tracking the NIFTY IT TRI 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. Differentiation is as follows:

a. Reference list of existing open ended equity Index funds of Axis Mutual Fund are as follows:

Sr. No.	Name of the existing scheme(s)
1	Axis Nifty IT Index Fund
2	Axis Nifty 100 Index Fund
3	Axis Nifty 50 Index Fund
4	Axis Nifty Next 50 Index Fund
5	Axis Nifty Smallcap 50 Index Fund
6	Axis Nifty Midcap 50 Index Fund
7	Axis BSE Sensex Index Fund
8	Axis Nifty Bank Index Fund
9	Axis Nifty 500 Index Fund
10	Axis Nifty500 Value 50 Index Fund

b. For detailed comparative table on 'How the Scheme is different from existing schemes of Axis Mutual Fund', please refer our website: <a href="https://www.axismf.com/statutory-disclosures">https://www.axismf.com/statutory-disclosures</a>

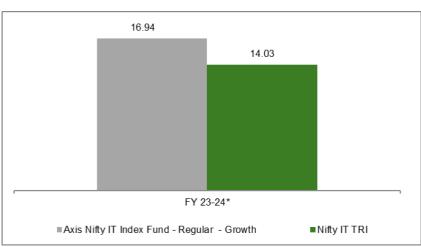


# G. HOW HAS THE SCHEME PERFORMED

Performance of Axis Nifty IT Index Fund – Regular Plan -Growth Option on September 30, 2024 is as follows

Period	Axis Nifty IT Index Fund - Regular Plan - Growth^	Nifty IT TRI
1 Year returns	33.01%	34.47%
3 Year returns	-	-
5 Year returns	-	-
Returns since Inception (14-Jul-23)	32.82%	30.74%

### Absolute Returns for Last 5 Financial Years



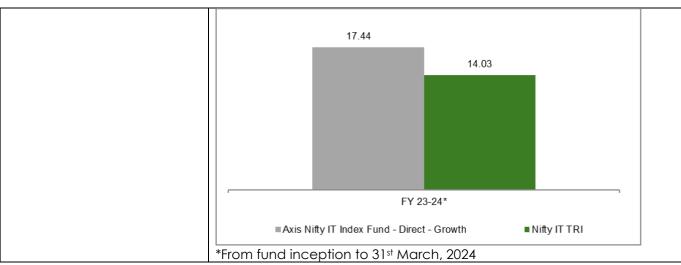
\*From fund inception to 31st March, 2024

Performance of the Axis Nifty IT Index Fund – Direct Plan – Growth Option as on September 30, 2024 is as follows:

Period	Axis Nifty IT Index Fund - Direct Plan - Growth^	Nifty IT TRI
1 Year returns	33.84%	34.47%
3 Year returns	-	-
5 Year returns	-	-
Returns since Inception (14-Jul-23)	33.67%	30.74%

Absolute returns for last 5 financial years





^Past performance may or may not be sustained in future. Returns are compounded annualized for period more than or equal to 1 year. Calculations are based on Growth Option NAVs. 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 <a href="ETFs/">ETFs/</a> index funds through a functional website link that contains detailed description 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 / Monthly/ 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: 0.17\*times \*Based on Equity, Equity derivatives and Fixed Income securities transactions only. TREPS/Repo/FD/Margin FD/MFU/SLB are not considered.

v. Aggregate investment in the Scheme by Concerned scheme's Fund Manager(s):

Sr. No.	Category of Persons(Axis Nifty IT	Net Va	lue	Market Value (In Rs.)
	Index Fund – Fund Manager(s))	Units	NAV	
1.	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 Regulations, the AMC may invest either directly or indirectly, in the Scheme during New Fund Offer or on an ongoing basis. However, the AMC shall not charge any investment management fee on such investment 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 (https://www.axismf.com/statutory-disclosures) for detailed AMC Investments in Scheme(s) of Axis Mutual Fund.



### Part III. OTHER DETAILS

### A. COMPUTATION OF NAV

The Net Asset Value (NAV) per Unit under the Scheme will be computed by dividing the net assets of the Scheme by the number of Units outstanding on the valuation day. The Mutual Fund will value its investments according to the valuation norms, as specified in Schedule VIII of the SEBI (MF) Regulations, or such norms as may be specified by SEBI from time to time.

The Net Assets Value (NAV) of the Units under the Scheme shall be calculated as shown below:

	Market or Fair Value of	+ Current Assets including	-	Current	Liabilities
NAV (Rs.) =	Scheme's Investments	Accrued Income		and Prov	risions
	No. of Units outstanding unde	r Scheme on the Valuation Day			

The NAV shall be calculated up to four decimal places. Separate NAV will be calculated and disclosed for each Option.

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 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 but are not limited to 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 following expenses will be charged to the Scheme as expenses as permitted under Regulation 52 of SEBI (MF) Regulations. For the actual current expenses being charged, the investor should refer to the website of the AMC.



Expense Head	% of daily Assets	Net
Investment Management and Advisory fees	Upto 1.00 %	
Trustee fee	1	
Audit fees		
Custodian fees		
RTA fees		
Marketing & Selling expense incl. agent commission		
Cost related to investor communications		
Cost of fund transfer from location to location		
Cost of providing account statements and IDCW 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.		
Goods & Service Tax (GST) on expenses other than investment and advisory fees		
GST on brokerage and transaction cost (over & above 12bps limit mentioned above)		
Other Expenses*		
Maximum total expense ratio (TER) permissible under Regulation 52(6)(c)	Upto 1.00%	
Additional expenses under regulation 52(6A)(c)	Upto 0.05%	

<sup>\*</sup>Any other expenses which are directly attributable to the Scheme, may be charged with the approval of the Trustee within the overall limits as specified in the Regulations except those expenses which are specifically prohibited.

All fees and expenses charged in a Direct Plan (in percentage terms) under various heads including the investment and advisory fee shall not exceed the fees and expenses charged under such heads in Regular Plan.

Direct Plan shall have a lower expense ratio excluding distribution expenses, commission, etc. and no commission for distribution of Units will be paid/ charged under Direct Plan.

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)(c) may be incurred either towards investment & advisory fees and/or towards other expense heads as stated above as and when applicable.

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

The AMC will charge the Scheme such actual expenses incurred, subject to the statutory limit prescribed in the Regulations and amendments thereto.

The recurring expenses of the Scheme (including the Investment Management and Advisory Fees) shall be as per the limits prescribed under the SEBI (MF) Regulations. It is as follows:

In case of an index fund scheme, the total expense ratio of the Scheme including the investment and advisory fees shall not exceed 1.00 per cent of the daily net assets.

The total expenses of the Scheme including the investment management and advisory fee shall not exceed the limit stated in Regulation 52(6) of the SEBI (MF) Regulations.

The AMC will charge the Scheme such actual expenses incurred, subject to the statutory limit prescribed in the Regulations.

### Expenses charged to the Scheme:



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

- (a) additional expenses, incurred towards different heads mentioned under Regulations 52(2) and 52(4), not exceeding 0.05 per cent of daily net assets of the Scheme;
- (b) GST payable on investment and advisory service fees ('AMC fees') charged by Axis Asset Management Company Limited;

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 within the maximum limit of Total Expense Ratio (TER) as prescribed under Regulation 52 of the Regulations.

- A. 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, (including on brokerage and transaction costs on execution of trades) shall be borne by the Scheme.
- (b) Investor education and awareness initiative fees of at least 1 basis points on daily net assets of respective Scheme.
- B. AMC fees charged by Axis AMC to the Scheme will be within the Total Expense Limit as prescribed by SEBI (MF) Regulations, with no sub-limit on said AMC fees.

Expenses over and above the prescribed limit shall be charged / borne in accordance with the Regulations prevailing from time to time.

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

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: Impact of Expense Ratio on Scheme's return:

Expense ratio, normally expressed as a percentage of Average Assets under Management, is calculated by dividing the permissible expenses under the Regulations by the average net assets.

To further illustrate in rupee terms the above, for the Scheme under reference, suppose an Investor invested Rs. 10,000/- (after deduction of stamp duty and transaction charges, if any) under the Growth Option, the impact of expenses charged will be as under:

Sr. No.1	Particulars	Regular Plan	Direct Plan
A.	Amount invested at the beginning of the year (Rs.)	10,000	10,000
В.	Returns before expenses (Rs.)	1,500	1,500
C.	Expenses other than the expenses mentioned in 'D' below (Rs.)	50	50
D.	Marketing & Selling expense incl. agent commission (Rs.)	150	0
E.	Returns after expenses at the end of the year (Rs.) [B – (C + D)]	1300	1450
	Returns after expenses at the end of the year (in %) [(E/A) – 1]	13%	14.5%

### Note(s):

• The purpose of the above illustration is purely to explain the impact of expense ratio charged to the Plan(s) under the Scheme and should not be construed as providing any kind of investment advice or



- guarantee of returns on investments.
- It is assumed that the expenses charged are evenly distributed throughout the year.
- The expenses of the Direct Plan of the Scheme will be lower to the extent of the distribution expenses/commission
- 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 seek appropriate advice.

#### D. LOAD STRUCTURE

Load is an amount which is 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 can contact his distributor.

Para 10.4 of SEBI Master Circular for Mutual Funds as amended from time to time 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.

Units issued on reinvestment of IDCW shall not be subject to Load. No load shall be levied on switches between options and sub-options of the Scheme.

The above mentioned load structure shall be equally applicable to the special products offered under the Scheme such as SIP, STP, SWP, etc. offered by the AMC.

Exit load charged to the investors will be credited back to the Scheme net of GST.

Investors are 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.

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

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.

The Trustee/AMC reserves the right to change the load structure subject to the limits prescribed under the Regulations. 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



The Scheme shall have a minimum of 20 Investors and no single Investor shall account for more than 25% of the corpus of the Scheme. However, if such limit is breached during the NFO of the Scheme, the Fund will endeavour to ensure that within a period of three months or the end of the succeeding calendar quarter from the close of the NFO of the Scheme, whichever is earlier, the Scheme complies with these two conditions. In case the Scheme does not have a minimum of 20 Investors in the stipulated period, the provisions of Regulation 39(2)(c) of the SEBI (MF) Regulations would become applicable automatically without any reference from SEBI and accordingly the Scheme shall be wound up and the units would be redeemed at Applicable NAV. The two conditions mentioned above shall also be complied within each subsequent calendar quarter thereafter, on an average basis, as specified by SEBI. If there is a breach of the 25% limit by any Investor over the quarter, a rebalancing period of one month would be allowed and thereafter the investor who is in breach of the rule shall be given 15 days' notice to redeem his exposure over the 25% limit. Failure on the part of the said Investor to redeem his exposure over the 25% limit within the aforesaid 15 days would lead to automatic Redemption by the Mutual Fund at the Applicable NAV on the 15th day of the notice period. The Fund shall adhere to the requirements prescribed by SEBI from time to time in this regard.



#### 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 Passive investments strategy

The Scheme will be a passively managed scheme providing exposure to constituents of NIFTY IT TRI and tracking its performance and yield, before expenses,. 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.

### **Tracking Error Risk:**

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, the fees and expenses of the Scheme, corporate actions, cash balance, 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:

- 1. Delay in purchase or non-availability of underlying securities forming part of the index.
- 2. Delay in liquidation of securities which have been removed by the Index.
- 3. Difference in valuation of underlying securities by the Index Provider and AMC's valuation providers.
- 4. Expenditure incurred by the Fund.
- 5. Available funds may not be invested at all times as the Scheme may keep a portion of the funds in cash to meet Redemptions, or corporate actions or otherwise.
- 6. Securities trading may halt temporarily due to circuit filters.
- 7. Corporate actions such as debenture or warrant conversion, rights issuances, mergers, change in constituents etc.
- 8. Rounding-off of the quantity of securities/shares in the underlying index.
- 9. Interest payout.
- 10. Index providers undertake a periodical review of the securities/scrips that comprise the underlying index and may either drop or include new securities/scrips.

In such an event, the Fund will try to reallocate its portfolio but the available investment/ reinvestment opportunity may not permit absolute mirroring 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:**

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.

#### Risk pertaining to Nifty IT TRI

NIFTY IT TRI comprises of 10 stocks. Equities are volatile in nature and are subject to price fluctuations on a daily basis. The volatility in the value of the equity instruments is due to various micro and macroeconomic factors affecting the securities markets. This may have an adverse impact on individual securities /sector



and consequently on the NAV of Scheme. Since this is a sectoral index, adverse risks associated with the sector will also have an impact on the performance of the Index and hence the scheme.

### Risks associated with investments in Equity and Equity related securities

- Equity and equity related securities are volatile and prone to price fluctuations on a daily basis. The liquidity of investments made in the Scheme may be restricted by trading volumes and settlement periods. 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. Similarly, the inability to sell securities held in the Scheme portfolio would result at times, in potential losses to the Scheme, should there be a subsequent decline in the value of securities held in the Scheme portfolio. Also, the value of the Scheme investments may be affected by interest rates, currency exchange rates, changes in law/policies of the government, taxation laws and political, economic or other developments which may have an adverse bearing on individual Securities, a specific sector or all sectors.
- Investments in equity and equity related securities involve a degree of risk and investors should not invest in the equity Schemes unless they can afford to take the risk of losing their investment.

### Risks associated with investments in Fixed Income Securities

**Interest-Rate Risk**: Fixed income securities such as government bonds, corporate bonds, and money market instruments run price-risk 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

### 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. 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

### Risks associated with transaction in Units through stock exchange(s)

In respect of transaction in Units of the Scheme through BSE and / or NSE, allotment and redemption of Units on any Business Day will depend upon the order processing / settlement by BSE and / or NSE and their respective clearing corporations on which the Fund has no control.

### Risks associated with Securities lending

Securities Lending is lending of securities through an approved intermediary to a borrower under an agreement for a specified period with the condition that the borrower will return equivalent securities of the same type or class at the end of the specified period along with the corporate benefits accruing on the securities borrowed.



The risks in lending portfolio securities, as with other extensions of credit, consist of the failure of another party, to comply with the terms of agreement entered into between the lenders of securities i.e. any scheme and the approved intermediary/counterparty. Such failure to comply can result in the possible loss of rights in the collateral put up by the borrower of the securities, the inability of the approved intermediary/counterparty to return the securities deposited by the lender and the possible loss of any corporate benefits accruing to the lender from the securities deposited with the approved intermediary. The Scheme may not be able to sell such lent securities and this can lead to temporary illiquidity.

### 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 Nifty IT TRI 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.

Investments in equity securities and money market securities carry various risks such as inability to sell securities, trading volumes and settlement periods, interest rate risk, liquidity risk, default risk, reinvestment risk etc. Whilst such risks cannot be eliminated, they may be mitigated by diversification.

In order to mitigate the various risks, the portfolio of the Scheme will be constructed in accordance with the investment restriction specified under the Regulations which would help in mitigating certain risks relating to investments in securities market.

The AMC has incorporated adequate safeguards to manage risk in the portfolio construction process. Risk control would involve managing risk in order to keep it in line with the investment objective of the Scheme.

### Risk control and mitigation measures

## **Equity and Equity related instruments**

**Market Risk**: Equity and Equity related securities by nature are volatile and prone to price fluctuations on a daily basis due to both macro and micro factors.

Mitigation - Market risk is a risk which is inherent to an equity scheme. The scheme will try to reduce the market risk by undertaking active portfolio management as per the investment objective.

**Liquidity risk:** The liquidity of investments made in the Scheme may be restricted by trading volumes and settlement periods

Mitigation- As such the liquidity of stocks that the scheme invests into could be relatively low. The scheme will try to maintain a proper asset-liability match to ensure redemption / Maturity payments are made on time.

**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.

### **Debt & 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**

Tracking error is a measure of the difference in returns from the Scheme and the returns from the index. It is computed as the standard deviation of the difference between the daily returns of the underlying benchmark and the NAV of the Scheme on an annualized basis.

Tracking error could be the result of a variety of factors including but not limited to:

- Delay in the purchase or sale of stocks within the benchmark due to:
  - Illiquidity in the stock
  - o Delay in realization of sale proceeds
- The Scheme may buy or sell the stocks comprising the index at different points of time during the trading session at the then prevailing prices which may not correspond to its closing prices.
- The potential for trades to fail, which may result in the Scheme not having acquired the stocks at a price necessary to track the benchmark price.
- The holding of a cash position and accrued income prior to distribution of income and payment of accrued expenses.
- Disinvestments to meet redemptions, recurring expenses, IDCW payouts etc.
- Execution of large buy / sell orders
- Transaction cost and recurring expenses
- Delay in realization of Unit holders' funds
- Levy of margins by exchanges

The Scheme will endeavor to minimize the tracking error by:

- Rebalancing of the portfolio.
- Setting off of incremental subscriptions against redemptions.

The tracking error i.e. the annualised standard deviation of the difference in daily returns between Nifty IT TRI and the NAV of scheme based on past one year rolling over data shall not exceed 2% or as may be prescribed by regulations from time to time.

In case of unavoidable circumstances in the nature of force majeure which are beyond the control of the



AMCs, the tracking error may exceed 2% or as may be prescribed by regulations from time to time.

Under normal circumstances, such tracking errors are not expected to exceed 2% p.a. for daily 12 month rolling return. However, in case of events like, dividend received from underlying securities, rights issue from underlying securities and market volatility during rebalancing of the portfolio following the rebalancing of the underlying index, etc. or in abnormal market circumstances, the tracking error may exceed the above limits. There can be no assurance or guarantee that the Scheme will achieve any particular level of tracking error relative to performance of the Index.

### <u>Tracking difference:</u>

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. <u>Information about the scheme:</u>

### A. Where will the scheme invest -

The corpus of the Scheme will be invested in Equity & Equity related instruments forming part of the constituents of the underlying index. The scheme will track Nifty IT TRI 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 IT TRI the relevant investment decision will be determined considering the composition of Nifty IT TRI.

The scheme would invest in stocks comprising the underlying index. The Fund may also invest in Debt Instruments, Money Market Instruments in compliance with Regulations to meet liquidity and expense requirement.

## **Equity Instruments**

- 1. Equity share is a security that represents ownership interest in a company.
- 2. <u>Equity Related Instruments</u> are securities which give the holder of the security right to receive Equity Shares on pre agreed terms. It includes convertible bonds, convertible debentures, equity warrants, convertible preference shares, etc. The Scheme shall invest in Equity shares of constituents of Nifty IT TRI, however it may be entitled to and receive Equity Related instruments of such entities by way of corporate action

### **Debt & Money Market Instruments**

### Certificate of Deposit (CD)

Certificate of Deposit 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 Fls, maturity is one year to 3 years from the date of issue.

# Commercial Paper (CP)

Commercial Paper 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-Bills)

Treasury 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, corporate debt securities, 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 have fixed or floating rate coupon. 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.

The Scheme may also invest in the non-convertible part of convertible debt securities.

### <u>Units of mutual fund schemes</u>

The scheme may invest in units of debt and 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

## **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 under para 12.16 of its Master Circular for mutual funds, as may be amended from time to time.as may be amended from time to time.

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 and of any maturity.

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

The Fund Manager may invest in any other security 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. 81,94,730.225 cr as on May 09, 2022(State Govt securities - Rs 42,19,393.100 cr, (as on Mar'22) 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?

Pursuant to Regulations, specifically the Seventh Schedule and amendments thereto, the following investment restrictions are currently applicable to the Scheme:

1. The Mutual Fund under all its Scheme(s) shall not own more than ten per cent of any company's paid up capital carrying voting rights.

Provided, investment in the asset management company or the trustee company of a mutual fund shall be governed by clause (a), of sub-regulation (1), of regulation 7B.

2. No mutual fund scheme shall invest more than 10 per cent of its NAV in the equity shares or equity related instruments of any company:

Provided that, the limit of 10 per cent shall not be applicable for investments in case of index fund or exchange traded fund or sector or industry specific scheme

All investments by a mutual fund scheme in equity shares and equity related instruments shall only be made provided such securities are listed or to be listed.

- 3. The scheme shall not invest more than:
  - a. 10% of its NAV in debt and money market securities rated AAA; or
  - b. 8% of its NAV in debt and money market securities rated AA; or
  - c. 6% of its NAV in debt and money market securities rated A and below issued by a single issuer.

The above investment limits may be extended by up to 2% of the NAV of the scheme with prior approval of the Board of Trustees and Board of Directors of the AMC, subject to compliance with the overall 12% limit specified in clause 1 of Seventh Schedule of MF Regulation.

The long term rating of issuers shall be considered for the money market instruments. However, if there is no long term rating available for the same issuer, then based on credit rating mapping of CRAs between short term and long term ratings, the most conservative long term rating shall be taken for a given short term rating. Exposure to government money market instruments such as TREPS on G-Sec/T-bills shall be treated as exposure to government securities.

Provided further that such limit shall not be applicable for investment in Government Securities, treasury



bills and tri-party repo on government securities and treasury bills.

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.

- 4. The Scheme may invest in other schemes of the Mutual Fund or any other mutual fund 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 Fund.
- 5. 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; except for investments by equity-oriented exchange traded funds (ETFs) and Index Funds.

Provided that, Equity oriented ETFs and Index Funds, based on widely tracked and non-bespoke indices, can make investments in accordance with the weightage of the constituents of the underlying index. However, such investments shall be subject to an overall cap of 35% of net asset value of the scheme, in the group companies of the sponsor.

- d. 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 with the guidelines issued Para 12.30 of SEBI Master circular for 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.

Provided that the Mutual Fund may engage in securities lending and borrowing specified by SEBI.

Provided further that sale of government security already contracted for purchase shall be permitted in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India 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 vide para 12.16 of its Master Circular for mutual funds, as may be amended 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 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 Scheme shall not borrow except to meet temporary liquidity needs of the Scheme for the purpose of repurchase/redemption of Units or payment of interest and/or IDCW to the Unit holders.
  - Provided that the Scheme 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 month. The Scheme will comply with the other Regulations applicable to the investments of Mutual Funds from time to time.
- 12. The Mutual Fund/AMC shall make investment out of the NFO proceeds only on or after the closure of the NFO period. The Mutual Fund/ AMC can however deploy the NFO proceeds in TREPS before the closure of NFO period. However, AMCs shall not charge any investment management and advisory fees on funds deployed in TREPS during the NFO period. The appreciation received from investment in TREPS shall be passed on to investors.
  - Further, in case the minimum subscription amount is not garnered by the scheme during the NFO period, the interest earned upon investment of NFO proceeds in TREPS shall be returned to investors, in proportion of their investments, along-with the refund of the subscription amount.
- 13. In terms of para 3.4 of SEBI master circular for mutual funds which specifies the portfolio concentration norms as follows, shall be complied with respect to the underlying Index:
  - The index has a minimum of 10 stocks as its constituents.
  - No single stock in the index shall have more than 35% weight in the index.
  - The weightage of the top three constituents of the index, cumulatively shall not be more than 65% of the Index.
  - The individual constituent of the index shall have a trading frequency greater than or equal to 80% and an average impact cost of 1% or less over previous six months.

The benchmark shall be in compliance of the aforesaid norms.

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 Para 1.14 of SEBI Master Circular for Mutual Funds:

## (i) Type of a scheme

An Open Ended Index Fund tracking the NIFTY IT Index

## (ii) Investment Objective

Main Objective: To provide returns before expenses that corresponds to the total returns of the NIFTY IT TRI subject to tracking errors.

There can be no assurance or guarantee that the investment objective of the Scheme will be achieved.

Investment Pattern: Please refer to Section – I Part – II Point A 'How will the Scheme Allocate its Assets?'.

## (iii) Terms of Issue

- Liquidity provisions such as listing, Repurchase, Redemption. '(Please refer to relevant provisions on listing, repurchase, redemption in Section II Part II Point G 'Other Details').
- Aggregate fees and expenses charged to the Scheme (Please refer to Section I Part III C "Annual Scheme Recurring Expenses").
- o Any safety or guarantee net 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 comments on the proposal
- A written communication about the proposed change is sent to each Unitholder and an advertisement is 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 at least 30 calendar days to exit at the prevailing Net Asset Value without any exit load.
- **D. Index methodology** Disclosures regarding the index, index eligibility criteria, methodology, index service provider, index constituents, impact cost of the constituents.

### **ABOUT THE INDEX:**

The NIFTY IT index captures the performance of the Indian IT companies. The NIFTY IT Index comprises of 10 companies listed on the National Stock Exchange (NSE).

The NIFTY IT index is computed using free float market capitalization method with a base date of Jan 1, 1996 indexed to a base value of 1000 wherein the level of the index reflects total free float market value of all the stocks in the index relative to a particular base market capitalization value.

The base value of the index was revised from 1000 to 100 with effect from May 28, 2004.



NIFTY IT Index can be used for a variety of purposes such as benchmarking fund portfolios, launching of index funds, ETFs and structured products.

### Index Variant: NIFTY IT Total Returns Index.

### Eligibility Criteria for Selection of Constituent Stocks:

Companies should form part of NIFTY 500 at the time of review. In case, the number of eligible stocks representing a particular sector within NIFTY 500 falls below 10, then deficit number of stocks shall be selected from the universe of stocks ranked within top 800 based on both average daily turnover and average daily full market capitalisation based on previous six months period data used for index rebalancing of NIFTY 500.

Companies should form a part of the IT sector.

The company's trading frequency should be at least 90% in the last six months.

The company should have a listing history of 6 months. A company which comes out with an IPO will be eligible for inclusion in the index, if it fulfills the normal eligibility criteria for the index for a 3 month period instead of a 6 month period.

Final selection of 10 companies shall be done based on the free-float market capitalization. A preference shall be given to companies that are available for trading in NSE's Futures & Options segment at the time of final selection.

Weightage of each stock in the index is calculated based on its free-float market capitalization such that no single stock shall be more than 33% and weightage of top 3 stocks cumulatively shall not be more than 62% at the time of rebalancing.

## **Index Re-Balancing**:

Index is re-balanced on semi-annual basis. The cut-off date is January 31 and July 31 of each year, i.e. For semi-annual review of indices, average data for six months ending the cut-off date is considered. Four weeks prior notice is given to market from the date of change.

#### **Index Governance:**

A professional team manages all NSE indices. There is a three-tier governance structure comprising the Board of Directors of NSE Indices Limited, the Index Advisory Committee (Equity) and the Index Maintenance Sub-Committee.

## Constituents of Nifty IT Index as on September 30, 2024

ISIN	Security	Weightage (%)	Impact Cost
INE591G01017	COFORGE LTD.	4.59	0.03
N IFO (0 4 0 1 0 0 7	HCL TECHNOLOGIES	10.40	0.00
INE860A01027	LTD.	10.48	0.02
INE009A01021	INFOSYS LTD.	27.20	0.02
INE214T01019	LTIMINDTREE LTD.	5.70	0.03
INE010V01017	L&T TECHNOLOGY SERVICES LTD.	1.44	0.04
INE356A01018	MPHASIS LTD.	3.35	0.03
INE262H01021	PERSISTENT SYSTEMS LTD.	5.71	0.04
INE467B01029	TATA CONSULTANCY SERVICES LTD.	24.10	0.02



	TECH MAHINDRA		
INE669C01036	LTD.	9.88	0.03
INE075A01022	WIPRO LTD.	7.55	0.03

Performance of Index - GRAPH

#### **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. It maintains over 80 equity indices comprising broad-based benchmark indices, sectoral indices and customised indices.

For complete methodology, please refer <a href="https://www.niftyindices.com/Methodology/Method">https://www.niftyindices.com/Methodology/Method</a> NIFTY Equity Indices.pdf

- E. Principles of incentive structure for market makers (for ETFs) Not Applicable
- F. Floors and ceiling within a range of 5% of the intended allocation against each sub class of asset, as per para 13.6.2 of SEBI master circular for mutual funds (only for close ended debt schemes) Not Applicable
- G. Other Scheme Specific Disclosures:

Listing and transfer of units	Listing The Scheme is an open ended scheme under which Sale and Repurchase will be made on a continuous basis and therefore listing on stock exchanges is not envisaged. However, the Trustee reserves the right to list the Units as and when considered necessary in the interest of Unit holders of the Fund.
Dematerialization of	Transferability of units:  Units unless otherwise restricted or prohibited shall be freely transferable by act of parties or by operation of law. Transfer of units will be subject to submission of valid documents and fulfillment of the eligibility requirements by the unitholder/investor as stated under AMFI best Practice guideline No.135/BP/ 116 /2024-25 dated August 14, 2024 and AMC internal processes, if any.  Investors shall have an option to receive allotment of Mutual Fund units in their
units	demat account while subscribing to the Scheme in terms of the guidelines/procedural requirements as laid by the Depositories (NSDL/CDSL) from time to time.
	Investors desirous of having the Units of the Scheme in dematerialized form should contact the ISCs of the AMC/Registrar.
	Where units are held by investor in dematerialized form, the demat statement issued by the Depository Participant would be deemed adequate compliance with the requirements in respect of dispatch of statements of account.
	In case investors desire to convert their existing physical units (represented by statement of account) into dematerialized form or vice versa, the request for conversion of units held in physical form into Demat (electronic) form or vice versa should be submitted along with a Demat/Remat Request Form to their Depository Participants. In case the units are desired to be held by investor in dematerialized form, the KYC performed by Depository Participant shall be considered compliance of the applicable SEBI norms.
	Further, demat option shall also be available for SIP transactions. Units will be



	allotted based on the applicable NAV as per Scheme Information Document and will be credited to investors Demat Account as per the settlement calendar.
	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 Depository Participant 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.
	For details, Investors may contact any of the Investor Service Centres of the AMC.
Minimum Target amount	Not Applicable
Maximum Amount to be raised (if any)	Not Applicable
Dividend Policy (IDCW)	Under the IDCW option, the Trustee will have the discretion to declare the IDCW, subject to availability of distributable surplus calculated in accordance with the Regulations. The actual declaration of IDCW and frequency will inter-alia, depend on availability of distributable surplus calculated in accordance with SEBI (MF) Regulations and the decisions of the Trustee shall be final in this regard. There is no assurance or guarantee to the Unit holders as to the rate of IDCW nor that it will be paid regularly.
	The AMC/Trustee reserves the right to change the frequency of declaration of IDCW or may provide for additional frequency for declaration of IDCW.
	<ul> <li>IDCW Distribution Procedure</li> <li>In accordance with Chapter 11 of SEBI Master Circular for Mutual Funds as amended from time to time, the procedure for distribution would be as under:</li> <li>1. Quantum of IDCW and the record date will be fixed by the Trustee. IDCW so decided shall be paid, subject to availability of distributable surplus.</li> <li>2. Within one calendar day of the decision by the Trustees, AMC shall issue notice to the public communicating the decision including the record date. The record date shall be two working days from the date of publication in at least one English newspaper or in a newspaper published in the language of the region where the Head Office of the mutual fund is situated, whichever is issued earlier.</li> <li>3. Record date shall be the date, which will be considered for the purpose of determining the eligibility of investors whose names appear on the register of</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Unit holders for receiving IDCW.</li> <li>4. The notice will, in font size 10, bold, categorically state that pursuant to payment of IDCW, the NAV of the IDCW option of the Scheme would fall to the extent of payout and statutory levy (if applicable).</li> <li>5. The NAV will be adjusted to the extent of IDCW distribution and statutory levy, if any, at the close of business hours on record date.</li> <li>6. Before the issue of such notice, no communication indicating the probable date of IDCW declaration in any manner whatsoever will be issued by Mutual Fund.</li> </ul>
Allotment (Detailed procedure)	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.
- In case of Unit Holders holding units in the dematerialized mode, the Fund will not send the account statement to the Unit Holders. The statement provided by the Depository Participant will be equivalent to the account statement.
- For those Unit holders who have provided an e-mail address, the AMC will send the account statement by e-mail.
- 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 and contents of the documents becoming known to third parties.
- The Unit holder may request for a physical account statement by writing/calling 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.
- In cases where the email does not reach the Unit holder, the Fund / its Registrar & 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 Registrar & Transfer Agent about any changes in his e-mail address.

#### Refund

### Ongoing Offer period:

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 remitter 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

This is an indicative list and investors shall consult their financial advisor to ascertain whether the scheme is Suitable to their risk profile.

The following persons (subject to, wherever relevant, purchase of unit of mutual funds, being permitted under respective constitutions, and relevant statutory regulations) are eligible and may apply for Subscription to the Unit of the Scheme:

- 1. Resident adult individuals either singly or jointly (not exceeding three) or on an Anyone or Survivor basis;
- 2. Hindu Undivided Family (HUF) through Karta;
- 3. Minor (as the first and the sole holder only) through a natural guardian (i.e. 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 Partnerships;
- 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 Unit 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;
- Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) / Persons of Indian origin (PIOs) / Overseas Citizen
  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; Other schemes of Axis Mutual Fund or any other mutual fund subject to the conditions and limits prescribed by SEBI Regulations;
- 16. Schemes of Alternative Investment Funds;
- 17. Trustee, AMC or Sponsor or their associates may subscribe to Units under the Scheme(s);
- 18. Such other person as maybe decided by the AMC from time to time.

Subject to SEBI (Mutual Funds) Regulations, 1996, any application for subscription of units may be rejected if the application is found to be incomplete or due to unavailability of underlying security

### Who cannot invest

- 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.
- 2. Pursuant to RBI A.P. (DIR Series) circular no. 14 dated September 16, 2003, Overseas Corporate Bodies (OCBs) cannot invest in Mutual Funds.
- 3. NRIs residing in Non-Compliant Countries and Territories (NCCTs) as determined by the Financial Action Task Force (FATF), from time to time.
- 4. U.S. Persons and Residents of Canada as defined under the applicable laws of U.S. and Canada except the following:
  - 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
- 5. Such other persons as may be specified by AMC from time to time.

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.



How to Apply and other details (where can you submit the filled up applications including purchase/redemption switches be submitted.)

Investors can undertake transactions in the Schemes of Axis Mutual Fund either through physical, online / electronic mode or any other mode as may be prescribed from time to time.

## **Physical Transactions**

For making application for subscription / redemption / switches, application form and Key Information Memorandum may be obtained from / submitted to the Official Points of Acceptance (OPAs) of AMC or downloaded from the website of AMC viz. www.axismf.com.

### Online / Electronic Transactions

Investors can undertake transactions via electronic mode through various online facilities offered by Axis AMC / other platforms specified by AMC from time to time.

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.

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.

Restrictions, if any, on the right to freely retain or dispose of units being offered.

## **Pledge of Units**

The Unit under the Scheme may be offered as security by way of a pledge / charge in favour 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 Units are pledged provides written authorisation to the Mutual Fund that the pledge / lien charge may be removed. As long as Units are pledged, the Pledgee will have complete authority to redeem such Units. IDCW declared on Units under lien will be paid / re-invested to the credit of the Unit Holder and not the lien holder unless specified otherwise in the lien letter.

### Lien on Units

On an ongoing basis, when existing and new Investors make Subscriptions, a lien on Units allotted will be created and such unit shall not be available for redemption until the payment proceeds are realised by the Scheme. In case a unit holder redeems units soon after making purchases, the redemption cheque will not be dispatched until sufficient time has elapsed to provide reasonable assurance that cheques or drafts for Units purchased have been cleared.

In case the cheque / draft is dishonoured by the bank, the transaction shall be reversed and the Units allotted earlier shall be cancelled, and a fresh Account



Statement / Confirmation slip shall be dispatched to the Unit holder. For NRIs, the Scheme may mark a lien on Units in case documents which need to be submitted are not given in addition to the application form and before the submission of the redemption request. However, the AMC reserves the right to change operational guidelines for lien on Units from time to time.

## 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 Para 1.12 of SEBI Master Circular on Mutual Funds as amended from time to time 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:

- a) **Liquidity issues:** when market at large becomes illiquid affecting almost all securities rather than any issuer specific security;
- 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;
- c) **Operational issues:** when exceptional circumstances are caused by force majeure, unpredictable operational problems and technical failures (e.g. a black out).

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.

When restriction on / suspension of redemption of Units of the Scheme is imposed, the following procedure shall be applied:

- i. No redemption / switch-out requests up to Rs. 2 lakhs shall be subject to such restriction.
- 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 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 subscriptions/ redemptions/ switches

This is the time before which your application (complete in all respects) should reach the official

# Subscriptions/Purchases including Switch - ins:

The following cut-off timings shall be observed by the Mutual Fund in respect of purchase of units of the Scheme and the following NAVs shall be applied for such purchase:

- 1. where the application is received upto 3.00 pm on a Business day and funds are available for utilization before the cut-off time the closing NAV of the Business day shall be applicable;
- 2. where the application is received after 3.00 pm on a Business day and funds are available for utilization on the same day or before the cut-off time of the next Business Day the closing NAV of the next Business Day shall be applicable;



points of acceptance.	3. irrespective of the time of receipt of application, where the funds are not available for utilization before the cut-off time - the closing NAV of Business day on which the funds are available for utilization shall be applicable.
	For determining the applicable NAV for allotment of units in respect of purchase / switch in the Scheme, it shall be ensured that:  i. Application is received before the applicable cut-off time.
	<ul><li>ii. Funds for the entire amount of subscription/purchase as per the application are credited to the bank account of the Scheme before the cut-off time.</li><li>iii. The funds are available for utilization before the cut-off time.</li></ul>
	The aforesaid provisions shall also be applicable to systematic transactions like Systematic Investment Plan, Systematic Transfer Plan, etc offered by scheme.
	Redemptions including Switch - outs:
	The following cut-off timings shall be observed by the Mutual Fund in respect of Repurchase of units:
	a. where the application received upto 3.00 pm – closing NAV of the day of receipt of application; and
	b. an application received after 3.00 pm – closing NAV of the next Business Day.
	The above mentioned cut off timing shall also be applicable to transactions through the online trading platform.
	In case of Transaction through Stock Exchange Infrastructure, the Date of Acceptance will be reckoned as per the date & time; the transaction is entered in stock exchange's infrastructure for which a system generated confirmation slip will be issued to the investor.
Ongoing price for	At the Applicable NAV
subscription (purchase)/switch-in (from other schemes/plans of the mutual fund) by investors.	Para 10.4 of Master Circular for Mutual Funds has decided that there shall be no Entry Load for all Mutual Fund schemes has decided that there shall be no entry Load for all Mutual Fund Schemes. Hence, no entry load is levied for subscription transactions by the Scheme.
This is the price you need to pay for purchase/switch-in.	Methodology of calculating subscription price: Subscription Price = Applicable NAV*(1+Entry Load, if any) Example: If the Applicable NAV is Rs. 10, Entry Load is NIL then the subscription price will be: = Rs. 10* (1+NIL) = Rs. 10
Ongoing price for redemption (sale) /switch outs (to other	At the Applicable NAV subject to prevailing Exit Load.
schemes/plans of the Mutual Fund) by investors.	Ongoing price for redemption /Switch out (to other Schemes/Plans of the Mutual Fund) is price which a Unit holder will receive for redemption/Switch-outs. During the continuous offer of the Scheme, the Unit holder can redeem the Units at Applicable NAV, subject to payment of Exit Load, if any.
This is the price you will receive for redemptions/switch outs.	Methodology of calculating repurchase price: Redemption Price = Applicable NAV*(1-Exit Load, if any) Example: If the Applicable NAV is Rs. 10, Exit Load is 2% then redemption price will be:



	= Rs. 10* (1-0.02) = Rs. 9.80	
	Investors/Unit holders should note that the AMC/Trustee has right to modify existing Load structure and to introduce Loads subject to a maximum limits prescribed under the SEBI Regulations.	
	Any change in Load structure will be effective on prospective basis and will not affect the existing Unit holder in any manner.	
	However, the Mutual Fund will ensure that the Redemption Price will not be lower than 95% of the Applicable NAV. The Purchase Price shall be at applicable NAV.	
Minimum amount for	Refer Section I – Part I for Minimum amount for purchase/redemption/switches.	
purchase /	Minimum Redemption Amount/Switch Out	
redemption / switches	There will be no minimum redemption criterion. The Redemption / Switch-out would be permitted to the extent of credit balance in the Unit holder's account of the Plan(s) / Option(s) of the Scheme (subject to completion of Lock-in period or release of pledge / lien or other encumbrances). The Redemption / Switch-out request can be made by specifying the rupee amount or by specifying the number of Units of the respective Plan(s) / Option(s) to be redeemed. In case a Redemption / Switch-out request received is for both, a specified rupee amount and a specified number of Units of the respective Plan(s)/ Option(s), the specified number of Units will be considered the definitive request.	
	In case of Units held in dematerialized mode, the Unit Holder can give a request for Redemption only in number of Units which can be fractional units also. Depository participants of registered Depositories can process only redemption request of units held in demat mode.	
Accounts Statements	The AMC/ Trustee reserves the right to change/ modify the terms of minimum redemption amount/switch-out.  The AMC shall send an allotment confirmation specifying the units allotted by way of email and/or SMS within 5 working days of receipt of valid application/transaction to the Unit holders registered e-mail address and/ or mobile number (whether units are held in demat mode or in account statement form).	
	A Consolidated Account Statement (CAS) detailing all the transactions across all mutual funds (including transaction charges paid to the distributor) and holding at the end of the month shall be sent to the Unit holders in whose folio(s) transaction(s) have taken place during the month by mail or email on or before 15th of the succeeding month.	
	Half-yearly CAS shall be issued at the end of every six months (i.e. September/March) on or before 21st day of succeeding month, to all investors providing the prescribed details across all schemes of mutual funds and securities held in dematerialized form across demat accounts, if applicable	
	For further details, refer SAI.	
Dividend/ IDCW	The payment of dividend/IDCW to the unitholders shall be made within seven working days from the record date.	
	The AMC shall be liable to pay interest to the Unit holders at 15% p.a. or such other rate as may be prescribed by SEBI from time to time, in the event of failure of despatch of dividend payments within the stipulated time period calculated from the record date.	



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
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. 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 / dividend	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.
, aividend	The AMC shall 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 Redemption / Repurchase proceeds are not made within three (3) working Days of the date of Redemption / Repurchase.
	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.
	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.



Disclosure w.r.t investment by minors	<ul> <li>Following is the process for investments made in the name of a Minor through a Guardian: -</li> <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 details including cancelled original cheque leaf of the new 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>
Any other disclosure	NIL
in terms of	
Consolidated	
Checklist on	
Standard	
Observations	



## 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

Monthly	and	Half
yearly Di	isclos	ures:
Portfolio		/
Financia	l Resu	ılts

The AMC will disclose the portfolio of the Scheme (alongwith ISIN) as on the last day of the month / half year on the website of the Mutual Fund and AMFI within 10 days from the close of each month/ 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.

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.

## Half Yearly Results

For details, please refer our website: <a href="https://www.axismf.com/statutory-disclosures">https://www.axismf.com/statutory-disclosures</a>

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

For details, please refer our website: https://www.axismf.com/statutory-disclosures

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 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.  For details, please refer our website: <a href="https://www.axismf.com/statutory-disclosures">https://www.axismf.com/statutory-disclosures</a>
Risk-o-meter	The AMC shall review Riskometers on a monthly basis based on evaluation of risk level of Scheme's month end portfolios. Changes in Riskometers, if any, shall be communicated by way of Notice cum Addendum. Investors may also refer to the website/portfolio disclosure for the latest Riskometers.
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.  For details, please refer our website: <a href="https://www.axismf.com/statutory-disclosures">https://www.axismf.com/statutory-disclosures</a>
Tracking Error and Tracking Difference	Tracking Error - 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 Scheme shall also disclose the tracking difference i.e. the annualized difference of daily returns between the underlying Index 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.
Any disclosure in	NIL
terms of	
consolidated checklist of	
standard	
observations	

### C. Transparency/NAV Disclosure

The NAVs will be calculated and disclosed on all the Business Days. The AMC shall update the NAVs on the website Association of Mutual Funds in India - AMFI (www.amfiindia.com) before 11.00 p.m. on every Business Day and shall also update the NAVs on the website of AMC (www.axismf.com) for a given 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.

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-** For details on taxation please refer to the clause on Taxation in the SAI apart from the following:

Equity Taxation will be applicable to the Scheme. For details please refer to the clause on Taxation in SAI.

Taxation of
Equity-
Oriented
Mutual Funds
(Rates
applicable for
the Financial
Year 2024-25)

This document primarily covers taxation of units of equity oriented mutual funds (Refer Note 2). The information is provided for general information only. However, in 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.

Particulars	Taxability in the hands of Individuals / Non-corporates / Corporates		
	Resident	Non-Resident	
Tax on distributed income	Taxed in the hands of unitholders at applicable rate under the provisions of the Income-tax Act, 1961 (Act) (Refer Note 3)	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)	
Capital Gain	s		
Sold before 2	23 July 2024		
Long Term Capital Gains:	10% (plus applicable surcharge and health and education cess) without indexation	10% (plus applicable surcharge and health and education cess) without indexation	
(Held for a period of more than 12 Months)	(Refer Note 7)	(Refer Note 7)	
Short Term Capital Gains	15% (plus applicable surcharge and health and education cess)	15% (plus applicable surcharge and health and education cess)	
(Held for a period of 12 months or less)			
Sold on or af	ter 23 July 2024		
Long Term Capital Gains:	Long Term Capital Gains:  (Held for a period of more than 12 Months)	Long Term Capital Gains:  (Held for a period of more than 12 Months)	
(Held for a		.2	



more than 12 Months)		
Short Term Capital Gains (Held for a period of 12 months or less)	Short Term Capital Gains (Held for a period of 12 months or less)	Short Term Capital Gains (Held for a period of 12 months or less)

#### Notes -

- 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. An equity oriented fund has been defined as:
  - a) In case where the fund invests a minimum of 90% of the total proceeds in units of another fund, which is traded on recognized stock exchange, and such other fund also invests a minimum of 90% of its total proceeds in the equity shares of domestic companies listed on a recognized stock exchange; and
  - b) In any other case, a minimum of 65% of the total proceeds of such fund is invested in the equity shares of domestic companies listed on a recognized stock exchange.

Provided that the percentage of equity shareholding or unit held in respect of the fund, as the case may be, shall be computed with reference to the annual average of the monthly averages of the opening and closing figures.

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

Particulars	Income slab	Rate of tax
Individual/ Hindu	Where total income for a tax year (April to	Nil
Undivided Family	March) is less than or equal to Rs 2,50,000* (the	
(HUF)/ AOP/ BOI#	basic exemption limit)	
	Where such total income is more than Rs	5% of the amount by
	2,50,000* but is less than or equal to Rs 5,00,000	which the total income
		exceeds Rs 2,50,000*
	Where such total income is more than	Rs 12,500 plus 20% of the
	Rs 5,00,000* but is less than or equal to	amount by which the
	Rs 10,00,000	total income exceeds
		Rs 5,00,000*
	Where such total income is more than	Rs 1,12,500 plus 30% of the
	Rs 10,00,000	amount by which the
		total income exceeds
		Rs 10,00,000
Co-operative society	Where total income for a tax year (April to	10% of the total income
	March) is less than or equal to Rs 10,000	
	Where such total income is more than Rs	Rs 1,000 plus 20% of the
	10,000 but is less than or equal to Rs 20,000	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 115BAA of the Act	22%	
Domestic company engaged solely in the business of manufacture/ production and availing concessional tax rate benefit (subject to prescribed	15%	



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%

<sup>\*</sup>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	Nil
March) is less than or equal to Rs 3,00,000 (the	
basic exemption limit)	
Where such total income is more than Rs 3,00,000	5% of the amount by which the total income
but is less than or equal to Rs 7,00,000	exceeds Rs 3,00,000
Where such total income is more than Rs 7,00,000	Rs 20,000 plus 10% of the amount by which the
but is less than or equal to Rs 10,00,000	total income exceeds Rs 7,00,000
Where such total income is more than	Rs 50,000 plus 15% of the amount by which the
Rs 10,00,000 but is less than or equal to	total income exceeds Rs 10,00,000
Rs 12,00,000	
Where such total income is more than	Rs 80,000 plus 20% of the amount by which the
Rs 12,00,000 but is less than or equal to	total income exceeds Rs 12,00,000
Rs 15,00,000	
Where such total income is more than Rs	Rs 1,40,000 plus 30% of the amount by which the
15,00,000	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 for equity oriented mutual fund:

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



(d) Above Rs 5 crores [excluding dividend income (dividend received from domestic companies only) and capital gains income under section 111A,	37%*
(e) Above Rs 2 crores [including dividend income (dividend received from 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	15%

<sup>\*</sup>Surcharge rate shall not exceed 25% in case of individual and HUF paying tax under section 115BAC of the Act.

## 5. Surcharge rates for Companies/ firm

Total Income	Rate of Surcharge for Domestic companies*	Rate of Surcharge for Foreign Companies
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 of the Act 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 at 4% on aggregate of base tax and surcharge.
- 7. As per section 112A of the Act, long-term capital gains, exceeding Rs 1,25,000, arising from transfer of equity oriented mutual funds, shall be chargeable to tax.
- 8. The Scheme will attract securities transaction tax (STT) at 0.001% on the redemption value.
- 9. Withholding of Taxation by Mutual Fund will be as per applicable withholding tax rate.
- 10. 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: <a href="https://www.axismf.com/statutory-disclosures">https://www.axismf.com/statutory-disclosures</a>

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 at its meeting held on April 20, 2022. 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.

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

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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.