



MUTUAL FUND SCHEMES TO INVEST IN

Here's a list of schemes that made it to Mint50. The returns are across time periods, but equity investors would do well to focus at five- and 10-year returns to see if the fund is still ahead. The expense ratio tells you how much of your money you lose to charges each year. The turnover ratio indicates the extent of buying and selling of shares by a fund manager. Finally, our take on each fund.

Scheme	3-year return	5-year return	10-year return	Corpus	Expense ratio	Turnover ratio	Our view
	%			(₹ cr)	(%)	(%)	
Equity large-cap							
CORE							
Birla Sun Life-Frontline Equity	13.60	10.94	15.49	10,489.88	2.27	72	Picks in banking and technology sectors helped. Sharp fall in prices made it difficult to exit stocks which led to rise in number of stocks
Franklin Templeton-Franklin India Bluechip	10.14	8.65	13.18	6,678.17	2.19	17	Sticks to high quality companies. Infosys, HDFC Bank, Cognizant, Reliance Industries were top holdings which worked well
ICICI Prudential-Focused Bluechip Equity	12.25	10.38	NA	9,981.34	2.11	36	Fund manager follows buy and hold strategy. Rise in corpus not a worry as focus is on large companies
Kotak-50 Regular ¹	11.30	9.15	12.18	1,288.12	2.19	43	New fund manager has turned around performance. Portfolio is now more stable. Can invest up to 20% in midcaps
Kotak-Sensex ETF ^{1,2,3}	6.13	5.30	NA	9.33	0.25	NA	A good way to invest in equity markets if you wish to avoid fund manager's risk and instead mimic market returns
SBI-ETF Nifty 50 ^{2,3}	NA	NA	NA	3,399.71	0.07	NA	Scheme is passively managed. Pension fund as largest investor and low expense ratio bode well
SBI-Magnum Equity ¹	11.81	10.00	13.82	1,281.01	2.18	89	Has been adding high beta stocks over the past few months. Increased exposure to financials and energy stocks
UTI-Nifty Index ²	7.43	5.83	9.66	295.59	0.21	NA	Has a low expense ratio compared to most passively managed funds. Aims to mimic the index
SATELLITE							
HDFC-Top 200	8.34	6.96	13.49	12,487.79	2.26	45	Doesn't hug index, but follows closely. Portfolio repositioning hasn't yet yielded results. Pause lump sum investments; continue SIPs
UTI-Opportunities	9.18	9.01	11.97	5,010.68	2.29	40	Underperformed its benchmark in 2015. Stock selection in banking, energy and mid-caps hurt portfolio. Long-term performance intact
Category average	7.83	6.31	10.26				
S&P BSE 100	7.13	5.53	9.78				
Equity multi-cap							
CORE							
Axis-Equity	12.82	10.06	NA	1,971.28	2.11	56	Focused on picking stocks with medium-term growth visibility. It is staying away from cyclical companies.
Franklin Templeton-Franklin India Prima Plus	16.93	13.39	15.59	6,337.11	2.30	15	Added more mid-cap companies towards 2015-end. Focuses on good brands or companies with strong market share
Goldman Sachs-Nifty Junior BeES ^{1,2,3}	13.83	9.89	12.06	101.94	1.00	NA	A good way to take exposure to companies that are waiting to break into Nifty. Passively managed
ICICI Prudential-Dynamic	12.33	9.69	14.48	5,546.54	2.07	110	Exposure to metals and capital goods sectors hit last year. Some pain still left but recovery is expected. Stay invested
ICICI Prudential-Value Discovery Regular	21.99	16.65	17.09	11,064.75	2.19	32	Though mid-cap oriented so far, scheme invests across market caps. Doesn't hesitate in straying away from benchmark
ICICI Prudential-Nifty Next 50 Index ²	13.64	10.66	NA	30.85	0.79	NA	A low-cost and good way to take exposure to companies that are waiting to break into Nifty. Passively managed
Kotak-Select Focus	17.18	12.59	NA	3,948.14	2.03	33	Performed well in upside and downside markets. Stock specific calls helped the fund tide over last year's volatility
Mirae Asset-India Opportunities	16.38	13.19	NA	1,474.26	2.39	54	A consistent performer that does well in rising and falling markets. Actively-managed portfolio; doesn't take excessive risk
SBI-Emerging Businesses ⁴	13.03	16.81	13.30	1,628.19	2.14	50	Doesn't churn much. Added selective stocks through initial public offerings. Doesn't stick to benchmark for picking stocks
SATELLITE							
HDFC-Equity	10.20	7.50	13.71	16,860.46	2.24	35	Repositioning for economic turnaround turned out to be premature. Continue SIPs but pause lumpsum investments
UTI-Equity ¹	13.64	11.09	12.74	4,721.56	2.35	21	Exposure to government-owned banks and oil and gas companies hurt performance. Mid-cap exposure came to the rescue
Category average	12.87	9.61	12.30				
S&P BSE 200	8.31	5.93	9.87				
Equity mid-cap							
CORE							
BNP Paribas-Midcap	23.82	20.01	NA	496.79	2.66	73	Prefers market leaders or challengers in an industry. Limited exposure to banks. Avoiding commodity stocks helped
HDFC-Mid Cap Opportunities	23.70	17.96	NA	10,915.09	2.26	39	Despite big size, performance and scheme texture have not faltered. This year, fund manager will shrink number of holdings
IDFC-Premier Equity	19.51	16.04	20.23	6,380.49	2.26	73	Limits inflows when fund manager thinks valuations are high. Allowed inflows in 2015, which led to higher portfolio turnover
Mirae Asset-Emerging Bluechip	28.48	22.78	NA	1,190.45	2.50	67	Follows a bottom-up stock picking approach. Although size has crossed ₹1,000 crore, it is not a worry
Religare Invesco-Mid Cap	23.22	18.22	NA	130.85	2.65	59	Being underweight in financials worked well. Holdings in Dish TV, Wonderla and LIC Housing Finance worked well
SATELLITE							
UTI-Mid Cap ¹	28.32	18.78	12.81	3,394.78	2.47	28	Steep valuations and concerns on liquidity led to adding more shares. Small-cap stock selection worked well
Category average	20.71	15.62	13.58				
S&P BSE Midcap	14.41	7.18	8.03				
Equity small-cap							
CORE							
DSP BlackRock-Micro Cap	32.50	20.77	NA	2,413.43	2.59	17	Holdings in KPR Mills, SRF and Eveready Industries helped. Given the scheme's nature, growth in size may pose challenges
L&T-Midcap	26.16	15.93	14.13	400.88	2.42	48	Fund manager has a good track record. Scheme stays true to mandate. Size gives this fund an edge, going forward
Category average	25.50	15.92	13.86				
S&P BSE Small Cap	13.22	3.55	5.32				
Equity tax planning							
CORE							
Axis-Long Term Equity	25.15	18.76	NA	6,866.63	2.00	42	Stock selection in mid-cap companies helped. Top sectors in portfolio are financials, technology and healthcare
Religare Invesco-Tax Plan	17.93	13.64	NA	257.71	2.55	42	Avoided adding mid-caps. Follows bottom-up stock selection with focus on earnings and companies that don't borrow much
SATELLITE							
ICICI Prudential-Long Term Equity Tax Saving	16.95	12.71	12.84	2,885.39	2.36	132	Good performance but frequent churning by earlier fund manager. New manager aims to make portfolio concentrated, reduce turnover
Category average	14.35	9.82	10.36				
S&P BSE 200	8.31	5.93	9.87				
Equity infrastructure							
SATELLITE							
Kotak-Infrastructure and Economic Reform Standard	16.90	9.02	NA	140.83	2.63	61	A more broad-based portfolio and slightly higher cash are the only changes from previous management
Category average	8.89	3.30	9.63				
Hybrid asset allocation							
SATELLITE							
Franklin Templeton-Franklin India Dynamic PE Ratio FoF	9.31	8.93	12.24	753.06	2.79	NA	The fund adjusts its equity-debt portion based on a formula that depends on market valuations. This is a fund of funds
Hybrid equity-oriented							
CORE							
Birla Sun Life-Balanced 95 ¹	15.13	11.68	14.47	2,301.38	2.49	181	Added more mid-caps in the portfolio. Stocks in media, aviation and engineering and construction helped performance
Edelweiss-Absolute Return ⁵	11.82	9.52	NA	521.45	2.41	-	Ignore comparing this fund with category average as it has a unique strategy to give absolute returns, while limiting downside
HDFC-Balanced	16.67	13.69	14.72	4,910.52	2.15	21	Rise in corpus and a shift towards large companies. Low churning. Fund manager will look for credit opportunities on fixed income side
HDFC-Prudence	12.59	10.43	14.73	8,484.91	2.24	30	Scheme continues to languish due to portfolio positioning. Pause lump sum investments but continue SIPs
Tata-Balanced	17.42	14.27	15.15	5,380.63	2.26	25	Staying away from oil and gas and metal sectors helped. Holdings in auto ancillaries and agriculture sectors worked
Category average	12.59	9.35	10.66				
Crisil Balanced Fund	7.81	6.93	9.45				
Hybrid debt-oriented conservative							
CORE							
Birla Sun Life-MIP II Savings 5	9.48	9.65	9.70	249.38	1.38	6.49	Equity portfolio's tilt towards mid-caps helped. Debt portion shifted to higher-rated securities in the last year
Franklin Templeton-Franklin India MIP Plan A	10.24	9.88	8.84	430.38	2.26	6.62	Follows a mix of duration (through government securities) and accrual (through lower-rated scrips)
HDFC-MIP Long Term	9.17	8.79	10.07	3,747.94	2.02	6.51	Debt side's duration is managed largely through government securities. Equity portion continues to suffer
IDFC-Monthly Income Plan	9.13	9.79	NA	262.89	2.30	4.17	Equity holdings tilt towards large-cap companies. Debt portion focuses on steady income rather than duration risk
Reliance-MIP	9.93	9.56	10.57	2,592.38	1.81	6.54	Equity portfolio is a mix of large- and mid-cap stocks. Diversification has worked. Has high-rated debt securities
UTI-Monthly Income Scheme	8.49	8.27	8.64	265.75	2.22	3.32	Tilts towards large-cap stocks. Manages fixed income portfolio actively by managing duration through government securities
Category average	8.79	8.72	8.74				
Debt short-term							
CONSERVATIVE							
ICICI Prudential-Short Term	117	418	7.36	5,229.83	1.15	3.17	Duration among the highest as fund manager expects fall in rates. Sticks to high-rated companies and government securities
Tata-Short Term Bond	1.36	3.95	7.64	4,520.82	1.10	2.25	Manages duration through government securities. Maintains credit quality in corporate bonds. Meant for conservative investors
UTI-Short Term Income	1.54	4.45	7.86	5,356.00	0.85	2.28	Core portfolio's average maturity is 1.5-2 years. Duration is actively managed. Prefers liquidity over aggressive credit calls
SATELLITE							
HDFC-Short Term	1.77	4.48	9.03	2,264.55	1.07	1.68	Managed like a credit fund with holdings in lower-rated scrips. Fund manager maintains these are of good quality
Franklin Templeton-Franklin India Short Term Income	1.39	3.89	8.18	10,051.62	1.56	2.14	Portfolio heavily tilted in favour of low-rated scrips; fund manager insists these are of high quality and will reward in long term
Category average	1.47	3.98	7.76				
Crisil Short term Bond Fund	1.58	4.02	8.2				

Data as on 25 January 2016

¹Dividend plan considered instead of growth on account of latter's history

²Passively-managed funds like index funds and exchange-traded funds aim to mimic their benchmark indices, so their outperformance or underperformance does not matter

³As this is an exchange-traded fund, demat account is necessary to buy and sell its units

⁴Although Value Research categorises this scheme as mid-cap, we think it's best classified as multi-cap given the nature of the fund

⁵Turnover ratio is not relevant as use of derivatives for hedging can make it look unreasonably high. Only a portion of the portfolio has a buy and hold strategy

⁶For the debt portion only: NR: Not rated by Value Research because the category has very few schemes; NA: Not applicable as the fund has not completed relevant time frame.

Turnover ratio for index funds and exchange-traded funds are not applicable as they are passively-managed and mimic the index.

Red flag indicates that the scheme is meant for risk-prone investors as either the scheme's strategy is risky or the fund manager manages it very aggressively.

Orange flag indicates that the scheme's strategy has been under duress for quite some time. While we continue to reaffirm our faith in it, we advise a pause in lump sum investments. Existing systematic investment plans (SIPs) may continue.

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