

State of the Market & Outlook

January 2026

The logo for Union Mutual Fund features the word "Union" in a large, bold, teal sans-serif font. A small orange arrow curves upwards and to the right, starting from the left side of the letter "U" and ending above the letter "n". Below "Union" is the phrase "Mutual Fund" in a smaller, bold, black sans-serif font.

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Backdrop

Global Equity Market Performance

Global Indices	1M Returns (%) - USD Terms	1M Returns (%) - Local Currency Terms	12M Returns (%) - USD Terms	12M Returns (%) - Local Currency Terms
MSCI World Index	0.7	0.7	19.5	19.5
MSCI Emerging Markets Index	2.7	2.7	30.6	30.6
MSCI EM Asia Index	2.8	2.8	29.9	29.9
MSCI EM BRIC USD	-1.3	-1.3	19.5	19.5
MSCI India Index	-0.7	0.0	2.9	8.1
Dow Jones Industrial Average	0.7	0.7	13.0	13.0
NASDAQ Composite Index	-0.5	-0.5	20.4	20.4
Nikkei 225	0.1	0.2	26.8	26.2
CAC 40	1.5	0.3	25.2	10.4
FTSE 100 Index	3.8	2.2	30.6	21.5
Deutsche Boerse AG German Stock Index DAX	4.1	2.7	39.1	23.0
Ibovespa Brasil Sao Paulo Stock Exchange Index	-1.4	1.3	50.9	34.0
Shanghai Shenzhen CSI 300 Index	3.5	2.3	22.9	17.7
Hang Seng Index	-0.9	-0.9	27.5	27.8
NSE Nifty 50 Index	-0.9	-0.3	5.2	10.5
NIFTY Midcap 100	-1.5	-0.9	0.6	5.7
NIFTY Smallcap 100	-1.3	-0.6	-10.2	-5.6

Source: Bloomberg, Data as of 31 Dec 2025.

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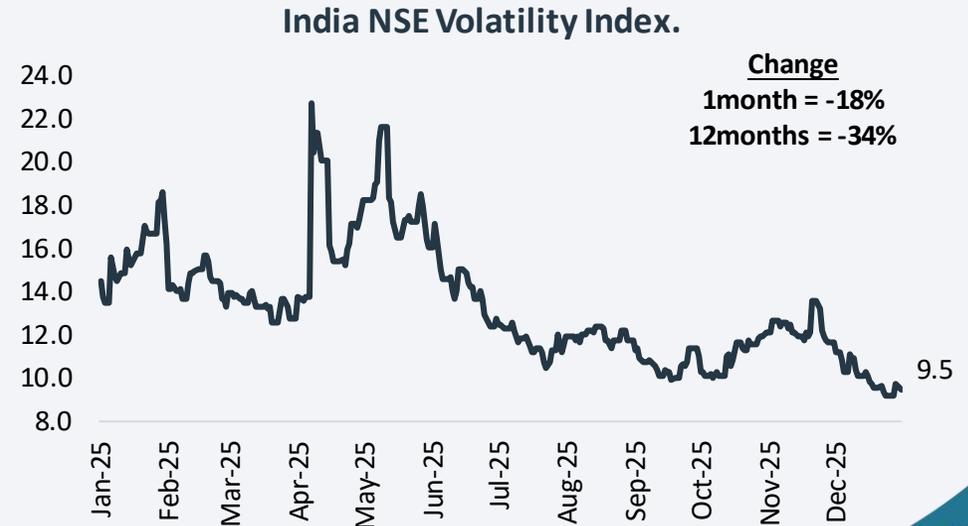
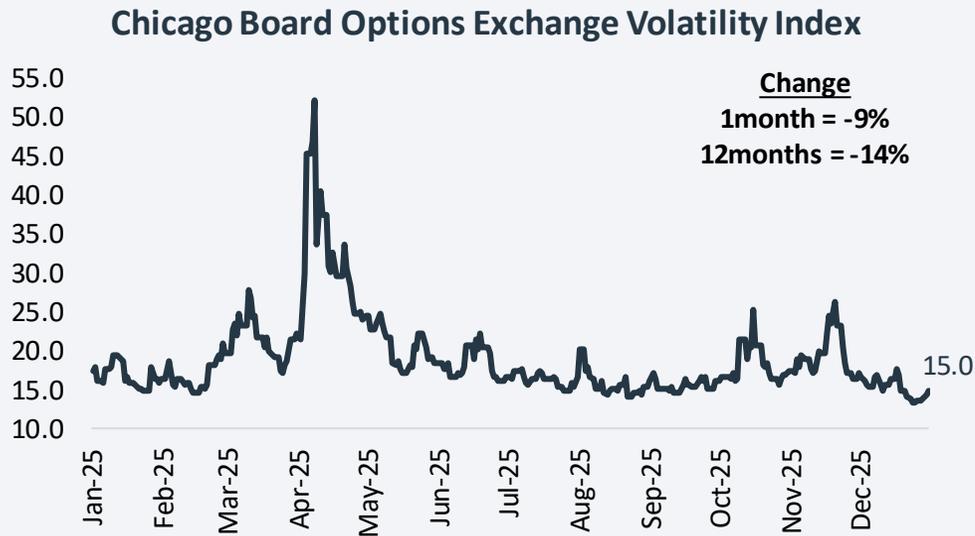
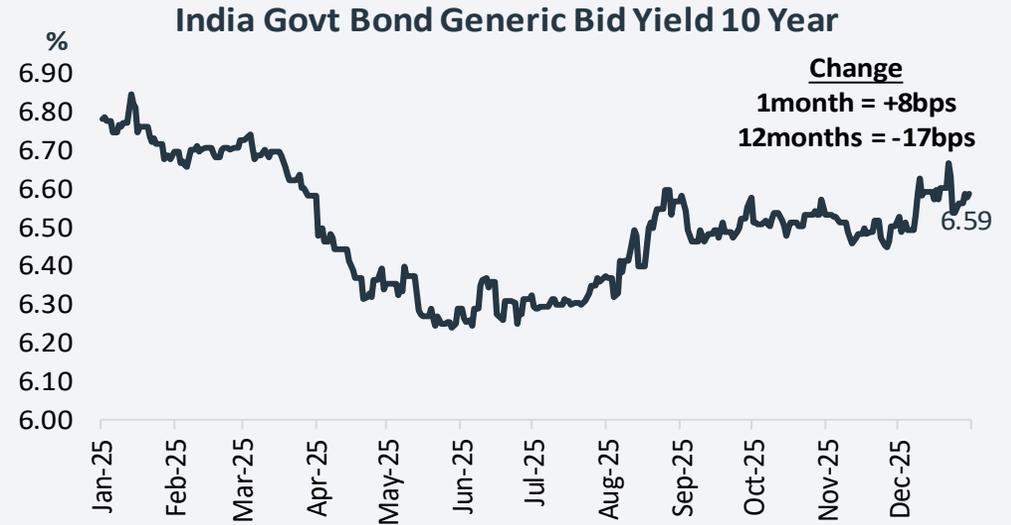
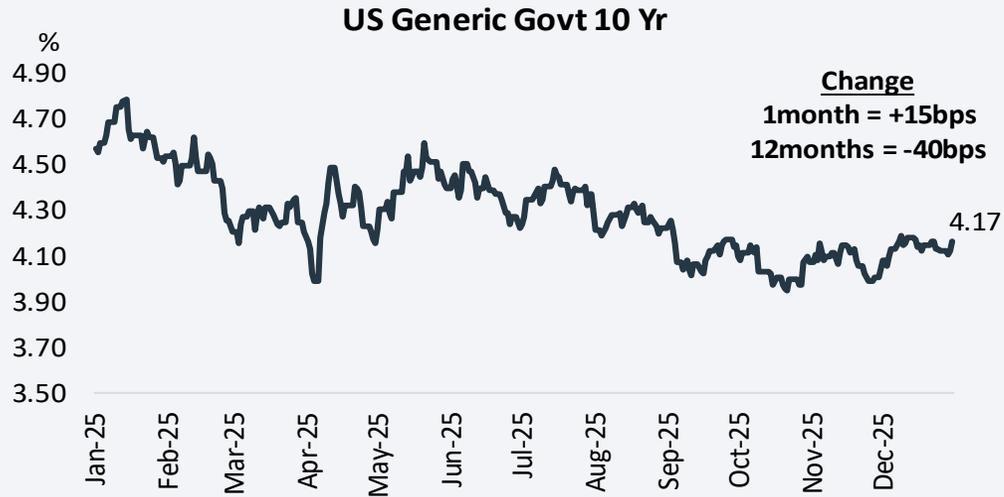
Indian Equity Market Performance

Index	MoM (%)	YoY (%)
NSE Nifty 50	-0.3	10.5
Auto	1.3	21.1
Bankex	-0.3	15.6
Capital Goods	-3.0	-1.0
Consumer Durables	-3.0	-6.9
Financial Services	-0.6	15.7
FMCG	-0.3	-2.1
Healthcare	-2.4	-3.3
Industrials	-1.3	-1.3
IT	1.2	-14.9
Metal	7.9	27.4
Oil & Gas	1.8	10.1
Realty	-3.0	-17.3
Telecom	1.9	9.6
Utilities	-1.0	-5.0

Source: Bloomberg. Note: BSE Sectoral Indices, Data as of 31 Dec 2025.

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Key Trends



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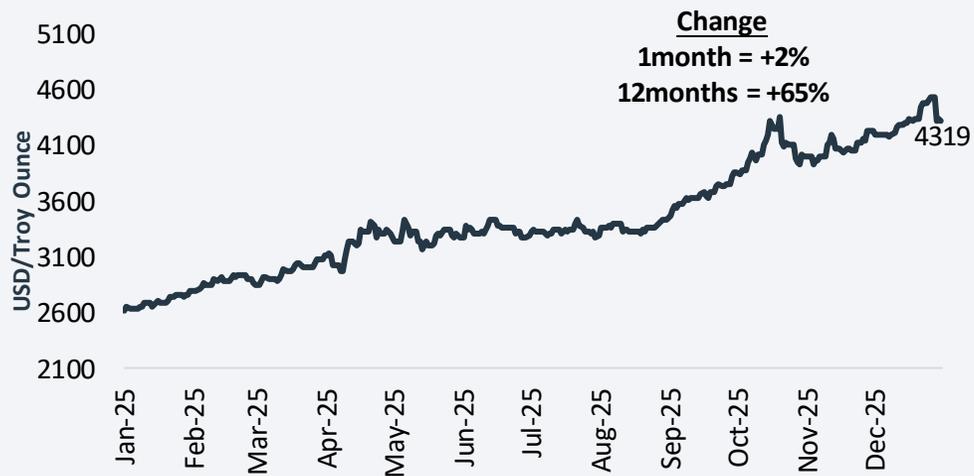
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FTSE/CoreCommodity CRB Excess Return Index



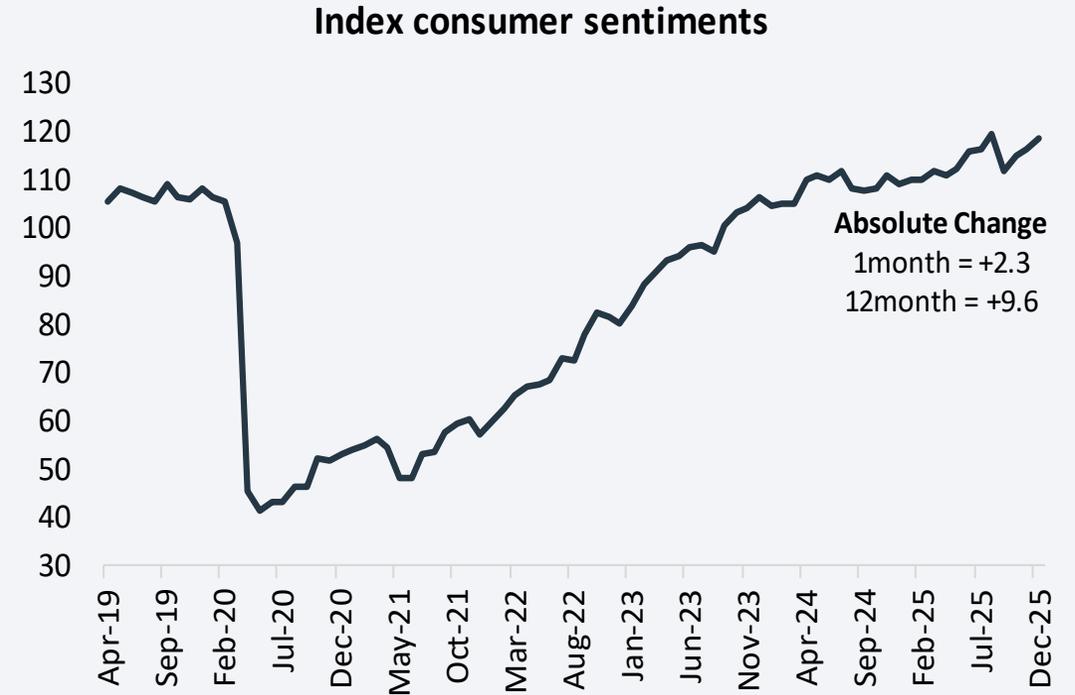
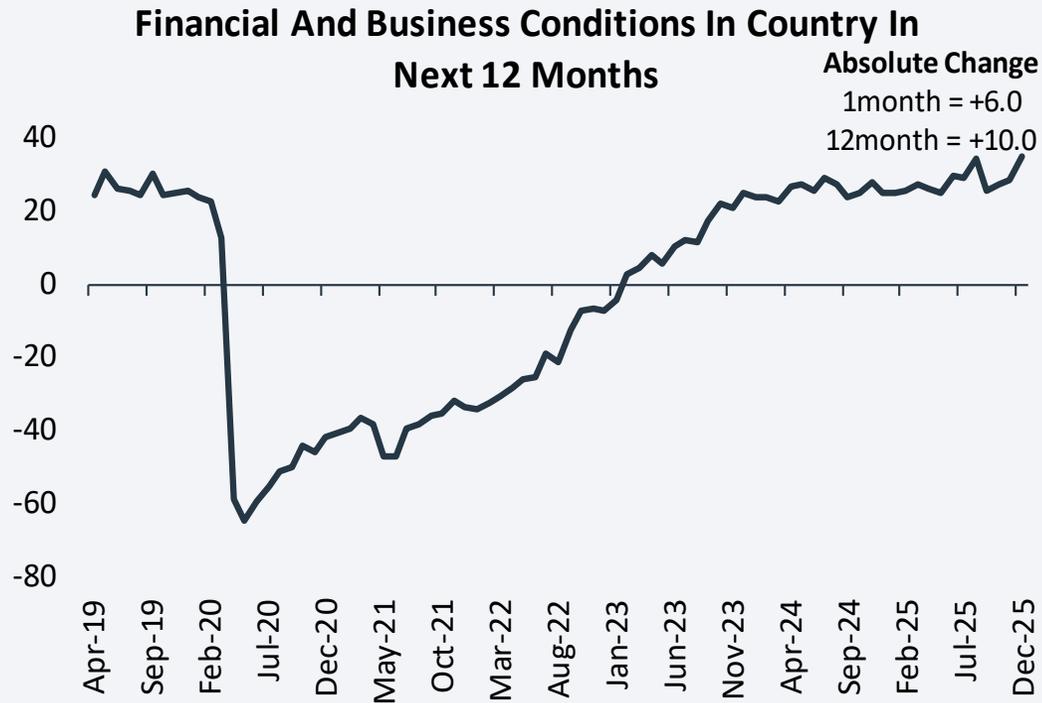
GOLD SPOT \$/OZ



DOLLAR INDEX SPOT



Indian Business Expectations & Consumer Sentiment



Business Conditions - 'Net response' is the difference between the percentage of respondents reporting optimism and those reporting pessimisms. It ranges between -100 and 100. Any value greater than zero indicates expansion/ optimism and values less than zero indicate contraction/ pessimism.

Consumer Sentiment Indices (Base Sep-Dec 2015 = 100)

Outlook

Key Positives & Risks

POSITIVES

- ✓ India's good relative macro-economic fundamentals
- ✓ Robust balance sheets of corporates & banks
- ✓ Likely consumer demand boost from tax concessions, broadening welfare payments and GST rate cuts
- ✓ Government and RBI focused on inducing growth
- ✓ Resilient domestic flows

RISKS

- x High tariffs imposed by the US impacts India's competitive position in a few labour-intensive sectors
- x Volatile & worsening geopolitics
- x Continuing lack of foreign flows
- x Competitive welfarism, compulsion of coalition politics
- x Increased supply in response to upturn in equity market can potentially cap market returns

The much-awaited domestic consumption growth likely to pickup in the months ahead- lifting EPS growth trajectory. However, headwinds from external factors continue. US- India trade deal remains a key trigger.

Key Sectoral Positioning

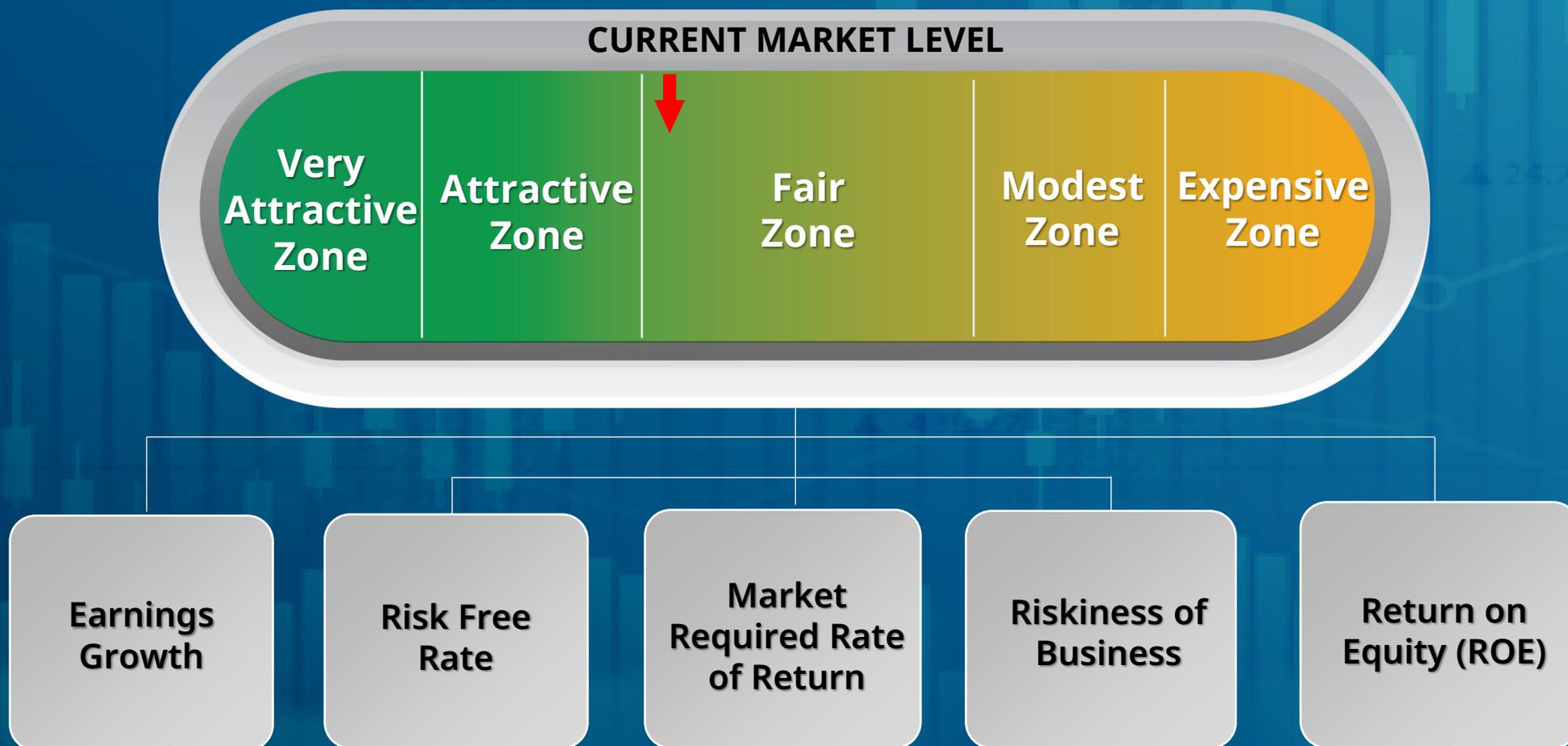
OVERWEIGHT

- ❑ **Consumer Discretionary:** Budget incentives through direct tax-cuts, GST rate cuts, and upcoming 8th pay commission should boost demand. Growth may lead to attractive risk-reward for the sector.
- ❑ **Financials:** Attractive risk reward for lending financials due to (i) reasonable valuations and (ii) positive view on underlying business growth as well as profitability ahead.
- ❑ **Capital Goods/Industrials:** Significant under-investing in the past in select sub-segment has exacerbated demand-supply imbalance. Pockets of Power Transmission & Distribution, Defense sector look attractive.
- ❑ **Telecom:** Expected Average Revenue Per User increase may lead to higher accruals in profitability and cashflows ahead.

UNDERWEIGHT

- ❑ **Energy & Utilities:** Weak demand environment leading to uncertainty in profitability
- ❑ **Materials:** Tariffs and global trade related uncertainty leading to unattractive risk reward.

The Fair Value Spectrum- 5 years view



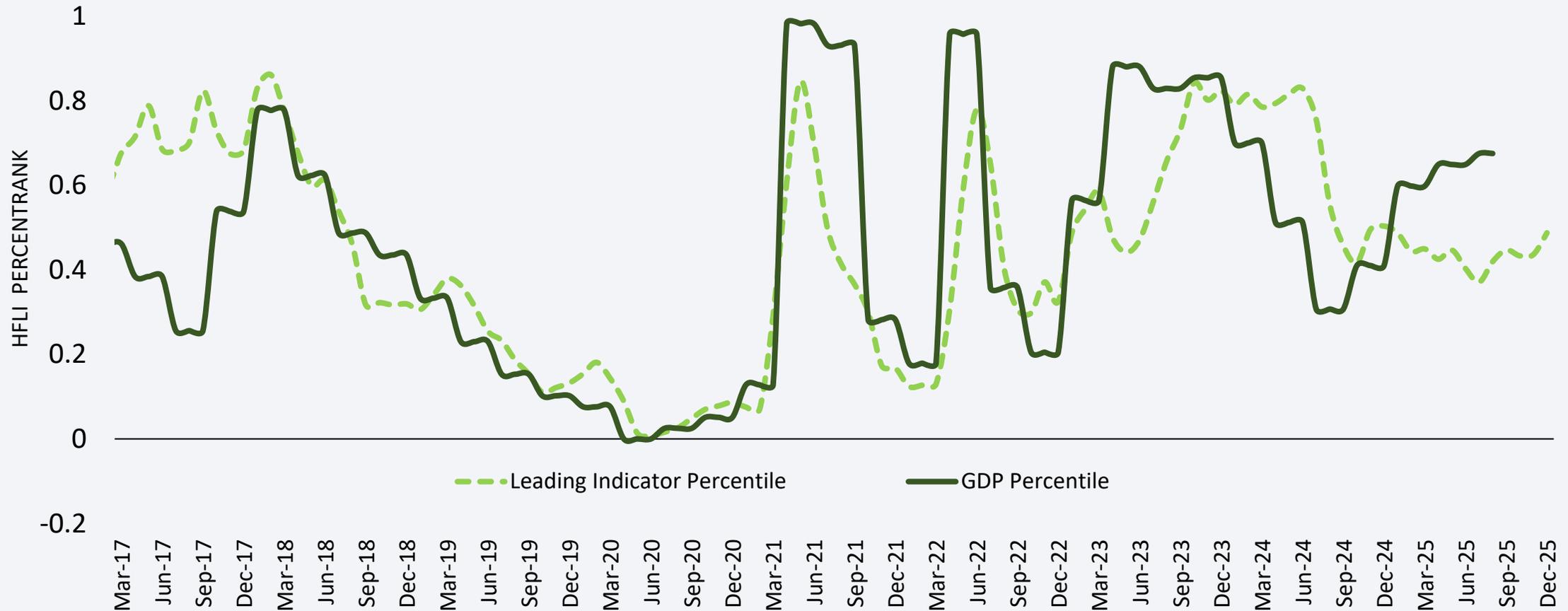
Source: Union AMC Internal Research, Bloomberg; Data as on December 31, 2025

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Fixed Income Outlook

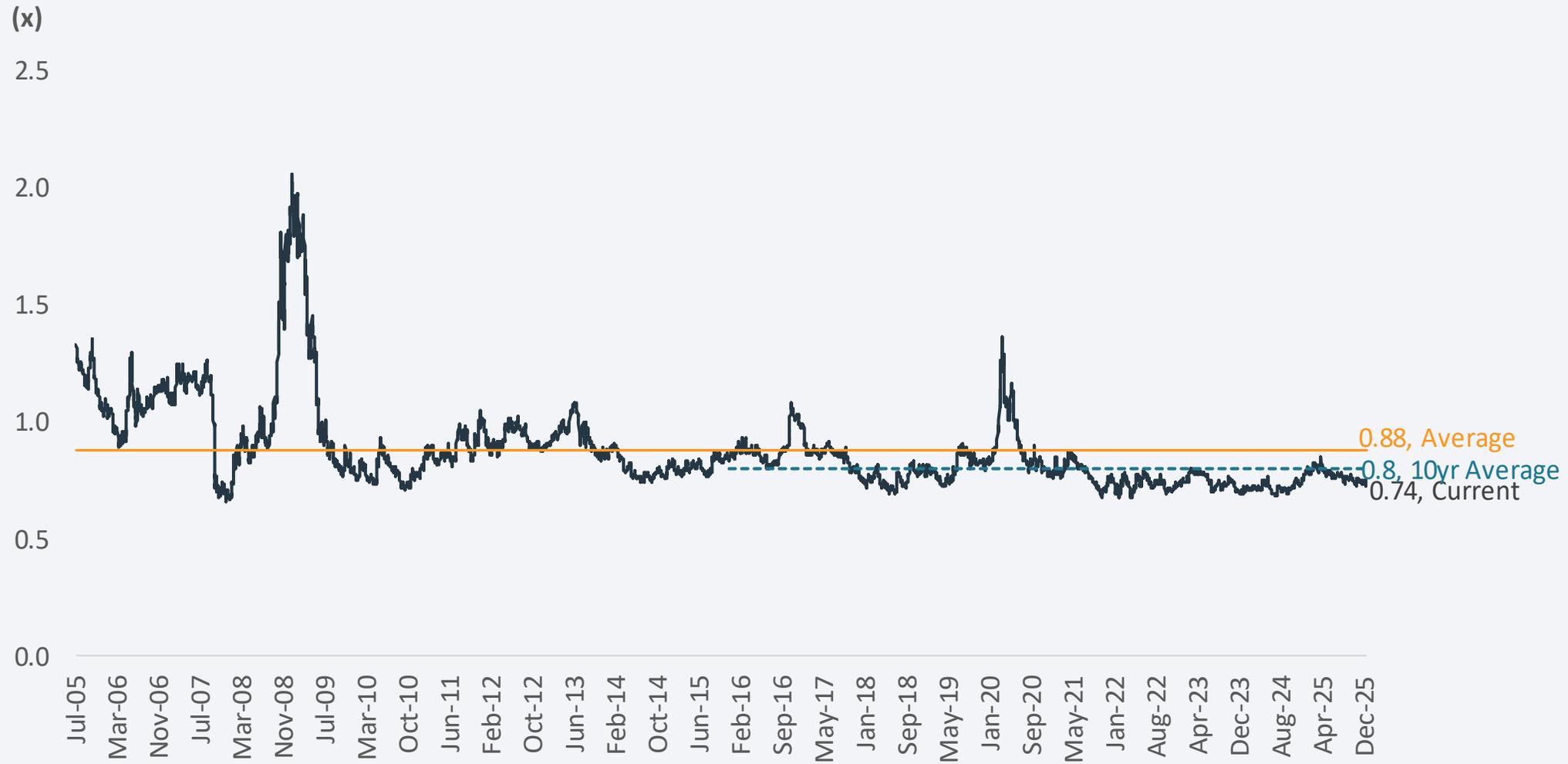
- ✓ The MPC cut the repo rate by 25bps to 5.25%.
- ✓ The growth inflation dynamics have turned favorable with lower inflation expectations. The recent series of repo rate cut shall aid in holding up growth.
- ✓ 1 MPC member voted for a change in stance to accommodative.
- ✓ The announcement of various liquidity management measures by RBI gives assurance that the liquidity needs of the system shall be addressed adequately.
- ✓ Fiscal deficit to reduce from 4.8% of GDP last fiscal year to 4.4% this fiscal year (Source: Budget documents); latent demand from Banks, growing demand from insurance and pension funds, higher FII inflows from global bond indices inclusion will further support bond prices
- ✓ RBI had already revised down fiscal 2026 inflation to 2.0% from 2.7% in last MPC.
- ✓ Real policy rate is expected to remain positive (Repo Rate@5.25%, Projected inflation at 2% for FY26)
- ✓ The Reserve Bank shall continue liquidity management operations in alignment with the monetary policy stance, ensuring that system liquidity remains sufficient to meet the demands of the productive sectors of the economy.
- ✓ Globally other major central bank have already started cutting rates
- ✓ Geopolitical risks, uncertainty from new US administration, fiscal health of states, remain key risks
- ✓ Actual transmission of rates yet to happen. There is scope for further spread compression.
- ✓ Absolute yield levels and spreads seem attractive from a medium to long-term investment horizon. Term spreads have turned attractive. MTM gains to accrue as rates continue to soften and spreads compress over a period of time.

Macro Economic State: In House High Frequency Leading Indicator



- **In House High Frequency Leading Indicator:** While the GDP numbers are released with a lag of 2 months, our inhouse model created based on leading economic indicators provides information on the state and trajectory of domestic economy with a lead time of about 1-2 months
- This tool acts a guiding tool for fixed income investments.

Earnings Yield of Nifty 50 vs 10 Year Gov Bond Yield

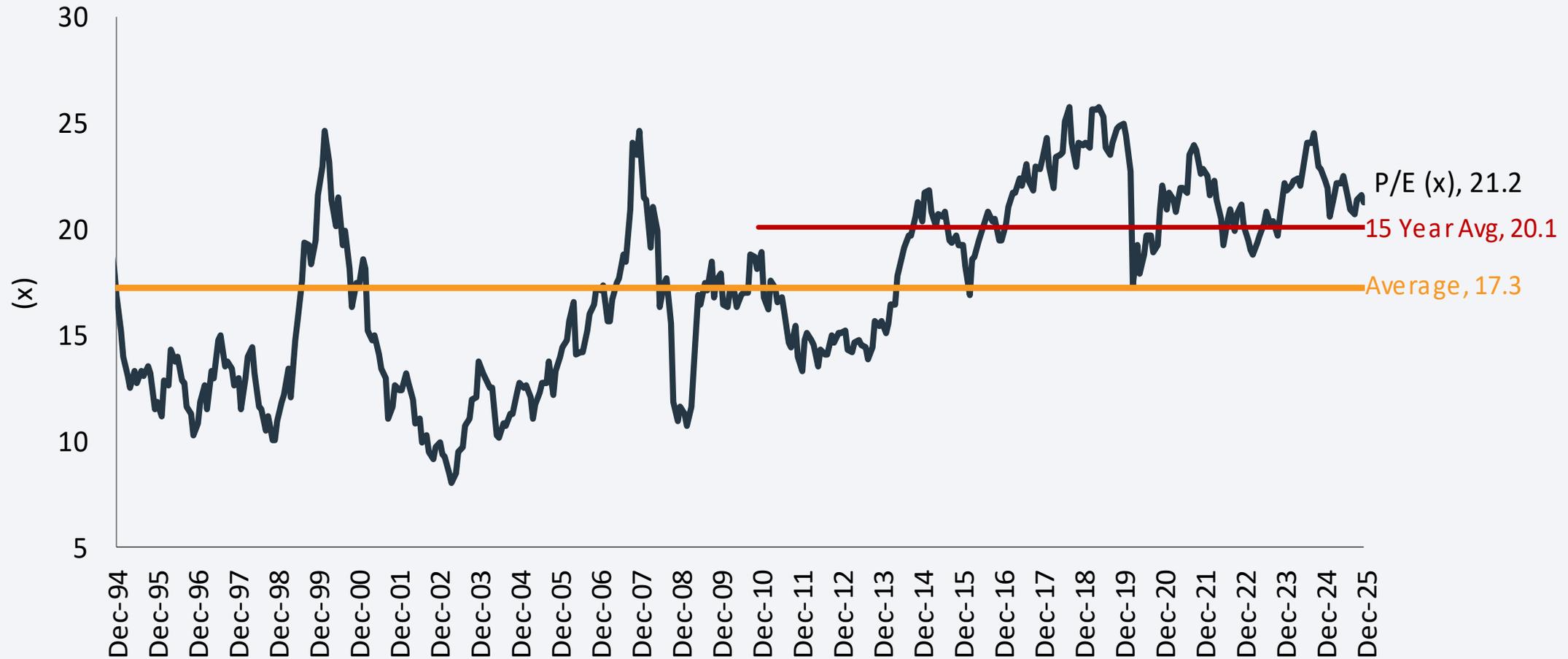


Source: Bloomberg; The chart represents the Earnings Yield of Nifty 50 divided by 10 Year Gov Bond Yield
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SENSEX P/E - 1 Year Forward



(x) represents times.

Source: Motilal Oswal Financial Services Limited

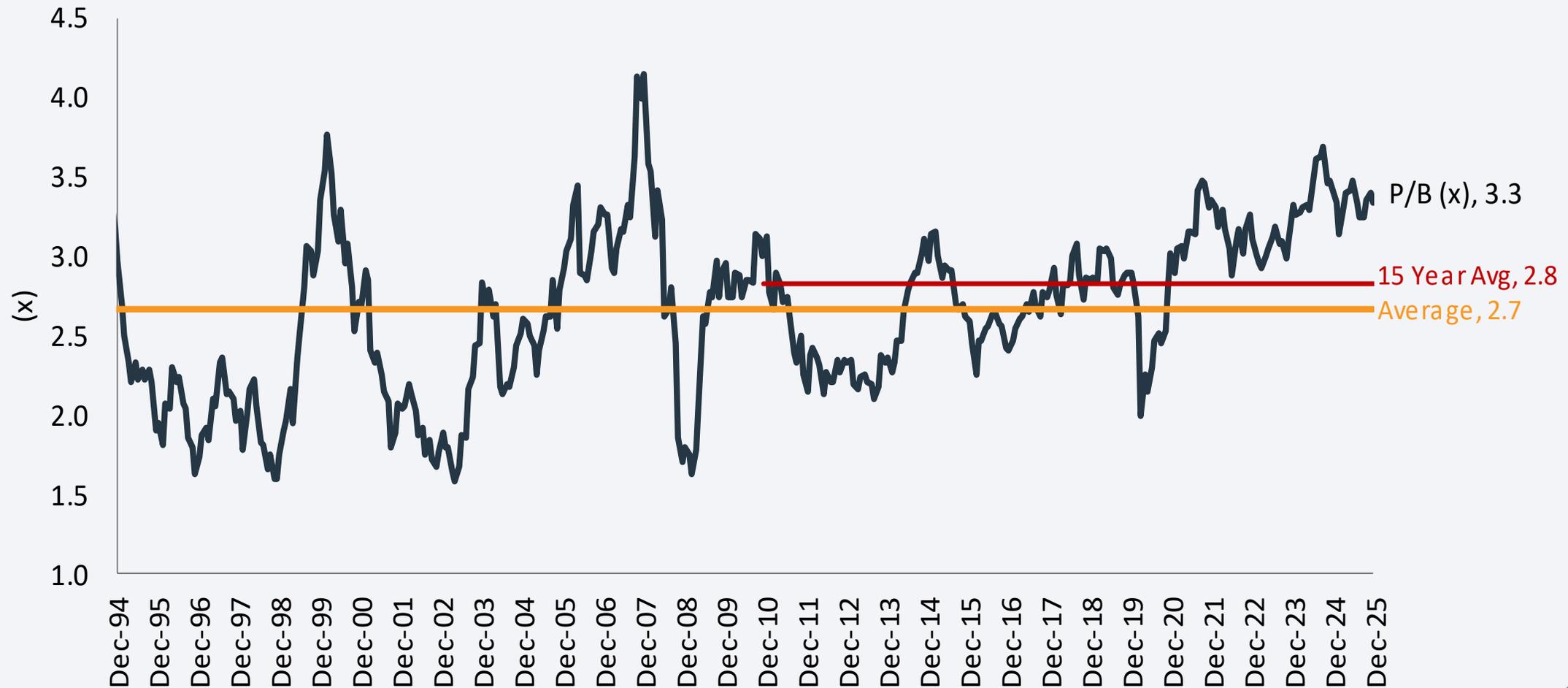
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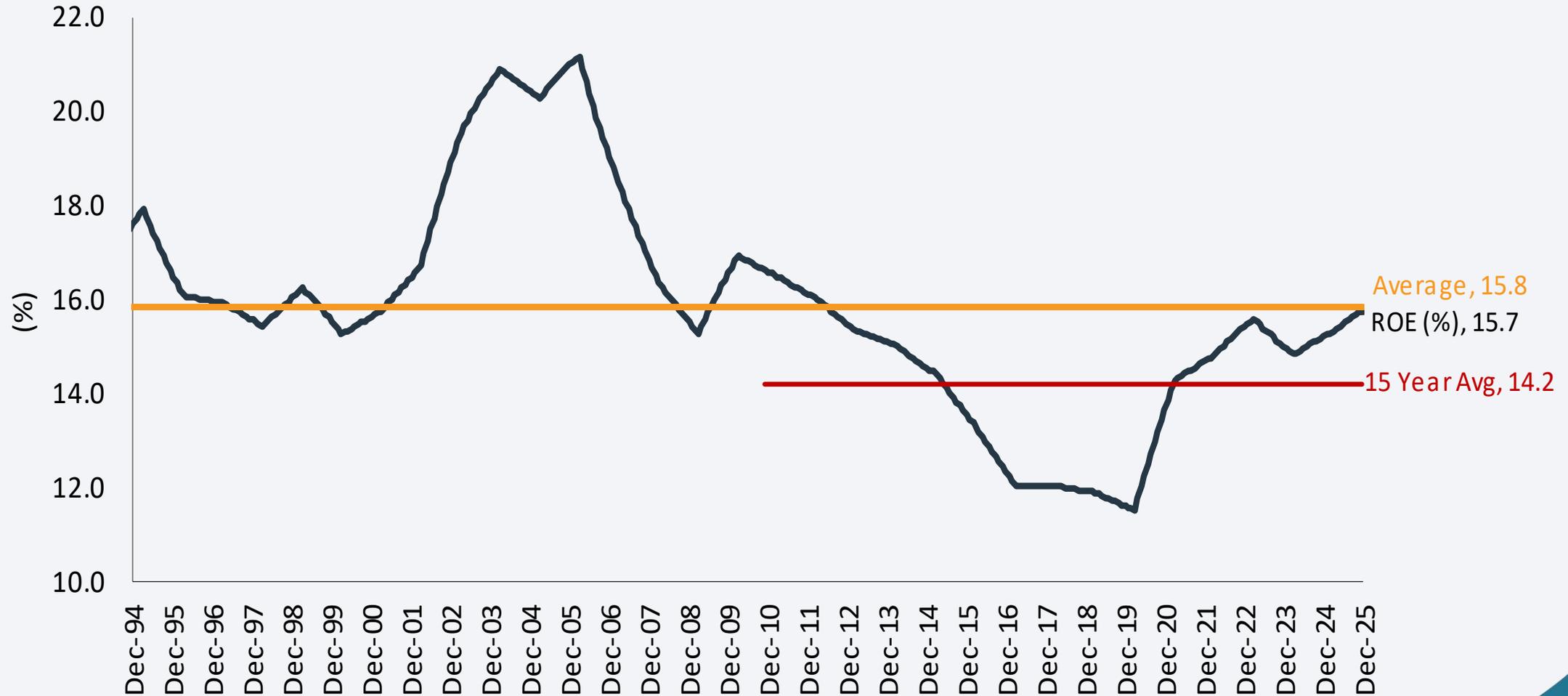
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Breakup of Returns – Nifty 50

	Nifty	% change	EPS 1yr Rolling Forward	% change	P/E 1yr Rolling Forward	% change
Now	26,130		1,280		20.4	
1m ago	26,203	0%	1,266	1%	20.7	-1%
3m ago	24,611	6%	1,238	3%	19.9	3%
6m ago	25,517	2%	1,226	4%	20.8	-2%
1yr ago	23,645	11%	1,241	3%	19.0	7%
3yr ago	18,105	44%	972	32%	18.6	10%
5yr ago	13,982	87%	634	102%	22.1	-7%

The above table shows the breakup of Historical Nifty Returns in EPS change and Valuation change

Source: Bloomberg, Data as of December 31, 2025.

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Breakup of Returns - Nifty 50: Historical Perspective



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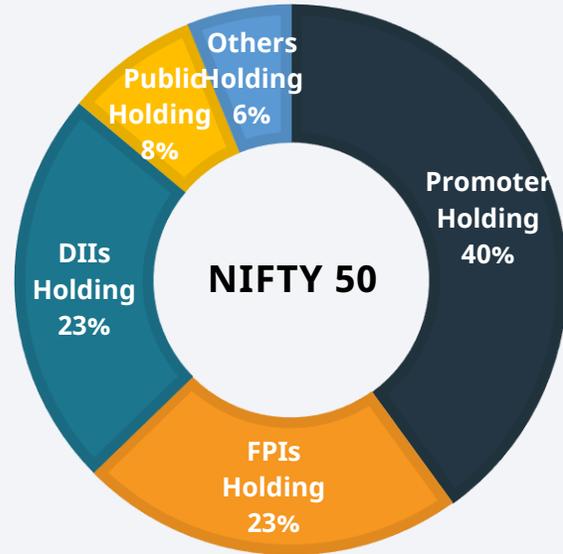
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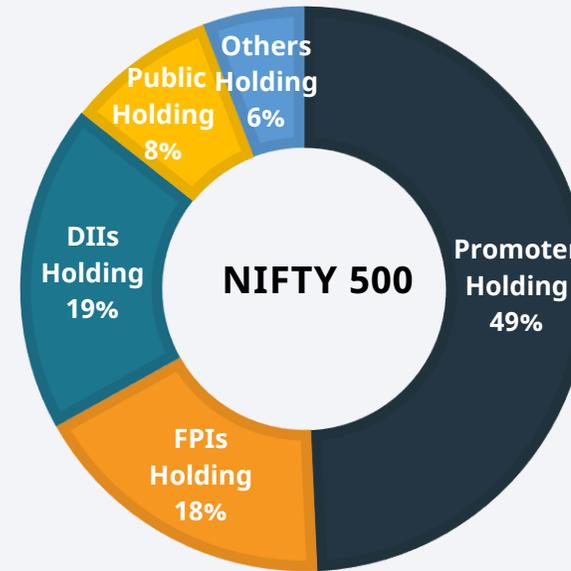
Demand & Supply of Equities

Who Owns Corporate India?

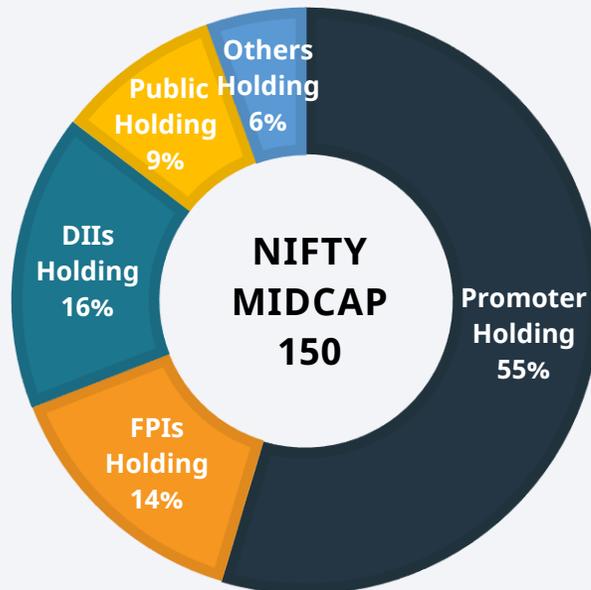
Market Capitalisation: USD 2.2 trillion



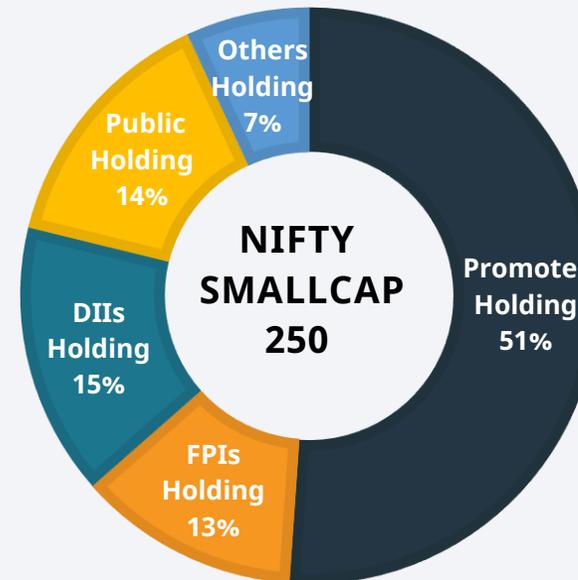
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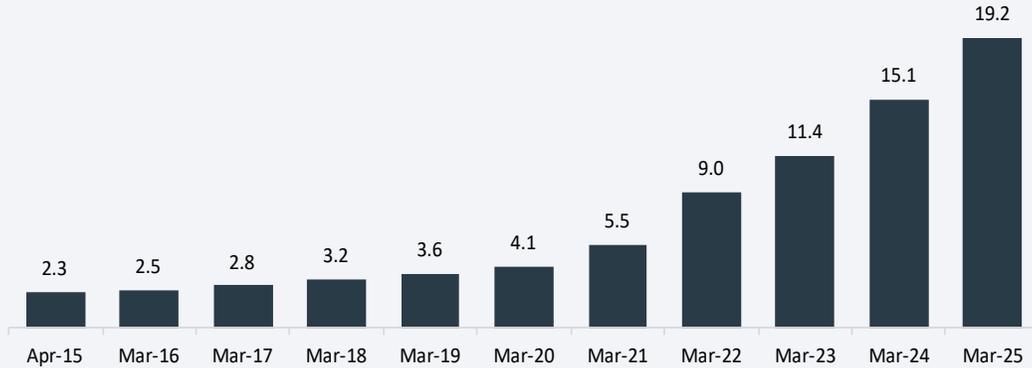


Market Capitalisation: USD 0.5 trillion

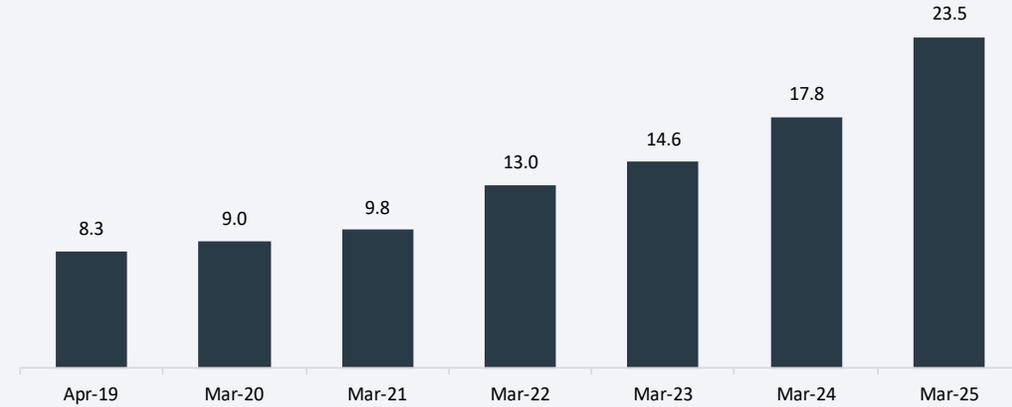


Growing Saliency of Domestic Investors

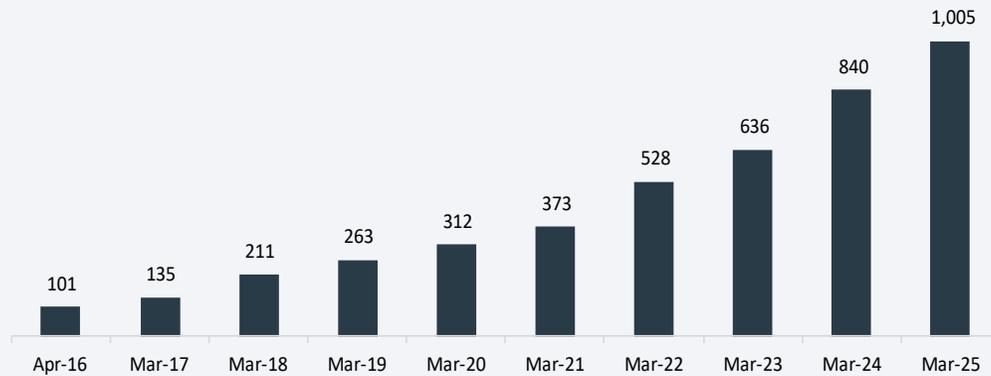
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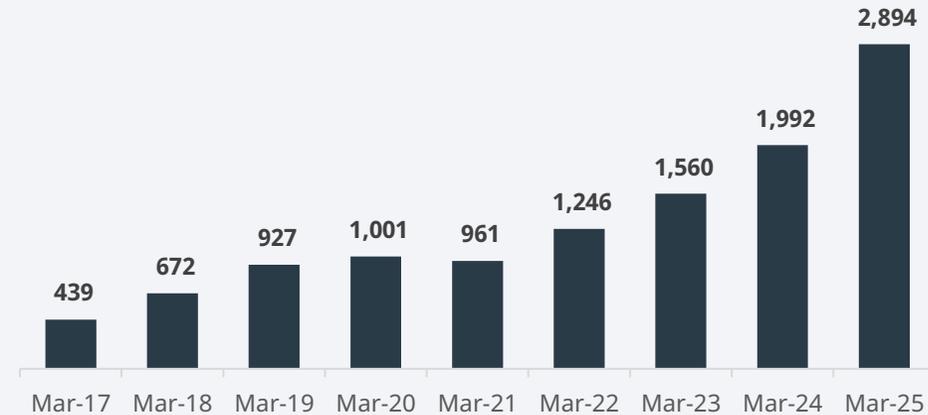
MF - No. of Folios (in Crs)



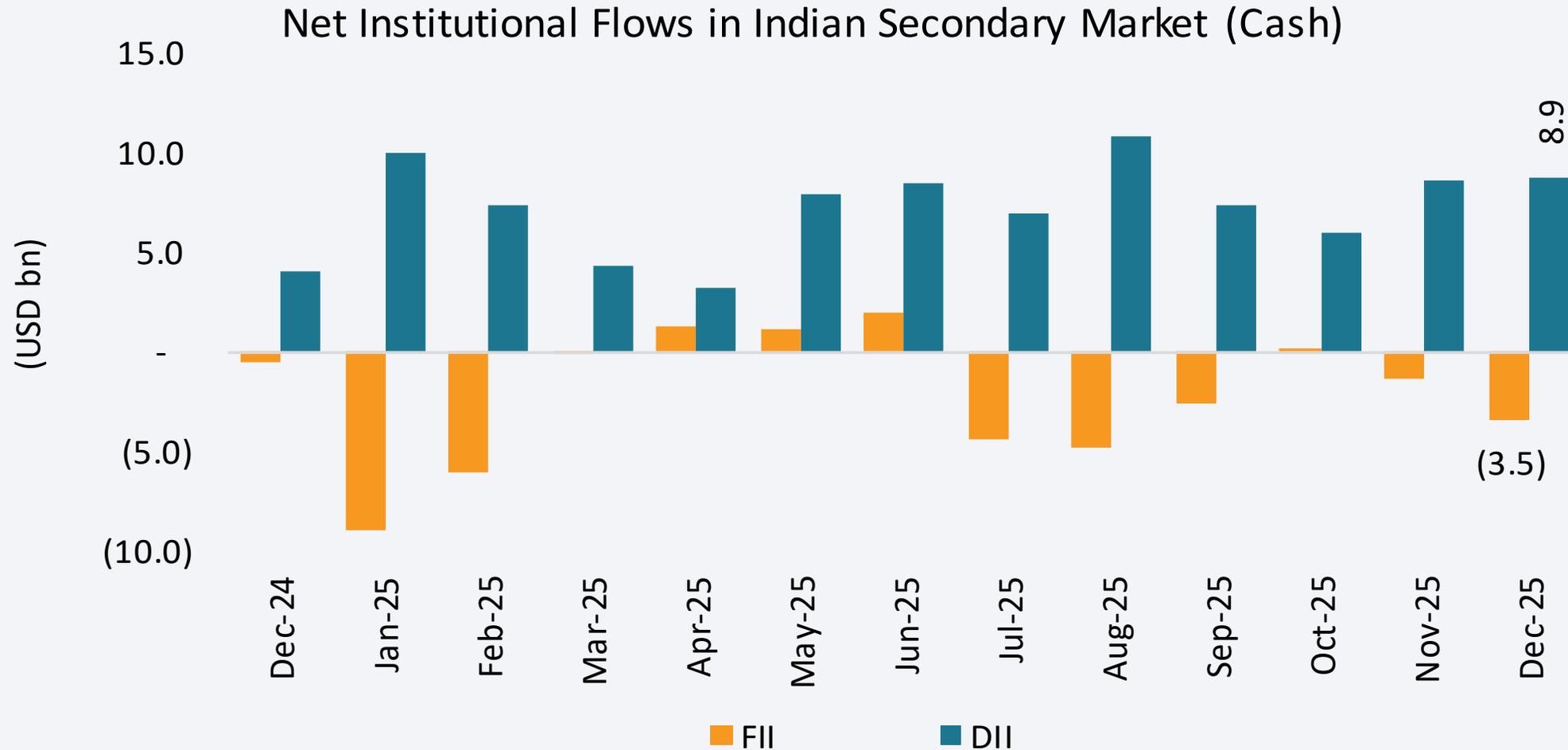
No. of SIP Accounts in Lakhs



Annual - SIP Contribution (Rs. bn)

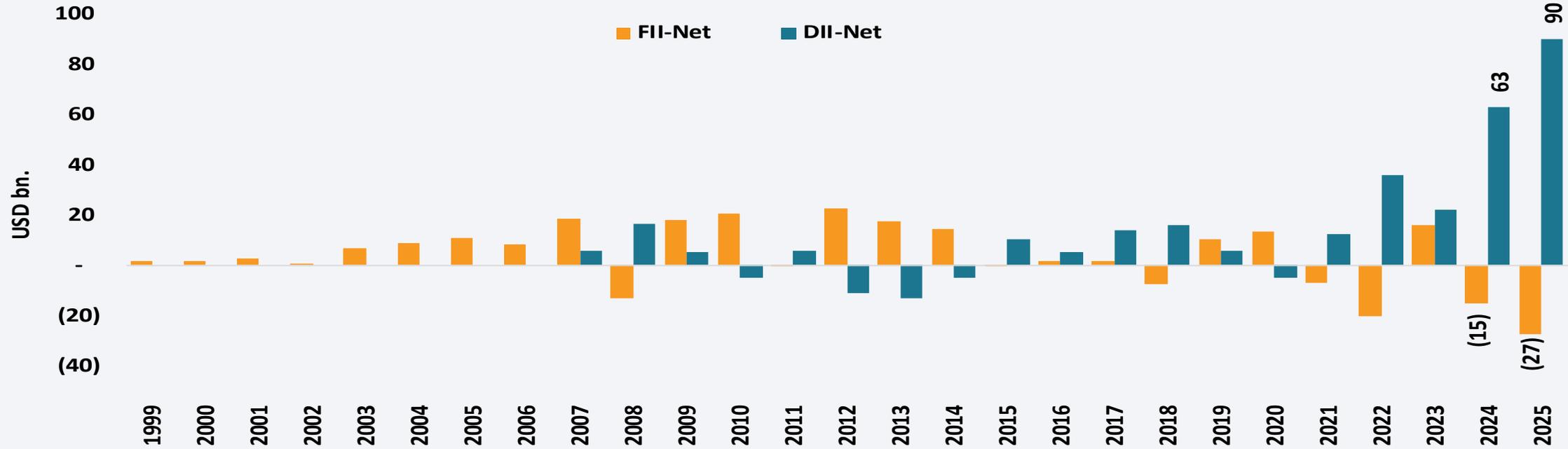


Demand: Monthly Institutional Flows Data



Demand: Annual Institutional Flows Data

Net Institutional Flows in Indian Secondary Market# (Cash)



	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
FII % of Mkt cap**	NA	0.8%	2.1%	0.6%	4.2%	3.3%	2.7%	1.4%	1.8%	-1.2%
DII % of Mkt cap**	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.6%	1.6%
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
FII % of Mkt cap**	2.0%	1.5%	0.0%	2.0%	1.6%	1.1%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	-0.3%
DII % of Mkt cap**	0.6%	-0.3%	0.4%	-0.9%	-1.2%	-0.4%	0.7%	0.4%	0.7%	0.7%
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025			
FII % of Mkt cap**	0.5%	0.7%	-0.2%	-0.6%	0.5%	-0.3%	-0.5%			
DII % of Mkt cap**	0.3%	-0.2%	0.4%	1.1%	0.6%	1.2%	1.8%			

** Calendar Year Average and annualised for 2025, # Secondary Market data from 2010 onwards
Source: NSDL, BSE, NSE, Bloomberg; Data upto 31st December 2025.

New Supply

Year	IPOs (\$ bn)	FPO (\$ bn)	QIPs (\$ bn)	Right issue (\$ bn)	SME IPOs (\$ bn)	Growth Capital (\$ bn)	OFS (\$ bn)	India Promoter/VC/ PE Sell downs* (\$ bn)	Free Float Increase (\$ bn)	Total (\$ bn)
2012	1.3	0.0	0.9	1.4	0.0	4	4.6	0.0	5	8
2013	0.2	1.1	1.5	0.7	0.1	4	4.4	0.8	5	9
2014	0.2	0.1	5.2	0.7	0.0	6	0.8	2.8	4	10
2015	2.1	0.0	3.0	2.0	0.0	7	5.6	5.7	11	18
2016	4.0	0.0	0.7	0.3	0.1	5	1.9	2.6	5	10
2017	10.4	0.0	8.7	1.0	0.3	20	5.0	13.0	18	38
2018	4.7	0.0	2.5	2.9	0.3	10	5.3	5.5	11	21
2019	1.8	0.0	5.0	7.5	0.1	14	8.6	10.7	19	34
2020	3.6	2.0	10.9	8.6	0.0	25	2.8	15.9	19	44
2021	16.0	0.0	5.7	3.7	0.1	26	3.1	15.1	18	44
2022	7.6	0.0	1.5	0.5	0.2	10	1.4	9.9	11	21
2023	6.0	0.0	6.3	0.9	0.6	14	2.3	20.2	23	36
2024	19.0	2.2	16.2	2.6	1.0	41	3.6	32.5	36	77
2025	20.0	0.0	8.3	5.0	1.3	35	2.3	27.3	30	64

Source: Prime database, Kotak Institutional Equities, IIFL Alternative Research. *Data is an indicative but not exhaustive set.
Data upto 31st December 2025.

Supply & Institutional Demand

Year	Institutional Demand-Secondary Market (FII & DII) (\$ bn)	New Supply (\$ bn)
2012	12	8
2013	5	9
2014	9	10
2015	10	18
2016	7	10
2017	16	38
2018	8	21
2019	16	34
2020	9	44
2021	6	44
2022	16	21
2023	38	36
2024	48	77
2025	63	64

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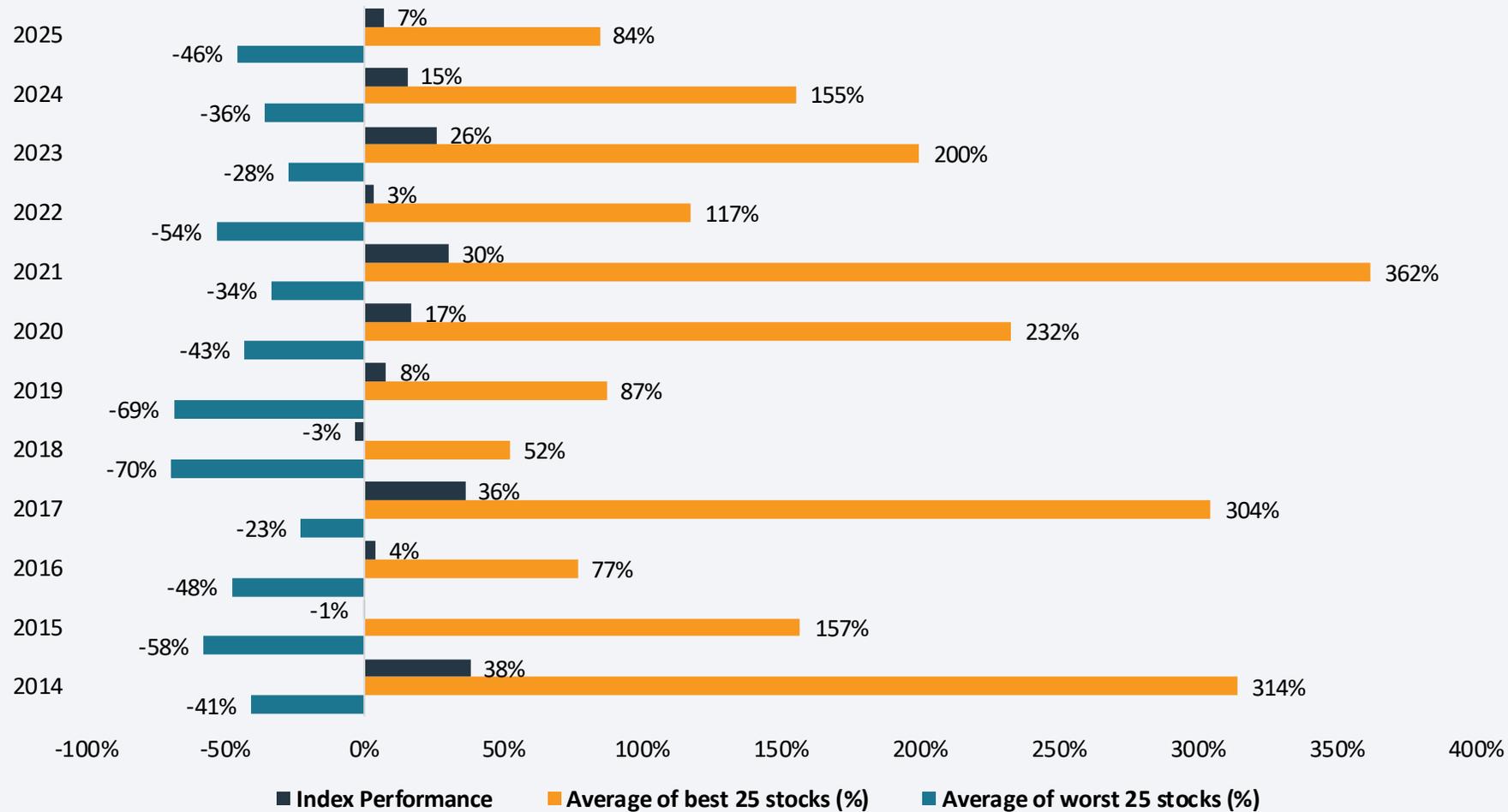
*Long Term Historical
Market Trends*

Evolution Of Sensex

1986 (January)	1996 (March)	2006 (March)	2016 (March)	2025 (March)
ACC	ACC	ACC	Adani Ports & Special Economic Zone	Adani Ports & Special Economic Zone
Ballarpur Industries	Aditya Birla Nuvo	Ambuja Cements	Asian Paints	Asian Paints
Bharat Forge	Ballarpur Industries	Bajaj Holdings & Investment (Bajaj Auto)	Axis Bank	Axis Bank
Bombay Dyeing	Bharat Forge	BHEL	Bajaj Auto	Bajaj Finance
Ceat	Bombay Dyeing	Bharti Airtel	Bharti Airtel	Bajaj Finserv
Century Textiles	Ceat	Cipla	BHEL	Bharti Airtel
Grasim Industries	Century Textiles	Dr Reddy's Laboratories	Cipla	Eternal
Great Eastern Shipping	Cummins India	Grasim Industries	Coal India	HCL Technologies
GSK	Futura Polyesters	HDFC Bank	Dr Reddy's Laboratories	HDFC Bank
Guj. State Fertilizers	Glaxosmithkline	Hero MotoCorp	GAIL India	Hindustan Unilever
Hindustan Aluminium	Grasim Industries	Hindalco Industries	HDFC	ICICI Bank
Hindustan Lever	Great Eastern Shipping	Hindustan Unilever	HDFC Bank	IndusInd Bank
Hindustan Motors	Gujarat State Fertilizers & Chem	HDFC	Hero MotoCorp	Infosys
Indian Hotels Co	Hindalco Industries	ICICI Bank	Hindustan Unilever	ITC
Indian Organics	Hindustan Motors	Infosys	ICICI Bank	Kotak Mahindra Bank
Indian Rayon	Hindustan Unilever	ITC	Infosys	Larsen & Toubro
ITC	Indian Hotels Co	Larsen & Toubro	ITC	Mahindra & Mahindra
Kirloskar Cummins	ITC	Maruti Suzuki India	Larsen & Toubro	Maruti Suzuki India
Larsen & Toubro	Larsen & Toubro	NTPC	Lupin	Nestle India
Mahindra & Mahindra	Mahindra & Mahindra	ONGC	Mahindra & Mahindra	NTPC
Mukand Iron	Mukand	Ranbaxy Laboratories	Maruti Suzuki India	Power Grid Corp of India
Nestle	Nestle India	Reliance Industries	NTPC	Reliance Industries
Peico Electronics	Philips Electroics India	Reliance Infrastructure	ONGC	State Bank of India
Premier Auto	Premier	Satyam Computer Services	Reliance Industries	Sun Pharmaceutical Industries
Reliance Industries	Reliance Industries	State Bank of India	State Bank of India	Tata Consultancy Services
Siemens	Siemens	Tata Consultancy Services	Sun Pharmaceutical Industries	Tata Motors
Tata Motors	Tata Motors	Tata Motors	Tata Motors	Tata Steel
Tata Power	Tata Power	Tata Power	Tata Steel	Tech Mahindra
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Voltas	Voltas	Wipro	Wipro	UltraTech Cement

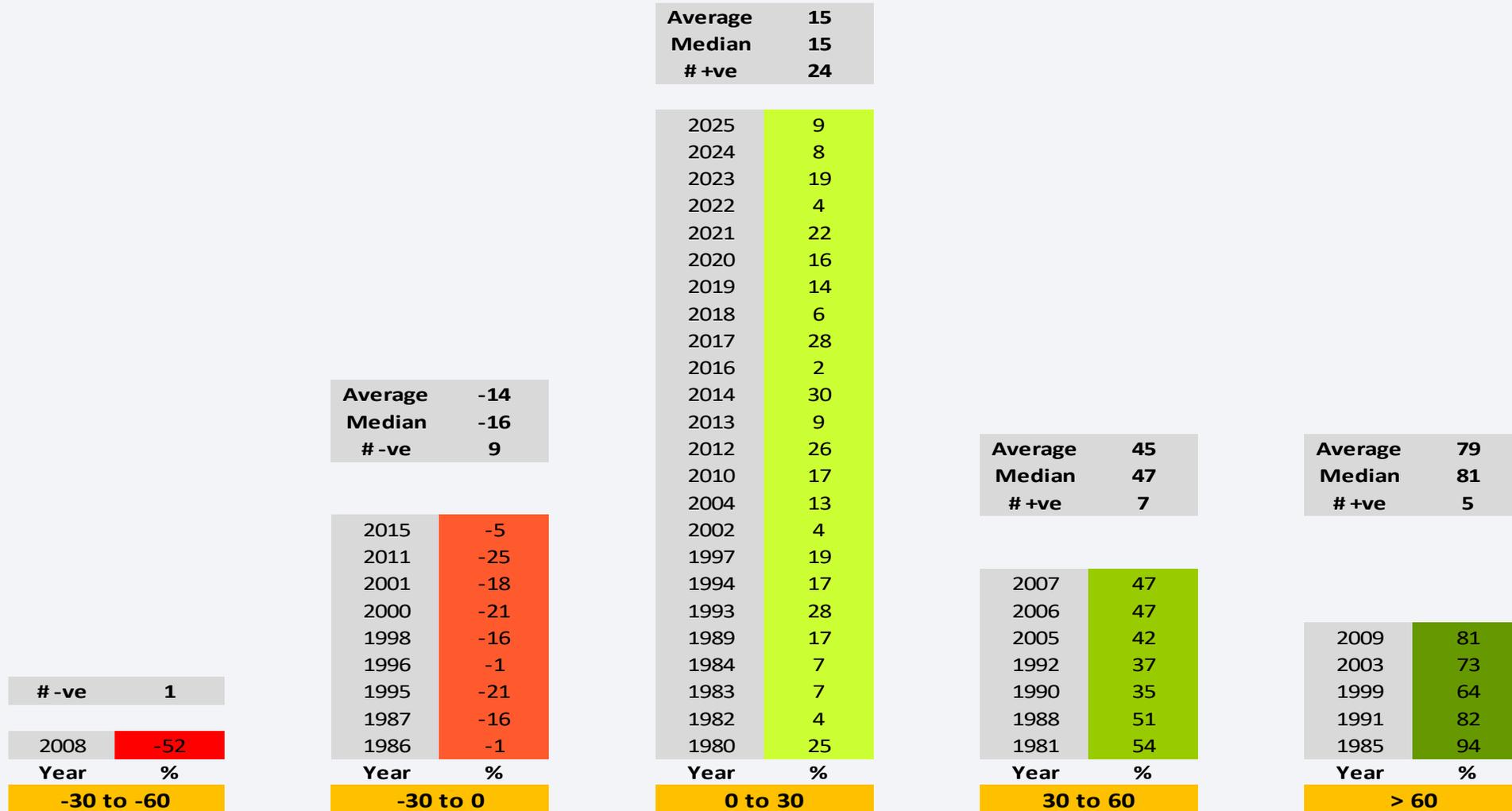
Source: Bloomberg, BSE, SEBI, MOSL, Business Insider. The above data represents constituents of the Sensex Index over a period of time. The above mentioned data is for information purpose only and should not be considered as recommendation to buy, sell or hold any securities mentioned above. Union Mutual Fund may or may not have any future position in the stocks and it does not classify as any recommendation.

Dispersion of Stocks Returns



Return Distribution - Sensex

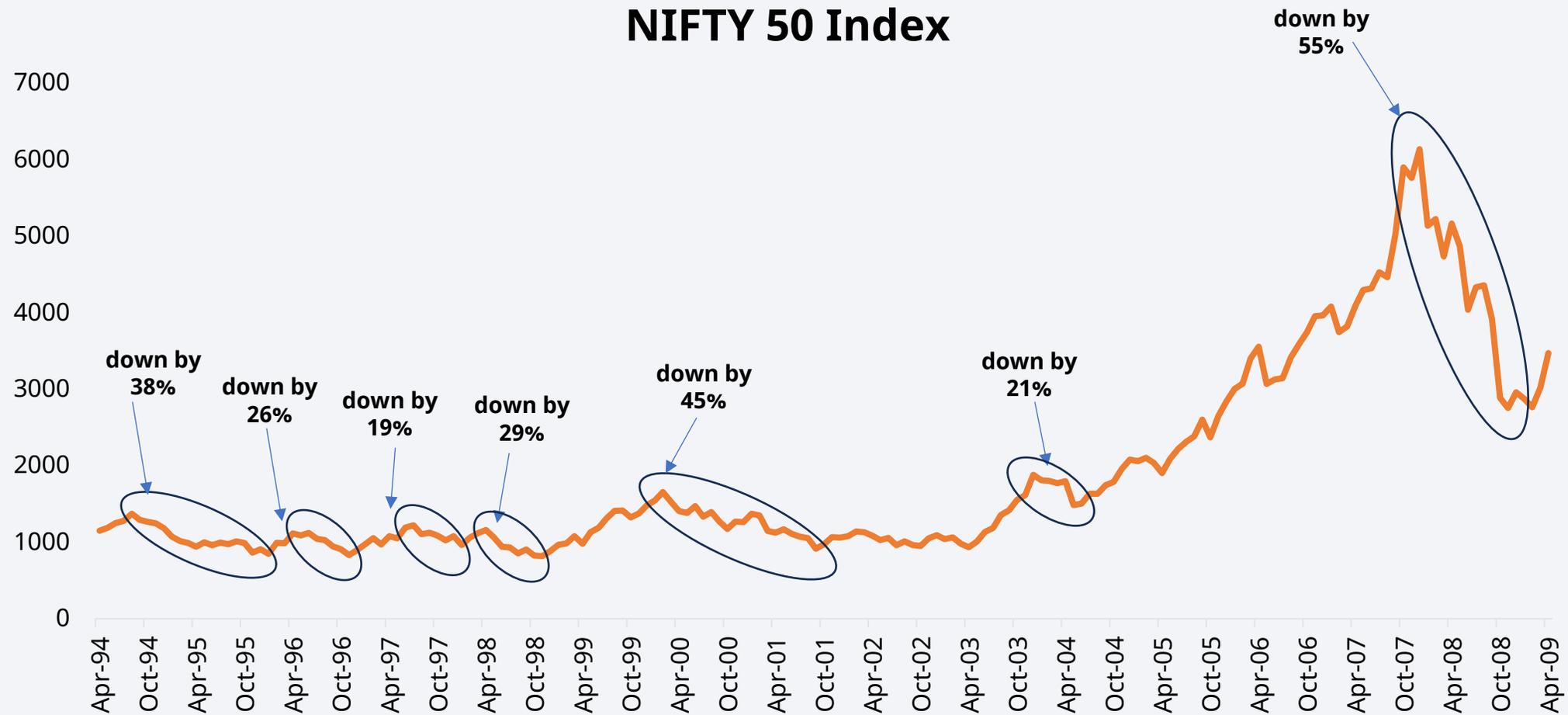
Historically, Indian Equities (represented by Sensex) have delivered positive returns in 35/45 years.



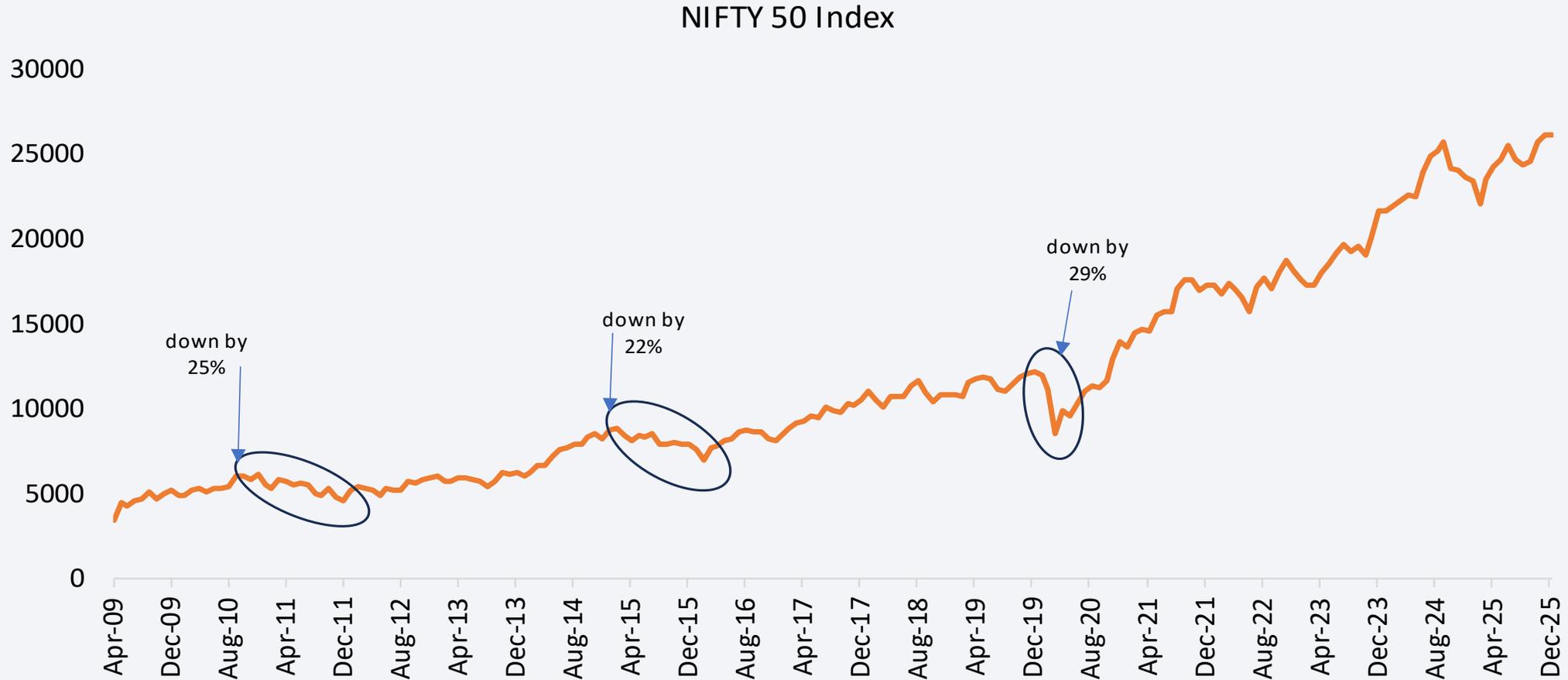
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Drawdown of NIFTY 50 Index (1994 - 2009)

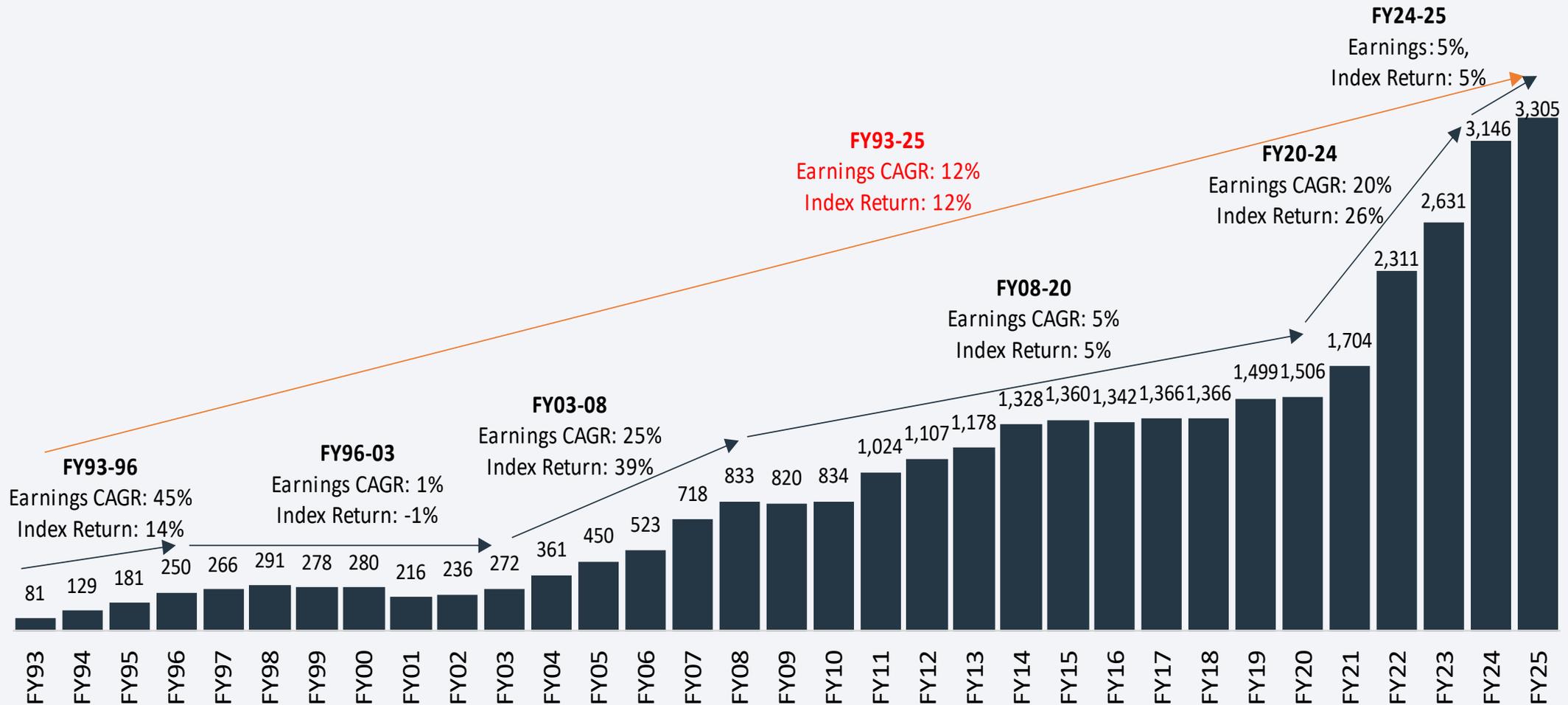


Drawdown of NIFTY 50 Index (2009 - 2025)



Source: NSE; Period 2009 to 2025 (upto 31st December 2025).

S&P BSE Sensex EPS Trend



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Indian Equity Market Performance- Rolling

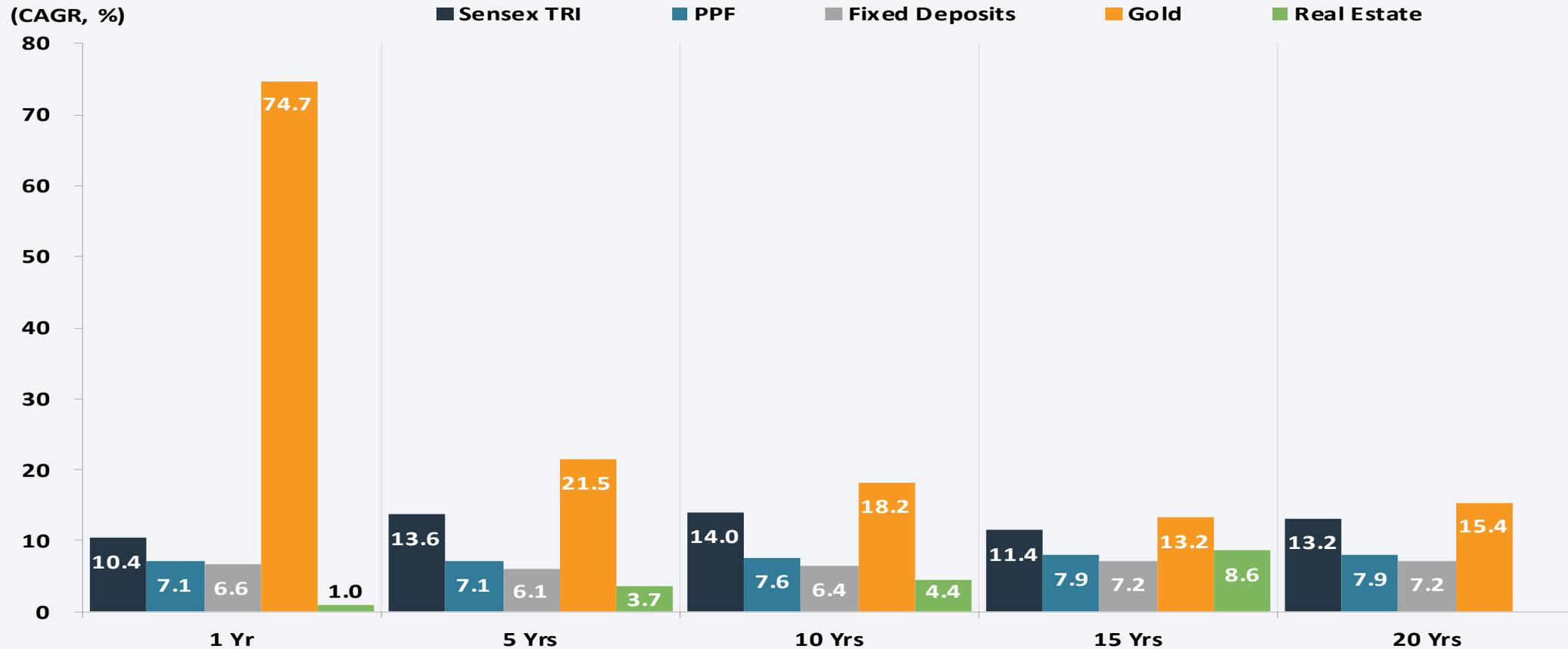
Sensex data since inception

Period	Minimum Returns	Average Returns	Standard Deviation	+ve Returns	-ve Returns	Return to Risk Ratio (Average Returns/Standard Deviation)
1 Year Rolling	-56.1%	18.3%	31.8%	73.8%	26.2%	0.58
3 Year Rolling	-18.5%	15.5%	15.4%	89.4%	10.6%	1.01
5 Year Rolling	-7.9%	15.3%	11.6%	93.0%	7.0%	1.31
7 Year Rolling	-7.6%	14.9%	9.0%	94.9%	5.1%	1.66
10 Year Rolling	-2.8%	14.8%	7.1%	99.2%	0.8%	2.09

Longer the investment is held, lesser the probability of negative returns.

Source: Union AMC Internal Research & Bloomberg; Daily rolling returns are calculated for the period 03-04-1979 to 31-12-2025 by the CAGR approach. Example: For 1 Year Return, the first data point will be CAGR between 01-04-1979 to 01-04-1980, similarly the next data point would be CAGR between 02-04-1979 to 02-04-1980. The last data point would be CAGR between 31-12-2024 to 31-12-2025. Returns are calculated in a similar manner for other time frames (3, 5, 7, and 10 Years). The Index used is BSE Sensex. **Past Performance may or may not be sustained in the future.** Index performance does not signify the performance of any schemes of Union Mutual Fund.

What Returns Did Different Asset Classes Give In The Last 20 Years?



Source: CEIC, Bloomberg, RBI, IIFL Research, Internal Research; Data as of December 31, 2025

Fixed Deposits = Source: RBI (top 5 major banks) and Maturity is 1year deposit.

*Note: The House Price Index as released by RBI on a quarterly basis is used for real estate prices. The data is available from 2010 onwards and the latest available data is for Sep 2025.

Note: Bank Fixed deposits upto Rs. 5 lakhs are being insured by Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC).

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