## Aditya Birla Sun Life Mutual Fund



## **Scheme Information Document**

# Aditya Birla Sun Life ESG Integration Strategy Fund

(An open ended equity scheme investing in Environment, Social & Governance (ESG) theme by following integration strategy.)

This product is suitable for investors who are seeking*:				
Long term capital appreciation	Scheme Risk-o-meter	Benchmark Risk-o-meter (NIFTY100 ESG TRI)		
An equity scheme that invests in companies following the Environment, Social & Governance (ESG) theme	The risk of the scheme is <b>Very High</b>	The risk of the benchmark is <b>Very High</b>		

<sup>\*</sup>Investors should consult their financial advisers if in doubt whether the product is suitable for them. **Continuous Offer for Units at NAV based prices.** 

NAME OF MUTUAL FUND	NAME OF THE ASSET	NAME OF THE TRUSTEE
ADITYA BIRLA SUN LIFE	<b>MANAGEMENT COMPANY</b>	COMPANY
MUTUAL FUND	ADITYA BIRLA SUN LIFE AMC	ADITYA BIRLA SUN LIFE
	LIMITED	TRUSTEE PRIVATE LIMITED
One World Center, Tower 1, 17th	One World Center, Tower 1, 17th	One World Center, Tower 1,
Floor, Jupiter Mills, Senapati Bapat	Floor, Jupiter Mills, Senapati	17th Floor, Jupiter Mills,
Marg, Elphinstone Road, Mumbai-	Bapat Marg, Elphinstone Road,	Senapati Bapat Marg,
400013	Mumbai - 400 013	Elphinstone Road, Mumbai -
Tel: 43568000	Tel: 43568000	400 013
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www.mutualfund.adityabirlacapital.c	L65991MH1994PLC080811	CIN:
<u>om</u>		U74899MH1994PTC166755

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 Aditya Birla Sun Life Mutual Fund, Standard Risk Factors, Special Considerations, Tax and Legal issues and general information on <a href="https://www.mutualfund.adityabirlacapital.com">www.mutualfund.adityabirlacapital.com</a>.

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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 May 30, 2025.



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## PART 1. HIGHLIGHTS/ SUMMARY OF THE SCHEME

Sr. No.	Title	OF THE SCHEME  Description
I.	Name of the scheme	Aditya Birla Sun Life ESG Integration Strategy Fund
II.	Category of the Scheme	Thematic Fund
III.	Scheme type	An open ended equity scheme investing in Environment, Social & Governance (ESG) theme by following integration strategy.
IV.	Scheme code	ABSL/O/E/SEC/20/03/0088
V.	Investment objective	The Scheme seeks to generate long-term capital appreciation by investing in a diversified basket of companies in ESG theme by following integration strategy.
		The Scheme does not guarantee/indicate any returns. There is no assurance that the investment objective of the Scheme will be achieved.
VI.	Inception Date	December 24, 2020
VII.	Liquidity/listing details	The scheme being offered through this Scheme Information Document is an Open ended Scheme. The Scheme will offer for purchase/switch-in and redemption/switch-out of units at NAV based prices on every Business Day on an ongoing basis. The Mutual Fund shall transfer the Redemption proceeds within three working days from the date of Redemption or repurchase.
VIII.	Benchmark (Total	Nifty 100 ESG TRI
	Return Index)	The NIFTY 100 ESG index is designed to reflect the performance of companies that are part of NIFTY 100 index based on environmental, social and governance score. The weight of constituents in the index is tilted based on ESG score assigned to the company, i.e. the constituent weight is derived from its free float market capitalization and ESG score.  This index excludes companies engaged in the business like tobacco, alcohol, controversial weapons and gambling operations. The companies that are involved in any major environmental, social or governance controversy are not considered for selection in the index.
		The constituents of the Index reflect the fund's universe in the best possible way.
IX.	NAV disclosure	The NAV will be calculated and disclosed for every Business Day. NAV of the scheme will be calculated up to two decimal places. AMC shall update the NAV on the AMFI website (www.amfiindia.com) and on the website of the Mutual Fund (www.mutualfund.adityabirlacapital.com) by 11.00 pm on the day of declaration of the NAV.
		In case of any delay, the reasons for such delay would be explained to AMFI in writing. If the NAVs are not available before commencement of business hours on the following day due to any reason, Mutual Fund shall issue a press release providing reasons and explaining when the Mutual Fund would be able to publish the NAVs.
		Further, the Mutual Fund / AMC will extend facility of sending latest available NAVs of the Scheme to the Unit holders through SMS upon receiving a specific request in this regard. Also, information regarding NAVs can be obtained by the Unit holders / Investors by calling or visiting the nearest ISC.



	T	In terms of SEBI regulations, a complete statement of the Scheme portfolio
		will be sent to all unitholders, within ten days from the close of each month / half-year whose email addresses are registered with the Mutual Fund.
		The portfolio of the Scheme (alongwith ISIN) shall also be disclosed on the website of Mutual Fund (www.mutualfund.adityabirlacapital.com) and on the website of AMFI (www.amfiindia.com) within 10 days from the close of each month/ half-year respectively in a user-friendly and downloadable spreadsheet format.
X.	Applicable timelines	Dispatch of redemption proceeds:
		The Mutual Fund shall transfer the Redemption proceeds within three working days from date of receipt. However, in case of exceptional circumstances mentioned in para 14.1.3 of SEBI Master Circular, redemption or repurchase proceeds will be transferred / dispatched to Unitholders within the time frame prescribed for such exceptional circumstances. For further details, investors are requested to refer to Statement of Additional Information (SAI).  • Dispatch of IDCW:
		The IDCW payment shall be made to the unitholders within 7 working days from record date.
XI.	Plans and Options Plans/Options and sub options under the Scheme	Plan for which the subscription is made by indicating the choice in the application form.
		Options under each Plan(s):     1. Growth Option and     2. Income Distribution cum capital withdrawal ("IDCW") Option (Payout of IDCW & Reinvestment of IDCW)^
		Athe amounts can be distributed out of investors capital (Equalization Reserve), which is part of sale price that represents realized gains  Default Option/ Sub-Option: Growth Option
		For detailed disclosure on default plans and options, kindly refer SAI.
XII.	Load Structure	For redemption / switch-out of units on or before 30 days from the date of allotment: 1.00% of the applicable NAV.
		For redemption / switch-out of units after 30 days from the date of allotment Nil
		The Load Structure is subject to change from time to time and shall be implemented prospectively and will be calculated on First in First Out (FIFO) basis. For further details on Load Structure, please refer Part III Section D of this Scheme Information Document.
XIII.	Minimum Application Amount/switch in	Fresh Purchase (Incl. Switch-in): Minimum of Rs. 500/- and in multiples of Re. 1/- thereafter
		Monthly Weekly & Daily Systematic Investment Plan (SIP):- Rs 100/- and in multiples of Re. 1/- thereafter.
XIV.		Additional Purchase (Incl. Switch-in): Minimum of Rs.500/- and in multiples of Re.1/- thereafter



XV.	Minimum Redemption/switch out amount	Repurchase for all Plans/Options: In Multiples of Re. 1/- and in multiple of Re. 1/- thereafter	
		In case of partial redemption, if the balance amount held in the unitholo folio/account under the plan/option of the scheme(s) is less than Re.1, the transaction shall be treated as "All Units' redemption and the e balance of available units in the folio/account of the unitholder sharedeemed	
XVI.	Swing pricing disclosure	Not Applicable	
XVII.	Stock lending/short selling	Subject to SEBI (MF) Regulations and in accordance with Securities Lending Scheme, 1997 & para 12.11 of SEBI Master Circular on Mutual Funds, as amended from time to time, the Scheme may engage in Stock Lending subject to the following limits:  • Not more than 20% of the net assets of the Scheme can be deployed in Stock Lending; and	
		Not more than 5% of the net assets of the Scheme can be deployed in	
XVIII.	How to Apply and other	Stock Lending to a single intermediary level	
AVIII.	How to Apply and other details	Application form and Key Information Memorandum may be obtained from the designated offices / ISCs of AMC or Investor Service Centres (ISCs) of the Registrar or distributors or downloaded from www.mutualfund.adityabirlacapital.com.	
		Please refer to the Section II for further details.	
XIX.	Flexibility	The Mutual Fund will allow investors the flexibility to switch their investments (subject to minimum application amount under the scheme) from any other scheme(s) / plans managed by Mutual Fund, as per the features of the respective scheme offered by the Mutual Fund to Aditya Birla Sun Life ESG Integration Strategy Fund on an ongoing basis (subject to completion of lock-in period, if any, of the units of the scheme(s) from where the units are being switched).	
XX.	Investor services	Contact details for general service requests:     Investors may contact the ISCs or the office of the AMC for any queries /clarifications.     The Head Office of the AMC will follow up with the respective ISC to ensure timely redressal and prompt investor services.	
		Contact details for complaint resolution:	
		Ms. Keerti Gupta can be contacted at the office of the AMC at C World Center, Tower 1, 17th Floor, Jupiter Mills, Senapati Bapat Ma Elphinstone Road, Mumbai – 400013. Contact Nos: 1800-22-700 1800-270-7000 (Toll free) Email: care.mutualfunds@adityabirlacapital.com	
		For any grievances with respect to transactions through Stock Exchange Platform for Mutual Funds, the investors should approach either the stock broker or the investor grievance cell of the respective stock exchange.	
XXI.	Specific attribute of the scheme (such as lock in, duration in case of target maturity scheme/close ended schemes) (as	Not Applicable	



	applicable)	
XXII.	Special product/facility available on ongoing	• SYSTEMATIC INVESTMENT PLAN (SIP)
	basis	SIP allows investors to invest money in scheme of Aditya Birla Sun Life Mutual Fund on a regular basis. Applicants can avail of SIP facility by filling up the relevant application form available at branch offices / ISC / OPTs.
		Investors have the option of: i. Monthly Systematic Investment Plan ii. Weekly Systematic Investment Plan and iii. Daily Systematic Investment Plan
		Step-Up SIP: 'Step-Up SIP', is an optional, add-on feature, and an enhancement to Systematic Investment Plan (SIP) facility available under the scheme. This feature enables the investors to enhance/increase SIP installment at predefined intervals by a fixed amount, thus, providing the investors a simplified method of aligning SIP installments amounts with increase in earnings over the tenure of SIP.
		Micro SIP: As per AMFI notification and Guidelines issued on July 14, 2009, SIPs without life insurance cover or lumpsum by eligible investors where aggregate (under all schemes of Mutual Fund) in a rolling 12 month period or in a financial year i.e. April to March does not exceed Rs. 50,000 (known as "Micro SIP") shall be exempted from the requirement of PAN.
		SIP Pause Facility As per this Facility the investors will have an option to pause their SIP investment for specified number of instalments and SIP would restart from the immediate month after completion of the pause period specified by the investor.
		Reinstatement of SIP Pause: As per this facility, investors can reinstate their paused SIP at any time by submitting a written request through physical mode 10 business days prior to the immediate next SIP date. For requests received at shorter notice i.e., less than 10 business days from SIP due date, SIP will be re-instated from the subsequent installment.
		SYSTEMATIC TRANSFER PLAN     STP allows the Investors to invest by transfer of a fixed amount from any of the following schemes to any open ended scheme of Aditya Birla Sun Life Mutual Fund.
		Value Systematic Transfer Plan (Value STP): Value Systematic Transfer Plan, is a facility (hereinafter referred as 'Value STP') wherein Unit holder(s) of eligible open-ended Scheme(s) of Aditya Birla Sun Life Mutual Fund [hereinafter referred to as "Fund"] can opt to systematically transfer amount(s), which may vary based on the value of investments already made/transferred under this facility, on the date of transfer at pre-determined intervals from open-ended Scheme(s) of the Fund [hereinafter referred to as "Transferor Scheme"] to the Growth Option of open-ended equity Scheme(s) of the Fund
		Aditya Birla Sun Life Turbo Systematic Transfer Plan ("Turbo STP") is a



facility wherein unit holder(s) can opt to transfer variable amount(s) from designated open ended Scheme(s) of the Fund hereinafter referred to as "Source Scheme"] to the designated open ended Scheme(s) of the Fund hereinafter referred to as "Target Scheme"] at defined intervals

The Unitholder would be required to provide a Base Instalment Amount that is intended to be transferred to the Target Scheme. The variable amount(s) or actual amount(s) of transfer to the Target Scheme will be determined based on the results from an in house model used to ascertain market valuation hereinafter referred to as Equity Valuation Multiplier ("EVM"). The EVM score is arrived at by using an internal model that uses technical and fundamental parameters spanning across areas like Valuation Ratios, Trend Ratios and Volatility Ratios or such other measures that may be suitable for computing earnings and indicating the economic cycle or other factors that may be determined by Aditya Birla Sun Life AMC Limited ("AMC") from time to time. The multiplier ranges from 0.20x to 5x. For details on EVM, investors are requested to refer application form of Aditya Birla Sun Life Turbo STP available on the website www.mutualfund.adityabirlacapital.com.

## **Capital Appreciation Transfer Plan (CATP):**

Capital Appreciation Transfer Plan (CATP) is a facility wherein the Unitholders can opt for the Systematic Transfer Plan by providing instruction to transfer capital appreciation at regular intervals - Monthly or Quarterly under the open-ended Scheme(s) of the Fund (except ETFs of Aditya Birla Sun Life Mutual Fund).

#### SYSTEMATIC WITHDRAWAL PLAN

Investors can fulfill their regular income needs by giving standing instructions about the amount to be withdrawn every month or quarter/half yearly/annual basis. Further a unitholder can withdraw a specified sum of money on from the investments in the eligible open ended schemes of the fund. While a fixed sum will be paid on request and the remaining part of the investment will continue to earn returns.

#### SWITCHING

## Inter - Scheme Switching option

Unit holders under the Scheme have the option to Switch part or all of their Unit holdings in the Scheme to other schemes managed by the Mutual Fund and vice versa, as per the features of the respective scheme.

#### Intra-Scheme Switching option:

Unit holders under the Scheme have the option to Switch their Unit holdings from Growth option to IDCW option or vice-versa.

#### WEB BASED TRANSACTIONS

The Mutual Fund may allow subscriptions / Redemption of Units, during the period when the ongoing subscription list is opened by the Trustees, by electronic mode through the various websites with whom the AMC would have an arrangement from time to time.

• TRANSACTIONS THROUGH STOCK EXCHANGE PLATFORM FOR MUTUAL FUNDS:



		ABSLAMC, shall enter into arrangements with NSE and BSE to facilitate purchase / subscription and redemption / repurchase of units of the scheme on an ongoing basis at any time after the scheme reopens for purchase and sale.	
		TRANSACTIONS THROUGH SMS - 'SMS TRANSACT':	
		Aditya Birla Sun Life AMC Ltd has decided to facilitate certain transactions through 'SMS' in units of Scheme offered through this SID, by the existing unitholders which, inter alia, requires registration process to be complied with by the unitholder.	
		TRANSACTION THROUGH MF UTILITY     MF Utility ("MFU") - a shared services initiative of various Asset Management Companies, which acts as a transaction aggregation portal for transacting in multiple Schemes of various Mutual Funds with a single form and a single payment instrument.	
		Aditya Birla Sun Life AMC Limited, has entered into arrangement with MF Utilities India Private Limited (MFUI), a "Category II - Registrar to an Issue" under SEBI (Registrars to an Issue and Share Transfer Agents) Regulations, 1993 to facilitate financial transactions viz. purchase / subscription and redemption / repurchase of units of the scheme and non-financial transactions.	
		For further details of above special products / facilities including the terms and conditions, kindly refer to Statement of Additional Information (SAI).	
XXIII.	Weblink	TER for last 6 months and Daily TER – https://mutualfund.adityabirlacapital.com/forms-and-downloads/total-expense-ratio Scheme factsheet - https://mutualfund.adityabirlacapital.com/forms-and-downloads/factsheets	



#### DUE DILIGENCE BY THE ASSET MANAGEMENT COMPANY

The Asset Management Company confirms that a Due Diligence Certificate duly signed by the Compliance Officer of Aditya Birla Sun Life AMC Limited, has been submitted to SEBI on May 30, 2025 which reads as follows:

## **Due Diligence Certificate**

It is confirmed that:

- (i) The Scheme Information Document forwarded 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 proposed 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) The AMC has complied with the set of checklist applicable for Scheme Information Documents and 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 Aditya Birla Sun Life ESG Integration Strategy Fund approved by them is a new product offered by Aditya Birla Sun Life Mutual Fund and is not a minor modification of any existing scheme/fund/product.

Sd/-

Mr. Parth Makwana Compliance Officer

PLACE: Mumbai DATE: May 30, 2025



#### Part II. INFORMATION ABOUT THE SCHEME

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

Under normal circumstances, the asset allocation of the Scheme will be as follows:

Instruments	Indicative Allocations (% of total Assets)		
	Minimum	Maximum	
Equity & Equity related instruments of companies following the Environment, Social & Governance (ESG) theme	80%	100%	
Other Equity & Equity related instruments	0%	20%	
Debt & Money Market Instruments (including units of Debt & Liquid Mutual Fund schemes)	0%	20%	
Units issued by REITs and INVITs	0%	10%	

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

Sr. no	Type of Instrument	Percentage of exposure	Circular references
1.	Securities Lending	The Scheme may engage in stock lending up to 20% of the net assets of the Scheme.	Para 12.11 of SEBI Master Circular
2.	Overseas Securities	Under normal circumstances the Scheme shall not have an exposure of more than 35% of its net assets in foreign securities. This investment will be in companies which are aligned with following the ESG theme.	
3.	Securitized Debt	The Scheme may also invest up to 50% of the debt portfolio in securitized debt instruments.	Schedule of SEBI (Mutual Funds) Regulations, 1996 and Para 12.15 of SEBI Master Circular.
4.	Equity Derivatives for non-hedging purposes	The Scheme may also invest upto 50% of the net assets of the scheme in derivative instruments for the purpose of hedging and portfolio balancing and other uses as may be permitted under SEBI (MF) Regulations.	
5.	Short selling	The scheme shall not engage in short selling.	NA
6.	Credit Default Swaps	The Scheme will not invest in Credit Default Swaps and short selling.	N.A.
7.	Debt instruments having Structured Obligations / Credit Enhancements	The Scheme will invest in debt instruments having Structured Obligations / Credit Enhancements upto 20% of its net assets.	Para 12.3 of SEBI Master Circular on Mutual Funds

The cumulative gross exposure to equity, equity related instruments, debt, money market instruments, units issued by REITs & InvITs and derivatives shall not exceed 100% of the net assets of the Scheme.

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Subject to SEBI (MF) Regulations and the applicable guidelines issued by SEBI, the Scheme intends to invest in repo /reverse repo in corporate debt securities.

Cash or cash equivalents with residual maturity of less than 91 days may be treated as not creating any exposure. SEBI vide letter dated November 3, 2021, has clarified that Cash Equivalent shall consist of Government Securities, T-Bills and Repo on Government Securities.

In line with para 12.24 of SEBI Master Circular on Mutual Funds , the cumulative gross exposure to equity, equity related instruments, Fixed Income Securities, money market instruments and such other securities/assets as may be permitted by the Board from time to time subject to regulatory approvals, if any should not exceed 100% of the net assets of the Scheme.

#### Portfolio Rebalancing

## Rebalancing due to Short Term Defensive Consideration

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 on Mutual Funds, and the fund manager will rebalance the portfolio within 30 calendar days from the date of deviation.

#### Rebalancing due to Passive Breach:

Further, as per para 2.9 of SEBI Master Circular on Mutual Funds, as may be amended from time to time, in the event of deviation from mandated asset allocation due to passive breaches (occurrence of instances not arising out of omission and commission of the AMC), the fund manager shall rebalance the portfolio of the Scheme within 30 Business Days. In case the portfolio of the Scheme is not rebalanced within the period of 30 Business Days, justification in writing, including details of efforts taken to rebalance the portfolio shall be placed before the Investment Committee of the AMC. The Investment Committee, if it so desires, can extend the timeline for rebalancing up to sixty (60) Business Days from the date of completion of mandated rebalancing period. Further, in case the portfolio is not rebalanced within the aforementioned mandated plus extended timelines the AMC shall comply with the prescribed restrictions, the reporting and disclosure requirements as specified in para 2.9 of SEBI Master Circular on Mutual Funds.

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

Subject to the SEBI (MF) Regulations, the corpus of the Scheme can be invested in any (but not exclusively) of the following securities:

- 1. Equity and Equity related instruments, including convertible bonds and debentures and warrants carrying the right to obtain equity shares.
- 2. Securities created and issued by Governments of India and/or reverse repos in such Government Securities / Treasury Bills as may be permitted by RBI.
- 3. Securities guaranteed by the Central and State Governments (including but not limited to coupon bearing bonds, zero coupon bonds and treasury bills).
- 4. Fixed Income Securities of domestic Government agencies and statutory bodies, which may or may not carry a Central/State Government guarantee.
- 5. Corporate debt and securities (of both public and private sector undertakings) including Bonds, Debentures, Notes, Strips etc.
- 6. Money Market Instruments include Commercial papers, commercial bills, treasury bills, Government securities having an unexpired maturity upto one year, call or notice money, certificate of deposit, usance bill and any other like instruments as specified by the Reserve Bank of India/SEBI from time to time subject to regulatory approvals, if any.
- 7. Certificate of Deposits (CDs).
- 8. Commercial Paper (CPs).
- 9. Securitized Debt Obligations.
- 10. The non-convertible part of convertible securities.

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- 11. Pass through, Pay through or other Participation Certificates, representing interest in a pool assets including receivables.
- 12. Derivative instruments like Stock Options, Index Options.

The securities mentioned above could be listed or to be listed, secured or unsecured, and of varying maturity, as enabled under SEBI (MF) Regulations/circulars/RBI. The securities may be acquired through Initial Public Offerings (IPOs), secondary market operations, private placement, rights offers or negotiated deals.

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

The Scheme adopts an ESG integration strategy. This means that pertinent ESG factors that influence the risk and return of investments are taken into consideration, in addition to conventional financial considerations, when decisions regarding investments are made. Companies can do much better when they manage their environmental, social, and governance practices well which helps them run their business more efficiently, stand out from the competition, and make consumers trust their brand more and ultimately the company becomes more valuable for its owners.

The Scheme shall invest in stocks which form part of the benchmark index and/or stocks in the fund's research coverage, based on ESG scores.

The Fund has empaneled a reputed third-party agency that provides ESG score of the scheme's investable universe. These scores are derived through evaluating the ESG performance of investable companies, while also considering any notable ESG-related controversies. These scores are scrutinized thoroughly as they play an integral role in the fund's selection process. As a good practice, the fund does not invest in companies that score poorly in these ratings.

ESG represents factors viz. Environmental (such as impact of business on natural resources), Social (such as business having social impact) and Governance (being the way in which the company is run).

The Scheme will invest in a basket of securities based on combining existing traditional fundamental, bottomup financial analysis along with an analysis on the environmental, social and governance aspects of the company. The ESG analysis will be a part of the investment framework which may also use data shared by external service providers & index providers.

The fund manager would combine existing traditional fundamental, bottom-up financial analysis while also considering the environmental, social & governance aspects of a company (basis internal & external scores) so as to identify long term sustainable business opportunities.

As a part of the framework to shortlist ESG compliant companies, the ESG process will be assessed and executed at various levels. There would be Sector Level screening, stock level screening and further some steps to portfolio construction. ESG scores for each portfolio company shall be an integral part of the investment research process.

## **ESG Analysis Framework**

Based on the available sectors/industries for investment, stocks universe will be screened on which ESG scoring would be done based on various parameters of environmental, societal and governance parameters. The scheme does not intend to invest in sectors which are deemed as harmful or unfavorable from the societal perspective. For example, we will not invest in companies involved in Cluster Munitions, Anti-Personnel Mines and Chemical and Biological Weapons.

The shortlisted companies will be evaluated from a detailed qualitative perspective so as to complement the fundamental and quantitative research with ESG framework-based research as mentioned above.

The Scheme may also invest in ADR/GDR and equities of listed overseas companies and will be aligned with following the ESG theme. These investments will be made in line with the RBI and SEBI guidelines and will be within the limits prescribed by SEBI/RBI from time to time.

The Scheme may also invest a small portion of its corpus in money market instruments to manage its liquidity requirements. The Scheme may invest in debt securities and money market instruments issued by corporate



and/or state and central government with the aim of controlling volatility and providing cash flows on a continuous basis. Rigorous in-depth credit evaluation of the securities proposed to be invested in will be carried out by the investment team of the AMC for its fixed income investments. In addition, the Investment Team of the AMC studies the macro-economic conditions, including the political, economic environment and factors affecting liquidity and interest rates.

ABSLAMC may, from time to time, review and modify the Scheme's investment strategy if such changes are considered to be in the best interests of the unit holders and if market conditions warrant it. Investments in securities and instruments not specifically mentioned earlier may also be made, provided they are permitted by SEBI/RBI and approved by the Trustees.

The third party ESG risk rating methodology details, stewardship policy and the disclosures regarding proxy voting are available on our website www.mutualfund.adityabirlacapital.com

#### **Portfolio Turnover**

The scheme has no explicit constraints either to maintain or limit the portfolio turnover. Portfolio turnover will depend upon the circumstances prevalent at any time and would also depend on the extent of volatility in the market.

A higher churning to the portfolio could attract high transaction costs of the nature of brokerage, demat charges, stamp duty, custodian transaction charges, etc.

#### D. HOW WILL THE SCHEME BENCHMARK ITS PERFORMANCE?

The performance of the scheme will be benchmarked to the performance of Nifty 100 ESG TRI.

The fund reserves the right to change the said benchmark and/or adopt one/more other benchmarks to compare the performance of the Scheme. The performance of this scheme will be compared with its peers in the Industry. The performance will be placed before the Investment Committee as well as the Board of Directors of the AMC and the Trustee Company in each of their meetings.

#### Rationale for adoption of benchmark:

The NIFTY 100 ESG index is designed to reflect the performance of companies that are part of NIFTY 100 index based on environmental, social and governance score. The weight of constituents in the index is tilted based on ESG score assigned to the company, i.e. the constituent weight is derived from its free float market capitalization and ESG score.

This index excludes companies engaged in the business like tobacco, alcohol, controversial weapons and gambling operations. The companies that are involved in any major environmental, social or governance controversy are not considered for selection in the index.

The constituents of the Index reflect the fund's universe in the best possible way.

## E. WHO MANAGES THE SCHEME?

# Mr. Chanchal Khandelwal and Mr. Dhaval Joshi would be the designated Fund Managers of the Scheme.

Name	_	Educational Qualifications	•	Managing Scheme	Tenure
		Qualifications		Since	
Mr. Chanchal	45	B.Com &	Mr. Chanchal Khandelwal has over 21	November 1,	0.4
Khandelwal	years		years of experience of which 10 years is		years
			in financial markets with ABSLAMC.		
			Prior to joining ABSLAMC, he has		
			worked with Aditya Birla Retail Limited		

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(February 2007 - May 2008) and Aditya	
Birla Management Corporation Ltd.	
(December 2005 - February 2007) in the	
areas of Strategy and Corporate	
Finance.	

## Names of other schemes under the management of Mr. Chanchal Khandelwal:

Name of the scheme	Fund responsibilities jointly with
Aditya Birla Sun Life Bal Bhavishya Yojna	Mr. Harshil Suvarnkar and Mr. Dhaval Joshi
Aditya Birla Sun Life Equity Hybrid '95 Fund	Mr. Harshil Suvarnkar and Mr. Dhaval Joshi
Aditya Birla Sun Life India GenNext Fund	Mr. Dhaval Joshi
Aditya Birla Sun Life MNC Fund	Mr. Dhaval Joshi
Aditya Birla Sun Life Retirement Fund -The 40's	Mr. Harshil Suvarnkar and Mr. Dhaval Joshi
Plan	

## Mr. Dhaval Joshi is the dedicated fund manager for overseas investment.

Name	Age	Educational Qualifications	<del>-</del>	Managing Scheme	Tenure
		Quamoutons		Since	
Mr. Dhaval	40	MBA &	He has an experience of more than 18	November 21,	2.4
Joshi	years	M.Com	years in equity research and investments. Prior to joining Aditya Birla Sun Life AMC Limited, he was associated with Sundaram Mutual Fund (India) Ltd. for around 5 years. He has also worked as a research analyst with Emkay Global Financial Services and		years
			Asit C Mehta Investment Intermediates Ltd.		

Names of other schemes under his management:



Name of the scheme	Fund Manager(s)	
Aditya Birla Sun Life Asset Allocator FoF	Mr. Vinod Bhat	
Aditya Birla Sun Life Bal Bhavishya Yojna	Mr. Chanchal Khandelwal and Mr. Harshil Suvarnkar	
Aditya Birla Sun Life Banking and Financial Services Fund	Mr. Dhaval Gala	
Aditya Birla Sun Life Business Cycle Fund	Mr. Harish Krishnan and Mr. Dhaval Gala	
Aditya Birla Sun Life Digital India Fund	Mr. Kunal Sangoi	
Aditya Birla Sun Life Dividend Yield Fund	Mr. Dhaval Gala	
Aditya Birla Sun Life Equity Advantage Fund	Mr. Vishal Gajwani	
Aditya Birla Sun Life Equity Hybrid '95 Fund	Mr. Chanchal Khandelwal and Mr. Harshil Suvarnkar	
Aditya Birla Sun Life Financial Planning FoF	Mr. Vinod Bhat	
Aditya Birla Sun Life Flexi Cap Fund	Mr. Harish Krishnan	
Aditya Birla Sun Life Focused Fund	Mr. Kunal Sangoi	
Aditya Birla Sun Life Frontline Equity Fund	Mr. Mahesh Patil	
Aditya Birla Sun Life Global Emerging Opportunities Fund	-	
Aditya Birla Sun Life Global Excellence Equity Fund of Fund	-	
Aditya Birla Sun Life India GenNext Fund	Mr. Chanchal Khandelwal	
Aditya Birla Sun Life Infrastructure Fund	Mr. Mahesh Patil and Mr. Jonas Bhutta	
Aditya Birla Sun Life International Equity Fund	-	
Aditya Birla Sun Life Midcap Fund	Mr. Vishal Gajwani	
Aditya Birla Sun Life MNC Fund	Mr. Chanchal Khandelwal	
Aditya Birla Sun Life Multi-Cap Fund  Mr. Abhinav Khandelwal Suvarnkar		
Aditya Birla Sun Life NASDAQ 100 FOF	-	
Aditya Birla Sun Life Pharma & Healthcare Fund	Mr. Dhaval Shah	
Aditya Birla Sun Life PSU Equity Fund	Mr. Dhaval Gala	
Aditya Birla Sun Life Pure Value Fund	Mr. Kunal Sangoi	
Aditya Birla Sun Life Retirement Fund -The 30's Plan	Mr. Jonas Bhutta	
Aditya Birla Sun Life Retirement Fund -The 40's Plan	Mr. Chanchal Khandelwal and Mr. Harshil Suvarnkar	
Aditya Birla Sun Life Small Cap Fund	Mr. Abhinav Khandelwal	
Aditya Birla Sun Life Special Opportunities Fund	Mr. Dhaval Gala	
Aditya Birla Sun Life ELSS Tax Saver Fund	Mr. Dhaval Shah	
Aditya Birla Sun Life Multi - Index Fund of Funds	Mr. Vinod Bhat	
Aditya Birla Sun Life Multi Asset Allocation Fund	Mr. Dhaval Gala, Mr. Bhupesh Bameta and Mr. Sachin Wankhede	
Aditya Birla Sun Life Transportation and Logistics Fund	Mr. Dhaval Gala	
Aditya Birla Sun Life Quant Fund	Mr. Harish Krishnan	



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

Following are the Equity schemes of Aditya Birla Sun Life Mutual Fund as on March 31, 2025:

#### Name of the scheme

- Aditya Birla Sun Life Banking and Financial Services Fund
- Aditya Birla Sun Life Small Cap Fund
- Aditya Birla Sun Life Digital India Fund
- Aditya Birla Sun Life Business Cycle Fund
- Aditya Birla Sun Life Dividend Yield Fund
- Aditya Birla Sun Life Equity Advantage Fund
- Aditya Birla Sun Life Flexi Cap Fund
- Aditya Birla Sun Life Focused Fund
- Aditya Birla Sun Life Frontline Equity Fund
- Aditya Birla Sun Life India GenNext Fund
- Aditya Birla Sun Life Infrastructure Fund
- Aditya Birla Sun Life International Equity Fund
- Aditya Birla Sun Life Manufacturing Equity Fund
- Aditya Birla Sun Life Midcap Fund
- Aditya Birla Sun Life MNC Fund
- Aditya Birla Sun Life Multi-Cap Fund
- Aditya Birla Sun Life Pharma & Healthcare Fund
- Aditya Birla Sun Life PSU Equity Fund
- Aditya Birla Sun Life Pure Value Fund
- Aditya Birla Sun Life Special Opportunities Fund
- Aditya Birla Sun Life ELSS Tax Saver Fund
- Aditya Birla Sun Life Transportation and Logistics Fund
- Aditya Birla Sun Life Quant Fund
- Aditya Birla Sun Life Conglomerate Fund

For detailed comparative table, kindly refer <a href="https://mutualfund.adityabirlacapital.com/forms-and-downloads/disclosures">https://mutualfund.adityabirlacapital.com/forms-and-downloads/disclosures</a>

#### G. HOW HAS THE SCHEME PERFORMED?

#### PERFORMANCE OF THE SCHEMES AS AT MARCH 31, 2025

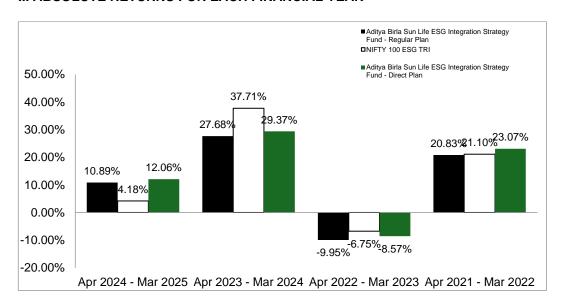
Returns	Last 1 Year	Last 3 years	Last 5 Years	Since Inception
Aditya Birla Sun Life ESG Integration Strategy Fund	11.79	8.72	-	12.29
(Inception - December 24,2020)				
Nifty 100 ESG TRI	6.05	10.86	-	14.44
Aditya Birla Sun Life ESG Integration	13.00	10.15	-	13.96
Strategy Fund - Direct Plan				
(Inception - December 24,2020)				
Nifty 100 ESG TRI	6.05	10.86	-	14.44

**Note:** Past performance may or may not be sustained in future. Returns are in % and absolute returns for period less than 1 year & Compounded Annualized Growth returns (CAGR) for period 1 year or more. Load



and taxes not considered. Where benchmark returns are not available, they have not been shown. Returns are calculated on Growth Option NAV

#### II. ABSOLUTE RETURNS FOR EACH FINANCIAL YEAR



Note: Past performance may or may not be sustained in future. Returns are in % and absolute returns for period less than 1 year & CAGR for period 1 year or more. Load and taxes not considered.

#### H. ADDITIONAL SCHEME RELATED DISCLOSURES

- i. Scheme's portfolio holdings i.e. Top 10 holdings by issuer and fund allocation towards various sectors Kindly refer for details <a href="https://mutualfund.adityabirlacapital.com/forms-and-downloads/disclosures">https://mutualfund.adityabirlacapital.com/forms-and-downloads/disclosures</a>
- ii. Portfolio Disclosure Fortnightly / Monthly/ Half Yearly
  Kindly refer for details <a href="https://mutualfund.adityabirlacapital.com/forms-and-downloads/portfolio">https://mutualfund.adityabirlacapital.com/forms-and-downloads/portfolio</a>
- iii. Portfolio Turnover Rate: 0.20
- iv. Aggregate investment in the Scheme by Concerned scheme's Fund Manager(s) as at March 31, 2025:

Sr. No.	Scheme's Fund Manager	Plans/Options	Net Value		Market Value ( in Rs.)
			Units	NAV per unit (in Rs.)	
1.	Mr. Chanchal Khandelwal	Direct Plan - Growth	881.78	17.47	15,404.70
2.	Mr. Dhaval Joshi	Direct Plan - Growth	487.55	17.47	8,517.48

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

#### v. Investments of AMC in the Scheme :

Pursuant to Regulation 25(16A) of the SEBI (MF) Regulations, 1996 and para 6.9 of SEBI Master Circular on Mutual Funds, AMC will invest minimum amount as a percentage of AUM based on the risk associated with the Scheme and such investment will not be redeemed unless the Scheme is wound up. The AMC will conduct quarterly review to ensure compliance with above requirement which may



change either due to change in value of the AUM or in the risk value assigned to the scheme. The shortfall in value of the investment, if any, will be made good within 7 days of such review.

In addition to investments as mandated under Regulation 25(16A) of the Regulations as mentioned above, the AMC, may invest in the scheme during the continuous offer period subject to the SEBI (MF). As per the existing SEBI (MF) Regulations, the AMC will not charge investment management and advisory fee on the investment made by it in the scheme. The Sponsor, Trustee and their associates may invest in the scheme on an ongoing basis subject to SEBI (MF) Regulations & circulars issued by SEBI and to the extent permitted by its Board of Directors from time to time.

Link to view the same: https://mutualfund.adityabirlacapital.com/forms-and-downloads/disclosures

#### Part III- OTHER DETAILS

#### A. COMPUTATION OF NAV

The Net Asset Value (NAV) per Unit of the scheme will be computed by dividing the net assets of the scheme by the number of Units outstanding under the scheme on the valuation date. 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.

NAV of Units under the scheme shall be calculated as shown below:

#### Market or Fair Value of the scheme's Investments

- + Current Assets (including accrued income)
- Current Liabilities and Provisions (including accrued expenses)

NAV (Rs.) per Unit = -

## No. of Units outstanding under the scheme

The AMC will calculate and disclose the NAV of the scheme on every business day. The NAVs of the Scheme will be calculated upto two decimals and units allotted upto three decimals. AMC reserves the right to calculate NAV more than two decimal places. NAVs of the growth option and IDCW option will be different after the declaration of the first IDCW.

Computation of NAV in case of investment in foreign securities: On the valuation day, all the assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currency will be valued in Indian Rupees. The valuation price of the security will be converted to INR based on a reference rate provided by the designated agency at the close of banking hours in India. If required, the AMC may change the source of determining the exchange rate. The Fund shall value its investments according to the valuation norms as specified in the Eighth Schedule of the Regulations, or such guidelines / recommendations as may be specified by SEBI from time to time. The broad valuation norms are detailed in the Statement of Additional Information.

#### Illustration of computation of NAV:

If the net assets of the Scheme are Rs.10,55,34,567.12 and units outstanding are 100,00,000, then the NAV per unit will be computed as follows:

10,55,34,567.12 / 100,00,000 = Rs. 10.55 p.u. (rounded off to Two decimals)

In accordance with SEBI (MF) Regulations, while determining the price of the units, the mutual fund shall ensure that the repurchase price of the scheme is not lower than 95 per cent of the Net Asset Value.

#### Methodology for calculation of sale and re-purchase price of the units:

• Subscription / Switch-in (from other schemes/plans of the Mutual Fund) (This is the price investor need to pay for purchase/switch-in)

If the applicable NAV is Rs. 10/- and since there will be no entry load, then the purchase price will be Rs. 10



• Redemption / Switch - out (to other schemes/plans of the Mutual Fund) (This is the price investor will receive at the time of redemption/ switch-out)

If the applicable NAV is Rs. 10/- and exit load is 0.5% then sale price will be 10 - (10 \* 0.5%) = 10 - 0.05 = Rs. 9.95

Note: Where as a result of a Redemption/ Switch arising out of excess holding by an investor beyond 25% of the net assets of the schemes in the manner envisaged under para 6.11 of SEBI Master Circular on Mutual Funds, such Redemption / Switch will not be subject to Exit load.

For other details such as policies w.r.t computation of NAV, rounding off, investment in foreign securities, 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. All the NFO expenses of the Scheme shall be borne by the AMC.

The entire amount subscribed by the investor subject to deduction of transaction charges, if any, in the scheme during the New Fund Offer will be available to the scheme for investments.

#### C. ANNUAL SCHEME RECURRING EXPENSES

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

Within the limits specified under the SEBI Regulations, the AMC has estimated that the following will be charged to the scheme as expenses. For the actual current expenses being charged, the investor should refer to the website of the mutual fund. Further, any change in the expense ratio will be updated on our website and the same will be communicated to investor via SMS / e-mail 3 working days prior to the effective date of change.

As per Regulation 52(6)(c) of SEBI (MF) Regulations, the total expenses of the scheme, including Investment Management and Advisory Fees, shall be subject to following limits as specified below:

Assets under management Slab (In Rs. crore)	Total expense ratio limits
on the first Rs.500 crores of the daily net assets	2.25%
on the next Rs.250 crores of the daily net assets	2.00%
on the next Rs.1,250 crores of the daily net assets	1.75%
on the next Rs.3,000 crores of the daily net assets	1.60%
on the next Rs.5,000 crores of the daily net assets	1.50%
On the next Rs.40,000 crores of the daily net assets	Total expense ratio reduction of 0.05% for
	every increase of Rs.5,000 crores of daily
	net assets or part thereof.
On balance of the assets	1.05%

In addition to total expense permissible within limits of Regulation 52 (6)(c) of SEBI (MF) Regulations as above, the AMC may charge the following to the scheme in terms of Regulation 52(6A) of SEBI (MF) Regulations:

(a) Additional expenses not exceeding of 0.30% of daily net assets may be charged to the Scheme, if the new inflows from retail investors^ from beyond top 30 cities\* are at least (i) 30% of gross new inflows in the scheme or (ii) 15% of the average assets under management (year to date) of the scheme, whichever is higher.

^As per para 10.1 of SEBI Master Circular on Mutual Funds, inflows of amount upto Rs 2,00,000/- per transaction, by individual investors shall be considered as inflows from "retail investor".



\*Beyond Top 30 (B30) cities shall mean beyond top 30 cities based on Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI) data on 'AUM by Geography - Consolidated Data for Mutual Fund Industry' as at the end of the previous financial year.

In case inflows from beyond such cities is less than the higher of (i) or (ii) mentioned above, such additional expense on daily net assets of the scheme shall be charged on proportionate basis in accordance with para 10.1.3 of SEBI Master Circular on Mutual Funds .

Inflows from corporates and institutions from B-30 cities will not be considered for computing the inflows from B-30 cities for the purpose of additional TER of 30 basis points.

The expense so charged shall be utilized for distribution expenses incurred for bringing inflows from such cities. However, the amount incurred as expense on account of inflows from such cities shall be credited back to the scheme in case the said inflows are redeemed within a period of one year from the date of investment.

Note: SEBI vide its letter no. SEBI/HO/IMD-SEC-3/P/OW/2023/5823/1 dated February 24,2023 and AMFI letter dated No. 35P/ MEM-COR/ 85-a/ 2022-23 dated March 02, 2023 has directed AMCs to keep B-30 incentive structure in abeyance with effect from March 01, 2023 till further notice.

- (b) Brokerage and transaction cost incurred for the purpose of execution of trade shall be charged to the schemes as provided under Regulation 52 (6A) (a) upto 12 bps and 5 bps for cash market transactions and derivatives transactions respectively. In terms of para 10.1.14 of SEBI Master Circular on Mutual Funds, any payment towards brokerage and transaction costs (including GST, if any) incurred for the execution of trades, over and above the said 0.12 per cent and 0.05 per cent for cash market transactions and derivatives transactions respectively may be charged to the scheme within the maximum limit of Total Expense Ratio (TER) as prescribed under Regulation 52 of the SEBI (MF) Regulations.
- (c) Additional expenses incurred towards different heads mentioned under Regulations 52(2) and 52(4) of SEBI (MF) Regulations, not exceeding 0.05 per cent of daily net assets of the scheme.

The AMC has estimated the following recurring expenses, as detailed in table related to maximum permissible expense below. The expenses are estimated have been made in good faith as per the information available to the AMC based on past experience and are subject to change inter se.

The purpose of the below table is to assist the investor in understanding the various costs and expenses that an investor in the scheme will bear directly or indirectly.

Maximum estimated permissible expense as a % per annum of daily net assets:

Expense Head	% p.a. of daily Net Assets*
Investment Management & Advisory Fee	Upto 2.25%
Audit fees/fees and expenses of trustees	
Custodial Fees	
Registrar & Transfer Agent Fees including cost of providing account statements / IDCW / redemption cheques/ warrants	
Marketing & Selling Expenses including Agents Commission and statutory advertisement	
Costs related to investor communications	
Costs of fund transfer from location to location	
Cost towards investor education & awareness	
Brokerage & transaction cost pertaining to distribution of units	
Goods & Services Tax on expenses other than investment and advisory fees	
Goods & Services Tax on brokerage and transaction cost ^	
Other Expenses (to be specified as per Reg 52 of SEBI MF Regulations)	
Maximum Total expenses ratio (TER) permissible under Regulation 52 (6) (c)	Upto 2.25%



Additional expenses under Regulations 52(6A)(c)**	Upto 0.05%
Additional expenses for gross new inflows from specified cities#	Upto 0.30%

The above estimates for recurring expense are for indicative purposes only and have been made in good faith as per the information available to the AMC based on past experience.

#### Note:

(a) The TER of the Direct Plan will be lower to the extent of the abovementioned distribution expenses/commission which is charged in the Regular Plan.

^In terms of para 10.1.16 of SEBI Master Circular on Mutual Funds , the AMC / Mutual Fund shall annually set apart at least 2 basis points (i.e. 0.02%) on daily net assets of the Scheme within the maximum limit of Total Expense Ratio as per Regulation 52 of the SEBI (MF) Regulations for investor education and awareness initiatives.

- (b) In terms of para 10.3 of SEBI Master Circular on Mutual Funds , AMC may charge the following Fees and expenses as mentioned below:
  - a. **Investment Management and Advisory Fees:** AMC may charge GST on investment management and advisory fees to the Scheme in addition to the maximum limit of Total Expense Ratio as prescribed under Regulation 52 of the SEBI (MF) Regulations.
  - b. Other than Investment Management and Advisory Fees: AMC may charge GST on expenses other than investment management and advisory fees to the Scheme within the maximum limit of Total Expense Ratio as prescribed under Regulation 52 of the SEBI (MF) Regulations. Further, GST on Brokerage and transaction cost incurred for execution of trades, will be within the maximum limit of Total Expense Ratio as prescribed under Regulation 52 of the SEBI (MF) Regulations.
- (c) Additional Expenses upto 0.05% of daily net assets as permissible under Regulation 52 (6A) (c) may be charged by AMC under different heads of expenses mentioned under Regulation 52 (2) and (4) and more specifically stated in table above.
- (d) Maximum Permissible expense: The maximum total expense ratio (TER) that can be charged to the Scheme will be subject to such limits as prescribed under the SEBI (MF) Regulations. The said maximum TER shall either be apportioned under various expense heads as enumerated above, without any sub limit or allocated to any of the said expense head(s) at the discretion of AMC. Also, the types of expenses charged shall be as per the SEBI (MF) Regulations.

Investors should note that, all scheme related expenses including commission paid to distributors will necessarily be paid from the Scheme only within the regulatory limits and not from the books of the ABSLAMC, its associate, sponsor, trustee or any other entity through any route.

The total recurring expenses of the Scheme excluding issue or redemption expenses, whether initially borne by the Mutual Fund or by the AMC, but including the investment management and advisory fee, shall not exceed the limits as prescribed under Regulation 52 of the SEBI (MF) Regulations.

## Illustration of impact of expense ratio on schemes returns:

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 the above, for the Scheme under reference, suppose an Investor invested Rs. 10,000/-the impact of expenses charged will be as under:

Particulars	Regular Plan (Rs.)	Direct Plan (Rs.)
Amount invested at the beginning of the year (A)	10,000	10,000
Value of above investment at the end of the year (before all applicable expenses) (B)	11,500	11,500

<sup>\*\*</sup>such expenses shall not be charged to the scheme where the exit load is not levied or applicable.

<sup>^</sup> over and above 12 bps and 5 bps for cash market transactions and derivatives transactions respectively.

<sup>\*</sup>These expenses are in abeyance with effect from March 1, 2023 till further notice.



Returns before expenses (C)	1,500	1,500
Expenses other than Distribution expenses(D)	150	150
Distribution expenses (E)	50	-
Value of above investment at the end of the year (post all applicable expenses) (F)	11,300	11,350
Returns after expenses at the end of the year (G)	1300	1350
Returns (%) (post all applicable expenses) (H) (H=(F-A)/A)	13%	13.5%
Returns (%) (without considering any expenses) (I) [I= (B-A)/A]	15%	15%

#### Note(s):

- The purpose of the above illustration is to purely explain the impact of expense ratio charged to 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 Option under the Scheme will be lower to the extent of the above-mentioned distribution expenses/ commission. The NAVs of Direct Plan and Regular Plan will be different.
- · Calculations are based on assumed NAVs, and actual returns on your investment may be more, or less.
- Any tax impact has not been considered in the above example, in view of the individual nature of the tax implications. Each investor is advised to consult his or her own financial advisor.

#### D. LOAD STRUCTURE

Exit Load is an amount which is paid by the investor to redeem the units from the scheme. Load amounts are variable and are subject to change from time to time. For the current applicable structure, please refer to the website of the AMC (www.mutualfund.adityabirlacapital.com) or may call at 1-800-22-7000/1-800-270-7000 or your distributor.

Type of Load	Load Chargeable (as %age of NAV)
Exit Load	• For redemption / switch-out of units on or before 30 days from the date of allotment:
	1% of the applicable NAV.
	For redemption / switch-out of units after 30 days from the date of allotment - Nil

- No Exit Loads will be chargeable in case of switches made from Growth option to IDCW option or viceversa within the respective Plans offered under the Scheme
- No entry or exit load shall be charged in respect of units issued to unitholders on Reinvestments of IDCW and units issued to unitholders as Bonus units.
- No exit load will be charged in case of switch of investments from Regular Plan to Direct Plan and vice versa
- The above Load shall be applicable in case SIP/STP/SWP transactions.
- Pursuant to para 10.3 of SEBI Master Circular on Mutual Funds, exit load charged, if any, by the AMC/Mutual Fund to the unitholders shall be credited to the Scheme immediately, net of GST, if any.

## The investor is requested to check the prevailing load structure of the scheme before investing.

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

Any imposition or enhancement of Load in future as may be permitted under SEBI (MF) Regulations shall be applicable on prospective investments only and will be calculated on First in First Out (FIFO) basis. However, AMC shall not charge any load on issue of bonus units and units allotted on reinvestment of IDCW for existing as well as prospective investors. At the time of changing the Load Structure following measures

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would be undertaken to avoid complaints from investors about investment in the schemes without knowing the loads:

- I. The addendum detailing the changes would be attached to Scheme Information Document and Key Information Document. The addendum will be circulated to all the distributors / brokers so that the same can be attached to all Scheme Information Documents and Key Information Documents already in stock.
- II. Arrangements will be made to display the addendum in the Scheme Information Document in the form of a notice in all the Investor Service Centres and distributors / brokers office.
- III. The introduction of the Exit Load alongwith the details would be stamped in the acknowledgement slip issued to the investors on submission of the application form and would also be disclosed in the statement of accounts issued after the introduction of such load.
- IV. Any other measure which the AMC/Mutual Fund may feel necessary.

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

#### 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. 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 with 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 on the applicable Net Asset Value 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

In this Scheme Information Document, the words and expressions shall have the meaning specified in the following link, unless the context otherwise requires.

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#### Interpretation

For all purposes of this Scheme Information Document, except as otherwise expressly provided or unless the context otherwise requires, the terms defined in this Scheme Information Document include the plural as well as the singular. Pronouns having a masculine or feminine gender shall be deemed to include the other. Words and expressions used herein but not defined herein shall have the meanings respectively assigned to them therein under the SEBI Act or the SEBI (MF) Regulations.

All references to "Master Circular" refer to Master Circular for Mutual Funds issued by SEBI dated June 27, 2024 as amended from time to time.

#### **B. RISK FACTORS**

#### - SCHEME SPECIFIC RISK FACTORS

STANDARD RISK FACTORS - Kindly refer Statement of Additional Information (SAI).

## Risk associated with a thematic fund:

- Investing in a thematic fund is based on the premise that the Fund will seek to invest in companies belonging to only specific theme. The Scheme being theme specific will be affected by the risks associated with companies based on Environment friendly, socially responsible and sound corporate governance practices and hence concentration risk is expected to be high.
- The Scheme would be investing in equity & equity related instruments of companies following Environment, Social & Governance (ESG) theme, other equity & equity related instruments, Units issued by REITs/ InvITs, debt instruments (including securitized debt) and money market instruments.
- Evaluation of companies from ESG or sustainability perspective may exclude securities of certain issuers for non-investment reasons and therefore the Scheme may forgo some market opportunities available to schemes that don't use ESG theme. Stocks of companies with ESG practices may shift into and out of favour with stock market investors depending on market and economic conditions, and the Scheme's performance may at times be better or worse than the performance of schemes that do not follow the ESG theme. The liquidity of the Scheme's investments is inherently restricted by trading volumes and settlement periods. In the event of an inordinately large number of redemption requests, or of a restructuring of the scheme's investment portfolio, these periods may become significant. In view of the same, the Trustees have the right in their sole discretion to limit redemptions (including suspending redemptions) under certain circumstances.
- Also, as with all equity investing, there is the risk that companies in that specific theme will not achieve
  its expected earnings results, or that an unexpected change in the market (due to Government Policies
  or Macro Economic factors) or within the company may occur, both of which may adversely affect
  investment results. Thus investing in a thematic fund could involve potentially greater volatility and risk.
- The Mutual Fund is not assuring any IDCW nor is it assuring that it will make any IDCW distributions. All IDCW distributions are subject to the availability of distributable surplus and would depend on the performance of the scheme.

Risks associated with investment in Equity and Equity related instruments:



- 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.
- The NAVs of scheme investing in equity will fluctuate as the daily prices of the individual securities in which they invest fluctuate and the units when redeemed may be worth more or less than their original cost.
- The value of the Scheme's investments, may be affected generally by factors affecting securities markets, such as price and volume volatility in the capital markets, interest rates, currency exchange rates, changes in policies of the Government, taxation laws or policies of any appropriate authority and other political and economic developments and closure of stock exchanges which may have an adverse bearing on individual securities, a specific sector or all sectors including equity and debt markets. Consequently, the NAV of the units of the Scheme may fluctuate and can go up or down.
- In respect of investments in equity and equity-related instruments, there may be risks associated with trading volumes, settlement periods and transfer procedures that may restrict liquidity of investments in equity and equity-related securities. In the event of inordinately large number of redemptions or of a restructuring of the scheme' investment portfolio, there may be delays in the redemption of units.
- Within the regulatory limits, the Fund Manager may choose to invest in listed or to be listed securities that offer attractive yields. Securities, which are not quoted on the stock exchanges, are inherently illiquid in nature and carry a larger amount of liquidity risk, in comparison to securities that are listed on the exchanges or offer other exit options to the investor, including a put option. This may however increase the risk of the portfolio. The liquidity and valuation of the scheme investments due to their holdings of listed or to be listed securities may be affected if they have to be sold prior to their target date of disinvestments.
- Investment made in listed or to be listed equity or equity-related securities may only be realizable upon listing of these securities. Settlement problems could cause the Scheme to miss certain investment opportunities.
- Investors may note that Fund Manager's investment decisions may not always be profitable, as actual market movements may be at variance with anticipated trends.
- Though the constituent stocks of most indexes are typically liquid, liquidity differs across stocks. Due to the heterogeneity in liquidity in the capital market segment, trades on this segment may not get implemented instantly.

#### Risk Factors associated with investments in Fixed Income Securities:

- Price-Risk or Interest-Rate Risk: Fixed income securities such as bonds, debentures 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 is a function of the existing coupon, days to maturity and the increase or decrease
  in the level of interest rates.
- Credit Risk: In simple terms this risk means that the issuer of a debenture/ bond or a money market
  instrument may default on interest payment or even in paying back the principal amount on maturity.
  Even where no default occurs, the price of a security may go down because the credit rating of an issuer
  goes down. It must, however, be noted that where the Scheme has invested in Government securities,
  there is no credit 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). The primary measure of liquidity risk is the spread between the bid price and the offer price quoted by a dealer. Liquidity risk is today's characteristic of the Indian fixed income market.
- Reinvestment Risk: Investments in fixed income securities may carry reinvestment risk as interest rates prevailing on the interest or maturity due dates may differ from the original coupon of the bond. Consequently, the proceeds may get invested at a lower rate.
- **Pre-payment Risk:** Certain fixed income securities give an issuer the right to call back its securities before their maturity date, in periods of declining interest rates. The possibility of such prepayment may force the fund to reinvest the proceeds of such investments in securities offering lower yields, resulting in lower interest income for the fund.
- Different types of securities in which the scheme would invest as given in the Scheme Information
  Document carry different levels and types of risk. Accordingly, the scheme's risk may increase or
  decrease depending upon its investment pattern. e.g. corporate bonds carry a higher amount of risk than



Government securities. Further even among corporate bonds, bonds, which are AA rated, are comparatively riskier than bonds, which are AAA rated.

 The above are some of the common risks associated with investments in fixed income and money market securities. There can be no assurance that a Scheme's investment objectives will be achieved, or that there will be no loss of capital. Investment results may vary substantially on a monthly, quarterly or annual basis.

#### Risk Factors associated with investments in Derivatives:

- As and when any Scheme trades in the derivatives market there are risk factors and issues concerning the use of derivatives that investors should understand. Derivative products are specialized instruments that require investment techniques and risk analysis different from those associated with stocks and bonds. The use of a derivative requires an understanding not only of the underlying instrument but also of the derivative itself. Derivatives require the maintenance of adequate controls to monitor the transactions entered into, the ability to assess the risk that a derivative adds to the portfolio and the ability to forecast price or interest rate movements correctly. There is a possibility that loss may be sustained by the portfolio as a result of the failure of another party (usually referred as the "counter party") to comply with the terms of the derivatives contract. Other risks in using derivatives include the risk of mispricing or improper valuation of derivatives and the inability of derivatives to correlate perfectly with underlying assets, rates and indices. Thus, derivatives are highly leveraged instruments. Even a small price movement in the underlying security could have a large impact on their value. Besides the price of the underlying asset, the volatility, tenor and interest rates affect the pricing of derivatives. Derivative products are leveraged instruments and can provide disproportionate gains as well as disproportionate losses to the investor. Execution of such strategies depends upon the ability of the fund manager to identify such opportunities. Identification and execution of the strategies to be pursued by the fund manager involve uncertainty and decision of fund manager may not always be profitable. No assurance can be given that the fund manager will be able to identify or execute such strategies.
- Derivative trades involve execution risks, whereby the rates seen on the screen may not be the rate at which ultimate execution takes place.
- The options buyer's risk is limited to the premium paid, while the risk of an options writer is unlimited. However, the gains of an options writer are limited to the premiums earned.
- The writer of a put option bears the risk of loss if the value of the underlying asset declines below the exercise price. The writer of a call option bears a risk of loss if the value of the underlying asset increases above the exercise price.
- Investments in index futures face the same risk as the investments in a portfolio of shares representing an index. The extent of loss is the same as in the underlying stocks.
- Risk of loss in trading futures contracts can be substantial, because of the low margin deposits required, the extremely high degree of leverage involved in futures pricing and potential high volatility of the futures markets.
- The risks associated with the use of derivatives are different from or possibly greater than, the risks associated with investing directly in securities and other traditional investments.

#### Risks for writing covered call options for equity shares:

- a) Writing call options are highly specialized activities and entail higher than ordinary investment risks. In such investment strategy, the profits from call option writing is capped at the option premium, however the downside depends upon the increase in value of the underlying equity shares.
- b) The Scheme may write covered call option only in case it has adequate number of underlying equity shares as per regulatory requirement. This would lead to setting aside a portion of investment in underlying equity shares. If covered call options are sold to the maximum extent allowed by regulatory authority, the scheme may not be able to sell the underlying equity shares immediately if the view changes to sell and exit the stock. The covered call options need to be unwound before the stock positions can be liquidated. This may lead to a loss of opportunity, or can cause exit issues if the strike price at which the call option contracts have been written become illiquid. Hence, the scheme may not be able to sell the underlying equity shares, which can lead to temporary illiquidity of the underlying equity shares and result in loss of opportunity.
- c) The writing of covered call option would lead to loss of opportunity due to appreciation in value of the underlying equity shares.
- d) The total gross exposure related to option premium paid and received must not exceed the regulatory limits of the net assets of the scheme



#### Risk Factors associated with investments in Foreign Securities:

- Investments in International (overseas) securities including Exchange Traded Funds involves increased
  risk and volatility, not typically associated with domestic investing, due to changes in currency exchange
  rates, foreign government regulations, differences in auditing and accounting standards, potential
  political and economic instability, limited liquidity, and volatile prices. Further, risks associated with
  introduction of extraordinary exchange control, economic deterioration, and changes in bi-lateral
  relationships.
- To the extent the assets of the scheme are invested in overseas financial assets, there may be risks associated with currency movements, restrictions on repatriation and transaction procedures in overseas market. Further, the repatriation of capital to India may also be hampered by changes in regulations or political circumstances as well as the application to it of other restrictions on investment. In addition, country risks would include events such as introduction of extraordinary exchange controls, economic deterioration, bi-lateral conflict leading to immobilization of the overseas financial assets and the prevalent tax laws of the respective jurisdiction for execution of trades or otherwise.
- Currency Risk: The scheme may invest in securities denominated in a broad range of currencies and may maintain cash in such currencies. As a consequence, fluctuations in the value of such currencies against the currency denomination of the relevant scheme will have a corresponding impact on the value of the portfolio. Furthermore, investors should be aware that movements in the rate of exchange between the currency of denomination of a fund and their home currency will affect the value of their shareholding when measured in their home currency.
- **Country Risk:** The Country risk arises from the inability of a country, to meet its financial obligations. It is the risk encompassing economic, social and political conditions in a foreign country, which might adversely affect foreign investors' financial interests.

The Scheme may also invest in Foreign Securities as permitted by Reserve Bank of India and Securities and Exchange Board of India. To the extent that some part of the assets of the Scheme may be invested in securities denominated in foreign currencies, the Indian Rupee equivalent of the net assets, distributions and income may be adversely affected by the changes in the value of certain foreign currencies relative to the Indian Rupee. The repatriation of capital also may be hampered by changes in regulations concerning exchange controls or political circumstances as well as all other restrictions on investments as applicable.

#### Risks associated with investments in Securitised Debt:

Domestic securitised debt assets would be in the nature of Mortgage Backed Securities (MBS) and Asset Backed Securities (ABS) with underlying pool of assets and receivables like Housing Loans, Auto loans and corporate loans. The Securitised debt assets and the underlying asset classes like housing loans, Auto Loans and Corporate loans have the following risk factors.

- Limited Recourse and Credit Risk: Certificates issued on investment in securitised debt represent a beneficial interest in the underlying receivables and there is no obligation on the issuer, seller or the originator in that regard. Defaults on the underlying loan can adversely affect the pay outs to the investors (i.e. the Scheme) and thereby, adversely affect the NAV of the Scheme. While it is possible to repossess and sell the underlying asset, various factors can delay or prevent repossession and the price obtained on sale of such assets may be low.
- Bankruptcy Risk: If the originator of securitised debt instruments in which the Scheme invests is subject to bankruptcy proceedings and the court in such proceedings concludes that the sale of the assets from originator to the trust was not a 'true sale', then the Scheme could experience losses or delays in the payments due. Normally, care is taken in structuring the securitization transaction so as to minimize the risk of the sale to the trust not being construed as a 'true sale'.
- Risk of Co-mingling: Servicers in a securitization transaction normally deposit all payments received
  from the obligors into a collection account. However, there could be a time gap between collection by a
  servicer and depositing the same into the collection account. In this interim period, collections from the
  loan agreements by the servicer may not be segregated from other funds of the servicer. If the servicer
  fails to remit such funds due to investors, investors in the Scheme may be exposed to a potential loss.

Risks associated with Mortgage Backed Securities (MBS) - Housing Loans



- **Prepayment Risk:** The fund may receive payment of monthly payouts earlier than scheduled. Prepayments shorten the life of the instrument to an extent that cannot be fully predicted. The rate of prepayments may be influenced by a variety of economic, social and other factors.
- Credit Risk: Delinquencies may happen which would reduce the principal amount. Typically, MBS structures come with credit enhancement in variety of forms. If delinquencies are higher than the amount available in the credit enhancement facility than the monthly payouts to the fund would reduce. Historically, it has been observed that housing loans have lower default rates as compared to other forms of credit
- **Liquidity Risk:** Historically the secondary market volume of securitised papers has been limited. This could limit the ability of the fund to resell them. Secondary market trades could be at a discount or premium depending upon the prevailing interest rates.
- Conversion risk: Conversion of loans from fixed rate to floating rate loans and vice versa could lead to a change in the expected cash flows from the loans.

#### Risks associated with Asset Backed Securities (ABS)-Auto Loans.

- Prepayment Risk: The fund may receive payment of monthly payouts earlier than scheduled.
  Prepayments shorten the life of the instrument to an extent that cannot be fully predicted. The rate of
  prepayments may be influenced by a variety of economic, social and other factors. Prepayments in auto
  loans is lower than housing loans as the shorter tenor of auto loans makes it economically unattractive to
  prepay after considering the prepayment charges.
- Credit Risk: Delinquencies may happen which would reduce the principal amount. Typically, ABS structures come with credit enhancement in variety of forms. If delinquencies are higher than the amount available in the credit enhancement facility than the monthly payouts to the fund would reduce. Typically auto loans carry higher risk than MBS as the value retention of the underlying asset is higher in MBS as compared to the underlying asset of ABS.
- **Liquidity Risk:** Historically the secondary market volume of securitised papers has been limited. This could limit the ability of the fund to resell them. Secondary market trades could be at a discount or premium depending upon the prevailing interest rates.

## Risks associated with Asset Backed Securities (ABS) - Corporate Loans

- Credit Risk: The fund has an exposure to the Borrower/Borrowers and servicing of the instrument depends on the credit risk of the Borrower. The value of the instrument would fluctuate depending upon the changes in the perceived level of credit risk as well as any actual default.
- **Prepayment Risk:** The Borrower may prepay the receivables prior to their respective due dates. This may result in a change in the yield and tenor for the fund.
  - **Limited Liquidity and Price Risk:** Historically the secondary market volume of securitised papers has been limited. This could limit the ability of the fund to resell them. Secondary market trades could be at a discount or premium depending upon the prevailing interest rates.

#### Risk Factors Associated with Investments in Units of REITs and InvITs:

- Price-Risk or Interest-Rate Risk: REITs & InvITs run price-risk or interest-rate risk. Generally, when
  interest rates rise, prices of existing securities fall and when interest rates drop, such prices increase. The
  extent of fall or rise in the prices is a function of the existing coupon, days to maturity and the increase or
  decrease in the level of interest rates.
- Credit Risk: In simple terms this risk means that the issuer of a debenture/ bond or a money market
  instrument may default on interest payment or even in paying back the principal amount on maturity.
  REITs & InvITs are likely to have volatile cash flows as the repayment dates would not necessarily be pre
  scheduled.
- 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). The primary measure of liquidity risk is the spread between the bid price and the offer price quoted by a dealer. As these products are new to the market they are likely to be exposed to liquidity risk.
- Reinvestment Risk: Investments in REITs & InvITs may carry reinvestment risk as interest rates prevailing on the interest or maturity due dates may differ from the original coupon of the bond. Consequently, the proceeds may get invested at a lower rate.



The above are some of the common risks associated with investments in REITs & InvITs. There can be no assurance that a Scheme's investment objectives will be achieved, or that there will be no loss of capital. Investment results may vary substantially on a monthly, quarterly or annual basis.

#### Risks factors associated with investments in Repo Transactions in Corporate Debt Securities:

In repo transactions, securities are sold with the seller agreeing to buy them back at later date. The repurchase price should be greater than the original sale price, the difference effectively representing interest. A repo is economically similar to a secured loan, with the buyer receiving corporate debt securities as collateral to protect against default. The Scheme may invest in repo of corporate debt securities which are subject to the following risks:

- Counter party Risk: This refers to the inability of the seller to meet the obligation to buy back securities at the contracted price on the contracted date. The Investment Manager will endeavour to manage counterparty risk by dealing only with counterparties, having strong credit profiles, approved by our credit risk analysis team. The exposure to each counterparty will be within the overall approved credit limits. Also the counterparty risk is to an extent mitigated by taking collateral equivalent in value to the transaction after knocking off a minimum haircut on the intrinsic value of the collateral. In the event of default by the repo counterparty, the scheme shall have recourse to the corporate debt securities.
- Collateral Risk: Collateral risk arises when the market value of the securities is inadequate to meet the repo obligations. This risk is mitigated by restricting participation in repo transactions only in AA or equivalent and above rated money market and corporate debt securities. Any rating downgrade will tantamount to either an early termination of the repo agreement or a call for fresh margin to meet the minimum haircut requirement. In addition, the Investment manager may apply a higher haircut on the underlying security than mentioned above to adjust for the illiquidity and interest rate risk on the underlying instrument. The adequacy of the collateral will be monitored on a daily basis by considering the daily market value & applying the prescribed haircut. The fund manager shall then arrange for additional collateral from the counterparty, within a period of 1 business day. If the counterparty is not able to top-up either in form of cash / collateral, it shall tantamount to early termination of the repo agreement.

#### Risks Factors Associated with Creation of Segregated Portfolio:

Different types of securities in which the scheme would invest carry different levels and types of risk as given in the Scheme Information Document of the scheme. In addition to the same, unitholders are requested to also note the following risks with respect to Segregated Portfolio:

Liquidity Risk: A lower level of liquidity affecting an individual security(ies) or an entire market may have an adverse bearing on the value of the Segregated Scheme's assets. This may more importantly affect the ability to sell particular securities with minimal impact cost as and when necessary to meet requirement of liquidity or to sell securities in response to triggers such as a specific economic/corporate event. Trading volumes, settlement periods and transfer procedures may restrict the liquidity of a few of the investments. This may impact the NAV of the segregated portfolio and could result into potential loss to the Unit holders.

Credit risk: The scheme's risk may increase or decrease depending upon its investment pattern. E.g. corporate bonds carry a higher amount of risk than Government securities. Further even among corporate bonds, bonds, which are AA rated, are comparatively riskier than bonds, which are AAA rated. Investment in unrated securities may be riskier compared to investment in rated instruments due to non-availability of third party assessment on the repayment capability of the issuer. As the securities are unrated, an independent opinion of the rating agency on the repayment capability of the issuer will not be available. The issuer of a debenture/ bond or a money market instrument may default on interest payment or even in paying back the principal amount on maturity. Even where no default occurs, the price of a security may go down because the credit rating of an issuer goes down. This may impact the NAV of the segregated portfolio and resultant loss to the Unit holders.

**Listing of units**: Listing of units of segregated portfolio in recognized 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.



#### Risk Factors associated with debt instruments having credit enhancements:

The Scheme may invest in debt instruments having credit enhancements backed by equity shares/guarantees or other any assets as collateral. The profile of these issuers tends to be relatively weak and there may be a pledge of shares of a related party to enhance credit quality or guarantees provided or any other asset provided as security acceptable to lenders.

Where equity shares are provided as collateral there is a risk of sharp price volatility of underlying securities which may lead to erosion in value of collateral which may affect the ability of the fund to enforce collateral and recover capital and interest obligations. Also there is a possibility of guarantor going insolvent which can also impact the recovery value of exposure.

## Risks associated with Stock Lending:

There are risks inherent to securities lending, including the risk of failure of the other party, in this case the approved intermediary, to comply with the terms of the agreement entered into between the lender of securities i.e. the Scheme and the approved intermediary. Such failure can result in the possible loss of rights to the collateral put up by the borrower of the securities, the inability of the approved intermediary 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.

#### Risks associated with 'greenwashing'

Greenwashing is a process of conveying false impression or misleading information about how a company's products are environmentally sound. This involves making unsubstantiated claim to deceive consumers/investors to believe that the company's products are environmentally friendly or have a greater positive environmental impact than they do. Greenwashing undermines credible efforts to reduce emissions and address the climate crisis. This hampers the trust, ambition, and action needed to bring change. The fund manager shall endeavour to monitor the investments on an ongoing basis and wherever possible, engaging with the management of the company and conducting independent checks for mitigating the risk of greenwashing.

#### Risk associated with using third party scores

The processes and data used to compute and compile ESG scores by third party vendors may be subjective and may not be verified independently. The scores of the companies under coverage may not be updated immediately basis ongoing events and may have a lag in the overall scoring card. The scores may vary amongst various service providers depending upon the weightages that are assigned to it, therefore the scores for the same company may be different for different service providers. The fund manager may use Third Party scores for decision-making purpose, taking into consideration all these factors.

#### C. RISK MITIGATION STRATEGIES

Investments made by the Scheme would be in accordance with the investment objectives of the scheme and provisions of SEBI (MF) Regulations. Since investing requires disciplined risk management, the AMC would incorporate adequate safeguards for controlling risks in the portfolio construction process. The risk control process involves reducing risks through portfolio diversification, taking care however not to dilute returns in the process. The AMC believes that this diversification would help achieve the desired level of consistency in returns. The AMC aims to identify securities, which offer superior levels of yield at lower levels of risks. With the aim of controlling risks, the investment team of the AMC will carry out rigorous in-depth analysis of the securities proposed to be invested in. The Scheme may also use various derivatives products for the purpose of trading, hedging and portfolio balancing from time to time, with an attempt to protect the value of the portfolio and enhance Unitholders' interest. While these measures are expected to mitigate the above risks to a large extent, there can be no assurance that these risks would be completely eliminated.

#### **Credit Risk**

Every investment in Debt and Money Market Instruments of any issuer would be made in accordance with Credit policy as defined and established by AMC from time to time. The Credit Policy, which is reviewed and



monitored on a regular basis by Investment Committee, inter alia, enumerates issuer selection process, the various parameters to be considered for setting up credit exposure limits and Credit authorisation matrix for such limits, credit monitoring process etc.

The following parameters shall be considered for selection:

- (i) The exposure to a counter party is based on the networth of the counterparty. The fund manager would do a risk assessment of the issuer before making the investments. Further, continuous monitoring of the networth of the company is done. The risk assessment by the fund manager includes the monitoring of the following:
  - I. Capital Structure
  - II. Debt Service coverage ratio
  - III. Interest coverage
  - IV. Profitability margin
  - V. Current ratio
- (ii) The fund managers determine the sector to which the counter party relates. The fund manager assigns risk weightages to sectors and shall not invest in sectors which carry a high credit risk. The risk weightages are based upon various factors like the nature of products/services of the sector, current state and future outlook for the sector, subsidies provided to the sector and government regulations for the sector.
- (iii) The fund manager shall also check the track record of the company in terms of its financials and any defaults to its creditors.
- (iv) The fund managers shall consider the track record of the sponsor/ parent of the counterparty. It includes the financials of the sponsor/ parent company and whether the parent/sponsor has defaulted in the past.
- (v) The fund manager can also have a call with the Management of the company as a part of its research of the company.
- (vi) The fund manager will also check for Credit Default Swaps spreads of the company in global market, if any available.

The above parameters are dependent upon the information available at the time of due diligence. The fund manager shall endeavour to include all these parameters but investors should note that these parameters are indicative and can change from time to time at the discretion of the fund manager.

#### Price-Risk or Interest-Rate Risk

Generally, when interest rates rise, prices of fixed income securities fall and when interest rates drop, the prices increase. As with all debt securities, changes in interest rates may affect the NAV of the Scheme since the price of a fixed income instrument falls when the interest rates move up and vice versa. The effect is more prominent when the duration of the instrument is higher. Hence the NAV movement of the Scheme consisting of predominantly fixed income securities is likely to have inverse correlation with the movement in interest rates. The extent of fall or rise in the prices is a function of the existing coupon, days to maturity and the increase or decrease in the level of interest rates. These types of events may result in loss of value in the portfolio.

#### D. INFORMATION ABOUT THE SCHEME:

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

Subject to the Regulations, the corpus of the Scheme can be invested in any (but not exclusively) of the following securities:

- 1. **Equity share** Equity Share is a security that represents ownership interest in a company.
- 2. **Equity Related Instruments** Equity related instruments include convertible debentures, convertible preference shares, warrants carrying the right to obtain equity shares, equity derivatives and such other instrument as may be specified by the Board from time to time.
- 3. **Equity Derivatives** are financial instruments, generally traded on an exchange, the price of which is directly dependent upon (i.e., "derived from") the value of equity shares or equity indices. Derivatives involve the trading of rights or obligations based on the underlying, but do not directly transfer



property. The equity derivatives may take the following forms:

**Futures:** Futures are exchange-traded contracts to sell or buy financial instruments for future delivery at a date and at an agreed price. SEBI has permitted futures contracts on indices and individual stocks with maturity of 1 month, 2 months and 3 months on a rolling basis. The futures contracts are settled on last Thursday (or immediately preceding trading day if Thursday is a trading holiday) of each month. The final settlement price is the closing price of the underlying stock(s)/index.

**Options**: Option is a contract which provides the buyer of the option the right, without the obligation, to buy or sell a specified asset at the agreed price on or up to a particular date. Option contracts are of two types viz:

- (a) <u>Call Option-</u>The option that gives the buyer the right but not the obligation to buy specified quantity of the underlying asset at the strike price is a call option.
- (b) Put Option—The option that gives the buyer the right but not the obligation to sell is called put option.
- 4. Securities 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). Central Government securities are sovereign debt obligations of the Government of India with zero-risk of default and issued on its behalf by RBI. They form part of Government's annual borrowing programme and are used to fund the fiscal deficit along with other short term and long term requirements. Such securities could be fixed rate, fixed interest rate with put/call option, zero coupon bond, floating ratebonds, capital indexed bonds, fixed interest security with staggered maturity payment etc. State Government securities are issued by the respective State Government in co-ordination with the RBI.
- 5. Debt securities of domestic Government agencies and statutory bodies, which may or may not carry a Central/State Government guarantee –These are instruments which are issued by various government agencies and bodies. They can be issued at discount, par or premium.
- Corporate debt and securities (of both public and private sector undertakings) including Bonds, Debentures, Notes, Strips etc. These are instruments issued by corporate entities for their business requirements. They are generally rated by credit rating agencies, higher the rating lower the risk of default.

## 7. Debt & Money Market Instruments:

- i. Certificate of Deposits (CD) CD is a negotiable money market instrument issued by scheduled commercial banks and select all-India Financial Institutions that have been permitted by the RBI to raise short term resources. The maturity period of CDs issued by the Banks is between 7 days to one year, whereas, in case of FIs, maturity is between one year to 3 years from the date of issue. CDs may be issued at a discount to face value.
- ii. Commercial Paper (CP) -CP is an unsecured negotiable money market instrument issued in the form of a promissory note, generally issued by the corporates, primary dealers and all India Financial Institutions as an alternative source of short term borrowings. They are issued at a discount to the face value as may be determined by the issuer. CP is traded in secondary market and can be freely bought and sold before maturity.
- iii. Securities 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). Central Government securities are sovereign debt obligations of the Government of India with zero-risk of default and issued on its behalf by RBI. They form part of Government's annual borrowing programme and are used to fund the fiscal deficit along with other short term and long term requirements. Such securities could be fixed rate, fixed interest rate with put/call option, zero coupon bond, floating ratebonds, capital indexed bonds, fixed interest security with staggered maturity payment etc. State Government securities are issued by the respective State Government in co-ordination with the RBI.
- iv. **Treasury Bills (T-Bills)** are issued by the Government of India to meet their short term borrowing requirements. T-Bills are issued for maturities of 91 days, 182 days and 364 days. T-bills are issued at a discount to their face value and redeemed at par.



- v. Repos/reverse repos in Government Securities as may be permitted by RBI (including but not limited to coupon bearing bonds, zero coupon bonds and treasury bills). 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.
- vi. **Triparty Repo (TREPS)** –"Triparty 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. TREPS facilitates, borrowing and lending of funds, in Triparty Repo arrangement.
- 8. Debt securities of domestic Government agencies and statutory bodies, which may or may not carry a Central/State Government guarantee –These are instruments which are issued by various government agencies and bodies. They can be issued at discount, par or premium.
- Corporate debt and securities (of both public and private sector undertakings) including Bonds, Debentures, Notes, Strips etc. These are instruments issued by corporate entities for their business requirements. They are generally rated by credit rating agencies, higher the rating lower the risk of default.
- 10. Money market instruments permitted by SEBI/RBI, including TREPS (Tri-Party Repo) market or in alternative investment for the TREPS market as may be provided by the RBI to meet the short term liquidity requirements.
- 11. The non-convertible part of convertible securities Convertible securities are securities which can be converted from Debt to Equity shares. The non-convertible part cannot be converted into Equity shares and work like a normal debt instrument.
- 12. Investments in units of mutual fund schemes –The Scheme may invest in other schemes managed by the AMC or in the schemes of any other mutual funds in conformity with the investment objective of the Scheme and in terms of the prevailing SEBI (MF) Regulations.
- 13. Investment in 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 by SEBI.
- 14. Pass through Certificate (PTC) (Pay through or other Participation Certificates) represents beneficial interest in an underlying pool of cash flows. These cash flows represent dues against single or multiple loans originated by the sellers of these loans. These loans are given by banks or financial institutions to corporates. PTCs may be backed, but not exclusively, by receivables of personal loans, car loans, two wheeler loans and other assets subject to applicable regulations.
- 15. Securitized Debt is a financial instrument (bond) whose interest and principal payments are backed by an underlying cash flow from another asset. The asset may be either a loan to a single counterparty or a pool of loans.
- 16. The non-convertible part cannot be converted into Equity shares and work like a normal debt instrument.
- 17. "REIT" or "Real Estate Investment Trust" under SEBI (Real Estate Investment Trusts) Regulations, 2014 means a person that pools rupees fifty crores or more for the purpose of issuing units to at least two hundred investors so as to acquire and manage real estate asset(s) or property(ies), that would entitle such investors to receive the income generated therefrom without giving them the day-to-day control over the management and operation of such real estate asset(s) or property(ies).
- 18. "InvIT" or "Infrastructure Investment Trust" shall mean the trust registered as such under SEBI (Infrastructure Investment Trusts) Regulations, 2014.
- 19. Any other like instruments as may be permitted by RBI/SEBI/ such other Regulatory Authority from time to time.

The securities mentioned above could be listed or to be listed, secured or unsecured, and of varying maturity, as enabled under SEBI (MF) Regulations/circulars/ RBI. The securities may be acquired through Initial Public Offerings (IPOs), secondary market operations, private placement, rights offers or negotiated deals.



#### F. WHAT ARE THE INVESTMENT RESTRICTIONS?

All investments by the Scheme and the Mutual Fund will always be within the investment restrictions as specified in the SEBI (MF) Regulations. Pursuant to the Regulations, the following investment and other restrictions are presently applicable to the scheme:

- All investments by the Scheme shall be made only in listed or to be listed equity shares and equity related instruments.
- The Scheme shall not invest more than 10% of its NAV in the equity shares or equity related instruments of any company.
- In accordance with para 12.8 of SEBI Master Circular on Mutual Funds, as amended from time to time, 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 that, such limit shall not be applicable for investments in government securities, treasury bills and triparty repo on Government securities or treasury bills. Provided further that investment within such limit can be made in mortgage backed securitised debt which are rated not below investment grade by a credit rating agency registered with SEBI.
- Investment in unrated debt and money market instruments (other than government securities, treasury bills, derivative products such as Interest Rate Swaps (IRS), Interest Rate Futures (IRF), etc.) by the Scheme shall not exceed 5% of the net assets of the Scheme. However, all such investments shall be made with the prior approval of the Board of AMC and Trustees.
- The Scheme shall not invest in unlisted debt instruments including commercial papers (CPs), other than (a) government securities, (b) other money market instruments and (c) derivative products such as Interest Rate Swaps (IRS), Interest Rate Futures (IRF), etc. which are used by mutual funds for hedging. However, mutual fund schemes may invest in unlisted Non-Convertible Debentures (NCDs) not exceeding 10% of the debt portfolio of the scheme subject to the condition that such unlisted NCDs have a simple structure (i.e. with fixed and uniform coupon, fixed maturity period, without any options, fully paid up upfront, without any credit enhancements or structured obligations) and are rated and secured with coupon payment frequency on monthly basis.
  - Provided further that, the Scheme shall comply with the norms under this clause within the time and in the manner as may be specified by the Board.
- All investments by the Scheme in CPs would be made only in CPs which are listed or to be listed.
- The Mutual Fund under all its schemes shall not own more than 10% of any company's paid up capital carrying voting rights.
  - Provided, for investments in asset management company or trustee company of other mutual fund, collective investment of sponsor of a mutual fund, its associate and/or its group company, and its AMC through Schemes should be considered for calculating 10% voting rights.
- The investment of the Scheme in the following instruments shall not exceed 10% of the debt portfolio of the Scheme and the group exposure in such instruments shall not exceed 5% of the debt portfolio of the Scheme:
  - i. Unsupported rating of debt instruments (i.e. without factoring-in credit enhancements) is below investment grade; and
  - ii. Supported rating of debt instruments (i.e. after factoring-in credit enhancement) is above investment grade

The above limits shall not be applicable on investments in securitized debt instruments.



Investment by the Scheme in debt instruments, having credit enhancements backed by equity shares directly or indirectly, shall have a minimum cover of 4 times considering the market value of such shares. Further, the investment in debt instruments having credit enhancements should be sufficiently covered to address the market volatility and reduce the inefficiencies of invoking of the pledge or cover, whenever required, without impacting the interest of the investors. In case of fall in the value of the cover below the specified limit, AMCs will initiate necessary steps to ensure protection of the interest of the investors.

- The Scheme may invest in other schemes under the same AMC 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 management of any other Asset Management Company shall not exceed 5% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund. No investment management fees shall be charged for investing in other schemes of the fund or in the schemes of any other Mutual Fund.
- Transfer of investments from one scheme to another scheme in the Mutual Fund is permitted provided:
- iii. 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
- iv. The securities so transferred shall be in conformity with the investment objective of the Scheme to which such transfer has been made.
- Transfer of investments from one scheme to another scheme in the Mutual Fund is permitted provided the same are line with para 12.30 of SEBI Master Circular on Mutual Funds.
- The Mutual Fund shall get the securities purchased or transferred in the name of the fund on account of the concerned Scheme, wherever investments are intended to be of a long-term nature.
- 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 further that the Mutual Fund may enter into derivatives transactions in a recognized stock exchange, subject to the framework 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.
- Pending deployment of funds of the Scheme in terms of its investment objectives, the Scheme may invest its funds in short term deposits of scheduled commercial banks, subject to the following guidelines for parking of funds in short term deposits of scheduled commercial banks laid down by SEBI vide para 12.16 of SEBI Master Circular on Mutual Funds and such other guidelines as may be specified by SEBI from time to time:
  - i. "Short Term" for parking of funds 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 the 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 the Scheme. The bank in which a scheme has short-term deposit shall not invest in the scheme until the scheme has short-term deposit with such bank.
  - vi. The AMC will not charge any investment management and advisory fees for funds under the Scheme parked in short term deposits of scheduled commercial banks.

The above norms do not apply to term deposits placed as margins for trading in cash and derivatives market. However, all term deposits placed as margins shall be disclosed in the half yearly portfolio statements under a separate heading. Details such as name of bank, amount of term deposits, duration of term deposits, percentage of NAV should be disclosed.

- The Scheme shall not make any investment in:
  - Any unlisted security of an associate or group company of the Sponsor; or
  - Any security issued by way of private placement by an associate or group company of the Sponsor; or
  - The listed securities of group companies of the Sponsor, which is in excess of 25% of the net assets.
- The Scheme shall not borrow except to meet temporary liquidity needs of the Fund for the purpose of repurchase / redemption of Units or payment of interest and IDCW to the Unitholders.



- Provided that the Fund shall not borrow more than 20% of the net assets of any individual Scheme and the duration of the borrowing shall not exceed a period of 6 months.
- This Scheme seeks to invest an amount of US \$ 8 million in foreign securities subject to guidelines laid down by SEBI vide para 12.19 of SEBI Master Circular on Mutual Funds. Further, the said limits shall be valid for a period of six months from the date of closure of NFO. Thereafter the unutilized limit, if any, shall not be available to the Mutual Fund for investment in Overseas securities / Overseas ETFs and shall be available towards the unutilized industry wide limits. Further investments after the period of six months from the date of closure of NFO will follow the norms for ongoing schemes.
- Subject to guidelines laid down by SEBI para 12.19 and 12.20 of SEBI Master Circular on Mutual Funds, the Scheme may invest upto 20% of the average Asset Under Management ('AUM') of the previous three calendar months in overseas securities subject to maximum limit of USD 1 billion at a Fund house level. SEBI vide para 12.19 of SEBI Master Circular on Mutual Funds has clarified that the aforesaid 20% limit for ongoing investment in overseas securities will be soft limit for purpose of reporting only on a monthly basis to SEBI.
- For overseas ETFs, Mutual Funds can make investment subject to a maximum of US \$ 300 million per Mutual Fund.
- Debentures, irrespective of any residual maturity period (above or below 1 year), shall attract the investment restrictions as applicable for debt instruments as specified under Clause 1 and 1A of the Seventh Schedule to the Regulations or as may be specified by SEBI from time to time.
- The Mutual Fund shall not advance any loans for any purpose.
- The Scheme shall not invest in a fund of funds scheme.
- The Scheme shall not invest in credit default swaps and short selling.
- The Scheme shall not invest:
  - more than 10% of its NAV in the units of REIT and InvIT; and
  - more than 5% of its NAV in the units of REIT and InvIT issued by a single issuer.
- The fund under all its schemes should not invest more than 10% of units issued by a single issuer of REIT and InvIT

The Scheme will comply with any other regulations applicable to the investments of mutual funds from time to time.

The Trustees may alter the above restrictions from time to time to the extent that changes in the Regulations may allow and as deemed fit in the general interest of the unit holders.

All investment restrictions shall be applicable at the time of making investment.

In addition, certain investment parameters (like limits on exposure to Sectors, Industries, Companies, etc.) may be adopted internally by ABSLAMC, and amended from time to time, to ensure appropriate diversification / security for the Fund. The Trustee Company / ABSLAMC may alter these above stated limitations from time to time, and also to the extent the SEBI (MF) Regulations change, so as to permit the Schemes to make its investments in the full spectrum of permitted investments for Mutual Funds to achieve its investment objective.

As such investments by the Scheme will be made in accordance with SEBI (MF) Regulations, including Schedule VII thereof.

### Restrictions pertaining to Repo Transactions in Corporate Debt Securities:

The Mutual Fund shall ensure compliance with the Seventh Schedule of the SEBI (MF) Regulations about restrictions on investments, wherever applicable, with respect to repo transactions in corporate debt securities.

In accordance with para 12.18 & 12.28 of SEBI Master Circular on Mutual Funds, the Scheme may participate in repos in corporate debt securities as per the guidelines issued by RBI and SEBI from time to time.

Participation in repos in corporate debt securities shall be made in line with the policy approved by the Board of ABSLAMC and ABSLTPL. The key features of the policy are as follows:



- The gross exposure to repo transactions in corporate debt securities shall not be more than 10% of the net assets offered under the Scheme.
- As per para 12.24 of the SEBI Master Circular on Mutual Funds. the cumulative gross exposure through repo transactions in corporate debt securities along with equity and equity related, corporate debt and money market instruments, units issued by REITs & InvITs, derivative positions and such other securities/assets as may be permitted by the Board from time to time shall not exceed 100% of the net assets offered under the Scheme.
- Only listed corporate debt securities which are rated 'AA and above' by accredited rating agencies, that are held in the security account of the repo seller, in dematerialized form, and Commercial Papers (CPs) and Certificate of Deposits (CDs) shall be eligible.
- The details of repo transactions of the Scheme in corporate debt securities, including details of counterparties, amount involved and percentage of NAV shall be disclosed to investors in the half yearly portfolio statements and to SEBI in the half yearly trustee report.
- In terms of Regulation 44 (2) of the SEBI (MF) Regulations, the Scheme shall borrow through repotransactions only if the tenor of the transaction does not exceed a period of six months.
- The Mutual Fund shall ensure compliance with the Seventh Schedule of the SEBI (MF) Regulations about restrictions on investments, wherever applicable, with respect to repo transactions in corporate debt securities.
- **Tenor**: In case of investment in Corporate Repos, the tenor of the transaction may range from a minimum period of one day to a maximum period of one year.
- **Haircut**: A haircut shall be applicable on the market value of the corporate debt security prevailing on the date of trade of 1st leg, depending upon the rating of the underlying security.
- Applicable Minimum Haircut on the underlying security:

Rating of the Security	AAA/A1	AA+/A2+	AA/A2
Minimum Haircut	7.5%	8.5%	10%

- **Eligible Counterparties:** In accordance with the RBI Circular No. RBI/2009-10/284 idmd.dod.05/11.08.38/2009-10 dated January 8, 2010, the following categories of entities shall be deemed to be the eligible counterparties to undertake repo transactions in corporate debt securities, provided, they form part of the Fixed Income Investment Universe of Aditya Birla Sun Life Mutual Fund, have unexhausted credit limits, approved by the Credit Committee, at least to the extent of gross repo exposure and subject to execution of master repo agreement:
  - i. Any scheduled commercial bank excluding RRBs and LABs;
  - ii. Any Primary Dealer authorised by the Reserve Bank of India;
  - iii. Any non-banking financial company registered with the Reserve Bank of India (other than Government companies as defined in section 617 of the Companies Act, 1956);
  - iv. All-India Financial Institutions, namely, Exim Bank, NABARD, NHB and SIDBI;
  - v. Other regulated entities, subject to the approval of the regulators concerned, viz.,
    - Any mutual fund registered with the Securities and Exchange Board of India;
    - Any housing finance company registered with the National Housing Bank; and
    - Any insurance company registered with the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority
    - Any other entity specifically permitted by the Reserve Bank.
- Credit Rating of Counterparty: Category of Counterparty and Credit Rating of counterparty that ABSLAMC schemes shall enter into lending via Repo shall be only in Investment Grade counterparties (as required by SEBI regulation) which are part of our approved Debt Universe on which we have approved Credit Limits. ABSLAMC has a stringent Credit policy with appropriate authorisation matrix and approval structure for any credit exposures taken.

The Trustees may alter the above restrictions from time to time to the extent that changes in the Regulations may allow and as deemed fit in the general interest of the unit holders.

The Scheme shall invest at least 65% of its AUM in companies which are reporting on comprehensive BRSR and are also providing assurance on BRSR Core disclosures. The balance AUM of the Scheme



can be invested in companies having BRSR disclosures. This requirement shall be applicable with effect from October 01, 2024.

#### G. FUNDAMENTAL ATTRIBUTES

Following are the fundamental attributes of the Scheme, in terms of in terms of Clause 1.14 of SEBI Master Circular for Mutual Funds

- **Type of Scheme:** An open ended equity scheme investing in Environment, Social & Governance (ESG) theme by following integration strategy.
- Investment objective: The Scheme seeks to generate long-term capital appreciation by investing in a
  diversified basket of companies in ESG theme by following integration strategy.
   The Scheme does not guarantee/indicate any returns. There is no assurance that the investment

#### Asset Allocation Pattern:

Please refer to 'Part B- Where will the Scheme invest?' of this SID for details.

### Terms of Issue: Listing/Redemption of Units:

objective of the Scheme will be achieved.

As mentioned in "Other Scheme Specific Disclosures "of this SID

#### Aggregate Fees and Expenses

Please refer to Part III of this SID.

### Any Safety Net or Guarantee provided:

This Scheme does not provide any guaranteed or assured return to its Investors.

In accordance with Regulation 18(15A) and Regulation 25(26) of the SEBI (MF) Regulations and Clause 1.14.1.4 of SEBI Master Circular for Mutual Funds, the asset management company shall ensure that no change in the fundamental attributes of the scheme, fees and expenses payable or any other change which would modify the scheme and affect the interest of unit holders, shall be carried out unless-

- SEBI has reviewed and provided its comments on the proposal;
- A written communication about the proposed change is sent to each Unitholders 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 to exit at the prevailing Net Asset Value without any exit load for a period of atleast 30 days.

### H. OTHER SCHEME SPECIFIC DISCLOSURES:

### Listing and transfer of units

The Scheme being open ended; the Units are not proposed to be listed on any stock exchange. However, the Fund may at its sole discretion list the Units on one or more stock exchanges at a later date if it considers this to be necessary in the interest of unit holders of the scheme.

Units are freely transferable, the AMC shall on production of instrument of transfer together with the relevant documents, register the transfer within thirty days from the date of such production. Further, on listing, the Units of the scheme held in electronic (demat) form would be transferable. Transfers should be only in favour of transferees who are eligible for holding Units under the Scheme. The AMC shall not be bound to recognise any other transfer. For effecting the transfer of Units held in electronic form, the Unitholders would be required to lodge delivery instructions for transfer of Units with the DP in the requisite form as may be required from time to time and the transfer



will be effected in accordance with such rules/regulations as may be in force governing transfer of securities in electronic (demat) mode.

In accordance with para 14.4.4 of SEBI Master Circular on Mutual Funds on transferability of mutual fund units, investors/unitholders of the schemes of Aditya Birla Sun Life Mutual Fund are requested to note that units held in electronic (demat) form shall be transferable under the depository system, except in case of units held in Equity Linked Savings Scheme (ELSS) during the lock-in Period and will be subject to the transmission facility in accordance with the provisions of Securities and Exchange Board of India (Depositories and Participants) Regulations, 2018, as may be amended from time to timelf a person becomes a holder of the Units consequent to operation of law, or upon enforcement of a pledge, the Fund will, subject to production of satisfactory evidence, effect the transfer, if the transferee is otherwise eligible to hold the Units. Similarly, in cases of transfers taking place consequent to death, insolvency etc., the transferee's name will be recorded by the Fund subject to production of satisfactory evidence.

Transfer of units will be subject to payment of applicable stamp duty by the Unitholder(s).

### Dematerialization of units

The Unitholders are given an Option to subscribe to/hold the units by way of an Account Statement or in Dematerialized ('Demat') form.

Unitholders opting to hold the units in electronic (demat) form must provide their Demat Account details in the specified section of the application form. The Unit holder intending to hold the units in Demat form are required to have a beneficiary account with a Depository Participant (DP) (registered with NSDL / CDSL) and will be required to indicate in the application the DP's name, DP ID Number and the beneficiary account number of the applicant held with the DP at the time of subscribing to the units.

Applicants must ensure that the sequence of the names as mentioned in the application form matches with that of the beneficiary account held with the DP. Names, PAN details, KYC details etc. mentioned in the Application Form will be verified against the Depository records.

In case the unit holders do not provide their Demat Account details or provide incomplete details or the details do not match with the records as per Depository(ies), units shall be allotted in physical (non-demat) form, subject to it being complete in all other aspects. Unitholders who have opted to hold and thereby allotted units in electronic (demat) form will receive payment of redemption / IDCW proceeds into bank account linked to their Demat account. However, Special Products/ Facilities such as Systematic Transfer Plan, Systematic Withdrawal Plan, Switching etc. offered by ABSLAMC/Mutual Fund under the scheme shall be available for unitholders in case the units are held/opted to be held in physical (non-demat) mode. Further, the Investors also have an option to subscribe to / hold units in demat form through fresh investment applications for SIP. Under SIP option, units will be allotted based on the applicable NAV as per provisions of this SID and will be credited to demat account of the investors on weekly basis (upon realisation of funds).

The allotment of units in demat form shall be subject in terms of the guidelines/ procedural requirements as laid by the Depositories (NSDL/CDSL) from time to time.

In case, the Unitholder desires to hold the Units in a Dematerialized /Rematerialized form at a later date, the request for conversion of units held in physical (non-demat) mode into electronic (demat) form or vice-versa should be submitted alongwith a Demat/Remat Request Form to their Depository Participant(s). Investors should ensure that the combination of names in the account statement is the same as that in the demat account.



<b>Minimum</b>	<b>Target</b>	amount	Ν
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(This is the minimum required amount operate the scheme and if this is not collected during the NFO period, then all the investors would be refunded the amount invested without any return.)

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#### Maximum Amount to be raised (if any)

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#### Income Distribution cum capital withdrawal **Policy**

Under IDCW option, it is proposed to declare IDCW subject to the availability of distributable surplus as computed in accordance with SEBI Regulations. IDCW, if declared, will be paid (subject to deduction of tax at source, if any) to those unitholders, whose names appear in the register of unitholders on the notified record date. AMC reserves the right to change the record date from time to time. However, it must be distinctly understood that actual declaration of IDCW and frequency thereof is at the discretion of Trustees. There is no assurance or guarantee to unitholders as to the rate of IDCW nor that will the IDCW be paid regularly. On payments of IDCW, the NAV will stand reduced by the amount of IDCW paid and other statutory levies, if applicable.

### **IDCW Distribution Procedure:**

The salient features with respect to the IDCW distribution, in accordance with Chapter 11 of SEBI Master Circular on Mutual Funds are as follows:

- Quantum of IDCW and Record date shall be fixed by the Trustees.
- AMC shall issue a notice to the public communicating the decision about IDCW including the record date, within one calendar day of the decision made by the trustees in their meeting.

Record date shall be the date that will be considered for the purpose of determining the eligibility of investors whose name appear on the register of unitholders. 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. However, the aforesaid procedure shall not be applicable for plan/ options having frequency of IDCW distribution from daily upto monthly.

### Allotment (Detailed procedure)

All Applicants whose cheques towards purchase of Units have been realised will receive a full and firm allotment of Units, provided that the applications are complete in all respects and are found to be in order. In case of Unitholder who have provided their e-mail address the Fund will provide the Account Statement only through e-mail message, subject to SEBI Regulations and unless otherwise required. Subject to the SEBI Regulations, the AMC / Trustee may reject any application received in case the application is found invalid/incomplete or for any other reason in their sole discretion. All allotments will be provisional, subject to realisation of payment instrument and subject to the AMC having been reasonably satisfied about receipt of clear funds. Any redemption or switch out transaction in the interim is liable to be rejected at the sole discretion of the AMC.

Allotment to NRIs/FPIs will be subject to RBI approval, if required. It is mandatory for NRIs to attach a copy of the payment cheque / FIRC / Debit Certificate to ascertain the repatriation status of the amount invested. NRI Applicants should also clearly tick on account type as NRE or NRO or FCNR to determine the repatriation status of the investment amount. The AMC and the Registrar may ascertain the repatriation status purely based on the details provided in the application form under Investment and Payment details and will not be liable for any incorrect information provided by the applicants. Applicants



	will have to coordinate with their authorized dealers and banks to repatriate the
	investment amount as and when needed. All applications and/or refunds that
	are rejected for any reason whatsoever will be returned by normal post within
	15 days to the address as mentioned by the applicant. The Mutual Fund
	reserves the right to recover from an investor any loss caused to the Schemes
	on account of dishonour of cheques issued by him/her/it for purchase of Units.
Refund	If application is rejected, full amount will be refunded within 5 working days of
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	period will be paid and
Who can invest	charged to the AMC.
	The following persons are eligible and may apply for subscription to the Units
This is an indicative list	of the Scheme (subject, wherever relevant, to purchase of units of mutual
and investors shall consult	funds being permitted under relevant statutory regulations and their
their financial advisor to	respective constitutions):
ascertain whether the	1. Resident adult individuals either singly or jointly (not exceeding three) or
scheme is suitable to their	on an Anyone or Survivor basis;
risk profile.	2. Karta of Hindu Undivided Family (HUF);
	3. Minors through parent / legal guardian;
	Partnership Firms & Limited Liability Partnerships (LLPs);
	5. Companies, Bodies Corporate, Public Sector Undertakings, Association
	of Persons or bodies of individuals and societies registered under the
	Societies Registration Act, 1860;
	6. Banks & Financial Institutions;
	7. Mutual Funds / Alternative Investment Funds registered with SEBI;
	8. Religious and Charitable Trusts, Wakfs or endowments of private trusts
	(subject to receipt of necessary approvals as required) and Private trusts
	authorised to invest in mutual fund schemes under their trust deeds;
	9. Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) / Persons of Indian origin (PIOs) / Overseas
	Citizen of India (OCIs) residing abroad on repatriation basis or on non-
	repatriation basis;
	10.Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) registered with SEBI
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	11. Army, Air Force, Navy and other para-military units and bodies created by
	such institutions;
	12. Scientific and Industrial Research Organisations;
	13. Multilateral Funding Agencies / Bodies Corporate incorporated outside
	India with the permission of Government of India / Reserve Bank of India;
	14. Other schemes of Mutual Funds subject to the conditions and limits
	prescribed by SEBI Regulations;
	15. Trustee, AMC or Sponsor or their associates may subscribe to Units under
	the Scheme;
	16.Such other individuals / institutions / body corporate etc., as may be
	decided by the Mutual Fund from time to time, so long as wherever
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	applicable they are in conformity with SEBI (MF) Regulations.
	Notes:
	NRI and PIO residing abroad (NRIs) / OCI have been granted a general
	permission by Reserve Bank of India [Schedule 5 of the Foreign Exchange
	Management (Transfer or Issue of Security by a Person Resident Outside
	India) Regulations, 2000 for investing in / redeeming units of the mutual
	funds subject to conditions set out in the aforesaid regulations.
	<ul> <li>Subject to provisions of SEBI (MF) Regulations, FEMA and other</li> </ul>
	applicable regulations read with guidelines and notifications issued from
	time to time by SEBI and RBI, investments in the schemes can be made
	by various categories of persons as listed above including NRIs, FPIs etc.
	FATCA is a United States (US) Federal Law, aimed at prevention of tax
	evasion by US Citizens and Residents (US Persons) through use of offshore
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accounts. FATCA provisions were included in the Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment (HIRE) Act, enacted by US Legislature.

SEBI vide its circular no. CIR/MIRSD/2/2014 dated June 30, 2014, has advised that Government of India and US Government have reached an agreement in substance on the terms of an Inter-Governmental Agreement (IGA) to implement FATCA and India is now treated as having an IGA in effect from April 11, 2014. Further, SEBI vide its circular no. CIR/MIRSD/2/2015 dated August 26, 2015 has informed that on July 9, 2015, the Government of India and US Government have signed an agreement to improve international tax compliance and to implement FATCA in India. The USA has enacted FATCA in 2010 to obtain information on accounts held by U.S. taxpayers in other countries. As per the aforesaid agreement, foreign financial institutions (FFIs) in India will be required to report tax information about U.S. account holders / taxpayers directly to the Indian Government which will, in turn, relay that information to the U.S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

Aditya Birla Sun Life AMC Limited (the AMC)/the Fund is classified as a Foreign Financial Institution (FFI) under the FATCA provisions and in accordance therewith, the AMC/the Fund would be required, from time to time: (i) To undertake necessary due diligence process by collecting information/documentary evidence about US/Non US status of the investors/unit holders and identify US reportable accounts;

- (ii) To the extent legally permitted, disclose/report information (through itself or its service provider) about the holdings, investment returns pertaining to US reportable accounts to the specified US agencies and/or such Indian authorities as may be specified under FATCA guidelines or under any other guidelines issued by Indian Authorities such as SEBI, Income Tax etc. (collectively referred to as 'the Guidelines') and;
- (iii) Carry out any other related activities, as may be mandated under the Guidelines, as amended from time to time.

FATCA due diligence will be applicable at each investor/unit holder (including joint holders) level and on being identified as reportable person/specified US person, all folios/accounts will be reported including their identity, direct or indirect beneficiaries, beneficial owners and controlling persons. Further, in case of folio(s)/account(s) with joint holder(s), the entire account value of the investment portfolio will be attributable under each such reportable person. Investor(s)/Unit Holder(s) will therefore be required to comply with the request of the

AMC/the Fund to furnish such information, in a timely manner as may be required by the AMC/the Fund to comply with the due diligence/reporting requirements stated under IGA and/or the Guidelines issued from time to time. FATCA provisions are relevant not only at on-boarding stage of investor(s)/unit holder(s) but also throughout the life cycle of investment with the Fund/the AMC. In view of this, Investors should immediately intimate to the Fund/the AMC, in case of any change in their status with respect to FATCA related declaration provided by them previously.

The Fund/AMC reserves the right to reject any application or redeem the units held directly or beneficially in case the applicant/investor(s) fails to furnish the relevant information and/or documentation in accordance with the FATCA provisions, notified.

The AMC reserves the right to change/modify the provisions mentioned above in response to any new regulatory development which may require to do so at a later date.

Unitholders should consult their own tax advisors regarding the FATCA requirements with respect to their own situation and investment in the



### schemes of Aditya Birla Sun Life Mutual Fund to ensure that they do not suffer U.S. withholding tax on their investment returns.

- In case of application under a Power of Attorney or by a limited company or a corporate body or an eligible institution or a registered society or a trust fund, the original Power of Attorney or a certified true copy duly notarised or the relevant resolution or authority to make the application as the case may be, or duly notarised copy thereof, alongwith a certified copy of the Memorandum and Articles of Association and/or bye-laws and / or trust deed and / or partnership deed and Certificate of Registration should be submitted. The officials should sign the application under their official designation. A list of specimen signatures of the authorised officials, duly certified / attested should also be attached to the Application Form. In case of a Trust / Fund it shall submit a resolution from the Trustee(s) authorising such purchases and redemptions.
- Returned cheques are not liable to be presented again for collection, and the accompanying application forms are liable to be rejected. In case the returned cheques are presented again, the necessary charges, if any, are liable to be debited to the investor.
- The list given above is indicative and the applicable law, if any, shall supersede the list.
- The Trustee, reserves the right to recover from an investor any loss caused to the Scheme on account of dishonour of cheques issued by the investor for purchase of units of this Scheme.
- Prospective investors are advised to satisfy themselves that they are not prohibited by any law governing such entity and any Indian law from investing in the Scheme(s) and are authorized to purchase units of mutual funds as per their respective constitutions, charter documents, corporate / other authorizations and relevant statutory provisions.

### Who cannot invest

The persons/entities as specified under section "Who Can Invest" shall not be eligible to invest in the Scheme, if such persons/entities are:

- United States Person (U.S. person\*) as defined under the extant laws of the United States of America, except the following:
  - a. NRIs/PIOs may invest/transact, in the Scheme, when present in India, as lump sum subscription, redemption and/or switch transaction and registrations of systematic transactions only through physical form and upon submission of such additional documents/undertakings, etc., as may be stipulated by AMC/ Trustee from time to time and subject to compliance with all applicable laws and regulations prior to investing in the Scheme.
  - b. FPIs may invest in the Scheme as lump sum subscription and/or switch transaction (other than systematic transactions) through submission of physical form in India, subject to compliance with all applicable laws and regulations and the terms, conditions, and documentation requirements stipulated by the AMC/Trustee from time to time, prior to investing in the Scheme.

The Trustee/AMC reserves the right to put the transaction requests received from such U.S. person on hold/reject the transaction request/redeem the units, if allotted, as the case may be, as and when identified by the AMC that the same is not in compliance with the applicable laws and/or the terms and conditions stipulated by Trustee/AMC from time to time. Such redemptions will be subject to applicable taxes and exit load, if any.

The physical application form(s) for transactions (in non-demat mode) from such U.S. person will be accepted ONLY at the Investor Service Centres (ISCs) of Aditya Birla Sun Life AMC Limited. Additionally, such transactions in physical application form(s) will also be accepted through Distributors



and other platforms subject to receipt of such additional documents/undertakings, etc., as may be stipulated by AMC/ Trustee from time to time from the Distributors/ Investors.

- 2. Residents of Canada;
- 3. Investor residing in any Financial Action Task Force (FATF) designated High Risk jurisdiction.

\*The term "U.S. person" means any person that is a U.S. person within the meaning of Regulations under the Securities Act of 1933 of U.S. or as defined by the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission or as per such further amended definitions, interpretations, legislations, rules etc., as may be in force from time to time.

### How to Apply and other details

Application form and Key Information Memorandum may be obtained from the designated offices / ISCs of AMC or Investor Service Centres (ISCs) of the Registrar or distributors or downloaded from www.mutualfund.adityabirlacapital.com.

The application forms can also be submitted at the designated offices / ISCs of Aditya Birla Sun Life Mutual Fund as mentioned in this SID.

Registrar & Transfer Agents

Computer Age Management Services Limited (CAMS)

Rayala Towers, 158, Anna Salai, Chennai – 600 002.

Contact Details: 1800-425-2267

E-mail: adityabirlacapital.mf@camsonline.com Website Address: www.camsonline.com

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.

The Units can be repurchased/redeemed (i.e., sold back to the Fund) or Switched-out on every business day, at the Applicable NAV subject to payment of exit load, if any and lock-in period, if any. The Units so repurchased shall not be reissued. The Redemption / Switch-out request can be made by way of a written request / pre-printed form / relevant tear off section of the Transaction Slip enclosed with the Account Statement, which should be submitted at / may be sent by mail to any of the ISCs.

In case the Units are held in the names of more than one Unit holder, where mode of holding is specified as "Joint", Redemption requests will have to be signed by all the joint holders. However, in cases of holding specified as 'Anyone or Survivor', any of the Unit holders will have the power to make Redemption request, without it being necessary for all the Unit holders to sign. However, in all cases, the Redemption proceeds will be paid only to the first named holder.

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

### Suspension of Sale / Switching Options of the Units:

The Mutual Fund at its sole discretion reserves the right to suspend sale and switching of Units in the Scheme temporarily or indefinitely when any of the following conditions exist. However, the suspension of sale and switching of Units either temporarily or indefinitely will be with the approval of the Trustee.

- 1. When one or more stock exchanges or markets, which provide basis for valuation for a substantial portion of the assets of the Scheme are closed otherwise than for ordinary holidays.
- When, as a result of political, economic or monetary events or any circumstances outside the control of the Trustee and the AMC, the disposal of the assets of the Scheme are not reasonable, or would not reasonably be practicable without being detrimental to the interests of the Unit holders.
- 3. In the event of breakdown in the means of communication used for the valuation of investments of the Scheme, without which the value of the securities of the Scheme cannot be accurately calculated.



- 4. During periods of extreme volatility of markets, which in the opinion of the AMC are prejudicial to the interests of the Unit holders of the Scheme.
- 5. In case of natural calamities, strikes, riots and bandhs.
- 6. In the event of any force majeure or disaster that affects the normal functioning of the AMC or the ISC.
- 7. If so directed by SEBI.

The AMC reserves the right in its sole discretion to withdraw the facility of Sale and Switching option of Units into the Scheme [including any one Plan/Option of the Scheme], temporarily or indefinitely, if AMC views that changing the size of the corpus further may prove detrimental to the existing Unit holders of the Scheme

## Right to Redemptions

**a)** Liquidity issues - When markets at large become 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).

Under the aforesaid circumstances, ABSLAMC / Trustee may restrict redemption for a specified period of time not exceeding 10 working days in any 90 days period.

For redemption requests placed during the restriction period the following provisions will be applicable:

- (i) For redemption requests upto Rs. 2 lakhs the above-mentioned restriction will not be applicable and
- (ii) Where redemption requests are above Rs. 2 lakhs, AMCs 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.

ABSLAMC / Trustee reserves the right to change / modify the provisions of right to limit Redemption / switch-out of units of the Scheme(s) pursuant to direction/ approval of SEBI.

# Cut off timing for subscriptions/ redemptions/ switches

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

In accordance with provisions of para 8.4 of SEBI Master Circular on Mutual Funds, and further amendments if any, thereto, the following cut-off timings shall be observed by Mutual Fund in respect of purchase/ redemption/switches of units of the scheme, and the following NAVs shall be applied in each case:

### I. APPLICABLE NAV FOR SUBSCRIPTIONS/PURCHASE INCLUDING SWITCH-IN OF ANY AMOUNT:

- In respect of valid applications received upto 3.00 p.m. and where funds for the entire amount are available for utilization before the cut-off time i.e. credited to the bank account of the scheme before the cut-off time - the closing NAV of the day shall be applicable.
- In respect of valid applications received after 3.00 p.m. and where the funds for the entire amount are credited to the bank account of the scheme before the cut-off time of the next business day i.e. available for utilization



before the cut-off time of the next business day – the closing NAV of the next business day shall be applicable.

- Irrespective of the time of receipt of application on any given day, where
  the funds for the entire amount are credited to the bank account of the
  scheme before the cut-off time on any subsequent business day i.e.
  available for utilization before the cut-off time on any subsequent business
  day the closing NAV of such subsequent business day shall be
  applicable.
- In case of switch transactions from one scheme to another, the allocation to switch-in scheme shall be in line with the redemption payouts.

Further, for systematic transactions viz. Systematic Investment Plans, Systematic Transfer Plans, etc., units will be allotted as per the closing NAV of the day when funds are available for utilization by the target scheme, irrespective of the systematic instalment date.

### II. APPLICABLE NAV FOR REDEMPTIONS INCLUDING SWITCH-OUT OF UNITS:

- In respect of valid applications received upto 3.00 p.m. by the Mutual Fund, same day's closing NAV shall be applicable.
- In respect of valid applications received after 3.00 p.m. by the Mutual Fund, the closing NAV of the next business day shall be applicable.
   While the Applicable NAV shall be as per cut-off time specified above, the NAV shall be declared in accordance with the provisions as mentioned in this Scheme Information Document.

## Minimum amount for purchase/redemption/s witches

For Fresh Purchase (Including Switch-in): Minimum of Rs. 500/- and in multiples of Re. 1/- thereafter

Monthly, Weekly & Daily Systematic Investment Plan (SIP):- Rs 100/- and in multiples of Re. 1/- thereafter.

For Additional Purchase (Including Switch-in): Minimum of Rs. 500/- and in multiples of Re. 1/- thereafter.

Subscriptions on an ongoing basis can be made only by specifying the amount to be invested and not the number of Units to be subscribed. The total number of Units allotted will be determined with reference to the applicable Sale Price and fractional Units may be created. Fractional Units will be computed and accounted for upto three decimal places and they will in no way affect an investor's ability to redeem Units.

For Redemption / Repurchase for all Plans/Options: In Multiples of Re. 1/and in multiple of Re. 1/- thereafter.

The Redemption would be permitted to the extent of clear credit balance in the Unit holder's account. The Redemption request can be made by specifying the rupee amount or by specifying the number of Units to be redeemed. If a Redemption request is for both, a specified rupee amount and a specified number of Units, the specified number of Units will be considered the definitive request. If only the Redemption amount is specified by the Unit holder, the AMC will divide the Redemption amount so specified by the Redemption Price to arrive at the number of Units. The request for Redemption of Units could also be in fractions, upto three decimal places. However, in case of units held in electronic (demat) mode, the redemption request can be given only in number of Units. Also Switch transactions are currently not available in case of units held in electronic (demat) mode. The minimum amount of Redemption may be changed in future by the AMC. If



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On main m. Date of	the balance in the account of the Unit holder does not cover the amount. Redemption request, then the Mutual Fund is authorised to close the account of the Unit holder and send the entire such (lesser) balance to the Unit holder. For further details please refer section on Redemption. In case of partial redemption, if the balance amount held in the unitholder's folio/account under the plan/option of the scheme(s) is less than Re.1, then the transaction shall be treated as "All Units' redemption and the entire balance of available units in the folio/account of the unitholder shall be redeemed
Ongoing Price for	At Applicable NAV, subject to prevailing exit load, if any.
redemption (sale) /	For example, if the Applicable NAV of the Scheme is Rs.10/- and the Exit
switch outs (to other	Load is 2%, then the Redemption Price will be calculated as follows:
schemes / plans of the Mutual Fund) by	Redemption Price = Rs. 10* (1-2%) i.e. Rs. 10*0.98 = Rs. 9.80/- Redemption amount of 1,000 Units = 1,000*9.80 = Rs.9,800 (subject to
Mutual Fund) by investors.	applicable taxes)
This is the price you will	applicable taxes)
receive for	
redemptions/switch outs.	
Accounts Statements	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.
IDCW	The IDCW warrants shall be dispatched to the unitholders within seven days
	from the record date. In the event of failure of dispatch of IDCW within the
	stipulated period, the AMC shall be liable to pay interest @ 15 per cent per annum to the unit holders for the period of such delay.
	AMC will endeavor to credit the IDCW payouts directly to the designated Bank
	A/c of the unitholders of Aditya Birla Sun Life Mutual Fund schemes through
	any of the available electronic mode (i.e. RTGS / NEFT / Direct Credit /
	NECS). AMC reserves the right to use any of the above mode of payment as
Redemption	deemed appropriate for all folios where the required information is available.  The Mutual Fund shall transfer the Redemption proceeds within three
1. Cacinplion	working days from the date of Redemption or repurchase.
	However, in case of exceptional circumstances mentioned in para 14.1.3 of SEBI Master Circular, redemption or repurchase proceeds will be transferred / dispatched to Unitholders within the time frame prescribed for such exceptional circumstances. For further details, investors are requested to refer to Statement of Additional Information (SAI).
	The Units can be Redeemed (i.e. sold back to the Mutual Fund) or Switched-
	out on every Business Day at the Redemption Price. The Redemption / Switch-out request can be made by way of a written request / pre-printed
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	Account Statement, which should be submitted at / may be sent by mail to any of the ISCs.  In case an investor has purchased Units of the Scheme on more than one Business Day, the Units purchased prior in time will be redeemed/switched-
	out first. Thus, in case of valid application for redemption/switch-out is made by the investor, those Units of the scheme which have been held for the longest period of time will be redeemed/switched-out first i.e. on a First-in-First-Out basis.
	First-Out basis.  However, where Units under a Scheme are held under both Regular and Direct Plans and the redemption / Switch request pertains to the Direct Plan, the same must clearly be mentioned on the request (along with the folio number), failing which the request would be processed from the Regular Plan. However, where Units under the requested Option are held only under one Plan, the request would be processed under such Plan.  Redemption would be permitted to the extent of clear credit balance in the Unit holder's account. The Redemption request can be made by specifying the rupee amount or by specifying the number of Units to be redeemed. If a Redemption request is for both, a specified rupee amount and a specified number of Units, the specified number of Units will be considered the definitive request. If only the Redemption amount is specified by the Unit holder, the AMC will divide the Redemption amount so specified by the Redemption Price to arrive at the number of Units. The request for Redemption of Units could also be in fractions, upto three decimal places. However, in case of units held in electronic (demat) mode, the redemption request can be given only in number of Units. Also Switch transactions are currently not available in case of units held in electronic (demat) mode. In case the Units are held in the names of more than one Unit holder, where mode of holding is specified as "Joint", Redemption requests will have to be signed by all the joint holders. However, in cases of holding specified as 'Anyone or Survivor', any of the Unit holders will have the power to make Redemption request, without it being necessary for all the Unit holders to sign. However, in all cases, the Redemption proceeds will be paid only to
	the first named holder.  AMC will endeavor to credit the redemptions payouts directly to the designated Bank A/c of the unitholder through any of the available electronic mode (i.e. RTGS / NEFT / Direct Credit). AMC reserves the right to use any
	of the above mode of payment as deemed appropriate for all folios where the required information is available. AMC/Mutual Fund, however, reserves the right to issue a cheque / demand draft inspite of an investor opting for Electronic Payout.
Bank Mandate	In order to protect the interest of investors from fraudulent encashment of cheques, the current SEBI (MF) Regulations have made it mandatory for investors to mention in their application / Redemption request, the bank name and account number. Applications without these details are liable to be rejected.
Delay in payment of redemption / repurchase proceeds/IDCW	The AMC shall be liable to pay interest to the unitholders at such rate as may be specified by SEBI for the period of such delay (presently @ 15% per annum).
Unclaimed Redemption and Income Distribution cum Capital Withdrawal Amount	The unclaimed redemption amount and IDCW amounts may be deployed by the Mutual Fund in call money market or money market instruments or a separate plan of only Overnight scheme/Liquid scheme/ Money Market Mutual Fund scheme floated by Mutual Funds specifically for deployment of the unclaimed amounts. Provided that such schemes where the unclaimed redemption and IDCW amounts are deployed shall be only those Overnight



scheme/ Liquid scheme / Money Market Mutual Fund schemes which are placed in A-1 cell (Relatively Low Interest Rate Risk and Relatively Low Credit Risk) of Potential Risk Class matrix as per para 17.5 of SEBI Master Circular on Mutual Funds . No exit load shall be charged on these plans and Total Expense Ratio (TER) of such plan shall be capped as per the TER of direct plan of such scheme or at 50bps whichever is lower. The investors who claim the unclaimed amounts during a period of three years from the due date shall be paid initial unclaimed amount along-with the income earned on its deployment. Investors who claim these amounts after 3 years, shall be paid initial unclaimed amount along-with the income earned on its deployment till the end of the third year. After the third year, the income earned on such unclaimed amounts shall be used for the purpose of investor education.

Please refer to SAI for further details.

### Disclosure w.r.t investment by minors

- In case of application in the name of minor, the minor has to be the first and the sole holder. No joint holder will be allowed with the Minor as the first or sole holder. The Guardian of the minor should either be a natural guardian (i.e. father or mother) or a court appointed legal guardian. In accordance with para 17.6 of SEBI Master Circular on Mutual Funds read with SEBI circular dated May 12, 2023, 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, else the transaction is liable to get rejected. A copy of birth certificate, passport copy, etc. evidencing date of birth of the minor and relationship of the guardian with the minor, should be mandatorily attached with the application. Further, irrespective of the source of payment for subscription, all redemption proceeds shall be credited only in the verified bank account of the minor, i.e. the account the minor may hold with the parent/ legal guardian after completing all KYC formalities.
- The minor unitholder, on attaining majority, shall inform the same to AMC / Mutual Fund / Registrar and submit following documents to change the status of the account (folio) from 'minor' to 'major' to allow him to operate the account in his own right viz., (a) Duly filled request form for changing the status of the account (folio) from 'minor' to 'major'. (b) Updated bank account details including cancelled original cheque leaf of the new account (c) Signature attestation of the major by a bank manager of Scheduled bank / Bank certificate or Bank letter. (d) KYC acknowledgement letter of major. The guardian cannot undertake any financial and non-financial transactions after the date of the minor attaining majority in an account (folio) where the units are held on behalf of the minor, and further, no financial and non-financial transactions can be undertaken till the time the change in the status from 'minor' to 'major' is registered in the account (folio) by the AMC/ Mutual Fund. The list given above is indicative and the applicable law, if any, shall supersede the list.

Minimum balance to be maintained and consequences of non-maintenance

There is no such requirement.

#### II. OTHER DETAILS

### A. PERIODIC DISCLOSURES SUCH AS HALF YEARLY DISCLOSURES, HALF YEARLY RESULTS, ANNUAL REPORT

Portfolio Disclosures In terms of SEBI Regulation, Mutual Funds/ AMCs will disclose portfolio (along with ISIN) as on the last day of the month / half-year for all Schemes on its website



www.mutualfund.adityabirlacapital.com and on the website of **AMFI** (www.amfiindia.com) within 10 days from the close of each month/ half-year respectively in a user-friendly and downloadable spreadsheet format. The Mutual Fund/AMCs will send to Unitholders a complete statement of the scheme portfolio, within ten days from the close of each month / half-year whose email addresses are registered with the Mutual Fund. Further, the Mutual Fund / AMC shall publish an advertisement disclosing the hosting of such half yearly scheme portfolio on its website www.mutualfund.adityabirlacapital.com and on the website of AMFI (www.amfiindia.com). Mutual Funds/ AMCs will also provide a physical copy of the statement of its scheme portfolio, without charging any cost, on specific request received from a unitholder.

https://mutualfund.adityabirlacapital.com/forms-and-downloads/portfolio

### Half yearly results

Mutual Fund / AMC shall within one month from the close of each half year, (i.e. 31st March and on 30th September), host a soft copy of its unaudited financial results on its website (www.mutualfund.adityabirlacapital.com). Further, the Mutual Fund / AMC will publish an advertisement disclosing the hosting of such unaudited half yearly financial results on their website.

https://mutualfund.adityabirlacapital.com/financials

### Annual report

The scheme wise annual report or an abridged summary thereof shall be provided to all Unitholders not later than four months from the date of closure of the relevant accounting year whose email addresses are registered with the Mutual Fund. The physical copies of Scheme wise Annual report will also be made available to the unitholders, at the registered offices at all times. The scheme wise annual report will also be hosted on the website

https://mutualfund.adityabirlacapital.com/financials

### Scheme Summary Document

The AMC is required to prepare a Scheme Summary Document for all schemes of the Fund. The Scheme Summary document is a standalone scheme document that contains all the applicable details of the scheme.

The document is updated by the AMCs on a monthly basis or on changes in any of the specified fields, whichever is earlier. The document is available on the websites of AMC, AMFI and Stock Exchanges in 3 data formats, namely: PDF, Spreadsheet and a machine readable format (either JSON or XML).

https://mutualfund.adityabirlacapital.com/forms-and-downloads/disclosures

### Risk-ometer

Risk-o-meters shall be evaluated on a monthly basis and Mutual Funds/AMCs shall disclose the Risk-o-meters along with portfolio disclosure for their schemes on AMCs website and on AMFI website within 10 days from the close of each month. Mutual Funds shall also disclose the risk level of schemes as on March 31 of every year, along with number of times the risk level has changed over the year, on AMCs website and AMFI website.

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#### **B. TRANSPARENCY/NAV DISCLOSURE**

The AMC will calculate and disclose the first NAV(s) of the Scheme not later than 5 (five) Business days from the date of allotment. Thereafter, the NAVs will be calculated and disclosed for every Business Day. NAV of the scheme will be calculated up to two decimal places. AMC reserves the right to calculate NAV more than two decimal places. AMC shall update the NAV on the AMFI website

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(www.amfiindia.com) and on the website of the Mutual Fund (www.mutualfund.adityabirlacapital.com) by 11.00 pm on the day of declaration of the NAV.

In case of any delay, the reasons for such delay would be explained to AMFI in writing. If the NAVs are not available before commencement of business hours on the following day due to any reason, Mutual Fund shall issue a press release providing reasons and explaining when the Mutual Fund would be able to publish the NAVs.

Further, the Mutual Fund / AMC will extend facility of sending latest available NAVs of the Scheme to the Unit holders through SMS upon receiving a specific request in this regard. Also, information regarding NAVs can be obtained by the Unit holders / Investors by calling or visiting the nearest ISC.

### C. Transaction charges and stamp duty-

No transaction charge shall be deducted from the subscription amount for transactions /applications received through the distributors.

Pursuant to Notification No. S.O. 1226(E) and G.S.R. 226(E) dated March 30, 2020 issued by the 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, a stamp duty @ 0.005% of the transaction value would be levied on allotment of Mutual Fund units including units allotted in demat mode. Accordingly, pursuant to levy of stamp duty, the number of units allotted on subscriptions (including reinvestment of IDCW) to the unitholders would be reduced to that extent.

- D. Associate Transactions- Please refer to Statement of Additional Information (SAI)
- **E. Taxation** For details on taxation please refer to the clause on Taxation in the SAI apart from the following:

Тах	Resident Investors (Individual/ HUF/Domestic Company) and Non- resident Investors (Non-corporates and foreign companies)	Mutual Fund
Tax on IDCW	10% (resident) <sup>@</sup> /20% (Non-resident) (Note 1)	Nil (Note 1)
Capital Gains (Refer Note 3):		
Long Term-	12.5% (without indexation) + applicable Surcharge <sup>^</sup> + 4% Cess	Nil
Short Term-	20% + applicable Surcharge^ + 4% Cess	Nil

### Note:

1. IDCW distribution tax is abolished w.e.f. 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020. Accordingly, IDCW will be taxed in the hands of investors. Section 194K is introduced to deduct tax on IDCW.

<sup>®</sup>Tax is not deductible if cumulative IDCW income in respect of units of a mutual fund is below Rs. 10,000/- in a financial year.

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- The Finance Act, 2020 has capped maximum surcharge at 15% w.r.t. WHT on IDCW paid to non-resident noncorporate investors (namely individual, HUF, AOP, BOI, artificial judicial person etc.)
- 3. Withholding taxes under section 195 is applicable on capital gains arising to non-residents.
- 4. Equity Oriented Funds will also attract Securities Transaction Tax (STT) at applicable rates. Also, it is mandatory to pay STT for sale of the units for lower rate under section 112A.
- 5. For qualifying as a long-term capital asset the holding period of units should be more than 12 months.
- 6. Surcharge rates are as under:

### - In case of Resident Corporate Assesses (Domestic companies):

Sr no.	Particulars	Applicable Surcharge rate (For Resident Corporates)
1.	Total income between Rs. 1 crore to Rs. 10 crores	7%
2.	Total income above Rs. 10 crores	12%
3.	Corporates opting for lower tax rates of under section 115BAA or 115BAB	10%

### In case of Foreign Companies:

Sr no.	Particulars	Applicable Surcharge rate (For Foreign companies)	
1.	Total income between Rs. 1 crore to Rs. 10 crores	2%	
2.	Total income above Rs. 10 crores	5%	

### - In case of Non- Corporate Assesses (Individual / HUF) (Resident and Non-resident):

Sr.	Particulars	Applicable Surcharge rate (For Individual / HUF)			
no		Old Tax Regime		New Tax Regime	
		Income other than Equity capital gains	Equity capital gains income	Income other than Equity capital gains	Equity capital gains income
1.	Total income up to Rs. 50 lakhs	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
2.	Income exceeds Rs. 50 lakhs but does not exceed Rs. 1 crore	10%	10%	10%	10%
3.	Income exceeds Rs. 1 crore but does not exceed Rs. 2 crores	15%	15%	15%	15%
4.	Income exceeds Rs. 2 crores but does not exceed Rs. 5 crores	25%	15%	25%	15%
5.	Income exceeds Rs. 5 crores	37%	15%	25%	15%

Sr no.	Particulars	Applicable Surcharge rate (For Cooperative Society / Local Authority)
1.	Total income between Rs. 1 crore to Rs. 10 crores	7%
2.	Total income above Rs. 10 crores	12%
3.	Co-operative Society opting for lower tax rates under section 115BAD or 115BAE	10%

7. The Health and Education Cess is to be applicable at 4% on aggregate of base tax and surcharge.



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

- **F. Rights of Unitholders-** Please refer to SAI for details.
- G. List of official points of acceptance: AMC has appointed Computer Age Management Services Limited (CAMS) located at Rayala Towers, 158, Anna Salai, Chennai 600 002 to act as Registrar and Transfer Agents ("The Registrar") to the Schemes. The Registrar is registered with SEBI under registration number INR 000002813. For further details on our Fund, please contact our customer service centres. For details on Branch offices of Aditya Birla Sun Life Mutual Fund and CAMS Centre, please visit: <a href="https://mutualfund.adityabirlacapital.com/forms-and-downloads/disclosures">https://mutualfund.adityabirlacapital.com/forms-and-downloads/disclosures</a>
- H. 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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#### Note:

- (a) Further, any amendments / replacement / re-enactment of SEBI Regulations subsequent to the date of the Scheme Information Document shall prevail over those specified in this Document.
- (b) This SID is an updated version and in line with current laws/ regulations.
- (c) 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 the Board of Directors of Aditya Birla Sun Life AMC Limited

Sd/-

PLACE: MUMBAI Parth Makwana
DATE: May 30, 2025 Compliance Officer