

From the Fund Manager's Desk

Navigating Market Cycles with the Power of Diversification

Dear Investors,

Financial markets rarely move in a straight line. At different points in an economic cycle, different asset classes take the lead. There are periods when equities drive returns, phases when fixed income becomes more attractive, and periods when commodities such as gold provide a valuable cushion. It is also a fact that predicting each episode of outperformance of asset classes is tough, if not impossible. A strategic allocation to multiple asset classes with dynamic rebalancing provides an investor with long term exposure to returns and downside protection.

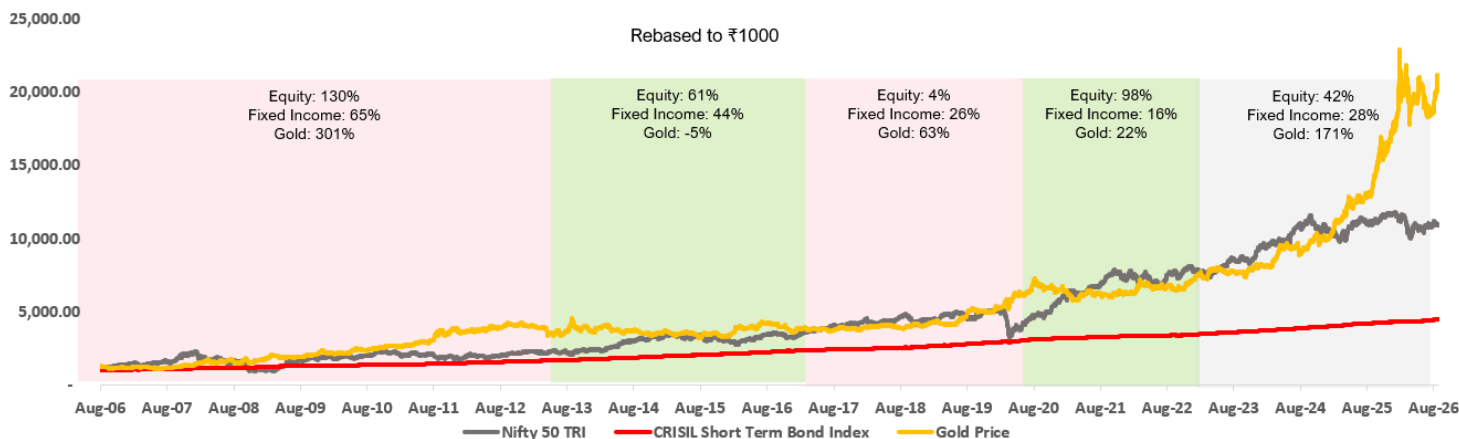
This is the core philosophy behind the **Aditya Birla Sun Life Multi Asset Allocation Fund** – To build a portfolio that does not depend on getting a single market call right but instead seek to participate across opportunities while managing risk through diversification.

Our belief is simple: **No single asset class outperforms across market cycles**. Strategic asset allocation therefore becomes an important driver of long-term investment outcomes.

The Winners Keep Changing

The last two decades illustrate why diversification matters. Equity, fixed income and gold have delivered very different outcomes across market phases, with varying levels of volatility. Timing these shifts in regimes is tough and inefficient. A disciplined allocation across these assets can potentially deliver a smoother investment journey. Our framework has historically centred around an allocation of approximately 65% equity, 20% fixed income and 15% gold, with scope for measured deviations.

The data presented below highlights the benefit of this approach. Over longer periods, a diversified multi-asset portfolio has delivered returns broadly comparable with equities while experiencing lower volatility. Importantly, this is not about avoiding periods of market weakness; it is about building a portfolio that is better equipped to navigate them. The 1-year period provides a useful illustration: while equities declined, the multi-asset portfolio remained positive, demonstrating the potential benefit of having multiple sources of return.



Returns are absolute in nature; Equity – Nifty 50 TRI; Fixed Income – CRISIL Short Term Bond Index; Gold – Gold prices in ₹ terms; Source: MFI, ABSLAMC Research; Past performance may or may not be sustained in future. The above calculations are only for illustration purposes. These are not to be considered as investment advice, please consult your investment / tax advisers. Start Date: 02nd January 2006 and end date 31st Aug 2026. Data as on 31st August 2026 Source: ABSLAMC Research

Periods	CAGR Returns				Annualized Volatility				Sharpe Ratio			
	Equity	Fixed Income	Gold	Multiple Asset Portfolio^	Equity	Fixed Income	Gold	Multiple Asset Portfolio^	Equity	Fixed Income	Gold	Multiple Asset Portfolio^
10 Years	12.0%	7.0%	17.2%	12.2%	16.2%	1.3%	14.9%	10.8%	43.2%	160.0%	82.2%	66.8%
7 Years	13.1%	6.7%	21.5%	13.6%	17.7%	1.3%	16.4%	11.9%	46.1%	136.2%	100.7%	72.4%
5 Years	8.3%	6.2%	26.9%	10.9%	13.8%	0.9%	16.8%	9.5%	24.4%	140.7%	130.4%	62.7%
3 Years	9.0%	7.1%	37.8%	13.0%	13.2%	0.7%	19.2%	9.4%	30.7%	306.6%	170.8%	85.0%
1 Year	-0.4%	5.6%	51.8%	8.0%	13.3%	0.9%	27.9%	10.5%	-40.0%	70.2%	167.7%	29.1%

Data as on 31 Aug 2026; Indices used: Equity - Nifty 50 TRI; Gold - Gold prices in ₹ terms; Fixed Income - CRISIL Short Term Bond Index; ^Multiple Asset Portfolio refers to model portfolio constructed with 65% in Equity, 20% in Fixed Income & 15% in Gold, rebalanced yearly. Risk Free Rate assumed to be 5.34% (FBIL Overnight MIBOR as on 30 March 2026) for calculating Sharpe Ratio. Source: MFI, FBIL, ABSLAMC Research. Past performance may or may not be sustained in future. Data as on 31st August 2026 Source: ABSLAMC Research

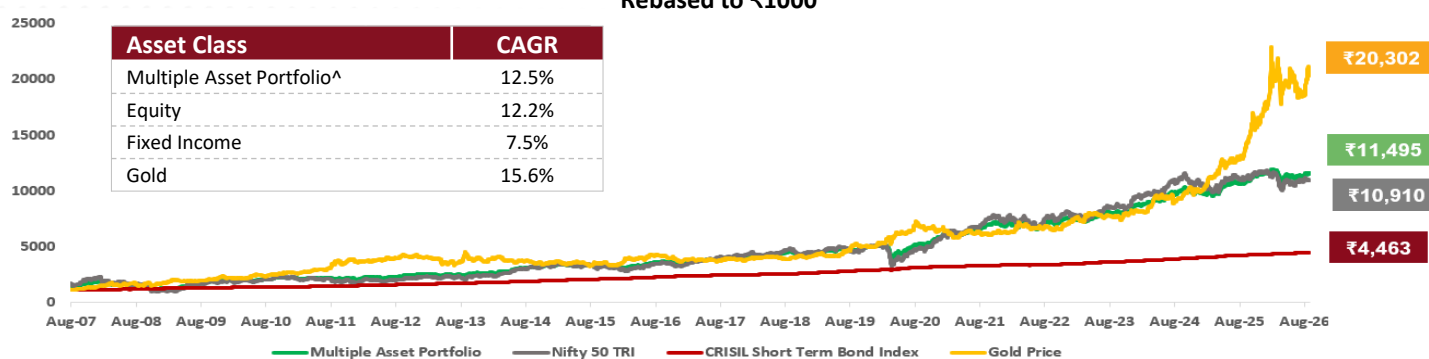
Diversification is More than just Owning Different Assets

For us, diversification is not simply about adding asset classes. It is about understanding the role each plays. **Equity** remains the primary engine of long-term growth. **Fixed income** provides stability, liquidity and accrual potential. **Gold and silver** add another source of diversification and may provide a cushion during periods of market uncertainty.

Our objective, therefore, is not simply to maximise returns in any one phase of the market. It is to seek **risk-adjusted wealth creation across market cycles**.

Long Term Feature – Wealth Creation

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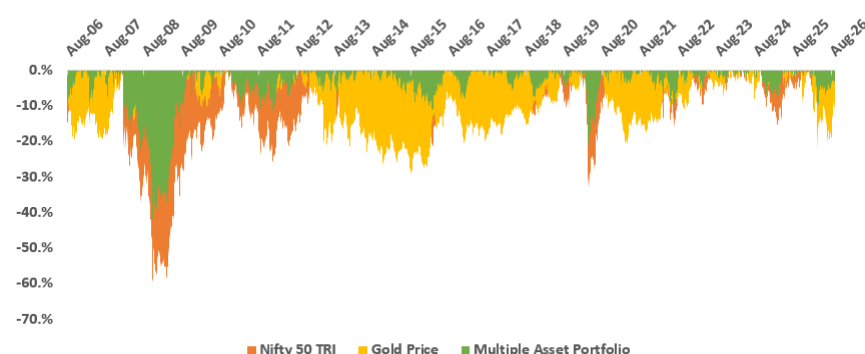


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Historically, "Asset Allocation" has the potential to generate higher risk adjusted returns over the long term!

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Long Term Feature – Lower Volatility



Drawdown chart measures correction from the peak; Indices used: Equity - Nifty 50 TRI; Gold - Gold prices in ₹ terms; Fixed Income - CRISIL Short Term Bond Index; [^]Multiple Asset Portfolio refers to model portfolio constructed with 65% in Equity, 20% in Fixed Income & 15% in Gold, rebalanced yearly. Source: MFIE, ABSLAMC Research. Past performance may or may not be sustained in future. Start Date: 02nd January 2006 and end date : 31 Aug 2026. Data as on 31st August 2026 Source: ABSLAMC Research

Discipline in Equity Investing – Proprietary Portfolio Dashboard

Within the equity portfolio, we follow a structured approach rather than treating every stock in the same manner.

Within equities, we complement this asset-allocation discipline with a structured portfolio construction framework. Each stock has a defined role – whether to contribute earnings-led growth, stability or compounding. Our four broad sleeves – Alpha, Best of Breed, Benchmark and Contra – help us evaluate stocks according to the purpose they serve in the portfolio.

We also use a proprietary portfolio assessment that brings together fundamental indicators, including earnings estimate revisions, with price performance relative to the benchmark. This creates a continuous feedback loop between our investment thesis, market outcomes and portfolio decisions.

Our periodic review comes back to three simple questions: Is the portfolio positioned as intended? Do the fundamentals continue to support our investment thesis? And what action, if any, does the evidence warrant?

Importantly, we believe that investing is a process of continuous learning. Markets will inevitably challenge our assumptions. What matters is how systematically we evaluate those outcomes and respond.

This process is designed to keep us accountable to our investment philosophy and, more importantly, to our investors.

Looking Ahead: Stay Invested, Stay Diversified

As we look ahead, we remain conscious that markets can change direction with little warning. Rather than attempting to predict every turn, we believe investors are better served by a disciplined portfolio that can participate in growth while diversifying sources of risk and return.

The fund remains positioned with **65–70% in equity, around 20% in fixed income – including REITs*/InvITs – and approximately 15–20% in gold and silver**, with measured flexibility in extreme market conditions.

**REITs form part of Equity*

Equity: Focus on structural growth opportunities

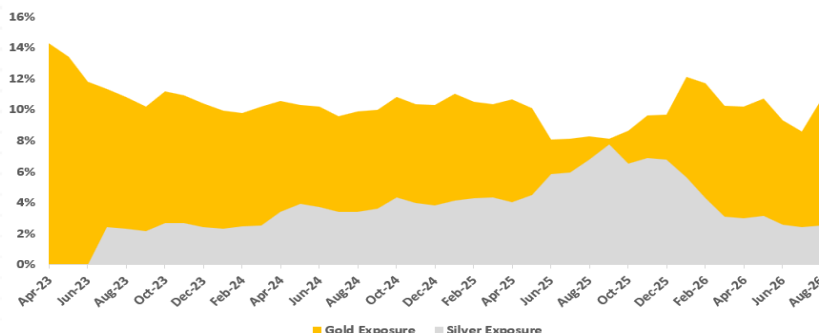
Within equities, we continue to focus on structural opportunities across **Indian manufacturing, particularly PLI-enabled businesses, private banks and NBFCs, consumption, and new-age and technology services**. Our approach combines top-down and bottom-up research, with an emphasis on quality businesses, growth potential and reasonable valuations.

Fixed Income: Quality and accrual

The fixed income portfolio remains focused on **high quality portfolio** invested in AAA/A1+/AA+/Sovereign instruments. The portfolio is positioned around the **1–3-year yield segment**, with a modified duration less than 2 years. The approach continues to emphasise accrual opportunities while maintaining liquidity and credit quality.

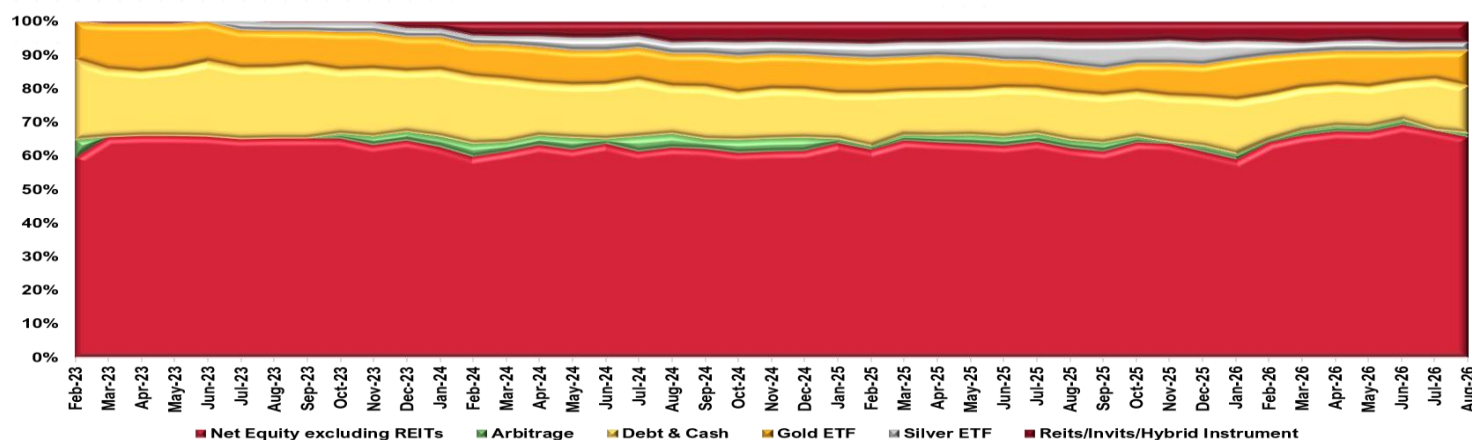
Commodities: A source of diversification

Gold and silver continue to play an important role in the portfolio as diversifiers. The objective is to use commodities as a potential cushion against equity volatility while adding another source of return to the portfolio.



Data as on 31st August 2026 Source: ABSLAMC Research

ABSL Multi-Asset allocation snapshot



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Performance Snapshot

For a standard ₹10,000 monthly SIP, the fund's Regular Plan – Growth generated a **14.83% return since inception (31st January 2023)**, compared with **11.61% for the scheme benchmark**. Over three years, the SIP return was **14.16% versus 10.39% for the benchmark**.

Our Commitment

We remain focused on what we can control – **The quality of our research, the discipline of our allocation decisions and the consistency of our investment process.**

Markets will continue to change. Our approach will continue to evolve with them, but our commitment to disciplined, long-term investing remains constant.

Thank you for your continued trust and confidence.

Dhaval Gala

Fund Manager

This product is suitable for investors who are seeking*	Scheme Risk-o-meter	Benchmark Risk-o-meter
- Long term capital growth - Investments primarily in small cap companies	The risk of the scheme is Very High	65% BSE 200 + 25% CRISIL Short Term Bond Fund Index + 5% of Domestic prices of Gold + 5% of Domestic prices of Silver The risk of the benchmark is Very High
*Investors should consult their financial advisors if in doubt whether the product is suitable for them.		

Data as on 31st August 2026

Fund Performance – Regular Plan

Inception – January 31, 2023	Since Inception	3 Years	1 Year
Aditya Birla Sun Life Multi Asset Allocation Fund – Reg - Growth	16.29%	15.56%	16.16%
Value of Std Investment of ₹ 10,000	17,172	15,437	11,626
Benchmark - 65% BSE 200 + 25% CRISIL Short Term Bond Fund Index + 5% of Domestic prices of Gold + 5% of Domestic prices of Silver	14.48%	13.84%	10.74%
Value of Std Investment of ₹ 10,000	16,234	14,758	11,080
Additional Benchmark - CRISIL 1 Year T-Bill Index	6.35%	6.27%	4.30%
Value of Std Investment of ₹ 10,000	12,470	12,004	10,432

Inception – January 31, 2023	Since Inception	3 Years	1 Year
Aditya Birla Sun Life Multi Asset Allocation Fund – Dir – Growth	17.91%	17.10%	17.55%
Value of Std Investment of ₹ 10,000	18,047	16,066	11,765
Benchmark – 65% BSE 200 + 25% CRISIL Short Term Bond Fund Index + 5% of Domestic prices of Gold + 5% of Domestic prices of Silver	14.48%	13.84%	10.74%
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SIP Performance

Aditya Birla Sun Life Multi Asset Allocation Fund – Reg – Growth	Since Inception	3 Years	1 Year
Total Amount Invested (Rs.)	4,20,000	3,60,000	1,20,000
Total Value as on August 31, 2026 (Rs.)	5,43,216	4,44,298	1,27,762
Returns	14.83%	14.16%	12.24%
Scheme Benchmark - 65% BSE 200 + 25% CRISIL Short Term Bond Fund Index + 5% of Domestic prices of Gold + 5% of Domestic prices of Silver	11.61%	10.39%	6.16%
Additional Benchmark - CRISIL 1 Year T-Bill Index	5.79%	5.59%	4.28%

Aditya Birla Sun Life Multi Asset Allocation Fund – Dir – Growth	Since Inception	3 Years	1 Year
Total Amount Invested (Rs.)	4,20,000	3,60,000	1,20,000
Total Value as on August 31, 2026 (Rs.)	5,57,037	4,53,581	1,28,579
Returns	16.33%	15.61%	13.55%
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Period	1 year	3 year	5 year	Since Inception
Aditya Birla Sun Life PSU Equity Fund Regular Plan - Growth	17.17%	21.97%	22.86%	21.32%
BSE PSU TRI (Benchmark)	14.55%	24.76%	25.75%	22.09%
Nifty 50 TRI (Additional Benchmark)	-0.35%	8.99%	8.32%	11.97%
Aditya Birla Sun Life PSU Equity Fund Direct Plan - Growth	18.56%	23.55%	24.56%	23.19%
BSE PSU TRI (Benchmark)	14.55%	24.76%	25.75%	22.09%
Nifty 50 TRI (Additional Benchmark)	-0.35%	8.99%	8.32%	11.97%
Aditya Birla Sun Life Special Opportunities Fund Regular Plan - Growth	18.46%	18.84%	13.62%	19.74%
BSE 500 TRI (Benchmark)	4.69%	12.08%	10.90%	17.15%
Nifty 50 TRI (Additional Benchmark)	-0.35%	8.99%	8.32%	14.09%
Aditya Birla Sun Life Special Opportunities Fund Direct Plan - Growth	19.79%	20.18%	15.08%	21.38%
BSE 500 TRI (Benchmark)	4.69%	12.08%	10.90%	17.15%
Nifty 50 TRI (Additional Benchmark)	-0.35%	8.99%	8.32%	14.09%
Aditya Birla Sun Life Banking and Financial Services Fund Regular Plan – Growth	9.64%	11.13%	10.37%	15.70%
Nifty Financial Services TRI (Benchmark)	3.75%	11.35%	8.80%	15.42%
Nifty 50 TRI (Additional Benchmark)	-0.35%	8.99%	8.32%	12.66%
Aditya Birla Sun Life Banking and Financial Services Fund Direct Plan – Growth	10.66%	12.17%	11.42%	16.84%
Nifty Financial Services TRI (Benchmark)	3.75%	11.35%	8.80%	15.42%
Nifty 50 TRI (Additional Benchmark)	-0.35%	8.99%	8.32%	12.66%

- The concerned fund manager manages 4 number of schemes of the concerned Mutual Fund.
- Period for which scheme's performance has been provided is computed based on last day of the month-end preceding the date of advertisement.
- Different plans shall have a different expense structure. The performance details provided herein are of regular/direct plan.

MUTUAL FUND INVESTMENTS ARE SUBJECT TO MARKET RISKS, READ ALL SCHEME RELATED DOCUMENTS CAREFULLY.