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# **Investment Report**

The month of June 2014 saw the benchmark index BSE Sensex and CNX Nifty gain 4.94% and 5.28% respectively. The Mid-cap index, CNX Mid-cap surged 9.43% during the same period.

# **Equity Funds**

### Equity Fund (ULIF 001 04/02/04 TEL 110)

**Fund Details Fund Performance Investment Objective**: The primary investment objective of the Fund is to generate long term capital appreciation from a DATE S&P BSE NAV Change Change Sensex portfolio that is invested predominantly in equity and equity linked Last 6 Months 31-Dec-13 36.9864 21170.68 20.04% Last 1 Year 28-Jun-13 33.9572 19395.81 32.12% 31 03% NAV as on 30 June, 14 : ₹44.8646 Last 2 Years 29-Jun-12 30.2869 17429.98 21.71% 20.75% 30-Jun-11 33.3737 18845.87 10.37% 10.48% : S&P BSE Sensex - 100% Last 3 Years Benchmark Last 4 Years 30-Jun-10 31.3934 17700.90 9.34% 9.46% Corpus as on 30 June, 14 : ₹2,145.46 Crs. Last 5 Years 30-Jun-09 25.4040 14493.84 12.05% 11.89% Since Inception 02-Mar-04 10.0000 5823.17 15.63% 15.32% Note: The investment income and prices may go down as well as up. "Since Inception" and returns above "1 Year" are calculated as per CAGR. ■ Equity



### Whole Life Mid-Cap Equity Fund (ULIF 009 04/01/07 WLE 110)

#### **Fund Details Fund Performance Asset Allocation** Investment Objective : The primary investment objective PERIOD **NSE CNX** of the Fund is to generate long term capital appreciation from a Change MIDCAP Change portfolio that is invested predominantly in Mid Cap Equity and Mid Cap Equity linked securities. Last 6 Months 8071.30 36.34% 37.49% 31-Dec-13 16.8069 15.3060 Last 1 Year 28-Jun-13 7342.40 49.71% 51.13% 1.76% : ₹22.9153 Last 2 Years 29-Jun-12 13.3416 7351.80 31.06% 22.86% NAV as on 30 June, 14 : NSE CNX MIDCAP-100% Last 3 Years 30-Jun-11 13.7871 7971.50 18.45% 11.66% Benchmark 30-Jun-10 13.4496 14.25% 8.09% Last 4 Years 8130.85 Corpus as on 30 June, 14 : ₹1,870.69 Crs. 30-Jun-09 9.5140 5427.25 19.22% 15.38% Last 5 Years Since Inception 08-Jan-07 10.0000 5156.45 Note: The investment income and prices may go down as well as up. "Since Inception' and returns above "1 Year" are calculated as per CAGR. Cash Bank & Others Equity

# Large Cap Equity Fund (ULIF 017 07/01/08 TLC 110)

Fund Details	Fund Performance						Asse	t Allocation
Investment Objective : The primary investment objective of the Fund is to generate long term capital appreciation from a portfolio that is invested predominantly in equity and equity linked	PERIOD	DATE	NAV	CNX Nifty	NAV Change	INDEX Change		
securities.	Last 6 Months Last 1 Year	31-Dec-13 28-Jun-13	13.0891 11.9332	6304.00 5842.20	23.21% 35.14%	20.74% 30.28%		
NAV as on 30 June, 14 . \ 10.1200	Last 2 Years Last 3 Years	29-Jun-12 30-Jun-11	10.5546 11.1994	5278.90 5647.40	23.61% 12.92%	20.08% 10.46%	99.03%	0.97%
Corpus as on 30 June, 14 : ₹1,010.92 Crs.	Last 4 Years Last 5 Years	30-Jun-10 30-Jun-09	10.4100 8.2970	5312.50 4291.10	11.56% 14.22%	9.41% 12.14%		
	Since Inception Note: The investmer and returns above "1				7.65% II as up. "Sind	3.01% ce Inception"	■Equity	Cash Bank & Others

#### Future Equity Pension Fund (III IF 020 04/02/08 FEP 110)

Fund Details	Fund Performance					Asset Allocation		
Investment Objective : The primary investment objective of the Fund is to generate long term capital appreciation from a portfolio that is invested predominantly in equity and equity linked	PERIOD	DATE	NAV	CNX Nifty	NAV Change	INDEX Change		
securities.	ast 6 Months ast 1 Year ast 2 Years	31-Dec-13 28-Jun-13 29-Jun-12	14.2548 13.0871 11.8125	6304.00 5842.20 5278.90	22.68% 33.63% 21.68%	20.74% 30.28% 20.08%		1.54%
Benchmark : CNX Nifty-100%	ast 3 Years ast 4 Years	30-Jun-11 30-Jun-10	12.8284 11.8757	5647.40 5312.50	10.88% 10.16%	10.46% 9.41%	98.46%	1.5476
S	ast 5 Years Since Inception	30-Jun-09 04-Feb-08	9.4400 10.0000	4291.10 5463.50	13.12% 9.12%	12.14% 5.31%		
	Note : The investment and returns above "1				II as up. "Sind	e Inception"	■Equity	Cash Bank & Others

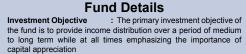
#### Select Equity Fund (ULIF 024 06/10/08 TSE 110)

Fund Details		Fu	nd Pe	formance			Asset Allocation
Investment Objective : The primary investment objective of the fund is to provide income distribution over a period of medium to long term while at all times emphasizing the importance of capital	PERIOD	DATE	NAV	CNX India 500 Shariah Index	NAV Change	INDEX Change	
appreciation. The fund will invest significant amount in equity		31-Dec-13	21.4236	1541.72	25.51%	19.86%	
and equity linked instruments specifically excluding companies		28-Jun-13	19.1515	1351.28	40.41%	36.75%	
predominantly dealing in Gambling, Lotteries/Contests, Animal	Last 2 Years	29-Jun-12	17.1115	1231.12	25.36%	22.51%	
Produce, Liquor, Tobacco, Entertainment (Films, TV etc) Hotels,	Last 3 Years	30-Jun-11	18.1724	1307.25	13.95%	12.23%	99.13%
Banks and Financial Institutions.	Last 4 Years	30-Jun-10	17.0736	1308.04	12.03%	9.02%	
	Last 5 Years	30-Jun-09	13.4750	1024.85	14.82%	12.51%	
NAV as on 30 June, 14 : ₹26.8898	Since Inception	06-Oct-08	10.0000	844.46	18.83%	14.63%	2.000
Benchmark : CNX India 500 Shariah Index - 100%	Note : The investment returns above "1 \			y go down as well as CAGR.	up. "Since In	ception" and	0.87%  Equity Cash Bank & Others (Non Interest Bearing)
Corpus as on 30 June, 14 : ₹234.49 Crs.							



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### Super Select Equity Fund (ULIF 035 16/10/09 TSS 110)



NAV as on 30 June, 14 · ₹17 6871

CNX India 500 Shariah Index - 100%

Corpus as on 30 June, 14 : ₹786.56 Crs.

#### PERIOD DATE Change Change Shariah Index 31-Dec-13 13.9686 1541.72 26.62% 19.86% Last 6 Months Last 1 Year 28-Jun-13 12.4501 1351.28 42.06% 36.75% Last 2 Years 29-Jun-12 11.1711 1231 12 25.83% 22 51% Last 3 Years 30-Jun-11 11.8498 1307.25 14.28% 12.23% 30-Jun-10 11.0644 1308.04 12.44% 9.02% Last 4 Years Since Inception 16-Oct-09 10.0000 1217.76 9.26% Note : The investment income and prices may go do returns above "1 Year" are calculated as per CAGR ıp. "Since lı

**Fund Performance** 



### Top 200 Fund (ULIF 027 12/01/09 ITT 110)

#### **Fund Details** The Top 200 fund will invest **Investment Objective** primarily in select stocks and equity linked instruments which are a part of BSE 200 Index with a focus on generating long term capital appreciation. The fund will not replicate the index but aim to attain performance better than the performance of the Index. As a defensive strategy arising out of market conditions, the scheme may also invest in debt and money market instruments.

NAV as on 30 June, 14 ₹26.9262 : S&P BSE 200 - 100% Benchmark Corpus as on 30 June, 14 : ₹210.43 Crs.

#### **S&P BSE 200** DATE NAV **INDEX** Change Change Last 6 Months 25.45% 31-Dec-13 21.4630 2530.58 23.47% Last 1 Year 28-Jun-13 19.5382 2323.83 37.81% 34.45% Last 2 Years 29-Jun-12 17.8514 2138.10 22.81% 20.88% Last 3 Years 30-Jun-11 19.2021 2314.65 11.93% 10.52% Last 4 Years 30-Jun-10 18.1956 2248.06 10.29% 8.58% 1767.09 12.07% Last 5 Years 30-Jun-09 14.2940 13.50% 19.87% 1091.37 21.22% p. "Since I

**Fund Performance** 

Since Inception 12-Jan-09 10.0000 Note: The investment income and prices may returns above "1 Year" are calculated as per



#### **Balanced Funds**

# Aggressive Growth Fund (ULIF 006 01/07/06 TAL 110)

: The primary investment objective of Investment Objective the fund is to maximize the returns with medium to high risk.

NAV as on 30 June, 14

₹21.2792

S&P BSE Sensex - 65%, CRISIL Composite Bond Index - 35%

Corpus as on 30 June, 14 ₹228.09 Crs

7 211103	DAIL	NA.	Change	Change
Last 6 Months	31-Dec-13	17.8610	19.14%	15.29%
Last 1 Year	28-Jun-13	16.8774	26.08%	21.78%
Last 2 Years	29-Jun-12	15.5679	16.91%	16.15%
Last 3 Years	30-Jun-11	16.1077	9.73%	9.60%
Last 4 Years	30-Jun-10	15.4330	8.36%	8.64%
Last 5 Years	30-Jun-09	12.9950	10.37%	10.05%
Since Inception	01-Jul-06	10.0000	9.90%	9.85%

**Fund Performance** 

Since Inception 01-Jul-06 10 0000 9 90% Note: The investment income and prices may go down as well as up. "Since Inception" and returns above "1 Year" are calculated as per CAGR.



### Whole Life Aggressive Growth Fund (ULIF 010 04/01/07 WLA 110)

#### **Fund Performance Fund Details** Asset Allocation Investment Objective : The primary investment objective of NAV PERIOD DATE INDEX Change the fund is to maximize the returns with medium to high risk 14.76% 11.48% Last 6 Months 31-Dec-13 17.2803 19.75% 15.75% NAV as on 30 June, 14 ₹20.6923 16.4335 25.92% 21.29% Last 1 Year 28-Jun-13 4.70% Benchmark Nifty - 65% Last 2 Years 29-Jun-12 14.7250 18.54% 15.72% CRISIL Composite Bond 14.9425 11.46% Last 3 Years 30-Jun-11 9.59% Index -35% Last 4 Years 30-Jun-10 14.0652 10.13% 8.60% Corpus as on 30 June. 14 : ₹404.29 Crs 69.06% Last 5 Years 30-Jun-09 11 7550 11 97% 10 21% Since Inception 08-Jan-07 10.0000 10.21% 8.38% ■ Fauity Corporate Bonds Note : The investment income and prices may go do returns above "1 Year" are calculated as per CAGR ell as up. "Since Government Securities ■Cash Bank & Others

### Growth Fund (ULIF 004 04/02/04 TGL 110)

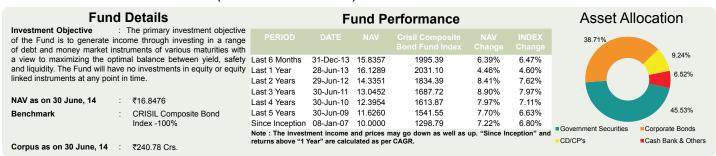
#### **Fund Performance Asset Allocation Fund Details** Investment Objective : The primary investment objective of NAV **PERIOD** INDEX the fund is to maximize the returns with medium to high risk. 15.49% 11.35% NAV as on 30 June, 14 Last 6 Months 31-Dec-13 28.4458 18.27% 15.29% ₹33.6442 Last 1 Year 28-Jun-13 26.8226 25.43% 21.78% Benchmark S&P BSE Sensex - 65% 4.57% Last 2 Years 29-Jun-12 24.4018 17.42% 16.15% CRISIL Composite Bond Last 3 Years 30-Jun-11 25.4311 9.78% 9.60% Index - 35% Last 4 Years 30-Jun-10 24.4146 8.35% 8.64% Corpus as on 30 June, 14 ₹134.85 Crs Last 5 Years 30-.lun-09 21.0040 9.88% 10.05% 68 50% Since Inception 02-Mar-04 10.0000 12.46% 11.97% n as well as up. "Since Inception" and Note: The investment income and prices may go do returns above "1 Year" are calculated as per CAGR Corporate Bonds ■Cash Bank & Others



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#### Fixed Income Funds

# Whole Life Income Fund (ULIF 012 04/01/07 WLI 110)



#### Whole Life Short Term Fixed Income Fund (ULIF 013 04/01/07 WLF 110)

	Details		F	und Pe	erformance			Asset Alloc	cation
of the Fund is to generate sta	The primary investment objective ble returns by investing in fixed r maturity periods. Under normal	PERIOD							27.21%
circumstances, the average marrange of 1-3 years.	turity of the Fund may be in the	Last 6 Months Last 1 Year	31-Dec-13 28-Jun-13	16.2447 15.6423	2151.70 2077.40	4.58% 8.61%	5.05% 8.81%		
NAV as on 30 June, 14	₹16.9886	Last 2 Years Last 3 Years	29-Jun-12 30-Jun-11		1900.63 1746.69	9.07% 8.96%	9.05% 8.97%		4.19%
Benchmark :	CRISIL Short Term Bond Index -100%	Last 4 Years Last 5 Years	30-Jun-10 30-Jun-09	12.4511 11.7020	1654.29 1577.74	8.08% 7.74%	8.12% 7.46%		
Corpus as on 30 June, 14 :	₹143.51 Crs.	Since Inception Note: The investoreturns above "1"	ment income a		1281.09 nay go down as well as CAGR.	7.34% up. "Since In	7.89% ception" and	d Corporate Bonds CD/CP's	68.60%  Cash Bank & Others

#### Guaranteed NAV Funds

The fund would be predominantly invested in equity at inception, wherein the dynamic asset allocation mechanism allocates the portfolio between equity and debt. This dynamic asset allocation is based on the performance of equity markets and movements in interest rates. The equity allocation may be reallocated to debt if the equity markets or interest rates fall, to safeguard the guarantee.

Overtime, the asset mix will predominantly shift to debt to protect the guarantee. This dynamic asset allocation process will drive the returns generated by the Apex Return Lock-in Fund. The dynamic asset allocation shifts the allocation of the fund from an equity bias to a debt bias, overtime. This would mean that the Guaranteed NAV would not mimic the highest level of the equity market, over the period the guarantee is applicable. Any unexpected and sharp falls in equity market and/or interest rates, during the period the guarantee is applicable, may trigger the allocation to completely move towards debt, to protect the highest NAV achieved prior to the fall. Overall, it is an ideal fund for an investor who wants to take advantage of high returns in a positive market scenario while safe-guarding the investment during any downturn.

#### APEX Return Lock-In Fund (ULIF 032 18/02/09 ARI 110)

Fund Details  Investment Objective : The investment objective for Apex Return Lock-in Fund is to use the participation in an actively managed well diversified equity portfolio of large cap companies to generate capital appreciation and use high credit quality debt instruments to lock-in that capital appreciation. The initial asset allocation in equities is targeted at 80% to 100%.  The highest NAV recorded :  Or pus as on 30 June, 14 : ₹312.58 Crs.  Last 3 Year  Last 5 Year  Since Inception  DATE  NAV  NAV  Change  13.5946  12.92%  28-Jun-13  13.0732  17.42%  28-Jun-12  11.6634  14.72%  11.7977  9.17%  9.17%  11.3104  7.94%  49.46%	APEX Return Lock-in Fund (u	JLIF 032 18/02	/09 ARL 110)			
Return Lock-in Fund is to use the participation in an actively managed well diversified equity portfolio of large cap companies to generate capital appreciation and use high credit quality debt instruments to lock-in that capital appreciation. The initial asset allocation in equities is targeted at 80% to 100%.  The highest NAV recorded:  Or pus as on 30 June, 14: ₹312.58 Crs.  Last 2 Year  Last 5 Year  So-Jun-10  11.3104  29-Jun-12  11.6634  14.72%  30-Jun-10  11.3104  7.94%  49.46%	Fund Details		Fund Perf	formance		Asset Allocation
to generate capital appreciation and use high credit quality debt instruments to lock-in that capital appreciation. The initial asset allocation in equities is targeted at 80% to 100%.  The highest NAV recorded:  on reset date  ₹ 15.3865  Corpus as on 30 June, 14: ₹ 312.58 Crs.  Last 6 Months 37-Dec-13 13.5946 12.92% 46.62%  28-Jun-13 13.0732 17.42%  11.6634 14.72%  29-Jun-12 11.6634 14.72%  Last 3 Year 30-Jun-11 11.7977 9.17%  29-Jun-12 11.6634 14.72%  Last 3 Year 30-Jun-10 11.3104 7.94%  49.46%	Return Lock-in Fund is to use the participation in an actively		DATE	NAV		
The highest NAV recorded : Last 3 Year 30-Jun-11 11.7977 9.17% on reset date ₹ 15.3865 Last 4 Year 30-Jun-10 11.3104 7.94% Corpus as on 30 June, 14 : ₹312.58 Crs. Last 5 Year 30-Jun-09 9.6930 9.63%	to generate capital appreciation and use high credit quality debt instruments to lock-in that capital appreciation. The initial asset	Last 6 Months Last 1 Year	28-Jun-13	13.0732	17.42%	
Corpus as on 30 June. 14 : ₹312.58 Crs.	The highest NAV recorded :	Last 3 Year Last 4 Year	30-Jun-11 30-Jun-10	11.7977 11.3104	9.17% 7.94%	
Note: The investment income and prices may go down as well as up. "Since Inception" Corporate Bonds Equity Cash Bank & Others and returns above "1 Year" are calculated as per CAGR.		Since Inception Note: The investment	10-Jun-09 tincome and prices ma	10.0000 ay go down as well as	8.84%	

#### APEX Return Lock-In Fund II (ULIF 033 03/08/09 AR2 110)

Fund Details		Fund Per	formance		Asset Allocation
Investment Objective : The investment objective for Apez Return Lock-in Fund II is to use the participation in an actively	, Little D	DATE	NAV	NAV Change	
managed well diversified equity portfolio of large cap companies to generate capital appreciation and use high credit quality deb		31-Dec-13	12.8047	12.81%	47.06%
instruments to lock-in that capital appreciation. The initial asse	Last i Year	28-Jun-13	12.2281	18.13%	
allocation in equities is targeted at 80% to 100%.	Last 2 Year	29-Jun-12	10.8890	15.18%	4.42%
The highest NAV recorded :	Last 3 Year	30-Jun-11	11.0704	9.28%	
on reset date ₹ 14.4496	Last 4 Year	30-Jun-10	10.4857	8.34%	
on reset date	Since Inception	10-Nov-09	10.0000	8.25%	
Corpus as on 30 June, 14 : ₹243.77 Crs.	Note: The investment and returns above "1"			up. "Since Inception"	48.52%  Equity Corporate Bonds Cash Bank & Others



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#### Apex Plus Return Lock-in-Fund (ULIF 047 01/02/10 RA1 110)



### Apex Pension 10 Return Lock-in Fund (ULIF 043 20/01/10 PR2 110)



#### **Equity Outlook**

The month of June 2014 saw the benchmark index BSE Sensex and CNX Nifty gain 4.94% and 5.28% respectively. The Mid-cap index, CNX Mid-cap surged 9.43% during the same period.

FIIs were net buyers with inflows of around USD 2 billion in the month of June 2014 and the DIIs were net sellers to the tune of around USD 0.77 billion, with Insurance companies' net sellers of around USD 1.2 billion and domestic mutual funds, net buyers to the extent of around USD 0.46 billion over the same period. In the first half of the calendar year 2014, the FIIs had been net buyers to the tune of USD 9.7 billion with the DIIs net sellers to the tune of USD 5 billion, Insurance companies net sellers to the tune of USD 3.8 billion and mutual funds selling Indian equities to the tune of USD 1.2 billion.

Consensus earnings estimate for the MSCI India for FY 2015E were reduced by 0.4% and that for FY 2016E was increased by 0.7% over the month to 14.7% and 16.4% respectively.

The market watchers expect the Union budget, to be presented on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2014, to focus on the quality of fiscal consolidation, by curtailing subsidies and increasing the government's capital expenditure to provide an investment stimulus to the economy. There are expectations built around abolishing retrospective tax clauses to boost investor confidence, announcing the intent to liberalise FDI in various sectors including insurance, pension and defence and unveiling a broad roadmap on implementing Goods and Services tax (GST) to boost economic activity and raise the tax to GDP ratio. Since the Union budget is the first significant economic policy document from the new government, the market would be interested in the broad framework reflecting the thought process of the government in tackling difficult issues of ballooning subsidy, land acquisition and labour laws as well as its plans to boost economic growth, attract investments and create jobs by revitalizing the manufacturing sector.

RBI's financial stability report indicated a decline in gross Non-performing loans (NPLs) for the banking sector to 4% in March 2014 from 4.2% in September 2013, due to the sale of NPL's to asset reconstruction companies in March as well as lower slippages and higher recovery. The main stress sectors remain iron and steel, textiles, mining, infrastructure and aviation. RBI has opined that PSU banks could face challenges in coming quarters in terms of their capital needs, asset quality, profitability and more importantly their governance and management processes.

The new government is expected to focus on infrastructure with a renewed thrust on public private partnership model. It has signaled speedy action on roads, ports, low cost airports as well as modernizing the railways. The government wants to encourage private participation in coal production as well as boost production of defense equipment.

New project announcements remained sluggish in the first quarter FY 2015 as new project announcements from the government fell due to the general elections 2014 even as new project announcements from the private sector grew on a low base. Completed projects grew in the first quarter FY 2015 but stalled projects continued to remain high.

The government announced the extension of the excise duty reduction for the auto sector till December 2014. The reduction in excise duties was a necessary step as the auto industry had been facing muted demand due to the slowdown in overall economy and higher financing cost.

The Government decided to hike the import duty on sugar to 40% from 15% to curb inflow of sugar, a move that could see a rise in sugar prices. Also, it decided to provide additional interest-free loans of about INR 44 bn to the cash-starved sugar mills to clear cane payment arrears to farmers, estimated at around INR110 bn.

The government has deferred the gas price hike to ensure the completion of comprehensive discussions with all stakeholders. The government may have wanted to stagger the inflationary impact of the higher gas prices as the monthly hike in diesel, recent upward



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adjustments in petrol prices and hike in railway fares are inflationary in nature.

Indian equity markets have been the recipients of robust FII flows of USD 9.7 billion over the calendar year 2014, thus far. The global investors would be keenly watching the policy initiatives of the new government in the Union budget aimed at enabling a sustained increase in the trajectory of economic growth over the next five years. We continue to believe that the Indian equities offer an attractive entry point for a long term investor with a 3-5 year view.

#### **Debt Outlook**

Debt market yields remained volatile in the month of June 2014 even as the Government security (G-sec) hardened by 2-10 bps across different maturities. This was on the back of concerns stemming from a sub par monsoon as well as elevated oil prices on account of higher geopolitical risks due to Iraq turmoil. However, Corporate bond yields eased by 8-14 Bps due to lack of fresh supply.

Benchmark 10 year Gsec closed the month of June 2014 at 8.75% as against 8.65% last month after registering a low of 8.48% during the month, whereas 30 year Gsec closed the month at 8.79%, unchanged from the earlier month. The market watchers are expecting the issuance of new 10 year Gsec in the near future. On the Corporate Bond side, 5–15 years tenure bonds were trading in the band of 9.18% - 9.22% at the close of June 2014. Liquidity remained benign for most of June, well within RBI's comfort zone.

For the fortnight ending 13<sup>th</sup> June 2014, deposit growth slipped to 13.9%, from 14.1% in the prior fortnight while credit growth increased to 13.9%, from 13% the earlier fortnight. The credit-deposit ratio has increased by 50bps, over the fortnight, to 77.1%. Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR), as a percentage of NDTL was stable at 26.9% even as cash balances, at 4.6%, were highest in the current calendar year.

The RBI, in its Financial Stability Report was optimistic on the revival of economic activity following the formation of a stable government. However, they cautioned that supply-side issues needed to be resolved so that it would enable monetary policy to bring down inflation. The RBI opined that progress on fiscal consolidation, predictable tax and policy regime as well as low and stable inflation rates will be crucial in India's macroeconomic and financial stability.

The fixed income markets have been concerned on the monsoon front with a June rainfall registering a deficit of around 43%. A sub par monsoon is usually correlated with a spike in agri-inflation and given the dominant weight of food segment in the CPI, a surge in the CPI print for subsequent months cannot be ruled out. An increase in oil prices on geopolitical tensions add to upside risks to the trajectory of inflation.

A muted hike in Minimum support prices (MSP) for Kharif (summer) crops, strong intent of the government to crack down on hoarders, imposing a minimum export price (MEP) of onions at USD 500/ton, advising the unrestricted sale of fruits and vegetables, extending the line of credit to states to directly import pulses and edible oils and releasing an additional 5 million tons of rice to states for sale in open market at a subsidized price are some of the initiatives undertaken by the Government to tackle food inflation.

The continuation of the monthly hike in diesel prices as well as increase in passenger and rail fares demonstrate the government's resolve to structurally improve the fiscal condition and augur well in the fiscal consolidation process.

Market watchers expect the government to unveil a credible roadmap for fiscal consolidation in the Union budget. They expect the government's economic policies to reflect a strong political intent on reform delivery and open up space for the RBI to act on the monetary easing in the medium term to balance growth and inflation dynamics.

The fixed income market would keenly monitor the progress of monsoons in July and August as well as the trajectory of oil prices. However, the dominant event which could shape the medium term direction of the fixed income market remains the Union budget, to be presented on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2014.

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