One Fund Multiple Benefits

HSBC CRISIL IBX 50:50 Gilt Plus SDL Apr 2028 Index Fund

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NFO Date: 15 March 2022 – 28 March 2022 Reopening Date: 4 April 2022



Target Maturity Index Funds

Benefit from the target goal in volatile times



Target Maturity Index Funds

Funds that aim for better risk adjusted performance

- Target Maturity Index Funds (TMIF) are open-ended debt funds which track predefined fixed income index
- These funds have a fixed maturity and the potential to generate better risk adjusted performance
- TMIF follows predefined index having securities maturing on or before the maturity date of the index

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• TMIF portfolio aims to replicate

TMIF portfolio aims to replicate predefined index and designed to end (mature) at a predefined date

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 The index typically has a mix of quality debt papers like SDL (State Development Loans) and Gilts (Government Securities) 3

 FM buy securities (represented by index) whose maturities are close to the defined maturity date of the index and aims hold them to maturity 4

 Fund is managed passively by tracking performance of the benchmark index (subject to tracking errors)

Funds with fixed maturity and the potential to generate better risk adjusted performance

Why consider Target Maturity Index Funds with six year segment now?

Funds focus on SCPL

Steepness

- •The fund focuses on rich steepness of the curve vs shorter end. e.g. Yield pickup between 3 to 6 year (Target Maturity) is ~80 bps vs only ~30 bps in 6 10 year.
- •SDL at present offers ~25-35 bps over G-Sec and spreads higher than corporate bonds.
- •Currently, 6-year segment remains a sweet spot for investments as the steepness of this segment over 1 3 year segment is high. It is also less volatile than 10 years and above segment.
- •Given the steepness of the curve, the 6 year segment is expected to perform better over a 3 4 years period as the roll down will compensate for any rise in the yield curve and therefore this segment is likely to see much lower impact on returns from a rise in interest rates v/s long term bonds (10 years+ bonds) and short term segment (3 years).

Steepness / Spreads SC PL Performance Low volatility

Capital gains

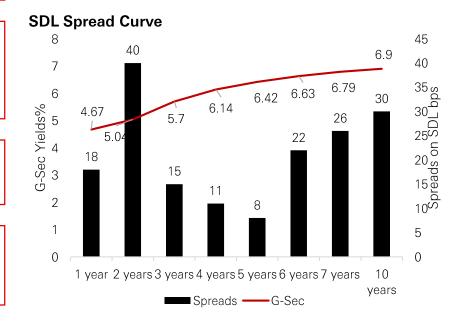
- •The roll down strategy (buy and hold till maturity) can result into capital gains1.
- •There is demand from funds for 3 4 year maturing securities in G-Sec/SDL and also from banks to match ALM requirements.
- •6 year securities therefore offer scope for roll down benefits and capital gains over holding period.

Performance

- •Hold to maturity with indexation benefit may offer better return profile vs bank deposits.
- •The fund offers tax benefits with 7 indexations.

Low Volatility

- •Volatile and less lucrative outlook on securities with maturities beyond 2030, while 6-year segment offers relatively better yields.
- •Elevated commodity prices and high gross borrowings in FY23 are headwinds for long-end bonds.



Volatile & less lucrative outlook on long term securities makes the six year target maturity segment attractive

Benefits of Investing in Target Maturity Index Funds (TMIF)

One fund multiple benefits (TMIF – Gsec + SDL)

• TMIF serves as an alternative to Fixed Deposits offered by banks

Diversity

• In the current scenario interest rates on the deposits are relatively low

Opportunity

 Offers relatively better yielding investments by taking advantage of spread assets

Better yields

 Offers liquidity with investments in G-Sec and SDL and redemption feature with open ended nature

Liquidity

 Relatively low credit risk due to investment in G-Sec & SDL with ratings equivalent to sovereign papers

Quality & Safety



- Duration risk keeps reducing with defined maturity date
- Negates duration risk as one remain invested through the life of the fund

Reducing risk

 Buy to hold investment strategy (roll down maturity product)

Roll down

Roll down maturity feature help achieve better risk adjusted performance

The Right Opportunity

Find the right opportunity to meet your financial goals

	Target Maturity Index Funds	Active Debt Funds	Bond	FMPs
Return Trajectory ¹	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Liquidity	Yes	Yes	No ²	No ⁵
Diversification	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Professional Management	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Defined Maturity	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Tax Efficiency	Yes ³	Yes ³	Yes ⁴	Yes ³

Target Maturity Index Funds provide multiple benefits

Funds with Power of Indexation

Illustration on Indexation

	Traditional Savings Scheme	Debt Index Fund (e.g. TMIF)
Investment (Rs.)	100000	100000
Rate of Return (%) (assumed) 1, 2	5.50%	6.60%
Maturity Returns + Investment (Rs.)	138,533	147563
Maturity Returns + Investment (Post expenses) (Rs.)		144224
Calculation:		
Indexation	No	Yes
Indexed Value	N/A	140710
Taxable Income (Rs.) ³	38,533	3514
Tax Payable (Rs.)	11,560	703
Post Tax & Post Expenses Gain (Rs.)	26,973	43521
Maturity Returns + Investment : Post Tax + Indexation - Expenses (Rs.)	126,973	143521
Effective Final Post tax and expenses Return (CAGR%)	4.00%	6.11%

The fund will offer investors 7 indexations¹ during its lifetime.

Target Maturity Index Funds provide tax benefit

The above calculations are only for illustration purposes only. Source: HSBC Asset Management, Data as on 28 February 2022. **1.** assuming investments are made on or before 31 March 2022 and held beyond 1 April 2028. For Debt Index Fund (e.g. TMIF) - current 6 year benchmark Gsec (7.17 GS 2028) is used **2.** Prevailing SBI 5 year fixed deposit rate used in case of Traditional Savings Scheme option. **3.** Tax Rate considered 30% exclusive of applicable surcharges & cess in case of Traditional Savings Scheme. Debt Index Fund - Tax as per LTCG income tax provisions exclusive of applicable surcharges & cess., Expenses Assumed at 0.40% per anum only in case of TMIF, This computation is for resident individual investors. Cost inflation index assumed at 5%p.a. These are not to be considered for investment advice or guarantee of returns. Investors are advised to consult their Financial Advisor. Past performance may or may not be sustained in the future.

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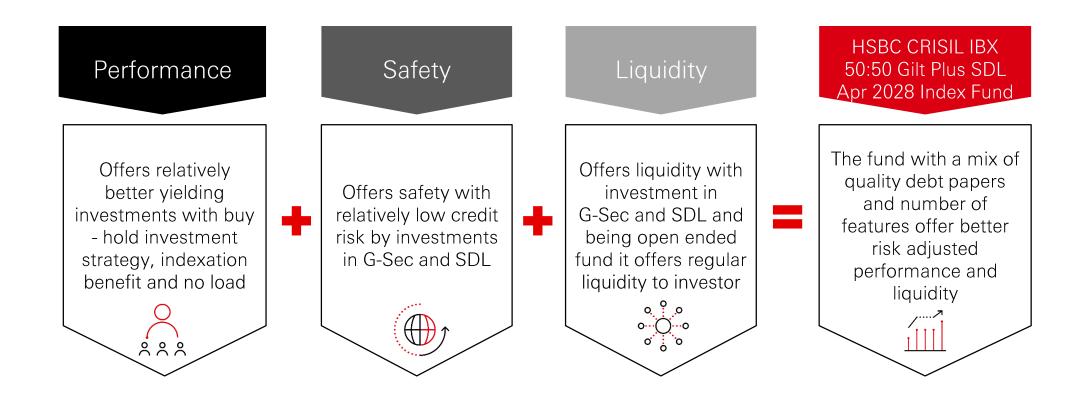
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Interest Rate Risk ↓			
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A Scheme with Relatively High interest rate risk and	Relatively Low credit risk		

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Triple benefit of Target Maturity Index Fund

HSBC CRISIL IBX 50:50 Gilt Plus SDL Apr 2028 Index Fund (HGSF)¹



HGSF backed by safety, liquidity and tax benefit offers better risk adjusted performance

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Gain from buy and hold strategy

Why invest in HGSF?

- •The fund will invest in the constituents of CRISIL IBX 50:50 Gilt Plus SDL Index April 2028. Invests in 50:50 proportion of quality G-Sec and SDL papers
- •A roll down fund strategy to take benefits of better yields
- •Steepness The fund focuses on rich steepness of the curve vs shorter end. Currently, 6-year segment remains a sweet spot for investments as the steepness of this segment over 1 3 year segment is high. It is also less volatile than 10 years and above segment
- •Capital gains The roll down strategy (buy and hold till maturity) can result in to capital gains ²
- •Performance Hold to maturity with indexation benefit may offer better return profile vs bank deposits. The fund offers tax benefits with 7 indexations
- •Low Volatility Volatile and less lucrative outlook on securities with maturities beyond 2030, while 6-year segment offers relatively better yields
- •Regular liquidity with open ended nature of the fund and no exit load

Why SDL?

- •Credit Risk Similar to G sec
- •Liquid instruments which trade above the G-Sec Curve
- Potential to deliver Market linked Returns
- •Relative steepness in SDL yield curve at ~5-6 year end
- •The spreads for 6 years appear attractive

Why G-Sec?

- •Gsecs issued by the government, safest investment option
- •G-sec yields are currently better than FDs
- •G-Sec segment offers better management of cash flows with better liquidity leading to lower impact cost

The spreads of 6 years segment appears attractive where HGSF aims to invest

Tapping the quality opportunity the passive way

About the Index – CRISIL IBX 50:50 Gilt Plus SDL Index – April 2028 & Security Selection Methodology – G-Sec

Index objective

 Seeks to track the performance of G-sec and SDL issuers near to the maturity date of the index.

Target Date

30 April 2028

Index Features

- Government securities (G-Sec) with a minimum outstanding of Rs.25000 crores.
- State issuers with a minimum outstanding of Rs.1,000 crores in the eligible period, having the security nearest to maturity.

Eligible Period for G-Sec & SDL

Securities maturing in 1- year period before the target date.

Asset Allocation

• G-Sec: 50%

• SDL: 50%

Securities Selection Methodology: G-Sec

- All Securities are selected on the basis of Amount Outstanding.
- Minimum Amount Outstanding should be Rs.25000 crore.
- The index constituents are valued on a daily basis using CRISIL Valuations.

Weighing Approach

- Weights to individual securities will be calculated in the ratio of amount outstanding (30% weightage) and liquidity score (70% weightage).
- Liquidity score will be calculated based on the volume traded (70%), number of trades (15%) and days traded (15%) in the previous quarter.

Rebalancing, Review

• Eligible securities will be added on a 6 monthly basis and weights will be redistributed based on ratio of amount outstanding (30% weightage) and liquidity score (70% weightage).

Monthly weight reset and cash flow reinvestment

- Any cash flows accruing to the index on account of coupon cash flows, part redemption of the security or securities, will be reinvested on the same day in the index in the proportion of existing weights.
- As the index includes securities that shall mature during the twelve month period ending on the final maturity date of the index, any proceeds from the redemption of securities prior to the final maturity date of the index shall be reinvested as per waterfall approach specified in the SID.
- The relative weights of the Government securities will change due to price movement and will be reset during the 6 monthly rebalancing.

Tapping the quality opportunity the passive way

About the Index – CRISIL IBX 50:50 Gilt Plus SDL Index – April 2028 - Security Selection Methodology – SDL

Issuer Selection

- All states with issuances in maturing in the eligible period will be shortlisted
- Top 10 issuers with a minimum total amount outstanding of Rs.1,000 crores in the eligible period will be selected on the basis of liquidity. If less than 10 issuers are available, all issuers will be selected.
- Liquidity score will be calculated based on the volume traded (70%), number of trades (15%) and days traded (15%) in the previous quarter.

Security Selection

- For each issuer selected, security having maturity nearest to the target date shall be selected, from securities maturing in eligible period, with minimum amount outstanding of Rs. 100 crores will be considered.
- The index constituents are valued on a daily basis using CRISIL Valuations

Weighing Approach

- Weights to the issuers will be divided equally, at the inception of the index.
- Each issuer will be subject to a cap of 15%
- The weights may drift due to price movement, and due to cash flows accruing on account of coupon cash flows, and will not get reset.

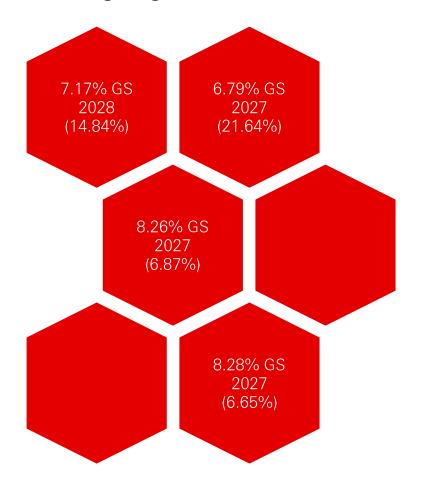
Rebalancing

- The securities will be held till maturity.
- If the issuer cap of 15% is being breached, additional / excess amount may be invested in the rest of the securities of the same asset class which are part of the index
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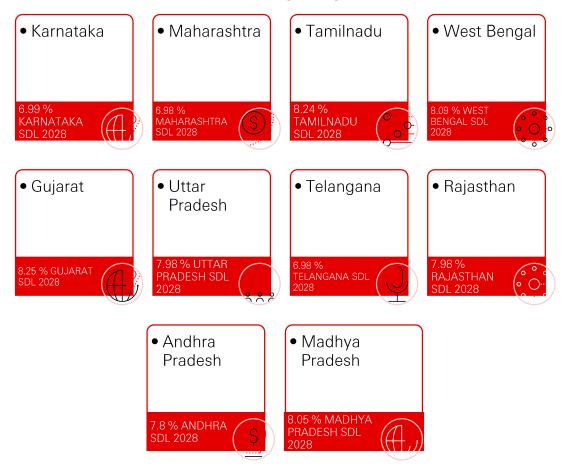
Index Constituent Issuers

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G-Secs with weightage%



SDLs have 5% equal weightage



Source: CRISIL Indices, HSBC Asset Management, Data as at 28 February '22

Summary

HSBC CRISIL IBX 50:50 Gilt Plus SDL Apr 2028 Index Fund (HGSF)¹



HGSF aims to track the index performance while offering safety and liquidity



Offers safety with relatively low credit risk by investments in G-Sec and SDL



The fund focuses on rich steepness of the curve vs shorter end. HGSF aims to focus on the six year target maturity segment which looks attractive considering volatile outlook on long term securities



Open ended fund with target maturity and no exit Load, offers regular liquidity and tax benefits with 7 indexations



The fund with a mix of quality debt papers offer better risk adjusted performance and liquidity

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Investment Objective

◆ The investment objective of the Scheme is to provide returns corresponding to the total returns of the securities as represented by the CRISIL IBX 50:50 Gilt Plus SDL Index – April 2028 before expenses, subject to tracking errors. However, there is no assurance that the investment objective of the Scheme will be achieved.

Benchmark

◆ CRISIL IBX 50:50 Gilt Plus SDL Index – April 2028

Where will the scheme invest?

- ◆ Investment in Government securities (Gsecs): The Scheme would invest in Gsecs comprising CRISIL IBX 50:50 Gilt Plus SDL Index April 2028 and endeavour to track the benchmark index.
- ◆ Investment in State Development Loans (SDLs): The Scheme would invest in SDLs comprising CRISIL IBX 50:50 Gilt Plus SDL Index April 2028 and endeavour to track the benchmark index.
- Money market instruments include commercial papers, commercial bills, treasury bills, Government securities having an unexpired maturity up to one year, call or notice money, certificate of deposit, usance bills, Tri-party REPO (TREPS) and any other like instrument as specified by the Reserve Bank of India from time to time.

Fund Manager

- ◆ Kapil Punjabi
- ◆ Over 14 years of experience in Research and Fixed Income fund management

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- Minimum Application Amount (Lump sum): Rs.5000 | Rs.1 (multiples)
- Minimum Additional investment: Rs.1000 | Rs.1 (multiples)
- Minimum Application Amount (SIP): Rs.500 per month (12 installments)
- Entry Load: Not applicable
- Exit Load: NIL

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Annexure

Advantage Passive Strategy

Underlying features of Passive strategy



Invests in the index constituents in the same proportion



Low cost efficient strategy



Benefit from broader market outlook, transparent and no lock in feature



Low risk of security selection



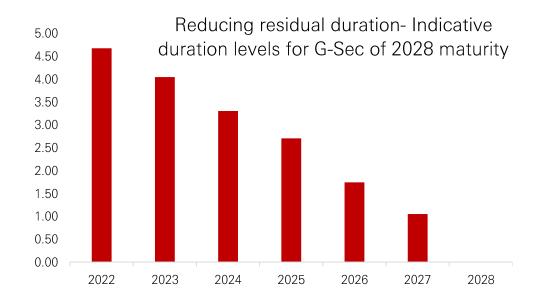
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Benefit from a low cost efficient strategy

Roll-down strategy illustration

Knowledge bytes

- Roll Down strategy is an accrual strategy
 - Generally used in elevated rates environment
 - Seek to earn only coupons/yield at regular intervals from its underlying portfolio by buying and holding security
- The average maturity of the scheme's portfolio, as a consequence, decreases with the passage of time.
- Low- interest rate risk: The strategy avoid impact from the expected increase in interest rates over time.
- It is useful for capturing higher present yield at any point of curve and gradually move towards shorter end of the curve which is less susceptible to interest rate risk.



Average maturity of the portfolio decreases with the passage of time thus provides lower interest rate risk

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