

## Product Note

### HSBC Arbitrage Fund (HATF)

Arbitrage - An open ended scheme investing in arbitrage opportunities.

January 2024

Fund Category	Fund Manager	Benchmark <sup>1</sup>	Inception Date	AUM <sup>&amp;</sup>
Arbitrage Fund	Praveen Ayathan, Hitesh Gondhia <sup>@</sup> and Mahesh Chhabria	Nifty 50 Arbitrage Index	30 June 2014	Rs. 1827.10 Cr

Portfolio	% to net assets
Reliance Industries Limited	7.00%
Tata Power Company Limited	3.88%
Lupin Limited	3.48%
Canara Bank	2.85%
Wipro Limited	2.69%
Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Limited	2.56%
Indian Energy Exchange Limited	2.50%
Zee Entertainment Enterprises Limited	2.47%
Aditya Birla Capital Limited	2.30%
Manappuram Finance Limited	1.86%

Sector - Allocation	% to net assets
Government Securities	13.57%
Banks	8.62%
Petroleum Products	8.53%
Finance	7.80%
Internal - Mutual Fund Units	7.33%
Pharmaceuticals & Biotechnology	5.90%
IT - Software	4.54%
Power	4.11%
Reverse Repos/TREPS	3.71%
Entertainment	2.87%

Arbitrage in simple terms means taking advantage of price differential between different markets for the same commodity. In financial markets, this translates into entering into trading positions in the same security through different market segments.

### Fund Strategy

- Currently, allocation towards hedged equities or cash futures arbitrage is at ~73%.
- The fund aims to have exposure in companies where the fund managers believes, dividend arbitrage opportunities exists.
- The rest is invested in Liquid Fund, G-Secs and Bank FDs (Margin Placements). The debt portion is actively managed but has a conservative maturity profile and a high quality focus: AAA/Sovereign/A1+ portfolio and no exposure to any low rated Debt Instruments or any Perpetual Bonds.

### Investment Objective

The investment objective of the Scheme is to seek to generate reasonable returns by predominantly investing in arbitrage opportunities in the cash and derivatives segments of the equity markets and by investing balance in debt and money market instruments. There is no assurance that the objective of the Scheme will be realised and the Scheme does not assure or guarantee any returns.

Entry Load\*: Not Applicable, Exit Load: On and before 1 month from the date of allotment or Purchase applying First in First out basis : 0.5%. After 1 month from the date of allotment or purchase : NIL \* In terms of 10.4.1.a. of SEBI Master Circular on Mutual Funds dated May 19, 2023, no entry load will be charged to the investor effective August 1, 2009.

Month End Total Expenses Ratios (Annualized)<sup>2</sup> – Regular<sup>3</sup>: 0.94%, Direct: 0.27%

<sup>1</sup> As per clause 1.9 of the SEBI Master Circular dated May 19, 2023, on 'Guiding Principles for bringing uniformity in Benchmarks of Mutual Fund Schemes' has introduced two-tiered structure for benchmarking of certain categories of schemes. Accordingly, the benchmark has been classified as Tier 1 benchmark effective from 01 December 2021.

<sup>2</sup> TER Annualized TER including GST on Investment Management Fees

<sup>3</sup> Continuing plans

<sup>@</sup> Managing since October 01, 2023. Please refer notice cum addendum dated September 29, 2023.

<sup>&</sup>For disclosure of quarterly AUM/AAUM and AUM by geography, please visit our website: <https://www.assetmanagement.hsbc.co.in/en/mutual-funds/investor-resources/information-library/#accordion1446811090-4>

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Source – HSBC Mutual Fund, Data as of 31 December 2023. Past performance may or may not be sustained in the future and is not indicative of future results.

Note : Please refer to Scheme Information Document for more details on Asset Allocation of the scheme.

## HSBC Arbitrage Fund philosophy

- To enters into simultaneous transactions of a long position in cash and exactly off-setting short position in futures.
- Towards the expiry or before the expiry of the derivatives contract, the positions are reversed or rolled over.

Note : Fund Manager manages the Fund as per prevailing Market condition. The above philosophy shall not be treated as investment strategy which is subject to Market condition at a given point of time.

## Why HSBC Arbitrage Fund?

- Investment predominantly in arbitrage opportunities in the cash and derivatives segments of the equity markets; and debt and money market instruments
- Aim to provide reasonable liquidity and risk adjusted performance to suit the investor's requirements
- Maintains optimum allocation across arbitrage instruments
- Aims to generate opportunity of reasonable returns over short to medium term

## Market Actions



The average roll spreads captured this month was 11.26% annualized. No duration or credit risk is taken on the debt side and that will pull down the final returns a bit.

- December expiry roll levels began at 74-75 bps with very low participation, as level moved higher to 80-82 bps, participation aggression was seen from short rollers, rolls progressed gradually on at 85-87 bps on low participation while on Wednesday (Dec 29), levels moved higher to 87-90 bps, on expiry day levels remained volatile for selected stock level widen towards the end at 100-102 bps.
- Nifty increased 8.2% in Dec'23 (after increasing by 5.5% on Nov 23), surpassing the previous month's record of best monthly returns since July 2022 - On yearly basis, the index has increased by 20%. FIIs were net buyers this month as well. FIIs purchased equities worth almost \$6.1 bn compared to \$2.3 bn of buying the previous month. Year to date (Dec 29), FIIs have purchased equities worth \$20.5 bn. AUM of Arbitrage Funds increased compared to the previous expiry. December's average roll basis was higher than the previous expiry, 86 bps Vs 64 bps the previous month.
- Equities traded positive in December with Nifty reaching record levels. Broader markets rose in line with the benchmark index. India's IIP which measure factory output reached a 16-month high of 11.7% in Oct'23 (Vs 6.2% in Sep 23) on the back of rising manufacturing output amidst festive demand. CPI inflation rose to 5.55% YoY in Nov'23 – a three-month high - led by a sharp rise in food inflation, the Oct'23 print was 4.87%. Headline inflation rose sequentially (0.5% MoM) at the fastest rate in five months, and core inflation moderated further.

## Global Markets

Global equity markets increased in Dec'23 especially after the Fed maintained status-quo on interest rates at 5.5% for the third consecutive time although US CPI picked up in Nov'23 with core CPI coming in at 0.3% Vs 0.2% for Oct'23. Along with the decision to stay put, the Fed indicated three rate cuts in 2024 – more than anticipated - signalling a dovish outlook. The US10Y slipped below 4% for the first time since Aug'23 following the Fed decision. The central bank of UK left interest rates unchanged as well at 5.25% while inflation for Nov'23 fell more than expected to 3.9% (Vs 4.6% in Oct'23)

## Product Label

Scheme name and Type of scheme	Scheme Risk-o-meter	Benchmark Risk-o-meter
<p><b>HSBC Arbitrage Fund</b>  <b>Arbitrage Fund</b> – An open ended scheme investing in arbitrage opportunities.</p> <p><b>This product is suitable for Investors who are seeking*:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Generation of reasonable returns over short to medium term</li> <li>• Investment predominantly in arbitrage opportunities in the cash and derivatives segments of the equity markets; and debt and money market instrument.</li> </ul>	 <p><b>RISKOMETER</b></p> <p>Investors understand that their principal will be at Low risk</p>	<p><b>Benchmark Index: Nifty 50 Arbitrage Index</b></p>  <p><b>RISKOMETER</b></p>

\* Investors should consult their financial advisers if in doubt about whether the product is suitable for them.

**Note on Risk-o-meters:** Riskometer is as on 31 December 2023, Any change in risk-o-meter shall be communicated by way of Notice cum Addendum and by way of an e-mail or SMS to unitholders of that particular scheme

**Note :** Please refer to Scheme Information Document for more details on Asset Allocation of the scheme.

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