An open-ended scheme investing in arbitrage opportunities

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# HOW ARBITRAGE WORKS?

The Process of Buying in one market and selling in another market simultaneously to take advantage of the price difference is called arbitrage. Typically, the fund invests in arbitrage opportunities simultaneously in cash and derivative segments of the equity market.

# THE MAJOR ARBITRAGE RETURN DETERMINANTS

- 1. Short Term interest rate is the biggest determinant of future price of any asset. Thus, in a higher interest rate scenario, the arbitrage returns are generally higher versus a low-interest rate scenario.
- 2. Mood of the Market: Demand & Supply plays a major role in determining the future price of a stock. In Bullish Market, demand for buying futures increases which increases the future price. In Bearish Market, demand for selling futures increases which reduces future price.
- 3. Fund Flows: As more money flows into the category, spread decreases.

## **FUND FACTS & FEATURES**

Plan / Option Regular and Direct

### **FUND FEATURES**

Launch April 2016 Month End AUM .....₹ 255 Cr. Benchmark (Tier I) ......NIFTY 50 Arbitrage Index TRI Fund Managers Mr. Rohit Seksaria & Mr. Ashish Aggarwal (Equity) and Mr. Dwijendra Srivastava (Fixed Income) Minimum Investment S Rs.100/- per application and multiples of Rs.1/thereafter SIP Weekly: Rs. 1000, Monthly: Rs. 100, Quarterly: Rs. 750 Exit Load: Upto 25%, within 15 days from the date of allotment: Nil. More than 25% within 15 days from the date of allotment: 0.25%. >15 days: Nil

Growth & IDCW (Payout, Re-investment, Transfer)

- Offers income by predominantly investing in arbitrage opportunities in the cash and the derivative segments of the equity markets and aims to lock in profit.
  - The objective is to capture the cost of carry, capturing the difference between the cash and futures market by simultaneously executing buy (in cash market) and sell (in the future market) trades.
  - The Fund is suitable for investors who seek returns but do not want any directional exposure linked to either equity or debt markets.

## FUND MANAGER UPDATE

- At the end of June series, market-wide futures rollovers were ~90% (higher than average rollovers of 89% of last 3 series).
- Market-wide futures open interest (OI) stood stands at ~INR 5.03tn (vs. ~INR 4.76tn seen at the start of June Series).
- Nifty rollovers were ~80%. Nifty futures OI stands at Rs. 416bn as against an OI of INR 371bn at the start of the June series.
- Rollover happened at ~62 bps gross for 5 weeks expiry.

WHY SUNDARAM ARBITRAGE FUND?								
Market Neutral Strategy Offsetting positions in the same underlying stock with completely hedged positions. The fund is neutral to movements in the underlying stock.	Lower Risk & Better Liquidity Offers debt equivalent return with lower credit risk and interest rate risk.	Tax Efficiency Equity taxation offers tax advantage over Fixed income schemes						

TAX EFFICIENCY COMPARISON							
Particulars	Arbitrage Fund	Liquid Fund	Fixed Deposit	Savings Account			
Investment	1,00,00,000	1,00,00,000	1,00,00,000	1,00,00,000			
1yr Return	7.2%	7.2%	6.8%	3.5%			
Gain (₹)	7,22,000	7,15,000	6,77,500	3,50,000			
Tax paid @	12.5%	30.0%	30.0%	30.0%			
Post Tax Gain	6,31,750	5,00,500	4,74,250	2,45,000			
Post Tax Gain Return%	6.3%	5.0%	4.7%	2.5%			
Tax paid (₹)	90,250	2,14,500	2,03,250	1,05,000			

Calculation as on 11th September 2024. Tax on Liquid Fund, FD and Savings Account as per tax slab & surcharge and CESS would be levied as applicable. Liquid Fund rate based on industry average. Arbitrage returns based on Sundaram Arbitrage Fund as on 11th September 2024. FD & Savings Account interest rate calculated on average of top 4 private banks - HDFC, Axis, Kotak & ICICI.

#### **INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK**







The equity portion is completely hedged.

The strategy involves locking the rollover spread every month to aim for a risk-free return.

Portion in Debt & Liquid Strategy Investments are made in G-Secs and T-bills, which are used for margins. T-bills have a 6-month duration, while G-Secs have a 2-3 year duration.

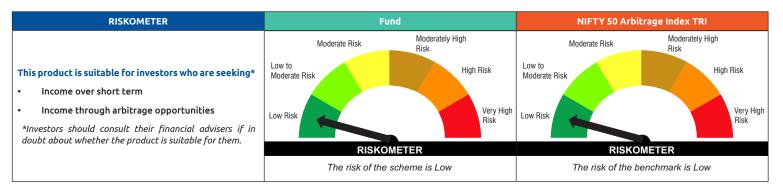
Recent Performance (%)			Allocation (%)			
Period	Sundaram Arbitrage Fund	ndaram Arbitrage Fund Arbitrage Index TRI Category		Allocation		
1 Month	6.26	6.85	Equity	69.4		
3 Months	6.34	9.79	Derivatives (Hedged Equity Positions)	(69.7)		
6 Months	6.72	7.88	Cash/TREPS/Repo/Margin Money for Derivatives	30.6		

	Performance			₹ 10,000 invested			Value of ₹ 10,000-a-month SIP			
Period	Fund (%)	Benchmark Tier I (%)	Additional Benchmark (%)	Fund (₹)	Benchmark Tier I (₹)	Additional Benchmark (₹)	Investment (₹)	Fund (₹)	Benchmark Tier I (₹)	Additional Benchmark (₹)
Last 1 year	6.7	7.5	7.8	10,673	10,751	10,783	1,20,000	1,24,255	1,24,868	1,25,040
Last 3 years	6.5	7.2	7.1	12,066	12,325	12,299	3,60,000	3,99,241	4,03,901	4,03,241
Last 5 years	5.1	5.7	5.6	12,838	13,219	13,118	6,00,000	6,98,193	7,11,825	7,07,620
Since Inception	4.3	5.5	6.2	14,768	16,295	17,408	11,00,000	13,78,573	14,44,703	14,71,196

Past performance may or may not be sustained in future. Returns/investment value are as of June 30, 2025. Returns are on a compounded annual basis for period more than one year and absolute for one-year period and computed using NAV of Regular Plan-Growth Option. Value of 10,000 invested at inception is as on June 30, 2025. SIP values are in rupees.

PERFORMANCE DETAILS OF OTHER FUNDS MANAGED BY THE FUND MANAGER								
Scheme Name	1 year (%)		3 years (%)		5 years (%)			
Scheme Name	Fund	Benchmark	Fund	Benchmark	Fund	Benchmark	Fund Managers	
Performance details for schemes managed by Mr. Rohit Seksaria								
Sundaram Long Term Micro Cap Tax Advantage Fund - Series VI	4.0	4.9	26.5	32.2	36.3	33.9	Rohit Seksaria	
Sundaram Long Term Tax Advantage Fund - Series III	3.0	5.1	26.2	21.7	35.8	24.0	Rohit Seksaria	
Sundaram Long Term Micro Cap Tax Advantage Fund - Series V	4.0	4.9	26.0	32.2	35.4	33.9	Rohit Seksaria	
Sundaram Diversified Equity	5.5	5.7	18.3	22.0	21.5	24.0	Bharath S & Rohit Seksaria	
Sundaram Equity Savings Fund	8.3	8.2	13.2	11.5	12.4	11.5	Clyton Richard Fernandes, Rohit Seksaria (Equity); Dwijendra Srivastava (Fixed Income)	
Sundaram Arbitrage Fund	6.7	7.5	6.5	7.2	5.1	5.7	Rohit Seksaria & Ashish Agarwal (Equity); Dwijendra Srivastava (Fixed Income)	
Performance details for schemes managed by Mr. Ash	ish Aggarw	al						
Sundaram Infrastructure Advantage Fund	0.2	3.9	28.1	27.9	29.8	26.9	Ashish Agarwal	
Sundaram Large and Mid Cap Fund	3.5	6.0	21.2	25.0	23.5	26.9	Bharath S & Ashish Agarwal	
Sundaram Nifty 100 Equal Weight Fund	2.1	3.1	21.9	23.3	22.8	24.3	Rohit Seksaria & Ashish Agarwal	
Sundaram Dividend Yield Fund	0.3	5.7	20.2	22.0	22.2	24.0	Ashish Agarwal	
Sundaram Arbitrage Fund	6.7	7.5	6.5	7.2	5.1	5.7	Rohit Seksaria & Ashish Agarwal (Equity); Dwijendra Srivastava (Fixed Income)	

Data as on June 30, 2025. Source: In-house Computation. **Past performance may or may not be sustained in the future.** Different plans shall have a different expense structure. Returns are compounded on an annual basis for periods more than one year and absolute for one year period using the NAV of the Regular Plan – Growth Option. Returns are computed using weighted average performance using the NAV & AUM Weight of Transferor and Transferee/ Surviving Scheme for the merged funds from Principal AMC. Performance data of top 3 and bottom 3 funds (based on 5 year compounded return) managed by the fund managers are provided herein. All benchmark returns are calculated based on TRI.



Mutual fund investments are subject to market risks, read all scheme related documents carefully.