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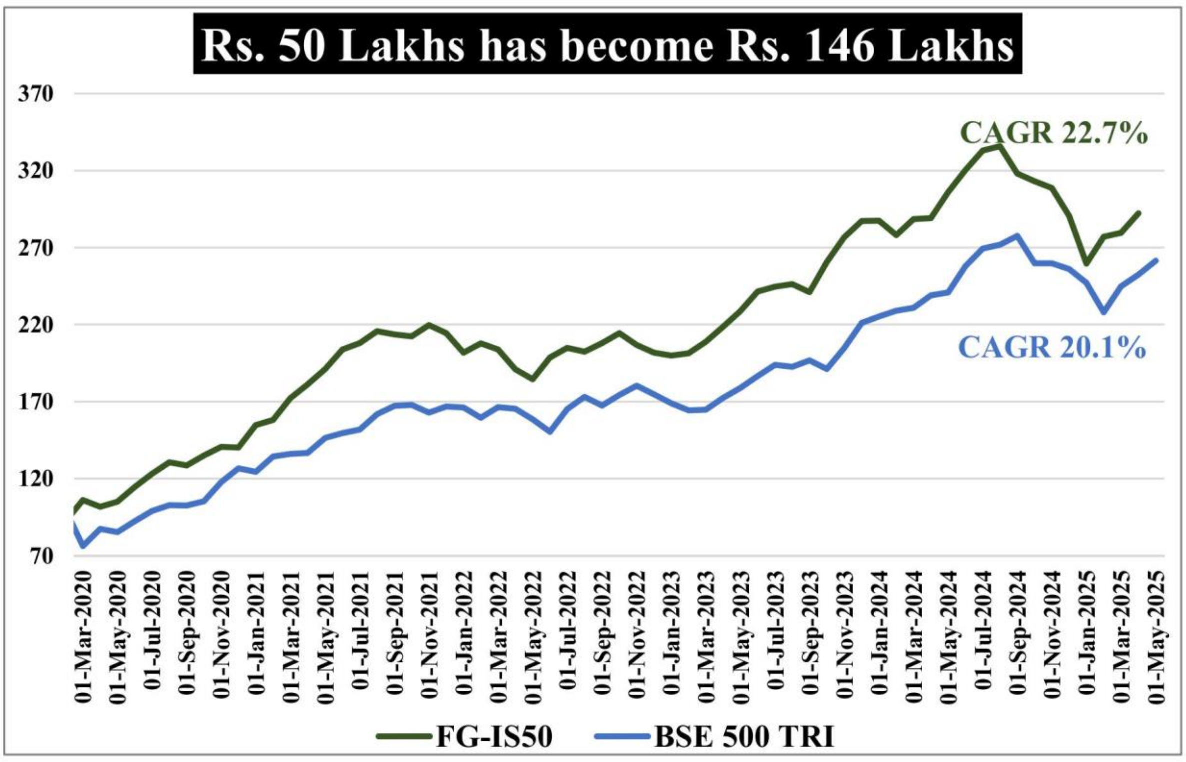
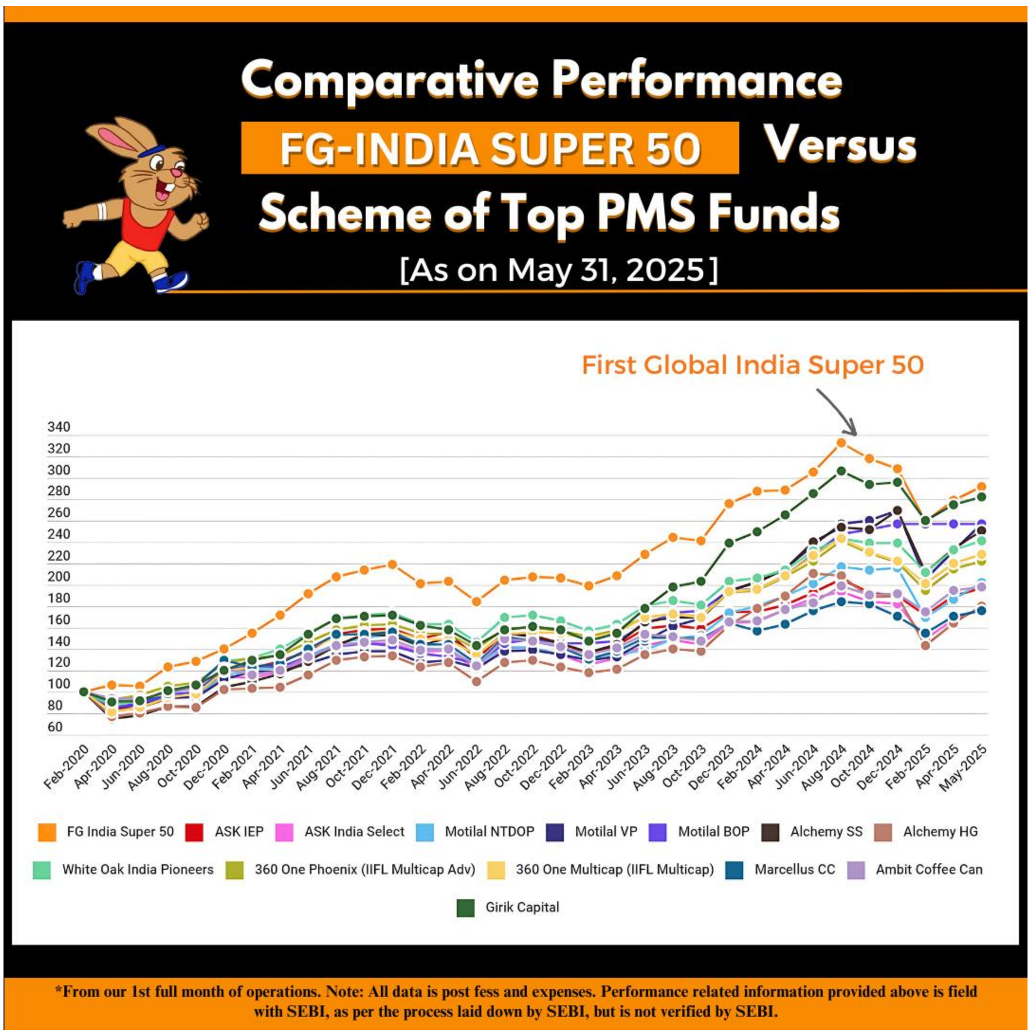
Our May '25 Performance

The First Global - India Super 50 (IS50) PMS Scheme



Comparison of First Global - India Super 50 PMS Scheme with various Multi-cap PMSs



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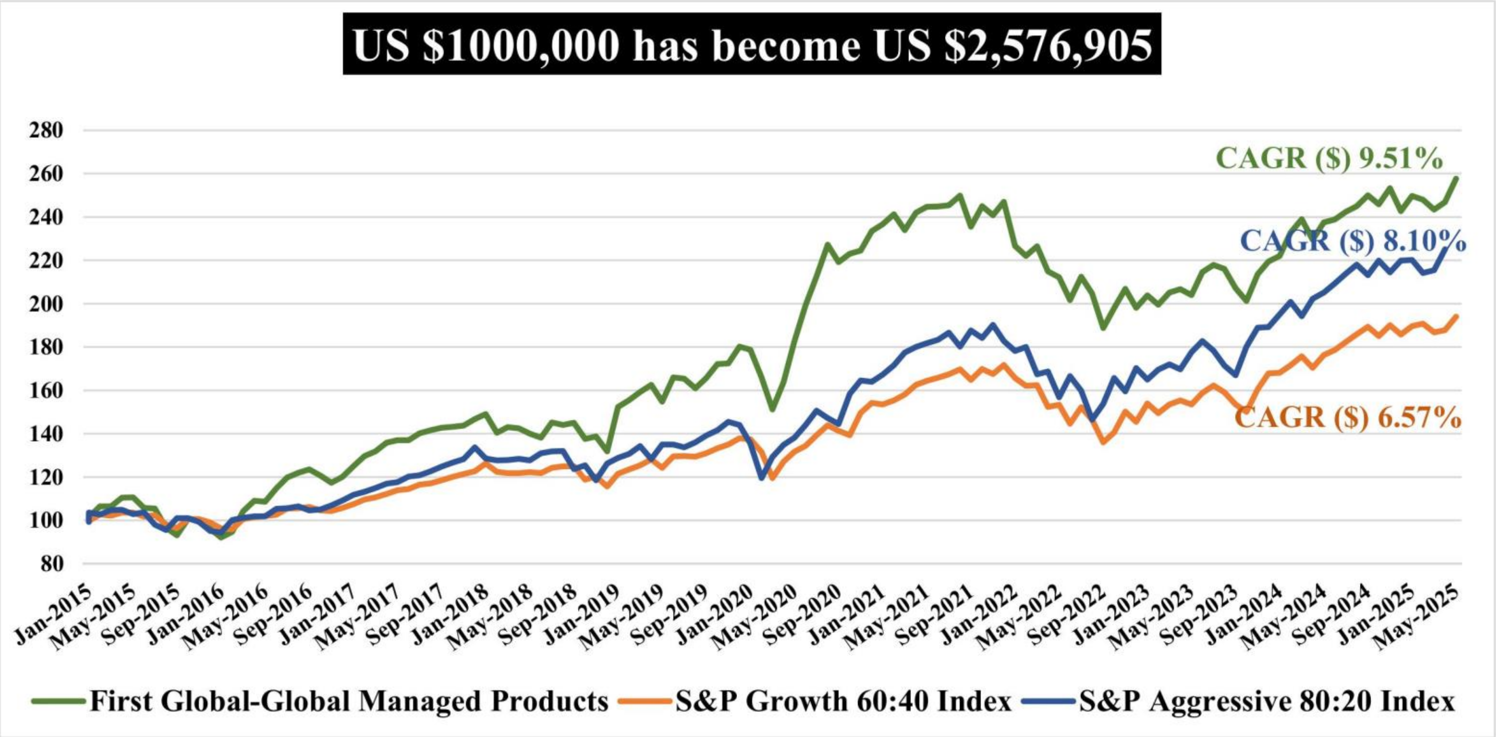
Sr. No.	Top Multicap PMS Schemes	Total Return* (Mar '20 to May '25)	Risk Adj Return (CAGR / Volatility) (Equivalent of Sharp Ratio)	Gain to Pain (x)
1	Stallion Asset Core Fund	327.6%	1.55	1.94
2	First Global India Super 50	192.2%	1.38	1.56
3	Girik Capital	182.3%	1.28	1.49
4	BSE 500	161.5%	1.06	1.33
5	IIFL Multicap Advantage	122.0%	1.06	1.20
6	White Oak India Pioneers Equity	140.9%	1.02	1.22
7	MoneyLife Mass Growth	210.0%	0.99	1.20
8	Nifty 50 TRI	135.1%	0.97	1.23
9	Motilal Oswal Value	156.7%	0.92	1.19
10	Ambit Coffee CAN	97.4%	0.89	1.00
11	Alchemy Select Stock	151.0%	0.88	1.12
12	MoneyLife Mass Prime	133.1%	0.87	1.04
13	IIFL Multicap	128.3%	0.84	1.11
14	Axis Brand Equity	107.3%	0.80	0.92
15	Motilal Oswal NTDOP	101.7%	0.71	0.83
16	ASK IEP	96.5%	0.68	0.81
17	Axis Core and Satellite	85.9%	0.68	0.79
18	Marcellus Consistent Compounders	76.3%	0.64	0.68
19	ASK Growth	86.8%	0.62	0.77
20	ASK India Select	78.2%	0.58	0.69
21	Alchemy High Growth	79.9%	0.52	0.61

Performance of First Global - Global Managed Products vs. Benchmark Indices



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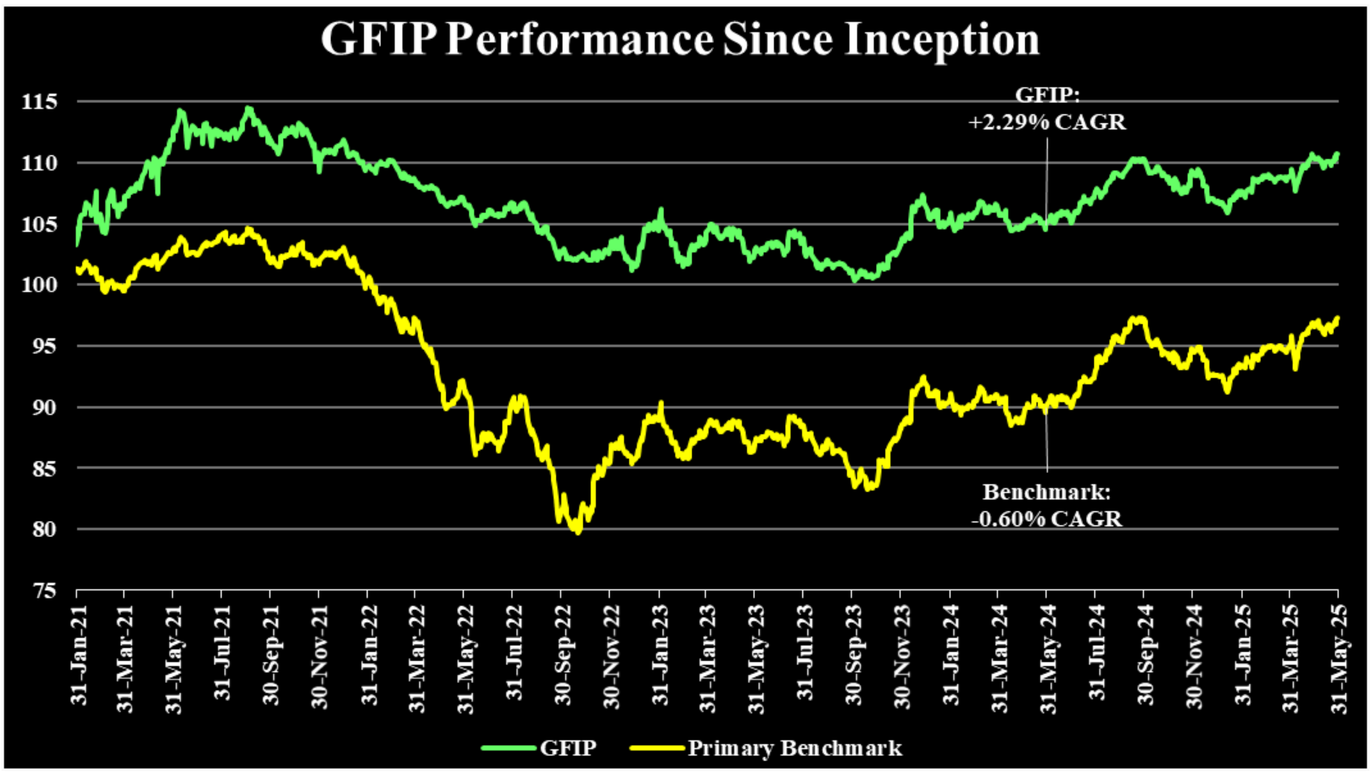
Global Fixed Income Portfolio: May '25



Markets did well in May…and our portfolios & funds did even better!

May 2025 was characterized by a broad and strong pull back into risk assets, such as equities and high yield credit, which rallied following the partial rollback of tariffs announced on 'Liberation Day'. The easing trade tensions helped reduce recession fears and supported a rebound in market sentiment.

Against this backdrop, developed market equities rose 6.0% in May 2025. US stocks outperformed most of their global peers. Emerging markets also continued to perform well in dollar terms, aided by a weaker US dollar.

Global bond markets on the other hand, posted flat to slightly negative returns, with the Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index falling 0.4% in May 2025. Rising fiscal concerns in the US, including Moody's downgrade of its US sovereign credit rating and weak demand at long-dated Treasuries, triggered a mid-month sell-off in duration, though bonds recovered by month-end, as easing trade tensions and moderating inflation concerns, restored some confidence.

Commodities were the worst performing asset class for the month, with the broad Bloomberg Commodities Index falling 0.6% over the month.

Thus, May overall ended being a strong, positive month with about 90% of the top Equity markets and most Currencies except the Dollar ending positive for the month. In May 2025, US markets were up 6-9% along with Emerging markets (EM) like Taiwan and South Korea that were also up by a strong 9-14%. The Eurozone. Japan and some other Emerging markets like Vietnam also gave strong positive moves of 4-6%. ***All Developed markets were positive in May 2025 while within Emerging markets, all markets except Turkey, Saudi Arabia and Thailand were UP.***

Given the high weightage of the US, the Global Market Index, ACWI was up almost 6% in May 2025 and up 5.5% for the year. The US markets which were underperforming the Eurozone for the year till April 2025, was finally able to outperform the Eurozone in May 2025, though they still continue to underperform the Eurozone Calendar Year to Date (CYTD).

The Tech Sector, which was down almost 11% in Jan-April 2025, recovered much of these losses with a strong comeback of 11% in May 2025, though it is still down about 1.6% CYTD. Calendar Year to date, the NASDAQ as well as the S&P are up 1-1.9%.

In May 2025, both our Global and Indian portfolios outperformed their benchmarks.

Our Global Multi-Asset fund and portfolios were up 4.4-4.41% in May 2025, as against the benchmarks which were up approximately 3.3-4.4%. Our positions in countries like Germany, Europe, Taiwan, Japan, our position in European banks and also our being underweight Healthcare added strong performance points to the portfolios in May 2025. Healthcare was the only sector that was in negative for the month.

Our Global Fixed Income Portfolio (GFIP) was up 0.2% in May 2025, largely in line with the benchmark, which was up 0.4%. This lag was due to our being underweight both interest rate and credit risk. Thus, we have lower duration exposure, focus on investment grade bonds, and are underweight on the risky high yield bonds.

In India, our Pure Equity portfolio (IS50) was up 4.6% in May 2025, outperforming its benchmark, the BSE 500 index and the Nifty 50 Index by 110-270 basis points. This strong outperformance was driven by our increased weightage to Financials, FMCG & our being slightly overweight in the IT sector. IT sector was up 5% in May 2025 and among the best performing sectors for the month.

In our last India rebalance, we had increased exposure to Financials and FMCG, which helped us for the month. Interestingly, the FMCG sector was negative for the month though our stocks contributed positively to our portfolio. Also, though we had reduced weightage to IT during our last rebalance, we still remained overweight the benchmark and this also helped us add strong performance points to the portfolio.

Most currencies went up, except the US Dollar, which weakened against most other currencies and was down 0.1% in May 2025 and down 8.4% for the year.

The Indian equity market which, was down almost 11% in Rupee terms in Jan-Feb 2025, went up 12-15% from March- May 2025 on account of which CYTD, it is now up 2.5-5%. In May 2025, all the sectors except Pharma, FMCG and Utilities were positive. Financials, Industrials and IT were the prime sector contributors to May's market return.

In both Indian and Global equity markets, our advice remains to stay invested, emphasizing the significance of not missing good trading days, which can substantially impact returns.

In any event, when things look uncertain, we do buy hedges - as was done for our Indian PMS portfolios more than once during last year.

In keeping with our philosophy that investing is a Loser's Game we always err on the side of caution. However, since our medium term outlook on equity (excluding certain frothy areas of the market) remain positive, we are almost fully invested - the cost of missing out on unexpected up moves is substantial.

Now for the details…

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Country wise-performance in May 2025, CYTD, CY24 and CY23

MAJOR GLOBAL INDICES PERFORMANCE (as of 30th May 2025)							
YTD Rank	**Indices**	**Country**	**Region**	**May '25 (%)**	**YTD**	**2024 (%)**	**2023 (%)**
1	WIG 20	Poland	Emerging	3.4%	41.0%	-5.6%	50.4%
2	IBEX 35 INDEX	Spain	Developed	6.5%	36.6%	12.3%	32.3%
3	BUDAPEST STOCK EXCH INDX	Hungary	Emerging	4.0%	34.2%	14.3%	49.0%
4	FTSE MIB INDEX	Italy	Developed	8.5%	32.1%	11.7%	38.8%
5	DAX INDEX	Germany	Developed	6.6%	31.6%	11.7%	24.3%
6	MSCI COLCAP INDEX	Colombia	Emerging	0.5%	30.9%	9.6%	32.2%
7	S&P/BMV IPC	Mexico	Emerging	5.6%	28.2%	-27.8%	40.9%
8	S&P/CLX IPSA (CLP) TR	Chile	Emerging	0.6%	25.9%	-3.9%	13.4%
9	OMX HELSINKI 25 INDEX	Finland	Emerging	5.5%	23.9%	-5.8%	0.9%
10	BRAZIL IBOVESPA INDEX	Brazil	Emerging	0.9%	23.2%	-29.6%	33.1%
11	KOSPI INDEX	South Korea	Emerging	8.9%	21.3%	-19.9%	17.3%
12	FTSE/JSE AFRICA ALL SHR	South Africa	Emerging	6.6%	19.7%	9.7%	2.0%
13	SWISS MARKET INDEX	Switzerland	Developed	1.3%	19.6%	-0.3%	17.6%
14	OMX STOCKHOLM 30 INDEX	Sweden	Developed	3.7%	19.3%	-2.2%	25.4%
15	BEL 20 INDEX	Belgium	Developed	3.7%	18.6%	10.8%	6.9%
16	CAC 40 INDEX	France	Developed	3.9%	18.2%	-5.6%	24.1%
17	FTSE 100 INDEX	United Kingdom	Developed	4.7%	17.6%	7.5%	13.6%
18	TA-35 Index	Israel	Developed	11.1%	17.5%	28.6%	0.1%
19	AEX-Index	Netherlands	Developed	5.8%	17.0%	7.2%	21.1%
20	HANG SENG INDEX	Hong Kong	Developed	4.8%	16.9%	23.6%	-10.6%
21	EGX 30 INDEX	Egypt	Emerging	4.3%	14.3%	-24.8%	40.1%
22	S&P/TSX COMPOSITE INDEX	Canada	Developed	6.0%	12.0%	11.7%	14.6%
23	DFM GENERAL INDEX	UAE	Emerging	3.3%	11.9%	34.5%	27.8%
24	Straits Times Index STI	Singapore	Developed	3.6%	11.6%	19.2%	6.3%
25	S&P/ASX 200 INDEX	Australia	Developed	4.8%	9.6%	2.0%	14.3%
26	MSCI ACWI (Global Equity Index)	Global	Global	5.8%	5.5%	18.0%	22.2%
27	SRI LANKA COLOMBO ALL SH	Srilanka	Emerging	7.0%	5.1%	70.8%	48.5%
28	NIKKEI 225	Japan	Developed	4.4%	4.9%	8.7%	21.8%
29	S&P BSE SENSEX INDEX	India	Emerging	0.6%	4.8%	6.6%	19.6%
30	HO CHI MINH STOCK INDEX	Vietnam	Emerging	9.1%	3.7%	8.8%	11.1%
31	JAKARTA COMPOSITE INDEX	Indonesia	Emerging	8.4%	3.0%	-3.7%	11.3%
32	PSEi - PHILIPPINE SE IDX	Philippines	Emerging	0.3%	2.8%	-0.5%	1.5%
33	TAIWAN TAIEX INDEX	Taiwan	Emerging	13.5%	2.6%	22.8%	32.0%
34	NASDAQ-100 INDEX	United States	Developed	9.1%	1.9%	25.9%	55.1%
35	SHANGHAI SE COMPOSITE	China	Emerging	3.3%	1.8%	13.0%	-3.9%
36	S&P 500 INDEX	United States	Developed	6.3%	1.1%	25.0%	26.3%
37	S&P/NZX 50 Index Gross	New Zealand	Developed	4.9%	1.0%	-1.8%	2.4%
38	FTSE Bursa Malaysia KLCI	Malaysia	Emerging	-0.5%	-1.5%	20.7%	-2.8%
39	OMX COPENHAGEN 20 INDEX	Denmark	Developed	5.1%	-5.7%	-12.3%	31.4%
40	TADAWUL ALL SHARE INDEX	Saudi Arabia	Emerging	-5.2%	-6.9%	3.4%	18.1%
41	STOCK EXCH OF THAI INDEX	Thailand	Emerging	-1.9%	-12.0%	2.2%	-11.5%
42	BIST 100 INDEX	Turkey	Emerging	-2.2%	-16.0%	13.1%	-11.6%

Source: Bloomberg

Our May '25 Performance

India Performance Analysis

The Indian markets had started 2025 on a negative note, but this reversed from March 2025 onwards. In May 2025, the Indian Equity indexes were up 1.9-3.5% in rupee terms and up almost 12-14% from March to May 2025, a strong recovery after the fall of almost 11% witnessed in Jan-Feb 2025. Thus, CYTD, Indian market indexes are up about 2-5%.

In May 2025, the participation in the Indian equity markets were broad-based. While the Large-caps were up 1.9%, the small-caps and mid-caps were up 5.3-10.6% at the index level. ***In May 2025, almost 90% of the stocks gave positive returns.***

In May 2025, out of the top 1500 companies/stocks in terms of market cap, almost 86% gave positive returns, while 41% outperformed the markets.

May 2025	No. Of stocks	%
Positive	1293	86.20%
Negative	207	13.80%
Outperformer	621	41.40%
Underperform	879	58.60%

2025 CYTD	No. Of stocks	%
Positive	602	40.13%
Negative	898	59.87%
Outperformer	662	44.13%
Underperform	838	55.87%

In 2023, out of the 42 top Equity markets by market cap, India was ranked No.21 and its rank fell to No.25 by the end of CY24. In February 2025, it fell further down to No. 39, though it now at No. 29 by end of May 2025. In May 2025 as well as CYTD, overall India's return is slightly below the global average.

In May 2025, ALL sectors except Pharma, FMCG and Utilities went up. The major sectors that were up were Financials, Industrials and IT.

Our Pure Equity portfolio, India Super 50 (IS50) was up 4.6% in May 2025, beating the benchmark, the BSE 500 TR Index as well as the Nifty 50 index which were up 1.9-3.5% by a strong margin of 1.1-2.7 percentage points. In FY26, IS50 is up 5.5%, in line with the Nifty 50. Our increased weightage to Financials along with our positions in Industrials, FMCG and IT added strong performance points to the portfolio. Interestingly while the FMCG index did not do so well because of the lagging performance by some of the FMCG majors our stock picks went up disproportionately.

Of course, we remain among the top PMS providers in the multi-cap space - with a return that's far better than most others.

Considering that we have completed 5-years since the official launch of our pure Equities PMS scheme, **India Super 50 (IS50), below is the overall performance of IS50, breaking it up year-wise**, highlighting the portfolio's journey through various market phases and emphasizing the importance of prudent risk management in the face of dynamic market conditions.

Here is the year-wise performance of the IS50 strategy since inception, i.e., from 18th February 2020, versus the Nifty TRI:

India Super 50 (IS-50) PMS – Year-wise Performance (Post Fees)

	FG-IS50	NIFTY 50 TRI	BSE 500 TRI
FY 2019-20#	-14.2%	-28.8%	-28.6%
FY 2020-21	71.4%	72.5%	78.6%
FY 2021-22	31.4%	20.3%	22.3%
FY 2022-23	-3.0%	0.6%	-0.9%
FY 2023-24	38.0%	30.1%	40.2%
FY 2024-25	-0.4%	6.7%	6.0%
FY 2025-26*	5.5%	5.5%	6.8%
Total Return since Inception*	**172.1%**	**117.6%**	**145.0%**
CAGR since Inception*	**20.8**	**15.8%**	**18.2%**

*As on 30th May 2025 and net of fees and expenses
Since inception i.e. from Feb 18 2020

As can be seen from the above table, **IS50 has more than made up whichever year it underperformed with stronger outperformance in the other years. In FY25, the difference against the markets were on account of the markets behaving peculiarly from October 2024 till early March 2025.** 85% of the stocks were down more than 25% from the market's all time high (ATH) of 26th September 2024 till 6th March 2025, with approximately 25% being down by more than 50%!, while indices fell far less.

We believe in a **data-led, disciplined strategy** focused on risk-adjusted returns and long-term wealth creation—not momentum chasing. Hence, on a risk adjusted return basis, we remain among the top in the market **with a wide gap with most other providers. (Please see the table given below).**

Our diversified portfolio has stood us in good stead.

Our Winners in May '25

Name	Return	Name	Return	Name	Return
Care Ratings Ltd	48.5%	Kirloskar Oil Engines Ltd	21.2%	Sudarshan Chemical Industries	15.2%
Newgen Software Technologies	25.4%	Schaeffler India Ltd	20.6%	MPS Ltd	14.9%
Gabriel India Ltd	21.6%	BASF India Ltd	18.7%	GlaxoSmithKline Pharmaceutical	12.7%
IDBI Bank Ltd	21.3%	Canara Bank	17.8%	Triveni Turbine Ltd	11.7%
ICRA Ltd	21.2%	Gillette India Ltd	17.3%	Kovai Medical Center and Hospital	10.3%

Global Performance Analysis

In May 2025, Equity markets and especially the US took a strong up turn. The US, which was underperforming the Eurozone all the way from Jan 2025 till April 2025, outperformed the Eurozone in May 2025.

The S&P 500 led the Global Equity markets and was up 6.3% in May 2025, amid a broad-based rally. In May 2025, the IT sector outperformed, but the rally extended to cyclical sectors such as industrials and consumer discretionary. CYTD, S&P 500 is now up 1.1%, marking a significant rebound from negative return of 5% till April 2025. The strong market performance was underpinned by a robust first quarter earnings season. With 97% of S&P 500 companies reporting Q1 numbers, the blended Y-o-Y earnings growth rate was more than 12% in Q1CY25. This marks the second consecutive quarter of double-digit earnings growth for the index.

In May 2025, about 90% of the top 42 Equity markets, and all major currencies except the US Dollar were in positive territory. All Developed markets were positive in May 2025 and even most Emerging markets, except a few Emerging markets like Turkey, Thailand and Saudi Arabia were in positive. The big moves were from markets like Taiwan, Israel, US and South Korea, up 9-14%. Most Developed markets like the European markets and Japan, were also up 5-6%. Hence, the Global market Index, ACWI was up 5.8% in May 2025 and up 5.5% CYTD.

Bond markets were volatile in May, caught between competing risks from sticky inflation, slowing growth and rising fiscal concerns and hence, the Global Aggregate Index was down 0.4% in May 2025. Commodities were the worst performing asset class in May 2025 with the broad Bloomberg Commodities Index falling 0.6% over the month. Gold was largely flat, while Industrial metals (+1.2%) and energy (+0.5%) posted positive returns. Oil prices recovered and were up 3.5% in May 2025, while the Agro Commodities were down 3.3%.

Within the US markets, while the S&P 500 Index was up 6%, NASDAQ was up 9% in May 2025. The overall move was led by the tech sector. The Tech sector which was down till April 2025, rebounded in May 2025, up 11% and is still down about 1.6% CYTD. The NASDAQ and S&P is now up 1.1-1.9% CYTD.

Out of the top 3000 Global companies/stocks in terms of market cap, almost 75% of the stocks went up, while almost 40% outperformed the ACWI Index. Thus, the market move in May 2025 was quite broad-based unlike the narrow move witnessed in CY23 and much of CY24.

May-25	**No. Of stocks**	**%**	**2025 CYTD**	**No. Of stocks**	**%**
Positive	2239	74.6%	Positive	1910	63.7%
Negative	761	25.4%	Negative	1090	36.3%
Outperform ACWI	1208	40.3%	Outperform ACWI	1172	39.1%
Underperform ACWI	1792	59.7%	Underperform ACWI	1828	60.9%

The overall move in the markets were broad-based with 70-75% of the stocks giving positive returns and about 40% outperforming their indices.

	May-2025			**2025 CYTD**		
	MSCI ACWI Index	**S&P 500 Index**	**Nasdaq 100 Index**	**MSCI ACWI Index**	**S&P 500 Index**	**Nasdaq 100 Index**
% Return	5.69%	6.28%	9.18%	5.23%	0.87%	1.7%
Top 10 Stocks Attribution	2.67%	4.06%	6.32%	-0.78%	-0.94%	-0.59%
Outperforming Stocks	35.6%	35.7%	34.3%	50.9%	50.1%	51.5%
Underperforming Stocks	64.4%	64.3%	65.7%	49.1%	50.5%	49.5%
Negative Stocks	26.5%	30.0%	23.5%	32.0%	49.1%	43.6%

For our benchmarks, the S&P Aggressive 80:20 and 60:40 Indices, most sectors were UP in May 2025 except Healthcare which was down and gave negative returns.

Most currencies were positive in May 2025, except for the US Dollar Index which was down 0.1% and down 8.4% CYTD.

Cross-Asset Performance for May 2025 and 2025 CYTD

Cross-Asset Performance	May '25	CYTD 2025	Cross-Asset Performance	May '25	CYTD 2025
Equities			**Bonds**		
MSCI Japan	3.8%	10.5%	VanEck EM High Yield ETF	1.7%	2.9%
S&P 500	6.3%	1.1%	Bloomberg Global High Yield	1.6%	4.4%
MSCI Frontier and Select EM	0.0%	0.0%	Bloomberg Pan European High Yield	1.5%	2.1%
NASDAQ 100	9.1%	1.9%	Bloomberg EM USD Aggregate	0.7%	3.0%
MSCI ACWI	5.8%	5.5%	Bloomberg Pan European Aggregate	0.2%	0.8%
MSCI Eurozone	5.9%	25.0%	Bloomberg Global Aggregate	-0.4%	5.3%
MSCI India	1.4%	3.2%			
Core MSCI International Developed Markets	5.0%	16.7%			
EM ex-China	4.4%	6.8%			
MSCI Emerging Markets	4.0%	8.8%			
MSCI Asia ex-Japan	5.0%	7.1%			
MSCI China	2.2%	12.7%			
Bloomberg Latin America Index	1.8%	21.6%			
REITs	**May '25**	**CYTD 2025**	**Commodities**	**May '25**	**CYTD 2025**
S&P Global REIT	2.7%	4.2%	Bloomberg Livestock Subindex	3.4%	11.5%
Vanguard Global ex-US REITs ETF	3.0%	11.7%	Bloomberg Precious Metals Subindex	-0.3%	21.6%
Vanguard US REITs ETF	1.1%	1.3%	Bloomberg Energy Subindex	0.5%	-6.6%
			Bloomberg Commodity Index	-0.6%	3.0%
			Bloomberg Industrial Metals Subindex	1.2%	2.3%
			Bloomberg Agriculture Subindex	-3.3%	-0.2%

Source: Bloomberg, Yahoo Finance

Our Global Multi-Asset fund and portfolio were up 4.0-4.1%, outperforming the benchmarks which were up 3.3-4.4%.

Our positions in Tech, in countries like Germany, Europe, Japan and Taiwan, our positions in Consumer Discretionary and European banks added strong performance points to the portfolios in May 2025.

Our well-diversified portfolio, though it may seem a bit conservative now and then, generates steady, consistent returns over a period, without major drawdowns.

That is indeed what we aim to do and our systems are designed that way!

As the table below shows our winners are diversified across sectors and geographies.

Our Winners in May '25

Name	Country	Return	Name	Country	Return	Name	Country	Return
3SBIO Inc.	Hong Kong	55.7%	Advantest Corp	Japan	24.6%	Maire Spa	Italy	18.2%
Technology One Ltd	Australia	37.5%	Nvidia Corp	US	24.1%	Meta Platforms	US	17.9%
Curtiss-Wright Corp	US	27.6%	Pro Medicus Ltd.	Australia	23.5%	EMCOR Group	US	17.8%
Rheinmetall AG	Germany	26.9%	Lundin Gold Inc.	Canada	19.5%	Texas Roadhouse	US	17.6%

FG-GFIP Performance Analysis

In May, the Barclays Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index, which tracks investment grade bonds across major developed market economies, moved down by around **0.35%**. Global REITs was decently positive for the month, and surged by 2.7%, after a slight increase in the previous month. **Fixed Income markets in the US were highly bearish for the month, as the short-term yields surged massively, with the 2-yr bond yield higher by around 28 basis points, to end the month at 3.89%. The longer-term bond yields also moved higher in the month.** Majority of the world markets saw **bond yields surging higher**, as the investors assessed economic conditions with new incoming data, and the evolving rate path scenario, taking cues from economic policies and central bank meetings. The markets faced a lot of volatility from the ongoing tariff war and related updates. The **US benchmark 10-year yield was higher around 24 basis points**, and ended at **4.40%.** In the Eurozone, 10-y bond yields were slightly mixed across France, Germany, Italy, Spain, and Switzerland. It was slightly changed, with Germany's benchmark yield surging around 7 basis points, to 2.51%. Bonds were extremely negative in the UK as well, as the 10-yr bond yield surged by around 21 basis points, to end at 4.64%. Yields surged higher for the major economies in the Asia Pacific as well, as the 10y bond yields in Australia as well as Japan climbed up by around 20 basis points.

Globally, the major central banks continued easing on the monetary policy front. The Bank of England cut rates by 25 basis points in its policy meeting. The Reserve Bank of Australia, and the RBNZ were the other major central banks that cut policy rates by 25 bps in this month.

For the most part, investors were assessing the developments in the tariff policies, as yields were slightly volatile. In the US, yields rose higher in the month, with the benchmark 10y bond yield surging 24 basis points. On the data front, **Non-Farm Payrolls** came in stronger than consensus at **177k**, even as Average Hourly Earnings ticked down to 0.2% for the month. **Core PCE Price Index** came in softer than expected, at 2.5% YoY against a consensus of 2.7%.

Our exposure to the *investment-grade category* is currently unchanged at **65%.** We are still less than the benchmark allocation of around 76%. In the *global high-yield category*, our exposure was held at **9.2%**. In *REITs* category, the allocation stood at around 3.7%. The exposure to the convertible bonds category is at **3.9%**. There was no major change in our portfolio holdings in the month.

The benchmark's return of 0.40% was slightly better than our GFIP portfolio, which went up by 0.20% in the month. *The major reason was that GFIP's higher allocation to the cash and equivalents position initially did not perform greatly, but the position was taken considering the highly volatile and uncertain scenario regarding future rate cuts and somewhat wild yield movements, especially as concerns around tariffs persisted.*

The GFIP portfolio was up by 0.20% for the month of April, as against the benchmark which was up 0.40%. **The CAGR since inception for GFIP still highly outperforms the benchmark as it delivered an impressive return of 2.29%, as against the benchmark which has a CAGR of around -0.6% since inception.**

Yields in major economies surge in the month

Yields were mostly up for the major economies, barring Europe which saw muted yields. In the US, yields were higher as the investors assessed the impact of tariff policies. Yields fell for most of Europe as well, as the ECB cut rates by 25 basis points. *Markets also took cues from the deteriorating consumer sentiment, as the Michigan Consumer Sentiment weakened to 50.8, down from last month.*

As our portfolio was unchanged in the month, the investment strategy is now only slightly under-weight in interest rate risk, with a duration of ***4.21*** versus the 5.44 for the benchmark. The **yield-to-maturity (YTM)** for the GFIP portfolio is at **4.63%**, as against 4.06% for the benchmark. The focus remains on high quality investment grades, while monitoring and assessing the conditions in markets where yields are on a rally, after the central banks had initiated lowering the rates.

Looking ahead

Given that a global easing cycle has been continued by major central banks (except the US), we recommend clients with short investment horizons (less than 3 years) to consider our lower-duration active fixed income product called **Global Absolute Return Portfolio (GARP)**. Those with a longer-term investment horizon should prefer the **Global Fixed Income Portfolio (GFIP)**, which is usually more sensitive to interest rates. *In GFIP, we remain neutral in the interest rate risk, as the portfolio was unchanged in the month, and our duration is just slightly less than the benchmark.*

Fixed income markets are likely to experience further volatility, until the path for rate cuts become clearer, though historically, bonds have provided good returns in months succeeding the first rate cut. With the inflation data being inconsistent, and worries of resurgence in inflation arising from the potential tariffs from Trump's policies, markets remain cautious and uncertain of the future rates scenario. The worsening outlook on the economy is also adding to the concerns.

We are focusing on high-quality income with our fixed income products, GFIP and GARP, offering a gross yield-to-maturity of 4.63% (4.06% for the benchmark) and 7.31%, respectively. A higher yield helps cushion against losses in case yields rise materially.

Our Investing Mantras

Avoid the Big Losses

Be the "House", not the "Gambler"

Protect in Down Markets
Participate in Up Markets

Play for Singles. Not for Home Runs

Play Everything. Believe Nothing

Not Bullish. Not Bearish. Be Hare-ish

Great trades are like buses
There's always one coming

No Storification. Just Datafication

Rigidity Kills. In Arteries. And in Investing

And our Human+Machine delivers these Returns with the lowest possible risk.

As we've said before:

We do not run "High Conviction" risk.

We do not run "Storification" risk.

We do not run "High Concentration" risk.

Being neutral and systematic in investing, will absolutely make us win, barring the occasional pullback patches.

That's what our unique Human + Machine Model delivers.

Consistency. Not stomach churning yo-yos.

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