

**HDFC MF**

# Weekend Bytes

A weekly series from HDFC Mutual Fund

**Finding balance in a fluctuating market:  
Why a Balanced Advantage Fund could  
be apt for your portfolio?**



Investors often face a dilemma when choosing between asset classes. Equities can offer the potential for long-term growth, but also exhibit higher volatility. Debt, on the other hand, can provide stability but may not always be able to keep pace with wealth-creation goals. Striking the right balance between growth and stability is therefore essential.

This is where Balanced Advantage Funds come into play. Investors can consider the **HDFC Balanced Advantage Fund**, which seeks to generate long-term capital appreciation through a prudent mix of equity and debt investments. Instead of maintaining a fixed equity-debt mix, the Fund Manager adjusts exposure based on market valuations, macroeconomic indicators, risk-reward characteristics and other relevant factors. The allocation may tilt towards equities during favourable market conditions and increase allocation to debt when equity markets appear overheated. This flexibility may help investors navigate different market cycles smoothly.



## About HDFC Balanced Advantage Fund

### ▶ Portfolio Construct Framework

#### Equity

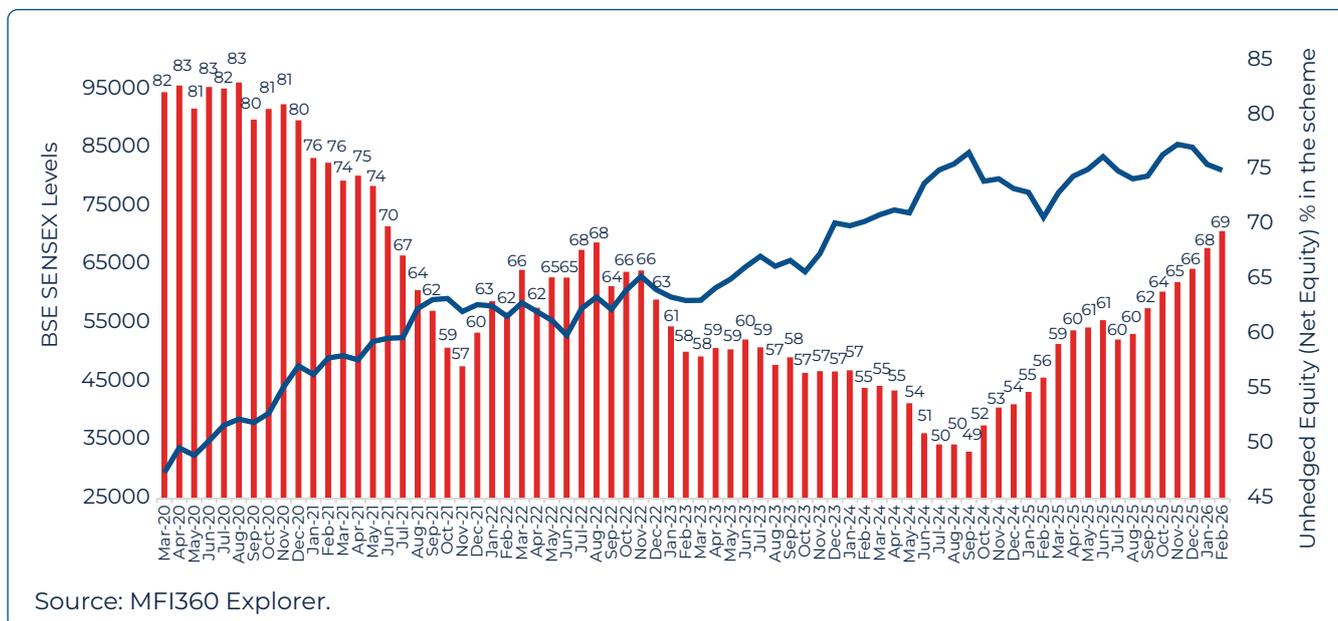
- ▶ Active management of equity portfolio focusing on
  - Positioning across Sectors / Market Capitalization
  - Risk mitigation through appropriate sizing of exposure
- ▶ Active management of equity portfolio focusing on

#### Debt

- ▶ Active management of debt portfolio focusing on
  - Spreads across credits/asset classes/tenures
  - Modulation of duration, based on interest rate view
- ▶ To manage credit risk, our fixed income investment philosophy emphasizes on Safety, Liquidity and Returns (SLR) in that order

The current investment strategy is subject to change within prescribed asset allocation limits depending on the market conditions.

▶ **Asset allocation in the scheme is done with a medium to long term view. As of February 27, 2026, net equity exposure of the Scheme was ~69% of Total assets vs ~82% in March 2020.**



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▶ **Performance Snapshot**

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	3 Years % CAGR	5 Years % CAGR	10 Years % CAGR
HDFC Balanced Advantage Fund – Regular Plan – Growth Option	18.21	17.09	16.22
Benchmark@	11.03	9.67	11.59
Category Average^^	12.22	9.81	10.94

As of 28th February, 2026, @Benchmark - NIFTY 50 Hybrid Composite Debt 50:50 Index (Total Returns Index), ^^Number of schemes in the category: 3 years - 27, 5 years - 20, 10 years – 11 (Source: MFI360 Explorer)

## ► SIP Performance

You started a monthly SIP of ₹10,000 on the first business day of each month in HDFC Balanced Advantage Fund since inception, your corpus would have grown to ~₹15.96 crore\* with an investment amount of ₹38.50 lakh\*.



Scheme Inception Date: February 1, 1994. \*Data as on February 27, 2026. **Past performance may or may not be sustained in future and is not a guarantee of any future returns. HDFC AMC/HDFC MF is not guaranteeing any returns on investment in the schemes.** The above returns are of regular plan - growth option. In view of the individual circumstances and risk profile, each investor is advised to consult his / her professional advisor before making a decision to invest in the Scheme. Historical performance indications and financial market scenarios are not reliable indicators of current or future performance. For complete performance in SEBI prescribed format, please refer page 5.

## ► Conclusion

**HDFC Balanced Advantage Fund** aims to combine the growth potential of equities with the stability of debt through an actively managed asset allocation approach. The strategy could be suitable for investors looking to participate in market opportunities across equity and debt markets with an aim to benefit from long-term potential wealth creation.



## HDFC Balanced Advantage Fund

### A. SIP Performance - Regular Plan - Growth Option

	Since Inception*	15 year SIP	10 year SIP	5 year SIP	3 year SIP	1 year SIP
Total Amount Invested (₹ in lacs)	38.50	18.00	12.00	6.00	3.60	1.20
Market Value as on February 27, 2026 (₹ in lacs)	1,595.78	60.16	26.78	8.77	4.25	1.24
<b>Returns (%)</b>	<b>18.36</b>	<b>14.73</b>	<b>15.36</b>	<b>15.21</b>	<b>11.17</b>	<b>5.63</b>
<b>Benchmark Returns (%)#</b>	<b>N.A.</b>	<b>10.58</b>	<b>10.43</b>	<b>8.78</b>	<b>7.84</b>	<b>3.85</b>
<b>Additional Benchmark Returns (%)##</b>	<b>13.32</b>	<b>13.10</b>	<b>13.47</b>	<b>11.03</b>	<b>9.27</b>	<b>4.55</b>

Assuming ₹10,000 invested systematically on the first Business Day of every month over a period of time. CAGR returns are computed after accounting for the cash flow by using XIRR method (investment internal rate of return) for Regular Plan - Growth Option. The above investment simulation is for illustrative purposes only and should not be construed as a promise on minimum returns and safeguard of capital. SIP - Systematic Investment Plan.

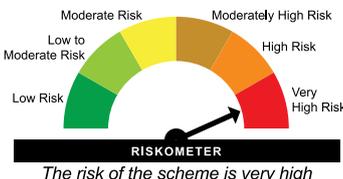
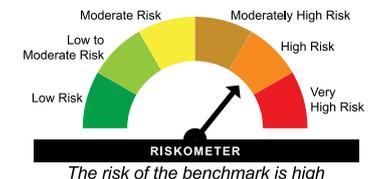
### B. Performance - Regular Plan - Growth Option

NAV as on February 27, 2026 ₹528.147 (per unit)

Period	Scheme Returns (%) <sup>\$\$</sup>	Benchmark Returns (%)#	Additional Benchmark Returns (%)##	Value of investment of (₹) 10,000		
				Scheme (₹) <sup>\$\$</sup>	Benchmark (₹)#	Additional Benchmark (₹)##
Last 1 Year	12.92	10.22	15.07	11,289	11,019	11,503
Last 3 Years	18.21	11.03	14.64	16,519	13,689	15,066
Last 5 Years	17.09	9.67	12.93	22,026	15,874	18,379
Last 10 Years	16.22	11.59	15.09	44,966	29,951	40,781
Since Inception*	17.87	NA	11.08	1,954,652	NA	291,638

**Common notes for above table A & B: Past performance may or may not be sustained in future and is not a guarantee of any future returns.** \*Inception Date: February 01, 1994. The scheme is managed by Gopal Agrawal (Equity Portfolio), Srinivasan Ramamurthy (Equity Portfolio) & Anil Bamboli (Debt Portfolio) from July 29, 2022 & Arun Agarwal (Arbitrage Assets) from October 6, 2022 & Nandita Menezes (Arbitrage Assets) w.e.f. March 29, 2025. # NIFTY 50 Hybrid Composite Debt 50:50 Index (Total Returns Index). ## Nifty 50 Index (TRI). \$\$ All Distributions declared prior to the splitting of the Scheme into IDCW & Growth Options are assumed to be reinvested in the units of the Scheme at the then prevailing NAV (ex-distribution NAV). As NIFTY 50 TRI data is not available since inception of the scheme, additional benchmark performance is calculated using composite CAGR of NIFTY 50 PRI values from February 1, 1994 to June 29, 1999 and TRI values since June 30, 1999. Scheme performance may not strictly be comparable with that of its Additional Benchmark in view of balanced nature of the scheme where a portion of scheme's investments are made in debt instruments. Returns greater than 1 year period are compounded annualized (CAGR). Load is not taken into consideration for computation of performance. Different plans viz. Regular Plan and Direct Plan have a different expense structure. The expenses of the Direct Plan under the Scheme will be lower to the extent of the distribution expenses / commission charged in the Regular Plan. N.A.: Not Available. Returns as on February 27, 2026.

For performance of other funds managed by fund manager, Please [click here](#).

<p><b>HDFC Balanced Advantage Fund</b> (An open ended balanced advantage fund) <b>is suitable for investors who are seeking*:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To generate long-term capital appreciation / income</li> <li>Investments in a mix of equity and debt instruments</li> </ul>	<p><b>Riskometer #</b></p>  <p>The risk of the scheme is very high</p>	<p><b>Name of the Benchmark and Riskometer</b></p> <p>NIFTY 50 Hybrid Composite Debt 50:50 Index (Total Returns Index)</p>  <p>The risk of the benchmark is high</p>
<p>*Investors should consult their financial advisers, if in doubt about whether the product is suitable for them. #For latest Riskometer, investors may refer to the Monthly Portfolios disclosed on the website of the Fund viz. <a href="http://www.hdfcfund.com">www.hdfcfund.com</a> Scheme and Benchmark Riskometer as on February 28, 2026.</p>		

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**Vision: To be the most respected asset manager in the world**