

Key Information Memorandum & Application Form

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HDFC Nifty Metal ETF FOF

An Open-ended Fund of Fund scheme investing in units of HDFC Nifty Metal ETF

Scheme Code: HDFC/O/O/FOD/26/05/0150

This product is suitable for investors who are seeking*:	Scheme Riskometer#	Benchmark Riskometer# (As of June 30, 2026)
- Capital appreciation over long term. - Investment in Units of HDFC Nifty Metal ETF	RISKOMETER <i>The risk of the Scheme is Very high</i>	RISKOMETER <i>The risk of the Benchmark is Very high</i>
*Investors should consult their financial advisers, if in doubt about whether the product is suitable for them. # The product labeling assigned during the New Fund Offer (NFO) is based on internal assessment of the scheme characteristics or model portfolio and the same may vary post NFO when the actual investments are made. For latest riskometer, investors may refer to the Monthly Portfolios disclosed on the website of the Fund viz. www.hdfcfund.com		

Offer of Units of Rs. 10 each Per Unit for cash during the New Fund Offer Period (NFO)
and at NAV based prices upon re-opening

New Fund Offer (NFO) Opens on:	July 20, 2026
New Fund Offer (NFO) Closes on:	August 03, 2026
Scheme re-opens on:	Scheme will re-open for continuous Sale and Repurchase within 5 working days from the date of allotment of units under NFO

(Any modification to the New Fund Offer Period shall be announced by way of an Addendum uploaded on website of the AMC.)

Name of Mutual Fund (Fund): **HDFC Mutual Fund**

Name of Asset Management Company (AMC): **HDFC Asset Management Company Limited**

Name of Trustee Company: **HDFC Trustee Company Limited**

Address:

Asset Management Company (AMC): HDFC Asset Management Company Limited Registered Office : HDFC House, 2nd Floor, H.T. Parekh Marg, 165-166, Backbay Reclamation, Churchgate, Mumbai - 400 020. CIN No: L65991MH1999PLC123027	Trustee Company: HDFC Trustee Company Limited Registered Office : HDFC House, 2nd Floor, H.T. Parekh Marg, 165-166, Backbay Reclamation, Churchgate, Mumbai - 400 020. CIN No: U65991MH1999PLC123026
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Website:

www.hdfcfund.com

This Key Information Memorandum (KIM) sets forth the information, which a prospective investor ought to know before investing. For further details of the scheme/Mutual Fund, due diligence certificate by the AMC, Key Personnel, investors' rights & services, risk factors, penalties & pending litigations etc. investors should, before investment, refer to the Scheme Information Document ("SID") and Statement of Additional Information ("SAI") available free of cost at any of the Investor Service Centres or distributors or from the website www.hdfcfund.com.

The Scheme particulars have been prepared in accordance with Securities and Exchange Board of India (Mutual Funds) Regulations 2026 ("SEBI (MF) Regulations"), as amended till date, and filed with Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI). The units being offered for public subscription have not been approved or disapproved by SEBI, nor has SEBI certified the accuracy or adequacy of this KIM.

This Key Information Memorandum is dated July 08, 2026.

1. Name of Scheme
HDFC Nifty Metal ETF FOF
2. SEBI Scheme Code
HDFC/O/O/FOD/26/05/0150
3. Category of Scheme
Fund of Fund (Domestic)
4. Type of Scheme
An open-ended Fund of Fund scheme investing in units of HDFC Nifty Metal ETF.
5. Investment Objective

The objective of this scheme is to generate returns by investing in units of HDFC Nifty Metal ETF.

There is no assurance that the investment objective of the Scheme will be achieved.

6. Asset Allocation Pattern of the Scheme		
Instruments	Indicative allocations (% of total assets)	
	Minimum	Maximum
Units of HDFC Nifty Metal ETF	95	100
Debt securities and money market instruments@	0	5

@Investments will be made in Cash or cash equivalents i.e. Government Securities, T-Bills and Repo on Government Securities, units of Liquid and Overnight Mutual Fund Schemes for liquidity purposes.

As per clause 13.18.1 of Master Circular, the cumulative gross exposure through all permissible investments viz. underlying scheme, and debt securities and money market instruments, and such other securities / assets as may be permitted by SEBI from time to time shall not exceed 100% of the net assets of the scheme.

As per SEBI letter to AMFI dated November 3, 2021, Cash or cash equivalents i.e. Government Securities, T-Bills and Repo on Government Securities with residual maturity of less than 91 days may be treated as not creating any exposure.

Indicative Table (Actual instrument/percentages may vary subject to applicable SEBI circulars)

SR. No	Type of Instrument	Percentage of exposure	Circular references
1.	Repo/ Reverse Repo in permitted corporate debt securities	Upto 5% of the net assets	Clause 13.8 of Master Circular
2.	Short Term deposits	As per regulatory limits	Clause 8 of Sixth Schedule of SEBI (MF) Regulations and Clause 13.7 of Master Circular
3.	Repo/ Reverse Repo / Tri- Party repos (TREPS) on Government Securities and Treasury Bills (G-Secs and T-Bills)	To meet liquidity requirements or pending deployment as per regulatory limits.	As per SEBI Mutual Funds Regulations

In addition to the instruments stated in the table above, the Scheme may also hold cash from time to time.

The Scheme will not make any investment in-

SR. No	Types of Instruments
1.	Derivatives
2.	ADR/GDR/Foreign Securities
3.	Securitized Debt
4.	Short Selling / Stock Lending
5.	Credit Default Swaps
6.	Debt instruments having special features viz. subordination to equity (absorbs losses before equity capital) and/or convertible to equity upon trigger of a pre-specified event for loss absorption
7.	Structured obligations (SO rating) and/or credit enhanced debt (CE rating)
8.	Units of Infrastructure Investment Trusts (InvITs) unless received as corporate action or the instrument/security is added in the benchmark Index as a constituent

Changes in asset allocation pattern/Portfolio Rebalancing:

Short Term Defensive Consideration:

Subject to SEBI (MF) Regulations the asset allocation pattern indicated above may change from time to time, keeping in view market conditions, market opportunities, applicable regulations and political and economic factors. It must be clearly understood that the percentages stated above are only indicative and not absolute and that they can vary substantially depending upon the perception of the Investment Manager, the intention being at all times to seek to protect the interests of the Unit holders. As per

clause 1.9.1.b of Master Circular, as may be amended from time to time, such changes in the investment pattern will be for short term and for defensive consideration only.

In the event of change in the asset allocation, the fund manager will carry out portfolio rebalancing within 30 calendar days or such other timeline as may be prescribed by SEBI from time to time.

Portfolio rebalancing (in case of passive breaches):

As per clause 3.11 of Master Circular, as may be amended/ clarified from time to time, in the event of change in the asset allocation due to passive breaches (occurrence of instances not arising out of omission and commission of the AMC), the fund manager is required to carry out portfolio rebalancing within 30 Business Days.

In case the portfolio is not rebalanced within the period of 30 Business days, justification in writing, including details of efforts taken to rebalance the portfolio shall be placed before the Investment Committee. The Investment Committee, if it so desires, can extend the timeline for rebalancing up to sixty (60) Business days from the date of completion of mandated rebalancing period. In case the portfolio of the scheme is not rebalanced within the aforementioned mandated plus extended timelines, the AMC shall follow the requirements specified under the aforesaid circular including reporting the deviation to Trustees at each stage.

Timelines for deployment of Funds collected during New Fund Offer (NFO) period

In accordance with clause 7.24 of Master Circular, the AMC shall deploy the funds garnered during the NFO within 30 Business Days from the date of allotment of units.

In an exceptional case, if the AMC is not able to deploy the funds as per the aforesaid timeline, justification in writing, including details of efforts taken to deploy the funds shall be placed before the Investment Committee of the AMC.

The Investment Committee, after examining the root cause for delay in deployment, may extend the timeline by 30 Business Days. The Investment Committee shall also recommend on how to ensure deployment within 30 Business Days going forward and monitor the same. However, an extension shall not be granted if the Scheme's assets are liquid and readily available.

In case the funds are not deployed as per the aforesaid mandated plus extended timelines, the AMC shall follow the requirements specified under the aforesaid circular including reporting the deviation to Trustees at each stage.

The Trustees shall monitor the deployment of funds collected in NFO and take steps, as may be required, to ensure that the funds are deployed within a reasonable timeframe.

7. Investment Strategy

The investment objective of the Scheme is to seek capital appreciation by investing in units of HDFC Nifty Metal ETF. The Scheme shall buy/sell HDFC Nifty Metal ETF units either directly with the Fund or through the secondary market on the Stock Exchange(s). Investments will be as per the limits in the asset allocation table of the Scheme, subject to permissible limits laid under SEBI (MF) Regulations. Investment in debt securities will be guided by credit quality liquidity, interest rates and their outlook.

A part of the funds may be invested in Government Securities, T-Bills and Repo on Government Securities, units of Liquid and Overnight Mutual Fund Schemes to meet liquidity requirements.

Though every endeavour will be made to achieve the objective of the Scheme, the AMC/Sponsor/Trustee do not guarantee that the investment objective of the Scheme will be achieved. No guaranteed returns are being offered under the Scheme.

8. Risk Profile of the Scheme

Mutual Fund Units involve investment risks including the possible loss of principal. Please read the SID carefully for details on risk factors before investment. Scheme specific Risk Factors are summarized below:

(i) Scheme Specific Risk Factors:

Some of the specific risk factors related to the Scheme include, but are not limited to the following:

- The Scheme shall invest predominantly in HDFC Nifty Metal ETF i.e. the underlying Scheme. Hence the Scheme's performance shall primarily depend upon the performance of HDFC Nifty Metal ETF. Any change in the investment policies or the fundamental attributes of the underlying scheme could affect the scheme/performance of the Scheme.
- Movements in the Net Asset Value (NAV) of the underlying Scheme may impact the performance of the Scheme. Any change in the investment policies or fundamental attributes of the underlying Scheme will affect the performance of the Scheme.
- The investors of the Scheme shall bear the recurring expenses of the Scheme in addition to the expenses of the underlying scheme (subject to regulatory limits). Hence the investor under the Scheme may receive lower pre-tax returns than what they may receive if they had invested directly in the underlying Scheme in the same proportions. Further, expenses charged being dependent on the structure and weightage of the underlying schemes, may lead to non-uniform charging of expenses over a period of time.
- The Portfolio disclosure / Factsheet of this Scheme will be limited to providing the particulars of the allocation to the underlying Scheme where the Scheme has invested and will not include the investments made by the underlying Scheme. Investors may refer to the portfolios of the relevant underlying Scheme for details.

- Redemptions by the Scheme from the underlying Scheme would be subject to applicable exit loads, which may impact performance of the Scheme.
- Switch-out from an underlying Scheme and Switch in to another underlying Scheme will be subject to the provisions of applicability of NAV as also the payout and pay-in cycles applicable to redemption / purchase under the Scheme. In times of extreme volatility, this may have impact on the NAV of the Scheme, particularly at the time of portfolio rebalancing. Purchase of units in underlying Scheme will attract applicable stamp duty.
- The processing/ payment of redemption requests within 3 Working Days of the Redemption date will be subject to the ability of the Scheme to liquidate units of the underlying Scheme. The payment of redemption proceeds under the Scheme will be subject to receipt of redemption proceeds from the underlying Scheme.
- All risks associated with the underlying Scheme, will be applicable to this Scheme. Investors who intend to invest in the Scheme are required to and deemed to have understood the risk factors of the underlying Scheme.
- A Fund Manager managing any one of the Fund of Funds schemes may also be the Fund Manager for the underlying Scheme.

(ii) Risk Factors associated with Exchange Traded Schemes:

a) Passive Investments:

- As the Scheme proposes to invest not less than 95% of the net assets in the securities of the Underlying Index in the same proportion, the Scheme will not be actively managed. The Scheme may be affected by a general decline in the Indian markets relating to its Underlying Index. The Scheme invests in the securities included in its Underlying Index regardless of their investment merit. The AMC does not attempt to individually select stocks or to take defensive positions in declining markets.
- Performance of the Underlying Index will have a direct bearing on the performance of the Scheme. In the event the Underlying Index, is dissolved or is withdrawn or is not published due to any reason whatsoever, the Trustee reserves the right to modify the Scheme so as to track a different and suitable index or to suspend tracking the Underlying Index till such time it is not published and appropriate intimation will be sent to the Unit holders of the Scheme. In such a case, the investment pattern will be modified suitably to match the composition of the securities that are included in the new index to be tracked and the Scheme will be subject to tracking error during the intervening period.

Further, it is pertinent to note that there is no element of research recommendations involved before the execution of trades in the Scheme. The decision of the Fund Manager to execute trades including rebalancing required will be purely driven by the inflows and outflows in the Scheme and composition of the Underlying Index.

b) Tracking Error Risk/ Tracking Difference Risk:

The Fund Manager would not be able to invest the entire corpus exactly in the same proportion as in the Underlying Index due to certain factors such as the fees and expenses of the Scheme, corporate actions, cash balance, changes to the Underlying Index and regulatory policies which may affect AMC's ability to achieve close correlation with the Underlying Index of the Scheme. The Scheme's returns may therefore deviate from those of its Underlying Index. Tracking Error" is defined as the standard deviation of the difference in daily returns between the Scheme and the Underlying Index annualized over 1 year period. Tracking difference is the difference of returns between the Scheme and the index annualized over 1 year, 3 year, 5 year, 10 year and since the scheme inception period. Tracking Error may arise including but not limited to the following reasons.

- Expenditure incurred by the Scheme.
- The holding of a cash position and accrued income prior to distribution of income and payment of accrued expenses. The Scheme may not be invested at all times as it may keep a portion of the funds in cash to meet redemptions or for corporate actions.
- Securities trading may halt temporarily due to circuit filters.
- Corporate actions such as debenture or warrant conversion, rights, merger, change in constituents etc.
- Rounding off of quantity of shares in Underlying Index.
- Dividend received from underlying securities.
- Disinvestments by Scheme to meet redemptions, recurring expenses, etc.
- Execution of large buy/sell orders.
- Transaction cost (including taxes and insurance premium), recurring expenses and other expenses, such as but not limited to brokerage, custody, trustee and investment management fees.
- Realisation of Unit holders' funds.
- The Scheme may not be able to acquire or sell the desired number of securities due to conditions prevailing in the securities market, such as, but not restricted to: circuit filters in the securities, liquidity and volatility in security prices.

- The Index reflects the prices of securities at a point in time, which is the price at close of business day on BSE/National Stock Exchange of India Limited (NSE). The Scheme, however, may at times trade these securities at different points in time during the trading session and therefore the prices at which the Plan trade may not be identical to the closing price of each scrip on that day on the BSE/NSE. In addition, the Scheme may opt to trade the same securities on different exchanges due to price or liquidity factors, which may also result in traded prices being at variance, from BSE/NSE closing prices.
- In case of investments in derivatives like index futures, the risk reward would be the same as investments in portfolio of shares representing an index. However, there may be a cost attached to buying an index future. Further, there could be an element of settlement risk, which could be different from the risk in settling physical shares and there is a risk attached to the liquidity and the depth of the index futures market as it is relatively new market.

It will be the endeavour of the fund manager to keep the tracking error as low as possible. Under normal circumstances, such tracking error is not expected to exceed 2% per annum for daily 12 month rolling return. However, in case of corporate action events like, Dividend received from underlying securities, rights issue from underlying securities or market events like circuit filters in the securities and market volatility during rebalancing of the portfolio following the rebalancing of the Underlying Index, etc. or in abnormal market circumstances, the tracking error may exceed the above limits. There can be no assurance or guarantee that the Scheme will achieve any particular level of tracking error relative to performance of the Index.

c) Stock Liquidity in the event of Circuit Filter

Liquidity of stocks which are available only in cash segment and not in F&O segment gets adversely impacted in the event of a circuit filter imposed by any of the stock exchanges. This would also impact the subscription and redemption of ETF units, directly done with the Fund and the same will be dealt with in the manner described below. Further, this may result in gain/loss to existing unit holders when finally the purchase/sale of that stock is executed. This would also create tracking error while comparing returns with benchmark.

Transaction type	Upper circuit	Lower circuit
Subscription	The Scheme shall buy stocks <u>as per basket</u> wherever no circuit. In case of Circuit on any stock(s) in the basket, the Scheme shall: 1. Hold cash for stock(s) on circuit at the latest available price on the stock exchange when the circuit was triggered 2. Buy the stock(s) immediately when circuit is open. This may impact performance and result in tracking error.	NA
Redemption	NA	The Scheme shall sell stocks <u>as per basket</u> if no circuit. In case of circuit on Stock(s) in the basket, the Scheme shall: 1. Pay from cash or cash equivalent or create cash to pay for stocks on circuit at the latest available price on the stock exchange when the circuit was triggered by selling other stocks which may impact performance and result in tracking error; 2. Sell stock immediately when circuit is open and re-balance portfolio which may impact performance and result in tracking error.

d) Market Trading Risks:

- Absence of Prior Active Market:** Although the Scheme is listed on NSE and/or BSE, there can be no assurance that an active secondary market will develop or be maintained. Hence there could be a time when trading in the Units of the Scheme would be infrequent.
- Trading in Units may be halted:** Trading in the units of the Scheme on NSE/BSE may be halted because of market conditions such as extraordinary market volatility and pursuant to stock exchange(s) and SEBI 'circuit filter' rules, etc or for reasons that in view of NSE/BSE or SEBI, trading in the units of the Scheme is not advisable.

There can be no assurance that the requirements of NSE/BSE necessary to maintain the listing of the units of the Scheme will continue to be met or will remain unchanged.

- iii. **Units of the Scheme may trade at prices other than NAV:** The units of the Scheme may trade above or below their NAV. The NAV of the Scheme will fluctuate with changes in the market value of the Scheme's holdings. The trading prices of the units of the Scheme will fluctuate in accordance with changes in their NAV as well as market supply and demand for the units of the Scheme. However, given that units of the Scheme can be created and redeemed in creation units directly with the Fund, it is expected that large discounts or premiums to the NAV of units of the Scheme will not sustain due to arbitrage opportunity available.
 - iv. **Regulatory Risk:** Any changes in trading regulations by the Stock Exchange(s)/SEBI may affect the ability of market maker to arbitrage resulting into wider premium/discount to NAV.
 - e) **Redemption Risk:** Investors should note that even though the Scheme is an open ended Scheme, subscription/redemptions directly with the Fund would be limited to such investors who have the ability to subscribe/redeem the units of the Scheme in Creation Unit Size (except in certain exceptional circumstances mentioned in this SID). Generally, these lot sizes are larger as compared to normal funds. Thus, even though this Scheme is open ended, due to large lot size, very few investors can directly subscribe and redeem the units of the Scheme. However, investors wishing to subscribe/redeem units in other than Creation Unit Size can do so by buying/selling the same on NSE/BSE.
 - f) The units will be issued only in demat form through depositories. The records of the depository are final with respect to the number of units available to the credit of unit holder. Settlement of trades, repurchase of units by the Mutual Fund depends up on the confirmations to be received from depository(ies) on which the Mutual Fund has no control.
- (iii) **Risk factors associated with investing in equities and equity related instruments:**
- **Price Risk:** Equity shares and equity related instruments are volatile and prone to price fluctuations on a daily basis owing to market movements. The extent of fall or rise in the prices is a fluctuation in general market conditions, factors and forces affecting capital market, Real Estate and Infrastructure sectors, level of interest rates, trading volumes, settlement periods and transfer procedures. Investments in equity shares and equity related instruments involve a degree of risk and investors should not invest in the Scheme unless they can afford to take the risks.
 - **Interest Rate Risk:** Securities/Instruments of REITs run interest rate risk. Generally, when interest rates rise, prices of units fall and when interest rates drop, such prices increase.
 - **Credit Risk:** Credit risk means that the issuer of a REITs security/instrument may default on interest payment or even on paying back the principal amount on maturity. Securities/Instruments of REITs are likely to have volatile cash flows as the repayment dates would not necessarily be pre scheduled.
 - **Liquidity Risk:** Securities/instruments, which are not quoted on the stock exchanges, are inherently illiquid in nature and carry a larger amount of liquidity risk, in comparison to securities that are listed on the exchanges. Investment in such securities may lead to increase in the scheme portfolio risk. While securities that are listed on the stock exchange carry lower liquidity risk, the ability to sell these investments is limited by the overall trading volume on the stock exchanges and may lead to the Scheme incurring losses till the security is finally sold.
 - **Reinvestment Risk:** Investments in securities/instruments of REITs may carry reinvestment risk as there could be repatriation of funds by the Trusts in form of buyback of units or Dividend pay-outs, etc. Consequently, the proceeds may get invested in assets providing lower returns.
 - **Legal and Regulatory Risk:** The regulatory framework governing investments in securities/instruments of REITs comprises a relatively new set of regulations and is therefore untested, interpretation and enforcement by regulators and courts involves uncertainties. Presently, it is difficult to forecast as to how any new laws, regulations or standards or future amendments will affect the issuers of REITs and the sector as a whole. Furthermore, no assurance can be given that the regulatory system will not change in a way that will impair the ability of the Issuers to comply with the regulations, conduct the business, compete effectively or make distributions.
 - Scheme's performance may differ from the benchmark index to the extent of the investments held in the debt segment, as per the investment pattern indicated under normal circumstances.
- (iv) **Risk factors associated with investing in Fixed Income Securities:**
- The Net Asset Value (NAV) of the Scheme, to the extent invested in Debt and Money Market instruments, will be affected by changes in the general level of interest rates. The NAV of the Scheme is expected to increase from a fall in interest rates while it would be adversely affected by an increase in the level of interest rates.
 - Money market instruments, while fairly liquid, lack a well developed secondary market, which may restrict the selling ability of the Scheme and may lead to the Scheme incurring losses till the security is finally sold.

- Investments in money market instruments involve credit risk commensurate with short term rating of the issuers.
 - Investment in Debt instruments are subject to varying degree of credit risk or default (i.e. the risk of an issuer's inability to meet interest or principal payments on its obligations) or any other issues, which may have their credit ratings downgraded. Changes in financial conditions of an issuer, changes in economic and political conditions in general, or changes in economic or and political conditions specific to an issuer, all of which are factors that may have an adverse impact on an issuer's credit quality and security values. This may increase the risk of the portfolio. The Investment Manager will endeavour to manage credit risk through in-house credit analysis.
 - **Prepayment Risk:** Certain fixed income securities give an issuer the right to call back its securities before their maturity date, in periods of declining interest rates. The possibility of such prepayment may force the Scheme to reinvest the proceeds of such investments in securities offering lower yields, resulting in lower interest income for the Scheme.
 - **Reinvestment Risk:** This risk refers to the interest rate levels at which cash flows received from the securities in the Scheme are reinvested. The additional income from reinvestment is the "interest on interest" component. The risk is that the rate at which interim cash flows can be reinvested may be lower than that originally assumed.
 - **Settlement risk:** Different segments of Indian financial markets have different settlement periods and such periods may be extended significantly by unforeseen circumstances. Delays or other problems in settlement of transactions could result in temporary periods when the assets of the Scheme are uninvested and no return is earned thereon. The inability of the Scheme to make intended securities purchases, due to settlement problems, could cause the Scheme to miss certain investment opportunities. Similarly, the inability to sell securities held in the Scheme's portfolio, due to the absence of a well developed and liquid secondary market for debt securities, may result at times in potential losses to the Scheme in the event of a subsequent decline in the value of securities held in the Scheme's portfolio.
 - Government securities where a fixed return is offered run price-risk like any other fixed income security. Generally, when interest rates rise, prices of fixed income securities fall and when interest rates drop, the prices increase. The extent of fall or rise in the prices is a function of the existing coupon, days to maturity and the increase or decrease in the level of interest rates. The new level of interest rate is determined by the rates at which government raises new money and/or the price levels at which the market is already dealing in existing securities. The price-risk is not unique to Government Securities. It exists for all fixed income securities. However, Government Securities are unique in the sense that their credit risk generally remains zero. Therefore, their prices are influenced only by movement in interest rates in the financial system.
 - Different types of fixed income securities in which the Scheme would invest as given in the Scheme Information Document carry different levels and types of risk. Accordingly, the Scheme risk may increase or decrease depending upon its investment pattern. e.g. corporate bonds carry a higher level of risk than Government securities. Further even among corporate bonds, AAA rated bonds are comparatively less risky than AA rated bonds.
 - The AMC may, considering the overall level of risk of the portfolio, invest in lower rated / unrated securities offering higher yields as well as zero coupon securities that offer attractive yields. This may increase the absolute level of risk of the portfolio.
 - As zero coupon securities do not provide periodic interest payments to the holder of the security, these securities are more sensitive to changes in interest rates and are subject to issuer default risk. Therefore, the interest rate risk of zero coupon securities is higher. The AMC may choose to invest in zero coupon securities that offer attractive yields. This may increase the risk of the portfolio. Zero coupon or deep discount bonds are debt obligations that do not entitle the holder to any periodic payment of interest prior to maturity or a specified date when the securities begin paying current interest and therefore, are generally issued and traded at a discount to their face values. The discount depends on the time remaining until maturity or the date when securities begin paying current interest. It also varies depending on the prevailing interest rates, liquidity of the security and the perceived credit risk of the Issuer. The market prices of zero coupon securities are generally more volatile than the market prices of securities that pay interest periodically.
- (v) **Risks associated with investment in unlisted securities:**
- Except for any security of an associate or group company, the scheme can invest in securities which are not listed on a stock exchange ("unlisted Securities") which in general are subject to greater price fluctuations, less liquidity and greater risk than those which are traded in the open market. Unlisted debt securities may lack a liquid secondary market and there can be no assurance that the Scheme will realise their investments in unlisted securities at a fair value.
- Investment in unrated instruments may involve a risk of default or decline in market value higher than rated instruments due to adverse economic and issuer-specific developments. Such investments display increased price sensitivity to changing interest rates and to a deteriorating economic environment. The market values for

unrated investments tends to be more volatile and such securities tend to be less liquid than rated debt securities.

(vi) Risk factors associated with investment in Tri-Party Repo:

The mutual fund is a member of securities segment and Triparty Repo trade settlement of the Clearing Corporation of India (CCIL). All transactions of the mutual fund in government securities and in Tri-party Repo trades are settled centrally through the infrastructure and settlement systems provided by CCIL; thus reducing the settlement and counterparty risks considerably for transactions in the said segments. The members are required to contribute an amount as communicated by CCIL from time to time to the default fund maintained by CCIL as a part of the default waterfall (a loss mitigating measure of CCIL in case of default by any member in settling transactions routed through CCIL).

As per the waterfall mechanism, after the defaulter's margins and the defaulter's contribution to the default fund have been appropriated, CCIL's contribution is used to meet the losses. Post utilization of CCIL's contribution if there is a residual loss, it is appropriated from the default fund contributions of the non-defaulting members. Thus, the scheme is subject to risk of the initial margin and default fund contribution being invoked in the event of failure of any settlement obligations. In addition, the fund contribution is allowed to be used to meet the residual loss in case of default by the other clearing member (the defaulting member).

CCIL shall maintain two separate Default Funds in respect of its Securities Segment, one with a view to meet losses arising out of any default by its members from outright and repo trades and the other for meeting losses arising out of any default by its members from Triparty Repo trades. The mutual fund is exposed to the extent of its contribution to the default fund of CCIL, in the event that the contribution of the mutual fund is called upon to absorb settlement/default losses of another member by CCIL, as a result the scheme may lose an amount equivalent to its contribution to the default fund.

(vii) Risk factors associated with Repo in permitted Corporate Debt Securities

In repo transactions, also known as a repo or sale repurchase agreement, securities are sold with the seller agreeing to buy them back at later date. The repurchase price should be greater than the original sale price, the difference effectively representing interest. A repo in corporate debt securities is economically similar to a secured loan, with the buyer receiving corporate debt securities as collateral to protect against default. Some of the risks associated with repo in corporate debt are given below:

Counterparty Risk: Counterparty risk refers to the inability of the seller to meet the obligation to buy back securities at the contracted price on the contracted date. In case of over the counter (OTC) repo trades, the investment manager will endeavour to manage counterparty risk by dealing only with counterparties having strong credit profiles. Also, the counter-party risk is to an extent mitigated by taking collateral equivalent in value to the transaction after knocking off a minimum haircut on the intrinsic value of the collateral. In the event of default by the repo counterparty, the scheme shall have recourse to the corporate debt securities. In case the repo transaction is executed on exchange platform approved by RBI/SEBI, the exchange may also provide settlement guarantee.

Collateral Risk: Collateral risk arises when the market value of the securities is inadequate to meet the repo obligations. This risk can be partly mitigated by restricting participation in repo transactions only in corporate debt securities which are approved by credit risk team. Additionally, to address the risk related to reduction in market value of corporate debt security held as collateral due to credit rating downgrade, the repo contract can incorporate either an early termination of the repo agreement or call for fresh margin to meet the minimum haircut requirement or call for replacement of security with eligible security. Moreover, the investment manager may apply a higher haircut on the underlying security than required as per RBI/SEBI regulation to adjust for the illiquidity and interest rate risk on the underlying instrument. To mitigate the risk of price reduction due to interest rate changes, the adequacy of the collateral can be monitored on a daily basis by considering the daily market value & applying the prescribed haircut. The fund manager or the exchange can then arrange for additional collateral from the counterparty, within a prespecified period. If the counterparty is not able to top-up either in form of cash / collateral, it would tantamount to early termination of the repo agreement, and the outstanding amount can be recovered by sale of collateral.

(viii) Risk factors associated for investments in Mutual Fund Schemes:

1. Movements in the Net Asset Value (NAV) of these Schemes may impact the performance. Any change in the investment policies or fundamental attributes of these Schemes will affect the performance of the Scheme to the extent of investment in such schemes.
2. Redemptions by in these Schemes would be subject to applicable exit loads.

(ix) General Risk factors

- Trading volumes, settlement periods and transfer procedures may restrict the liquidity of the investments made by the Scheme. Different segments of the Indian financial markets have different settlement periods and such periods may be extended significantly by unforeseen circumstances leading to delays in receipt of proceeds from sale of securities. The NAV of the Units of the Scheme can go up or down because of various factors that affect the capital markets in general.

- As the liquidity of the investments made by the Scheme could, at times, be restricted by trading volumes and settlement periods, the time taken by the Mutual Fund for redemption of Units may be significant in the event of an inordinately large number of redemption requests or restructuring of the Scheme. In view of the above, the Trustee has the right, in its sole discretion, to limit redemptions (including suspending redemptions) under certain circumstances, as described under **section Right to Restrict Redemption and / or Suspend Redemption of the units.**
- At times, due to the forces and factors affecting the capital market, the Scheme may not be able to invest in securities falling within its investment objective resulting in holding the monies collected by it in cash or cash equivalent or invest the same in other permissible securities / investments amounting to substantial reduction in the earning capability of the Scheme. The Scheme may retain certain investments in cash or cash equivalents for its day-to-day liquidity requirements.
- Investment strategy to be adopted by the Scheme may carry the risk of significant variance between the portfolio allocation of the Scheme and the Benchmark particularly over a short to medium term period.
- Performance of the Scheme may be affected by political, social, and economic developments, which may include changes in government policies, diplomatic conditions, and taxation policies.
- The Scheme at times may receive large number of redemption requests, leading to an asset-liability mismatch and therefore, requiring the investment manager to make a distress sale of the securities leading to realignment of the portfolio and consequently resulting in investment in lower yield instruments.

For details on risk mitigation measures, please refer SID.

9. Plans/ Options

Plans: Regular & Direct

Each Plan offers Growth Option Only.

The Plans under the Scheme will have common portfolio.

The AMC reserves the right to introduce further Options as and when deemed fit.

Regular Plan is for investors who wish to route their investment through any distributor. Direct Plan is for investors who wish to invest directly without routing the investment through any distributor.

Growth Option

All Income earned and realized profit in respect of a unit issued under that will continue to remain invested until repurchase and shall be deemed to have remained invested in the option itself which will be reflected in the NAV.

Default Plan/Option

Each Plan offers Growth Option only.

For detailed disclosure on default plans and options, kindly refer SAI.

10. Applicable NAV (after the scheme opens for subscriptions and redemptions)

The below cut-off timings and applicability of NAV shall be applicable in respect of valid applications received at the Official Point(s) of Acceptance on a Business Day:

A] For Purchase (including switch-in) of any amount:

- In respect of valid applications received upto 3.00 p.m. and where the funds for the entire amount are available for utilization before the cut-off time i.e. credited to the bank account of the Scheme before the cut-off time - the closing NAV of the day shall be applicable.
- In respect of valid applications received after 3.00 p.m. and where the funds for the entire amount are credited to the bank account of the Scheme either at any time on the same day or before the cut-off time of the next Business Day i.e. available for utilization before the cut-off time of the next Business Day - the closing NAV of the next Business Day shall be applicable.
- Irrespective of the time of receipt of application, where the funds for the entire amount are credited to the bank account of the Scheme before the cut-off time on any subsequent Business Day i.e. available for utilization before the cut-off time on any subsequent Business Day - the closing NAV of such subsequent Business Day shall be applicable.

B] For Switch-ins of any amount:

For determining the applicable NAV, the following shall be ensured:

- Application for switch-in is received before the applicable cut-off time.
- Funds for the entire amount of subscription/purchase as per the switch-in request are credited to the bank account of the Scheme before the cut-off time.
- The funds are available for utilization before the cut-off time.
- In case of 'switch' transactions from one scheme to another, the allocation shall be in line with redemption payouts.

In case of switches, the request should be received on a day which is a Business Day for the Switch-out scheme. Redemption for switch-out shall be processed at the applicable NAV as per cut-off timing. Switch-in will be processed at the Applicable NAV (on a Business Day) based on realization of funds as per the redemption pay-out cycle for the switch-out scheme.

For investments through systematic investment routes such as Systematic Investment Plans (SIP), Flex SIP, Systematic Transfer Plans (STP), Flex-STP, Swing STP, Transfer of Income Distribution cum Capital Withdrawal (IDCW) Plan facility

(TIP), etc. the units will be allotted as per the closing NAV of the day on which the funds are available for utilization by the Target Scheme irrespective of the installment date of the SIP, STP or record date of IDCW etc.

While the AMC will endeavour to deposit the payment instruments accompanying investment application submitted to it with its bank expeditiously, it shall not be liable for delay in realization of funds on account of factors beyond its control such as clearing / settlement cycles of the banks.

Since different payment modes have different settlement cycles including electronic transactions (as per arrangements with Payment Aggregators / Banks / Exchanges etc), it may happen that the investor's account is debited, but the money is not credited within cut-off time on the same date to the Scheme's bank account, leading to a gap / delay in Unit allotment. Investors are therefore urged to use the most efficient electronic payment modes to avoid delays in realization of funds and consequently in Unit allotment.

C) For Redemption (including switch-out) applications

- In respect of valid applications received upto 3 p.m. on a Business Day by the Fund, same day's closing NAV shall be applicable.
- In respect of valid applications received after 3 p.m. on a Business Day by the Fund, the closing NAV of the next Business Day shall be applicable.

Transactions through online facilities / electronic modes:

The time of transaction done through various online facilities / electronic modes offered by the AMC, for the purpose of determining the applicability of NAV, would be the time when the request for purchase / sale / switch of units is received in the servers of AMC/RTA.

The AMC has the right to amend cut off timings subject to SEBI (MF) Regulations for the smooth and efficient functioning of the Scheme.

11. Minimum Application Amount / Number of Units

Purchase (including switch-in)	Additional Purchase (including switch-in)	Redemption (including switch-out)
During NFO Period and continuous offer period (after scheme re-opens for repurchase and sale)		
Rs. 100 and any amount thereafter. Note: Allotment of units will be done after deduction of applicable stamp duty.	Rs. 100 and any amount thereafter. Note: Allotment of units will be done after deduction of applicable stamp duty.	Rs. 100 and in multiples of Re. 1/- thereafter. Note: There will be no minimum redemption criterion for Unit based redemption.

12. Despatch of Redemption Request

Within 3 working days of the receipt of valid redemption request at the Official Points of Acceptance of HDFC Mutual Fund for this Scheme or within such timelines as may be prescribed by SEBI / AMFI from time to time in case of exceptional circumstances or otherwise.

13. Benchmark Index

Nifty Metal Index (TRI)

14. Dividend / IDCW Policy

Not Applicable as Scheme currently does not offer IDCW Option.

15. Name of the Fund Manager

Ms. Nandita Menezes and Mr. Arun Agarwal

16. Name of the Trustee Company

HDFC Trustee Company Limited

17. Performance of the Scheme

This Scheme is a new Scheme and does not have any performance track record.

18. Additional Scheme related Disclosures

This is a new Scheme and therefore, the requirement of following additional disclosures is currently not applicable for the Scheme:

- The tenure for which the fund manager has been managing the Scheme.
- Scheme's portfolio holdings (top 10 holdings by issuer and fund allocation towards various sectors).
- Portfolio Turnover Rate for equity oriented schemes.

However, the following disclosure as and when due will be made available at the below given link:

Scheme's portfolio holdings - Monthly Portfolio - HDFC Mutual Fund
<https://www.hdfcfund.com/statutory-disclosure/portfolio/monthly-portfolio>

19. Expenses of the Scheme

1. Load Structure

Exit Load:

In respect of each purchase / switch-in of Units, an Exit Load of 1% is payable if Units are redeemed / switched-out within 15 days from the date of allotment.

No Exit Load is payable if Units are redeemed / switched-out after 15 days from the date of allotment.

- No Exit Load shall be levied for switching between Plans / Options within the Scheme. However, exit load will be applicable if the units are switched-out / redeemed from the Scheme within the exit load period from the initial date of purchase.
- No Exit load will be levied on bonus Units and on units allotted on Re-investment of Income Distribution cum Capital Withdrawal.
- No Exit load will be levied on Units allotted in the Target Scheme under the Transfer of Income Distribution cum Capital Withdrawal (IDCW) Plan Facility (TIP Facility).
- In case of Systematic Transactions such as Systematic Investment Plan (SIP), Flex Systematic Investment Plan (Flex SIP), Systematic Transfer Plan (STP), HDFC Flex Systematic Transfer Plan (Flex STP), HDFC Swing Systematic Transfer Plan (Swing STP), etc., Exit Load, if any, prevailing on the date of registration / enrolment shall be levied.**
- GST on exit load, if any, shall be paid out of the exit load proceeds and exit load net of GST, if any, shall be credited to the Scheme.

The AMC/ Trustee if it so deems fit in the interest of smooth and efficient functioning of the Mutual Fund reserves the right to introduce/modify the Load Structure depending upon the circumstances prevailing at that time subject to maximum limits as prescribed under the SEBI (MF) Regulations. While determining the price of the units, the mutual fund shall ensure that the repurchase price of an open ended scheme is not lower than 97 per cent of the Net Asset Value. Exit load (net of GST) charged, if any, shall be credited to the Scheme. The investor is requested to check the prevailing load structure of the Scheme before investing.

2. Recurring Expenses (% p.a. of daily Net Assets)

As per Regulation 66 (7) (b), the maximum base expense ratio including weighted average of charges levied by the Underlying Schemes shall not exceed 0.90 per cent of the daily net assets of the Scheme.

Further, as per Reg 66 (8) the base expense ratio to be charged over and above the weighted average of the base expense ratio of the underlying Scheme shall not exceed two times the weighted average of the base expense ratio levied by the underlying Schemes, subject to the overall ceiling of 0.90 percent stated above.

The investors of the Scheme will bear dual recurring expenses, if any, viz, those of the Scheme and those of the underlying scheme(s).

Direct Plan under the Scheme shall have a lower expense ratio than Regular Plan, as no distribution commission is paid under such plan. All fees and expenses charged in a Direct Plan (in percentage terms) under various heads including the investment and advisory fee shall not exceed the fees and expenses charged under such heads in a Regular Plan.

The maximum limit of recurring expenses that can be charged to the Scheme would be as per Regulation 66 of the SEBI (MF) Regulation, 2026. Investors are requested to read "**Section- Annual Scheme Recurring Expenses**" in the SID.

For further details, please refer to the SID.

20. Tax Treatment for the Investors (Unit Holders)

Investors are advised to refer to the details in the Statement of Additional Information and also independently refer to their tax advisor.

21. Daily Net Asset Value (NAV) Publication

The AMC shall update the NAVs on the website of the Fund and AMFI by 10.00 a.m. on the next Business day.

22. For Investor Grievances, Please Contact

Investors may contact any of the Investor Service Centres (ISCs) of the AMC for any queries / clarifications at telephone number 1800 3010 6767/ 1800 419 7676 (toll free), e-mail: hello@hdfcfund.com .	Registrar and Transfer Agent: Computer Age Management Services Ltd., Unit: HDFC Mutual Fund 5th Floor, Rayala Tower, 158, Anna Salai, Chennai - 600 002. Telephone No: 044-30212816 Fax No: 044-42032955 Email: enq_h@camsonline.com
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23. Unit Holder's Information

Allotment / Refund:

The AMC shall allot units either in physical form (i.e. account statement) or in dematerialized form / refund money within 5 working days from the closure of the NFO.

Email ID for communication:

First / Sole Holders should register their own email address and mobile number in their folio for speed and ease of communication in a convenient and cost-effective manner, and to help prevent fraudulent transactions.

Account Statements:

- The AMC shall send an allotment confirmation specifying the units allotted by way of email and/or SMS within 5 working days of receipt of valid application/ transaction to the Unit holders registered e-mail address and/ or mobile number (whether units are held in demat mode or in account statement form).

2. A Consolidated Account Statement (CAS) detailing all the transactions across all mutual funds and holdings at the end of the month shall be sent to the Unit holders in whose folio(s) transaction(s) have taken place during the month on registered email address or before 12th of the succeeding month and by 15th of the succeeding month for those who have opted for physical copy.
 3. Half-yearly CAS shall be issued at the end of every six months (i.e. September/ March) on or before 18th day of succeeding month on registered email address and 21st for those who have opted for physical copy, to all investors providing the prescribed details across all schemes of mutual funds and securities held in dematerialized form across demat accounts, if applicable.
- For further details, refer SAI.

Periodic Disclosures:

SR. No	Name of the Disclosure	Frequency	Timelines	Disclosed on	Link
1.	Half Yearly Results (Unaudited)	Half yearly	within one month from the close of each half year i.e. on 31st March and on 30th September.	AMC website AMFI website	https://www.hdfcfund.com/statutory-disclosure/scheme-financials https://www.amfiindia.com/otherdata/accounts
2.	Annual Report	Annually	not later than four months from the date of closure of the relevant account's year (i.e. 31st March each year).	AMC website AMFI website	https://www.hdfcfund.com/statutory-disclosure/annual-reports https://www.amfiindia.com/otherdata/accounts
3.	Daily Performance Disclosure (after scheme completes six months of existence)	Daily	-	AMFI website	https://www.amfiindia.com/otherdata/fund-performance
4.	Portfolio Disclosure	Monthly	within 10 calendar days from the close of each month.	AMC website AMFI website	https://www.hdfcfund.com/statutory-disclosure/portfolio https://www.amfiindia.com/online-center/portfolio-disclosure
5.	Monthly Average Asset under Management (Monthly AAUM) Disclosure	Monthly	within 7 working days from the end of the month.	AMC website	https://www.hdfcfund.com/statutory-disclosure/aum
6.	Scheme and Benchmark Riskometer	Monthly	within 10 calendar days from the close of each month.	AMC website AMFI website	Monthly Portfolio - HDFC Mutual Fund (hdfcfund.com) https://www.amfiindia.com/online-center/risk-o-meter
11.	Scheme Summary Documents	Monthly	To be updated on a monthly basis or on changes in any of the specified fields, whichever is earlier.	AMC website AMFI website BSE website NSE website	https://www.hdfcfund.com/investor-services/fund-documents/scheme-summary https://www.amfiindia.com/otherdata/scheme-details https://www.bseindia.com/Static/Markets/MutualFunds/listOfAmc.aspx https://www.nseindia.com
12.	Investor Charter	-	As and when updated	AMC website	Investor Charter - MF.pdf

IMPORTANT

Before investing, investors should also ascertain about any further changes pertaining to scheme such as features, load structure, etc. made to the Scheme Information Document/ Key Information Memorandum by issue of addenda/ notice after the date of this Document from the AMC/ Mutual Fund/ Investor Service Centres (ISCs)/ Website/ Distributors or Brokers or Investment Advisers holding valid registrations.

CHECKLIST

☞ Please ensure that your Application Form is complete in all respect and signed by all applicants:

- Name, Address and Contact Details are mentioned in full. • Status of First/Sole Applicant is correctly indicated. • Bank Account Details are entered completely and correctly.
- Permanent Account Number (PAN) of all Applicants is mentioned irrespective of the amount of purchase and proof attached (if not already validated) OR PAN Exempt KYC Reference Number (PEKRN) in case of PAN exempt investment.
- Please attach proof of KYC Compliance status if not already validated. • Appropriate Plan / Option is selected.
- If units are applied by more than one applicant, Mode of Operation of account is indicated.

☞ Your investment Cheque is drawn in favour of 'HDFC Nifty Metal ETF FOF A/c PAN' or 'HDFC Nifty Metal ETF FOF A/c Investor Name' dated, signed and crossed 'A/c Payee only'. Application Number/ Folio No. is mentioned on the reverse of the Cheque.

☞ Documents as listed below are submitted along with the Application Form (as applicable to your specific case).

	Documents	HUF	Individuals/ Sole Proprietary Firms	Companies/ Trusts/ Societies/ Partnership Firms/ LLP	FPI [®]	NRI/ OCI/ PIO	Minor	Investments through Constituted Attorney
1.	Board/ Committee Resolution/ Authority Letter			✓				
2.	List of Authorised Signatories with Specimen Signature(s) @			✓	✓			✓
3.	Notarised Power of Attorney						✓	
4.	Account Debit Certificate in case payment is made by from NRE / FCNR A/c. where applicable				✓			
5.	PAN Proof		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓ [#]	✓
6.	KYC Acknowledgement Letter / Print out of KYC Compliance Status downloaded from CDSL Ventures Ltd. website (www.cvlindia.com)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓ [#]	✓
7.	Proof of Date of Birth						✓	
8.	Proof of Relationship with Guardian (where Minor is Investor or Nominee)						✓	
9.	PIO / OCI Card (as applicable)					✓		
10.	Certificate of registration granted by Designated Depository Participant on behalf of SEBI				✓			
11.	Ultimate Beneficial Owner	✓		✓	✓			✓
12.	FATCA & CRS	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

@ Should be original or true copy certified by the Director / Trustee / Company Secretary / Authorised Signatory / Notary Public, as applicable.

☞ As per prevailing SEBI (FPI) Regulations, 2019, FPIs can invest in Indian Securities only through Stock Broker and in demat mode only. # If PAN/PEKRN/KYC proof of Minor is not available, PAN/PEKRN/KYC proof of Guardian should be provided.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. General Instructions

Please read the Key Information Memorandum/ Scheme Information Document(s) of the Scheme and Statement of Additional Information and addenda issued from time to time (Scheme Documents) carefully before investing in the Scheme. Investors are requested to read and acquaint themselves about the prevailing Load structure on the date of submitting the Application Form. Also refer to instruction 21 for ASBA application.

Upon signing and submitting the Application Form and tendering payment it will be deemed that the investors have accepted, agreed to and shall comply with the terms and conditions detailed in the Scheme Documents. Applications complete in all respects, may be submitted at the Official Points of Acceptance of HDFC Mutual Fund (the Fund).

The Application Form should be completed in **ENGLISH** and in **BLOCK LETTERS** only. Please tick in the appropriate box for relevant options wherever applicable. Do not overwrite. For any correction / changes if made in the Application Form, the Applicant(s) shall enter the correct details pursuant to cancellation of incorrect details and authenticate the corrected details by counter-signing against the changes.

Investors can also subscribe to the Units of the Regular Option of the respective Plan(s) under the Scheme during NFO period through the mutual fund trading platforms viz. BSE SIA MF of Bombay Stock Exchange Limited and Mutual Fund Service System (MFSS) of National Stock Exchange of India Limited. For further details, investors are advised to contact ISCs of HDFC Mutual Fund or visit our website www.hdfcfund.com

The Application Form number / Folio number should be written by the Investors on the reverse of the cheques and bank drafts accompanying the Application Form. Any application for subscription of units may be rejected if found invalid, incomplete or due to unavailability of underlying securities, etc.

No request for withdrawal of application will be allowed after the closure of New Fund Offer Period.

Copies of the supporting documents submitted should be accompanied by originals for verification. In case the original of any document is not produced for verification, Mutual Fund/ AMC reserves the right to seek attested copies of the supporting documents.

Investments through distributors

As per directions of Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), Investors can route their application forms directly and/or through the distributors/employees of the distributor who hold a valid certification from the National Institute of Securities Markets (NISM) and ARN provided by Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI). Further, no agents / distributors are entitled to sell units of mutual funds unless the intermediary is registered with AMFI.

In case SEBI Registered stock brokers/non-individual Investment Advisors (IA)/Portfolio Managers are offering distributor services to their clients, they can offer only Regular Plans for that client using their distributor code/AMFI Registration Number (ARN). Accordingly, they will have visibility of their client's transaction data feeds only for such plans.

Investment in direct plan through stock broker/non-individual IA/PMS:

In case SEBI Registered stock brokers/non-individual Investment Advisors/Portfolio Managers are offering advisory service to their clients, they can execute/invest only in direct plans of Mutual Funds for that client using their SEBI Registration Numbers as Broker/RIA/PMS code. Accordingly, they will have visibility of their client's transaction data feeds only for such plans.

Employee Unique Identification Number (EUIIN)

Every employee/ relationship manager/ sales person of the distributor of mutual fund products to quote the EUIIN obtained by him/her from AMFI in the Application Form. Investors are requested to verify the AMFI registration details from their Distributor. However, in case of any exceptional

cases, where there is no interaction by the employee/ sales person/relationship manager of the distributor/sub broker with respect to the transaction and EUIIN box is left blank, you are required to provide the duly signed declaration to the effect as given in the form.

New cadre distributors

Postal agents, retired government and semi-government officials (class III and above or equivalent), retired teachers and retired bank officers (all such retired persons with at least 10 years of service) and other similar persons (such as Bank correspondents) as may be notified by AMFI/ the AMC from time to time as new cadre distributors are permitted to sell eligible schemes of the Fund (details of eligible scheme is available on www.hdfcfund.com). They also hold an EUIIN which must be quoted in the application form. In case your application for subscription through such distributor is not for an eligible scheme, it is liable to be rejected.

These requirements do not apply to Overseas Distributors.

Overseas Distributors

For, overseas Distributors, the ARN Code provided by AMFI is required to be incorporated in the space provided. Overseas Distributors are required to comply with the laws, rules and regulations of jurisdictions where they carry out their operations in the capacity of distributors.

2. Existing Unit holder information

Investors/Unit holders already having a folio with the Fund should fill in **section 1, 5, 7, 10, 12 and 14 only**. The personal and the Bank Account details as they feature in the existing folio would apply to this investment and would prevail over any conflicting information, if any, furnished in this form. In case the name of the Unit holder as provided in this application does not correspond with the name appearing in the existing folio, the application form may be rejected, at the discretion of the AMC/ Fund.

3. Unit holder Information

- Name, address and contact details like telephone, mobile and email address must be written in full. On successful validation of the contact details (mobile number and email id), as per AMFI Guidelines, the same will be registered in the folio. On successful validation of the investor's PAN for KYC, the address provided in the KYC form will override the address mentioned in this form.

Applications under a Power of Attorney or by a limited company or a body corporate or an eligible institution or a registered society or a trust or limited liability partnership (LLP) or partnership must be accompanied by the original Power of Attorney/ board resolution or a certified true copy/duly notarized copy of the same. Authorised officials should sign the Application Form under their official designation. A list of specimen signatures of the authorised officials, duly certified / attested should also be attached to the Application Form.

All communication and payments shall be made by the Fund in the name of and favouring the first/ sole applicant. In case of applications made in joint names without indicating the mode of holding, mode of holding will be deemed as 'Joint' and processed accordingly.

In case an investor opts to hold the Units in demat form, the applicant(s) details mentioned in **Section 3**, should be the same as appearing in demat account held with a Depository Participant.

- In accordance with SEBI Circular No. CIR/MIRSD/13/2013 dated December 26, 2013, the additional details viz. Occupation details, Gross Annual Income/networth and Politically Exposed Person (PEP)* status mentioned under section 5 which was forming part of uniform KYC form will now be captured in the application form of the Fund. Also, the detail of nature of services viz. Foreign Exchange/Gaming/Money Lending, etc., (applicable for first/sole applicant) is required to be provided as part of Client Due Diligence (CDD) Process of the Fund.**

INSTRUCTIONS (Contd.)

The said details are mandatory for both Individual and Non Individual applicants.

*PEP are defined as individuals who are or have been entrusted with prominent public functions in a foreign country, e.g., Heads of States or of Governments, senior politicians, senior Government/judicial/ military officers, senior executives of state owned corporations, important political party officials, etc.

c. Accounts of Minors

The minor shall only be the sole Unit holder in a folio. Joint holding is not allowed. Details of the natural parent viz., father or mother or court appointed legal Guardian must be mentioned for investments made on behalf of a minor.

Date of birth of the minor along with photocopy of supporting documents (i.e. Birth certificate, School leaving certificate / Mark sheet issued by Higher Secondary Board of respective states, ICSE, CBSE etc., Passport, or any other suitable proof evidencing the date of birth of the minor) should be provided while opening the folio. In case of a natural parent, documents evidencing the relationship of the natural parent with the minor, if the same is not available as part of the documents mentioned above should be submitted. In case of court appointed legal guardian, supporting documentary evidence should be provided.

The folio(s) held on behalf of a minor Unit holder shall be frozen for operation by the natural parent/legal guardian on the day the minor attains majority and no transactions henceforth shall be permitted till requisite documents evidencing change of status from 'minor' Unit holder are received.

- d. **Details under FATCA & CRS:** The Central Board of Direct Taxes has notified Rules 114F to 114H, as part of the Income tax Rules, 1962, which require Indian financial institutions to seek additional personal, tax and beneficial owner information and certain certifications and documentation from all our unit holders. In relevant cases, information will have to be reported to tax authorities / appointed agencies. Towards compliance, we may also be required to provide information to any institutions such as withholding agents for the purpose of ensuring appropriate withholding from the folio(s) or any proceeds in relation thereto. Should there be any change in any information provided by you, please ensure you advise us promptly, i.e., within 30 days. Please note that you may receive more than one request for information if you have multiple relationships with us or our group entities. Therefore, it is important that you respond to our request, even if you believe you have already supplied any previously requested information. If you have any questions about your tax residency, please contact your tax advisor. Further if you are a Citizen or resident or green card holder or tax resident other than India, please include all such countries in the tax resident country information field along with your Tax Identification Number or any other relevant reference ID/ Number. If no TIN is yet available or has not yet been issued, please provide an explanation and attach this to the form.

e. Who cannot invest?

- United States Person (U.S. person*) as defined under the extant laws of the United States of America, except the following:
 - NRI/ PIOs may invest/ transact, in the Scheme, when present in India, as lump sum subscription, redemption, switch transaction, including registration of systematic transactions only through physical form and upon submission of such additional documents/ undertakings, etc., as may be stipulated by AMC/ Trustee from time to time and subject to compliance with all applicable laws and regulations prior to investing in the Scheme.
 - FPIs may invest in the Scheme as lump sum subscription and/or switch transaction (other than systematic transactions) through submission of physical form in India, subject to compliance with all applicable laws and regulations and the terms, conditions, and documentation requirements stipulated by the AMC/Trustee from time to time, prior to investing in the Scheme.

The Trustee/AMC reserves the right to put the transaction requests received from such U.S. person on hold/reject the transaction request/redeem the units, if allotted, as the case may be, as and when identified by the AMC that the same is not in compliance with the applicable laws and/or the terms and conditions stipulated by Trustee/AMC from time to time. Such redemptions will be subject to applicable taxes and exit load, if any.

The physical application form(s) for transactions (in non-demat mode) from such U.S. person will be accepted ONLY at the Investor Service Centres (ISCs) of HDFC Asset Management Company Limited (HDFC AMC). Additionally, such transactions in physical application form(s) will also be accepted through Distributors and other platforms subject to receipt of such additional documents/undertakings, etc., as may be stipulated by AMC/ Trustee from time to time from the Distributors/Investors.

- Residents of Canada;
- Investors residing in any Financial Action Task Force (FATF) designated High Risk Jurisdiction.

*The term "U.S. person" means any person that is a U.S. person within the meaning of Regulation S under the Securities Act of 1933 of U.S. or as defined by the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission or as per such further amended definitions, interpretations, legislations, rules etc., as may be in force from time to time.

4. Bank Details

A. Bank Account Details (For redemption/ Income Distribution cum Capital Withdrawal (IDCW) payment, if any):

An investor at the time of purchase of units must provide the details of the pay-out bank account (i.e. account into which redemption/ IDCW proceeds are to be paid) in **Section 11** in the Application Form. The same is mandated to be provided under SEBI Regulations.

In case pay-out bank account is **different** from pay-in bank account mentioned under **Section 11** in the Application Form, the investor subscribing under a new folio is required to submit **any one** of following as a documentary proof alongwith the application form validating that **pay-out bank account** pertain to the sole / first Applicant. In case of folios held on behalf of a minor, the pay out bank account should be held in the name of the minor or minor with guardian in the folio. Once the bank account is registered in the folio, it can be used for both pay-out and pay-in purposes.

- Cancelled **original** cheque leaf of the pay-out bank account (where the account number and first applicant name is printed on the face of the cheque). Applicants should without fail cancel the cheque and write 'Cancelled' on the face of it to prevent any possible misuse;
- Self attested copy of the bank pass book or a statement of bank account with current entries not older than 3 months having the name and address of the first applicant and account number;
- A letter from the bank on its letterhead certifying that the applicant maintains an account with the bank, the bank account information like bank account number, bank branch, account type, the MICR code of the branch & IFSC Code (where available).

Note: The above documents shall be submitted in Original. If copies are furnished, the same must be submitted at the Official Point of Acceptance (OPAs) of the Fund where they will be verified with the original documents to the satisfaction of the Fund. The original documents will be returned across the counter to the applicant after due verification. In case the original of any document is not produced for verification, then the copies should be attested by the bank manager with his / her full signature, name, employee code, bank seal and contact number.

Further, in exceptional cases where Third Party Payments [as stated under Section 9 (2a) below] are accepted, the investor is required to submit any one of the documentary proofs as stated in (i), (ii) and (iii) above for the pay-out bank account. Investors are requested to note that applications for new folio creation submitted (wherein pay-out bank details is different from pay-in bank details) without any of the above mentioned documents relating to pay-out bank account details will be treated as invalid and liable to be rejected.

B. Multiple Bank Account Registration:

An investor may register multiple bank accounts (currently upto 5 for Individuals and 10 for Non – Individuals) for receiving redemption/ IDCW proceeds etc. by providing necessary documents and filing up of Multiple Bank Accounts Registration form.

C. Indian Financial System Code (IFSC)

IFSC is a 11 digit number given by some of the banks on the cheques. IFSC will help to secure transfer of redemption and IDCW payouts via the various electronic mode of transfers that are available with the banks.

5. Investment Details

Investors are required to indicate their choice of Scheme, Plan, Option and Payout option for which subscription is made at the time of filling up the Application Form. Please note that if the same is not mentioned, the Plans/Options mentioned under Instruction 6 - Default Plan/Option shall apply. Investors subscribing under Direct Plan of a Scheme/Plan will have to indicate "Direct Plan" against the Scheme/ Plan name in the application form. Eg. "HDFC Nifty Metal ETF FOF".

6. Plans/ Options Offered

Investors should indicate the Plan (viz. Direct plan/ Regular Plan) for which the subscription is made by indicating the choice in the appropriate box provided for this purpose in the application form. In case of valid applications received without indicating any choice of Plan, the application will be processed for the Plan as under:

Scenario	ARN Code mentioned by the investor	Plan mentioned by the investor	Default Plan to be captured
1	Not mentioned	Not mentioned	Direct Plan
2	Not mentioned	Direct	Direct Plan
3	Not mentioned	Regular	Direct Plan
4	Mentioned	Direct	Direct Plan
5	Direct	Not Mentioned	Direct Plan
6	Direct	Regular	Direct Plan
7	Mentioned	Regular	Regular Plan
8	Mentioned	Not Mentioned	Regular Plan

In cases of wrong/ invalid/ incomplete ARN codes are mentioned on the application form, the application shall be processed under Regular Plan. The AMC shall contact and obtain the correct ARN code within 30 calendar days of the receipt of the application form from the investor/distributor. In case, the correct code is not received within 30 calendar days, the AMC shall reprocess the transaction under Direct Plan from the date of application without any exit load in the SID.

The financial transactions# of an investor where his distributor's AMFI Registration Number (ARN) has been suspended temporarily or terminated permanently received during the suspension period shall be processed under "Direct Plan" and continue to be processed under "Direct Plan" perpetually unless after suspension of ARN is revoked, unitholder makes a written request to process the future instalments / investments under "Regular Plan". Any financial transactions requests received through the stock exchange platform, from any distributor whose ARN has been suspended, shall be rejected.

Financial Transactions shall include all Purchase / Switch requests (including under fresh registrations of Systematic Investment Plan ("SIP") / Systematic Transfer Plan ("STP") or under SIPs / STPs registered prior to the suspension period).

Treatment of transactions received under Regular Plan with invalid ARN

Transactions received in Regular Plan with Invalid ARN shall be processed in Direct Plan of the same Scheme (even if reported in Regular Plan), applying the below logic:

Transaction Type	Primary ARN			SUB distributor ARN		EUIIN*	Execution Only Mentioned	Regular Plan/ Direct Plan
	Valid	Invalid	Empanelled	Valid	Invalid	Valid	Yes	
Lump Sum/	Y		Y				Y	Regular
Registration	Y		N	Not applicable				Direct
	Y		Y	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N	Regular*
	Y		Y	Y		Y		Regular
		Y						Direct
	Y		Y	Y			Y	Regular
	Y		Y		Y			Direct
Trigger	Y			Not applicable				Regular
		Y		Not applicable				Direct

*Invalid ARNs" shall include the following situations –

- ARN validity period expired
- ARN cancelled/terminated
- ARN suspended
- ARN Holder deceased
- Nomenclature change, as required pursuant to IA Regulations, not complied by the MFD
- MFD is debarred by SEBI
- ARN not present in AMFI ARN database
- ARN not empanelled with an AMC

7. Mode of Payment :**■ Pay-In Bank Account**

An investor at the time of his/her purchase of units must provide the details of his / her pay-in bank account (i.e. account from which a subscription payment is being made) in **Section 9** in the Application Form. In case of minors, subscription payment must be made from a bank account of the minor, parent or legal guardian of the minor or from a joint account of the minor with the parent or legal guardian. Please write Cheque/ Payment Instrument in favour of 'the Specific Scheme A/c PAN' or 'the Specific Scheme A/c Investor Name'.

■ Resident Investors

- (a) For Investors having a bank account with HDFC Bank Limited or such banks with whom the AMC may have an arrangement from time to time:

Payment may be made for subscription to the Units of the Scheme either by issuing a cheque drawn on such banks or by giving a debit mandate to their account with a branch of HDFC Bank Limited situated at the same location as the ISC or such other banks with whom the AMC may have an arrangement from time to time.

- (b) For other Investors not covered by (a) above:

Payment may be made by cheque or bank draft drawn on any bank, which is a member of the Bankers' Clearing House and is located at the place where the application is submitted. No money orders, post-dated cheques and postal orders will be accepted.

■ NRIs, PIOs, OCIs, FPI

- In the case of NRIs/PIOs/OCIs, payment may be made either by inward remittance through normal banking channels or out of funds held in the NRE / FCNR in the case of Purchases on a repatriation basis or out of funds held in the NRE / FCNR / NRO account, in the case of Purchases on a non-repatriation basis
- FPIs shall pay their subscription either by inward remittance through normal banking channels or out of funds held in Foreign Currency Account or Special Non-Resident Rupee Account maintained by the FPI with a designated branch of an authorised dealer.
- In case, the Indian rupee drafts are purchased abroad or payment instrument does not indicate the type of account viz. FCNR or NRE accounts from which the same is issued, an account debit certificate from the Bank issuing the Indian rupee draft confirming the debit and/or foreign inward remittance certificate (FIRC) by Investor's banker, as the case may be, shall also be enclosed.

In order to prevent frauds and misuse of payment instruments, the investors are mandated to make the payment instrument i.e. cheque, pay order, etc. favouring either of the following given below and crossed "Account Payee only". Investors are urged to follow the order of preference in making the payment instrument favouring as under:

1. 'the Specific Scheme A/c Permanent Account Number' or
2. 'the Specific Scheme A/c First Investor Name'

e.g. The cheque should be drawn in favour of "Name of the Plan A/c ABCDE1234F" OR "Name of the Plan A/c Bhavesh Shah". A separate cheque or bank draft must accompany each Scheme / each Plan. Returned cheque(s) are liable not to be presented again for collection, and the accompanying Application Form is liable to be rejected. In case the returned cheque(s) are presented again, the necessary charges are liable to be debited to the Investor.

■ Subscription through RTGS/NEFT/IMPS:

Subscription through RTGS/NEFT can be done **ONLY** into the account maintained with HDFC Bank Ltd as per the details provided below:

Name of Bank: HDFC Bank Limited

Branch: Manekji Wadia Building, Ground Floor, Nanik Motwani Marg, Fort, Mumbai

Beneficiary Name: HDFC NIFTY METAL ETF FOF NFO COLLECTION ACCOUNT NUMBER

Account No.: 57500001152128

RTGS / NEFT IFSC Code: HDFC0000060

The investor has to place a RTGS / NEFT request with his bank from where the funds are to be paid and submit the bank acknowledged copy of request letter with the application form and mention on the application form the UTR (Unique Transaction Reference) Number which is generated for their request by the bank.

RTGS/NEFT request is subject to the RBI regulations and guidelines governing the same. The AMC/Fund shall not be liable for any loss arising or resulting from delay in credit of funds in the Fund/Scheme collection account.

■ DEMATERIALIZATION

Investors desiring to get allotment of units in demat mode must have a beneficiary account with a Depository Participant (DP) of the Depositories i.e. National Securities Depositories Limited (NSDL) / Central Depository Services Limited (CDSL).

If PAN is not mentioned by applicants, the application is liable to be rejected. Investors may attach a copy of the Client Master Form/ DP statement showing active demat account details for verification. Names, mode of holding, PAN details, etc. of the investor will be verified against the Depository data. The units will be credited to the beneficiary (demat) account only after successful verification with the depository records and realization of payment. In case the demat details mentioned in the application are incomplete/incorrect or do not match with the depository data, the application shall be treated as invalid for processing under demat mode and therefore may be considered for processing in non-demat form i.e. in physical mode if the application is otherwise valid.

All details such as address, bank details, nomination etc. will be applicable as available in the depositories' records. For effecting any subsequent changes to such information, investors should approach their DP. Holding/ transacting of units held in demat mode shall be in accordance with the procedures/ requirements laid down by the Depositories, viz. NSDL/ CDSL in accordance with the provisions under the Depositories Act, 1996 and the Regulations thereunder.

8. E-mail Communication

Investors should ensure that the email id provided is that of First/Sole holder or of their Family member. Family means spouse, dependent children, Dependant Sibling or dependent parents. This email address and mobile no. provided shall be registered in the folio for all communications. In case, this section is left blank, the email id and mobile no. of the First/ Sole Holder available in the KYC records shall be registered in the folio. First/ Sole Holder in the folio must provide their own email address and mobile number for speed and ease of communication in a convenient and cost-effective manner, and to help prevent fraudulent transactions.

If the AMC / RTA finds that the email address / mobile number provided may not be of the actual investor or the same appears incorrect / doubtful, the AMC / RTA may not capture / update such email address / mobile number in the folio. In such case they will intimate the investor to provide the correct email address / mobile number through a KYC change request form or other permissible mode.

Provision of email address, will be treated as your consent to receive, Allotment confirmations, consolidated account statement/account statement, annual report/abridged summary and any statutory / other information as permitted via electronic mode/email. These documents shall be sent physically in case the Unit holder opts/request for the same. Should the Unit holder experience any difficulty in accessing the electronically delivered documents, the Unit holder shall promptly intimate the Fund about the same to enable the Fund to make the delivery through alternate means. It is deemed that the Investor is aware of all security risks including possible third party interception of the documents and contents of the documents becoming known to third parties.

The AMC / Trustee reserve the right to send any communication in physical mode.

9. Mode of Payment of Redemption / IDCW Proceeds-via Direct Credit/ NEFT/ RTGS /IMPS etc.

The Units of the Plan cannot be redeemed by the investors directly with the Fund until the Maturity / Final Redemption date. Units of the Plan will be automatically redeemed on the Maturity / Final Redemption date.

• Real Time Gross Settlement (RTGS)/National Electronic Funds Transfer (NEFT)

The AMC provides the facility of 'Real Time Gross Settlement (RTGS)' and 'National Electronic Funds Transfer (NEFT)' offered by Reserve Bank of India (RBI), which aims to provide credit of redemption and IDCW payouts (if any) directly into the bank account of the Unit holder maintained with the banks (participating in the RTGS/ NEFT System).

NEFT is electronic fund transfer modes that operate on a deferred net settlement (DNS) basis which settles transactions in batches. Contrary to this, in RTGS, transactions are processed continuously throughout the RTGS business hours. The minimum amount to be remitted through RTGS is Rs. 2 lakhs. There is no upper ceiling for RTGS transactions. No minimum or maximum stipulation has been fixed for NEFT transactions.

Unit holders can check the list of banks participating in the RTGS / NEFT System from the RBI website i.e. www.rbi.org.in or contact any of our Investor Service Centres. However, in the event of the name of Unit holder's bank not appearing in the 'List of Banks participating in RTGS/ NEFT' updated on RBI website www.rbi.org.in, from time to time, the instructions of the Unit holder for remittance of redemption/ IDCW (if any) proceeds via RTGS / NEFT System will be discontinued by Fund / AMC without prior notice to the Unit holder and the payouts of redemption / IDCW (if any) proceeds shall be effected by sending the Unit holder(s) a cheque.

For more details on RTGS / NEFT or for frequently asked questions (FAQs) on RTGS / NEFT, Unit holders are advised to visit the RBI website www.rbi.org.in/Fund website www.hdfcfund.com

• Direct Credit

The AMC has entered into arrangements with eleven banks to facilitate direct credit of redemption and IDCW proceeds (if any) into the bank account of the respective Unit holders maintained with any of these banks. These banks are: Axis Bank Ltd., Citibank N.A., Deutsche Bank AG, HDFC Bank Limited, The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, ICICI Bank Limited, IDBI Bank Limited, Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd., Standard Chartered Bank and YES Bank Limited. The list of banks is subject to change from time to time.

In the absence of a specific request from the Unit holder exercising their choice of the mode of payment offered by the Fund from time to time, the payment of redemption / IDCW proceeds shall be effected via the RTGS / NEFT mechanism only.

Where this payment mode is not feasible / available, the payment of such proceeds will be made by DC as may be feasible.

Unit holders are advised to opt for the NEFT / RTGS, as it helps in avoiding loss of IDCW/ redemption warrant in transit or fraudulent encashment. **Please update your IFSC Code in order to get payouts via electronic mode in to your bank account.**

The AMC / Fund shall not be held liable for any losses/ claims, etc. arising on account of processing the direct credit or credit via RTGS/NEFT of redemption/ IDCW proceeds on the basis of Bank Account details as provided by the Unit holder in the Application Form.

In case of unforeseen circumstances, the AMC/Fund reserves the right to issue a remit monies through electronic modes, if relevant details are available in investor's folio / KYC records.

Any charges levied by the investor's bank for receiving payment through electronic mode will be borne by the investor. The Mutual Fund / AMC will not accept any request for refund of such bank charges.

AMC reserves the rights to change the payout mode from cheque to electronic credit OR vice versa in case such a situation arises requiring the need for this conversion in payout mode to ensure faster payment.

• Mode of Payment for Unit holders holding Units in Demat form

Investors will receive their redemption payout/ IDCW proceeds directly into their bank accounts linked to the demat accounts. Please ensure to furnish the Bank Account details under **Section 11**. For investors, who have invested through the offline mode and subsequently dematerialized the units, investors will receive their redemption/IDCW payouts directly into the bank account registered with their demat account ONLY irrespective of the account registered with us at the time of offline application.

10. ELECTRONIC SERVICES (e-Services)

In order to transact online, all investors must create User ID and password themselves. For individuals (sole holders), the online access will automatically be enabled once folio is created. However, non individuals and individuals with mode of holding as Joint, investors will be able to create User id and Password only if they have applied for online access in the application form and the same has been enabled after folio creation upon receipt of all required valid documents.

The **e-Services** facility includes **HDFCMF Online Investors**, a Unitholder's transaction portal. The AMC/Fund may at its sole discretion offer/discontinue any and/or all of the **e-Services** facilities offered to any Unitholder in the event the facility is restricted under the applicable jurisdictional laws of such Unitholder.

HDFCMF Online Investors

The Fund's website www.hdfcfund.com offers this facility to enable Unitholders to execute purchases, redemptions, switches, Systematic transactions, Rollover, Change IDCW option, Transfer IDCW plan, add/update Nominee details, add/delete bank details, update contact details. In addition, a Unitholder can seek account details, view his portfolio's valuation, download various account statements, request for documents and avail such other services as may be introduced by the Fund from time to time. **HDFCMF Online Investors** is also available as an app on mobile devices. Unitholders can have access by downloading the app.

eAlerts

This facility enables the Unit holder to receive SMS/ email / WhatsApp/ other electronic / notifications/ confirmations for purchase, redemption, SIP, switch, IDCW declaration details and other alerts.

For further details and the terms and conditions applicable for availing **e-Services**, please visit our website www.hdfcfund.com

11. Unit Holding Option

Investors are provided two options to hold their Units viz. Physical mode and Demat mode. For units in Physical mode (non-demat), an account statement will be issued. For Units held in demat mode, Units shall be directly credited to the investor's demat account after the realization of payment funds and depositories will issue a statement. Demat facility is not available in case of units offered under the Daily/Weekly/Fortnightly IDCW Option(s). Please refer to the list of all the schemes/ plans/ options on the website of the Fund, viz. www.hdfcfund.com which offer the facility of holding the units in demat mode.

Investors desiring to get allotment of units in demat mode must have a beneficiary account with a Depository Participant (DP) of the Depositories i.e. National Securities Depositories Limited (NSDL)/ Central Depository Services Limited (CDSL).

If PAN is not mentioned by applicants, the application is liable to be rejected. Investors may attach a copy of the Client Master Form / DP statement showing active demat account details for verification.

Names, mode of holding, PAN details, etc. of the Investor will be verified against the Depository data. The units will be credited to the beneficiary (demat) account only after successful verification with the depository records and realization of payment. In case the demat details mentioned in the application are incomplete/incorrect or do not match with the depository data, the application shall be treated as invalid for processing under demat mode and therefore may be considered for processing in non-demat form i.e. in physical mode if the application is otherwise valid.

All details such as address, bank details, nomination etc. will be applicable as available in the depositories' records. For effecting any subsequent changes to such information, Investors should approach their DP. Redemption requests for units held in demat mode must be submitted to DP or through Stock Exchange Platform, as applicable. **Account statement (CAS) for units held in demat mode will be issued only by NSDL / CDSL.**

Holding / transacting of units held in demat mode shall be in accordance with the procedures / requirements laid down by the Depositories, viz. NSDL/ CDSL in accordance with the provisions under the Depositories Act, 1996 and the regulations thereunder.

12. Signatures

Signature(s) should be in English or in any Indian Language. Applications on behalf of minors should be signed by their natural parent/legal Guardian. In case of a HUF, the Karta should sign the Application Form on behalf of the HUF.

In case of an application through a constituted Attorney, the Power of Attorney should be signed by the investor and the constituted Attorney. The Application Form should be signed in such cases by such constituted Attorney.

13. Nomination**Rights, Entitlement and Obligation of the investor and nominee / Instructions**

- If you are opening a new demat account / MF folio, you have to provide nomination. Otherwise, you have to follow the specified procedure for Opt-out
- The nomination can be made only by individuals applying for/holding units on their own behalf singly or jointly.
- You can make nomination or change nominee any number of times without any restriction.
- You are entitled to receive acknowledgement from the AMC / DP for each instance of providing or changing nomination.
- Non-individuals including a Society, Trust, Body Corporate, Partnership Firm, Karta of Hindu undivided family, a Power of Attorney holder and/or Guardian of Minor unitholder **cannot nominate**.
- Nomination is not allowed in a folio where Minor is the unitholder.
- The signatories for this nomination form in joint folios / account, shall be the same as that of your joint MF folio / demat account. i.e.
 - 'Either or Survivor' Folios / Accounts - any one of the holders can sign.
 - 'First holder Folios / Accounts – only First Holder can sign.
 - 'Jointly' Folios / Accounts - both holders have to sign
- A minor may be nominated. In that event, the name and address of the Guardian of the minor nominee is to be provided optionally.
- Nomination can also be in favour of the Central Government, State Government, a local authority, any person designated by virtue of his office or a religious or charitable trust.
- The Nominee shall not be a trust (other than a religious or charitable trust), society, body corporate, partnership firm, Karta of Hindu Undivided Family, or a Power of Attorney holder.
- A Non-Resident Indian may be nominated subject to the applicable exchange control regulations.
- Multiple Nominees:** Nomination can be made in favour of multiple nominees, subject to a maximum of three nominees. In case of multiple nominees, the percentage of the allocation/ share should be in whole numbers without any decimals, adding upto a total of 100%. If the percentage of allocation/share for each of the nominee is not mentioned, the allocation/claim settlement shall be made equally amongst all the nominees. Any odd lot after division shall be assigned / transferred to the first nominee mentioned in the form.
- In case of demise of the investor and any one of the nominees, the regulated entities shall distribute the assets pro-rata to the remaining nominees
- Every new nomination for a folio/account shall overwrite the existing nomination, if any.
- Nomination made by a unit holder shall be applicable for units held in all the schemes under the respective folio / account.
- Nomination shall stand rescinded upon the transfer of units.
- Transmission of units in favour of a Nominee shall be valid discharge by the asset management company/ Mutual Fund / Trustees against the legal heir(s).
- The nomination will be registered only when this form is completed in all respects to the satisfaction of the AMC.
- In respect of folios/accounts where the Nomination has been registered, the AMC will not entertain any request for transmission / claim settlement from any person other than the registered nominee(s), unless so directed by any competent court.

**** Joint Accounts:**

Event	Transmission of Account/ Folio to
Demise of one or more joint holder(s)	Surviving holder(s) through name deletion. The surviving holder(s) shall inherit the assets as owners.
Demise of all joint holders simultaneously - having nominee	Nominee
Demise of all joint holders simultaneously - not having nominee	Legal heir(s) of the youngest holder

Transmission aspects

- Upon demise of the investor, the nominees shall have the option to either continue as joint holders with other nominees or for each nominee(s) to open separate single account/ folio.
- In case all your nominees do not claim the assets from the AMC / DP, then the residual unclaimed asset shall continue to be with the AMC in case of MF units and with the concerned Depository in case of Demat account.
- Nominee(s) shall extend all possible co-operation to transfer the assets to the legal heir(s) of the deceased investor. In this regard, no dispute shall lie against the AMC / DP.
- Death of Nominee/s: In the event of the nominee(s) pre-deceasing the unitholder(s), the unitholder/s is/are advised to make a fresh nomination soon after the demise of the nominee. The nomination will automatically stand cancelled in the event of the nominee(s) pre-deceasing the unitholder(s). In case of multiple nominations, if any of the nominee is deceased at the time of death claim settlement, the said nominee's share will be distributed on pro-rata basis (as illustrated below) amongst the surviving nominees. Nominee's legal heir cannot claim the assets on behalf of deceased Nominee(s).

% share as specified by investor at the time of nomination		% assets to be apportioned to surviving nominees upon demise of investor and nominee 'A'			
Nominee	% share	Nominee	% initial share	% of A's share to be apportioned	Total % share
A	60%	A	0%	0%	0%
B	30%	B	30%	45%	75%
C	10%	C	10%	15%	25%
Total	100%	-	40%	60%	100%

14. Permanent Account Number

SEBI has made it mandatory for all applicants (in the case of application in joint names, each of the applicants) to mention the permanent account number (PAN) irrespective of the amount of investment [Except as given below]. Where the applicant is a minor, and does not possess his / her own PAN, he / she shall quote the PAN of his/ her natural parent/legal guardian, as the case may be. However, PAN is not mandatory in the case of Central Government, State Government entities and the officials appointed by the courts e.g. Official liquidator, Court receiver etc (under the category of Government) for transacting in the securities market. PAN card copy is not required separately if KYC acknowledgement letter is made available with PAN number. The Fund reserves the right to ascertain the status of such entities with adequate supporting documents. Applications not complying with the above requirement may not be accepted/processed.

No Redemption and related transaction(s) will be processed, in case PAN is not updated in the folios. Accordingly, such unitholders will have to submit the redemption and related transactions along with a self-attested copy of PAN, for all the jointholders. Such request will be processed only after successful validation of the PAN with the Income Tax Department's portal. If the PAN validation fails, or if the request is not accompanied with a copy of the PAN card, such request will not be processed. Such Unitholders will have to resubmit the transaction request along with self-attested copy of valid PAN card.

For further details, please refer Section 'Permanent Account Number' under Statement of Additional Information available on our website www.hdfcfund.com

• PAN Exempt Investments

SEBI vide clause 16.7.1 of Master Circular has clarified that investments in mutual funds schemes (including investments in SIPs) of upto Rs.50,000 per investor per year across all schemes of the Fund shall be exempt from the requirement of PAN. Accordingly, individuals (including Joint Holders who are individuals, NRIs but not PIOs, Minors) and Sole proprietary firms who do not possess a PAN ("Eligible Investors")* are exempt from submission of PAN for investments upto Rs.50,000 in a rolling 12 month period or in a financial year i.e. April to March. However, Eligible Investors are required to undergo Know Your Customer (KYC) procedure with any of the SEBI registered KYC Registration Authorities (KRA). Eligible Investors must quote PAN Exempt KYC Reference Number (PEKRN) issued by the KRA under the KYC acknowledgement letter in the application form and submit a copy thereof along with the application form. In case the applicant is a minor, PAN /PEKRN details of the Guardian shall be submitted, as applicable. Eligible Investors (i.e. the First Holder) must not possess a PAN at the time of submission of application form. Eligible investors must hold only one PEKRN issued by any one of the KRAs.

If an application for investment together within investments made in a rolling 12 month period or in a financial year exceeds Rs.50,000, such an application will be rejected.

Fresh / Additional Purchase and Systematic Investment Plans will be covered in the limit of Rs.50,000. Investors may switch their investments to other Schemes. However, if the amount per switch transaction is Rs.50,000 or more, in accordance with the extant Income Tax rules, investors will be required to furnish a copy of PAN to the Mutual Fund.

The detailed procedures / requirements for accepting applications shall be as specified by the AMC/Trustee from time to time and their decision in this behalf will be final and binding.

* HUFs and other categories are not eligible for such investments.

15. Prevention of Money Laundering

SEBI vide its circular no. CIR/ISD/AML/3/2010 dated December 31, 2010 issued a 'Master Circular on Anti Money Laundering (AML) Standards/ Combating the Financing of Terrorism (CFT)/Obligations of Securities Market Intermediaries under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002' which has been most recently updated on February 03, 2023 and other circulars issued from time to time, mandated that all intermediaries including Mutual Funds should formulate and implement a proper policy framework as per the guidelines on anti money laundering measures and also to adopt a Know Your Customer (KYC) policy.

The Investor(s) should ensure that the amount invested in the Scheme is through legitimate sources only and does not involve and is not designated for the purpose of any contravention or evasion of the provisions of the Income Tax Act, Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), Prevention of Corruption Act and / or any other applicable law in force and also any laws enacted by the Government of India from time to time or any rules, regulations, notifications or directions issued thereunder.

To ensure appropriate identification of the Investor(s) and with a view to monitor transactions for the prevention of money laundering, the AMC/ Fund reserves the right to seek information, record investor's telephonic calls and or obtain and retain documentation for establishing the identity of the Investor(s), their beneficial ownership, proof of residence, source of funds, etc. It may re-verify identity and obtain any incomplete or additional information for this purpose.

The Fund, AMC, Trustee and their Directors, employees and agents shall not be liable in any manner for any claims arising whatsoever on account of freezing the folios/rejection of any application / allotment of Units or mandatory redemption of Units due to non compliance with the provisions of the PMLA, SEBI/AMFI circular(s) and KYC policy and / or where the AMC believes

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that transaction is suspicious in nature within the purview of the PMLA and SEBI/AMFI circular(s) and reporting the same to FIU-IND.

For further details, please refer Section 'Prevention of Money Laundering' under the Statement of Additional Information available on our website www.hdfcfund.com

16. Know Your Customer (KYC) Compliance

a. KYC registered under KYC Registration Agency (KRA):

Units held in account statement (non-demat) form

It is mandatory for the Investors to quote the KYC Compliance Status of each applicant (guardian in case of minor) in the application and attach proof of KYC Compliance viz. KYC Acknowledgement Letter for all purchases/ switches/ redemptions/ registrations for Systematic Investment Plan (SIP)/ Systematic Transfer Plan (STP)/Flex STP/ Flexindex Plan/ Transfer of IDCW Plan Facility ("TIP Facility"). Applicants intending to apply for units through a Power of Attorney (PoA) must ensure that the issuer of the PoA and the holder of the PoA must mention their KYC Compliance Status and attach proof of KYC Compliance at the time of investment. For cases where the KYC status is 'Under Process'/ 'In-Progress', AMC may accept the subscription/switch transactions and process the same, but keep the units 'on hold' from any further transactions till KYC status is 'Verified'.

SEBI has introduced a common KYC Application Form for all the SEBI registered intermediaries. New investors are therefore requested to use the common KYC Application Form and carry out the KYC process including In-Person Verification (IPV) with any SEBI registered intermediaries including mutual funds. The KYC Application Forms are also available on our website www.hdfcfund.com. Existing KYC compliant investors of the Fund can continue the practice of providing KYC Acknowledgement Letter/ Printout of KYC Compliance Status downloaded from CDSL Ventures Ltd. (CVL) website (www.cvlindia.com) using the PAN at the time of investment.

Once the investor has done KYC with any SEBI registered intermediary, the investor need not undergo the same process again with the Fund provided the KYC has been done with Aadhaar as the Proof of Identity. In case, the KYC is done with any other Officially Valid Document as proof of Identity, the investor would need to undergo the KYC every time they invest with a new SEBI registered intermediary i.e. AMC. However, the Fund reserves the right to carry out fresh KYC of the investor in its discretion.

Units held in electronic (demat) form

For units held in demat form, the KYC performed by the Depository Participant of the applicants will be considered as KYC verification done by the Trustee/ AMC. In the event of non compliance of KYC requirements, the Trustee/AMC reserves the right to freeze the folio of the investor(s) and effect mandatory redemption of unit holdings of the investors at the applicable NAV, subject to payment of exit load, if any.

For further details, please refer Section 'Know Your Customer (KYC) Compliance' under Statement of Additional Information available on our website www.hdfcfund.com

b. Central KYC Records Registry (CKYCR):

The Government of India vide their Notification dated November 26, 2015 authorised the Central Registry of Securitisation Asset Reconstruction and Security Interest of India (CERSAI) to act as and to perform the functions of the Central KYC Records Registry under the said rules, including receiving, storing, safeguarding and retrieving the KYC records under the Prevention of Money-Laundering Act, 2002. SEBI required all the market intermediaries to update/upload KYC details of the new customer/investors (not KYC-KRA compliant) on CERSAI's online platform. CERSAI is

a centralized repository of KYC records of customers/investors in the financial sector with uniform KYC norms and inter-usability of the KYC records across the sector with an objective to reduce the burden of producing KYC documents and getting those verified every time when the customer/investors creates a new relationship with a financial entity. Central KYC (CKYC) will store all the customer/investor information at one central server that is accessible to all the financial institutions. After opening a KYC account under the CKYC, customer/investor will get a 14-digit identification number ("KYC Number") and that the same may be quoted by the investor wanting to invest in mutual funds. Further, the Mutual Fund/AMC is required to check whether the PAN of the investor has been updated in CKYCR. In case the PAN has not been updated, the Mutual Fund/AMC shall collect a self certified copy of the investor's PAN card and update/upload the same in CKYCR.

The address, date of birth and other key information of the investors will get updated from KRA-KYC database or any other KYC database as authorized by Regulators.

In case the Investor uses the old KRA KYC form for updating of any KYC information, such investor shall be required to provide additional/missing information only by using the supplementary CKYC form or fill the new "CKYC form".

17. Ultimate Beneficial Owners(s)

Pursuant to SEBI Master Circular No. SEBI/HO/MIRSD/MIRSD-SEC-5/P/CIR/2023/022 dated February 03, 2023 on AML/CFT Obligations, Guidelines on identification of Beneficial Ownership issued by SEBI vide its Circular No. CIR/MIRSD/2/2013 dated January 24, 2013 and other circulars issued from time to time, investors (other than Individuals) are required to provide details of 'Ultimate Beneficial Owner(s) (UBO(s))'. In case the investor or owner of the controlling interest is a company listed on a stock exchange or is a majority owned subsidiary of such a company, the details of shareholders or beneficial owners are not required to be provided.

Non-individual applicants/investors are mandated to provide the details on 'Ultimate Beneficial Owner(s) (UBO(s))' by filling up the declaration form for 'Ultimate Beneficial Ownership'. Please contact the nearest Investor Service Centre (ISC) of HDFC Mutual Fund or log on to 'Investor Corner' section on our website www.hdfcfund.com for the Declaration Form

18. CONSENT FOR TELEMARKETING

HDFC AMC shall treat this as an explicit consent by the Unit Holder(s) to send promotional information/ material to the mobile number(s)/ email id provided by the Unit Holder(s) in this Application Form and such consent shall supersede all the previous consents/ registrations by the Unit Holder(s) in this regard. If you do not wish to receive such promotional information/ materials, please write to us at cliser@hdfcfund.com or submit a written application at any of the Investor Service Centres (ISC) of the Fund. Please quote your PAN and folio number(s) while communicating with us to help you serve better.

19. ONLINE DISPUTE REDRESSAL MECHANISM

In accordance with SEBI Circular No. SEBI/HO/OIAE/OIAE_IAD-1/P/CIR/2023/145 dated July 31, 2023 (updated on August 4, 2023) ("the Circular"), all disputes between institutional or corporate clients and AMC can be resolved, at the option of the institutional or corporate clients:

- in accordance with the circular and by harnessing online conciliation and/or online arbitration as specified in this circular; OR
- by harnessing any independent institutional mediation, independent institutional conciliation and/or independent arbitration institution in India.

Thus, institutional/corporate clients have to exercise their option under **Section 13**.

20. ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICATIONS SUPPORTED BY BLOCKED AMOUNT (ASBA)

A. HDFC Mutual Fund extends ASBA facility to the Investors subscribing for the Units under this New Fund Offer ("NFO") in addition to its existing mode of subscriptions, subject to the same being extended by all the concerned intermediaries involved in the ASBA process. For availing this facility, Investors are requested to check with the Designated Branches ("DBs") of the Self Certified Syndicate Banks ("SCSBs"). The list of SCSBs is available at the back cover page of the KIM and on the websites of SEBI (www.sebi.gov.in), HDFC Mutual Fund (www.hdfcfund.com), NSE (www.nseindia.com) and BSE (www.bseindia.com).

Investors shall use the ASBA Application Form bearing the stamp of the Syndicate Members and/or the DBs of SCSB, as the case may be, for the purpose of making an application for Subscription of Units of Plan(s) under the Scheme. Investors are required to submit their applications, either in physical or electronic mode. In case of application in physical mode, the Investor shall submit the application at the DBs of the SCSB. In case of application in electronic form, the Investor shall submit the application either through the internet banking facility available with the SCSB, or such other electronically enabled mechanism for blocking funds in the ASBA account held with SCSB, and accordingly registering such Applications. On submission of the application, the Investors are deemed to have authorised (i) the SCSB to do all acts as are necessary to make the application including, blocking or unblocking of funds in the bank account maintained with the SCSB specified in the application, transfer of funds to the Bank Account of the Scheme/HDFC Mutual Fund on receipt of instructions from the Registrar and Transfer Agent after the allotment is made; and (ii) the Registrar and Transfer Agent to issue instructions to the SCSB to remove the block on the funds in the bank account specified in the application ("ASBA Account"), upon rejection of the application / winding up of the Scheme, as the case may be.

Applications completed in all respects, must be submitted at the SCSBs with whom the bank account is maintained.

In case the ASBA application form is erroneously submitted at any of the official points of acceptance of the Fund, the same shall be rejected.

The SCSB shall block amount equivalent to the application amount mentioned in the Form, after verifying that sufficient funds are available in the bank account ("ASBA Account") till the date of allotment of Units or upon rejection of the application/ winding up of the Scheme, as the case may be.

No request for withdrawal of ASBA application form will be allowed after the closure of New Fund Offer Period.

B. SCSB DETAILS

Investors shall correctly mention the bank account number in the application and should ensure that funds equal to the application amount towards the Subscription of Units are available in the ASBA Account before submitting the application to the respective DBs.

In case the amount available in the ASBA Account specified in the applications is insufficient, the SCSB shall reject the application.

C. DEMATERIALIZATION

Investors desiring to get allotment of units through ASBA process must have an active beneficiary account with a Depository Participant (DP) of the Depositories i.e. National Securities Depositories Limited (NSDL) / Central Depository Services Limited (CDSL). Investors may note that if the DP-ID, beneficiary account and the PAN provided in the form are incomplete, incorrect or do not match with the Depository records, the application shall be rejected.

D. REDRESSAL OF COMPLAINTS

All grievances related to ASBA facility shall be addressed to the SCSB, where the application form was submitted or to the RTA viz. Computer Age Management Services Ltd (CAMS).

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☐ Resident Individual ☐ Partnership ☐ Trust ☐ HUF ☐ AOP ☐ PIO ☐ Pvt. Ltd. Company ☐ Public Ltd. Company ☐ Minor through guardian ☐ BOI ☐ OCI ☐ Body Corporate ☐ LLP

☐ Society/Club ☐ NRI-Repatriation ☐ NRI-Non Repatriation ☐ Foreign National Resident in India ☐ FPI ☐ Sole Proprietorship ☐ Non Profit Organisation ☐ Others (please specify)

(Mandatory for Non - Individuals transacting / proposing to transact for an amount of Rs. 50 crores or more)

We are a <u>“Non-Profit Organization” [NPO]</u> which has been constituted for religious or charitable purposes referred to in clause (15) of section 2 of the Income-tax Act, 1961 (43 of 1961), and is registered as a trust or a society under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 (21 of 1860) or any similar State legislation or a Company registered under the section 8 of the Companies Act, 2013 (18 of 2013).	☐ YES ☐ NO
If yes, please quote Registration No. of Darpan portal of Niti Aayog. <i>(If not registered already, please register immediately and confirm with the above information)</i>	

CONTACT DETAILS OF SECOND APPLICANT

2. NAME OF THIRD APPLICANT										DATE OF BIRTH	D	D	M	M	Y	Y	Y	Y
Mr.	Ms.	M/s.																
Nationality										PAN#/ PEKRN#								
KYC Number										KYC #	[Please tick (✓)] (Mandatory)		Proof Attached					

ADDITIONAL KYC DETAILS (Refer instruction 3b)

Mandatory

Gross Annual Income Range (in Rs.)	1 st Applicant	2 nd Applicant	3 rd Applicant	Guardian
Below 1 lac	☐	☐	☐	☐
1-5 lac	☐	☐	☐	☐
5-10 lac	☐	☐	☐	☐

Gross Annual Income Range (in Rs.)	1 st Applicant	2 nd Applicant	3 rd Applicant	Guardian
10-25 lac	☐	☐	☐	☐
25 lac- 1 cr	☐	☐	☐	☐
> 1 cr	☐	☐	☐	☐

OR Network in Rs. (Mandatory for Non Individual) (not older than 1 year)

Please attach Proof. Refer instruction No 14 for PAN/PEKRN and No 16a for KYC (KRA). Refer instruction No 16b for KYC Identification Number issued by CKYCR.

Please Note: All Purchases are subject to realisation of cheques / Payment Instrument.

7. FATCA AND CRS INFORMATION (for Individual including Sole Proprietor) (Self Certification) (Refer instruction 3)

The below information is required for all applicant(s)/ guardian

Address Type: ☐ Residential or Business ☐ Residential ☐ Business ☐ Registered Office (for address mentioned in form/existing address appearing in Folio)

Mandatory

If Yes, please provide the following information [mandatory]

Category	First Applicant/Guardian in case of Minor	Second Applicant/ Guardian	Third Applicant
Tax Payer Ref. ID No ^			
Identification Type [TIN or other, please specify]			
Country of Tax Residency 2			
Tax Payer Ref. ID No. 2			
Identification Type [TIN or other, please specify]			
Country of Tax Residency 3			
Tax Payer Ref. ID No. 3			
Identification Type [TIN or other, please specify]			

#To also include USA, where the individual is a citizen/ green card holder of USA. In case of USA/ Canada citizens, kindly provide the mandatory annexures.

^ In case Tax Identification Number is not available, kindly provide its functional equivalent.

8. UNIT HOLDING OPTION	☐ DEMAT MODE* (Enclose Latest Client Master / Demat Account Statement)	☐ PHYSICAL MODE (Default)	(refer instruction 11)
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*Demat Account details are mandatory for (i) FPIs and (ii) investors who wish to hold the units in Demat Mode (Account statement (CAS) for units held in demat mode will be issued only by NSDL/CDSL)

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9. INVESTMENTS & PAYMENT DETAILS [Please (✓)] (Refer instruction 5 & 6 for Scheme details and instruction 7 & 9 for Payment Details)

The name of the first/ sole applicant must be pre-printed on the cheque.

☐ Regular Plan - Growth Option (Purchase/ Subscription routed through Distributor) Mention valid ARN in Key Partner/ Agent Information		☐ Direct Plan - Growth Option (Purchase/ Subscription made directly with the Fund) Mention DIRECT in Key Partner/ Agent Information	
Mode of Payment		☐ Cheque ☐ NEFT/ RTGS/ Fund Transfer ☐ One Time Mandate (OTM)	
Name of Bank: HDFC Bank Limited		Branch: Manekji Wadia Building, Ground Floor, Nanik Motwani Marg, Fort, Mumbai	
Beneficiary Name: HDFC NIFTY METAL ETF FOF NFO COLLECTION ACCOUNT NUMBER		Account No: 57500001152128	
RTGS/ NEFT IFSC Code: HDFC0000060			
Please note that OTM can be selected as mode of payment provided OTM is already registered. In case OTM is not registered please fill in the attached OTM Debit Mandate to make future transactions via OTM			
Drawn on Bank / Branch		Pay-In Bank Account No. (For Cheque Only)	
Cheque Amount (in words):			

10. BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS OF THE FIRST / SOLE APPLICANT (For redemption/ IDCW Payments if any) (refer instruction 4)
(Mandatory to attach proof, in case the pay-out bank account is different from the bank account mentioned under Section 9 above.)

For unit holders opting to hold units in demat form, please ensure that the bank account linked with the demat account is mentioned here.

Mandatory

11. MODE OF PAYMENT OF REDEMPTION / IDCW PROCEEDS (refer instruction 9)

The redemption / IDCW proceeds will be directly credited to the investor's bank account.

12. NOMINATION FOR UNITS IN NON-DEMAT MODE (Mandatory for new folios. For existing folios, mandatory to follow instruction no. 13)
☐ I/We wish to make a nomination. [As per details given below]

OR ☐ I / We hereby confirm that I / We do not wish to appoint any nominee(s) for my mutual fund units held in my / our mutual fund folio and understand the implications / issues involved in non-appointment of any nominee(s) and am/ are further aware that in case of my demise / death of all the unit holders in the folio, my / our legal heir(s) would need to submit all the requisite documents issued by the Court or such other competent authority, as may be required by the Mutual Fund / AMC for settlement of death claim / transmission of units in favour of the legal heir(s), based on the value of the units held in the mutual fund folio/s.

I/We wish to make a nomination and do hereby nominate the following person(s) in the above specified folio(s) who shall receive all the assets held in my / our account/ folio in the event of my / our demise, as trustee and on behalf of my/ our legal heir(s)*. This nomination shall supersede any prior nomination made by us/me if any.

Nomination can be made upto three nominees in the account.		Details of 1st Nominee	Details of 2nd Nominee	Details of 3rd Nominee
Mandatory information				
1	Name of the nominee(s) (Mr./Ms.)			
2	Share of each Nominee[#]	%	%	%
3	Date of Birth (for Minor)	D D M M Y Y Y Y	D D M M Y Y Y Y	D D M M Y Y Y Y
4	Relationship with the Applicant (select one)	☐ Spouse ☐ Father ☐ Mother ☐ Daughter ☐ Son Others _____ (please specify)	☐ Spouse ☐ Father ☐ Mother ☐ Daughter ☐ Son Others _____ (please specify)	☐ Spouse ☐ Father ☐ Mother ☐ Daughter ☐ Son Others _____ (please specify)
5	Nominee/ Guardian (in case of Minor) Identification details [Please tick any one of the following and provide ID Number and no copies required].	☐ PAN ☐ Aadhaar (masked last 4 digits) **** * ☐ Passport (for NRIs/OCIs/PIOs) ☐ Driving License	☐ PAN ☐ Aadhaar (masked last 4 digits) **** * ☐ Passport (for NRIs/OCIs/PIOs) ☐ Driving License	☐ PAN ☐ Aadhaar (masked last 4 digits) **** * ☐ Passport (for NRIs/OCIs/PIOs) ☐ Driving License
6	Address of Nominee(s)/ Guardian in case of Minor [Tick ✓ if same as First Applicant, or provide the complete address if different] City / Place: State & Country Pincode:	☐ Same as First Applicant Pincode:	☐ Same as First Applicant Pincode:	☐ Same as First Applicant Pincode:
7	Mobile of nominee(s)/ Guardian in case of Minor			
8	Email ID of nominee(s)/ Guardian in case of Minor			
Non-mandatory details				
9	Nominee Guardian Name (in case Nominee is Minor)			
I / We want the details of my / our nominee to be printed in the statement of holding or statement of account, provided to me/ us by the AMC / DP as follows; (please tick, as appropriate)				
☐ Name of nominee(s) with % ☐ Nomination: Yes / No (Default)				
This nomination shall supersede any prior nomination made by the account holder(s), if any				
Signature(s) – As per mode of holding in demat accounts / MF Folio(s).				
	Name of the Holder	Signature / Thumb Impression*		
Sole / First Holder (Mr./Ms.)	Name: Witness 1 Name & Address: Witness 2 Name & Address:	Signature /Thumb Impression: Witness 1 Signature: Witness 2 Signature:		
Second Holder (Mr./Ms.)	Name: Witness 1 Name & Address: Witness 2 Name & Address:	Signature /Thumb Impression: Witness 1 Signature: Witness 2 Signature:		
Third Holder (Mr./Ms.)	Name: Witness 1 Name & Address: Witness 2 Name & Address:	Signature /Thumb Impression: Witness 1 Signature: Witness 2 Signature:		
* Signature of witness, along with name and address are required, if the account holder affixes thumb impression, instead of signature. If % is not specified, then the assets shall be distributed equally among all the nominees. # Any odd lot after division shall be assigned / transferred to the first nominee mentioned in the form. Note: The Intermediary shall provide acknowledgement of the nomination form to the account holder(s)				

13. RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES (For Institutional or corporate clients) (Refer instruction 19)

☐ Smart ODR **OR** ☐ by harnessing any independent institutional mediation, independent institutional conciliation and/or independent arbitration institution in India.

14. DECLARATION & SIGNATURE/S (refer instruction 12)

I / We have read, understood the terms and conditions of the scheme related documents and the addendum issued therein till date, Key Information Memorandum of the Schemes as well as the rules and regulations of SEBI, AMFI, Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 and such other regulations as may be applicable to me/us from time to time and agree to comply with the same as a Unitholder. I / We hereby apply to the Trustees for allotment of Units of the Scheme(s) of HDFC Mutual Fund ('Fund') and confirm and declare as under:

- (a) I/We am/are eligible Investor(s) as per the scheme related documents and not prohibited from accessing capital markets by any order/ruling / judgment etc. passed by SEBI/ Statutory Authority or Courts in India and Foreign laws. I am/We are authorised to make this investment as per the Constitutive documents/ authorization(s). The amount invested in the Scheme(s) is through legitimate sources only and is not for the purpose of contravention and/or evasion of any act, rules, regulations, notifications or directions issued by any regulatory authority in India.
- (b) I / We will be bound by the Fund's terms and conditions as amended from time to time.
- (c) The information given by me/us in or along with this application form is true and correct and I/we shall furnish such other further/additional information as may be required by the HDFC Asset Management Company Limited (AMC)/ Fund. I/We undertake to promptly inform the AMC / Fund/Registrars and Transfer Agent (RTA) in writing about any change in the information furnished by me/us from time to time.
- (d) I/We hereby authorize you to disclose, share, remit in any form/manner/mode the above information and/or any part of it including the changes/updates that may be provided by me/us to the Fund, its Sponsor/s, Trustees, Asset Management Company, its employees, agents and third party service providers, SEBI registered intermediaries for single updation/ submission, any Indian or foreign statutory, regulatory, judicial, quasijudicial authorities/agencies including but not limited to Financial Intelligence Unit-India (FIU-IND) etc without any intimation/advice to me/us.
- (e) I/We hereby consent for providing transactions data feed, portfolio holdings, NAV etc. in respect of my/our transactions under Direct Plan to the RIA/Portfolio Managers/ Stock Broker registered in the concerned folio, if applicable.
- (f) I/We shall be liable and responsible for any loss, claims suffered, directly or indirectly by AMC/ Fund/ RTA/ SEBI Intermediaries, arising out of any false, misleading, inaccurate and incomplete information furnished by me/us at the time or investing/redeeming the units. I/We hereby unconditionally and irrevocably indemnify and at all time keep indemnified, save and harmless AMC/Fund/Trustee and their officers, directors and employees against all actions, proceedings, claims, losses, damages, charges and expenses incurred or suffered /paid by AMC/Fund in this regard and in case of any dispute regarding the eligibility, validity and authorization of my/our transactions.
- (g) The ARN holder (AMFI registered Distributor) has disclosed to me/us all the commissions (in the form of trail commission or any other mode), payable to him/them for the different competing Schemes of various Mutual Funds from amongst which the Scheme is being recommended to me/us.
- (h) I/WE HEREBY CONFIRM THAT I/WE HAVE NOT BEEN OFFERED/ COMMUNICATED ANY INDICATIVE PORTFOLIO AND/ OR ANY INDICATIVE YIELD BY THE FUND/AMC/ITS DISTRIBUTOR FOR THIS INVESTMENT.**

Consent for Telemarketing (Refer Instruction 18):

I/We hereby accord my/our consent to HDFC AMC for receiving the promotional information/ material via email, SMS, telemarketing calls etc. on the mobile number and email provided by me/us in this Application Form.

Consent for disclosure of Personal Information in terms of Privacy Policy

I/We hereby confirm to have read, understood and agree to the terms of Privacy Policy (available on <https://www.hdfcfund.com>) ("Policy") of HDFC AMC/ Fund.

I/We hereby accord my/our consent to HDFC AMC/Fund for collecting, receiving, possessing, storing, dealing, handling or disclosure of my/ our Personal Data and hereby authorize to disclose it to the third party or another body corporate or any person acting under a lawful contract with HDFC AMC, in accordance with the Privacy Policy.

For Foreign Nationals Resident in India only:

I/We will redeem my/our entire investment/s before I/We change my/our Indian residency status. I/We shall be fully liable for all consequences (including taxation) arising out of the failure to redeem on account of change in residential status.

For NRIs/ PIO/ OCIs/ FPIs only:

I/We confirm that my application is in compliance with applicable Indian and foreign laws.

For NRIs/ PIO/OCIs Please (✓) ☐ Repatriation basis ☐ Non-repatriation basis

SIGN HERE

(Please write Application Form No. / Folio No. on the reverse of the Cheque / Payment Instrument.)

First/ Sole Applicant/ Guardian/ PoA Holder

Second Applicant

Third Applicant

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HDFC Nifty Metal ETF FOF

An Open-ended Fund of Fund scheme investing in units of HDFC Nifty Metal ETF

Investors must read the Key Information Memorandum and the instructions before completing this Form.

This Form should be completed in English and in **BLOCK LETTERS** only.

Offer of Units of Rs. 10 each Per Unit for cash during the New Fund Offer Period (NFO) and at NAV based prices upon re-opening

New Fund Offer (NFO) Opens on:	July 20, 2026
New Fund Offer (NFO) Closes on:	August 03, 2026
Scheme re-opens on:	Scheme will re-open for continuous Sale and Repurchase within 5 working days from the date of allotment of units under NFO

(Any modification to the New Fund Offer Period shall be announced by way of an Addendum uploaded on website of the AMC.)

THIS PRODUCT IS SUITABLE FOR INVESTORS WHO ARE SEEKING*	Scheme Riskometer#	Benchmark Riskometer# (As on June 30, 2026)
- Capital appreciation over long term. - Investment in Units of HDFC Nifty Metal ETF *Investors should consult their financial advisers, if in doubt about whether the product is suitable for them. # The product labeling assigned during the New Fund Offer (NFO) is based on internal assessment of the scheme characteristics or model portfolio and the same may vary post NFO when the actual investments are made. For latest riskometer, investors may refer to the Monthly Portfolios disclosed on the website of the Fund viz. www.hdfcfund.com	RISKOMETER The risk of the Scheme is Very high	RISKOMETER The risk of the Benchmark is Very high

APPLICATION SUPPORTED BY BLOCKED AMOUNT (ASBA) FORM

(The Application Form should be completed in **English** and in **BLOCK LETTERS** only.)

ASBA Application No.

KEY PARTNER / AGENT INFORMATION (Investors applying under Direct Plan must mention "Direct" in ARN column.) (Refer Instruction 1)						FOR OFFICE USE ONLY (TIME STAMP)	CAMS bar code
ARN/RIA Code/Portfolio Manager Registration Number (PMRN)	ARN/RIA/Portfolio Manager's Name	Sub Agent's ARN	Bank Branch Code	Internal Code for Sub-Agent/Employee	Employee Unique Identification Number (EUIIN)		
ARN-							

EUIIN Declaration (only where EUIIN box is left blank) (Refer Instruction 1)

I/We hereby confirm that the EUIIN box has been intentionally left blank by me/us as this transaction is executed without any interaction or advice by the employee/relationship manager/sales person of the above distributor/sub broker or notwithstanding the advice of in-appropriateness, if any, provided by the employee/relationship manager/sales person of the distributor/sub broker.

SIGN			
	First/ Sole Applicant/ Guardian/ PoA Holder	Second Applicant	Third Applicant

1. EXISTING UNIT HOLDER INFORMATION (If you have existing folio, please fill in section 1, 1c, 1d and proceed to section 2. Refer Instruction).

Folio No. / Folio details in our records will apply for this application provided the details match with your demat account.

1a. **UNIT HOLDER INFORMATION** (Names should be in the same sequence as appearing in your demat account. In case of discrepancies, the Application is liable to get rejected. Refer Instruction 3)

DATE OF BIRTH@/DATE OF INCORPORATION (Mandatory in case of Minor)

DD MM YYYY
Proof of date of birth@ Please (✓)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT SLIP FOR SCSB (HDFC Nifty Metal ETF FOF)

TO BE RETAINED BY THE SCSB (To be filled by the Sole/First Applicant)		HDFC MUTUAL FUND Head Office : HDFC House, 2nd Floor, H.T. Parekh Marg, 165-166, Backbay Reclamation, Churchgate, Mumbai - 400020		Date : _____
Received from Mr./Ms. _____ Address _____		SCSB Account Details		ASBA Application No. _____
Tele./Fax _____ Mobile No. _____ E-mail: _____		Bank Account No. _____ Bank Name & Address _____		Total Amount to be blocked (Rs. in figures) _____ (Rs. in words) _____
Sign Here First / Sole Applicant / Guardian / PoA		Sign Here Second Applicant		Sign Here Third Applicant

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT SLIP FOR SCSB (HDFC Nifty Metal ETF FOF)

TO BE GIVEN BY THE SCSB (To be filled by the Sole/First Applicant)		HDFC MUTUAL FUND Head Office : HDFC House, 2nd Floor, H.T. Parekh Marg, 165-166, Backbay Reclamation, Churchgate, Mumbai - 400020		Date : _____
Received from Mr./Ms. _____ Address _____		SCSB Account Details		ASBA Application No. _____
Tele./Fax _____ Mobile No. _____ E-mail: _____		Bank Account No. _____ Bank Name & Address _____		Total Amount to be blocked (Rs. in figures) _____ (Rs. in words) _____
				SCSB Stamp Signature, Date & Time of Form Submission

NAME OF FIRST / SOLE APPLICANT (In case of Minor, there shall be no joint holders) (Name of the unitholder needs to as per PAN records (all unitholder)

Mr.	Ms.	M/s.																								
Nationality			PAN#/ PEKRN#																							
KYC Number			KYC # [Please tick (✓)] (Mandatory) ☐ Proof Attached																							

NAME OF GUARDIAN (in case of First / Sole Applicant is a Minor) / NAME OF CONTACT PERSON - DESIGNATION (in case of non-individual Investors)

Mr.	Ms.																																																
Nationality		Designation										Contact No.																																					
PAN#/ PEKRN#		DATE OF BIRTH										D	D	M	M	Y	Y	Y	Y																														
KYC Number		KYC # [Please tick (✓)] (Mandatory) ☐ Proof Attached																																															
Relationship with Minor@ Please (✓) ☐ Father ☐ Mother ☐ Court appointed Legal Guardian																								Proof of relationship with minor@ Please (✓) ☐ Attached																								@ Mandatory	Refer instruction 4c

CONTACT DETAILS OF FIRST / SOLE APPLICANT

Country Code - Mobile																											
STD Code				STD Code				Res.				Telephone No. Office															
eAlerts Mobile				eDocs Email of First / Sole holder ^												IN CAPITALS											

This mobile number belongs to (Mandatory Please ✓): ☐ Self ☐ Spouse ☐ Dependent Children ☐ Dependent Siblings ☐ Dependent Parents ☐ Guardian ☐ POA ☐ Custodian (for FPIs only) ☐ PMS
This email id belongs to (Mandatory Please ✓): ☐ Self ☐ Spouse ☐ Dependent Children ☐ Dependent Siblings ☐ Dependent Parents ☐ Guardian ☐ POA ☐ Custodian (for FPIs only) ☐ PMS
☐ I hereby declare that I shall immediately notify any change to the mobile number/ email id. (Refer instruction 8)
☐ I/ We would like to register for online access to transact on HDFCFMOnline Investors as per the terms & conditions displayed on website: www.hdfcfund.com (Email id mandatory) (only for non individuals and individuals with mode of holding as 'Joint'). Refer Instruction 10.
^ On providing email-id investors shall receive the scheme wise annual report or an abridged summary thereof/ account statements/ statutory and other documents by email. However, if the investors wish to receive physical copy of the scheme wise annual report or an abridged summary thereof [Please tick (✓)] Opt-in ☐ (Refer Instruction 8)

MAILING ADDRESS OF FIRST / SOLE APPLICANT (Mandatory) (Refer Instruction 3a)

CITY								STATE								PIN CODE							

OVERSEAS ADDRESS (Mandatory in case of NRIs /FIs/PIOs/ OCIs) (P. O. Box Address may not be sufficient)

Status of First/ Sole Applicant [Please tick (✓)] ☐ Individual ☐ Non - Individual* (Please attach FATCA, CRS & Ultimate Beneficial Ownership (UBO) Self Certification Form) (Mandatory) (Refer Instruction 3 & 17)

☐ Resident Individual ☐ Partnership ☐ Trust ☐ HUF ☐ AOP ☐ PIO ☐ Pvt. Ltd. Company ☐ Public Ltd. Company ☐ Minor through guardian ☐ BOI ☐ OCI ☐ Body Corporate ☐ LLP
☐ Society/Club ☐ NRI-Repatriation ☐ NRI-Non Repatriation ☐ Foreign National Resident in India ☐ FPI ☐ Sole Proprietorship ☐ Non Profit Organisation ☐ Others (please specify)

LEI No. Expiry Date: DD MM YYYY

(Mandatory for Non - Individuals transacting / proposing to transact for an amount of Rs. 50 crores or more)

* Trust/Societies/Section 8 companies to give below declaration

We are a "Non-Profit Organization" [NPO] which has been constituted for religious or charitable purposes referred to in clause (15) of section 2 of the Income-tax Act, 1961 (43 of 1961), and is registered as a trust or a society under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 (21 of 1860) or any similar State legislation or a Company registered under the section 8 of the Companies Act, 2013 (18 of 2013).	☐ YES ☐ NO
If yes, please quote Registration No. of Darpan portal of Niti Aayog. (If not registered already, please register immediately and confirm with the above information)	

Please attach Proof. Refer instruction No 14 for PAN/PEKRN and No 16a for KYC (KRA). Refer instruction No 16b for KYC Identification Number issued by CKYCR.

1a. UNIT HOLDER INFORMATION (Names should be in the same sequence as appearing in your demat account. In case of discrepancies, the Application is liable to get rejected. Refer Instruction 3) (Contd...)

NAME OF SECOND APPLICANT

DATE OF BIRTH																								D	D	M	M	Y	Y	Y	Y										
Mr.	Ms.	M/s.																																							
Nationality			PAN#/ PEKRN#																																						
KYC Number			KYC # [Please tick (✓)] (Mandatory) ☐ Proof Attached																																						

CONTACT DETAILS OF SECOND APPLICANT

eAlerts Mobile												eDocs Email of First / Sole holder ^												IN CAPITALS											
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This mobile number belongs to (Mandatory Please ✓): ☐ Self ☐ Spouse ☐ Dependent Children ☐ Dependent Siblings ☐ Dependent Parents ☐ Guardian ☐ POA ☐ Custodian (for FPIs only) ☐ PMS
This email id belongs to (Mandatory Please ✓): ☐ Self ☐ Spouse ☐ Dependent Children ☐ Dependent Siblings ☐ Dependent Parents ☐ Guardian ☐ POA ☐ Custodian (for FPIs only) ☐ PMS

NAME OF THIRD APPLICANT

DATE OF BIRTH

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Mr. Ms. M/s.

Nationality

KYC Number

PAN#/ PEKRN#

KYC # [Please tick (✓)] (Mandatory) ☐ Proof Attached

CONTACT DETAILS OF THIRD APPLICANT

eAlerts Mobile

eDocs Email of First / Sole holder ^

IN CAPITALS

This mobile number belongs to (Mandatory Please ✓): ☐ Self ☐ Spouse ☐ Dependent Children ☐ Dependent Siblings ☐ Dependent Parents ☐ Guardian ☐ POA ☐ Custodian (for FPIs only) ☐ PMS

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1b. POWER OF ATTORNEY (PoA) HOLDER DETAILS

Name of PoA Mr. Ms. M/s.

PAN#/ PEKRN#

KYC Number

KYC # [Please tick (✓)] (Mandatory) ☐ Proof Attached

eAlerts Mobile

eDocs Email of PoA holder ^

IN CAPITALS

Please attach Proof. Refer instruction No 14 for PAN/PEKRN and No 16a for KYC (KRA). Refer instruction No 16b for KYC Identification Number issued by CKYCR.

1c. ADDITIONAL KYC DETAILS (Mandatory) (Refer instruction 3)

Occupation details for	1 st Applicant	2 nd Applicant	3 rd Applicant	Guardian	Politically Exposed Person (PEP) details:	Is a PEP	Related to PEP	Not Applicable
Private Sector Service	☐	☐	☐	☐	1 st Applicant	☐	☐	☐
Public Sector Service	☐	☐	☐	☐	2 nd Applicant	☐	☐	☐
Government Service	☐	☐	☐	☐	3 rd Applicant	☐	☐	☐
Business	☐	☐	☐	☐	Guardian	☐	☐	☐
Professional	☐	☐	☐	☐	Authorised Signatories	☐	☐	☐
Agriculturist	☐	☐	☐	☐	Promoters	☐	☐	☐
Retired	☐	☐	☐	☐	Partners	☐	☐	☐
Housewife	☐	☐	☐	☐	Karta	☐	☐	☐
Student	☐	☐	☐	☐	Whole-time Directors	☐	☐	☐
Proprietorship	☐	☐	☐	☐	Trustee	☐	☐	☐
Others (Please specify)								

Non-Individual Investors involved/ providing any of the mentioned services

☐ Foreign Exchange / Money Changer Services

☐ Gaming/Gambling/Lottery/Casino Services

☐ Money Lending / Pawning

☐ None of the above

Gross Annual Income Range (in Rs.)	1 st Applicant	2 nd Applicant	3 rd Applicant	Guardian
Below 1 lac	☐	☐	☐	☐
1-5 lac	☐	☐	☐	☐
5-10 lac	☐	☐	☐	☐

OR Networth in Rs. (not older than 1 year) (Mandatory for Non Individual)

as on

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1d. FATCA INFORMATION/ FOREIGN TAX LAWS (Self Certification) (Refer instruction 3D)

The below information is required for all applicant(s)/ guardian

Address Type: ☐ Residential or Business ☐ Residential ☐ Business ☐ Registered Office (for address mentioned in form/existing address appearing in Folio)

Category	First Applicant/Guardian in case of Minor	Second Applicant/ Guardian	Third Applicant
Place/ City of Birth			
Country of Birth			
Country of Tax Residency#			
Is the applicant(s)/guardian's Country of Birth/Citizenship/ Nationality/Tax Residency other than India? Please indicate all countries in which you are resident for tax purposes and the associated Tax Reference Numbers below*.	First Applicant/Guardian in case of Minor ☐ Yes ☐ No	Second Applicant/ Guardian ☐ Yes ☐ No	Third Applicant ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, please provide the following information [mandatory]

Category	First Applicant/Guardian in case of Minor	Second Applicant/ Guardian	Third Applicant
Tax Payer Ref. ID No ^			
Identification Type [TIN or other, please specify]			
Country of Tax Residency 2			
Tax Payer Ref. ID No. 2			
Identification Type [TIN or other, please specify]			
Country of Tax Residency 3			
Tax Payer Ref. ID No. 3			
Identification Type [TIN or other, please specify]			

#To also include USA, where the individual is a citizen/ green card holder of USA. In case of USA/ Canada citizens, kindly provide the mandatory annexures.

^ In case Tax Identification Number is not available, kindly provide its functional equivalent.

2. INVESTMENT DETAILS - [Please tick (✓)] (Refer Instruction 5)

☐ Regular Plan - Growth Option (Purchase/ Subscription routed through Distributor) Mention valid ARN in Key Partner/ Agent Information	☐ Direct Plan - Growth Option (Purchase/ Subscription routed through Distributor) Mention valid ARN in Key Partner/ Agent Information
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3. SCSB/ ASBA ACCOUNT DETAILS OF THE APPLICANT (Refer Instruction 20B) (Application Money to be blocked from this Account)

Pay-in Bank Account No.		Name of the Bank	
Branch		Bank City	
Account Type [Please tick (✓)]	☐ SAVINGS ☐ CURRENT ☐ NRE ☐ NRO ☐ FCNR ☐ OTHERS _____ (please specify)		

Total Amount to be blocked Amount in figures (Rs.) _____

in words (Rupees) _____

IFSC Code*** _____ The 9 digit MICR Code number of my/our Bank & Branch is** _____

4. BANK ACCOUNT (PAY-OUT) DETAILS OF FIRST / SOLE APPLICANT (Refer Instruction 4)

Fill in these details only if the ASBA Account details provided in Section 3 are different from the Bank Account details linked with the Demat account as mentioned under Section 5 below. Mandatory to attach proof, in case the pay-out bank account is different from the bank account mentioned under Section 3 above.

Account No.		Name of the Bank	
Branch		Bank City	
Account Type [Please tick (✓)]	☐ SAVINGS ☐ CURRENT ☐ NRE ☐ NRO ☐ FCNR ☐ OTHERS _____ (please specify)		

IFSC Code*** _____ MICR Code** _____

(Please note that as per SEBI Regulations it is mandatory for investors to provide their bank account details)

*** Refer Instruction 5C (Mandatory for Credit via NEFT / RTGS/ IMPS) (11 Character code appearing on your cheque leaf. If you do not find this on your cheque leaf, please check for the same with your bank)

** Refer Instruction 11 (The 9 digit code appears on your cheque next to the cheque number)

5. DEMAT ACCOUNT DETAILS - (Mandatory - Refer Instruction 11)

NSDL	CDSL
DP Name	
DP ID	
Beneficiary Account No.	

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6. NOMINATION FOR UNITS IN NON-DEMAT MODE (Mandatory for new folios. For existing folios, mandatory to follow instruction no. 13)
☐ I/We wish to make a nomination. [As per details given below]

OR ☐ I / We hereby confirm that I / We do not wish to appoint any nominee(s) for my mutual fund units held in my / our mutual fund folio and understand the implications / issues involved in non-appointment of any nominee(s) and am/ are further aware that in case of my demise / death of all the unit holders in the folio, my / our legal heir(s) would need to submit all the requisite documents issued by the Court or such other competent authority, as may be required by the Mutual Fund / AMC for settlement of death claim / transmission of units in favour of the legal heir(s), based on the value of the units held in the mutual fund folio/s.

I/We wish to make a nomination and do hereby nominate the following person(s) in the above specified folio(s) who shall receive all the assets held in my / our account/ folio in the event of my / our demise, as trustee and on behalf of my/ our legal heir(s)*. This nomination shall supersede any prior nomination made by us/me if any.

Nomination can be made upto three nominees in the account.		Details of 1st Nominee	Details of 2nd Nominee	Details of 3rd Nominee
Mandatory information				
1	Name of the nominee(s) (Mr./Ms.)			
2	Share of each Nominee[#]	%	%	%
3	Date of Birth (for Minor)	D D M M Y Y Y Y	D D M M Y Y Y Y	D D M M Y Y Y Y
4	Relationship with the Applicant (select one)	☐ Spouse ☐ Father ☐ Mother ☐ Daughter ☐ Son Others _____ (please specify)	☐ Spouse ☐ Father ☐ Mother ☐ Daughter ☐ Son Others _____ (please specify)	☐ Spouse ☐ Father ☐ Mother ☐ Daughter ☐ Son Others _____ (please specify)
5	Nominee/ Guardian (in case of Minor) Identification details [Please tick any one of the following and provide ID Number and no copies required].	☐ PAN ☐ Aadhaar (masked last 4 digits) ***** ☐ Passport (for NRIs/OCIs/PIOs) ☐ Driving License	☐ PAN ☐ Aadhaar (masked last 4 digits) ***** ☐ Passport (for NRIs/OCIs/PIOs) ☐ Driving License	☐ PAN ☐ Aadhaar (masked last 4 digits) ***** ☐ Passport (for NRIs/OCIs/PIOs) ☐ Driving License
6	Address of Nominee(s)/ Guardian in case of Minor [Tick ✓ if same as First Applicant, or provide the complete address if different] City / Place: State & Country Pincode:	☐ Same as First Applicant Pincode:	☐ Same as First Applicant Pincode:	☐ Same as First Applicant Pincode:
7	Mobile of nominee(s)/ Guardian in case of Minor			
8	Email ID of nominee(s)/ Guardian in case of Minor			
Non-mandatory details				
9	Nominee Guardian Name (in case Nominee is Minor)			
I / We want the details of my / our nominee to be printed in the statement of holding or statement of account, provided to me/ us by the AMC / DP as follows; (please tick, as appropriate) ☐ Name of nominee(s) with % ☐ Nomination: Yes / No (Default)				
This nomination shall supersede any prior nomination made by the account holder(s), if any				
Signature(s) – As per mode of holding in demat accounts / MF Folio(s).				
	Name of the Holder	Signature / Thumb Impression*		
Sole / First Holder (Mr./Ms.)	Name:	Signature /Thumb Impression:		
	Witness 1 Name & Address:	Witness 1 Signature:		
	Witness 2 Name & Address:	Witness 2 Signature:		
Second Holder (Mr./Ms.)	Name:	Signature /Thumb Impression:		
	Witness 1 Name & Address:	Witness 1 Signature:		
	Witness 2 Name & Address:	Witness 2 Signature:		
Third Holder (Mr./Ms.)	Name:	Signature /Thumb Impression:		
	Witness 1 Name & Address:	Witness 1 Signature:		
	Witness 2 Name & Address:	Witness 2 Signature:		
* Signature of witness, along with name and address are required, if the account holder affixes thumb impression, instead of signature. If % is not specified, then the assets shall be distributed equally among all the nominees. # Any odd lot after division shall be assigned / transferred to the first nominee mentioned in the form.				
Note: The Intermediary shall provide acknowledgement of the nomination form to the account holder(s)				

7. MODE OF PAYMENT OF REDEMPTION / IDCW PROCEEDS (Refer Instruction 9) [Please tick (✓)]

The redemption / IDCW proceeds will be directly credited to the investor's bank account.

8. RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES (For Institutional or corporate clients) (Refer instruction 19)

☐ Smart ODR **OR** ☐ by harnessing any independent institutional mediation, independent institutional conciliation and/or independent arbitration institution in India.

9. DECLARATION & SIGNATURE/S (refer instruction 12)

I / We have read, understood the terms and conditions of the scheme related documents and the addendum issued therein till date, Key Information Memorandum of the Schemes as well as the rules and regulations of SEBI, AMFI, Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 and such other regulations as may be applicable to me/us from time to time and agree to comply with the same as a Unitholder. I / We hereby apply to the Trustees for allotment of Units of the Scheme(s) of HDFC Mutual Fund ('Fund') and confirm and declare as under:

- (a) I/We am/are eligible Investor(s) as per the scheme related documents and not prohibited from accessing capital markets by any order/ruling / judgment etc. passed by SEBI/ Statutory Authority or Courts in India and Foreign laws. I am/We are authorised to make this investment as per the Constitutive documents/ authorization(s). The amount invested in the Scheme(s) is through legitimate sources only and is not for the purpose of contravention and/or evasion of any act, rules, regulations, notifications or directions issued by any regulatory authority in India.
- (b) I / We will be bound by the Fund's terms and conditions as amended from time to time.
- (c) The information given by me /us in or along with this application form is true and correct and I/we shall furnish such other further/additional information as may be required by the HDFC Asset Management Company Limited (AMC)/ Fund. I/We undertake to promptly inform the AMC / Fund/Registrars and Transfer Agent (RTA) in writing about any change in the information furnished by me/us from time to time.
- (d) I/We hereby authorize you to disclose, share, remit in any form/manner/mode the above information and/or any part of it including the changes/updates that may be provided by me/us to the Fund, its Sponsor/s, Trustees, Asset Management Company, its employees, agents and third party service providers, SEBI registered intermediaries for single updation/ submission, any Indian or foreign statutory, regulatory, judicial, quasijudicial authorities/agencies including but not limited to Financial Intelligence Unit-India (FIU-IND) etc without any intimation/advice to me/us.
- (e) I/We hereby consent for providing transactions data feed, portfolio holdings, NAV etc. in respect of my/our transactions under Direct Plan to the RIA/Portfolio Managers/ Stock Broker registered in the concerned folio, if applicable.
- (f) I/We shall be liable and responsible for any loss, claims suffered, directly or indirectly by AMC/ Fund/ RTA/ SEBI Intermediaries, arising out of any false, misleading, inaccurate and incomplete information furnished by me/us at the time or investing/redeeming the units. I/We hereby unconditionally and irrevocably indemnify and at all time keep indemnified, save and harmless AMC/Fund/Trustee and their officers, directors and employees against all actions, proceedings, claims, losses, damages, charges and expenses incurred or suffered /paid by AMC/Fund in this regard and in case of any dispute regarding the eligibility, validity and authorization of my/our transactions.
- (g) The ARN holder (AMFI registered Distributor) has disclosed to me/us all the commissions (in the form of trail commission or any other mode), payable to him/them for the different competing Schemes of various Mutual Funds from amongst which the Scheme is being recommended to me/us.
- (h) I/WE HEREBY CONFIRM THAT I/WE HAVE NOT BEEN OFFERED/ COMMUNICATED ANY INDICATIVE PORTFOLIO AND/ OR ANY INDICATIVE YIELD BY THE FUND/AMC/ITS DISTRIBUTOR FOR THIS INVESTMENT.**

Consent for Telemarketing (Refer Instruction 18):

I/We hereby accord my/our consent to HDFC AMC for receiving the promotional information/ material via email, SMS, telemarketing calls etc. on the mobile number and email provided by me/us in this Application Form.

Consent for disclosure of Personal Information in terms of Privacy Policy

I/We hereby confirm to have read, understood and agree to the terms of Privacy Policy (available on <https://www.hdfcfund.com>) ("Policy") of HDFC AMC/ Fund.

I/We hereby accord my/our consent to HDFC AMC/Fund for collecting, receiving, possessing, storing, dealing, handling or disclosure of my/ our Personal Data and hereby authorize to disclose it to the third party or another body corporate or any person acting under a lawful contract with HDFC AMC, in accordance with the Privacy Policy.

For Foreign Nationals Resident in India only:

I/We will redeem my/our entire investment/s before I/We change my/our Indian residency status. I/We shall be fully liable for all consequences (including taxation) arising out of the failure to redeem on account of change in residential status.

For NRIs/ PIO/ OCIs/ FPIs only:

I/We confirm that my application is in compliance with applicable Indian and foreign laws.

For NRIs/ PIO/OCIs Please (✓) ☐ Repatriation basis ☐ Non-repatriation basis

SIGN HERE ➡

(Please write Application Form No. / Folio No. on the reverse of the Cheque / Payment Instrument.)

First/ Sole Applicant/ Guardian/ PoA Holder

Second Applicant

Third Applicant

UBO Declaration (Mandatory for all entities except, a Publicly Traded Company or a related entity of Publicly Traded Company)

Category (Please tick applicable category): ☐ Unlisted Company ☐ Partnership Firm / LLP ☐ Unincorporated association / body of individuals ☐ Public Charitable Trust
☐ Private Trust ☐ Religious Trust ☐ Trust created by a Will ☐ Others (please specify_____)

Does your company/entity have any individual person(s) who holds direct/indirect controlling ownership above the prescribed threshold limit? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If 'YES' - We hereby declare that the following individual person holds directly / indirectly controlling ownership in our entity above the prescribed threshold limit. Details of such individual(s) are given below.

IF "NO" - We hereby declare that no individual person (directly / indirectly) holds controlling ownership in our entity above the prescribed threshold limit. Details of the individual who holds the position of Senior Managing Official (SMO) are provided below

Please list below the details of controlling person(s), confirming ALL countries of tax residency/permanent residency/citizenship and ALL Tax Identification Numbers for EACH controlling person(s). (Please attached additional sheets if necessary).

Owner-documented FI's should provide FI Owner Reporting Statement and Auditor's Letter with required details as mentioned in Form W8 BEN E (Refer 3(vi) of Part C)

Details	UB01	UB02	UB03
Name of UBO ^			
UBO Code (Refer 3(iv) (A) of Part C)			
Country of Tax residency ^ *			
PAN ^ #			
Tax ID ^ %			
Tax ID Type			
Date of Birth ^	DD/MM/YYYY	DD/MM/YYYY	DD/MM/YYYY
Place & Country of Birth ^	Place:	Place:	Place:
	Country:	Country:	Country:
Address Type	☐ Residence ☐ Business ☐ Registered office	☐ Residence ☐ Business ☐ Registered office	☐ Residence ☐ Business ☐ Registered office
Occupation Type	☐ Service ☐ Business ☐ Others _____	☐ Service ☐ Business ☐ Others _____	☐ Service ☐ Business ☐ Others _____
Nationality			
Politically Exposed Person (PEP) Details ^	☐ Is a PEP ☐ Related to PEP ☐ N. A.	☐ Is a PEP ☐ Related to PEP ☐ N. A.	☐ Is a PEP ☐ Related to PEP ☐ N. A.
SMO Designation ^			
KYC Complied?	Please attach the KYC acknowledgement®	Please attach the KYC acknowledgement®	Please attach the KYC acknowledgement®

^ Mandatory Fields

N. A. - Not Applicable

* To include US, where controlling person is a US citizen or green card holder

*If UBO is KYC compliant, KYC proof to be enclosed. Else TIN or any other functional equivalent identity proof & address proof must be attached. Position / Designation like Director / Settlor of Trust / Protector of Trust to be specified wherever applicable.

[%]In case Tax Identification Number (TIN) is not available, kindly provide functional equivalent.

* For Foreign National – wherever PAN is not applicable, identity proof (as declared in Tax ID) & address proof to be enclosed. If the documentary proof is in Foreign Language, it should be translated in English and should be attested by Indian Embassy of that country.

^{\$}Attach valid documentary proof like Shareholding pattern duly self attested by Authorized Signatory / Company Secretary

FATCA - CRS Terms and Conditions

The Central Board of Direct Taxes has notified Rules 114F to 114H, as part of the Income-tax Rules, 1962, which require Indian financial institutions to seek additional personal, tax and beneficial owner information and certain certifications and documentation from all our unit holders. In relevant cases, information will have to be reported to tax authorities/ appointed agencies. Towards compliance, we may also be required to provide information to any institutions such as withholding agents for the purpose of ensuring appropriate withholding from the account or any proceeds in relation thereto.

Should there be any change in any information provided by you, please ensure you advise us promptly, i.e., within 30 days.

Please note that you may receive more than one request for information if you have multiple relationships with us or our group entities. Therefore, it is important that you respond to our request, even if you believe you have already supplied any previously requested information.

If you have any questions about your tax residency, please contact your tax advisor. If any controlling person of the entity is a US citizen or resident or green card holder, please include United States in the foreign country information field along with the US Tax Identification Number.

It is mandatory to supply a TIN or functional equivalent if the country in which you are tax resident issues such identifiers. If no TIN is yet available or has not yet been issued, please provide an explanation and attach this to the form.

Certification

I/We have read and understood the information requirements and the Terms and Conditions mentioned in this Form (read alongwith the FATCA & CRS Instructions) and hereby confirm that the information provided by me/us on this Form is true, correct and complete. I/We hereby agree and confirm to inform HDFC Asset Management Company Limited/HDFC Mutual Fund/ Trustees for any modification to this information promptly. I/We further agree to abide by the provisions of the Scheme related documents inter alia provisions on 'Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) and Common Reporting Standards (CRS) on Automatic Exchange of Information (AEOI)'.

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PART C FATCA Instructions & Definitions

1. Financial Institution (FI)

The term FI means any financial institution that is a Depository Institution, Custodial Institution, Investment Entity or Specified Insurance company, as defined.

- Depository institution: is an entity that accepts deposits in the ordinary course of banking or similar business.
- Custodial institution: is an entity that holds as a substantial portion of its business, holds financial assets for the account of others and where its income attributable to holding financial assets and related financial services equals or exceeds 20 percent of the entity's gross income during the shorter of:
 - (i) The three financial years preceding the year in which determination is made; or
 - (ii) The period during which the entity has been in existence, whichever is less.
- Investment entity is any entity:
 - ✓ That primarily conducts a business or operates for or on behalf of a customer for any of the following activities or operations for or on behalf of a customer
 - (i) Trading in money market instruments (cheques, bills, certificates of deposit, derivatives, etc.); foreign exchange; exchange, interest rate and index instruments; transferable securities; or commodity futures trading; or
 - (ii) Individual and collective portfolio management; or
 - (iii) Investing, administering or managing funds, money or financial asset or money on behalf of other persons;
 - or
 - ✓ The gross income of which is primarily attributable to investing, reinvesting, or trading in financial assets, if the entity is managed by another entity that is a depository institution, a custodial institution, a specified insurance company, or an investment entity described above.

An entity is treated as primarily conducting as a business one or more of the 3 activities described above, or an entity's gross income is primarily attributable to investing, reinvesting, or trading in financial assets of the entity's gross income attributable to the relevant activities equals or exceeds 50 percent of the entity's gross income during the shorter of:

 - (i) The three-year period ending on 31 March of the year preceding the year in which the determination is made; or
 - (ii) The period during which the entity has been in existence.

The term "Investment Entity" does not include an entity that is an active non-financial entity as per codes 03, 04, 05 and 06 (refer point 2c.)

- Specified Insurance Company: Entity that is an insurance company (or the holding company of an insurance company) that issues, or is obligated to make payments with respect to, a Cash Value Insurance Contract or an Annuity Contract.

• FI not required to apply for GIIN:	
A. Reasons why FI not required to apply for GIIN:	
Code	Sub-category
01	Governmental Entity, International Organization or Central Bank
02	Treaty Qualified Retirement Fund; a Broad Participation Retirement Fund; a Narrow Participation Retirement Fund; or a Pension Fund of a Governmental Entity, International Organization or Central Bank
03	Non-public fund of the armed forces, an employees' state insurance fund, a gratuity fund or a provident fund
04	Entity is an Indian FI solely because it is an investment entity
05	Qualified credit card issuer
06	Investment Advisors, Investment Managers& Executing Brokers
07	Exempt collective investment vehicle
08	Trustee of an Indian Trust
09	FI with a local client base
10	Non-registering local banks
11	FFI with only Low-Value Accounts
12	Sponsored investment entity and controlled foreign corporation
13	Sponsored, Closely Held Investment Vehicle
14	Owner Documented FFI

2. Non-financial entity (NFE) - Entity that is not a financial institution

Types of NFEs that are regarded as excluded NFE are:

a. Publicly traded company (listed company)
A company is publicly traded if its stock are regularly traded on one or more established securities markets
(Established securities market means an exchange that is officially recognized and supervised by a governmental authority in which the securities market is located and that has a meaningful annual value of shares traded on the exchange)
b. Related entity of a publicly traded company
The NFE is a related entity of an entity of which is regularly traded on an established securities market;

c. Active NFE : (is any one of the following):	
Code	Sub-category
01	Less than 50 percent of the NFE's gross income for the preceding financial year is passive income and less than 50 percent of the assets held by the NFE during the preceding financial year are assets that produce or are held for the production of passive income;
02	The NFE is a Governmental Entity, an International Organization, a Central Bank, or an entity wholly owned by one or more of the foregoing;
03	Substantially all of the activities of the NFE consist of holding (in whole or in part) the outstanding stock of, or providing financing and services to, one or more subsidiaries that engage in trades or businesses other than the business of a Financial Institution, except that an entity shall not qualify for this status if the entity functions as an investment fund, such as a private equity fund, venture capital fund, leveraged buyout fund, or any investment vehicle whose purpose is to acquire or fund companies and then hold interests in those companies as capital assets for investment purposes;
04	The NFE is not yet operating a business and has no prior operating history, but is investing capital into assets with the intent to operate a business other than that of a Financial Institution, provided that the NFE shall not qualify for this exception after the date that is 24 months after the date of the initial organization of the NFE;
05	The NFE was not a Financial Institution in the past five years, and is in the process of liquidating its assets or is reorganizing with the intent to continue or recommence operations in a business other than that of a Financial Institution;
06	The NFE primarily engages in financing and hedging transactions with, or for, Related Entities that are not Financial Institutions, and does not provide financing or hedging services to any Entity that is not a Related Entity, provided that the group of any such Related Entities is primarily engaged in a business other than that of a Financial Institution;
07	Any NFE that fulfills all of the following requirements: - It is established and operated in India exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, artistic, cultural, athletic, or educational purposes; or it is established and operated in India and it is a professional organization, business league, chamber of commerce, labor organization, agricultural or horticultural organization, civic league or an organization operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare; - It is exempt from income tax in India; - It has no shareholders or members who have a proprietary or beneficial interest in its income or assets; The applicable laws of the NFE's country or territory of residence or the NFE's formation documents do not permit any income or assets of the NFE to be distributed to, or applied for the benefit of, a private person or non-charitable Entity other than pursuant to the conduct of the NFE's charitable activities, or as payment of reasonable compensation for services rendered, or as payment representing the fair market value of property which the NFE has purchased; and The applicable laws of the NFE's country or territory of residence or the NFE's formation documents require that, upon the NFE's liquidation or dissolution, all of its assets be distributed to a governmental entity or other non-profit organization, or escheat to the government of the NFE's country or territory of residence or any political subdivision thereof. Explanation.- For the purpose of this sub-clause, the following shall be treated as fulfilling the criteria provided in the said sub-clause, namely:- (I) an Investor Protection Fund referred to in clause (23EA); (II) a Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Small Industries referred to in clause 23EB; and (III) an Investor Protection Fund referred to in clause (23EC), of section 10 of the Act;

3. Other definitions

(i) Related entity An entity is a 'related entity' of another entity if either entity controls the other entity, or the two entities are under common control For this purpose, control includes direct or indirect ownership of more than 50% of the votes and value in an entity.
(ii) Passive NFE The term passive NFE means (1) any non-financial entity which is not an active non-financial entity including a publicly traded corporation or related entity of a publicly traded company; or (2) an investment entity defined in clause (1) of these instructions (3) a withholding foreign partnership or withholding foreign trust; (Note: Foreign persons having controlling interest in a passive NFE are liable to be reported for tax information compliance purposes)
(iii) Passive income The term passive income includes income by way of : (1) Dividends, (2) Interest (3) Income equivalent to interest, (4) Rents and royalties, other than rents and royalties derived in the active conduct of a business conducted, at least in part, by employees of the NFE (5) Annuities (6) The excess of gains over losses from the sale or exchange of financial assets that gives rise to passive income (7) The excess of gains over losses from transactions (including futures, forwards, options and similar transactions) in any financial assets, (8) The excess of foreign currency gains over foreign currency losses (9) Net income from swaps (10) Amounts received under cash value insurance contracts But passive income will not include, in case of a non-financial entity that regularly acts as a dealer in financial assets, any income from any transaction entered into in the ordinary course of such dealer's business as such a dealer.
(iv) Controlling persons Controlling persons are natural persons who exercise control over an entity and includes a beneficial owner under sub-rule (3) of rule 9 of the Prevention of Money-Laundering (Maintenance of Records) Rules, 2005. In the case of a trust, the controlling person means the settlor, the trustees, the protector (if any), the beneficiaries or class of beneficiaries, and any other natural person exercising ultimate effective control over the trust. In the case of a legal arrangement other than a trust, controlling person means persons in equivalent or similar positions. Pursuant to guidelines on identification of Beneficial Ownership issued vide SEBI circular no. CIR/MIRSD/2/2013 dated January 24, 2013, persons (other than Individuals) are required to provide details of Beneficial Owner(s) ('BO'). Accordingly, the Beneficial Owner means 'Natural Person', who, whether acting alone or together, or through one or more juridical person, exercises control through ownership or who ultimately has a controlling ownership interest of / entitlements to:

- (1) More than 10% of shares or capital or profits of the juridical person, where the juridical person is a company;
- (2) More than 10% of the capital or profits of the juridical person, where the juridical person is a partnership; or
- (3) More than 15% of the property or capital or profits of the juridical person, where the juridical person is an unincorporated association or body of individuals.

Where the client is a trust, the financial institution shall identify the beneficial owners of the client and take reasonable measures to verify the identity of such persons, through the identity of the settler of the trust, the trustee, the protector, the beneficiaries with 10% or more interest in the trust and any other natural person exercising ultimate effective control over the trust through a chain of control or ownership. Provided that in case of a trust, the reporting entity shall ensure that trustees disclose their status at the time of commencement of an account-based relationship or when carrying out transactions as specified in clause (b) of sub-rule (1) rule 9.

Where no natural person is identified the identity of the relevant natural person who holds the position of senior managing official.

(A) Controlling Person Type (UBO):

UBO Code	Sub-category
01	CP of legal person-ownership
02	CP of legal person-other means
03	CP of legal person-senior managing official
04	CP of legal arrangement-trust-settlor
05	CP of legal arrangement-trust-trustee
06	CP of legal arrangement-trust-protector
07	CP of legal arrangement-trust-beneficiary
08	CP of legal arrangement-trust-other
09	CP of legal arrangement-Other-settlor equivalent
10	CP of legal arrangement-Other-trustee equivalent
11	CP of legal arrangement-Other-protector equivalent
12	CP of legal arrangement-Other-beneficiary equivalent
13	CP of legal arrangement-Other-other equivalent

(v) Specified U.S. person – A U.S. person other than the following:

- (1) a corporation the stock of which is regularly traded on one or more established securities markets;
- (2) any corporation that is a member of the same expanded affiliated group, as defined in section 1471(e)(2) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code, as a corporation described in clause (i);
- (3) the United States or any wholly owned agency or instrumentality thereof;
- (4) any State of the United States, any U.S. Territory, any political subdivision of any of the foregoing, or any wholly owned agency or instrumentality of any one or more of the foregoing;
- (5) any organization exempt from taxation under section 501(a) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code or an individual retirement plan as defined in section 7701(a)(37) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code;
- (6) any bank as defined in section 581 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code;
- (7) any real estate investment trust as defined in section 856 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code;
- (8) any regulated investment company as defined in section 851 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code or any entity registered with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-64);
- (9) any common trust fund as defined in section 584(a) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code;
- (10) any trust that is exempt from tax under section 664(c) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code or that is described in section 4947(a)(1) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code;
- (11) a dealer in securities, commodities, or derivative financial instruments (including notional principal contracts, futures, forwards, and options) that is registered as such under the laws of the United States or any State;
- (12) a broker as defined in section 6045(c) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code; or
- (13) any tax-exempt trust under a plan that is described in section 403(b) or section 457(g) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

(vi) Owner documented FI

An FI meets the following requirements:

- (a) The FI is an FI solely because it is an investment entity;
- (b) The FI is not owned by or related to any FI that is a depository institution, custodial institution, or specified insurance company;
- (c) The FI does not maintain a financial account for any non participating FI;
- (d) The FI provides the designated withholding agent with all of the documentation and agrees to notify the withholding agent if there is a change in circumstances; and
- (e) The designated withholding agent agrees to report to the IRS (or, in the case of a reporting Model 1 IGA, to the relevant foreign government or agency thereof) all of the information described in or (as appropriate) with respect to any specified U.S. persons and (2). Notwithstanding the previous sentence, the designated withholding agent is not required to report information with respect to an indirect owner of the FI that holds its interest through a participating FI, a deemed-compliant FI (other than an owner-documented FI), an entity that is a U.S. person, an exempt beneficial owner, or an excepted NFE.

(vii) Direct reporting NFE

A direct reporting NFE means a NFE that elects to report information about its direct or indirect substantial U.S. owners to the IRS.

(viii) Exemption code for U.S. persons	
Code	Sub-category
A	An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a) or any individual retirement plan as defined in section 7701(a)(37)
B	The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities
C	A state, the District of Columbia, a possession of the United States, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities
D	A corporation the stock of which is regularly traded on one or more established securities markets, as described in Reg. section 1.1472-1(c)(1)(i)
E	A corporation that is a member of the same expanded affiliated group as a corporation described in Reg. section 1.1472-1(c)(1)(i)
F	A dealer in securities, commodities, or derivative financial instruments (including notional principal contracts, futures, forwards, and options) that is registered as such under the laws of the United States or any state
G	A real estate investment trust
H	A regulated investment company as defined in section 851 or an entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940
I	A common trust fund as defined in section 584(a)
J	A bank as defined in section 581
K	A broker
L	A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947(a)(1)
M	A tax exempt trust under a section 403(b) plan or section 457(g) plan

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