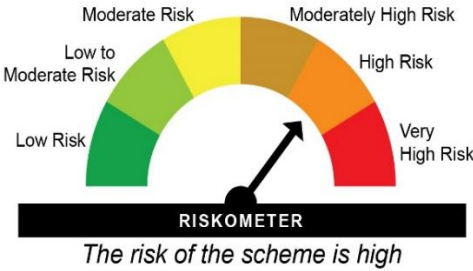
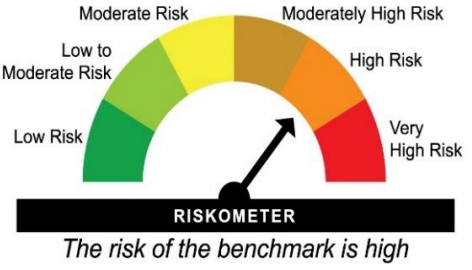


SCHEME INFORMATION DOCUMENT

HDFC Gold ETF

An open ended scheme replicating/tracking performance of Gold

BSE Scrip Code: 533230, NSE Symbol: HDFCGOLD

<p>This product is suitable for investors who are seeking*:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Returns that are commensurate with the performance of gold, subject to tracking errors, over long term. ● Investment in gold bullion of 0.995 fineness. 	<p>Scheme Riskometer#</p>  <p>RISKOMETER <i>The risk of the scheme is high</i></p>	<p>Benchmark Riskometer#</p> <p>Domestic Price of physical Gold</p>  <p>RISKOMETER <i>The risk of the benchmark is high</i></p>
<p>*Investors should consult their financial advisers, if in doubt about whether the product is suitable for them.</p> <p>#As on March 31, 2026. For latest riskometer, investors may refer to the Monthly Portfolios disclosed on the website of the Fund viz. www.hdfcfund.com</p>		

Continuous Offer of Units in Creation Unit Size at Intra-day NAV based prices

The units of the Scheme are listed on the National Stock Exchange of India Ltd. (NSE) and BSE Limited (BSE). All investors including Market Makers and Large Investors can subscribe (buy)/redeem (sell) units on a continuous basis on the NSE/BSE on which the Units are listed during the trading hours on all the trading days. In addition, Market Makers and Large Investors can directly subscribe to/redeem units of the Scheme on all Business Days with the Fund in 'Creation Unit Size' at Intra-day NAV based prices on an ongoing basis.

<p>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 of the entities:</p>	
<p>Asset Management Company (AMC): HDFC Asset Management Company Limited</p>	<p>Trustee Company: HDFC Trustee Company Limited</p>

Registered Office: HDFC House, 2nd Floor, H.T. Parekh Marg, 165-166, Backbay Reclamation, Churchgate, Mumbai - 400 020. CIN No: L65991MH1999PLC123027	Registered Office: HDFC House, 2nd Floor, H.T. Parekh Marg, 165-166, Backbay Reclamation, Churchgate, Mumbai - 400 020. CIN No. U65991MH1999PLC123026
Website of the entities: www.hdfcfund.com	

The particulars of the Scheme have been prepared in accordance with the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Mutual Funds) Regulations 2026, (herein after referred to as SEBI (MF) Regulations) as amended till date and circulars issued thereunder filed with SEBI, along with a Due Diligence Certificate from the AMC. The units being offered for public subscription have not been approved or recommended by SEBI nor has SEBI certified the accuracy or adequacy of the Scheme Information Document.

The Scheme Information Document sets forth concisely the information about the Scheme that a prospective investor ought to know before investing. Before investing, investors should also ascertain about any further changes to this Scheme Information Document after the date of this Document from the Mutual Fund/Investor Service Centres (ISCs)/Website/Distributors or Brokers.

The investors are advised to refer to the Statement of Additional Information (SAI) for details of HDFC Mutual Fund, Standard Risk Factors, Special Considerations, Tax and Legal issues and general information on www.hdfcfund.com

SAI is incorporated by reference (is legally a part of the Scheme Information Document). For a free copy of the current SAI, please contact your nearest Investor Service Centre or log on to our website www.hdfcfund.com

The Scheme Information Document (Section I and II) should be read in conjunction with the SAI and not in isolation.

This Scheme Information Document is dated April 22, 2026.

DISCLAIMER OF NSE:

As required, a copy of the Scheme Information Document had been submitted to National Stock Exchange of India Limited (hereinafter referred to as NSE). NSE has given vide its letter NSE/LIST/117752-Q dated September 4, 2009 read with listing circular no. NSE/ LIST/C/2010/0746 dated August 18, 2010 permission to the Mutual Fund to use the Exchange's name in the Scheme Information Document as one of the stock exchanges on which the Mutual Fund's Units are listed subject to, the Mutual Fund fulfilling the various criteria for listing. The Exchange has scrutinized the Scheme Information Document for its limited internal purpose of deciding on the matter of granting the aforesaid permission to the Mutual Fund. It is to be distinctly understood that the aforesaid permission given by NSE should not in any way be deemed or construed that the Scheme Information Document has been cleared or approved by NSE; nor does it in any manner warrant, certify or endorse the correctness or completeness of any of the contents of the Scheme

Information Document; nor does it warrant that the Mutual Fund's Units will be listed or will continue to be listed on the Exchange; nor does it take any responsibility for the financial or other soundness of the Mutual Fund, its promoters, its management or any scheme or project of the Mutual Fund.

Every person who desires to apply for or otherwise acquire any Units of the Mutual Fund may do so pursuant to independent inquiry, investigation and analysis and shall not have any claim against the Exchange whatsoever by reason of any loss which may be suffered by such person consequent to or in connection with such subscription/acquisition whether by reason of anything stated or omitted to be stated herein or any other reason whatsoever.

DISCLAIMER OF BSE:

"BSE Ltd. ("the Exchange") has given vide its letter dated July 14, 2010 read with listing circular DCS/IPO/NP/MF-IP/600/2010-11 dated August 18, 2010 permission to HDFC Mutual Fund to use the Exchange's name in this SID as one of the Stock Exchanges on which this Mutual Fund's Units are proposed to be listed. The Exchange has scrutinized this SID for its limited internal purpose of deciding on the matter of granting the aforesaid permission to HDFC Mutual Fund. The Exchange does not in any manner:

- i) warrant, certify or endorse the correctness or completeness of any of the contents of this SID; or
- ii) warrant that this scheme's units will be listed or will continue to be listed on the Exchange; or
- iii) take any responsibility for the financial or other soundness of this Mutual Fund, its promoters, its management or any scheme or project of this Mutual Fund;

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SECTION I

Part I. HIGHLIGHTS/SUMMARY OF THE SCHEME

Sr. No.	Title	Description
I.	Name of the Scheme	HDFC Gold ETF (HGETF)
II.	Category of the Scheme	Exchange Traded Fund
III.	Scheme Type	An open ended scheme replicating / tracking performance of Gold.
IV.	SEBI Scheme Code	HDFC/O/O/GET/10/06/0019
V.	Investment Objective	<p>The investment objective of the Scheme is to generate returns that are in line with the performance of the gold, subject to tracking errors.</p> <p>There is no assurance that the investment objective of the Scheme will be achieved.</p>
VI.	Liquidity/ Listing details	<p>Transactions on the Stock Exchange:</p> <p>The Units of HDFC Gold ETF (HGETF) are listed on the Capital Market Segment of the National Stock Exchange of India Ltd. (NSE) and BSE Limited (BSE). All investors including Market Makers, Large Investors and Regulated Entities can subscribe (buy) / redeem (sell) Units on a continuous basis on the NSE and BSE on which the Units are listed during the trading hours on all the trading days.</p> <p>The price of the HGETF Units in the secondary market on the Stock Exchange(s) will depend on demand and supply at that point of time. There is no minimum investment, although Units are normally traded in round lots of 1 Unit.</p> <p>AMC has appointed at least two Market Makers (MMs), who are members of the Stock Exchanges or such other persons as permitted by SEBI to act as Market Makers, to provide continuous liquidity on the stock exchange where the units of ETF are listed. The Market Makers offer two-way quotes (buy and sell quotes) in the secondary market for ensuring liquidity in the ETF Units.</p> <p>Further, the AMC reserves the right to modify Market Makers on an ongoing basis.</p> <p>Transactions directly with the Fund by Market Makers/Large Investors/ Regulated Entities:</p> <p>Market Makers, Large Investors and Regulated Entities can directly subscribe to / redeem Units on all Business Days with the Fund at Intraday NAV as described under section 'Purchase of HGETF Units in Creation Unit Size directly with the Fund' under heading 'How HDFC</p>

		<p>Gold ETF (HGETF) WORKS?’ in Section I, Part II. A of this Scheme Information Document.</p> <p>Intra-day NAV means the NAV applicable for subscription/redemption transaction by a Market Maker/Large Investor, based on the price at which the purchase/sale of commodity representing the Underlying Index was executed for their respective transaction(s) during the day and shall include the Cash Component. Additionally, transaction handling charges, if any, will have to be borne by the Market Maker/ Large Investor.</p> <p>Redemption of units directly with the Mutual Fund during Liquidity Window:</p> <p>Investors can directly approach the AMC for redemption of units of ETFs, for transactions of upto Rs. 25 Crores without any exit load, in case of the following scenarios:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Traded price (closing price) of the ETF units is at discount of more than 1% to the day end NAV for 7 continuous trading days, or ii. No quotes for such ETFs are available on stock exchange(s) for 3 consecutive trading days, or iii. Total bid size on the exchange is less than half of Creation Units Size daily, averaged over a period of 7 consecutive trading days. <p>Such instances shall be tracked by the AMC on an ongoing basis and in case any of the above mentioned scenario arises, the same shall be disclosed on the website of the Mutual Fund.</p> <p>In the event of above, valid applications received by the fund upto the cut-off time will be processed on the basis of the closing NAV of the day of receipt of request and for valid applications received after cut-off time, the closing NAV of the next Business Day shall be applicable.</p> <p>Please refer to para ‘Settlement of Purchase/Sale of Units of the Scheme on NSE and BSE’ and ‘Rolling Settlement’ under section ‘Cut off timing for subscriptions/redemption/switches’ for further details.</p> <p>Dematerialization</p> <p>The Units of the Scheme will be issued, traded and settled compulsorily in dematerialized (electronic) form. Investors intending to invest in Units of the ETF will be required to have a beneficiary account with a Depository Participant (DP) of NSDL/CDSL.</p>
<p>VII. Benchmark (Total Return Index)</p>		<p>Domestic Price of Physical Gold. The benchmark is also referred to as “Underlying Index” in this document.</p> <p>The above Index has been chosen as the benchmark as required under Clause 4.2.6 of Master Circular.</p>
<p>VIII. NAV Disclosure</p>		<p>The AMC will calculate and disclose the NAVs under the Scheme at the close of every Business Day and shall update the NAVs on the website of the Fund and AMFI by 11.00 p.m. every Business day or by 09:00 a.m.</p>

		<p>of the following calendar day in case of investments by the Scheme in Exchange Traded Commodity Derivatives (ETCDs).</p> <p>Indicative NAV (iNAV):</p> <p>Indicative NAV (iNAV) is the ‘per unit NAV’ based on the current market value of Scheme’s portfolio during the trading hours of the ETF. iNAVs shall be disclosed on a continuous basis on Stock Exchange (s), where the units of the ETF are listed and traded during the trading hours and shall be updated based on the latest available data for Gold. Accordingly, iNAV disclosed for the Scheme may either be static or dynamic depending upon the availability of the underlying price.</p> <p>iNAV will not have any bearing on the creation or redemption of units directly with the Fund by the Market Makers / Large Investors / Regulated Entities.</p> <p>For further details refer Section II.</p>
IX.	Applicable Timelines	<p>Redemption: 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.</p>
X.	Plans and Options	<p>Presently the Scheme does not offer any Plans/Options for investment. However, the AMC/Trustee reserve the right to introduce investment Plans/Options under the Scheme at a future date in accordance with SEBI (MF) Regulations.</p> <p>The AMC/Trustee also reserves the right to discontinue/withdraw any option/investment plan, if deemed fit.</p>
XI.	Load Structure	<p>Exit Load: Not Applicable.</p>
XII.	Minimum Application Amount/ Switch In	<p>A. On the Stock Exchange: All categories of investors may purchase the Units of the Scheme through the Stock Exchange(s) on which the units of the Scheme are listed, on any trading day in round lot of one (1) Unit and multiples thereof at prices which are quoted on the exchanges. Note: Allotment of units will be done after deduction of applicable stamp duty, if any.</p> <p>B. Directly with the Fund: Market Makers/Large Investors:</p> <p>On an ongoing basis, Market Makers and Large Investors* may approach the Fund directly for subscription / redemption of units of the ETF at the Intra-Day NAV in multiples of Creation Unit size. Additionally, the transaction handling charges, if any, will have to be borne by the Market Maker/Large Investor.</p> <p>*The minimum application amount for Large Investors shall be Rs. 25 Crores (apart from the requirement of the application being in multiples of Creation Unit Size).</p>
XIII.	Minimum Additional Purchase Amount	
XIV.	Minimum Redemption Amount/ Switch Out Amount	

		<p>Market Makers: Application for subscription of HDFC Gold ETF (HGEFT) Units directly with the Fund in Creation Unit Size at Intra-day NAV based prices in exchange of (i) Cash and Cash Component or (ii) Portfolio Deposit and Cash Component.</p> <p>Large Investors / Regulated Entities: Application for subscription of HGEFT Units directly with the Fund in Creation Unit Size at Intra-day NAV based prices by payment of requisite Cash and Cash Component as determined by the AMC only by means of payment instruction of Real Time Gross Settlement (RTGS)/National Electronic Funds Transfer (NEFT) or Funds Transfer Letter/Transfer Cheque of a bank where the Scheme has a collection account.</p> <p>Redemption of Units in Creation Unit Size will be allowed by means of exchange of Portfolio Deposit i.e. Withdrawal or in Cash.</p> <p>Each “Creation Unit” consists of 1,20,000 Units of the Scheme. Each Unit of the Scheme will be approximately equal to 0.01 gram of Gold. The value of the “Creation Unit” is 1 kilogram of physical Gold or in multiple thereof called as the “Portfolio Deposit” and a “Cash Component” which will be exchanged for 1,20,000 Units of the Scheme. The Fund may from time to time change the size of the Creation Unit as per regulatory requirements.</p> <p>Redemption directly with the Fund during Liquidity Window: Minimum 1 Unit. Refer point VI “Liquidity / Listing Details” above.</p>
XV.	Segregated Portfolio	Currently, the scheme does not have enabling provision to create segregated portfolio. For details, kindly refer SAI.
XVI.	Stock Lending/Short Selling	<p>The Scheme may engage in gold lending, and / or deposit gold with banks in return for fees as and when permitted by SEBI.</p> <p>The Scheme shall not engage in Short Selling.</p> <p>Further, the Scheme shall undertake such other transactions in accordance with guidelines issued by SEBI from time to time.</p> <p>For details, kindly refer SAI.</p>
XVII.	How to Apply and other details	<p>The applications filled up and duly signed by the Market Makers/Large Investors/ Regulated Entities should be submitted at the ISCs (AMC branches) whose addresses are available on the website of the AMC i.e. www.hdfcfund.com. Applications may also be submitted electronically at the relevant points of acceptance such as designated email ids of the AMC, etc.</p> <p>For further details, refer Section II.</p>
XVIII.	Investor Services	<p>Contact details for general service requests:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • call at 1800 3010 6767/1800 419 7676 (toll free), or • e-mail: hello@hdfcfund.com or • Investors may contact / visit any of the Investor Service Centres (ISCs) of the AMC; or

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • post their feedback/suggestions on our website www.hdfcfund.com under the section 'Contact Us' → Get in touch → Write to us <p>Contact details for complaints resolution:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • call at 1800 3010 6767/1800 419 7676 (toll free) • e-mail: hello@hdfcfund.com • For any grievances with respect to transactions through NSE/BSE, the investors/Unit Holders should approach the investor grievance cell of the stock exchange.
XIX.	Creation Unit Size, Portfolio Deposit, Cash Component	<p>Each "Creation Unit Size" consists of 1,20,000 Units of the Scheme. Each Unit of the Scheme will be approximately equal to 0.01 gram of Gold. The value of the "Creation Unit" is 1 kilogram of physical Gold or in multiple thereof called as the "Portfolio Deposit" and a "Cash Component" which will be exchanged for 1,20,000 Units of the Scheme.</p> <p>Portfolio Deposit will be in predefined quantity (i.e. weighing 1 Kg) and in multiples of 1 Kg and purity (fineness) of 995 parts per 1,000 (99.5%) of physical gold. The value of Portfolio Deposit will change due to changes in the prices during the day.</p> <p>'Cash Component' represents the difference between Net Assets Value (NAV) and the closing market price of underlying commodity i.e. physical Gold, as at the end of previous business day.</p> <p>For further details, refer Para titled "How HDFC Gold ETF (the ETF Works)" in Section I, Part II (A) of this SID.</p>
XX.	Special products available on Ongoing basis	<p>Systematic Investment Plan (SIP), Systematic Transfer Plan (STP), Systematic Withdrawal Advantage Plan (SWAP), Transfer of Income Distribution Cum Capital Withdrawal (IDCW) Plan Facility, HDFC Flexindex Plan and HDFC Swing Systematic Transfer Plan are not available under this Scheme.</p>
XXI.	Weblink	<p>Click here for Total Expense Ratio (TER) - https://www.hdfcfund.com/statutory-disclosure/total-expense-ratio-of-mutual-fund-schemes/reports</p> <p>Click here for factsheet/ Index Solution Factsheet - https://www.hdfcfund.com/investor-services/factsheets</p>

DUE DILIGENCE BY THE ASSET MANAGEMENT COMPANY

It is confirmed that:

- (i) The Scheme Information Document submitted to SEBI is in accordance with the SEBI (Mutual Funds) Regulations, 2026 and the guidelines and directives issued by SEBI from time to time.
- (ii) All legal requirements connected with the launching of the Scheme as also the guidelines, instructions, etc., issued by the Government and any other competent authority in this behalf, have been duly complied with.
- (iii) The disclosures made in the Scheme Information Document are true, fair and adequate to enable the investors to make a well informed decision regarding investment in the Scheme.
- (iv) The intermediaries named in the Scheme Information Document and Statement of Additional Information are registered with SEBI and their registration is valid, as on date.
- (v) The contents of the Scheme Information Document including figures, data, yields etc. have been checked and are factually correct.
- (vi) The AMC has complied with the compliance checklist applicable for Scheme Information Documents and there are no deviations from the regulations.
- (vii) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Scheme Information Document, the provisions of the SEBI (Mutual Funds) Regulations, 2026 and the guidelines there under shall be applicable.

Date: April 22, 2026

Place : Mumbai

Name: Supriya Sapre

Designation: Chief Compliance Officer

Part II. INFORMATION ABOUT THE SCHEME

A. HOW WILL THE SCHEME ALLOCATE ITS ASSETS?

Instruments	Indicative allocations (% of total assets)	
	Minimum Allocation	Maximum Allocation
Gold#	95	100
Debt Securities & Money Market Instruments, units of Debt Schemes of Mutual Funds*	0	5

#includes physical Gold and other Gold related instruments which may be permitted by SEBI from time to time as per Clause 4.2 of the Master Circular.

The cumulative gross exposure through gold, gold related instruments, debt, derivative positions (including commodity derivatives as and when permitted under the Scheme), repo transactions in corporate debt securities, other permitted securities/assets and such other securities/assets as may be permitted by the Regulator from time to time should not exceed 100% of the net assets of the scheme.

*It may be noted that the margin placed for taking exposure to ETCDs are generally lower than the ETCD exposure limit considered for the purposes of monitoring investment limits and therefore, the residual cash (i.e. ETCD exposure less placement of margin towards participation in ETCDs) are placed in cash and cash equivalents in the interest of investors. The said placement in cash and cash equivalents shall not be considered as part of the limit of 0% to 5% allocated towards Debt Securities & Money Market Instruments, units of Debt Schemes of Mutual Funds.

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 / 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 Fund Regulation
2.	Repo in permitted corporate debt securities	Upto 10% of the net assets	Clause 13.8 of Master Circular
3.	Short Term deposits	As per regulatory limits	Clause 8 of Sixth Schedule of SEBI Mutual Fund Regulation and Clause 13.7 of Master Circular
4.	Mutual Fund Units	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As per regulatory limits Upto 5% of the net assets of the Mutual Fund (i.e. across all the schemes of the Fund) 	Clause 3 of Sixth Schedule of SEBI Mutual Fund Regulation and Clause 13.14.1 of Master Circular

5.	Gold related instruments such as Gold Deposit Scheme (GDS) of banks, Gold Monetization Scheme (GMS) and ETCD having gold as the underlying	As per regulatory limits	Clause 4.2.13 of Master Circular
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The Scheme will not make any investment in-

Sr.No	Types of Instruments
1.	Debt Derivatives
2.	Foreign Debt Securities
3.	Credit Default Swaps
4.	Short Selling
5.	Bespoke or complex debt products such as Securitized Debt, Structured obligations (SO rating) and/or credit enhanced debt (CE rating), Securities with special features such as 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
6.	Unlisted debt instrument
7.	Inter scheme transactions i.e. transfers
8.	Unrated debt and money market instruments (except G-Secs, T-Bills and other money market instruments)

Change in Asset Allocation Pattern / Portfolio Rebalancing

The Scheme, out of the funds allocated shall primarily invest in Gold (includes physical Gold and other Gold related instruments which may be permitted by Regulator from time to time) and shall invest in debt and money market securities, only to the extent necessary to meet the liquidity requirements for honouring repurchase / redemptions / expenses.

Expectation is that, over a period of time, the tracking error of the Scheme relative to the performance of the Underlying commodity will be relatively low. The AMC would monitor the tracking error of the Scheme on an ongoing basis and would seek to minimize tracking error to the maximum extent possible.

The tracking error i.e. the standard deviation of the difference in daily returns between the NAV of the Scheme and the underlying commodity annualized over 1 year period based on past one year rolling data shall not exceed 2%. In case of unavoidable circumstances in the nature of force majeure, which are beyond the control of the AMCs, the tracking error may exceed 2% and the same shall be brought to the notice of Trustees with corrective actions taken by the AMC, if any.

In case the Scheme is in existence for a period of less than one year, the annualized standard deviation shall be calculated based on available data.

The Scheme shall disclose the tracking error based on past one year rolling data, on a daily basis, on the website of the AMC and AMFI.

Upon completion of 1 year of the Scheme, tracking difference i.e. the difference of returns between the Scheme and the commodity, annualized over 1 year, 3 year, 5 year, 10 year and since the scheme inception period shall be disclosed on the website of the AMC and AMFI, on a monthly basis.

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. These proportions may vary substantially depending upon the perception of the AMC, 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, such changes in the investment pattern will be for short term and only for defensive considerations.

INTRODUCTION TO GOLD EXCHANGE TRADED FUND (GETF)

Gold as an Asset Class

For thousands of years, gold has been valued as a global currency, a commodity, an investment and simply an object of beauty.

As financial markets developed rapidly during the 1980s and 1990s, gold receded into the background. Recent years have seen a striking increase in investor interest in gold. While a sustained price rally, underpinned by the fact that demand consistently outstrips supply, is clearly a positive factor in this resurgence, there are many reasons why people and institutions around the world are once again investing in gold.

Gold and Inflation

The value of gold, in terms of the real goods and services that it can buy, has remained largely stable for many years. Gold's real price has endured a century characterised by sweeping change, inflation and repeated geopolitical shocks. Despite all challenges, it has retained its purchasing power.

Investors in gold can point to a growing body of research supporting gold's reputation as a protector of wealth against the ravages of inflation. Market cycles come and go, but extensive research from a range of economists has demonstrated that, over the long term, through both inflationary and deflationary periods, gold has consistently maintained its purchasing power.

Gold and Portfolio Diversification

Asset allocation is an important aspect of any investment strategy. By balancing asset classes of different correlations, investors hope to maximise returns and minimise risk.

To counter adverse movements in a particular asset or asset class, many investors now strive to achieve more effective diversification in their portfolios by incorporating alternative investments such as commodities. While gold has been the only investment option so far in the commodity space, gold has also emerged as an investment option.

Gold offers enhanced diversification opportunities relative to many alternative assets. Independent studies have shown that while alternative assets and traditional diversifiers often fail during times of market stress or instability, even a small allocation to gold may also significantly improve the consistency of portfolio performance during both stable and unstable financial periods.

Gold and Risk

Financial instruments usually carry three main types of risk.

- **Credit risk:** the risk that a debtor will not pay

- **Liquidity risk:** the risk that the asset cannot be sold as a buyer cannot be found.
- **Market risk:** the risk that the price will fall due to a change in market conditions.

Gold is unique in that it does not carry a credit risk. Gold is no one's liability. There is no risk that a coupon or a redemption payment will not be made, as for a bond, or that a company will go out of business, as for an equity. And unlike a currency, the value of gold cannot be affected by the economic policies of the issuing country or undermined by inflation in that country. At the same time, 24-hour trading, a wide range of buyers - from the jewellery sector to financial institutions to manufacturers of industrial products - and the wide range of investment channels available, including coins and bars, jewellery, futures and options, exchange-traded funds, certificates and structured products, make liquidity risk very low. The gold market is deep and liquid, as demonstrated by the fact that gold can be traded at narrower spreads and more rapidly than many competing diversifiers or even mainstream investments.

Gold is of course subject to market risk, as is clear from the experience of the 1980s when the gold price declined sharply. But many of the downside risks associated with the gold price are very different to the risks associated with other assets, a factor which enhances gold's attractiveness as a portfolio diversifier. For example, should a central bank announce its intention to engage in substantial sales of gold, as happened prior to the Central Bank Gold Agreement in 1999, this would be unlikely to have an impact on equity returns but could reasonably be expected to affect the gold price in the short run. Similarly, the specific risks to which bonds and equities are exposed, including pressure on the health of the government and corporate sector during an economic downturn, are not shared by gold.

Exchange-traded Gold

Gold-backed securities

Gold is traded in the form of securities on stock exchanges in Australia, France, Hong Kong, Japan, Mexico, Singapore, South Africa, Switzerland, Turkey, the United Kingdom and the United States. By design, these forms of securitised gold investment and all regulated financial products, generally referred to as Exchange Traded Commodities or Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs), are expected to track the gold price almost perfectly. Unlike derivative products, the securities are 100% backed by physical gold held mainly in allocated form.

Benefits of Gold ETFs

- Can be easily bought/sold like any other stock on the exchange through terminals spread across the country.
- Can be bought/sold anytime during market hours at prices that are expected to be close to actual NAV of the Scheme. Thus, investor invests at real-time prices as opposed to end of day prices.
- No separate form filling for buying/selling units. It is just a phone call to your broker or a click on the net.
- Ability to put limit orders.
- Minimum investment for a Gold ETF is one unit.
- Protects long-term investors from the inflows and outflows of short-term investors.
- Helps in increasing liquidity of underlying Gold market.
- An investor can get a consolidated view of his investments without adding too many different account statements, as the units will be in demat form.

Uses of Gold ETFs

- No need to hold physical Gold
- Units are issued in demat form, thereby reducing risk of holding physical Gold.
- Allows easy asset allocation for Large Investor

- Investors with a shorter term horizon have liquidity due to ability to trade during the day and expected to have quotes near NAV during the course of trading day on an exchange where the units of the ETF are listed.

Source: www.gold.org

Comparison of Gold ETF with Physical Gold is given in the illustrative chart below:

Sr No	Parameter	Jeweller	Bank	Gold ETF
1	How Gold is held	Physical (Bars/Coins)	Physical (Bars/Coins)	Dematerialized (Electronic Form)
2	Pricing	Differs from one to another. Neither transparent nor standard.	Differs from bank to bank. Not Standard.	Linked to International Gold Prices and very transparent
3	Buying Premium above Gold price	Likely to be more	Likely to be more	Likely to be less
4	Making Charges	Charges are incurred	Charges are incurred	No Charges are incurred
5	Impurity Risk	High	Nil	Nil
6	Storage Requirement	Locker/Safe	Locker/Safe	Demat Account
7	Security of Asset	Investor is responsible	Investor is responsible	Fund House takes the responsibility
8	Resale	Conditional and uneconomical	Banks do not buy back	At Secondary Market Prices
9	Convenience in Buying/Selling	Less convenient, as Gold needs to be moved physically	Less convenient, as Gold needs to be moved physically	More Convenient, as held in electronic form under the demat account
10	Quantity to Buy/Sell	Available in standard denomination	Available in standard denomination	Minimum is 1 gram according to the fund
11	Bid Ask Spread	Very High	Can't Sell Back	Very Low
12	Risk of Theft	Yes, possible	Yes, possible	No, Not possible

How HDFC Gold ETF (HGETF) (the ETF) WORKS

Issue of Units

- Each Unit of HGETF will be approximately equal to 0.01 gram of Gold
- As HGETF are listed on the NSE and/or BSE, investors can buy or sell Units of HGETF from the secondary market on the Stock Exchange(s). The minimum number of Units that can be bought or sold on the Stock Exchange(s) is 1 (one) Unit.
- Alternatively, Market Makers and Large Investors can directly buy/sell HGETF Units from the Fund in 'Creation Unit' size, as defined below.

'Creation Unit Size' is the number of Units of HGETF, which is exchanged against a predefined quantity and purity of physical Gold called the Portfolio Deposit and a Cash Component. For redemption of Units it is vice versa i.e. a fixed number of Units of Scheme are exchanged for Portfolio Deposit and Cash Component. The Portfolio Deposit and Cash Component may change from time to time and is discussed separately under this Scheme Information Document.

Each “Creation Unit” consists of 1,20,000 Units of HGETF. Each Unit of HGETF will be approximately equal to 0.01 gram of Gold. The value of the “Creation Unit” is 1 kilogram of physical Gold or in multiple thereof called as the “**Portfolio Deposit**” and a “Cash Component” which will be exchanged for 1,20,000 Units of HGETF.

‘**Cash Component**’ represents the difference between Net Assets Value (NAV) and the closing market price of underlying commodity i.e. physical Gold, as at the end of previous business day.

This difference includes accrued annual charges, management fees, accrued interest income earned by the Scheme, if any, and residual cash in the Scheme. In addition, the Cash Component will include transaction cost as charged by the Custodian/DP and other incidental expenses for Creating Units including statutory levies, if any. Cash Component will also include exit load, if applicable.

The Cash Component will vary from time to time and will be decided and announced by the AMC at the beginning of a Business Day and will apply to all transactions for that day.

I. Purchase of HGETF Units in Creation Unit Size directly with the Fund:

A) Market Makers:

1. Market Makers may submit an application for purchase of HGETF Units in Creation Unit Size to the AMC on any Business Day, within the applicable cut-off timing for NAV applicability.
2. By submitting the application the Market Makers agree to transfer (deposit) the Portfolio Deposit (i.e. physical Gold) and the Cash Component (if any) in the Scheme’s account. The physical deposit of Gold and Cash Component is explained below. The day on which the application is submitted is referred to as the ‘T’ day.
3. Market Makers are required to transfer (deposit) the Portfolio Deposit (i.e. physical Gold) to the Custodian before the applicable cut-off time, while the balance Cash Component, if any has to be paid to the AMC only by means of payment instruction of Real Time Gross Settlement (RTGS)/National Electronic Funds Transfer (NEFT) or Funds Transfer Letter/Transfer Cheque of a bank where the Scheme has a Operations account.
4. The total amount of Gold and/or equivalent Cash Component if any required for creation of Units in Creation Unit Size will be based on the prorata amount of the NAV of the Scheme (i.e. 0.01 gram gold) represented by the Creation Units (1,20,000) being created determined on the day the request to create is placed by the Market Makers.
5. As per the agreement with Custodian for physical Gold, Custodian will accept physical Gold only if the Gold is in compliance with the Good Delivery norms as specified by in the Regulations which are as under:
 - a) Original Assay Certificate;
 - b) Bar list from the refiner;
 - c) relevant shipping documents (airway bill and customs invoice) establishing that the Gold has been shipped directly from a Good London Refiner using an accredited international shipping company on a door to door basis through one of the accredited agencies; and
 - d) such other documents that the Custodian may require from time to time so as to adequately indicate the purity of the Gold deposited with it.

The Custodian will ensure that all Gold deposited with it is accompanied by the above documents and that the Gold bars indicate that the fineness is 995 or above.
6. On having credited the Scheme’s account with the Gold deposits in the physical form, the custodian will confirm to the AMC of vaulting of Gold and in turn AMC instructs the registrar the total number of units to be created and upon realization of the Cash Component, the creation of Units will be at the Intra-day NAV of the scheme on T day (i.e. the date on which application was made by Market Makers within the applicable cut-off timing).
7. The Registrar & Transfer Agent will then allocate the Units in proportion of the amount received from the Market Makers and will credit the Units to the demat account of the Market Makers.

B) Large Investors:

1. On an ongoing basis, Large Investors* may approach the Fund directly for subscription of units of the ETF at the Intra-Day NAV in multiples of Creation Unit size. Additionally, the transaction handling charges, if any, will have to be borne by the Market Maker/Large Investor.
*The minimum application amount for Large Investors shall be Rs. 25 Crores (apart from the requirement of application being in multiples of Creation Unit Size).
2. Large Investors can apply to the AMC for creation of Units in Creation Unit Size at Intra-day NAV by payment of requisite cash as determined by AMC only by means of payment instruction of Real Time Gross Settlement (RTGS) / National Electronic Funds Transfer (NEFT) or Funds Transfer Letter / Transfer Cheque of a bank where the Scheme has a collection account. **The AMC will not accept Portfolio Deposit (i.e. physical gold) from the Large Investors.**
3. On receipt of confirmation from the Custodian of crediting the Scheme's account with the Gold deposits purchased by the AMC on behalf of the Large Investor, AMC will instruct the Registrar & Transfer Agent the total number of Units to be created and upon realization of the requisite cash, the creation of Units will be at Intra-day NAV of the scheme on T day (i.e. the date on which application was made by Large Investors within the applicable cut-off timing).

The role of the AMC is of a facilitator to the Market Makers/Large Investors/ Regulated Entities to purchase/sell Gold on their behalf for the purpose of creating/redeeming HGETF Units in Creation Unit Size.

The Portfolio Deposit and/or Cash Component for HGETF may change from time to time due to change in NAV.

The Scheme shall meet its expenses out of the cash held and in case the cash is insufficient to meet expenses, the Scheme may be required to sell the Portfolio Deposit to meet the Scheme expenses resulting into Portfolio Deposit being lower than the Units allotted under the Scheme.

The Fund may from time to time change the size of the Creation Unit in order to equate it with marketable lots of the underlying instruments.

Portfolio Deposit

Portfolio Deposit will be in predefined quantity (i.e. weighing 1 Kg) and in multiples of 1 Kg and purity (fineness) of 995 parts per 1,000 (99.5%) of physical gold. The quantity and purity (fineness) of physical gold will be defined and announced by the AMC from time to time.

II. Redeeming of HGETF Units in Creation Unit Size directly with the Fund:

1. The procedure by which an Market Makers/Large Investors/ Regulated Entities can redeem HGETF Units in Creation Unit Size will mirror the procedure for the creation of HGETF Units.
2. Market Makers and Large Investors* may make a redemption request to the AMC directly for redemption of units of the ETF at the Intra-Day NAV in multiples of Creation Unit size. Additionally, the transaction handling charges, if any, will have to be borne by the Market Maker/Large Investor. Such request may be made on any Business Day in a duly filled redemption form, within the applicable cut-off timing for NAV applicability.
*The minimum application amount for Large Investors shall be Rs. 25 Crores (apart from the requirement of application being in multiples of Creation Unit Size).
3. By placing the redemption request, the Market Makers/ Large Investors/ Regulated Entities agree to transfer the requisite number of HGETF Units in Creation Unit Size to the Scheme's DP accounts on T+0 business days.
4. The request for redemption by Market Makers/Large Investors/ Regulated Entities needs to be enclosed with the delivery order used in the depository system duly acknowledged by the DP with whom the

Market Makers/Large Investors/ Regulated Entities has a depository account stating the number of HGETF Units transferred to the Scheme's DP account.

5. After successful verification of the redemption request, the AMC will instruct the Custodian to transfer the Portfolio Deposit i.e. Withdrawal of physical Gold to the custody account of Market Makers/Large Investors/ Regulated Entities and remit/collect the Cash Component after adjusting transaction handling charges, other applicable charges and the difference between the applicable NAV and closing price of Gold.
6. The expenses associated with taking the physical delivery of Gold will have to be borne by Market Makers/Large Investors/ Regulated Entities.
7. The delivery of physical Gold to Market Makers/Large Investors will be made at the location of the Custodian within the jurisdiction of Maharashtra, Gujarat or any other State approved by management..
8. The redemption price for redemption of Units in Creation Unit Size will be at the Intra-day NAV on the redemption request date subject to cut-off timing limits.
9. Redemption proceeds will be sent to Market Makers/ Large Investors/ Regulated Entities within 3 working days of the date of redemption subject to confirmation with the depository records of the Scheme's DP account.

Creation/Redemption of HGETF Units facility (for Cash Directly):

HDFC Mutual Fund shall allow only cash purchases of HGETF Units in Creation Unit Size by Large Investors. Such investors shall make creation request to the Fund where upon the Fund will arrange to purchase the underlying physical Gold. The role of the AMC is of a facilitator to the Large Investors to purchase Gold on their behalf for the purpose of creating HGETF Units in Creation Unit Size.

Also, the Fund provides for cash redemption of HGETF Units in Creation Unit Size by Market Makers/Large Investors/ Regulated Entities. On receipt of such redemption requests the Fund will arrange to sell physical Gold on behalf of the Market Makers/Large Investors/ Regulated Entities. Accordingly, the sale proceeds of physical Gold after adjusting necessary charges/costs and exit load, if any will be remitted to the Market Makers/Large Investors/ Regulated Entities.

The creation/redemption request for cash can be made to the Fund in a duly filled application/transaction form.

Application/Transaction form for Creation/Redemption for HGETF Units in 'Creation Unit Size' can be obtained from any of the ISCs/Official Points of Acceptance of the AMC.

The minimum number of HGETF Units that can be created/ redeemed for Cash directly with the Fund will be announced by the Fund from time to time. In the event of change in 'Creation Unit Size', the Fund shall provide Large Investors a one time exit window to exercise the redemption (repurchase) of their existing holding of Units of HGETF created directly with the Fund in the prevailing Creation Unit Size without payment of exit load. On closure of the exit window, redemption (repurchase) made directly with the Fund shall be in the new Creation Unit Size.

Example of computation of Cash Component for Creation/ Redemption of Units in Creation Unit Size:

As explained above, the Creation Unit is made up of 2 components i.e. Portfolio Deposit and Cash Component. The Portfolio Deposit will be determined by the Fund. The Portfolio Deposit will be physical Gold and will be for 1 kg and in multiples of 1 kg. The value of Portfolio Deposit will change due to changes in the prices during the day.

The total amount of Gold and/or equivalent Cash Component if any required for creation of Units in Creation Unit Size will be based on the prorata amount of the NAV of the Scheme represented by the Creation Units (i.e. 120,000 Units) being created determined on the day the request to create is placed by the Market Makers

Number of Units comprising one Creation Unit	A	120,000.00
NAV per Unit (as at the end of the Previous Business Day)	B	41.73
Value of one Creation Unit	C	5,008,050.12
Closing price per 0.01 gram of Gold on the previous Business Day	D	38.87
Value of Portfolio Deposit (physical Gold of 1 kg) (AxD)	E	4,664,346.95
Cash Component # (C-E)	F	343,703.17

The above is just an example to illustrate the calculation of Cash Component.

Cash Component will vary depending upon the accrued interest, income earned by the Scheme, the actual charges incurred like Custodial Charges and other incidental charges for creating Units and will include the difference between the purchase/sale price and closing price of Portfolio Deposit for creation/redemption of HGETF Units in Creation Unit Size.

The AMC shall disclose at the start of each Business Day the Portfolio Deposit and Cash Component for subscription and redemption of HGETF Units in Creation Unit Size on its website www.hdfcfund.com and the same would be applicable for subscribing and redeeming Units in Creation Unit Size for that Business Day only.

Buying/Selling through the Stock Exchange:

Buying/Selling Units on the Stock Exchange is just like buying/ selling any other normal listed securities. If an investor has bought Units, an investor has to pay the purchase amount to the broker/sub-broker such that the amount paid is realised before the funds pay-in day of the settlement cycle on the Exchange. If an investor has sold Units, an investor has to deliver the Units to the broker/sub-broker before the securities pay-in day of the settlement cycle on the Exchange.

The Units (in case of Units bought) and the funds (in the case of Units sold) are paid out to the broker on the payout day of the settlement cycle on the Exchange. The trading member would pay the money or deliver the Units to the investor in accordance with time prescribed by the Stock Exchange regulations.

If an investor has bought Units, he should give standing instructions for 'Delivery-In' to his/her DP for accepting Units in his/her beneficiary account. An investor should give the details of his/her beneficiary account and the DP-ID of his/her DP to his/her trading member. The trading member will transfer the Units directly to his/her beneficiary account on receipt of the same from Exchange's clearing corporation.

An investor who has sold Units should instruct his/her Depository Participant (DP) to give 'Delivery Out' instructions to transfer the Units from his/her account to the trading member account through whom he/she have sold the Units. The details of the pool A/c of his/her trading member to which the Units are to be transferred, Unit quantity etc. should be mentioned in the delivery out instructions given by him/her to the DP. The instructions should be given will before the prescribed securities pay-in day. SEBI has advised that the delivery out instructions should be given atleast 24 hours prior to the cut off time for the prescribed securities pay in to avoid any rejection of instructions due to data entry errors, network problems, etc.

The above procedure relating to purchase and sale of Units by different types of investors/Market Makers in the HDFC Gold ETF is tabulated for easy reference:

(A) Market Makers and Large Investors	Subscription/Purchase	Redemption/Sale
Market Makers	<p>On any Business Day within the applicable cut-off timing, applications along with physical Gold* (i.e. Creation Unit Size of minimum 1 kg) and/or Cash Component.</p> <p>* The gold should be of fineness of 995 parts per 1,000 (99.5%)</p> <p>On any Business Day within the applicable cut-off timing, application along with the requisite Cash (including cash Component) as determined by AMC for creation of Units in Creation Unit Size paid only by means of payment instruction of Real Time Gross Settlement (RTGS)/National Electronic Funds Transfer (NEFT) or Funds Transfer Letter/Transfer Cheque of a bank where the Scheme has a collection account.</p>	<p>On any Business Day within the applicable cut-off timing limits, redemption requests in Creation Unit Size, where upon the Fund will transfer the Portfolio Deposit i.e. Withdrawal of physical Gold to the custody account of Market Makers and/or the Cash Component as requested by the Market Makers</p> <p>On any Business Day within the applicable cut-off timing limits, redemption requests in Creation Unit Size, where upon the Fund will transfer the funds including/the Cash Component as requested by the Market Makers.</p>
Large Investors	<p>On any Business Day within the applicable cut-off timing, application along with the requisite Cash (including cash Component) as determined by AMC for creation of Units in Creation Unit Size paid only by means of payment instructions of Real Time Gross Settlement (RTGS)/National Electronic Funds Transfer (NEFT) or Funds Transfer Letter/Transfer Cheque of a bank where the Scheme has a collection account.</p>	<p>On any Business Day within the applicable cut-off timing limits, redemption requests in Creation Unit Size, where upon the Fund will transfer the funds including/the Cash Component as requested by the Large Investors.</p>
Market Makers/ Large Investors	<p>In addition, Market Makers and Large Investors can subscribe (buy)/redeem (sell) Units on a continuous basis on the stock exchange(s) on which the HGETF Units are listed.</p>	
Applicable NAV	<p>Applicable Intra-day NAV as per uniform cut off timing.</p>	<p>Applicable Intra-day NAV as per uniform cut off timing.</p>
Role of Market Makers	<p>Give two way quotes in the secondary market. Stands as a seller for a buy order.</p>	<p>Give two-way quotes in the secondary market. Stands as a buyer against a sell order.</p>
Role of Large Investor	<p>Only an investor- no other role in the Scheme operations.</p>	<p>Only an investor- no other role in the Scheme operations.</p>

(B) Other Investors	Subscription/Purchase	Redemption/Sale
Other investors	Only through the stock exchange(s) on which the HGETF Units are listed.	Only through the stock exchange(s) on which the HGETF Units are listed.

Procedure for Redemption directly with the Mutual Fund during Liquidity Window:

The Scheme shall announce a Liquidity Window on its website, in following scenarios:

- i. Traded price (closing price) of the ETF units is at discount of more than 1% to the day end NAV for 7 continuous trading days, or
- ii. No quotes for such ETFs are available on stock exchange(s) for 3 consecutive trading days, or
- iii. Total bid size on the exchange is less than half of Creation Units Size daily, averaged over a period of 7 consecutive trading days.

During the Liquidity Window, Investors may tender their redemption request to their Depositories Participants for redemption at Applicable NAV, for transactions upto Rs 25 Crores. Redemptions up to 3.00 p.m. on any Business Day, shall be processed by the Fund at the closing NAV of the day and those received thereafter on that day will be processed at the closing NAV of the next Business Day. In such cases, redemption proceeds shall be credited to the bank account linked to unitholder's demat account.

Market Makers:

AMC has appointed at least two Market Makers (MMs), who are members of the Stock Exchanges or such other persons as permitted by SEBI to act as Market Makers, to provide continuous liquidity on the stock exchange where the units of ETF are listed. The Market Makers offers two-way quotes (buy and sell quotes) in the secondary market for ensuring liquidity in the ETF Units.

Further, the AMC reserves the right to modify Market Makers on an ongoing basis.

Custodian

I. Deutsche Bank A.G.

Deutsche Bank House,
Haziralal Somani Marg,
Fort, Mumbai - 400 001

The Trustee has appointed Deutsche Bank A.G. as the custodian of Portfolio Deposit (i.e. Physical Gold) for HDFC Gold ETF. Deutsche Bank A.G. is SEBI approved Custodian having Registration No IN/CUS/003. The registration of the Custodian is valid and effective.

The Custodian shall hold the custody and possession of the Portfolio Deposit of the Scheme and will discharge all the functions as are ordinarily discharged by a Custodian.

It does not have any power or authority to sell or dispose of or deal with the Portfolio Deposit held by it on behalf of the Scheme except as instructed by the AMC. The Trustee reserves the right to change the Custodian for Portfolio Deposit, if required.

The salient features of the Custodial Agreement and responsibilities of Custodian would inter-alia include:

1. keeping Portfolio Deposit belonging to the Scheme in safe custody and holding the same either in the name of the Trustee A/c - HDFC Gold ETF or in such other manner as may be mutually agreed.
2. ensuring smooth inflow/outflow of Portfolio Deposit as and when necessary, as per the instruction by the AMC.

3. ensuring that the benefits due to the holdings (i.e. Portfolio Deposit) of the Scheme are recovered in time.
4. responsibility for loss of/or damage to the Portfolio Deposit due to fraud, bad faith, negligence, willful neglect, default, or willful default on his part or on the part of its approved agents.
5. appointment of Sub-Custodian which is eligible to act as a Custodian of Portfolio Deposit of the Scheme under applicable laws and regulations, with the prior consent of Trustee.

The Custodian will be entitled to remuneration for its services in accordance with the terms of Custodian Agreement.

II. SBI-SG Global Securities Services Private Limited

“B wing”, Jeevan Seva Annex Bldg., Ground Floor,
S.V. Road, Santacruz (West), Mumbai-400 054,
SEBI Registration No. IN/CUS/022

The Trustee has appointed SBI-SG Global Securities Services Private Limited as Custodian of Securities/Instruments (other than Portfolio Deposit) held by HDFC Gold ETF. The Custodian, in accordance with the Custodian Agreement entered into with the Trustee and AMC, shall act and discharge its duties and responsibilities.

B. WHERE WILL THE SCHEME INVEST?

The Scheme will invest in securities as mentioned below. The investments will be made as per the limits specified in the asset allocation table of the Scheme, subject to permissible limits laid under SEBI (MF) Regulations or any other applicable laws and guidelines.

- Gold bullion - fineness (or purity) of 995 parts per 1,000 (99.5%) or higher. Investments in Gold bullion will be as per the limits specified in the asset allocation table.
- Investments in gold related instruments which include Exchange Traded Commodity Derivatives
- Scheme may invest in GMS, GDS of banks notified by RBI and subject to clause 4.2.13 of Master Circular, as amended from time to time.
- The Scheme also may engage in Gold lending, and/ or deposit Gold with banks in return for fees as and when permitted by SEBI.
- Debt and Money Market Instruments
- Short Term Deposits
- Units of mutual funds

Any other instruments as may be permitted by RBI / SEBI from time to time, subject to necessary regulatory approvals.

For detailed disclosures, kindly refer Section II.

C. WHAT ARE THE INVESTMENT STRATEGIES?

The investment objective of the Scheme is to generate returns that are in line with the performance of Gold, subject to tracking error.

The Scheme may invest in Gold and Gold related instruments (which include Exchange Traded Commodity Derivatives (ETCDs) having Gold as the underlying and derivatives, Sovereign Gold Bonds etc. as and when SEBI / RBI permits) and intends to track the spot price of Gold. Investment in Debt securities and money market instruments 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.

The Scheme may also invest in the debt schemes of Mutual Funds.

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.

RISK CONTROL: Investments made from the net assets of the Scheme would be in accordance with the investment objective of the Scheme and the provisions of the SEBI (MF) Regulations. The AMC will strive to achieve the investment objective by way of a judicious portfolio mix comprising Gold and instruments related to Gold (which include Exchange Traded Commodity Derivatives (ETCDs) having gold as the underlying and derivatives as and when permitted by SEBI), Debt Securities and Money Market Instruments. Investments in Gold and Gold related instruments would be primarily assessed with regard to its fineness. The AMC will endeavour to address the key risks associated with investments in Gold Bullion as under:

Quality and Purity Risk

- Physical Gold purchased by the Scheme will be of fineness (or purity) of 995 parts per 1,000 (99.5%) or higher. In case of physical settlement of ETCDs, the gold purity and fineness will be as per the good delivery norms by the recognized stock exchange(s) which are used for settlement of physical gold delivered under ETCD contracts.
- Custodian will accept physical Gold only if the Gold is in compliance with the Good Delivery norms as specified in the Regulations and in case of physical settlement of ETCDs, the gold quality as prescribed under good delivery norms of the recognised stock exchange(s).

Passive Investments

HGETF is a passively managed fund that shall be investing substantial portion of its assets in physical Gold and tracking its performance to the price of Gold. Therefore, irrespective of decline/rise in prices of physical Gold, HGETF shall remain invested in Gold and being a passively managed fund, no active calls based on outlook of Gold prices will be taken by the Fund.

Custody risk

There is a risk that part or all of the physical Gold belonging to the Scheme could be lost, damaged or stolen. In order to ensure safety, the said Gold will be stored with custodian in its vaults. In order to mitigate the risks associated with handling, storing and safekeeping of physical Gold necessary insurance covers are taken by custodians.

Tracking Error

The tracking error is the annualised standard deviation of the difference in daily returns between domestic price of physical Gold and the NAV of HDFC Gold ETF annualized over 1 year period.

In case of unavoidable circumstances in the nature of force majeure which are beyond the control of the AMC, the tracking error may exceed 2%, and the same shall be brought to the notice of Trustees with corrective actions taken by the AMC, if any.

Tracking error could be the result of a variety of factors including but not limited to:

- Delay in the purchase or sale of Gold due to:
 - Illiquidity of Gold,
 - Delay in realisation of sale proceeds,
 - Creating a lot size to buy the required amount of Gold
- The Scheme may buy or sell the Gold at different points of time during the trading session at the then prevailing prices which may not correspond to its closing prices.

- The potential for trades to fail, which may result in the Scheme not having acquired Gold at a price necessary to track the benchmark price.
- The holding of a cash position and accrued income prior to distribution of income and payment of accrued expenses.
- Disinvestments to meet redemptions, recurring expenses etc.
- Execution of large buy/sell orders
- Transaction cost (including taxes and insurance premium) and recurring expenses
- Realisation of Unit holders' funds.

Tracking error due to movement in prices of physical Gold will impact the performance of the Scheme. However, the Scheme will endeavour to keep tracking error as low as possible by:

- Use of Gold related derivative instruments, as and when allowed by SEBI (MF) Regulations
- Rebalancing of the portfolio.
- Setting off of incremental subscriptions against redemptions.

Every investment opportunity in Debt and Money Market Instruments would be assessed with regard to credit risk, interest rate risk and liquidity risk.

1. Credit Evaluation Policy:

The credit evaluation policy of the AMC entails evaluation of credit fundamentals of each investment opportunity. Some of the factors that are evaluated inter-alia may include outlook on the sector, parentage, quality of management, and overall financial strength of the credit. The AMC utilizes ratings of recognised rating agencies as an input in the credit evaluation process.

2. Interest Rate Risk:

An interest rate scenario analysis would be performed on an on-going basis, considering the impact of the developments on the macro-economic front and the demand and supply of funds. Based on the above analysis, the AMC would manage the investments of the Scheme on a dynamic basis to exploit emerging opportunities in the investment universe and manage risks at all points in time.

3. Liquidity Risk:

The AMC will attempt to reduce liquidity risk by investing in securities that would result in a staggered maturity profile of the portfolio, investment in structured securities that provide easy liquidity and securities that have reasonable secondary market activity. In the event of a requirement to liquidate all or a substantial part of these investments in a very short duration of time, the AMC may not be able to realize the full value of these securities to an adverse impact on the Net Asset Value of the Scheme. Please refer to section “**Right to Restrict Redemption**” under Section “**Restrictions, if any, on the right to freely retain or dispose of units being offered**” for further details.

While these measures are expected to mitigate the above risks to a large extent, there can be no assurance that these risks would be completely eliminated.

PORTFOLIO TURNOVER

Portfolio Turnover measures the volume of trading that occurs in a Scheme's portfolio (Gold in this scheme) during a given time period. The Scheme is an open-ended Exchange Traded Fund. It is therefore expected that there would be a number of subscriptions and redemptions on a daily basis through Stock Exchange(s) or with HDFC Mutual Fund directly by Market Makers and Large Investors that may require purchase or sale of Gold. In view of the nature of the Scheme, it is difficult to estimate with any reasonable measure of accuracy, the likely turnover in the portfolio. A higher portfolio turnover results in higher brokerage and transaction cost.

D. HOW WILL THE SCHEME BENCHMARK ITS PERFORMANCE?

Domestic Price of Physical Gold

The benchmark for the Scheme is the domestic price of physical gold. Performance comparisons for the Scheme will be made vis-à-vis the Benchmark. However, the Scheme's performance may not be strictly comparable with the performance of the Benchmark, due to the inherent differences in the construction of the portfolio.

The Trustee reserves right to change the benchmark for performance of the scheme in conformity with the investment objectives and appropriateness of the benchmark subject to SEBI (MF) Regulations, and other prevailing guidelines, if any by suitable notification to the investors to this effect.

E. WHO MANAGES THE SCHEME?

The details of dedicated Fund Manager of the Scheme are as follows:

Name, Age & tenure [^]	Educational Qualifications	Experience (last 10 years)	Other Fund(s) Managed*
Bhagyesh Kagalkar 58 Years Tenure for managing the Scheme: 4 Years 1 Month	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B.E (Production) • MMS (Finance) 	Collectively over 31 years experience in Equity Research, investments and Finance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 3, 2007 till Date: HDFC Asset Management Company Limited 	1. HDFC Multi-Asset Active FOF (co-managed Scheme) 2. HDFC Silver ETF 3. HDFC Multi-Asset Fund (co-managed Scheme)

* excluding Overseas investments if any.

[^]Cut-off date considered for calculation of tenure is March 31, 2026.

F. HOW IS THE SCHEME DIFFERENT FROM EXISTING SCHEMES OF THE MUTUAL FUND?

The following list consists of existing open-ended Commodity ETFs of HDFC Mutual Fund

Sr. No.	Scheme Name
1.	HDFC Silver ETF
2.	HDFC Gold ETF

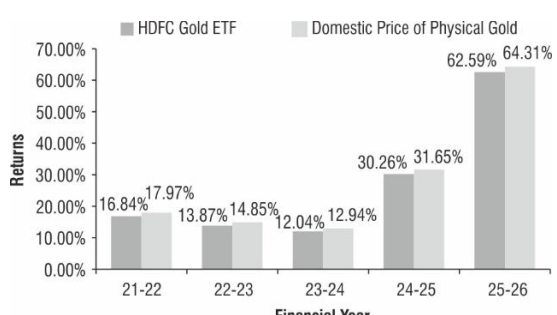
For comparison between various schemes of HDFC Mutual Fund

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G. HOW HAS THE SCHEME PERFORMED?

Performance of the Scheme (as at March 31, 2026)

The performance of the Scheme shall be benchmarked against Domestic Prices of Physical Gold

HDFC Gold ETF			Absolute returns for each financial year for last 5 years [^]																		
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[^] Past performance may or may not be sustained in the future
Returns greater than one year are compounded annualized (CAGR).
*Inception Date: 13-8-10
[#]Domestic Prices of Physical Gold
Since inception returns are calculated on Rs. 18.0033 (allotment price).

For Riskometer of Scheme and Benchmark, kindly refer cover page

H. ADDITIONAL SCHEME RELATED DISCLOSURES

- Scheme's portfolio holdings- <https://www.hdfcfund.com/statutory-disclosure/portfolio/monthly-portfolio>
- Exposure to Top 7 issuers, stocks, groups and sectors: In monthly Portfolio above or in Factsheet. <https://www.hdfcfund.com/investor-services/factsheets> – Not Applicable for this Scheme
- Portfolio Disclosure – Monthly - <https://www.hdfcfund.com/statutory-disclosure/portfolio/monthly-portfolio>
- Addendums – <https://www.hdfcfund.com/statutory-disclosure/form-disclosures/addenda-notices>
- Portfolio Turnover Ratio – Not Applicable for this Scheme.
- Aggregate investment in the Scheme by:

Sr. No.	Category of Persons Scheme's Fund Manager(s)	Net Value*		Market Value (in Rs.)
		Units	NAV per unit	
1	Bhagyesh Kagalkar	-	-	-

*includes mandatory investments under SEBI guidelines, if any

For disclosure with respect to investments by key personnel and AMC directors including regulatory provisions in this regard, kindly refer SAI.

INVESTMENT BY THE AMC IN THE SCHEME

The AMC may invest in the Scheme during the continuous offer period subject to the SEBI (MF) Regulations. The AMC may also invest in other existing Schemes of the Mutual Fund. As per the existing SEBI (MF) Regulations and circulars issued thereunder, the AMC will not charge Investment Management and Advisory fee on the investment made by it in the Scheme or other existing Schemes of the Mutual Fund.

For details of existing mandatory investments by AMC in various schemes, visit - <https://www.hdfcfund.com/statutory-disclosure/mandatory-investment-amc>

Part III. OTHER DETAILS

A. COMPUTATION OF NAV

The Net Asset Value (NAV) per Unit of the Scheme will be computed by dividing the net assets of the Scheme by the number of Units outstanding under the Scheme on the valuation date. The AMC will value its investments according to the valuation norms, as specified in Schedule VII of the SEBI (MF) Regulations, or such norms as may be specified by SEBI from time to time and as stipulated in the Valuation Policy and Procedures of the Fund, provided in SAI available on website.

In case of any conflict between the Principles of Fair Valuation and valuation guidelines specified by SEBI, the Principles of Fair Valuation shall prevail.

NAV of Units of under the Scheme shall be calculated as shown below:

$$\text{NAV (Rs.) per Unit} = \frac{\text{Market or Fair Value of the Scheme's Investments} + \text{Current Assets} - \text{Current Liabilities and Provisions}}{\text{No. of Units outstanding under each Scheme}}$$

The NAV of the Scheme will be calculated and disclosed at the close of every Business Day.

The NAV of the Scheme will be calculated upto 4 decimals.

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.

Valuation of Gold:

The Scheme will invest in physical Gold. Since physical Gold and other permitted instruments linked to Gold are denominated in Gold tonnage, it will be valued based on the market price of Gold in the domestic market and will be marked to market on a daily basis. The market price of Gold in the domestic market on any Business Day would be arrived at as under.

Value of Gold:

The physical gold held by the mutual fund schemes shall be valued using the polled spot prices published by the recognized stock exchanges which are used for settlement of physically delivered gold derivatives contracts. The Multi Commodity Exchange of India Limited ('MCX') is the recognized stock exchange for the purpose of valuation of physical gold.

In case the MCX spot prices are not available or if the prices as stated above do not represent fair price, any other appropriate source may be used as agreed upon by valuation committee to determine the fair price of physical gold.

Illustration for Computation of NAV:

NAV for the Scheme shall be calculated as shown below:

Particulars	Amount (In INR)
Investments (at Market Value)	10,000.00
Current Assets	
GST Receivables	300
Receivable from Market Makers / Large Investor	400
Trades Receivables	1,500
Total Assets (A)	12,200
Current Liabilities	
Trade Payables	1,058
Expense Payable	100
TCS Payable/ Receivable	200
Total Liabilities (B)	1,358
Net Assets (C) (A – B)	10,842
Units Outstanding (D)	1,000
NAV per unit (C/D) (in 4 decimals)	₹ 10.8420

B. ANNUAL SCHEME RECURRING EXPENSES

These are the fees and expenses for operating the scheme. These expenses include Investment Management and Advisory Fee charged by the AMC, Registrar and Transfer Agents' fee, marketing and selling costs etc. as given in the table below. The expenses shall be subject to the base expense limits, brokerage limits, transaction cost and statutory levies permissible under these regulations.

The AMC has estimated that upto 0.90% of the daily net assets of the scheme will be charged to the scheme as expenses. For the actual expenses being charged, the investor should refer to the website of the AMC www.hdfcfund.com.

The Base Expense Ratio (**BER**) of the Scheme shall include (a) Investment and Advisory fees under Regulation 66 (4); (b) Recurring scheme expenses under Regulation 66 (5); and (c) Charges/ commission/

fees related to distribution of mutual fund schemes under Regulation 66 (6) but shall exclude statutory levies applicable, if any, on the said expenses and transaction cost specified under Regulation 66 (10).

The base expenses charged to the Scheme shall not exceed the limits stated in Regulation 66 of the SEBI (MF) Regulations and as permitted under SEBI Circulars issued from time to time.

Any expenditure in excess of the base limits specified in these regulations shall be borne by the AMC or the trustees or sponsors. If any expense of the scheme is borne by AMC or by the trustee or sponsors, the same shall be done only after the investment and advisory fees charged to the scheme, if any, is fully reversed.

Various fees, expenses, charges and statutory levies that would be charged to the Scheme:

Expense Head	% of daily net assets (estimated) (p.a.)
Investment Management and Advisory Fees ¹	Upto 0.90%
Audit Fees	
Fees and Expenses of trustees ²	
Custodian Fees	
Registrar & Transfer Agent Fees including cost of providing account statements / IDCW / redemption cheques/ warrants	
Marketing & Selling expenses including fees, commission and charges towards distribution of mutual fund schemes ³	
Cost of statutory advertisements	
Cost related to Investor Communications	
Cost of fund transfer from location to location	
Cost towards investor education awareness and financial inclusion ⁴	
Brokerage & transaction cost on value of trades ^{5 6}	
Other Expenses such as listing fees etc. (as per Reg 66 of SEBI MF Regulations)	
Maximum total expense ratio (TER) permissible under Regulation 67⁷	Refer Note 7 below
Statutory levies (including GST) on all expenses excluding brokerage and transaction cost ⁸	At Applicable rates
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Notes:

¹There shall be no internal sub-limits within the expense ratio for expense heads mentioned under Regulation 66 (4) and (5) viz. Investment Management and Advisory Fees and various sub-heads of recurring expenses, respectively.

² Trustee Fees and Expenses

In accordance with the Trust Deed constituting the Mutual Fund, the Trustee is entitled to receive, in addition to the reimbursement of all costs, charges and expenses, a quarterly fee computed at a rate not exceeding 0.10% per annum of the daily net assets of the Scheme(s) or a sum of Rs. 15,00,000 per annum, whichever is higher. However, the Trustee may charge any fee amount within the rate/amount as specified hereto. Such fee shall be paid to the Trustee within seven working days from the end of each quarter every year, namely, within 7 working days from June 30, September 30, December 31 and March 31 of each year. The

Trustee may charge further expenses as permitted from time to time under the Trust Deed and SEBI (MF) Regulations.

³ Marketing and Selling Expenses

The Scheme shall not incur any distribution expenses and no commission shall be paid by the Scheme.

⁴ Investor Education and Awareness initiatives

As per clause 20.5.2 of Master Circular, the AMC shall set apart 5% of the total BER charged to the Scheme, subject to maximum 0.5 bps of AUM under the Scheme within the limits of base expenses prescribed under Regulation 66 of SEBI (MF) Regulations. These funds shall be utilized as per the guidelines issued by SEBI and AMFI from time to time.

⁵Brokerage incurred for the purpose of execution of trade shall be charged to the schemes as provided under Regulation 66 (9) upto 6 bps and 2 bps of the trade value for cash market transactions and derivatives transactions (if permitted under the scheme) respectively. Any payment towards brokerage over and above the said 6 bps and 2 bps shall be part of the Base Expense Ratio (BER) limit (excluding statutory levies) as prescribed under Regulation 66 (7).

⁶Pursuant to Regulation 66 (10), transaction cost incurred for the purpose of execution of a trade shall mean regulatory levies and any other expenses charged by the stock exchanges, clearing corporation, and clearing house, as applicable. Such transaction costs shall not form part of the Base Expense Ratio (BER).

⁷The total of all expenses charged to the investors of the scheme, as mentioned under definition of 'Total expense ratio', shall be total of expense charged within the base limit specified under Regulation 66 (7), brokerage cost permitted under Regulation 66 (9), transaction cost incurred for the purpose of execution of trade as referred under Regulation 66 (10), and statutory levies charged to the investors. No charges other than the base expense ratio, brokerage cost, transaction cost, statutory levy and exit load including levies as may be specified by the SEBI, shall be charged to the investors. Any expense other than those specified in Regulation 66 (4), (5), (6) (9) and (10) as mentioned above, shall not be charged to the scheme and shall be borne by the AMC or trustee or sponsors.

⁸Statutory levy means levy imposed by state government and central government.

The mutual fund would update the current expense ratios on the website (www.hdfcfund.com) under the Section titled "Statutory Disclosures" under sub-section titled "Total Expense Ratio of Mutual Fund Schemes". Any change in the BER in comparison to previous BER charged to any scheme/plan shall be communicated to investors of the Scheme at least three working days prior to effecting such change. Further, the notice of change in BER shall be updated in the aforesaid section of the website at least three working days prior to effecting such change. Provided that any change in BER in a mutual fund scheme due to change in AUM or any decrease in BER in a mutual fund scheme due to various other regulatory requirements shall not require issuance of any prior notice to the investors.

Illustration: Impact of TER on Scheme's return:

Expense ratio, normally expressed as a percentage of Average Assets under Management, is calculated by dividing the permissible expenses under the Regulations by the average net assets.

To further illustrate the above, for the Scheme under reference, suppose an Investor invested Rs. 10,000/- (after deduction of stamp duty, if any), the impact of expenses charged will be as under:

Particulars	Amount / Rate
Amount invested at the beginning of the year (Rs.)	10,000
Returns before expenses (Rs.)	1,500
Expenses other than Distribution expenses (Rs.)	150
Distribution expenses (Rs.)	0
Returns after expenses at the end of the year (Rs.)	1350
Returns (in %)	13.5%

Note(s):

- The purpose of the above illustration is to purely explain the impact of expense ratio charged to the Plan(s) under the Scheme and should not be construed as providing any kind of investment advice or guarantee of returns on investments.
- It is assumed that the expenses charged are evenly distributed throughout the year.
- Any tax impact has not been considered in the above example, in view of the individual nature of the tax implications. Each investor is advised to seek appropriate advice.

C. LOAD STRUCTURE

Exit Load is an amount which is paid by the investor to redeem the units from the scheme. Load amounts are variable and are subject to change from time to time. For the current applicable structure, please refer to the website of the AMC (www.hdfcfund.com) or you may call at 1800 3010 6767/1800 419 7676 or your distributor.

Type of Load	Load chargeable (as % of NAV)
Exit Load	Not Applicable

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.

SECTION II

I. INTRODUCTION

A. DEFINITIONS/INTERPRETATION

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B. RISK FACTORS

■ Scheme Specific Risk Factors:

The Scheme is subject to the specific risks that may adversely affect the Scheme's NAV, return and/or ability to meet its investment objective.

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

1. Risk factors associated with investing in Gold and Gold related instruments:

- **Market Risk:** The value of the Units relates directly to the value of the Gold held by the Scheme and fluctuations in the price of Gold could adversely affect investment value of the Units. The factors that may effect the price of Gold, inter-alia, include economic and political developments, changes in interest rates and perceived trends in bullion prices, exchange rates, inflation trends, market movements, etc.
- **Currency Risk:** The formula for determining NAV of the Units is based on the imported (landed) value of Gold. The landed value of Gold is computed by multiplying international market price by US dollar value. The value of Gold or NAV, therefore will depend upon the conversion value of US dollar into Indian rupee and attracts all the risks attached to such conversion.
- **Counter party Risk:** There is no Exchange for physical Gold in India. The Scheme may have to buy or sell Gold from the open market, which may lead to counter party risks for the Scheme for trading and settlement.
- **Asset Class Risk:** The returns from physical Gold in which the Scheme invests may underperform returns from other securities or asset classes.
- **Physical Gold:** There is a risk that part or all of the Scheme's Gold could be lost, damaged or stolen. Access to the Scheme's Gold could also be restricted by natural events or human actions. Any of these actions may have adverse impact on the operations of the Scheme and consequently on investment/redemption in Units.
- **Liquidity Risk:** The Scheme may retain certain investments in cash or cash equivalents for its day-to-day liquidity requirements. The Scheme has to sell Gold only to bullion bankers/traders who are authorized to buy Gold. Though, there are adequate numbers of players (commercial or bullion bankers) to whom the Scheme can sell Gold, the Scheme may have to resort to distress sale of Gold if there is no or low demand for Gold to meet its cash needs of redemption or expenses. The Trustee, in general interest of the Unit holders of the Scheme offered under this Scheme Information Document and keeping in view of the unforeseen circumstances/unusual market conditions, may limit the total number of Units, which can be redeemed on any Business Day.

- **Regulatory Risk:** Any changes in trading regulations by the stock exchange(s) or SEBI may affect the ability of Market Makers to arbitrage resulting into wider premium/discount to NAV. Any changes in the regulations relating to import and export of Gold or Gold jewellery (including customs duty, sales tax and any such other statutory levies) may affect the ability of the Scheme to buy/sell Gold against the purchase and redemption requests received.
 - **Passive Investments:** The Scheme is not actively managed. The performance of the Scheme may be affected by a general price decline in the Gold prices. The Scheme invests in the physical Gold regardless of their investment merit. The AMC does not attempt to take defensive positions in declining markets.
 - **Indirect taxation:** For the valuation of Gold by the Scheme, indirect taxes like customs duty, VAT, etc. would also be considered. Hence, any change in the rates of indirect taxation/applicable taxes would affect the valuation of the Scheme.
 - **Operational Risk:** Gold Exchange Traded Funds (GETFs) are relatively new products and their value could decrease if unanticipated operational or trading problems arise. HDFC Gold ETF, an open ended Exchange Traded Fund, is therefore subject to operational risks. In addition, investors should be aware that there is no assurance that Gold will maintain its long-term value in terms of purchasing power. In the event that the price of Gold declines, the value of investment in Units is expected to decline proportionately.
 - **Redemption Risk:** Though this is an open-ended scheme, the Scheme would ordinarily repurchase Units in Creation Unit Size. Thus, Unit holding less than Creation Unit Size can only be sold through the secondary market on the Exchange. Further, the price received upon the redemption of Units of the Scheme may be less than the value of the underlying commodity represented by them. If on any day the requisite price as specified under the Regulations or the currency exchange rate is not available due to holiday(s) etc., then the immediately previous day's prices / rates shall be applied for the purpose of calculating the value of the underlying commodity. Hence the NAV so computed may vary from the price of the underlying commodity in the domestic market.
 - HDFC Gold ETF (HGETF) is a passively managed fund that shall be investing substantial portion of its assets in physical Gold and tracking its performance to the price of Gold. Therefore, irrespective of decline/rise in prices of physical Gold, HGETF shall remain invested in Gold and being a passively managed fund, no active calls based on outlook of Gold prices will be taken by the Fund.
 - Investments by the Scheme are subject to availability of Gold. If favourable investment opportunities do not exist or opportunities have notably diminished, the scheme may suspend accepting fresh subscriptions.
 - Performance of the Scheme may be affected by political, social and economic developments, which may include changes in government policies, diplomatic conditions, taxation and other policies.
- 2. Risk Factors Associated with Lending of physical Gold:**
The physical Gold lending activity by Scheme will have the inherent probability of collateral value drastically falling in time of strong downward market trends resulting in inadequate value of collateral. It is also possible that the borrowing party and/or the approved intermediary may suddenly suffer severe business setback and become unable to honor its commitments. This along with a simultaneous fall in value of collateral would render potential loss to the Scheme. Also, the risk could be in the form of non-

availability of ready physical Gold for sale, during the period physical Gold is lent. Physical Gold would be lent if permitted by the concerned regulatory authorities in India.

3. Risk Factors Associated with Investments in Exchange Traded Commodity Derivatives

Liquidity Risk: Though ETCDs are listed on the exchanges, some contracts may have low trading volumes, making it hard to enter/exit trading positions. Also, change in margin requirements or intervention by government agencies to control the overall volatility in the underlying commodity may have an adverse impact on liquidity of ETCDs.

Price Risk: ETCDs are leveraged instruments hence, a small price movement in the underlying commodity could have a large impact on their value. Also, the market for ETCDs is nascent in India hence, arbitrages can occur between the price of the physical commodity and the ETCD, due to a variety of reasons such as technical issues and volatile movement in the price of the physical good. This can result in mispricing and improper valuation of investment decisions as it can be difficult to ascertain the amount of the arbitrage.

Settlement Risk: ETCDs can be settled either through the exchange or physically. The inability to sell ETCDs held in the Schemes' portfolio in the exchanges due to the extraneous factors may impact liquidity and would result in losses, at times, in case of adverse price movement. Wherein the underlying commodity is physically delivered in order to settle the derivative contract, such settlement could get impacted due to various issues, such as logistics, Government policy for trading in such commodities. If the Commodities futures position passes its last square off date or the 'Intention' is missed to be provided before the Delivery Intention period, the buyer or the seller will be allocated delivery of the commodity. Thus, there emerges a risk of holding goods in physical form at the warehouses. Though the commodity is inclusive of insurance cost, there is a small deductible in each claim which is not payable by the Insurance company.

Operational Risk

Errors in order placement, delays in execution or system failures can cause losses to the scheme.

Counterparty Risk

As exchanges act as central counterparty through clearing corporations there is minimal counterparty risk.

4. Market Trading Risks:

- Although Units of Scheme described in this Scheme Information Document are listed/to be listed on the Exchange, there can be no assurance that an active secondary market will be developed or be maintained.
- Trading in Units of the Scheme on the Exchange may be halted because of market conditions or for reasons that in view of the Exchange Authorities or SEBI, trading in Units of the Scheme is not advisable. In addition, trading in Units of the Scheme is subject to trading halts caused by extraordinary market volatility and pursuant to the Exchange and SEBI 'circuit filter' rules. There can be no assurance that the requirements of the Exchange necessary to maintain the listing of Units of the Scheme will continue to be met or will remain unchanged.
- Any changes in trading regulations by the Stock Exchange(s) or SEBI may affect the ability of market maker to arbitrage resulting into wider premium/ discount to 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 Scheme's holdings. The trading prices of 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.

- 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 during liquidity window depends upon the confirmations to be received from depository(ies) on which the Mutual Fund has no control.
- Governments, central banks and related institutions worldwide, own a significant portion of the aggregate world Gold holdings. If one or more of these institutions decides to sell in amounts large enough to cause a decline in world Gold prices, the price of Units of the Scheme will be adversely affected.
- The Scheme provides for the creation and redemption of Units in Creation Unit Size directly with the Fund and therefore, it is expected that large discounts or premiums to the NAV of the Units of the Scheme will not sustain due to arbitrage opportunity available.
- Conversion of underlying physical Gold into the Units of the Scheme may attract capital gain tax depending on acquisition cost and holding period.

5. 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.

- The AMC may, considering the overall level of risk of the portfolio, invest in lower rated 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.
- The 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.
- 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.

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. 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.

9. 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.

C. RISK MITIGATION STRATEGIES

Investments made from the net assets of the Scheme would be in accordance with the investment objective of the Scheme and the provisions of the SEBI (MF) Regulations. The AMC will strive to achieve the investment objective by way of a judicious portfolio mix comprising Gold (includes

physical Gold and other Gold related instruments (which include Exchange Traded Commodity Derivatives (ETCDs) having gold as the underlying) which may be permitted by Regulator from time to time) and instruments related to Gold (including derivatives as and when permitted by SEBI), Debt Securities and Money Market Instruments. Investments in Gold (includes physical Gold and other Gold related instruments which may be permitted by Regulator from time to time) would be primarily assessed with regard to its fineness.

For detailed risk mitigation strategies with respect to the above investments / instruments, refer para titled “**RISK CONTROL**” under Section I, Part II (C) titled “**What are the Investment Strategies?**”

II. INFORMATION ABOUT THE SCHEME:

A. WHERE WILL THE SCHEME INVEST?

The Scheme will invest in securities as mentioned below. The investments will be made as per the limits specified in the asset allocation table of the Scheme, subject to permissible limits laid under SEBI (MF) Regulations or any other applicable laws and guidelines.

- Gold bullion - fineness (or purity) of 995 parts per 1,000 (99.5%) or higher. Investments in Gold bullion will be as per the limits specified in the asset allocation table.
- Exchange Traded Commodity Derivatives (ETCDs) having Gold as the underlying - the Scheme may participate in ETCDs having gold as the underlying in line with Clause 4.2 of Master Circular and other guidelines as may be specified by SEBI / AMFI / Stock Exchanges from time to time.
- Before investing in gold ETCDs, the Fund shall:
 - Appoint a custodian registered with SEBI for custody of commodities (such as Gold), arising due to physical settlement of contracts.
 - Put in place a written down investment policy with regard to investment in ETCDs approved by Board of the AMC and the Trustees. The policy shall be reviewed by the Boards of AMC and Trustees at least once a year.
 - Put in place written down valuation policies approved by the Boards of AMC and Trustees for valuation of commodity derivatives and the underlying goods, arising due to physical settlement of contracts. The approved valuation policies shall be subject to the principles of fair valuation of the assets of the Scheme.

The Scheme may participate in the ETCDs as ‘clients’ and shall be subject to all the rules, regulations and instructions, position limit norms, etc. as may be applicable to clients, issued by SEBI and Exchanges from time to time. The position limits at mutual fund level shall be as applicable to ‘Trading Members’.

Exposure limits for Gold ETCD

1. The following exposures shall not be considered in the cumulative gross exposure of the Scheme:
 - a. Short position in ETCDs not exceeding the holding of the underlying goods received in physical settlement of ETCD contracts.

Provided that the mutual funds shall not write options, or purchase instruments with embedded written options in goods or on commodity futures.
 - b. Short position in ETCDs not exceeding the long position in ETCDs on the same goods.

2. The Scheme while participating in ETCDs, may hold the underlying gold in case of physical settlement of contracts. The same shall be disposed of within 180 calendar days from the date of holding of physical gold, as per Clause 13.16 of Master Circular or within such other timeline as prescribed by SEBI from time to time.
 3. The Scheme shall not have net short positions in ETCDs on gold, considering its positions in physical gold as well as ETCDs, at any point of time.
- Investments in gold related instruments (which include Exchange Traded Commodity Derivatives (ETCDs) having gold as the underlying and derivative instruments related to gold) will be made as and when SEBI permits mutual funds to invest in gold related instruments. Scheme may invest in GMS, GDS of banks notified by RBI and subject to clause 4.2. of Master Circular, as amended from time to time.
 - The Scheme also may engage in gold lending, and / or deposit gold with banks in return for fees as and when permitted by SEBI.
 - **Debt securities:**
Debt issuances by various types of issuers such as Government of India, State and local Governments, Government Agencies and statutory bodies, Corporate Entities, Public / Private sector undertakings, Public / Private sector banks and development financial institutions, etc. Debt issuances may include but are not limited to:
 1. Non-convertible debentures;
 2. Bonds;
 3. Secured premium notes;
 4. Zero interest bonds;
 5. Deep discount bonds;
 6. Floating rate bond / notes;
 7. Non-Convertible Preference Shares;
 8. Any other permissible domestic fixed income security.
 - Money Market Instruments include:
 1. Commercial papers
 2. Commercial bills
 3. Treasury bills
 4. Government securities having an unexpired maturity upto one year
 5. Tri-party Repos / Reverse Repos on Government securities or treasury bills (TREPS)
 6. Certificate of deposit
 7. Usance bills
 8. Permitted securities under a repo/reverse repo agreement (other than Corporate Debt Securities)
 9. Any other instruments as may be permitted by RBI / SEBI from time to time, subject to necessary regulatory approvals

Investments will be made through secondary market purchases, initial public offers, other public offers, placements and right offers (including renunciation). The securities could be listed, privately placed, secured/unsecured, rated.

- Pending deployment as per investment objective, the moneys under the Scheme may be parked in short-term deposits of Scheduled Commercial Banks. The Scheme shall abide by the guidelines for parking of funds in short term deposits as per clause 13.7 of Master Circular, as may be amended from to time. For details, refer section '**What are the Investment Restrictions**'.
- The Scheme, out of the funds allocated to invest in debt and money market securities, to the extent necessary to meet the liquidity requirements for honouring repurchase or redemptions, may invest in other Schemes managed by the AMC or in the Schemes of any other mutual funds, provided it is in conformity with the investment objectives of the Scheme and in terms of the prevailing SEBI (MF) Regulations. As per the SEBI (MF) Regulations, no investment management fees will be charged for such investments and the aggregate inter-scheme investment made by all the Schemes of HDFC Mutual Fund or in the Schemes of other mutual funds shall not exceed 5% of the net asset value of the HDFC Mutual Fund.

B. WHAT ARE THE INVESTMENT RESTRICTIONS?

As per the Regulations, the following investment restrictions are applicable to the Scheme:

The corpus of the Scheme shall be invested only in Gold or Gold related instruments in accordance with its investment objective, except to the extent necessary to meet the liquidity requirements for honouring repurchases or redemptions, as disclosed in this Scheme Information Document.

- Every mutual fund shall buy and sell Gold on the basis of deliveries and shall in all cases of purchases, take delivery of Gold and in all cases of sale, deliver the Gold:

Provided further that a mutual fund may enter into derivatives transactions on a recognized stock exchange as and when permitted by SEBI, subject to the framework specified by SEBI.

Provided further that sale of government security already contracted for purchase shall be permitted in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India in this regard.

- The Scheme shall not invest in foreign debt securities.
- The Scheme shall invest in Gold of 0.995 fineness and above.
- Investment in Gold Deposit Scheme (GDS), Gold Monetisation Scheme (GMS) and Exchange Traded Commodity Derivatives (ETCDs) having gold as the underlying by the Scheme will be subject to following:
The cumulative exposure to gold related instruments i.e. GDS of banks, GMS and ETCD having gold as the underlying shall not exceed 50% of net asset value of the scheme. However, within the 50% limit, the investment limit for GDS of banks and GMS as part of gold related instrument shall not exceed 20% of net asset value of the scheme. The unutilized portion of the limit for GDS of banks and GMS can be utilized for ETCD having gold as the underlying.
- For exposure limit to Gold ETCD, refer para titled "**A. WHERE WILL THE SCHEME INVEST**" under Section II, Part II titled "**INFORMATION ABOUT THE SCHEME**"
- The Scheme shall abide by the following guidelines for parking of funds in short term deposits as specified in clause 13.7 of Master Circular.
 1. "Short Term" for parking of funds shall be treated as a period not exceeding 91 calendar days.
 2. Such short-term deposits shall be held in the name of the Scheme.
 3. The Scheme shall not park more than 15% of the net assets in short term deposit(s) of all the scheduled commercial banks put together. However, such limit may be raised to 20% with prior approval of the Trustee.

4. Parking of funds in short term deposits of associate and sponsor scheduled commercial banks together shall not exceed 20% of total deployment by the Mutual Fund in short term deposits.
5. The Scheme shall not park more than 10% of the net assets in short term deposit(s), with any one scheduled commercial bank including its subsidiaries.
6. The Scheme shall not park funds in short-term deposit of a bank, which has invested in the Scheme.
7. No investment management and advisory fees will be charged for such investments in the respective Scheme.

The aforesaid limits shall not be applicable to term deposits placed as margins for trading in cash and derivatives market.

- The mutual fund shall not borrow except to meet temporary liquidity needs of the mutual funds for the purpose of repurchase, redemption of units or payment of interest or dividend to the unitholders. Provided that the mutual fund shall not borrow more than 20 per cent of the net asset of the scheme and the duration of such a borrowing shall not exceed a period of six months.
- Save as otherwise expressly provided under SEBI (MF) Regulations, the Mutual Fund shall not advance any loans for any purpose.

The following are the restrictions specified under Sixth Schedule to the Regulations.

- Every mutual fund shall buy and sell securities on the basis of deliveries and shall in all cases of purchases, take delivery of relevant securities and in all cases of sale, deliver the securities:
Provided that a mutual fund may engage in securities lending in accordance with the framework relating to securities lending and borrowing specified by SEBI.
- The mutual fund shall settle their transactions only in dematerialised securities except for such instruments as may be specified by SEBI from time to time.
- The Mutual Fund will for securities purchased in the non depository mode get the securities transferred in the name of the Mutual Fund on account of the Scheme, except in respect of such securities as may be specified by SEBI from time to time.
- As per clause 20.5.5(c) of Master Circular, the Scheme shall not invest in unlisted debt instruments, bespoke or complex debt products, unrated debt and money market instruments (except G-Secs, T-Bills and other money market instruments).

Further, the Scheme shall comply with provisions of clauses 5.4 and 13.1.3 of Master Circular regarding investment in Debt and Money Market Instruments, as amended from time to time, to the extent applicable to the Scheme.

- The Scheme may invest in other scheme(s) under the same AMC or any other mutual fund without charging any fees, provided that aggregate inter-scheme investment made by all Schemes under the same AMC or in Schemes under the management of any other asset management shall not exceed 5% of the net asset value of the Mutual Fund.
- The Scheme shall not make any investments in:
 - a. any unlisted security of an associate or group company of the Sponsors; or
 - b. any security issued by way of private placement by an associate or group company of the Sponsors; or
 - c. the listed securities of group companies of the Sponsors which is in excess of 25% of the net assets of the scheme, except for investments by equity oriented exchange traded funds (ETFs) and Index Funds and subject to such conditions as may be specified by SEBI;

d. any fund of funds Scheme.

However, as per proviso to regulation 41(1) of the SEBI (MF) regulations the above stated investment restrictions as specified under Sixth Schedule of the Regulations shall not be applicable to this Scheme.

The AMC/Trustee may alter these above stated restrictions from time to time to the extent the SEBI (MF) Regulations change, so as to permit the Scheme to make its investments in the full spectrum of permitted investments for mutual funds to achieve its respective investment objective. The AMC/Trustee may from time to time alter these restrictions in conformity with the SEBI (MF) Regulations. Further, apart from the investment restrictions prescribed under SEBI (MF) Regulations, the Fund may follow any internal norms vis-à-vis restricting/limiting exposure to a particular scrip or sector, etc

All investment restrictions shall be applicable at the time of making investment.

C. FUNDAMENTAL ATTRIBUTES

Following are the Fundamental Attributes of the Scheme, in terms of 22 (9) (c) of the SEBI (MF) Regulations:

(i) Type of a Scheme

- An open ended scheme replicating/tracking performance of Gold.
- Exchange Traded Fund

(ii) Investment objective

- **Main Objective** - Please refer to section ‘Investment Objective’ under **Section I, Part I – Highlights/Summary Of The Scheme**
- **Investment pattern** - Please refer to section ‘How will the Scheme Allocate its Assets?’ under **Section I, Part II, Clause A**

(iii) Terms of Issue

- (a) **Liquidity provisions such as listing, repurchase, redemption.** For further details, please refer to section “Other Scheme Specific Disclosures” under **Section II, Part II, Clause F**
- (b) **Aggregate Fees and expenses charged to the Scheme.** For further details, please refer to section “Annual Scheme Recurring Expenses” under **Section I, Part III, Clause B**
- (c) **Any safety net or guarantee provided.** This Scheme does not provide any guaranteed or assured return.

Changes in Fundamental Attributes:

In accordance with Regulation 22 (9) (c) of the SEBI (MF) Regulations, read with clause 1.2.2.a and 22.10 of Master Circular, the AMC shall ensure that no change in the fundamental attributes of the Scheme and the Plan(s)/Option(s) thereunder or fee and expenses payable or any other change which would modify the Scheme and affect the interest of Unit holders is carried out by the AMC unless:

- SEBI has reviewed and provided its comments on the proposal;
- A written communication (including digital modes such as email/sms etc.) about the proposed change is sent to each unit holder;
- A notice shall be given in respect of such changes which shall be displayed on the website of the AMC i.e. www.hdfcfund.com; and

- The Unit holders are given an option for a period of atleast 30 calendar days to exit at the prevailing Net Asset Value without any exit Load.

D. INDEX METHODOLOGY

Not Applicable to this Scheme.

E. PRINCIPLES OF INCENTIVE STRUCTURE FOR MARKET MAKERS

Incentives may be provided at the discretion of the AMC to Market Makers, subject to the applicable regulatory provisions.

Pursuant to Clause 4.5.1.d of Master Circular, the principles of incentive structure pertaining to Market Makers shall be as mentioned below:

1. Incentives may be provided at the discretion of the AMC to Market Makers, subject to the applicable regulatory provisions.
2. Incentives, if any, to Market Makers shall be charged to the scheme within the maximum permissible limit of TER.
3. Incentive structure may be linked to performance of the Market Makers in terms of generating liquidity in units of ETFs and other relevant factors, based on the data obtained from stock exchanges.

Further, Stock Exchanges may also incentivize the Market Makers through Liquidity Enhancement Schemes (LES) as per the applicable provisions.

F. OTHER SCHEME SPECIFIC DISCLOSURES:

<p>Listing and transfer of units</p>	<p>An investor can buy/sell Units on a continuous basis on the NSE and/or BSE on which the Units are listed during the trading hours like any other publicly traded stock. The price of the Units in the market will depend on demand and supply at that point of time. The minimum number of Units that can be bought or sold through the Stock Exchange is 1 (one) Unit.</p> <p>The Mutual Fund may at its sole discretion list the Units of the Scheme on any other recognized Stock Exchange(s) at a later date. The Scheme may suspend the listing / delist Units of the Scheme for trading from any of the stock exchanges provided the Units are listed on atleast one stock exchange.</p> <p>The AMC engages Market Makers for creating liquidity for the Scheme on the Stock Exchange(s) so that investors are able to buy or redeem Units on the Stock Exchange(s) using the services of a stock broker.</p>
<p>Dematerialization of units</p>	<p>The Units of the Scheme will be issued, traded and settled compulsorily in dematerialized (electronic) form. Investors intending to invest in Units of the ETF will be required to have a beneficiary account with a Depository Participant (DP) of NSDL/CDSL.</p>

Dividend Policy (IDCW)	Not Applicable as Scheme currently does not offer IDCW Option.
Allotment	<p>During Continuous Offer Period, only Market Makers / Large Investors can transaction directly with the Fund. Other Investors may trade on the exchange.</p> <p>All Applicants whose monies towards purchase of Units have been realised by the Fund will receive a full and firm allotment of Units in their demat account within 5 working days, provided also the applications are complete in all respects and are found to be in order. An application for subscription of units may be rejected if found invalid, incomplete or due to unavailability of underlying securities, etc.</p> <p>Note: The term "working days" shall include Business Days but shall not include Holidays.</p> <p>All Units will rank pari passu, among Units within the same Option in the Scheme concerned as to assets and liabilities, earnings and the receipt of IDCW distributions, if any, as may be declared by the Trustee.</p> <p>Face value of units under the Scheme is Re. 1/-. Allotment Price per unit under NFO is Rs.18.0033. Units will be allotted in whole figure. Excess amount, if any, would be refunded to the investor.</p> <p>For details, refer Point VI. "Liquidity" and Point XII. Minimum Application amount under Section I, Part I titled "Highlights".</p> <p>For Procedures, refer Para titled "How HDFC Gold ETF (the ETF) Works" in Section I, Part II (A) of this SID.</p>
<p>Who can invest</p> <p>This is an indicative list and investors shall consult their financial advisor to ascertain whether the scheme is suitable to their risk profile.</p>	<p>The following persons (i.e. an indicative list of persons) are eligible and may apply for subscription to the Units of the Scheme provided they are not prohibited by any law/Constitutive documents governing them:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Resident adult individuals either singly or jointly (not exceeding three) or on an Anyone or Survivor basis; 2. Karta of Hindu Undivided Family (HUF); 3. Minor (as the first and the sole holder only) through a natural guardian (i.e. father or mother, as the case may be) or a court appointed legal guardian. There shall not be any joint holding in a minor's folio. Payment for investment shall be accepted from the bank account of the minor, parent or legal guardian of the

	<p>minor or from a joint account of the minor with the parent or legal guardian.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Partnership Firms & Limited Liability Partnerships (LLPs); 5. Companies, Bodies Corporate, Public Sector Undertakings, Association of Persons or bodies of individuals and societies registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860, Co-Operative Societies registered under the Co-Operative Societies Act, 1912, One Person Company; 6. Banks & Financial Institutions; 7. Mutual Funds/Alternative Investment Funds registered with SEBI; 8. Religious and Charitable Trusts, Wakfs or endowments of private trusts (subject to receipt of necessary approvals as required) and Private trusts authorised to invest in mutual fund schemes under their trust deeds; 9. Non-resident Indians (NRIs)/Persons of Indian Origin residing abroad (PIO)/Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) on repatriation basis or on non-repatriation basis; 10. Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPI) registered with SEBI in accordance with applicable laws; 11. Army, Air Force, Navy and other paramilitary units and bodies created by such institutions; 12. Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, India; 13. Multilateral Financial Institutions/Bilateral Development Corporation Agencies/Bodies Corporate incorporated outside India with the permission of Government of India/Reserve Bank of India; 14. Other Schemes of HDFC Mutual Fund subject to the conditions and limits prescribed by SEBI (MF) Regulations; 15. Trustee, AMC, Sponsor and their associates may subscribe to Units under the Scheme; 16. Such other category of investors as may be decided by the AMC/Trustee from time to time provided their investment is in conformity with the applicable laws and SEBI (MF) Regulations. <p>Note:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Non Resident Indians (NRIs) and Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs) residing abroad/Overseas Citizens of India (OCI)/Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) have been granted a general
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	<p>permission by Reserve Bank of India under Schedule 5 of the Foreign Exchange Management (Transfer or Issue of Security by a Person Resident Outside India) Regulations, 2000 for investing in/redeeming units of the mutual funds subject to conditions set out in the aforesaid regulations.</p> <p>2. In case of application(s) made by Individual Investors under a Power of Attorney, the original Power of Attorney or a certified true copy duly notarised should be submitted. In case of applications made by Non-Individual Investors, the authorized signatories/officials of Non-Individual investors should sign the application under their official designation and as per the authority granted to them under their Constitutive Documents/Board resolutions, etc. A list of specimen signatures of the authorized officials, duly certified/attested should also be attached to the Application Form. The Fund/AMC/Trustees shall deem that the investments made by the Investors are not prohibited by any law/Constitutive documents governing them and they possess the necessary authority to invest/transact.</p> <p>3. Investors desiring to invest/transact in mutual fund schemes are required to mandatorily furnish PAN (PAN of the guardian in case minor does not have a PAN) and comply with the KYC norms applicable from time to time. Under the KYC norms, Investors are required to provide prescribed documents for establishing their identity and address including in case of non-individuals copy of the Memorandum and Articles of Association/bye-laws/trust deed/partnership deed/Certificate of Registration along with the proof of authorization to invest, as applicable, to the KYC Registration Agency (KRA) registered with SEBI. The Fund/AMC/Trustees/other intermediaries will rely on the declarations/affirmations provided by the Investor(s) in the Application/Transaction Form(s) and the documents furnished to the KRA that the Investor(s) is permitted/authorised by the Constitution document/their Board of Directors etc. to make the investment/transact. Further, the Investor shall be liable to indemnify the Fund/AMC/Trustee/other intermediaries in case of any dispute regarding the eligibility, validity and authorization of the transactions and/or the applicant who has applied on behalf of the Investors. The Fund/AMC/Trustee reserves the right to call for such other information and documents as may be required by it in connection with the investments made by the investor. Where the Units are held by a Unit holder in breach of any Regulations, AMC/the Fund may effect compulsory redemption of such units.</p>
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	<p>4. Returned cheques may not be presented again for collection, and the accompanying application forms are liable to be rejected. In case the returned cheques are presented again, the necessary charges are liable to be debited to the investor.</p> <p>5. The Trustee reserves the right to recover from an investor any loss caused to the Scheme on account of dishonour of cheques issued by the investor for purchase of Units of this Scheme.</p> <p>6. Subject to the SEBI (MF) Regulations, the Trustee may inter-alia reject any application for the purchase of Units if the application is invalid or incomplete or non-permissible under law or if the Trustee for any other reason does not believe that it would be in the best interest of the Scheme or its Unitholders to accept such an application.</p>
<p>Who cannot invest</p>	<p>The persons/entities as specified under section “Who Can Invest?” shall not be eligible to invest in the Scheme, if such persons/entities are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. United States Person (U.S. person*) as defined under the extant laws of the United States of America, except the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. NRIs/PIOs may invest/transact, in the Scheme, when present in India, as lump sum subscription, redemption and/or switch transaction, including registration of systematic transactions (if permitted under the schemes) 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. b. 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. <p>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.</p>

	<p>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.</p> <p>2. Residents of Canada;</p> <p>3. Investor residing in any Financial Action Task Force (FATF) designated High Risk jurisdiction.</p> <p>*The term “U.S. person” means any person that is a U.S. person within the meaning of Regulations 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.</p>
<p>How to Apply and other details</p>	<p>The Applications Forms duly signed by the Market Makers/Large Investors should be submitted at the ISCs (AMC branches) whose addresses are available on the website of the AMC i.e. www.hdfcfund.com.</p> <p>For further details, please refer to the SAI and Application form available on the website for the instructions.</p> <p>Refer back cover page for contact details of Registrar and Transfer Agent (CAMS).</p> <p>It is mandatory for investors to mention bank account numbers in their applications/requests for redemption.</p>
<p>The policy regarding reissue of repurchased units, including the maximum extent, the manner of reissue, the entity (the scheme or the AMC) involved in the same.</p>	<p>Presently, the AMC does not intend to reissue the repurchased Units. However, the Trustee reserves the right to reissue the repurchased Units at a later date after issuing adequate public notices and taking approvals, if any, from SEBI.</p>
<p>Restrictions, if any, on the right to freely retain or dispose of units being offered.</p>	<p>RIGHT TO RESTRICT REDEMPTION AND/OR SUSPEND REDEMPTION OF THE UNITS: (as per clause 5.3 of Master Circular):</p> <p>The Fund at its sole discretion reserves the right to restrict Redemption (including switch- out) of the Units (including Plan/Option) of the Scheme of the Fund upon occurrence of the below mentioned events for a period not exceeding ten (10) working days in any ninety (90) days period subject to approval of the Board</p>

	<p>of Directors of the AMC and the Trustee. The restriction on Redemption (including switch-out) shall be applicable where the Redemption (including switch-out) request is for a value above Rs. 2,00,000/- (Rupees Two Lakhs). Further, no restriction shall be applicable to the Redemption/switch-out request upto Rs. 2,00,000/- (Rupees Two Lakhs). It is further clarified that, in case of redemption request beyond Rs. 2,00,000/- (Rupees Two Lakhs), no restriction shall be applicable on first Rs. 2,00,000/- (Rupees Two Lakhs).</p> <p>The Trustee/AMC reserves the right to restrict Redemption or suspend Redemption of the Units in the Scheme of the Fund on account of circumstances leading to a systemic crisis or event(s) that severely constrict market liquidity or the efficient functioning of the markets.</p> <p>A list of such circumstances under which the restriction on Redemption or suspension of Redemption of the Units in the Scheme of the Fund may be imposed are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Liquidity issues- when market at large becomes illiquid affecting almost all securities rather than any issuer specific security; or 2. Market failures/exchange closures; or 3. Operational issues; or 4. If so directed by SEBI. <p>It is clarified that since the occurrence of the abovementioned eventualities have the ability to impact the overall market and liquidity situation, the same may result in exceptionally large number of Redemption requests being made and in such a situation the indicative timelines, if any mentioned by the Fund in the scheme offering documents, for processing of requests for Redemption may not be applicable.</p> <p>Any restriction on Redemption or suspension of Redemption of the Units in the Scheme(s) of the Mutual Fund shall be made applicable only after specific approval of the Board of Directors of the AMC and Trustee Company and thereafter, immediately informing the same to SEBI.</p> <p>The AMC/Trustee reserves the right to change/modify the provisions of right to restrict Redemption and/or suspend Redemption of the Units in the Scheme of the Fund.</p>
<p>Cut off timing for subscriptions/ redemptions/ switches This is the time before which your</p>	<p>In case of Purchase/Redemption directly with Mutual Fund (By Market Makers and Large Investors):</p>

<p>application (complete in all respects) should reach the official points of acceptance.</p>	<p>The provisions for Cut-off timings for NAV applicability will not be applicable for direct transaction with the Fund.</p> <p>In case of Redemption directly with the Mutual Fund during Liquidity Window:</p> <p>The Cut-off time for receipt of valid application for Redemptions directly with the Fund during Liquidity Window is 3.00 p.m. Valid applications received by the fund upto the cut-off time will be processed on the basis of the closing NAV of the day of receipt of request and for valid applications received after cut-off time, the closing NAV of the next Business Day shall be applicable.</p> <p>In case of Purchase / Redemption (sale) of units on the Exchanges:</p> <p>An investor can buy/sell Units on a continuous basis on the NSE and BSE on which the Units are listed during the trading hours on all trading days like any other publicly traded stock at prices which may be close to the NAV of the Scheme. Therefore, the provisions of Cut-off timing for subscriptions/redemptions will not be applicable.</p> <p>Settlement of Purchase/Sale of Units of the Scheme on NSE/BSE</p> <p>Buying/Selling of Units of the Scheme on NSE/BSE is just like buying/selling any other normal listed security. If an investor has bought Units, an investor has to pay the purchase amount to the broker/sub-broker such that the amount paid is realised before the funds pay-in day of the settlement cycle on the Stock Exchange(s). If an investor has sold Units, an investor has to deliver the Units to the broker/sub-broker before the securities pay-in day of the settlement cycle on the Stock Exchange(s). The Units (in the case of Units bought) and the funds (in the case of Units sold) are paid out to the broker on the pay-out day of the settlement cycle on the Stock Exchange(s). The Stock Exchange(s) regulations stipulate that the trading member should pay the money or Units to the investor within 24 hours of the pay-out.</p> <p>If an investor has bought Units, he should give standing instructions for 'Delivery-In' to his/her/its DP for accepting Units in his/her/its beneficiary account. An investor should give the details of his/her beneficiary account and the DP-ID of his/her/its DP to his/her/its trading member. The trading member will transfer the Units directly to his/her/its beneficiary account on receipt of the same from NSE's/BSE's Clearing Corporation. An investor who has sold Units should instruct his/her/its Depository Participant (DP) to give 'Delivery Out' instructions to transfer the Units from his/her/its</p>
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	<p>beneficiary account to the Pool Account of his/her/its trading member through whom he/she/it have sold the Units. The details of the Pool A/C (CM-BP-ID) of his/her trading member to which the Units are to be transferred, Unit quantity etc. should be mentioned in the Delivery Out instructions given by him/her to the DP. The instructions should be given well before the prescribed securities pay-in day. SEBI has advised that the Delivery Out instructions should be given at least 24 hours prior to the cut-off time for the prescribed securities pay-in to avoid any rejection of instructions due to data entry errors, network problems, etc.</p> <p>Rolling Settlement</p> <p>As per the SEBI's circular dated September 7, 2021, the rolling settlement on T+1 on optional basis shall come into force with effect from January 01, 2022. The same is applicable for all trades from January 27, 2023 onwards. The Pay-in and Pay-out of funds and the Units will take place within 1 working days after the trading date.</p> <p>The pay-in and pay-out days for funds and securities are prescribed as per the Settlement Cycle. A typical Settlement Cycle of Rolling Settlement is given below:</p> <p>Day Activity</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="598 1086 1433 1440"> <tr> <td>T</td> <td>The day on which the transaction is executed by a trading member</td> </tr> <tr> <td>T + 1</td> <td>Confirmation of all trades including custodial trades by 7.30 a.m.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>T + 1</td> <td>Processing and downloading of obligation files to brokers/custodians by 1.00 p.m.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>T + 1</td> <td>Pay-in of funds and securities by 10:50 am for Funds & 10:30 am for Securities</td> </tr> <tr> <td>T + 1</td> <td>Pay out of funds and securities by 3 pm / as and when received from exchange</td> </tr> </table> <p>While calculating the days from the Trading day (Day T), weekend days (i.e. Saturday and Sundays) and bank holidays are not taken into consideration.</p> <p>The AMC has the right to amend cut off timings subject to SEBI (MF) Regulations for the smooth and efficient functioning of the Scheme.</p>	T	The day on which the transaction is executed by a trading member	T + 1	Confirmation of all trades including custodial trades by 7.30 a.m.	T + 1	Processing and downloading of obligation files to brokers/custodians by 1.00 p.m.	T + 1	Pay-in of funds and securities by 10:50 am for Funds & 10:30 am for Securities	T + 1	Pay out of funds and securities by 3 pm / as and when received from exchange
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<p>Minimum amount for purchase/redemption/switches/subscription/redemption with AMC.</p>	<p>ON THE EXCHANGE Investors can subscribe (buy) and redeem (sell) Units on a continuous basis on the NSE/BSE on which the Units are listed. Subscriptions made through Stock Exchanges will be made by specifying the number of Units to be subscribed and not the amount to be invested. On the Stock Exchange(s), the Units of the ETF can be purchased/sold in minimum lot of 1 (one) Unit and in multiples thereof.</p>										

DIRECTLY FROM THE FUND

Market Makers/Large Investors (in Creation Unit Size): For details refer 'Highlights / Summary of the Scheme'.

The Fund creates/redeems Units of HDFC Gold ETF (the Scheme) in large size known as "Creation Unit Size". Each "Creation Unit" consists of 1,20,000 Units of the Scheme. Each Unit of the Scheme will be approximately equal to 0.01 gram of Gold. The value of the "Creation Unit" is 1 kilogram of physical Gold or in multiple thereof called as the "Portfolio Deposit" and a "Cash Component" which will be exchanged for 1,20,000 Units of the Scheme.

The Portfolio Deposit and Cash Component for the Scheme may change from time to time due to change in NAV.

The subscription/redemption of Units of the ETF in Creation Unit Size will be allowed both by means of exchange of Portfolio Deposit and by Cash (i.e. payments shall be made only by means of payment instruction of Real Time Gross Settlement (RTGS)/National Electronic Funds Transfer (NEFT) or Funds Transfer Letter/Transfer Cheque of a bank where the Scheme has a collection account).

The Fund may from time to time change the size of the Creation Unit in order to equate it with marketable lots of the underlying instruments.

Investors during Liquidity Window: Minimum 1 Unit.

The Redemption would be permitted to the extent of credit balance in the Unit holder's account of the Plan(s) / Option(s) of the Scheme (subject to completion of Lock-in period or release of pledge / lien or other encumbrances).

The Redemption request can be made by specifying the rupee amount or by specifying the number of Units of the respective Plan(s) / Option(s) to be redeemed. In case a Redemption request received is for both, a specified rupee amount and a specified number of Units of the respective Plan(s)/ Option(s), the specified number of Units will be considered the definitive request.

In case the value / number of available units held in the Unit holder's folio / account under the Plan / Option of the Scheme is less than the amount / number of units specified in the redemption request, then the transaction shall be treated as an 'all units' redemption and the entire balance of available Units in the folio / account of the Unit holder under the stated Plan / Option of the Scheme shall be redeemed.

No switch (switch-in/switch-out) requests will be accepted under the Scheme.

<p>Accounts Statements</p>	<p>The AMC will credit the units to the beneficiary account of the unitholder within five working days from date of receipt of valid application.</p> <p>Note: The term “working days” here shall include Business Days but shall not include Holidays.</p> <p>As the units of the Scheme will be issued, traded and settled compulsorily in dematerialized (electronic) form, the statement of holding of the Unitholder i.e. beneficiary account holder will be sent by the respective DPs/Depositories periodically, as per applicable rules.</p> <p>For further details, refer SAI.</p>
<p>Dividend/ IDCW</p>	<p>Not Applicable as the Scheme currently does not offer IDCW Option.</p>
<p>Redemption</p>	<p>The redemption or repurchase proceeds shall be dispatched to the unitholders within three working days from the date of redemption or repurchase or such other timelines as may be specified by SEBI / AMFI from time to time in case of exceptional circumstances or otherwise.</p> <p>For details refer para 15.3.3 of Master Circular.</p>
<p>Bank Mandate</p>	<p>BANK DETAILS FOR ETFs</p> <p>In order to protect the interest of Unit holders from fraudulent encashment of redemption/dividend cheques, SEBI has made it mandatory for investors to provide their bank details viz. name of bank, branch, address, account type and number, etc. to the Mutual Fund. Payment will be made to the bank account linked to the demat account (except in case of Market Makers / Large investors directly transacting with the Fund for whom a folio has been generated by the AMC, where the redemption proceeds shall be credited to the bank account registered in the folio of the investor). Hence, investors should ensure to furnish those Bank Account details in the application form. The bank account registered in the folio of a minor should be that of the minor or should be a joint account of the minor with the guardian. Applications without complete bank details shall be rejected. The AMC will not be responsible for any loss arising out of fraudulent encashment of cheques/warrants and/or any delay/loss in transit.</p> <p>Change in Bank Account for ETFs:</p> <p>a) For investors other than Market Makers and Large Investors transacting directly with the Fund: The procedure for change in bank details would be as determined by the depository participant.</p>

	<p>b) For Market Makers and Large Investors transacting directly with the Fund: These Unit holders may change their bank details registered with the Mutual Fund by submitting either a standalone separate 'Change of Bank Details Form' or a 'Multiple Bank Account Registration Form' at ISCs (AMC branches).</p>
<p>Delay in payment of redemption /repurchase proceeds/dividend</p>	<p>The AMC shall be liable to pay interest to the Unit holders at 15% or such other rate as may be prescribed by SEBI from time to time, in case the redemption/ repurchase/ proceeds are not transferred within the prescribed timeline. However, the AMC will not be liable to pay any interest or compensation or any amount otherwise, in case the AMC / Trustee is required to obtain from the investor / unit holders verification of identity or such other details relating to subscription for Units under any applicable law or as may be required by a regulatory body or any government authority, which results in delay in processing the application.</p>
<p>Unclaimed Redemption and Income Distribution cum Capital Withdrawal Amount</p>	<p>The unclaimed Redemption and IDCW amounts (the funds) are currently deployed by the Mutual Fund only in TREPS. However, the same may be deployed in other permissible instruments such as call money market or money market instruments or in a separate plan specifically launched under Overnight/Liquid/ Money Market Mutual Fund schemes to deploy unclaimed Redemption and IDCW amounts. Investors who claim the unclaimed amounts during a period of three years from the due date shall be paid initial unclaimed amount along-with the income earned on its deployment. Investors, who claim these amounts after 3 years, shall be paid initial unclaimed amount along-with the income earned on its deployment till the end of the third year. After the third year, the income earned on such unclaimed amounts shall be used for the purpose of investor education. The AMC will make a continuous effort to remind the investors through letters to take their unclaimed amounts. The details of such unclaimed redemption/IDCW amounts are made available to investors upon them providing proper credentials, on website of Mutual Funds and AMFI along with the information on the process of claiming the unclaimed amount and the necessary forms/documents required for the same.</p> <p>Further, the information on unclaimed amount along-with its prevailing value (based on income earned on deployment of such unclaimed amount), will be separately disclosed to investors through the periodic statement of accounts/Consolidated Account Statement sent to the investors. Further, the investment management fee charged by the AMC for managing the said unclaimed amounts shall not exceed 50 basis points.</p>
<p>Disclosure with respect to investment by minors</p>	<p>Investments (including through existing SIP registrations, if permitted in the schemes) in the name of minors shall be permitted only from</p>

	<p>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.</p> <p>However, the redemption/ Income Distribution cum Capital Withdrawal (IDCW) proceeds for investments held in the name of Minor shall continue to be transferred to the verified bank account of the minor (i.e. of the minor or minor with parent/ legal guardian) only. Therefore, investors must ensure to update the folios with minor's bank account details as the 'Pay-out Bank account' by providing necessary documents before tendering redemption requests / for receiving IDCW distributions.</p> <p>MINOR ATTAINING MAJOR STATUS The Mutual Fund/AMC will register SIP/STP/SWAP/or any other systematic enrollment in the folio held by a minor only till the date of the minor attaining majority, even though the instructions may be for a period beyond that date. Such enrollments will automatically stand terminated upon the Unit Holder attaining 18 years of age.</p> <p>For folios where the units are held on behalf of the minor, the account shall be frozen for operation by the guardian on the day the minor attains majority and no transactions shall be permitted till the requisite documents for changing the status of the account from 'minor' to 'major' are submitted.</p>
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III. OTHER DETAILS

A. 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 31 st March and on 30 th 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. 31 st	AMC website AMFI website	https://www.hdfcfund.com/statutory-disclosure/annual-reports https://www.amfiindia.com/otherdata/accounts

			March each year).		
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/monthly-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	https://www.hdfcfund.com/statutory-disclosure/portfolio https://www.amfiindia.com/online-center/risk-o-meter
7	Tracking Error	Daily	Daily basis	AMC website AMFI website	https://www.hdfcfund.com/statutory-disclosure/tracking-error https://www.amfiindia.com/research-information/other-data/tracking_errordata
8	Tracking Difference (Upon completion of 1 year of the Scheme, tracking difference shall be disclosed on the website of the AMC and	Monthly	within 10 days from the close of each month.	AMC website AMFI website	https://www.hdfcfund.com/statutory-disclosure/tracking-error https://www.amfiindia.com/otherdata/tracking-error

	AMFI, on a monthly basis)				
9	Change in constituents of the index, if any	As and when it is changed	Immediately	AMC website	Refer respective product pages on our website i.e. www.hdfcfund.com
10	For Debt and Equity ETFs / Index Funds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name and exposure to top 7 issuers and stocks respectively as a percentage of NAV of the scheme • Name and exposure to top 7 groups as a percentage of NAV of the scheme. • Name and exposure to top 4 sectors as a percentage of NAV of the scheme. 	Monthly basis	-	Monthly factsheet or in Monthly Portfolio – AMC website	hdfcfund.com/statutory-disclosure/disclosure-of-issuerwise-groupwise-sectorwise-exposure-for-etf-index-funds https://www.hdfcfund.com/investor-services/factsheets https://www.hdfcfund.com/statutory-disclosure/portfolio/monthly-portfolio
11	Scheme Summary Documents	Monthly	within 15 days from the close of each month or on changes in any of the specified fields, whichever is earlier.	AMC website AMFI website BSE 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

				NSE website	https://www.nseindia.com
12	Investor Charter	-	As and when updated	AMC website	Investor Charter

B. TRANSPARENCY/NAV DISCLOSURE

<p>Net Asset Value</p> <p>This is the value per unit of the scheme on a particular day. You can ascertain the value of your investments by multiplying the NAV with your unit balance.</p>	<p>The NAVs will be calculated and disclosed at the close of every Business Day in the following manner:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Displayed on the website of the Mutual Fund (www.hdfcfund.com) (ii) Displayed on the website of Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI) (www.amfiindia.com). (iii) Any other manner as may be specified by SEBI from time to time. <p>The same shall also be communicated to the Stock Exchange(s), where the units are listed.</p> <p>Mutual Fund/AMC will provide facility of sending latest available NAVs to unitholders through SMS, upon receiving a specific request in this regard.</p> <p>AMC shall update the NAVs on the website of the Fund and AMFI by 11.00 p.m. every Business day or by 09:00 a.m. of the following calendar day in case of investments by the Scheme in Exchange Traded Commodity Derivatives (ETCDs). In case of any delay in uploading on AMFI website, the reasons for such delay would be explained to AMFI and SEBI in writing. If the NAVs are not available before commencement of business hours on the following day due to any reason, Mutual Fund shall issue a press release providing reasons and explaining when the Mutual Fund would be able to publish the NAVs.</p>
<p>Indicative NAV (iNAV)</p>	<p>Indicative NAV (iNAV) is the 'per unit NAV' based on the current market value of Scheme's portfolio during the trading hours of the ETF. iNAVs shall be disclosed on a continuous basis on Stock Exchange (s), where the units of the ETF are listed and traded during the trading hours and shall be updated based on the latest available data for Gold. Accordingly, iNAV disclosed for the Scheme may either be static or dynamic depending upon the availability of the underlying price.</p> <p>iNAV will not have any bearing on the creation or redemption of units directly with the Fund by the Market Makers / Large Investors / Regulated Entities.</p>

C. TRANSACTION CHARGES AND STAMP DUTY

Transaction Charges	No transaction charges shall be deducted from the subscription amount for transactions /applications received through the distributors (i.e. in Regular Plan).
Stamp Duty on Allotment/Transfer of Units	<p>Mutual fund units issued against Purchase transactions (whether through lump-sum investments or SIP or STP or switch-ins or reinvestment under IDCW Option) would be subject to levy of stamp duty @ 0.005% of the amount invested.</p> <p>Transfer of mutual fund units (such as transfers between demat accounts) are subject to payment of stamp duty @ 0.015%.</p> <p>Stamp duty is charged pursuant to Notification No. S.O. 4419(E) dated December 10, 2019 issued by Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance, Government of India, read with Part I of Chapter IV of Notification dated February 21, 2019 issued by Legislative Department, Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India on the Finance Act, 2019, and subsequent Notification dated March 30, 2020 issued by Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance, Government of India. The rate and levy of stamp duty may vary as amended from time to time.</p> <p>For further details, refer SAI.</p>

D. ASSOCIATE TRANSACTIONS - Please refer to Statement of Additional Information (SAI)

E. TAXATION

For details on taxation please refer to the clause on Taxation in the SAI apart from the following:

Other than Equity Oriented Funds

Tax implications on distributed income by Mutual Funds^^:

Particulars	Resident Investors	Non-Resident Investors	Mutual Fund*
(I) Other than Equity Oriented Funds (including specified mutual funds):			
Dividend:			
TDS rate	10% (if dividend income exceeds INR 10,000 in a financial year)	20% + applicable Surcharge + Cess	Nil
Tax rate	Individual / HUF: Applicable rates ¹ Domestic Company¹: 30% / 25% ² / 22% ² / 15% ²	20% ¹	Nil

(II) Other than Equity Oriented Funds (other than specified mutual funds):			
Capital Gains¹:			
Long Term Capital Gains (period of holding more than 12 months for listed units and more than 24 months for unlisted units)	12.5% ² without indexation	12.5% ² without indexation and without foreign currency fluctuation benefits	Nil
Short Term Capital Gains (period of holding less than or equal to 12 months for listed units and less than or equal to 24 months for unlisted units)	Individual / HUF: Applicable rates Domestic Company: 30% / 25% ² / 22% ² / 15% ²	Non-resident (other than Foreign Company): Applicable rates Foreign Company: 35%	Nil
(III) Specified Mutual Funds[§]: Deemed Short Term irrespective of holding period. The capital gains will be taxed at applicable rates ¹ .			

Notes:

*The levy of tax on distributed income payable by Mutual Funds has been abolished w.e.f. April 1, 2020, and instead tax on income from mutual fund units in the hands of the unit holders at their applicable rates has been adopted.

¹Tax rate to be increased by applicable surcharge and health and education cess at 4% on aggregate of base tax and surcharge.

²Subject to conditions as per the provisions of the Income-tax Act, 2025 (erstwhile Income-tax Act, 1961).

[§]Deemed Short Term Capital Gains - Capital gains from transfer of units of "Specified Mutual Fund Schemes" acquired on or after 1st April 2023 are treated as deemed short term capital gains taxable at applicable rates as provided above irrespective of the period of holding of such mutual fund units.

For this purpose, specified mutual fund means:

- (a) Mutual fund which invests more than 65 per cent of its total proceeds in debt and money market instruments; or
- (b) a fund which invests 65 per cent or more of its total proceeds in units of a fund referred to in above sub-clause (a).

Provided that the percentage of investment in debt and money market instruments or in units of a fund, as the case may be, in respect of the Specified Mutual Fund, shall be computed with reference to the annual average of the daily closing figures.

Provided further that for the purposes of this clause, "debt and money market instruments" shall include any securities, by whatever name called, classified or regulated as debt and money market instruments by the Securities and Exchange Board of India.

^^ The information set out is neither a complete disclosure of every material fact of the Income-tax Act, 2025 (erstwhile Income-tax Act, 1961) nor does it constitute tax or legal advice. Investors should be aware that the fiscal rules/ tax laws may change and there can be no guarantee that

the current tax position may continue indefinitely. The information/ data herein alone is not sufficient and shouldn't be used or should not be construed as any advice. In view of the individual nature of tax implications, investors should make his/her/their own investigation and/or are advised to consult their professional tax advisor. For further details on taxation, please refer to the Section on Taxation on investing in Mutual Funds in Statement of Additional Information {SAI}.

F. RIGHTS OF UNITHOLDERS

Please refer to SAI for details.

G. LIST OF OFFICIAL POINTS OF ACCEPTANCE:

AMC offices - <https://www.hdfcfund.com/contact-us/visit-us>

H. PENALTIES, PENDING LITIGATION OR PROCEEDINGS, FINDINGS OF INSPECTIONS OR INVESTIGATIONS FOR WHICH ACTION MAY HAVE BEEN TAKEN OR IS IN THE PROCESS OF BEING TAKEN BY ANY REGULATORY AUTHORITY

Visit: <https://www.hdfcfund.com/statutory-disclosure/offer-document-disclosures>

Notes:

1. Any amendments / replacement / re-enactment of SEBI (MF) Regulations subsequent to the date of the Scheme Information Document shall prevail over those specified in this Scheme Information Document.
2. The Scheme under this Scheme Information Document was approved by the Trustee on August 13, 2012. Further, The Trustee at its board meeting dated December 03, 2025 approved the changes in Fundamental Attributes of the scheme.
3. The Scheme Information Document is an updated version of the same in line with the current laws/ regulations and other developments.
4. **Notwithstanding anything contained in this Scheme Information Document, the provisions of the SEBI (Mutual Funds) Regulations, 2026 and circulars and the guidelines there under shall be applicable.**

For and on behalf of the Board of Directors of HDFC Asset Management Company Limited	
Place: Mumbai Date: April 22, 2026	NAVNEET MUNOT Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer

DETAILS OF OFFICIAL POINTS OF ACCEPTANCE (OPA) FOR HDFC MUTUAL FUND

TRANSACTIONS AT AMC OFFICES

Offices of AMC (excluding Business Centres) i.e. Investor Service Centres (ISCs) shall act as the OPAs to accept transactions in ETF schemes of HDFC Mutual Fund.

FOR TRANSACTIONS IN ELECTRONIC FORM (FOR ETFs)

Eligible investors can undertake any transaction, including purchase / redemption / switch and avail of any services as may be provided by HDFC Asset Management Company Limited (AMC) from time to time through the online/electronic modes (including email) via various sources like its official website - www.hdfcfund.com, designated email-id(s), etc. Additionally, this will also cover transactions submitted in electronic mode by specified banks, financial institutions, distributors viz. Channel Partners, etc. on behalf of investors, with whom AMC has entered or may enter into specific arrangements or directly by investors through secured internet sites operated by CAMS or other electronic platforms. The servers including email servers (maintained at various locations) of AMC and CAMS or any other service provider/transaction platform with whom the AMC has tied up for this purpose will be the official point of acceptance for all such online / electronic transactions. For the purpose of determining the applicability of NAV, the time when the request for purchase / sale / switch of units is received in the servers of AMC/ RTA or such other service provider/ transaction platform, shall be considered.

For addresses of AMC offices, visit: <https://www.hdfcfund.com/contact-us/visit-us>



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