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BENEFIT FROM ARBITRAGE.

AXIS ARBITRAGE FUND

(An open-ended scheme investing in arbitrage opportunities)

What is Arbitrage?



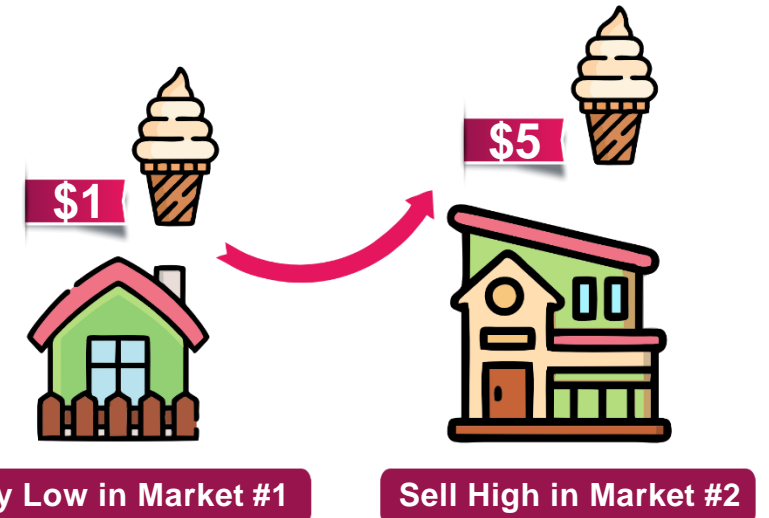
Markets are inherently inefficient at pricing securities.



This results in small pricing differences in the same security across multiple market venues



Arbitrage funds aim to exploit this pricing differential by simultaneously buying and selling an asset and earning a risk free profit - **This is called Arbitrage**



In the equity markets, arbitrage opportunities arise out of differences in prices between the cash market & the derivatives markets

Derivative markets comprise of Futures & Options

Understanding Equity Arbitrage

- In India, F&O markets offer weekly & monthly contracts on permitted equity securities
- **Key Terms to Know**

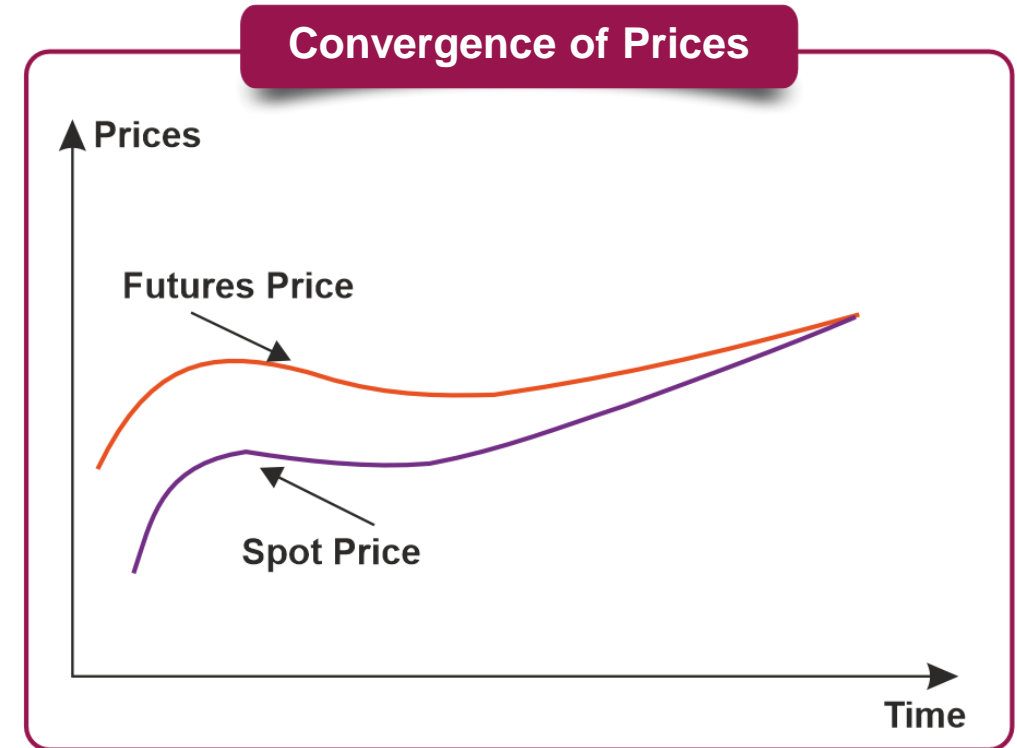
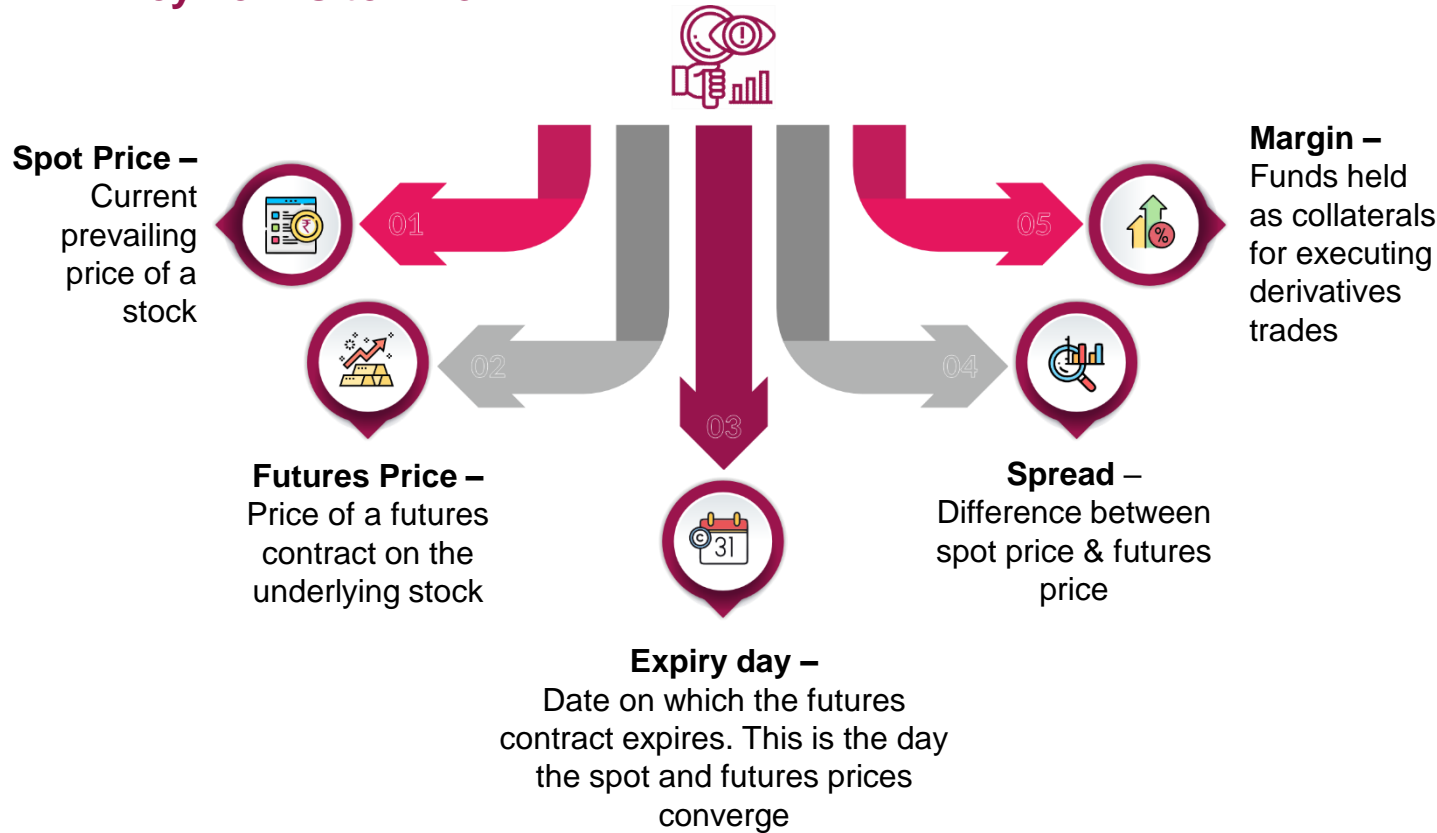
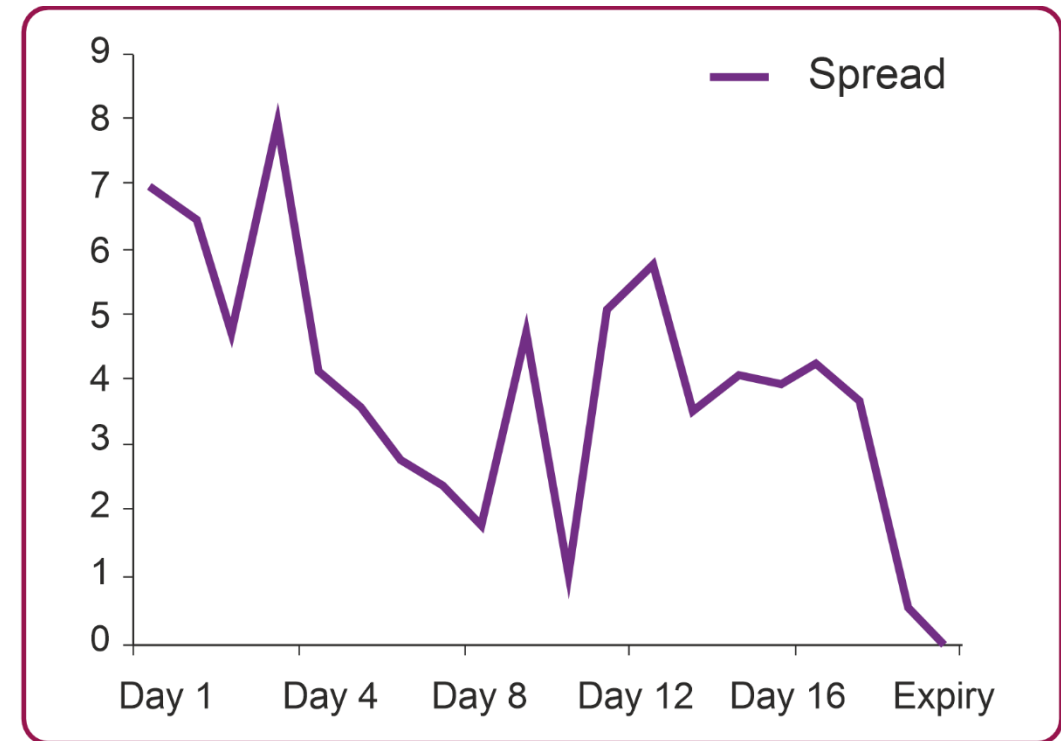
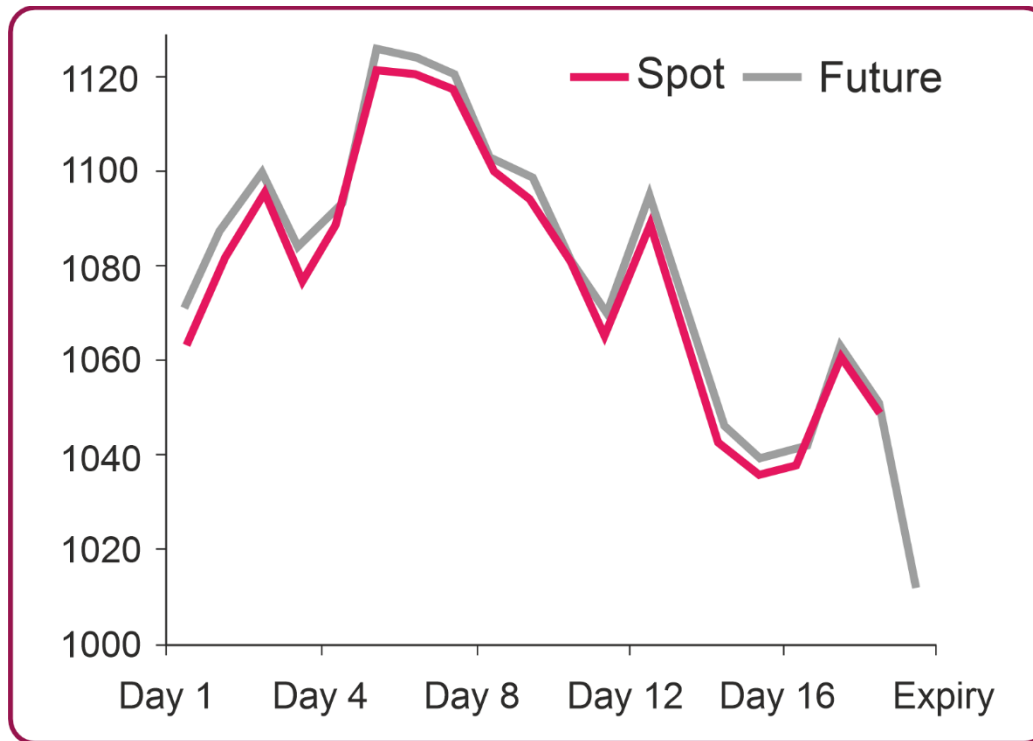


Illustration – Arbitrage Returns

Trajectory of Spreads

Illustration: The below chart on LHS depicts the spot and future price movement for one month contract.

While the chart on RHS explains how the spread between the future and the spot converges to zero by the expiry of the contract.

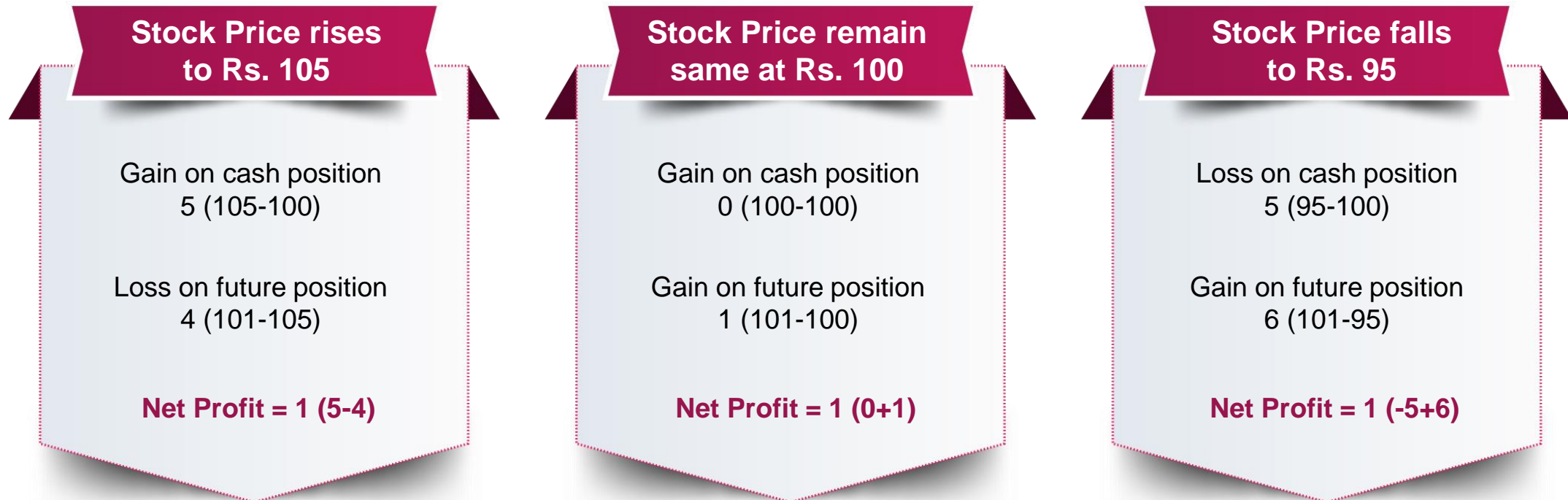


What makes Arbitrage Risk Free?

Arbitrage is simultaneous buying and selling the same underlying security or its derivatives market segment to make risk free profits.

For Illustration

Buy a stock at Rs. 100 and sell the 1 month future of the same at Rs. 101. At the end of Month



An arbitrage transaction seeks to capture riskless profits

Why Arbitrage Funds?

01

Generate income through arbitrage opportunities arising out of pricing mismatch in a security between different markets or as a result of special situations.



03

Completely hedged positions, neutralizes market risk (volatility) and targets absolute returns irrespective of market conditions.



Enhance portfolio returns using different trading strategies within derivatives segment

02




Balance of safety, returns and liquidity

04

The Tax Advantage

Arbitrage funds are treated as equity funds for Taxation

 Your Gain	Capital Gains Taxation		
	Individual / HUF	Domestic Company	Non-Resident#
	Specified Mutual Fund Other Than Equity Oriented Scheme		
Capital Gains on Specified mutual funds (Refer Note 1)	30% [^]	30%/25% ^{&} / 22% ^{**} / 15% ^{^^}	30% [^] (40% in case of Foreign Companies)
Other than Specified Mutual & other than Equity Oriented Schemes (funds investing more than 35% & less than 65% of its total proceeds in the equity shares of domestic companies)			
Long Term Capital Gains (Holding period > 36 months) (Note 1)	20% [§]	20% [§]	Listed-20%[§] Unlisted-10%[*]
Short Term Capital Gains (Holding period <= 36 months) (Note 1)	30% [^]	30%/ 25% ^{&} / 22% ^{**} / 15% ^{^^}	30% [^] (40% in case of Foreign Companies)
Equity Oriented Schemes			
Long Term Capital Gains (Holding period > 12 months)	10% [~]		10% ^{~*}
Short Term Capital Gains (Holding period <= 12 months)	15%		

Source: Axis MF Research

Tax rates shall be increased by applicable surcharge (mentioned below) and health and education cess. #Short term/ long term capital gain tax will be deducted at the time of redemption of unit(s) in case of non-resident investors only. Non-resident investor who is a resident of a country with which India has signed a Double Tax Avoidance Agreement (DTAA) (which is in force), tax shall be deducted at the rate provided under the Income-tax Act, 1961 (Act) or the rate provided in the said DTAA, whichever is more beneficial to such non-resident investor (provided specified documents are provided). If the non-resident investor produces a nil or lower withholding certificate from the income tax authorities, then tax shall be deducted at such rates mentioned in the certificate during the validity of the certificate. \$After providing indexation benefit in respect of cost of acquisition. * Without foreign currency and indexation benefit. ^Assuming the investor falls into highest tax bracket. &If the total turnover of the domestic company does not exceed INR 400 crores during financial year 2023-24, a concessional rate of 25% (plus applicable surcharge and health & education cess) may apply. ^^This lower rate is optional for companies engaged in manufacturing business (set-up and registered on or after 1 October 2019) subject to fulfilment of certain conditions as provided in section 115BAB of the Act. In view of individual nature of the tax consequences, each investor is advised to consult his/her own professional tax advisor. The AMC / Mutual Fund is not guaranteeing or promising or forecasting any returns. These products are not strictly comparable. There is no assurance or guarantee to unit holders as to rate/quantum of dividend distribution nor that the dividends will be paid regularly.



Investment Strategy



Derive returns by exploiting cost of carry and price differentials between the stocks in cash market and the derivatives market



The Scheme will endeavor to execute arbitrage strategies by taking opposite positions in markets (Cash V/s F&O) simultaneously. – No unhedged positions

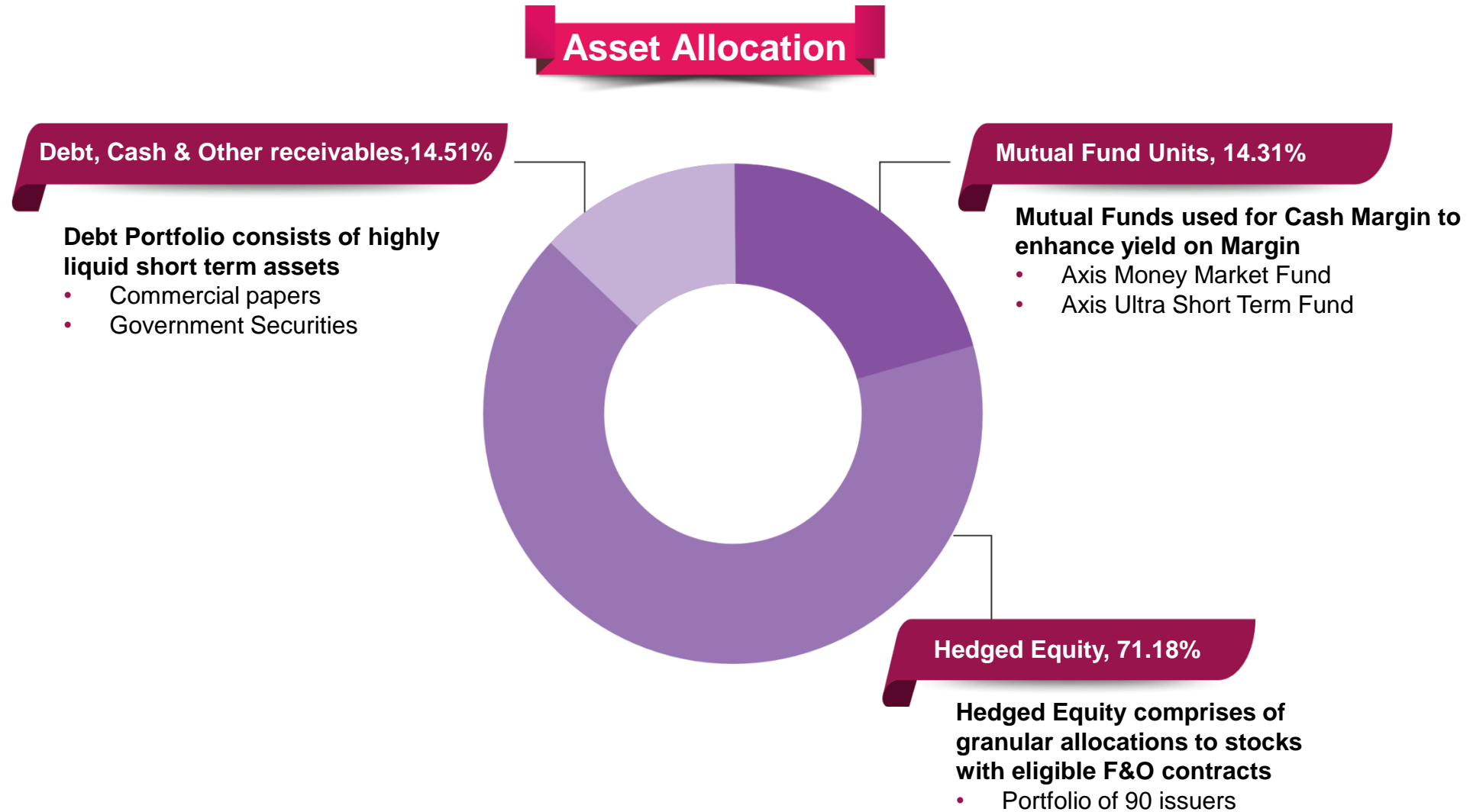


The overall risk the Scheme would carry would be that of being market neutral i.e. no specific equity risk



The fund uses debt mutual fund schemes to enhance the market linked returns of marginable securities ensuring most efficient execution & management of the entire portfolio

Current Portfolio Mix

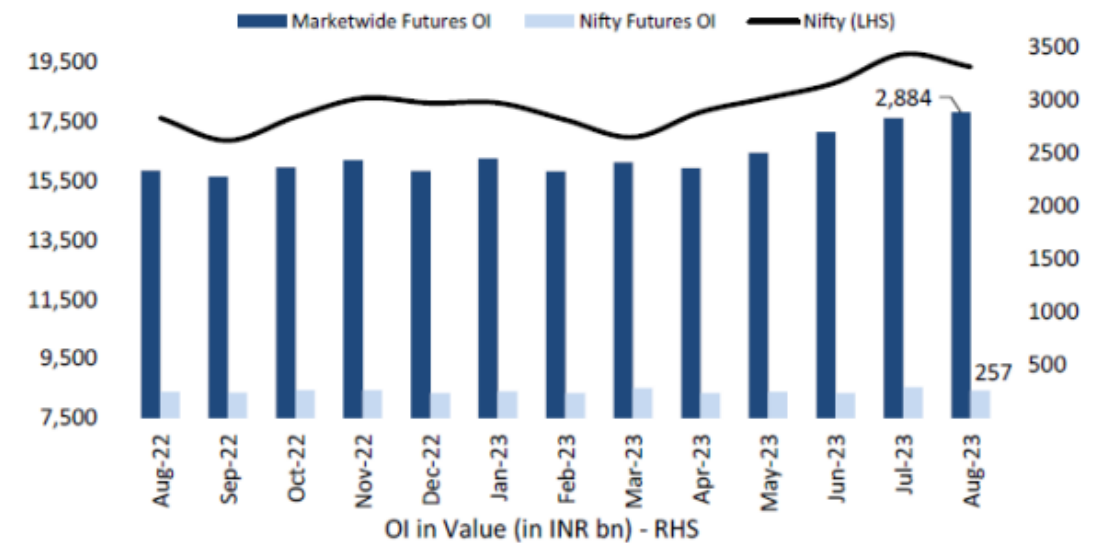


Arbitrage Markets

Aug 2023 Series

- Markets saw some degree of fatigue during the August series after 3 months of strong bullish sentiments.
- Increasing global headwinds could also have had a sentimental impact on market participants. The month was also characteristic of several large block trades where promoters, private equity, and other large institutions liquidated holdings to other long-term investors.
- FPI & domestic institutional flows were sharply directed towards these blocks. Midcap and smallcap counters saw heightened activity from retail counters resulting in wider arbitrage opportunities within this space.
- Outperformance V/s large-cap peers could be a reason for higher retail participation.

Market wide participation has seen signs of improvement



Source: Nuvama Alternative & Quantitative Research; NSE. Data as of 31st August 2023

Things to know before Investing



Risk & Return

- The equity positions are completely hedged. Hence the fund does not take any equity market exposure
- Return profiles improve during periods of volatility and narrow in times of calm markets
- The fund may deliver negative returns intra-month due to market fluctuations. However, the risk of negative returns is lower across a complete F&O expiry cycle



Investment Horizon

- Axis Arbitrage Fund can be considered as a parking solution for short term surplus funds
- Given the tax structure for equity oriented mutual funds the fund is an ideal substitute to short tenor debt mutual funds
- Ideal investment horizon 3-6 months



How can you participate

- Investors can enter the fund via lumpsum or systematic investment solutions
- The fund does not have any lock-in. However, exit loads may apply

Product Labelling

Axis Arbitrage Fund

(An Open Ended Scheme Investing In Arbitrage Opportunities)

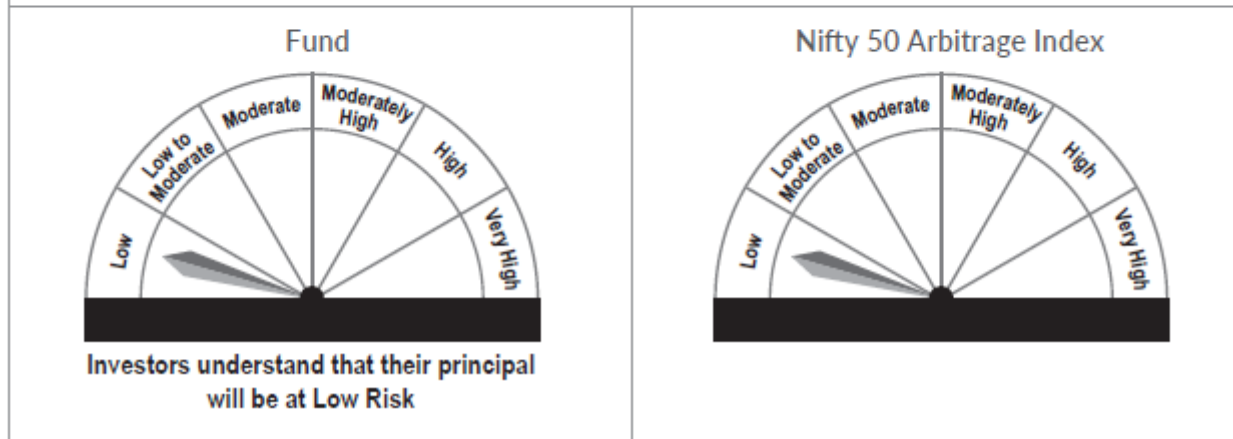
Benchmark: Nifty 50 Arbitrage Index

This product is suitable for investors who are seeking*:

- Income over short to medium term
- Investment in arbitrage opportunities in the cash & derivatives segment of the equity market

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Riskometer



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Disclaimer & Risk Factors

Past performance may or may not be sustained in the future.

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Trustee: Axis Mutual Fund Trustee Ltd.

Investment Manager: Axis Asset Management Co. Ltd. (the AMC)

Risk Factors

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