

# **Sundaram India Opportunities Fund**

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Sundaram India Opportunities Fund (SIOF) is a Fund of Funds with a diversified exposure to Indian equities across the different market cap curves.



**Investment Objective and Strategy** 

To deliver **long term capital appreciation** over the medium and long term by taking advantage of the opportunities present in the Indian equity market as identified by **SAMS** by investing primarily in the **best of equity funds** from the Sundaram Mutual stable.



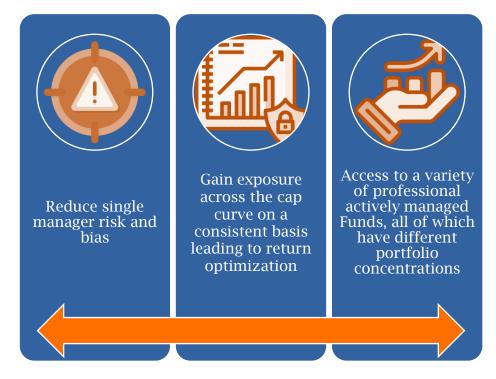
#### **Investment approach**



Component Funds to be hand picked primarily from India domiciled equity funds managed by Sundaram Mutual, with a small exposure to India

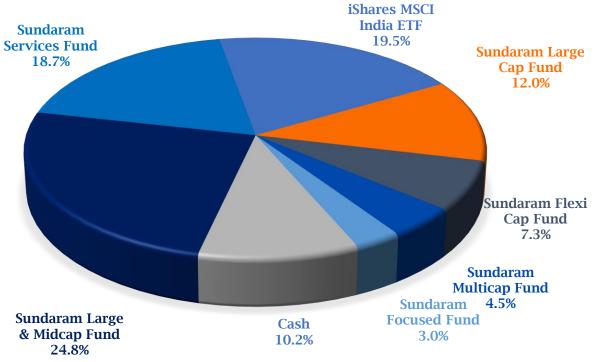
#### ETFs

**Risk mitigation** via dynamic allocation across component Funds and the cap curve based on Investment Manager's view of the state of the Indian economy and market Investing in SIOF enables an investor to:





#### **Current portfolio**



**Source**: Bloomberg and Inhouse **As of date**: March 31, 2024

The Fund was incepted on 17 December 2021 and took approximately one month to get fully invested

Until the FPI license was received in February 2022, the entire investment was in US-listed iShares MSCI India ETF

ETF position was then switched progressively to preferred Sundaram India Funds.

The portfolio is split between five Sundaram's India Funds (Sundaram Large & Midcap Fund, Sundaram Multicap Fund, Sundaram Services Fund, Sundaram Large Cap Fund, Sundaram Flexicap Fund, Sundaram Focused Fund ), and iShares MSCI India ETF.

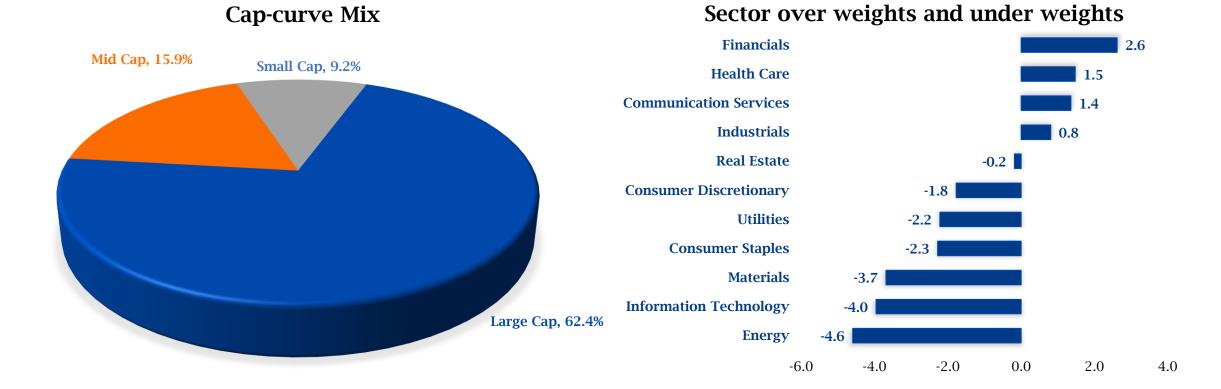
Sundaram India's Funds have been picked by analysing the best performing funds within the Sundaram stable as well as keeping in mind the cap curve positioning.



Exposure to the ETF provides the dual purpose of meeting day-to-day redemptions in the most tax efficient manner as well as providing exposure to large cap Indian equities.



#### **Cap-curve mix and Sector Bets**



Source: Bloomberg and Inhouse Sector bets are against the reference benchmark: MSCI India TR Index As of date: March 31, 2024

### **Performance of Component Funds**

USD Returns					
Fund / ETF / Index	CYTD	1 Month	1 Year	3 Years	
Sundaram Services Fund	1.0%	0.9%	34.6%	18.1%	
Sundaram Large & Midcap Fund	3.7%	0.9%	38.0%	14.7%	
Sundaram Multi Cap Fund	1.9%	-1.0%	39.1%	15.8%	
Sundaram Large Cap Fund	4.4%	1.3%	32.7%	12.9%	
Sundaram Flexi Cap Fund*	2.5%	1.2%	33.3%		
Sundaram Focused Fund	4.7%	1.4%	36.1%	13.4%	
iShares MSCI India ETF	5.7%	0.8%	31.3%	9.3%	
Sundaram India Opportunities Fund**	2.3%	0.6%	25.3%		

\* Inception Date: 6 September 2022

\*\* Performance of the Classic Class inclusive of dividends paid out

Source: Bloomberg and in-house As of March 31, 2024

Annualized return for periods greater than one year. Past performance is no indicator of future performance.



### **Performance of Sundaram India Opportunities Fund**

% USD Returns					
Period	Fund	Excess Return			
1 Month	0.6	0.8	-0.2		
CYTD	2.3	6.1	-3.8		
1 Year	25.3	36.8	-11.5		
Since Inception*	4.4	9.8	-5.3		

Comparison with peer group - Morningstar Rankings**				
SUOF Classic	1 Year	Since Inception		
Peer Group Percentile	76	77		
No of Investments ranked in peer group	516	489		

Performance for the Classic Class in USD inclusive of dividends paid out. \*Inception Date: 17 December 2021 (The Fund took approximately one month to get fully invested) \*\*Inception Date: 20 December 2021 as per Morningstar.

Source: Bloomberg, Morningstar and Inhouse As of March 31, 2024 Past performance is no indicator of future performance.



#### **Asset allocation**

#### The Fund allocates up to 100% in Indian Equity Funds and Equity ETFs

#### Underlying investments via suitable funds and ETFs into Indian equities

Underlying Asset Classes	Indicative Fund Allocation	
India Equity Funds		
India Equity Related ETFs	0 - 100%	
India Securities-related Index Funds		
Cash & Cash Equivalents	0 - 30%	



#### **Components funds**

Sundaram Services Fund

Sundaram Large & Midcap Fund

Sundaram Multicap Fund Invests in companies that are part of the Services sector of the economy, across 6 key themes and 15 sub sectors
Multi cap portfolio offering investment opportunity across the cap curve
Optimally diversified portfolio of ~45 stocks

•Well diversified portfolio across high growth Large and Midcaps
•Minimum 35% investment in each category (Large & Midcap)
•The core investment philosophy and strategy for the Fund is to own good growth businesses at a reasonable price considering a 3-year outlook
•Principal Emerging Bluechip Fund was merged into this Fund in December 2021

Multicap portfolio investing a minimum of 25% each in Large, Mid and Small caps
Offers better risk-adjusted returns compared to single cap funds
Portfolio construction is through bottom-up approach across overarching themes driving economic earnings and growth
Principal Multicap Growth Fund was merged into this Fund in December 2021



#### **Components funds**

Sundaram Largecap Fund

Sundaram Flexicap Fund

Sundaram Focused Fund •Comprises of Largecap companies that have **stable business models** and are **resilient across business cycles** 

These companies benefit from scale and competitive moats that come from their size
Underlying securities are a blend of growth and value stocks and are highly liquid

Judicious mix of large, mid and small caps across 55-70 stocks, with a bottom-up approach
Invests in opportunities across market caps. Large caps biased towards compounding stories; mid and small caps to provide alpha generation
The Fund invests in opportunities across these indicative themes – Turnaround/Business

restructuring, Value Unlocking, Value Migration and New Age economy

Comprises of 30 stocks with adequate diversification across sectors.
Actively managed portfolio that invests in high conviction concentrated portfolio of companies across market capitalization, thereby creating a portfolio of best ideas across large, mid and small caps.



### **Component funds**

## Each of the component funds are strong performers in its respective category

Fund	Since inception returns	Inception date
Sundaram Services Fund	17.5%	September 25, 2018
Sundaram Large Cap Fund	15.0%	July 30, 2002
Sundaram Large & Midcap Fund	10.4%	February 27, 2007
Sundaram Multicap Fund	12.9%	October 25, 2000
Sundaram Flexicap Fund	15.5%	September 6, 2022
Sundaram Focused Fund	11.9%	November 11,2005

#### Additionally, MSCI India ETF will be added as a component



Added for liquidity and tax management purposes

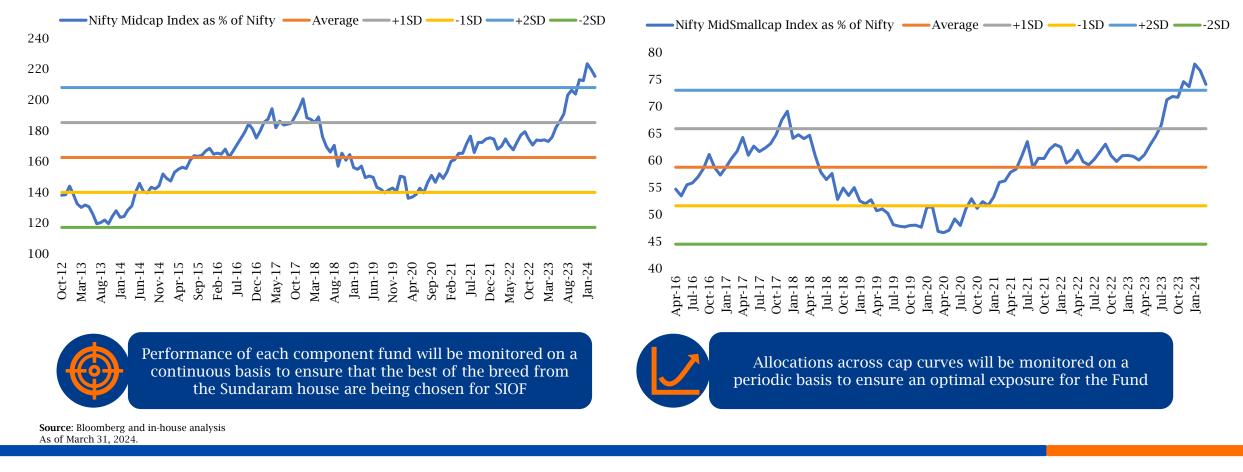
Source: Bloomberg and In-house as of March 31,2024

Since inception returns are annualized since the inception date of the respective funds and pertains to the Regular Growth Class. Returns are in USD terms in %.

### **Risk mitigating methodology**

#### Monitor Nifty Midcap Index and Nifty Midsmall cap Index as a percentage of Nifty Index

• Mid and small caps have outperformed strongly in recent months and are emitting signs of caution.

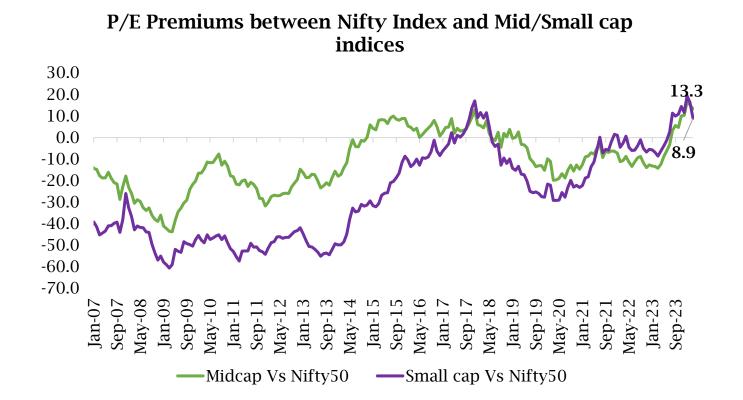


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### **Risk mitigating methodology**

Monitor Price/Earnings (P/E) Premiums between Mid/Small cap indices and Nifty index

• Small caps are trading at a premium to large caps - warning sign



Premium / Discount over Nifty				
Index	Dec-17	Mar-20	Current	
NSE Mid- cap	12.9	-19.8	13.3	
BSE Small- cap	17.0	-29.1	8.9	

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P/E premium/discount indicator works best as a caution indicator, i.e. when the midcap P/E premium is 10%+ and small caps are trading at flat or at a premium.

Source: Bloomberg, Sundaram Asset Management as of end February 2024.



ocation* between component funds worked out as follows:		Based on long term track record, four domestic funds were picked from the Sundaram and	
Funding allocation	From 1 April 2012	After 21 Sep 2018	funds were picked from the Sundaram and Principal stables.
Sundaram Large & Midcap Fund	30.7%	23.0%	Each were given an equal allocation with a fixed
Principal Multicap Growth Fund	30.7%	23.0%	5% allocation to MSCI India ETF and 3% to Cash (for liquidity and tax management purposes).
Principal Emerging Bluechip Fund	30.7%	23.0%	
Sundaram Services Fund	NA	23.0%	Total Expense Ratio (TER) of SIOF assumed at 1.59 p.a.
MSCI India ETF	5.0%	5.0%	
Cash	3.0%	3.0%	Performance of each fund component is based on actual historic performance and is net of all fees.
			No interest earnings is assumed for the cash

Source: Bloomberg and Inhouse. Launch date: April 1, 2012. Data in USD NAV of component funds in Regular Growth class and is net of fees. \*Assumed to be a running portfolio and when new fund(s) get added it will be by carving out from the marked to market existing portfolio Portfolio gets reheateneed when the Sundaram Sources Fund gets added on 21 Soutember 2018 (Launch date of Sundaram Sources Fund)

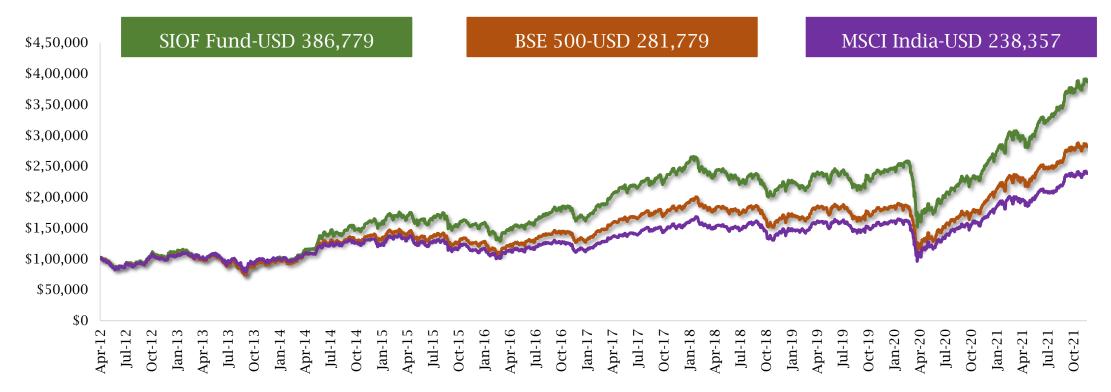
Portfolio gets rebalanced when the Sundaram Services Fund gets added on 21 September 2018 (Launch date of Sundaram Services Fund)

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component.



#### Value of USD 100,000 invested at launch (simulated)



SIOF Fund BSE 500 MSCI India				
	SIOF	BSE 500 TR	MSCI India TR	
Cumulative Annualized Performance since launch	15.1%	11.3%	9.4%	

Source: Bloomberg and Inhouse

Launch date: April 1, 2012; End date: November 18, 2021

Data in USD. Past performance is no indicator of future performance.



### **Simulated Performance**

Over this timeframe, the simulated portfolio outperformed the BSE 500 TR and MSCI India TR indices handsomely

Simulated annualized return from November 18, 2014 to November 18, 2021 based on actual performance of components and assuming a 1.5% annual TER works out to be 13.2% in USD terms.

	Fund	BSE 500 TR Index	Outperformance V/s BSE500 TR	MSCI India Net Return index	Outperformance V/s MSCI India
YTD	41.2%	32.3%	+8.9%	28.9%	+12.3%
1 M	-0.5%	-2.2%	+1.7%	-1.4%	+0.9%
3 M	11.1%	8.8%	+2.3%	8.4%	+2.7%
6 M	25.7%	18.0%	+7.7%	18.0%	+7.7%
1 Year	54.1%	46.2%	+7.8%	41.7%	+12.3%
2 Years	26.9%	25.5%	+1.4%	24.0%	+2.9%
3 Years	21.2%	19.6%	+1.6%	18.6%	+2.6%
5 Years	18.4%	16.8%	+1.6%	16.1%	+2.3%
7 Years	13.2%	10.7%	+2.5%	8.8%	+4.4%

Simulated returns as of November 18, 2021 of SIOF, net of 1.5% TER. Returns greater than one year annualized. Past return is no indicator of future return. Source: Bloomberg and Inhouse. Launch date: April 1, 2012. Data in USD



#### **Component Funds used in Simulation**

Sundaram Large & Midcap Fund, Sundaram Services Fund and MSCI India ETF were used in the simulation. Descriptions of these have been provided earlier.

Additionally, two other funds considered in the simulation were:



\*\* Merged to Sundaram Large & Midcap Fund effective December 24, 2021



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