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Gold ETFs attract Rs 4,814 crore in 2021 on firming inflation, higher market valuations

Gold exchange traded funds (ETFs) remained in favour in 2021 with the segment attracting Rs 4,814 crore primarily due to firming of inflation and elevated market valuations. Although, the inflow was lower compared to Rs 6,657 crore seen in 2020, data with Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI) showed.

The global recovery and improved investor sentiment resulted in gold ETF flows sobering down in 2021 compared to the pandemic year.

Flows into gold ETFs in 2020 were the result of risk aversion due to the Covid-19 pandemic as well as the coordinated easing of monetary policies and softening of global interest rates which made gold attractive.

Gold, with its superlative performance over the last few years, has attracted significant investor interest and the consistent surge in their folio numbers is a testimony of the same.

In the year 2021, the folio numbers in gold ETFs surged from 8.87 lakh in December 2020 to 32.09 lakh in December 2021.

Investments into ETFs that track the yellow metal have been witnessing a steady uptick since August 2019. During the challenging investment environment in the recent past, gold emerged as one of the better performing asset classes, thus proving its effectiveness in investors' portfolio. This aspect has not gone unnoticed by investors, which is evident from rather consistent net inflow into gold ETF category.

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BSE StAR MF processes record 1.87 crore transactions with a turnover of Rs 37,397 crore

BSE StAR MF, a regulated Exchange-based online Mutual Funds Distribution platform, has processed a record 1.87 crore transaction worth Rs. 37,397 crores on January 22. The former highest monthly transaction was 1.73 crore was achieved in December 2021.

On 10 January 2022, BSE StAR MF processed 26.65 lakh transactions outdoing its previous best singleday record of 26.52 lakh transactions (on 8th November 2021). The platform also achieved its highest ever new SIPs of 13.19 lakh registered in a month in Jan'22 as compared to previous highest of 9.71 lakh in Sep'21.

Overall, the platform achieved 157% of the transaction within 10 months which is 14.69 crore. during FY 21-22(Apr – Jan) as compared to 9.38 crore. transactions during FY 20-21.

The new SIP registrations for the month of January stood at Rs 13.19 lakh new SIPs amounting to Rs. 307 crores. The platform had registered 9.17 lakh new SIPs amounting to Rs. 212 crores in December, 2021. BSE StAR MF App (StAR MF Mobility) has processed over 48.90 lakh transactions since its launch, amounting to Rs. 18,827 Cr as on Jan'22.

SEBI lays guidelines for mutual funds with respect to Indian Accounting Standards

Capital markets regulator Sebi on Friday came out with guidelines for asset management companies (AMCs) with respect to following Indian Accounting Standards (Ind AS). This comes after Sebi amended mutual fund rules which mandated AMCs to prepare the financial statements and accounts of the mutual fund schemes in accordance with Ind AS, with effect from April 1, 2023.

Under the guidelines, mutual fund schemes will have to prepare the opening balance sheet as on date of transition and the comparatives as per the requirements of Ind AS, Sebi said in a circular.

As per mutual fund rules, perspective historical per unit statistics requires disclosure of scheme wise per unit statistics for the past three years. However, mutual fund schemes will have to furnish certain additional information in perspective historical per unit statistics.

This additional information are related to label the previous Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) information prominently as not being prepared in accordance with Ind AS; and disclose the nature of the adjustments that would be required to make it comply with Ind AS. Mutual Funds schemes need not quantify those adjustments.

The financial statements of the mutual fund schemes will have to be prepared in a format specified by the regulator.

The new framework will be effective from April 1, 2023, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) said.

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Shriram AMC announces approval of strategic investment of Mission 1 Investments for 23% stake in the company

Shriram Asset Management Company (AMC) on Wednesday announced that it has approved a strategic investment by Mission1 Investments which, upon completion of the transaction, will hold a 23% stake in the company.

Shriram AMC, which is part of the Shriram group, said that the move to bring in Mission1 as an investor is part of the Group's strategy to energize all the businesses in its portfolio. The company said the partnership sharpens Shriram Group's focus and attention towards building an investment solutions platform that empowers both retail and institutional customers.

The company said Mission1 Investments will subscribe to Compulsorily Convertible Debentures (CCDs) and warrants, within 18 months at a conversion price of Rs 124.30 per share, a premium of 24% over Tuesday's closing price. The Promoters will invest a further Rs 50 crore into the business by way of Compulsorily Convertible Preference Shares (CCPs) at the same conversion price of Rs 124.30 a share. The transaction is subject to SEBI approval. Shriram's current ownership stake of 68.67% of the paid-up capital will reduce to 62.55% post conversion.

Mutual funds seek higher foreign investment cap amid retail boom

After an explosion of retail investing that has seen India's mom-and-pop traders rushing to buy global as well as local stocks, mutual-fund managers in the nation are asking regulators to raise a limit on foreign investments. The Association of Mutual Funds in India is seeking a significant boost to the \$7 billion cap after it was breached for the first time since it was introduced nearly 14 years ago, triggering a temporary halt of overseas investments.

Easy-money policies helped fuel a boom in individual trading, pushing India's benchmark Sensex up 128% from its pandemic low. While driving up the local market, retail investors have sought even bigger gains in global tech giants and U.S. meme stocks.

"People have recognized that diversification of assets beyond borders is needed," said Balasubramanian, who is also chief executive at Aditya Birla Sun Life Asset Management Co., which manages \$42 billion of assets.

Balasubramanian said funds have been asked by the capital markets regulator and AMFI not to invest overseas for now following the limit breach. He said the country's regulators and the mutual fund industry should agree going forward on a schedule or formula for periodic revisions of the cap.

Assets managed by India's mutual fund industry have swelled to about 37 trillion rupees (\$494 billion) from just 5 trillion when the cap was set in 2008, while the country's foreign-exchange reserves have more than doubled to \$634 billion, notes Rajeev Thakkar, chief investment officer at Mumbai-based Parag Parikh Financial Advisory Services Ltd.

"Conditions are very conducive for the RBI to increase the limits," Thakkar said. About one-third of his \$2.7 billion equity fund is in foreign investments including Alphabet Inc., Microsoft Corp., Amazon.com Inc. and Meta Platforms Inc.

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EQUITY	3-years return (%)	5-years return (%)	Corpus (₹ cr)
LARGE-CAP			
UTI Nifty Index	17.92	16.16	5,841
HDFC Index	17.63	15.97	4,434
Category average	17.33	15.56	
EQUITY FLEXICAP			
Canara Robeco Flexi Cap	21.53	18.63	6,598
Parag Parikh Flexi Cap	27.96	21.57	19,933
Category average	19.94	15.82	
EQUITY SMALL AND MIDCAP			
Axis Midcap	25.80	21.69	16,835
SBI Small Cap	29.38	22.65	11,250
Category average Midcap	24.16	16.75	
Category average Smallcap	27.82	18.97	
EQUITY (TAXSAVER)			
Canara Robeco Equity Tax Saver	23.54	19.44	3,098
Mirae Asset Tax Saver	23.39	20.45	10,660
Category average	19.25	15.35	
HYBRID			
BALANCED ADVANTAGE			
Edelweiss Balanced Advantage	16.60	13.77	7,048
ICICI Prudential Balanced Advantage	13.22	11.28	37,879
Category average	12.18	10.67	
ARBITRAGE			
Kotak Equity Arbitrage	4.73	5.32	24,642
Tata Arbitrage	4.94	NA	11,119
Category average	4.55	5.09	

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Scheme Name	Aditya Birla Sun Life Nifty Next 50 Index Fund	DSP Global Innovation Fund of Fund	
<u>Objective of</u> <u>Scheme</u>	The investment objective of the Scheme is to provide returns that closely track the total returns of securities as represented by Nifty Next 50 Index, subject to tracking errors.	The primary investment objective of the scheme is to seek capital appreciation by investing in global mutual funds schemes and ETFs that primarily invest in companies with innovation theme having potential for higher revenue and earnings growth.	
Scheme Type	Open Ended	Open Ended	
<u>Scheme</u> <u>Category</u>	Other Scheme - Index Funds	Other Scheme - FoF Overseas	
NFO Period	31-Jan-2022 - 14-Feb-2022	24-Jan-2022 - 07-Feb-2022	
<u>Minimum</u> <u>Subscription</u> <u>Amount</u>	Rs.100	Rs. 500/- and any amount thereafter	
Scheme Name	Axis Equity ETFs FOF	IDFC NIFTY 100 INDEX FUND	
<u>Objective of</u> <u>Scheme</u>	To provide long-term capital appreciation from a portfolio investing predominantly in units of domestic equity ETFs. There is no assurance that the investment objective of the Scheme will be realized. However, there can be no assurance that the investment objective of the Scheme will be realized.	The investment objective of the Scheme is to replicate the Nifty 100 index by investing in securities of the Nifty 100 Index in the same proportion / weightage with an aim to provide returns before expenses that closely correspond to the total return of Nifty 100 Index, subject to tracking errors.	
<u>Scheme Type</u>	Open Ended	Open Ended	
Scheme Category	Other Scheme - FoF Domestic	Other Scheme - Index Funds	
NFO Period	04-Feb-2022 - 18-Feb-2022	07-Feb-2022 - 18-Feb-2022	
<u>Minimum</u> <u>Subscription</u> <u>Amount</u>	Rs. 5,000 and in multiples of Re. 1/- thereafter	Fresh Purch. Rs.5000, Add Purch. Rs.1000, SIP-100	

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