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## Gratuity Fund Performance Monthly Fund Update, September '10

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## Economy

Indicators	Aug'10 (Previous Month)	Sept'10 (Current Month)	M-o-M Variation
10-year G-sec India (%)	7.95	7.84	-0.11
10 year AAA Corporate Bond	8.78	8.67	-0.11
5 year G-sec India (%)	7.68	7.68	0.00
5 year AAA Corporate Bond	8.54	8.51	-0.03
1 year T-Bill	6.50	6.65	0.15
1 yr CD	7.85	8.05	0.2
Exchange Rate USD/INR	47.07	44.94	4.5%
Forex Reserves USD Bn	283	288	1.8%
WPI Inflation (%)	9.78	8.51	-1.27
Index of Industrial Production (IIP)	5.8	13.8	8.0%
10-year USA (%)	2.47	2.52	0.05

Source - Bloomberg

### KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Base year of Inflation index changed to 2004-05 from 1993-94
- RBI in mid-quarter monetary policy review hikes Repo and Reverse repo
- Banking sector credit growth at 19.8% and Deposit growth at 14.8% (YoY)
- FII limit in debt increased from US\$20 billion to US\$30 billion
- Borrowing program for the second half announced
- Fed keeps the policy rates unchanged

The month of September was very active for Debt and Equity markets. On the equity front, Sensex crossed the 20,000 landmark. The IIP for the month of July came at 13.8%, with June figures being revised to 5.8% from 7.1%.



Capital goods and machinery and equipment were the main drivers of industrial production at 63% and 49% growth respectively.

In the first mid-quarter monetary policy review, RBI hiked the Repo rate to 6% and the Reverse Repo rate to 5%. The gap between Repo and Reverse Repo now stands at 100 bps (125 bps earlier). Due to tight liquidity conditions, the repo rate is the operational rate in the market. The CRR was kept unchanged at 6%.

FII investment limit in overall debt has been increased from US\$20 billion to US\$ 30 billion. The limit in Government securities with a residual maturity of over 5 years has been increased from US\$5 billion to US\$10 billion. Similarly, the limit in corporate bonds has been increased from US\$15 billion to US\$ 20 billion. The incremental limit needs to be invested in corporate bonds with a residual maturity of over five years issued by the infrastructure sector.

The Central Government borrowing for the second half, which was expected at INR 1.7 lakh crores, has been reduced to INR 1.63 lakh crores. 63% of the Central Government borrowing of INR 2.87 lakh crores has been completed in the first half.

# Economy

## Fixed Income Market

The 10 year benchmark bond 7.80% GSec 2020 which was trading around 8% rallied to 7.84% after the increase in FII limit and announcement of borrowing calendar. The Corporate Bond yields also followed GSec market movements. The 10 year Corporate (AAA benchmark) Bond yields were at 8.67%. The spread in the 10 year category was at around 80 bps. Globally, the Fed kept its key policy rates unchanged in the range of 0% to 0.25%, while reiterating its stance of keeping rates at low levels for an extended period of time. The committee decided to follow a wait-and-watch policy before embarking on any additional monetary policy easing measures.

## Equity Market

On the global front, the month of September was positive for equity markets, with major indices reporting positive returns. Among developed markets, Dow Jones, FTSE and Nikkei appreciated by 8%, 6% and 6% respectively. Emerging market indices also reported good performance with Brazil



gaining by 7% and Taiwan by 8%. China remained almost flat while India continued to outperform with both Nifty and Sensex delivering positive returns of 12% each.

India witnessed record FII equity flows of USD6 bn of net buying in September, the highest monthly inflow in CY10. The total FII equity investment in 2010 (till date) stands at USD19 bn.

Key Indices	1 Year Return
<b>Developed Market</b>	
US (Dow Jones)	13%
UK (FTSE)	10%
Japan (Nikkei)	-6%
<b>Developing Markets</b>	
India (Nifty)	19%
Russia (Micex)	19%
Brazil (Bovespa)	15%
China (Shanghai Comp)	-4%

Source - Bloomberg





Among sectors, Banking gained the most with 15% return. This was largely on account of good credit growth expectations in the second half of FY2011. The Metal sector surged by 13% on the back of buoyant metal prices globally. Cement stocks posted smart gains owing to a series of price hikes and potential earning upgrades. The Oil and Gas and Healthcare sectors remained laggards with modest gains of 5% and 8% each. The FMCG index recorded an 8% gain, as the sector witnessed return of pricing power on the back of normal monsoon and declining competitive intensity.

India has been amongst the best performing emerging markets. We expect the interest of global investors to continue in Indian equities, as they are finding fewer growth opportunities in home markets. We expect momentum in corporate earnings to continue. We believe that the market, which is nearly at a peak compared to January 2008, is reasonably priced from a two year valuation perspective. The beginning of result season for Q2FY11 is the next trigger for the market, going forward. These results would be keenly watched for gauging earnings momentum as well as valuations.

The macro-economic drivers of the Indian economy are in good shape. Agricultural growth is expected to surprise in FY11 GDP numbers. We continue to remain positive on domestic consumption themes of Financial services and Infrastructure. We also continue to monitor the global situation closely for safeguarding the portfolio from any adverse developments.

## Fixed Income Market Outlook

Banks are expected to raise deposit rates, which will increase the cost of funds, thereby leading to higher base rates. Liquidity is expected to remain tight due to RBI measures, regular borrowings and no maturities in October 2010. Tighter liquidity and expectations of further rate hikes are expected to keep the shorter end of the curve at elevated levels. The 10 year 7.80% GSec 2020 is expected to trade in the 7.50% to 8.00% range. Corporate bonds are expected to follow the movement in government securities. Globally, the shift in the Fed's stance regarding concerns on low inflation clearly suggests that Fed is likely to keep policy rates at low levels for a prolonged period. If US economic conditions worsen further, the Fed might go for another round of Quantitative Easing (QE).

## Equity Market Outlook

September 2010 was the month of highest gain in FY11 for equity markets with broad equity indices, Nifty and Sensex, surging by 12% each on the back of strong FII inflows. As such, liquidity seems to be the prime driver of this rally.

# UNIT-LINKED Fund

## Gratuity Balanced

As on 30th September 2010

Investment Objective: To generate capital appreciation and current income, through a judicious mix of investments in equities and fixed income securities

### Asset Classes

Government & other debt securities  
Equities  
Cash & Money Market

### Investment Philosophy

The Fund will target 30% investments in Equities and 70% investments in Government & other debt securities to meet the stated objectives.

### Portfolio Return

Returns	NAV	Benchmark
Last 1 year return	9.52%	9.41%
CAGR since inception	5.29%	4.47%

Past performance is not indicative of the future performance

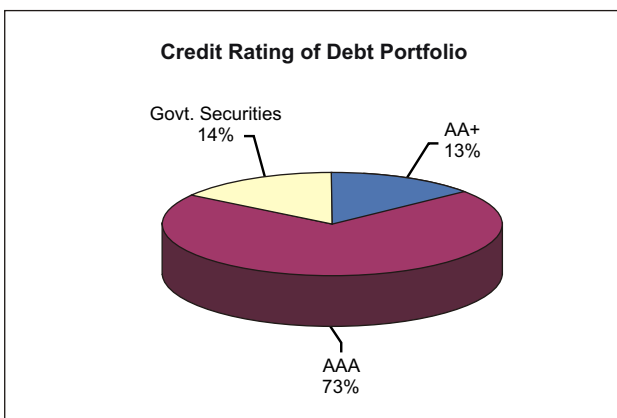
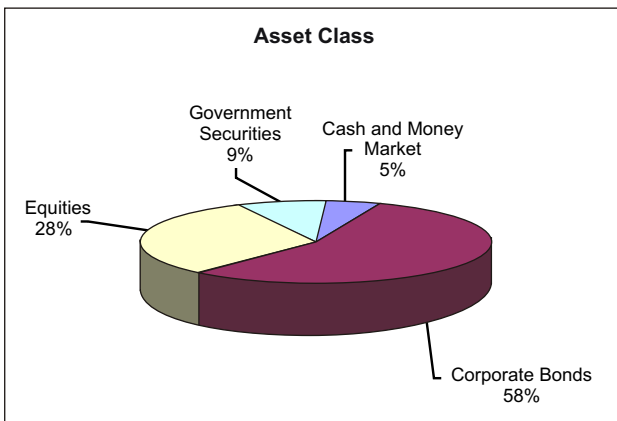
Note: Benchmark has been calculated as per the target holding of the Fund i.e. 30% Equity and 70% Debt Securities

#### Security Type

Equity  
Debt

#### Benchmark Index

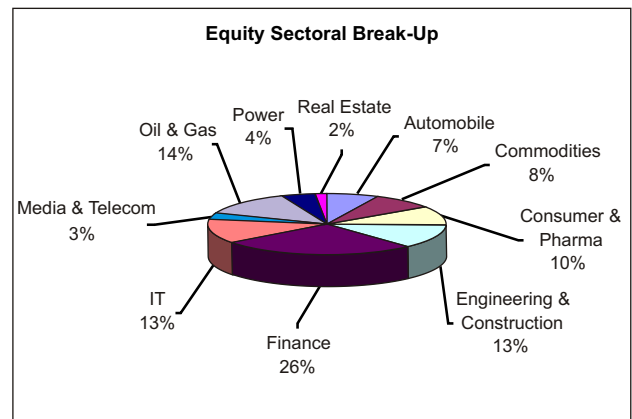
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Fund Index



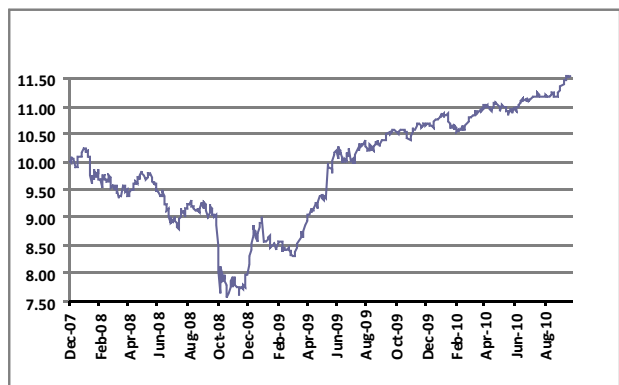
(Portfolio as on 30th September 2010)

Security Name	Wt (%)	Rating
<b>Government Securities</b>	<b>9.08%</b>	
GOI 2032	2.83%	Sovereign
GOI 2011	2.23%	Sovereign
GOI 2020	1.62%	Sovereign
SDL Maharashtra 2019	1.35%	Sovereign
SDL Punjab 2019	1.04%	Sovereign
<b>Corporate Bonds</b>	<b>57.90%</b>	
Reliance Gas Transport Infrastructure	8.11%	AAA
Reliance Capital Ltd	7.33%	AAA
SAIL	7.26%	AAA
Bajaj Auto Finance Ltd	5.54%	AA+
IL&FS	5.09%	AAA
Tech Mahindra	4.23%	AAA
ICICI Bank Ltd	3.42%	AAA
Power Grid Corporation	3.33%	AAA
LIC Housing Finance Company Ltd	3.10%	AAA
Power Finance Corporation Ltd	2.59%	AAA
Larsen & Toubro Ltd	2.51%	AAA
Reliance Energy	2.12%	AA+
HDFC	1.93%	AAA
Others	1.34%	
<b>Equities</b>	<b>27.63%</b>	
Infosys Technologies	2.30%	
Reliance Industries Ltd	2.22%	
Larsen & Toubro Ltd	1.97%	
ITC Ltd	1.93%	
ICICI Bank Ltd	1.77%	
State Bank Of India	1.44%	
HDFC Bank Ltd	1.35%	
HDFC	1.09%	
BHEL	1.03%	
Others	12.54%	
<b>Cash and Money Market</b>	<b>5.39%</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	

Note: 'Others' comprises of combined exposure to companies with less than or equal to 1% weightage in Portfolio



### NAV Movement Since Inception



(Date of inception: 06-December-2007)

# UNIT-LINKED Fund

## Gratuity Debt

As on 30th September 2010

Investment Objective: To earn regular income by investing in high quality fixed income securities.

### Asset Classes

Government & other debt securities  
Cash & Money Market

### Investment Philosophy

The Fund would target 100% investments in Government & other debt securities to meet the stated objectives.

### Portfolio Return

Returns	NAV	Benchmark
Last 1 year return	7.22%	5.46%
CAGR since inception	13.86%	7.62%

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Note: Benchmark has been calculated as per the target holding of the Fund i.e. 100% Debt Securities.

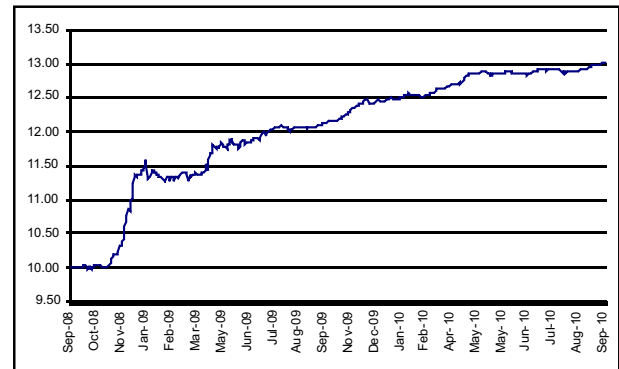
Security Type	Benchmark Index
Debt	CRISIL Composite Bond Fund Index

(Portfolio as on 30th September 2010)

Security Name	Wt (%)	Rating
<b>Government Securities</b>	<b>8.71%</b>	
SDL Andhra Pradesh 2020	7.42%	Sovereign
Others	1.28%	
<b>Corporate Bonds</b>	<b>86.16%</b>	
Reliance Gas Transport Infrastructure	9.16%	AAA
LIC Housing Finance Company Ltd	8.69%	AAA
Tech Mahindra	8.62%	AAA
HDFC	8.49%	AAA
L&T Finance Ltd	8.47%	AA+
Reliance Capital Ltd	8.47%	AAA
Rural Electrification Corporation	8.22%	AAA
IL&FS	8.19%	AAA
Power Grid Corporation	6.97%	AAA
Power Finance Corporation Ltd	6.84%	AAA
Bajaj Auto Finance Ltd	3.83%	AA+
Others	0.21%	
<b>Cash and Money Market</b>	<b>5.13%</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	

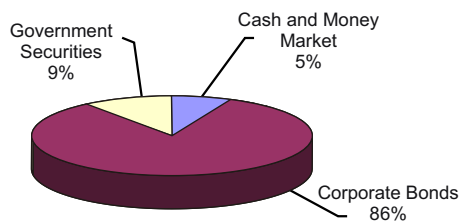
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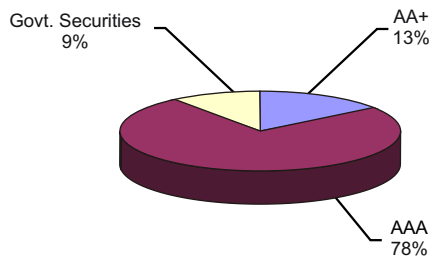


(Date of inception: 16-September-2008)

#### Asset Class



#### Credit Rating of Debt Portfolio



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