

# Top 5 Best Mutual Fund Plans to Invest in India in 2018

## Best Mutual Funds in India

Mutual fund investments are in limelight these days for providing the best investment options for the long-term creation of wealth. It is one of the best decisions to earn high returns while avoiding tax payments at the same time.

Also, known as Equity Funds, mutual funds are more popular because people of any and every walk of life can invest in it easily. Moreover, the internet boom makes it easier for investors to take advantage of the ease of access by investing in mutual funds and make extra earnings.

The availability of more than thousands of top mutual funds in the market has made it a daunting task to select the best plan to suit your requirement, budget and preferences. Remember, you'll end up paying for a lifetime if you select the wrong one. Therefore, investing in the best mutual fund schemes, which have been performing well consistently, is advisable. However, you can consider investing in the below discussed best mutual funds in India, for a handsome return, but yes only if you can invest for a minimum of 5 years.

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Mutual Funds Name	Mutual Funds Types	Date of Launched	NAV as on 01 Feb, 2018
Birla SL Frontline Equity Fund	Growth Plan	30-Aug-02	226.58
ICICI Prudential Value Discovery Fund	Growth Plan	4-Mar-04	149.37
HDFC Mid-cap Opportunities Fund	Growth Plan	7-May-07	58.598
DSP Micro Cap Fund	Growth Plan	4-May-07	68.15
Axis Long Term Equity Fund	Growth Plan	21-Dec-09	42.299

## Details of 5 mutual fund options for investors looking to invest in India 2018:

### 1. Birla SL Frontline Equity Fund (Large-cap Fun Category)

With a track record of over 15 years, Birla SL Frontline Equity Fund has been one of the most consistent performers, which gives your investments valuable nourishment by investing in some of the fast growing Indian industries such as Finance, FMCG, Oil & Gas, IT etc. and

ensures good returns. This plan is best for those who are seeking long-term capital growth in equity.

You will be surprised to know that this mutual fund scheme helps you with long-term growth of your investment. Let's understand scheme details.

<b>Fund Type</b>	<b>Open-Ended</b>
Investment Plan	Growth
Launch date	Aug 30, 2002
Benchmark	S&P BSE 200
Asset Size (Rs cr)	11,877.82 (Mar-31-2017)
Minimum Investment	Rs. 5,000
Entry Load	N.A
Exit Load	1.00%

Now let's look at table below to understand the NAV (returns) of Birla SL Frontline Equity Fund as on 13 Jun, 2017.

<b>Returns (NAV)</b>							
<i>Period</i>	<i>Returns</i>	<i>Absolute Returns (in %)</i>					
1 month	1.30%	Year	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	Yearly
3 month	8.20%	2017	13	-	-	-	-
6 month	17.90%	2016	-2.5	8.9	6.1	-7.4	7
12 months	22.10%	2015	4.1	-1.3	-3.9	0.3	0.9
24 months	13.50%	2014	6.9	18.4	4.9	8.3	44.5
36 months	14.20%	2013	-5.6	2.1	-1.4	11.3	8.3
60 months	19.90%	2012	13.9	0.5	9.8	6.9	36.2

## 2. ICICI Prudential Value Discovery Fund (Multi-cap Category)

Famous for following the contrarian style of investing, this plan is quite famous among the investors and advisors for its high return scale. It aims to generate returns by investing in stocks with attractive estimations.

Let's understand the scheme details of this popular open-ended diversified equity scheme.

<b>Fund Type</b>	<b>Open-Ended</b>
Investment Plan	Growth
Launch date	Mar 04, 2004
Benchmark	NIFTY MIDCAP 100
Asset Size (Rs cr)	14,011.22 (Mar-31-2017)
Minimum Investment	Rs. 500
Entry Load	N.A
Exit Load	1.00%

Now, let's look at the NAV (Return) value of ICICI Prudential Value Discovery Fund as on June 13th, 2017.

<b>Returns (NAV)</b>							
<i>Period</i>	<i>Returns</i>	<i>Absolute Returns (in %)</i>					
		Year	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	Annual
1 month	-0.80%						
3 month	5%	2017	9.8	-	-	-	-
6 month	11.20%	2016	-5.1	9.8	3.2	-5.8	3.9
12 months	16.50%	2015	5.5	-2	-2.4	1.4	5.1
24 months	10%	2014	10	31.7	9.4	8.5	72.6
36 months	15.30%	2013	-7.6	-5.2	1.2	17.6	7.1
60 months	23%	2012	22.1	0.1	8.2	5.9	45.4

### 3. HDFC Mid-cap Opportunities Fund (Mid-cap Category)

HDFC Mid-cap Opportunities Fund can be an apt choice for those who are looking for an investment plan, which can endure the uneven rides during an odd phase and also can generate long-term capital appreciation. It currently invests 56% of its corpus in various mid-sized organisations.

Let's understand the scheme details of HDFC Mid-cap Opportunities Fund.

<b>Fund Type</b>	<b>Open-Ended</b>
Investment Plan	Growth
Launch date	May 07, 2007
Benchmark	NIFTY MIDCAP 100

Asset Size (Rs cr)	12,753.08 (Mar-31-2017)
Minimum Investment	Rs. 5,000
Entry Load	N.A
Exit Load	1.00%

Now, let's look at the NAV (Return) value of the scheme as on June 13th, 2017.

<b>Returns (NAV)</b>							
<i>Period</i>	<i>Returns</i>	<i>Absolute Returns (in %)</i>					
		Year	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	Annual
1 month	-0.50%						
3 month	10.60%	2017	16.7	-	-	-	-
6 month	20%	2016	-5.7	10.6	12	-8	10.6
12 months	34.55%	2015	1.4	-0.5	-0.2	2.2	5.4
24 months	20.10%	2014	9.7	29.8	8.9	13	76
36 months	23%	2013	-8.3	-1.1	-4.4	21.6	8.7
60 months	27.20%	2012	23	-2.1	9.6	4.3	40

#### 4. DSP Micro Cap Fund (Small-cap Category)

DSP Micro Cap Fund invests around 65% of its corpus in small cap stocks and follows buy and hold investment strategy. It is renowned for having a very low Portfolio Turnover ratio, which is at 13%.

Let's understand the scheme details of DSP Micro Cap Fund.

<b>Fund Type</b>	<b>Open-Ended</b>
Investment Plan	Growth
Launch date	May 04, 2007
Benchmark	S&P BSE SMALLCAP
Asset Size (Rs cr)	4,258.41 (Mar-31-2017)
Minimum Investment	Rs. 5,000
Entry Load	N.A
Exit Load	1.00%

Now, let's look at the NAV (Return) value of the scheme as on June 13th, 2017.

<b>Returns (NAV)</b>							
<i>Period</i>	<i>Returns</i>	<i>Absolute Returns (in %)</i>					
1 month	0.60%	Year	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	Annual
3 month	13.30%	2017	15.6	-	-	-	-
6 month	23.30%	2016	-8.2	15.9	7.4	-4.9	11.8
12 months	36%	2015	7.1	-1.2	3.3	5.8	19.3
24 months	28.10%	2014	9	36.6	16.1	16.1	99.7
36 months	34.30%	2013	-15.8	-0.7	-4.5	24.9	3.2
60 months	32.80%	2012	20	0.4	9.6	4.5	40.6

## 5. Axis Long Term Equity Fund (ELSS/Tax Saving Category)

This plan also can be treated as a flexi-cap fund, which offers tax benefits. It has a low-risk level and high return at the end.

Let's understand the scheme details of Axis Long Term Equity Fund.

<b>Fund Type</b>	<b>Open-Ended</b>
Investment Plan	Growth
Launch date	Dec 21, 2009
Benchmark	S&P BSE 200
Asset Size (Rs cr)	10,675.84 (Mar-31-2017)
Minimum Investment	Rs. 500
Entry Load	N.A
Exit Load	0.00%

Now, let's look at the NAV (Return) value of the scheme as on June 13th, 2017.

<b>Returns (NAV)</b>							
<i>Period</i>	<i>Returns</i>	<i>Absolute Returns (in %)</i>					
1 month	2.60%	Year	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	Annual
3 month	12.40%	2017	13.3	-	-	-	-
6 month	20.10%	2016	-5.2	8	5	-9.9	-1.2
12 months	21%	2015	7.7	-2.4	-1.1	-	6.2
24 months	12.70%	2014	10.8	20.8	11.6	10.9	65.9
36 months	18.50%	2013	-5.1	4.7	-1.7	16.3	15.8

60 months	24.50%	2012	13.2	1.3	11	3.2	34
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