

## Compromise of the Reluctant Saver

Despite being low on Returns, Indian households still invest 26% of their household savings into Bank Deposits

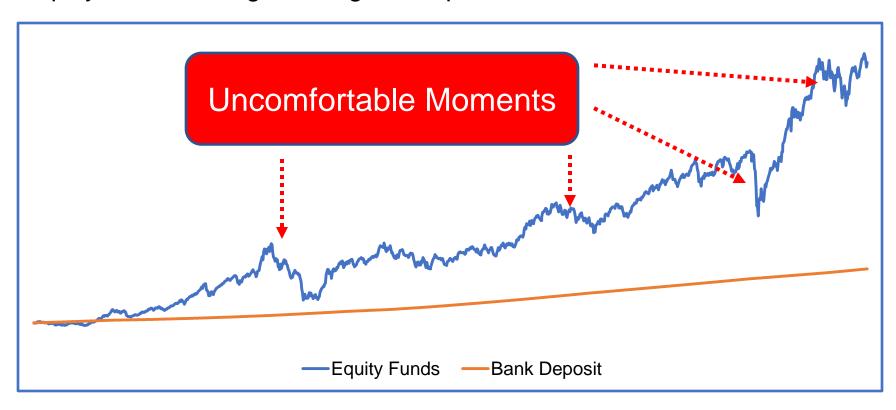
Reason is the Bank deposits provide Safety and Liquidity

## What are the other popular options?

Options	Challenge	
Top rated corporate FDs or Bonds	Returns are only slightly higher, with low liquidity and inefficient taxation.	
Low rated corporate FDs or Bonds	High risk of default risk	
Direct stocks	Highly Volatile and risk of total capital loss	

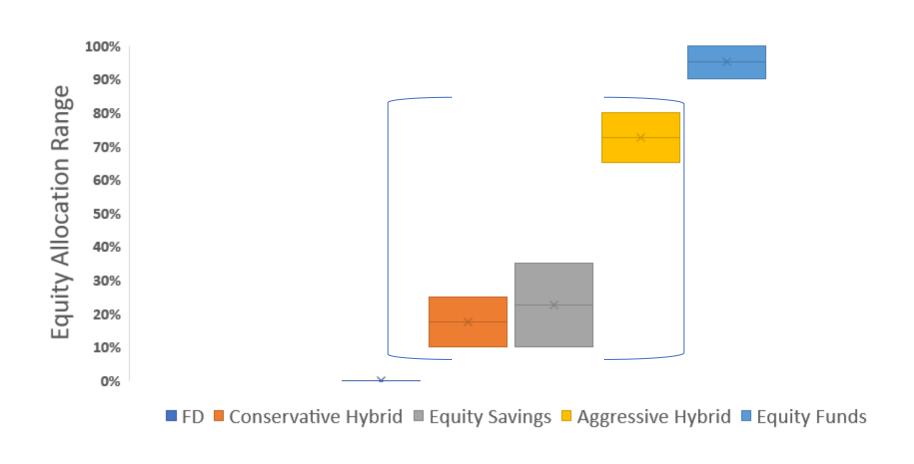
## **How about Equity Mutual Funds?**

Equity funds are a good long term option but are volatile in the short run

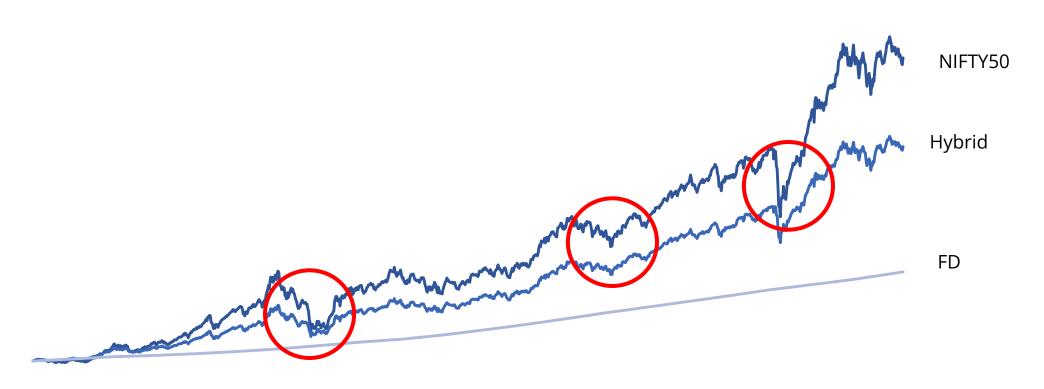


## Let's talk Hybrids – A Perfect Middle Ground

Hybrid Funds invest in both Equity and Fixed income securities in varying proportions



## Illustration of how Hybrid Funds work



Lesser drawdowns in Hybrid as compared to Nifty 50 | Better returns than FD

## 5 reasons to choose Hybrid Funds

## 1 – Balanced Approach

Hybrid funds provide a combination of Debt and Equity

Debt for stability & income and Equity for long-term wealth creation



## 2 – Flexibility

Different variants like aggressive, conservative, and equity savings funds cater to different risk levels and investment goals

Hybrid Category*	General Asset Allocation (Net Equity Long Position)
Conservative Hybrid	20% Equity
Equity Savings	35% Equity
Aggressive Hybrid	65% Equity

<sup>\*</sup> Only those hybrid categories are considered that invest in a fixed combination of Equity and Debt

## 3 – Inbuilt buy low sell high mechanism

Hybrid funds automatically book partial profits during equity market upswings and shift some debt into equity during market downturns, ensuring systematic profit booking and buying a lower level



## 4 – Taxation Advantages

- Hybrid funds manage asset allocation internally, avoiding tax implications for investors when selling equity or debt to maintain the desired allocation
- FDs are taxed at slab rate whereas Equity Savings Fund / Aggressive Hybrid Funds are taxed at 10%
   LTCG if held for more than 1 year and 15% for less than 1 year



#### 5 - Past Performance



#### **Research - Returns Distribution**

FDs have been the go-to product for Indian households.

The purpose of this analysis is to identify alternatives that provide better risk-adjusted returns to traditional investors

#### **Parameters**

- 1. Period of analysis: September 2001 till June 2023
- 2. Rolling return calculated for 1, 3, 5, 7, and 10 Years
- 3. Based on the rolling return samples, the following historical returns range was analysed
  - Negative returns, Returns greater than 6%, 8%, 10%, 12%, Minimum and Maximum returns
  - Returns are Compounded Annualized

#### 4. Indices used

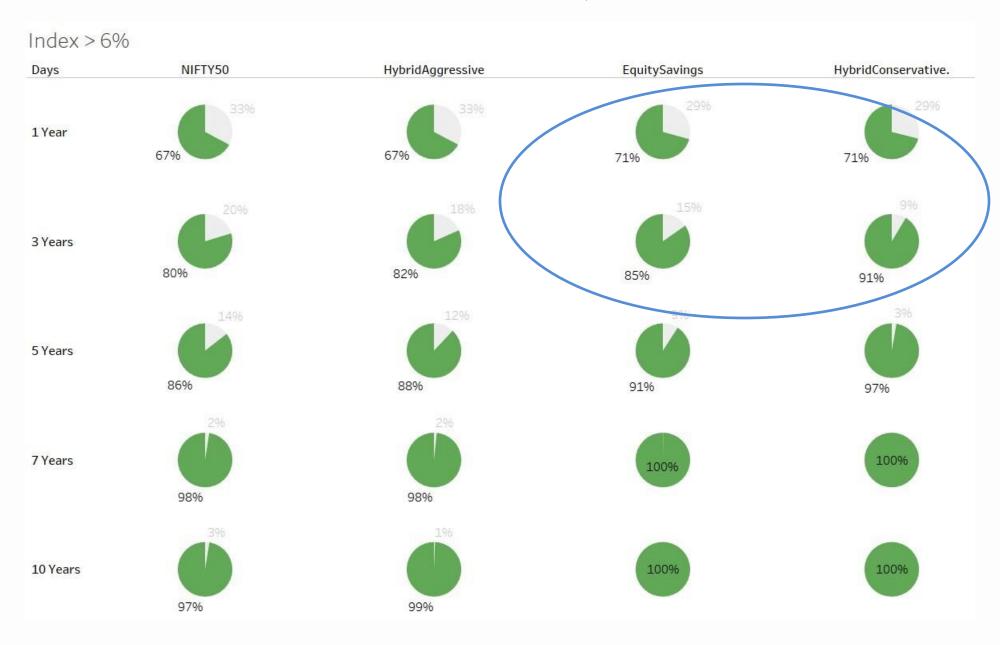
Index	Composition
Equity	Nifty 50
Aggressive Hybrid	65% - Nifty 50 & 35% - Nifty 5 year G-sec
Equity Savings	35% - Nifty 50 & 65% - Nifty 5 year G-sec
Conservative Hybrid	15% - Nifty 50 & 85% - Nifty 5 year G-sec

## Observations

#### Positive Returns %

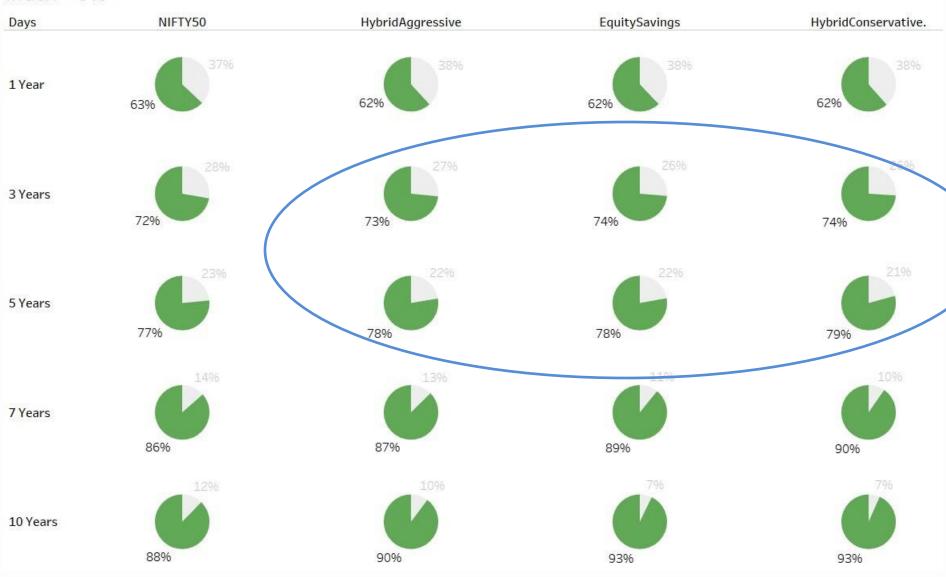


#### More than 6%

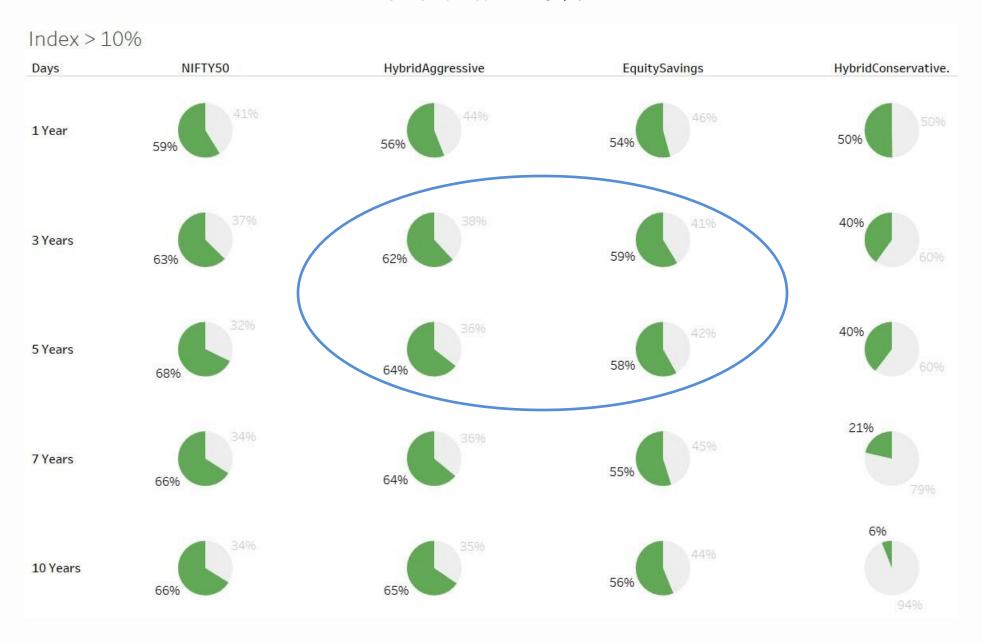


#### More than 8%

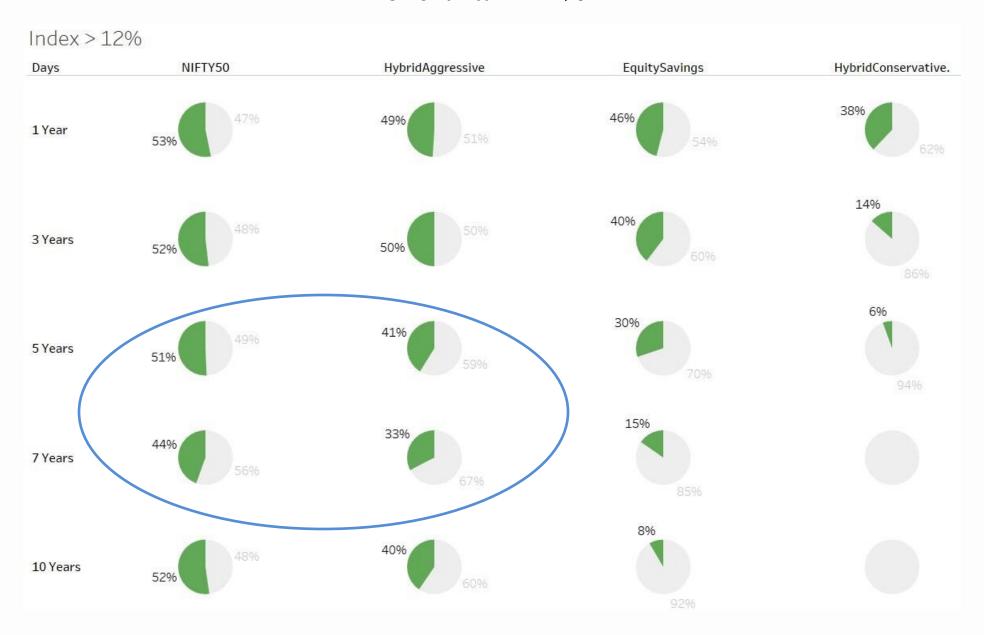




#### More than 10%



#### More than 12%



## Historical Rolling Return Occurrence

Returns	FD	Conservative Hybrid	Equity Savings	Aggressive Hybrid
	3/5 years	3 years	3 years	5 years
Positive	100%	100%	100%	100%
6%+	100%	91%	85%	88%
8%+	0%	74%	74%	78%
10%+	0%	40%	59%	64%
12%+	0%	14%	40%	41%

# Post Tax Returns: FDs and Hybrid Funds

## Illustration – FD vs Equity Savings Fund for a 4-year horizon

	Fixed Deposits	Equity Savings Funds
Expected rate of return for 4 years	7.0%	8.75%
Investment Amount	1,00,000	1,00,000
Value after 4 years	1,31,080	1,39,868
Total Returns	31,080	39,868
Applicable Tax Rate	31.2% (30% slab rate + CESS)	10.4% (10% LTCG rate + CESS)
Tax payable	9,697	4,146
Post Tax Value	1,21,383	1,35,721
Effective Rate of Return	4.96%	7.93%

- Equity Savings Funds are taxed like equity funds. LTCG is applicable @ 10% on gains more than Rs.1,00,000. It has been assumed that the investor has exhausted Rs. 1,00,000 limit on gain.
- The above calculation is for illustration purposes only.

## Illustration – FD vs Aggressive Hybrid Fund for a 5-year horizon

	Fixed Deposits	Aggressive Hybrid Funds
Expected rate of return for 5 years	7.0%	10.0%
Investment Amount	1,00,000	1,00,000
Value after 5 years	1,40,255	1,61,015
Total Returns	40,255	61,051
Applicable Tax Rate	31.2% (30% slab rate + CESS)	10.4% (10% LTCG rate + CESS)
Tax payable	12,560	6,349
Post Tax Value	1,27,696	1,54,702
Effective Rate of Return	5.01%	9.12%

<sup>•</sup> Aggressive Hybrid Funds are taxed like equity funds. LTCG is applicable @ 10% on gains more than Rs.1,00,000. It has been assumed that the investor has exhausted Rs. 1,00,000 limit on gain.

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### **FAQs**

#### **Are returns guaranteed?**

The returns cannot be guaranteed as they are based on the performance of the selected scheme.

#### Is there a chance of capital erosion?

Funds are subject to market risk but the probability of capital erosion reduces materially if the investments are held for the suggested duration

#### **Should I do SIP or Lumpsum?**

For current surplus Lumpsum can be utilized and to allocate from future income SIPs can be used.

