

# Groww Gilt Fund

(An open ended debt scheme investing in government securities across maturity. A relatively high interest rate risk and relatively low credit risk)

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#### What are gilt funds?



Gilt funds are open-ended debt schemes that invest a minimum of 80% of their total assets in government securities across maturities.



Investments are made in sovereign-rated instruments (government securities) thereby minimizing the credit risk in the portfolio.



### Benefits of gilt funds:



Sovereign quality portfolio



High liquidity



Helps in portfolio diversification



Minimal credit risk



## Why consider

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#### Lowering of interest rates expected in short to medium term

- O1 Strengthening the fiscal framework resulting in lower risk premium required
  - Improved CAD
  - Lower currency volatility
  - Lower debt to GDP
- 02 Lower inflation
  - Lower energy prices reducing manufacturing, transportation and service delivery costs
  - Weakening Yuan driving lower input prices
  - Lower domestic inflation due to lower core inflation
- Economic slowdown resulting in expected easing of monetary policy
- FII Debt flows impacting demand supply dynamics for fixed income securities





Strengthening the fiscal framework resulting in lower risk premium required



# Strengthening fiscal framework: Structural shifts may result in an improved Current Account Deficit

Impact of improving CAD on interest rates - Reduced Risk Premium for investment in Indian Govt securities leading to:



#### Lower currency volatility



B Relatively better credit quality for G-sec bonds



Source: Bloomberg, data as on March 24, 2025

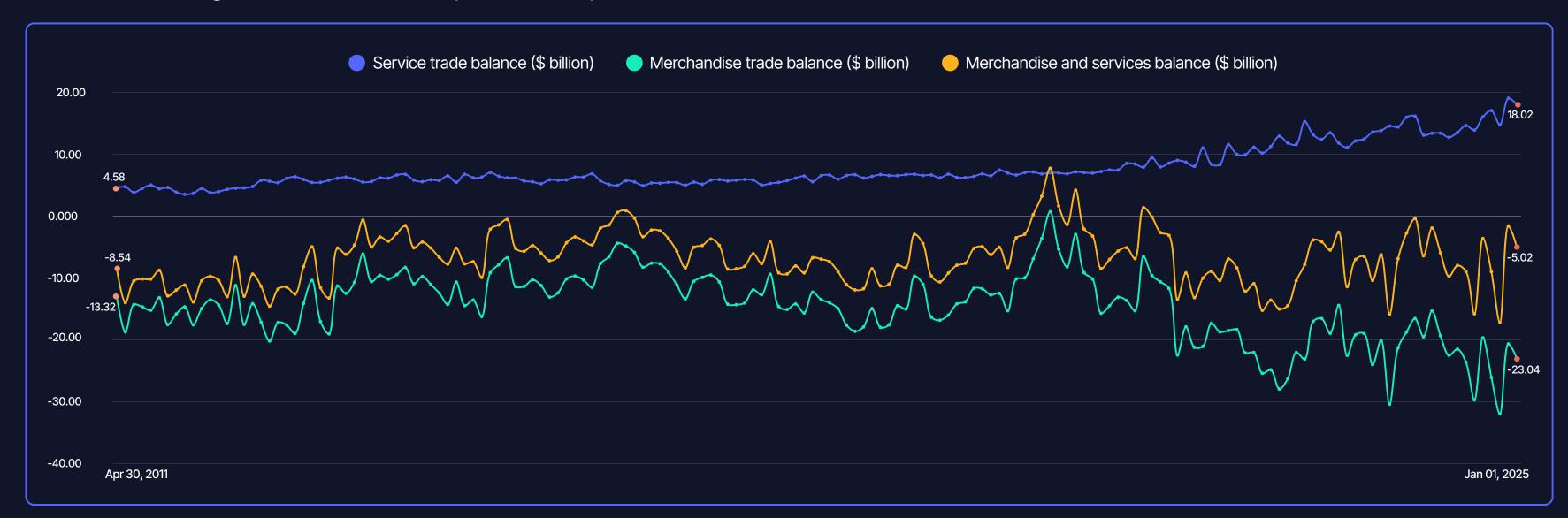
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#### Why is CAD improving in India?

Services Trade Balance: Driven particularly by IT and business services exports that have created a strong services trade surplus

Merchandise Trade Balance: While still in deficit, the merchandise trade balance has shown better management. India has maintained a stable share in global merchandise exports and imports.



Source: IndiaDatahub, 28th March, 2025





#### Why is CAD improving in India?

Remittances increased to \$29.5 billion in Q1 FY25 from \$27.1 billion in the same period last year. Net private transfer receipts, primarily remittances from the Indian diaspora, have grown consistently at a 4.8% CAGR since 2008.

#### Net remittances (\$USD billion)







#### Strengthening fiscal framework: Improved Debt to GDP

The Union Budget of FY26 mentions a debt-to-GDP ratio of 50% by March 2031 - implying a 5% point reduction in the next 7 years.

	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27	FY 28	FY 29	FY 30	FY 31
GDP	331	360.79	396.87	436.56	480.21	528.23	581.06
Debt-to-GDP	55.89%	55.59%	55.00%	54.00%	53.00%	51.70%	50.00%
Outstanding debt	185	201	218.28	235.74	254.51	273.10	290.53
Fiscal deficit %	4.70%	4.40%	4.47%	4.00%	3.91%	3.52%	3.00%



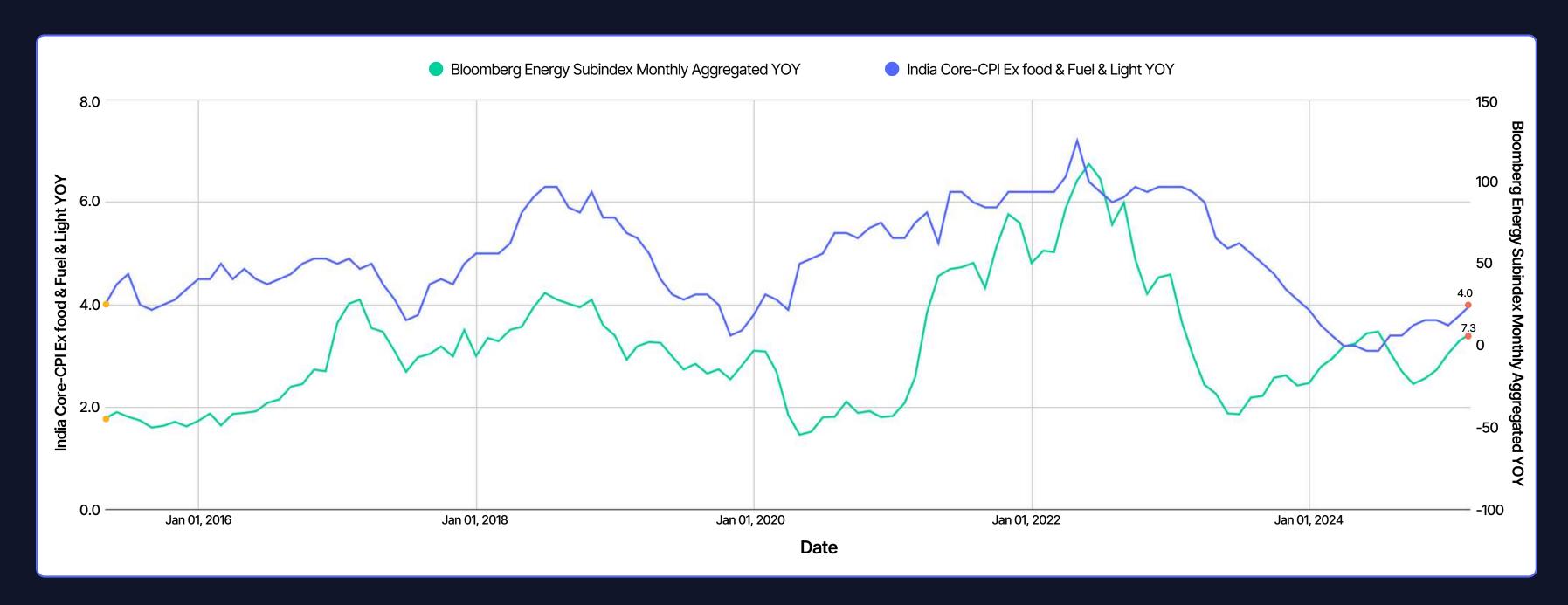


### Lower inflation



#### Lower inflation due to subdued energy prices

Both core and non-core inflation are impacted by energy prices, though in different ways. Non-core inflation (which typically includes food and energy) is directly impacted by changes in energy prices. Meanwhile, core inflation (which excludes volatile items like food and energy) experiences second-order effects as energy price changes filter through the economy by driving up/down transportation, manufacturing, and service delivery costs.





#### **Lower domestic Inflation**

The broader retail inflation picture has also improved considerably, with headline inflation dropping below 4% in February 2025 for the first time in six months, primarily driven by declining vegetable prices.

Inflation in India	Feb-25	Jan-25	Dec-24	Nov-24	Oct-24	Sept-24	Aug-24	Jul-24	Jun-24	May-24	Apr-24	Mar-24	Feb-24
CPI Index	3.6%	4.3%	5.2%	5.5%	6.2%	5.5%	3.7%	3.6%	5.1%	4.8%	4.8%	4.9%	5.1%
Food, beverages, and tobacco	3.8%	5.7%	7.7%	8.2%	9.7%	8.4%	5.3%	5.1%	8.4%	7.9%	7.9%	7.7%	7.8%
Cereals and products	6.1%	6.2%	6.5%	6.9%	6.9%	6.8%	7.3%	8.1%	8.8%	8.7%	8.6%	8.4%	7.7%
Meat and fish	2.1%	5.3%	5.3%	4.7%	3.2%	2.6%	4.3%	5.9%	5.4%	7.3%	8.2%	6.4%	5.2%
Egg	-3.0%	1.2%	6.9%	4.8%	4.9%	6.4%	7.1%	6.8%	4.1%	7.7%	7.1%	10.3%	10.7%
Milk and products	2.7%	2.8%	2.8%	2.9%	3.0%	3.0%	2.9%	3.0%	3.0%	2.6%	3.0%	3.4%	3.9%
Oils and fats	16.4%	15.6%	14.6%	13.3%	9.6%	2.5%	-0.9%	-1.1%	-2.7%	-6.7%	-9.4%	-11.7%	-14.0%
Fruits	14.8%	12.1%	8.6%	7.7%	8.4%	7.6%	6.5%	3.8%	7.2%	6.7%	5.2%	3.0%	4.8%
Vegetables	-1.1%	11.4%	26.6%	29.4%	42.2%	36.0%	10.7%	6.8%	29.3%	27.4%	27.8%	28.3%	30.2%
Pulses and products	-0.3%	2.5%	3.8%	5.4%	7.4%	9.8%	13.6%	14.8%	16.1%	17.1%	16.8%	17.8%	18.9%
Sugar and confectionary	2.2%	0.2%	0.2%	1.3%	2.6%	3.5%	4.7%	5.2%	5.8%	5.7%	5.9%	7.3%	7.5%
Spices	-5.8%	-6.9%	-7.4%	-7.4%	-7.0%	-6.1%	-4.4%	-1.4%	2.1%	4.3%	7.8%	11.4%	13.5%
Non-alcoholic beverages	3.7%	3.4%	3.0%	2.7%	2.7%	2.6%	2.4%	2.2%	2.4%	2.4%	2.6%	2.8%	3.0%
Prepared meals and snacks	4.2%	4.1%	4.0%	3.9%	3.7%	3.6%	3.5%	3.5%	3.4%	3.3%	3.5%	3.6%	3.7%
Pan, tobacco, intoxicants	2.4%	2.3%	2.5%	2.3%	2.5%	2.5%	2.7%	3.0%	3.1%	3.0%	3.0%	3.1%	3.1%
Clothing and footwear	2.7%	2.7%	2.7%	2.7%	2.7%	2.7%	2.7%	2.7%	2.7%	2.7%	2.9%	3.0%	3.1%
Clothing	2.8%	2.8%	2.8%	2.8%	2.8%	2.8%	2.8%	2.8%	2.8%	2.8%	2.9%	3.1%	3.2%
Footwear	2.0%	2.1%	2.1%	2.2%	2.1%	2.0%	2.1%	2.0%	2.1%	2.2%	2.4%	2.6%	2.6%
Housing	2.9%	2.8%	2.7%	2.9%	2.8%	2.7%	2.7%	2.7%	2.7%	2.6%	2.7%	2.7%	2.9%
Fuel and light	-1.3%	-1.5%	-1.3%	-1.8%	-1.7%	-1.3%	-5.3%	-5.5%	-3.6%	-3.7%	-4.2%	-3.4%	-0.8%
Miscellaneous	4.8%	4.3%	4.2%	4.3%	4.3%	4.0%	3.9%	3.8%	3.4%	3.4%	3.5%	3.5%	3.6%
Household goods and services	2.9%	2.9%	2.8%	2.8%	2.7%	2.5%	2.4%	2.3%	2.4%	2.5%	2.7%	2.7%	2.8%
Health	4.1%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.1%	4.1%	4.1%	4.1%	4.2%	4.3%	4.3%	4.5%
Transport and communication	2.9%	2.8%	2.6%	2.7%	2.8%	2.7%	2.7%	2.6%	1.0%	1.0%	1.1%	1.5%	1.8%
Recreation and amusement	2.7%	2.7%	2.7%	2.6%	2.4%	2.4%	2.4%	2.2%	2.3%	2.6%	2.6%	2.8%	2.7%
Education	3.8%	3.8%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.8%	3.9%	3.5%	3.6%	4.1%	4.2%	4.7%	4.8%
Personal care and effects	13.6%	10.6%	9.8%	11.0%	10.4%	9.0%	8.0%	8.4%	8.2%	7.7%	7.4%	6.0%	5.2%
Core CPI (minus food and fuel)	4.1%	3.8%	3.7%	3.7%	3.8%	3.6%	3.4%	3.4%	3.1%	3.1%	3.2%	3.2%	3.3%

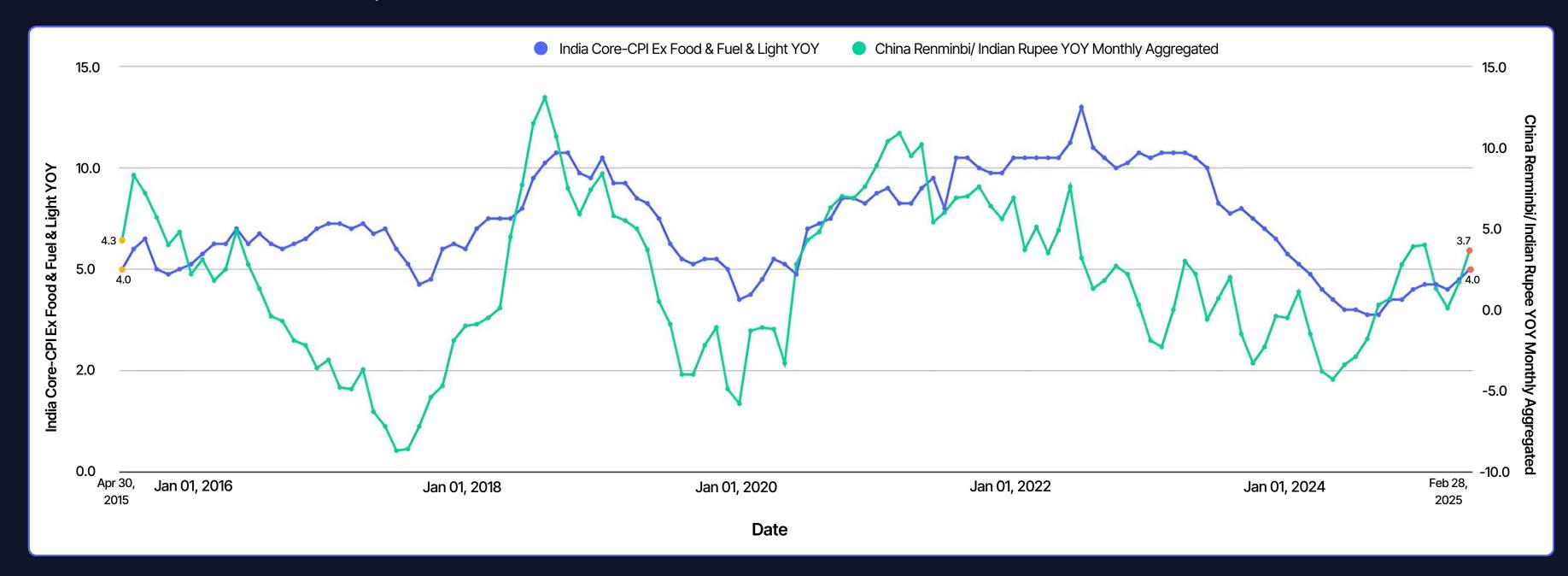
Source - Capital Minds Flipbook March 2025

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#### Lower inflation due to a weakening Yuan

India's dependency on China for imports means that a weakening Yuan against the INR may make imports more affordable. This, in turn, can contribute to downward pressure on core inflation within the Consumer Price Index (CPI)





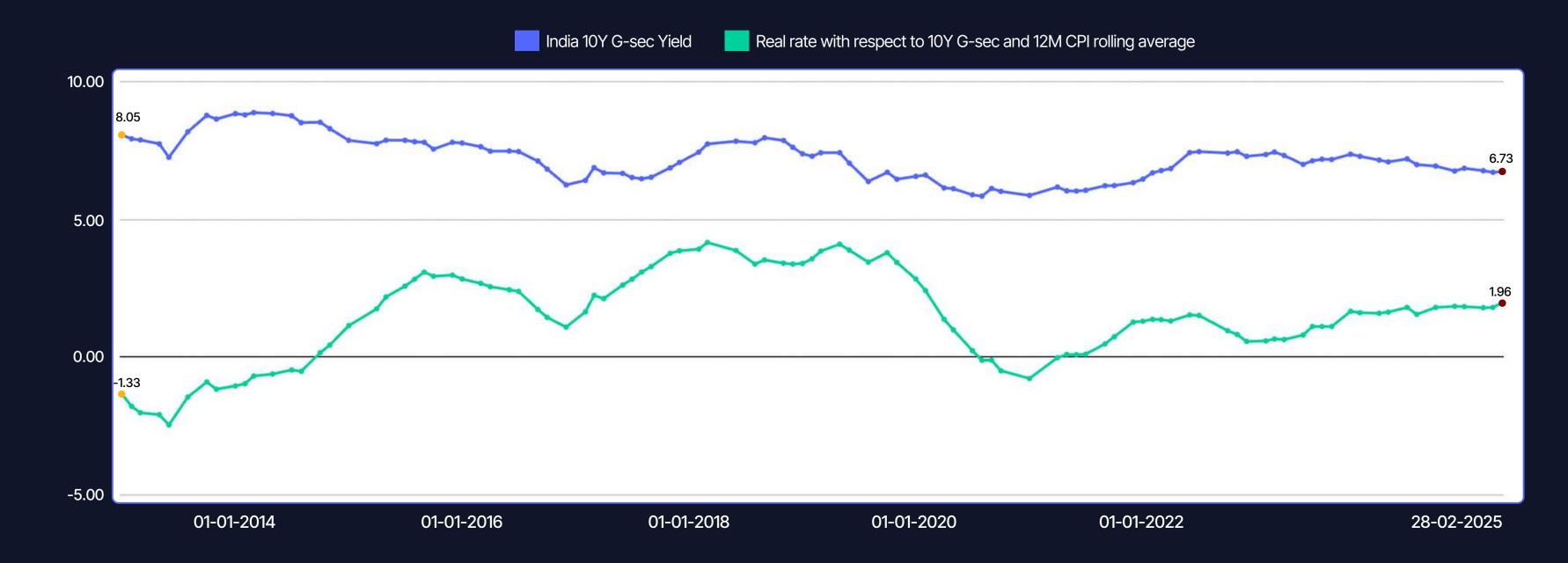


Economic slowdown resulting in expected easing of monetary policy



### Current real returns make GSec a potential investment opportunity

The current interest rate and inflation environment may create a favorable scenario for G-Sec investors.



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### Slowdown in economic growth may lead to lower real rates

Money supply and GDP growth are below longer term trends.

#### A Money supply growth



#### B Domestic growth slow down



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# Domestic and global slowdown in economic activity leading to central bank rate cuts

Global Slowdown Triggering Interest Rate Cuts by Central Banks					
BOE	Started rate cuts				
ECB	Started rate cuts				
Bank of Canada	Started rate cuts				
Swiss National Bank	Started rate cuts				
PBOS	Started rate cuts				
Fed	Started rate cuts				
India	Started rate cuts				

Domestically, slowing of GDP estimates for FY26 and slower money supply growth indicate tepid economic outlook in the short to medium term, indicating possible rate cuts.

The RBI has cut the growth forecast for the first two quarters of the next financial year FY26

	Current forcast	Previous forecast
Q1	6.7%	6.9%
Q2	7.0%	7.3%





FII Debt flows impacting demand supply dynamics for fixed income securities



#### FII Flows lowering bond yields

Foreign Institutional Investor (FII) flows can impact interest rates by influencing demand and supply dynamics. When FIIs invest heavily in fixed income securities, the increased demand drives up prices, which in turn lowers yields.





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Interest Rate Risk	Relatively Low (Class A)	Moderate (Class B)	Relatively High (Class C)			
Relatively Low (Class I)	-					
Moderate (Class II)	-	-	-			
Relatively High Class (Class III)	A-III –		-			
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