

# AXIS BUSINESS CYCLES FUND

(An open ended equity scheme following business cycles based investing theme)

## About the Fund

Business cycles in an economy are typically characterized by the fluctuations in economic activity measured by real GDP growth and other macroeconomic variables.

Axis Business Cycles Fund would aim to identify economic trends and investing in the sectors and stocks that are likely to outperform at any given stage of business cycle. The fund manager will consider various macroeconomic parameters (like GDP Growth, exports, interest rates, inflation etc.), High frequency indicators (like private consumption indicators, PMI, etc.), business and consumer sentiment indicators (corporate Earnings, business confidence index, forward looking estimates, etc.) to decide on the state of the business cycle.



No Market cap bias



Dynamic theme



Style: Quality focused



Hybrid Approach: Mix of Top Down & Bottom Up Approach

## Business Cycle Investing

A Case for Conviction Driven Investing

- **Forward Looking Investing:**
  - Focus on Medium term Growth triggers
  - Identify opportunities to benefit from earnings upgrades and/or valuation re-rating
- **Need For High Conviction:**
  - Meaningful allocation to sectors basis research indicators
  - Always Plan for Contingency - Nothing goes to Plan. Plan to diversify
- **Sell Discipline:**
  - Restructure portfolios once industry cycle plays out
  - Transition to new portfolio basis a changing business cycle

## Investment Approach

Our Approach to Business Cycle Investing

**Economic Cycle**  
(Macro Factors)

- Growth and inflation
- Monetary and Fiscal policy
- Regulatory changes
- Capex and consumer spending



**Sector Cycle**  
(Industry Specific Factors)

- Industry analysis
- Company position
- Competitive advantage
- Growth prospects



Top down approach + Bottom up approach = Hybrid approach to investing

Looking for cyclical opportunities with a medium term view

Sector selection will be based on nature of sectors

For detailed Investment strategy please refer SID/KIM of the Scheme available on the website

## Fund Manager Views

- As the name suggests, the fund focuses on the business cycle over a period and the stocks that could do well in those economic conditions.
- By investing in sectors that tend to perform during various phases – such as consumer staples during a recession or financials and real estate during expansion – these funds seek to optimise returns.
- Accordingly, in the last couple of quarters, the fund has broadened its breath of stocks but broadly retained consumption, investment and export-oriented themes.
- Overall, we have been overweight automobiles and capital goods while being underweight financial services (banks) and FMCG.
- At the current juncture, where markets have been experiencing volatility, we have maintained our large cap exposure and selectively look for opportunities across the market caps.

## Top 10 stocks

ICICI Bank Limited	6.3%
HDFC Bank Limited	4.9%
Bharti Airtel Limited	3.8%
UltraTech Cement Limited	3.3%
Infosys Limited	3.2%
Larsen & Toubro Limited	3.1%
Mahindra & Mahindra Limited	2.7%
GE Vernova T&D India Limited	2.3%
State Bank of India	2.1%
InterGlobe Aviation Limited	2.0%

## Top 10 Sectors

Financial Services	23.1%
Capital Goods	13.5%
Automobile and Auto Components	9.1%
Healthcare	8.1%
Consumer Services	6.3%
Information Technology	6.3%
Construction Materials	4.4%
Telecommunication	3.8%
Chemicals	3.8%
Services	3.5%

## Investing Facts

 <p><b>Category</b> Thematic Fund</p>	 <p><b>Inception Date</b> 22nd February 2023</p>	 <p><b>Benchmark</b> Nifty 500 TRI</p>	 <p><b>Minimum Application</b> SIP - Systematic Investment Plan Lumpsum ₹ 100 &amp; multiples of ₹ 1 <b>Monthly SIP</b> ₹ 100 &amp; multiples of ₹ 1</p>	 <p><b>Fund Manager</b></p>
 <p><b>Options<sup>^^</sup></b> Growth &amp; IDCW<sup>@</sup></p>	 <p><b>AUM</b> ₹ 2,256.00 cr.</p>	 <p><b>Entry Load</b> Nil</p>	 <p><b>Exit Load</b> If redeemed / switched-out within 12 months from the date of allotment - For 10% of investment: Nil. For remaining investment: 1%. If redeemed/switched out after 12 months from the date of allotment: Nil.</p>	 <p><b>Ashish Naik</b> Work experience: 17 years. He has been managing this fund since inception.</p>

Note: To view asset class wise AUM & AAUM for categories of the Scheme & geographical spread refer <https://www.axismf.com/statutory-disclosures>  
<sup>^^</sup>For detailed disclosure on plans and options, kindly refer SID.

## Current market cap split (% NAV)



## New Entries (Changes over the month-September 2025)

Eicher Motors Limited  
 Tube Investments of India Limited  
 Navin Fluorine International Limited  
 Gujarat Fluorochemicals Limited  
 Jindal Steel Limited

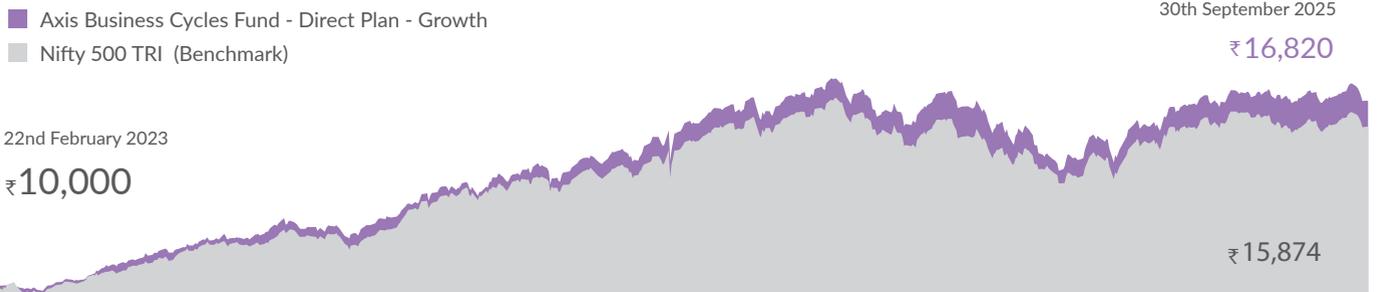
Info Edge (India) Limited  
 Anant Raj Limited

## Exits

Graphite India Limited  
 HCL Technologies Limited  
 Adani Energy Solutions Limited  
 Ajax Engineering Limited  
 Apar Industries Limited

Karur Vysya Bank Limited  
 ITC Limited

## Performance (NAV Movement)



	1 Year		3 Years <sup>@</sup>		5 Years <sup>@</sup>		Since Inception	
	CAGR (%)	Current Value of Investment of ₹ 10,000/-	CAGR (%)	Current Value of Investment of ₹ 10,000/-	CAGR (%)	Current Value of Investment of ₹ 10,000/-	CAGR (%)	Current Value of Investment of ₹ 10,000/-
Axis Business Cycles Fund - Direct Plan - Growth	-3.78%	9,622	NA	NA	NA	NA	22.09%	16,820
Nifty 500 TRI (Benchmark)	-5.28%	9,472	NA	NA	NA	NA	19.40%	15,874
Nifty 50 TRI (Additional Benchmark)	-3.45%	9,655	NA	NA	NA	NA	15.26%	14,479

**Past performance may or may not be sustained in future.** Since inception (22nd February 2023). Different plans have different expense structure. Ashish Naik is managing the scheme since inception and he manages 4 schemes of Axis Mutual Fund. Returns greater than 1 year are Compounded Annual Growth Rates (CAGR). Face value ₹10 per unit. <sup>@</sup>The performance data for 3 and 5 years period has not been provided, since scheme is in existence for less than 3 years.

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Note: In case you require physical copy of this document request you to kindly take the printout to review the fund managers performance of other schemes managed by him from the above link given.

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Data as on 30th September 2025.

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Ashish Naik is Managing Axis Multi Asset Allocation Fund since 22nd Jun, 2016, Axis Innovation Fund since 24th Dec, 2020, Axis Business Cycles Fund since 22nd Feb, 2023 and Axis ELSS Tax Saver Fund since 3rd Aug, 2023.

Market caps are defined as per SEBI regulations as below: a. Large Cap: 1st -100th company in terms of full market capitalization. b. Mid Cap: 101st -250th company in terms of full market capitalization. c. Small Cap: 251st company onwards in terms of full market capitalization.

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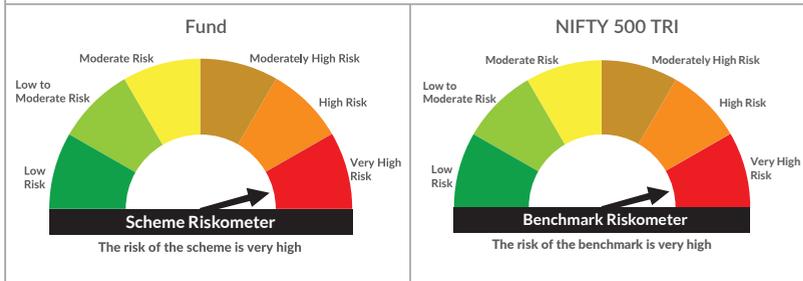
Benchmark : NIFTY 500 TRI

This product is suitable for investors who are seeking\*:

- Capital appreciation over medium to long term.
- An equity scheme investing in equity & equity related securities with focus on riding business cycles through dynamic allocation between various sectors and stocks at different stages of business cycles in the economy.

\*Investors should consult their financial advisers if in doubt about whether the product is suitable for them.

### Riskometer



**Mutual Fund investments are subject to market risks, read all scheme related documents carefully.**