

**SCHEME INFORMATION DOCUMENT**



**SAHARA MIDCAP FUND**

(An Open ended Growth scheme)

**Offer of Units at NAV based prices during the Continuous Offer period.**

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The particulars of the Scheme/s have been prepared in accordance with the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Mutual Funds) Regulations 1996, (herein after referred to as SEBI (MF) Regulations) as amended till date, and filed with SEBI, along with a Due Diligence Certificate from the AMC. The units being offered for public subscription have not been approved or recommended by SEBI nor has SEBI certified the accuracy or adequacy of the Scheme Information Document.

The Scheme Information Document sets forth concisely the information about the scheme that a prospective investor ought to know before investing. Before investing, investors should also ascertain about any further changes to this Scheme Information Document after the date of this Document from the Mutual Fund / Investor Service Centres / Website / Distributors or Brokers.

SEBI vide its Order no: WTM/PS/26/IMD/DOF-III/July/2015 dated 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2015 had directed cancellation of "Certificate of Registration" of Sahara Mutual Fund which was to be effective on expiry of six months from the date of the Order. Further, SEBI also directed by the said Order that the Mutual Fund shall not take any new subscription from investors. Accordingly, the Mutual Fund has not taken any new subscription from the investors (including existing investors) in line with the said SEBI order. Sahara Asset Management Company Pvt. Ltd (SAMCPL) filed an appeal before the Securities Appellate Tribunal (SAT), Mumbai to set aside the said SEBI order. SAT vide its order dated 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2017 dismissed our appeal. An appeal in the matter was filed before the Hon'ble Supreme Court Hon'ble Supreme Court vide its order dated 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2017 dismissed our appeal. SEBI vide their order dated April 11, 2018 ordered for winding up of all schemes except Sahara Tax Gain Fund. An appeal in the matter was filed before the Securities Appellate Tribunal (SAT), SAT vide its order dated May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 directed One Life Capital Advisors Ltd to make a fresh application seeking approval of SEBI for being the sponsor and till the decision on the said application is communicated, SEBI shall not enforce the orders impugned in the two appeals.

The investors are advised to refer to the Statement of Additional Information (SAI) for details of Sahara Mutual Fund, Tax and Legal issues and general information on [www.saharamutual.com](http://www.saharamutual.com).

**SAI is incorporated by reference (is legally a part of the Scheme Information Document). For a free copy of the current SAI, please contact your nearest Investor Service Centre or log on to our website.  
The Scheme Information Document should be read in conjunction with the SAI and not in isolation.**

**This Scheme Information Document is dated 28<sup>TH</sup> June, 2018**

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## I. HIGHLIGHTS/SUMMARY OF THE SCHEME

**Currently, the sale of units under all the schemes of Sahara Mutual Fund has been suspended in view of the SEBI order dated 28<sup>th</sup>, July, 2015.**

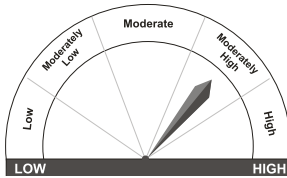
### • INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

#### SAHARA Midcap Fund

The basic objective of Sahara Midcap fund is to achieve long term capital growth with a medium level of risks by investing primarily in Midcap stocks.

This scheme is suitable for investors who are seeking

- Long Term Capital Growth;
- Investment in equity & equity related securities including equity derivatives.
- Moderately High risk (Investors understand that their principal will be at Moderately High risk.)j



**(INVESTORS SHOULD CONSULT THEIR FINANCIAL ADVISERS IF IN DOUBT ABOUT WHETHER THE PRODUCT IS SUITABLE FOR THEM.)**

- **Liquidity:** – Units may be purchased or redeemed on any business day on an ongoing basis, at NAV related price subject to prevailing load, if any. The Mutual Fund will under normal circumstances provide investors with a high degree of liquidity. The redemption cheques will be dispatched to the unit holders within the statutory time limit (currently within 10 Business days). The Mutual Fund will, under normal circumstances, endeavor to dispatch redemption proceeds on T+ 3 basis under the scheme.
- Unit holders will have the flexibility to alter the allocation of their investments among the Scheme(s) offered by the Mutual Fund in order to suit their changing investment needs, by easily switching between the Scheme(s) / Options/Plans of the Mutual Fund

### • Benchmark:

SAHARA MidCap Fund	Nifty Free Float Midcap 100
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- **Transparency/NAV Disclosure:** The NAV for the scheme will be calculated and disclosed at the close of every business day, published in two daily newspapers, made available at our website [www.saharamutual.com](http://www.saharamutual.com) and to the press, news agencies and the Association of Mutual Funds of India (AMFI). In addition, the ISCs would also display the NAV.

### • Methodology of calculating Sale and Repurchase price of units:

Sale Price = Applicable NAV \*(1 + Sales Load, if any)

<b>Applicable NAV</b>	*	<b>(1 + Sale Load, if any)</b>	=	<b>Sale price</b>
Rs.10.00	*	1		Rs.10.00

Presently, sales load is Nil as per SEBI guidelines

Repurchase Price = Applicable NAV \*(1 - Exit Load, if any)

<b>Applicable NAV</b>	*	<b>(1 - Exit Load of say 2%)</b>	=	<b>Repurchase price</b>
Rs.10.00	*	(1- 0.02)		Rs.9.80

- The AMC shall disclose portfolio (along with ISIN) as on the last day of the month on the website of the Fund on or before the tenth day of the succeeding month in a user friendly and downloadable format (preferably in a spreadsheet)

The AMC shall disclose the Monthly Average Assets under Management (Monthly AAUM) on its website (in spreadsheet format) within 7 working days from the end of the month (a)AUM from different categories of schemes such as equity schemes, debt schemes, etc. (b) Contribution to AUM from B-15 cities (i.e. other than top 15 cities as identified by AMFI) and T-15 cities (Top 15 cities).(c) Contribution to AUM from sponsor and its associates. (d) Contribution to AUM from entities other than sponsor and its associates.(e) Contribution to AUM from investors type (retail, corporate, etc.) in different scheme type (equity, debt, ETF, etc.) (f) AUM garnered through sponsor group/ non-sponsor group distributors (g). State-wise/Union Territory-wise contribution to AUM.

- Loads:** The load structure for the schemes is as follows:

Scheme Name	Entry Load	Exit Load
Sahara Mid cap Fund	NA	1% if redeemed on or before 12 months from the date of allotment. Beyond 12 months from date of allotment : Nil

There will be no exit load for direct applications.

There will be no entry load in any of the scheme. In line with the regulations, the Trustees reserves the right to change the load structure if it so deems fit in the interest of the smooth and efficient functioning of the scheme, on a prospective basis.

- Minimum Application Amount:**

Scheme	Minimum Amt	Additional Amount
Sahara Midcap Fund	Rs.1000/-	Rs.500/- and in multiples of Re.1/- thereafter.

- Mis-selling of units of a Mutual Fund Scheme**

A new clause has been inserted under Securities and Exchange Board of India (Prohibition of Fraudulent and Unfair Trade Practices relating to Securities Market) Regulations, 2003 on mis-selling of units of a mutual fund scheme;

For the purpose of this clause, "mis-selling" means sale of units of a mutual fund scheme by any person, directly or indirectly, by -

- making a false or misleading statement, or
- concealing or omitting material facts of the scheme, or
- concealing the associated risk factors of the scheme, or
- not taking reasonable care to ensure suitability of the scheme to the buyer.

- Employee Unique Identification Number (EUIIN)**

SEBI circular dated September 13, 2012 has directed mutual funds to capture the Unique Identity Number (EUIIN) of the employee/relationship manager/sales person of the distributor interacting with the investor for the sale of mutual fund products in addition to the AMFI Registration Number (ARN) of the distributor.

Hence, in order to protect the investors' interests and assist in tackling the problem of mis-selling associated with mutual fund transactions, investors are advised to mention the AMFI Identity Number of the Distributor's representative (employee / relationship manager / sales person) interacting with him/her.

- The Trustees reserves the right to change the minimum application amount if it so deems fit in the interest of the smooth and efficient functioning of the scheme, on a prospective basis.

## II. INTRODUCTION

### A. RISK FACTORS

#### Standard Risk Factors:

- Investment in Mutual Fund Units involves investment risks such as trading volumes, settlement risks, liquidity risks, default risks including the possible loss of principal.
- As the price / value / interest rates of the securities in which the scheme invests fluctuates, the value of your investment in the scheme may go up or down
- Past performance of the Sponsor/AMC/Mutual Fund does not guarantee future performance of the scheme.
- The name of the scheme does not in any manner indicate either the quality of the scheme or its future prospects and returns.
- The sponsor is not responsible or liable for any loss resulting from the operation of the scheme/s beyond the initial contribution of Rs.1 lakh made by it towards setting up the Fund.
- The present scheme is not a guaranteed or assured return scheme.

#### Scheme Specific Risk Factors

##### (i) Risk factors associated with investing in equities and equity related instruments

- Equity shares and equity related instruments are volatile and prone to price fluctuations on a daily basis. Investments in equity shares and equity related instruments involve a degree of risk and investors should not invest in the Scheme(s) unless they can afford to take the risks.
- Securities, which are not quoted on the stock exchanges, are inherently illiquid in nature and carry a larger amount of liquidity risk, in comparison to securities that are listed on the exchanges. Investment in such securities may lead to increase in the scheme portfolio risk.
- While securities that are listed on the stock exchange carry lower liquidity risk, the ability to sell these investments is limited by the overall trading volume on the stock exchanges and may lead to the Scheme(s) incurring losses till the security is finally sold.
- Investment strategy to be adopted by the Scheme(s) may carry the risk of significant variance between the portfolio allocation of the Scheme(s) and the Benchmark particularly over a short to medium term period.

##### (ii) Risk factors associated with investing in Fixed Income Securities

- The Net Asset Value (NAV) of the Scheme(s), to the extent invested in Debt and Money Market securities, will be affected by changes in the general level of interest rates. The NAV of the Scheme(s) is expected to increase from a fall in interest rates while it would be adversely affected by an increase in the level of interest rates.
- Money market securities, while fairly liquid, lack a well developed secondary market, which may restrict the selling ability of the Scheme(s) and may lead to the Scheme(s) incurring losses till the security is finally sold.
- As the liquidity of the investments made by the Scheme(s) could, at times, be restricted by trading volumes and settlement periods, the time taken by the Mutual Fund for redemption of Units may be significant in the event of an inordinately large number of redemption requests or restructuring of the Scheme(s). In view of the above, the Trustee has the right, in its sole discretion, to limit redemptions (including suspending redemptions) under certain circumstances, as described under "Right to Limit Redemptions" in Section 'Restrictions, if any, on the right to freely retain or dispose of units being offered'.

- At times, due to the forces and factors affecting the capital market, the Scheme(s) may not be able to invest in securities falling within its investment objective resulting in holding the monies collected by it in cash or cash equivalent or invest the same in other permissible securities amounting to substantial reduction in the earning capability of the Scheme(s).

- **Credit Risk:** The AMC may, from time to time, considering the overall risk of the portfolio, invest in high yielding / growth, lower rated and /or privately placed /unlisted / securitized securities. Lower rated or unrated securities are more likely to react to developments affecting market and credit risks than highly rated securities. The credit risks factors pertaining to lower rated securities also apply to other such instruments like lower rated zero coupon bonds, deferred interest bonds etc. As zero coupon securities do not provide periodic interest payments to the holder of the security, these securities are more sensitive to changes in interest rates. The AMC may choose to invest in zero coupon securities that offer attractive yields and carry higher interest rate risks. This may increase the risk of the portfolio.

- **Prepayment Risk:**

Asset securitization is a process whereby commercial or consumer credits are packaged and sold in the form of financial instruments. Full prepayment of underlying loan contracts may arise under any of the following circumstances;

Obligor pays the Receivable due from him at any time prior to the scheduled maturity date of that Receivable; or

Receivable is required to be repurchased by the Seller consequent to its inability to rectify a material misrepresentation with respect to that Receivable; or

The Servicer recognizing a contract as a defaulted contract and hence repossessing the underlying Asset and selling the same.

Some other debt instruments also carry prepayment risk. In the event of prepayments, investors may be exposed to changes in tenor and yield.

- **Liquidity Risk:** The liquidity of the scheme investments may be inherently restricted by trading volumes, transfer procedures and settlement periods. From time to time, the Scheme may invest in certain securities of certain companies, industries, sectors, etc based on certain investment parameters adopted internally by the AMC. While at all times, the Trustees and the AMC will endeavor that excessive holding / investment in certain securities of industries, sectors, etc., by the Scheme be avoided, the assets invested by the Scheme, in certain securities of industries, sectors, etc., may acquire a substantial portion of the Scheme investment portfolio and collectively may constitute a risk associated with non-diversification and thus could affect the value of investments. The Scheme may have difficulty in disposing off of certain securities as the securities may be unlisted, due to greater price fluctuations there may be a thin trading market, different settlement periods and transfer procedures for a particular security at any given time. It should be noted that the fund bears the risk of purchasing fraudulent or tainted papers. Reduced liquidity in the secondary market may have an adverse impact on market price and the Scheme(s) ability to dispose off particular securities, when necessary, to meet the Scheme(s) liquidity needs or in response to a specific economic event, such as the deterioration in the credit worthiness of the issuer, etc., or during re-structuring of the Scheme(s) investment portfolio. Furthermore, from time to time, the AMC, the Custodian, the Registrar or any associate, distributor, dealer, company, corporate bodies, trusts, any scheme/Mutual Fund managed by the AMC or by any other AMC may invest in the Scheme. While at all times, the Trustees and the AMC will endeavor to ensure that excessive holding of Units in the Scheme among a few unit holders is avoided, the amounts invested by these aforesaid persons may however, acquire a substantial portion of the Schemes outstanding Units and collectively may constitute a majority Unit holders in the Scheme. Accordingly, redemptions of units held by such persons may have an adverse impact on the value of redemption and may impact the ability of the Unit holders to redeem their respective Units.

The Scheme may invest in securities which are not quoted on a stock exchange (“unlisted securities”) which in general are subject to greater price fluctuations, less liquidity and greater risk than those which are traded in the open market. Unlisted securities may lack a liquid secondary market and there can be no assurance that the Scheme will scrutinize its investments in unlisted securities at a fair value.

**Regulatory Risk:** Any changes in trading regulations by the Stock Exchange or SEBI among other things may also result in a wider premium/ discount to the NAV of the Scheme.

The Trustee reserves the right to list the Units of the Schemes on any other recognized Stock Exchange in India, as may be deemed fit, at a later stage, in which case the investors may face risks related to an undeveloped market, delay in settlements etc.

- **Risks associated with Investing in Foreign Securities -**

The Scheme may in future invest in overseas financial assets, foreign securities etc, as and when permitted by the concerned regulatory authorities in India and as per SEBI regulations from time to time. To the extent that the assets of the Scheme will be invested in securities denominated in foreign currencies, the Indian Rupee equivalent of the net assets, distributions and income may be adversely affected by changes in the value of the respective foreign currencies relative to the Indian Rupee. The repatriation of the capital or interest to India may also be hampered by changes in applicable laws. In addition, country risks would include events such as introduction of extraordinary exchange control, economic deterioration, bi-lateral conflict and/or immobilization of the overseas financial assets.

- **Risks associated with Investing in Derivatives -** The Fund may use derivative instruments like Interest Rate Swaps, Forward Rate Agreements or other derivative instruments for the purpose of hedging and portfolio balancing or as permitted under the Regulations and guidelines from time to time.

As and when the Scheme/s trades in the derivatives market there are risk factors and issues concerning the use of derivatives that investors should understand. Derivative products are specialized instruments that require investment techniques and risk analyses different from those associated with stocks and bonds. The use of a derivative requires an understanding not only of the underlying instrument but also of the derivative itself. Derivatives require the maintenance of adequate controls to monitor the transactions entered into, the ability to assess the risk that a derivative adds to the portfolio and the ability to forecast price or interest rate movements correctly. There is the possibility that a loss may be sustained by the portfolio as a result of the failure of another party (usually referred to as the “counter party”) to comply with the terms of the derivatives contract. Other risks in using derivatives include the risk of improper valuation of derivatives and the inability of derivatives to correlate perfectly with underlying assets, rates and indices. Thus, derivatives are highly leveraged instruments. Even a small price movement in the underlying security could have a large impact on their value. Derivative products are leveraged instruments and can provide disproportionate gains as well as disproportionate losses to the investor. Execution of such strategies depends upon the ability of the fund manager to identify such opportunities. Identification and execution of the strategies to be pursued by the fund manager involve uncertainty and decision of fund manager may not always be profitable. No assurance can be given that the fund manager will be able to identify or execute such strategies. The risks associated with the use of derivatives are different from or possibly greater than, the risks associated with investing directly in securities and other traditional investments.

Additional risks could be on account of illiquidity and hence mispricing of the future at the time of purchase.

- **Risks associated with Investing in Securitised Debt**  
**Asset Classes for Securitisation in India**

- Commercial Vehicles
- Auto and Two wheeler pools



- Mortgage pools(residential housing loans)
- Personal Loan, credit card and other retail loans
- Corporate loans/receivables

**Underlying Risk :** Each asset class has a different underlying risk, however, residential mortgages are generally thought to have lower default rates. On the other hand, repossession and subsequent recovery of commercial vehicles and other auto assets is fairly easier and better compared to mortgages. Some of the asset classes such as personal loans, credit card receivables etc., being unsecured credits in nature, may witness higher default rates. As regards corporate loans/receivables, depending upon the nature of the underlying security for the loan or the nature of the receivable, the risks would correspondingly fluctuate. However, the credit enhancement stipulated by rating agencies for such asset class pools is typically much higher and hence their overall risks are comparable to other AAA rated asset classes.

The rating agencies have an elaborate system of stipulating margins, over collateralization and guarantee to bring risk limits in line with the other AAA rated securities. Predominantly, the scheme intends to invest in AAA rated scrutinized debt.

**Some of the factors, which are typically analyzed for any pool are as follows:**

**Nature & Size of the loan:** generally indicates the kind of assets financed with loans. Also indicates whether there is excessive reliance on very small ticket size, which may result in difficult and costly recoveries. To illustrate, the ticket size of housing loans is generally higher than that of personal loans. Hence in the construction of a housing loan asset pool for say Rs.1,00,00,000/- it may be easier to construct a pool with just 10 housing loans of Rs.10,00,000/- each rather than to construct a pool of personal loans as the ticket size of personal loans may rarely exceed Rs.5,00,000/- per individual. Also to amplify this illustration further, if one were to construct a pool of Rs.1,00,00,000/- consisting of personal loans of Rs.1,00,000/- each, the larger number of contracts(100 as against one of 10 housing loans of Rs.10 lakh each) automatically diversifies the risk profile of the pool as compared to a housing loan based asset pool.

**Average original maturity of the pool:** indicates the original repayment period and whether the loan tenors are in line with industry averages and borrower's repayment capacity. To illustrate, in a car pool consisting of 60 month contracts, the original maturity and the residual maturity of the pool viz. number of remaining installments to be paid gives a better idea of the risk of default of the pool itself. If in a pool of 50 car loans having original maturity of 60 months, if more than 60% of the contracts have paid more than 40% of the installments and if no default has been observed in such contracts, this is a far superior portfolio than a similar car loan pool where 80% of the contracts have not even crossed 4 installments.

**Borrowers Contribution vis a vis Loan:** Indicates how much percentage value of the asset is financed by borrower's own equity. The higher the contribution of the borrower the better it is. This Ratio stems from the principle that where the borrowers own contribution of the asset cost is high, the chances of default are lower. To illustrate for a House costing Rs.20 lakhs, if the borrower has himself contributed Rs.10 lakh and has taken only Rs.10 lakh as a loan, he is going to have lesser propensity to default as he would lose an asset worth Rs.20 lakhs if he defaults in repaying an installment.

**Repayment Discipline of the pool:** indicates whether borrowers have already displayed repayment discipline. To illustrate, in the case of a personal loan, if a pool of assets consist of those who have already repaid 80% of the installments without default, this certainly is a superior asset pool than one where only 10% of installments have been paid. In the former case, the portfolio has already demonstrated that the repayment discipline is far higher.

**Default rate distribution:** Indicates how much percentage of the pool and overall portfolio of the originator is current, how much is in 0-30 DPD (days past due), 30-60 DPD, 60-90 DPD and so on. The rationale here is very obvious, as against 0-30 DPD, the 60-90 DPD is certainly a higher risk category.

**Credit Enhancement:** Unlike in plain vanilla instruments, in scrutinized transactions it is possible to enhance the credit rating, which could be much higher than the originator's own credit rating. This is possible through a mechanism called 'Credit enhancement'. The purpose of credit enhancement is to ensure timely payment to the investors, if the actual collections from the pool of receivables for a given period are short of the contractual payouts on securitization. Securitization are normally non-recourse instruments and therefore, the repayment on securitization would have to come from the underlying assets and the credit enhancement. Therefore, the rating criteria centrally focus on the quality of the underlying assets.

Internationally, the quality of credit ratings is measured by default rates and stability. In the Indian scenario, more than 95% of issuances have been AAA rated issuances indicating the strength of the underlying assets as well as adequacy of credit enhancement.

**Investment exposure of the Fund/scheme with reference to Securitised Debt:**

The Fund/scheme will predominantly invest only in those rated securitized issuances at the time of making an investment.

It is frequently observed that securitized debt carrying similar credit and interest rate risk characteristics offer higher returns when compared to normal debt instruments. The Scheme may invest net assets in securitized debt (as per the stated % in the asset allocation of each scheme) to gain from the higher yields offered by these instruments. The decision to invest in securitized debt will be based on the Fund Manager's analysis of the comparative risk return profiles of the various instruments available in the market, including securitized debt.

The fund/scheme/s may invest in various type of securitized issuances, including but not limited to Asset Backed Securitisation, Mortgage Backed Securitisation, Personal Loan Backed Securitisation, Collateralized Loan Obligation / Collateralized Bond Obligation and so on.

The fund/scheme/s does not propose to limit its exposure to only one asset class or to have asset class based sub-limits as it will primarily look towards the rating of the offering.

**Risk Factors specific to investments in Securitised Instruments:**

Types of Securitised Debt vary and carry different levels and types of risks. Credit Risk on Securitised Bonds depends upon the Originator and varies depending on whether they are issued with Recourse to Originator or otherwise.

Even within securitised debt, AAA rated securitized debt offers lesser risk of default than AA rated securitised debt. A structure with Recourse will have a lower Credit Risk than a structure without Recourse.

Underlying assets in Securitised Debt may assume different forms and the general types of receivables include Auto Finance, Credit Cards, Home Loans or any such receipts, Credit risks relating to these types of receivables depend upon various factors including macro economic factors of these industries and economies. Specific factors like nature and adequacy of property mortgaged against these borrowings, nature of loan agreement/ mortgage deed in case of Home Loan, adequacy of documentation in case of Auto Finance and Home Loans, capacity of borrower to meet its obligation on borrowings in case of Credit Cards and intentions of the borrower influence the risks relating to the asset borrowings underlying the securitised debt.

Holder of the securitised assets may have low credit risk with diversified retail base on underlying assets especially when securitised assets are created by high credit rated tranches and may differ depending upon the interest rate movement and speed of prepayment etc. The change in market interest rates – prepayments may not change the absolute amount of receivables for the investors, but may have an impact on the re-investment of the periodic cash flows that the investor receives in the securitised paper.

**Limited Liquidity & Price risk**

Presently, secondary market for securitised papers is not very liquid. There is no assurance that a deep secondary market will develop for such securities. This could limit the ability of the investor to resell them. Even if a secondary market develops and sales were to take place, these secondary transactions may be at a discount to the initial issue price due to changes in the interest rate structure.

#### **Limited Recourse, Delinquency and Credit Risk**

Securitised transactions are normally backed by pool of receivables and credit enhancement as stipulated by the rating agency, which differ from issue to issue. The Credit Enhancement stipulated represents a limited loss cover to the Investors. These Certificates represent an undivided beneficial interest in the underlying receivables and there is no obligation of either the Issuer or the Seller or the originator, or the parent or any affiliate of the Seller, Issuer and Originator. No financial recourse is available to the Certificate Holders against the Investors' Representative. Delinquencies and credit losses may cause depletion of the amount available under the Credit Enhancement and thereby the Investor Payouts may get affected if the amount available in the Credit Enhancement facility is not enough to cover the shortfall. On persistent default of an Obligor to repay his obligation, the Servicer may repossess and sell the underlying Asset.

However many factors may affect, delay or prevent the repossession of such Asset or the length of time required to realize the sale proceeds on such sales. In addition, the price at which such Asset may be sold may be lower than the amount due from that Obligor.

#### **Risks due to possible prepayments:**

Asset securitization is a process whereby commercial or consumer credits are packaged and sold in the form of financial instruments. Full prepayment of underlying loan contracts may arise under any of the following circumstances;

- Obligor pays the Receivable due from him at any time prior to the scheduled maturity date of that Receivable; or
- Receivable is required to be repurchased by the Seller consequent to its inability to rectify a material misrepresentation with respect to that Receivable; or
- The Servicer recognizing a contract as a defaulted contract and hence repossessing the underlying Asset and selling the same.

In the event of prepayments, investors may be exposed to changes in tenor and yield.

#### **Bankruptcy of the Originator or Seller**

If originator becomes subject to bankruptcy proceedings and the court in the bankruptcy proceedings concludes that the sale from originator to Trust was not a sale then an Investor could experience losses or delays in the payments due. All possible care is generally taken in structuring the transaction so as to minimize the risk of the sale to Trust not being construed as a "True Sale". Legal opinion is normally obtained to the effect that the assignment of Receivables to Trust in trust for and for the benefit of the Investors, as envisaged herein, would constitute a true sale.

#### **Bankruptcy of the Investor's Agent**

If Investor's agent, becomes subject to bankruptcy proceedings and the court in the bankruptcy proceedings concludes that the recourse of Investor's Agent to the assets/receivables is not in its capacity as agent/Trustee but in its personal capacity, then an Investor could experience losses or delays in the payments due under the swap agreement. All possible care is normally taken in structuring the transaction and drafting the underlying documents so as to provide that the assets/receivables if and when held by Investor's Agent is held as agent and in Trust for the Investors and shall not form part of the personal assets of Investor's Agent. Legal opinion is normally obtained to the effect that the Investors Agent's recourse to assets/receivables is restricted in its capacity as agent and trustee and not in its personal capacity.

### **Credit Rating of the Transaction / Certificate**

The credit rating is not a recommendation to purchase, hold or sell the Certificate in as much as the ratings do not comment on the market price of the Certificate or its suitability to a particular investor. There is no assurance by the rating agency either that the rating will remain at the same level for any given period of time or that the rating will not be lowered or withdrawn entirely by the rating agency.

### **Risk of Co-mingling**

The Servicers normally deposit all payments received from the Obligors into the Collection Account. However, there could be a time gap between collection by a Servicer and depositing the same into the Collection account especially considering that some of the collections may be in the form of cash. In this interim period, collections from the Loan Agreements may not be segregated from other funds of the Servicer. If the Servicer fails to remit such funds due to Investors, the Investors may be exposed to a potential loss. Due care is normally taken to ensure that the Servicer enjoys highest credit rating on stand alone basis to minimize Co-mingling risk.

**Risks associated with Short Selling and Securities Lending** - It may be recognized that genuine short selling could exacerbate price decline but that by itself may not be construed as a manipulative activity unless there are evidences of market misconduct. However, abusive short selling practices to manipulate the price of a stock will continue to be treated as market misconduct and attract appropriate regulatory action. It may also be recognized that short selling, directly or indirectly poses potential risks and can easily destabilize the market.

## **B. REQUIREMENT OF MINIMUM INVESTORS IN THE SCHEME**

In line with the regulations, the Scheme(s) and individual Plan(s) under the Scheme(s) shall have a minimum of 20 investors and no single investor shall account for more than 25% of the corpus of the Scheme(s)/Plan(s). In case of non-fulfillment with the condition of minimum 20 investors, the Scheme(s)/Plan(s) shall be wound up in accordance with Regulation 39 (2) (c) of SEBI (MF) Regulations automatically without any reference from SEBI and accordingly the Scheme / Plan(s) shall be wound up and the units would be redeemed at applicable NAV. The two conditions mentioned above shall also be complied within each subsequent calendar quarter thereafter, on an average basis, as specified by SEBI. If there is a breach of the 25% limit by any investor over the quarter, a rebalancing period of one month would be allowed and thereafter the investor who is in breach of the rule shall be given 15 days notice to redeem his exposure over the 25 % limit. Failure on the part of the said investor to redeem his exposure over the 25 % limit within the aforesaid 15 days would lead to automatic redemption by the Mutual Fund on the applicable Net Asset Value on the 15th day of the notice period. The Fund shall adhere to the requirements prescribed by SEBI from time to time in this regard.

## **C. SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS, if any**

Investments in a Scheme(s) should be viewed by an Investor / Unit holder as a medium to long term investment as Mutual Funds carry normal market risks and there can be no assurance and no guarantee that the Scheme(s) will achieve its objectives. It is recommended that an investment in the Scheme(s) should not constitute a substantial proportion of an investment portfolio and may not be appropriate for all, as investment decisions made by the Asset Management Company will not always be profitable or prove to have been correct. As with any investments in stocks, shares and securities, the NAV of the Units under this Scheme(s) can go up or down, depending on the factors and forces affecting the capital markets. Investors / Unit holders attention is drawn to the risk factors set out in the Clause(s) of the section titled "Risk factors" of this Scheme Information Document.:

Neither this Scheme Information Document nor the Units have been registered in any jurisdiction. The distribution of this Scheme Information Document in certain jurisdictions may be restricted or subject to registration requirements and accordingly, persons who come into possession of this

Scheme Information Document are required to inform themselves about, and to observe, any such restrictions. No person(s) receiving a copy of this Scheme Information Document or any accompanying application form in such jurisdiction may treat this Scheme Information Document or such application form as constituting an invitation to subscribe for Units. It is the responsibility of any person(s) in possession of this Scheme Information Document and any persons wishing to apply for Units pursuant to this Scheme Information Document to inform them of and to observe, all applicable laws and Regulations of such relevant jurisdiction.

No person is authorized to give any information or to make any representation inconsistent with this Scheme Information Document in connection with the units of schemes of Sahara Mutual Fund

This Scheme Information Document includes all the points mentioned in the Standard Observations issued by SEBI.

This Scheme Information Document contains no deviations from and neither have any subjective interpretations been applied to the provisions of any regulations. All contents in this Scheme Information Document have been checked and are factually correct.

Any information or representation not contained herein this document must not be relied upon as having been authorized by the Mutual Fund or the Investment Manager.

All information in the Scheme Information Document and Key Information Memorandum are updated considering the Standard Observations.

In terms of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 ("PMLA") the rules issued there under and the guidelines/circulars issued by SEBI regarding the Anti Money Laundering (AML) Laws, all intermediaries, including mutual funds, are required to formulate and implement a client identification programme, and to verify and maintain the record of identity and address(es) of investors.

If after due diligence, the AMC believes that any transaction is suspicious in nature as regards money laundering, the AMC shall have absolute discretion to report any such suspicious transactions to competent authorities under PMLA and rules/guidelines issued thereunder by SEBI and/or RBI, furnish any such information in connection therewith to such authorities and take any other actions as may be required for the purposes of fulfilling its obligations under PMLA and rules/guidelines issued thereunder by SEBI and/or RBI without obtaining the prior approval of the investor/Unit Holder/ any other person.

Investors are urged to study the terms of the offer carefully before investing in the Scheme and retain this SID and the SAI for future reference.

#### **D. DEFINITIONS**

In this Scheme Information Document, the following words and expressions shall have the meaning specified herein, unless the context otherwise requires:

<p><b>“AMC” or “Asset Management Company” or “SAMCPL” or “Investment Manager”</b></p>	<p>Sahara Asset Management Company Private Limited (SAMCPL) (Formerly First India Asset Management Pvt Ltd) incorporated under the provisions of the Companies Act, 1956 and approved by Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), to act as the Asset Management Company for the Scheme(s) of Sahara Mutual Fund.</p>
<p><b>“Applicable NAV”</b></p>	<p><b>A. The following NAVs shall be applied for purchases:</b>            (i) where the application is received upto 3.00 pm with a local cheque or demand draft payable at par at the</p>

	<p>place where it is received – closing NAV of the day of receipt of application;</p> <p>(ii) where the application is received after 3.00 pm with a local cheque or demand draft payable at par at the place where it is received – closing NAV of the next business day ; and</p> <p>(iii) where the application is received with an outstation cheque or demand draft which is not payable on par at the place where it is received – closing NAV of day on which the cheque or demand draft is credited.</p> <p>Aggregation of transactions shall be done on the basis of investor/s Permanent Account Number (PAN). In case of joint holding in folios, transactions with similar holding structure will be aggregated.</p> <p>All transactions to be aggregated where investor holding pattern is same as stated above, irrespective of whether the amount of the individual transaction is above or below Rs.2 lakhs.</p> <p>Only transactions in the same scheme shall be clubbed. It will include transactions at option level (Dividend, Growth and Direct).</p> <p>Transactions in the name of minor received through guardian will not be aggregated with the transaction in the name of same guardian.</p> <p><b>B. The following NAVs shall be applied for such repurchase:</b></p> <p>(i) where the application received upto 3.00 pm – closing NAV of the day of receipt of application;</p> <p>(ii) An application received after 3.00 pm – closing NAV of the next business day.</p> <p><b>Switch and sweep transactions</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) ‘Switch in’ transactions will be considered as if they were purchase transactions and to ‘Switch out’ transactions will be considered as if they were repurchase transactions.</li> <li>2) In case of ‘Switch’ transactions from one scheme to another the allocation shall be in line with redemption payouts.</li> <li>3) Sweep’ transactions will be considered as if they were purchase transactions and to ‘Reverse sweep’ transactions will be considered as they were repurchase transactions.</li> </ol>
“AMFI”	Association of Mutual Funds in India.
"ARN Holder"/"AMFI registered Distributors"	Intermediary registered with Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI) to carry Distributors" out the business of selling and distribution of mutual fund units and having AMFI Registration Number (ARN) allotted by AMFI.
“ADRs”	American Depository Receipts.

<b>“Beneficial Owner”</b>	Beneficial Owner as defined in the Depositories Act, 1996 means a person whose name is recorded as such with a depository.
<b>“BSE SENSEX” or “the SENSEX”</b>	The Index of Bombay Stock Exchange Limited, comprising of, at present, thirty equity securities, the composition and the criteria of which are determined by Bombay Stock Exchange Limited from time to time.
<b>BSE StAR MF</b>	Bombay Stock Exchange Platform for Allotment and Redemption of Mutual Fund (BSE StAR MF) is a platform launched by BSE to accept both physical applications and those in Demat form.
<b>“Business Day”</b>	Any day other than a (i) Saturday and Sunday ; (ii) a day on which the banks in Mumbai and/or RBI are closed for business/clearing ; (iii) a day on which the Bombay Stock Exchange and/or National Stock Exchange are closed ; (iv) a day which is a public and/or bank holiday at a collection centre where the application is received ; (v) a day on which sale and repurchase of units is suspended by the AMC ; (vi) a day on which normal business could not be transacted due to storms, floods, bandhs, strikes or such other events as the AMC may specify from time to time. The AMC reserves the right to declare any day as a business day or otherwise, at any or all ISC’s or collection centers.
<b>“Business Hours”</b>	Presently from 9.30 a.m to 6.30 p.m on any Business Day or such other time as may be decided by the AMC from time to time and the same may be different for different Investor Service Centers.
<b>"Scheme Information Document"</b>	This document issued by Sahara Mutual Fund, offering for subscription of Units to the schemes.
<b>“Custodian”</b>	A person who has been granted a certificate of registration to carry on the business of Custodian of Securities under the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Custodian of Securities) Regulations 1996, which for the time being is HDFC Bank Ltd, Mumbai.
<b>“Debentures”</b>	These are both convertible & non-convertible debenture. Convertible debentures are those, which are fully or partially convertible into equity shares, and non-convertible debentures are those, which cannot be converted into equity shares.
<b>“Debt instruments”</b>	Government Securities, Debentures, Bonds, Promissory Notes, Money Market Instruments, Pass-Through Certificate, Asset Backed Securities / Securitized Debt and other similar securities.
<b>“Depository”</b>	Depository as defined in the Depositories Act, 1996 (22 of 1996).
<b>“Depository Participant / DP”</b>	Depository Participant (DP) is an agent of the Depository who acts like an intermediary between the Depository and the investors. DP is an entity who is registered with SEBI to offer depository-related services.

<b>"Derivative"</b>	Derivative includes (i) a security derived from a debt instrument, share, loan whether secured or unsecured, risk instrument or contract for differences or any other form of security; (ii) a contract which derives its value from the prices, or index of prices, or underlying securities.
<b>"Direct Application"</b>	<p>The following Applications will be treated as Direct Application.</p> <p><b>a.</b> In case the Distributor / Broker / Agent Code is pre printed on the application form, investors (any / all in case of joint holders) must strike off the code and counter sign before submitting the application at any of the offices of the AMC / Investors Service Centres (ISCs) / Point of Acceptance (POA);</p> <p><b>b.</b> In the space provided for the Distributor / Broker / Agent Code, please mention "DIRECT" or "NOT APPLICABLE". Alternatively investors can also strike off the space and countersign the same. Investors are advised in their own interest not to leave the space blank;</p> <p><b>c.</b> All existing unit holders who have invested through Distributor / Broker / Agent and intend to make their future investments through a direct route, are advised to communicate the same in writing to the AMC / ISCs/ POA.</p> <p><b>d.</b> Investors wishing to transfer their accumulated unit balance held under Existing schemes (through Lump Sum/Systematic Investments made with or without Distributor code) to the available Direct Option will have to switch /redeem their investments (subject to applicable Exit Load, if any) and apply under Direct Option.</p>
<b>"Direct Option"</b>	Direct OPTION is only for investors who purchase / subscribe Units in a Scheme directly with the Fund and is not available for investors who route their investments through a Distributor.
<b>"Dividend"</b>	Income distributed by the Mutual Fund on the Units.



<b>“Entry Load” or “Sales Load”</b>	Load on Sale / switch in of units under the schemes.
<b>“Equity Related Instruments”</b>	"Equity Related Instruments" includes convertible bonds and debentures, convertible preference shares, warrants carrying the right to obtain equity shares, equity derivatives and any other like instrument.
<b>“Exit Load”</b>	Load on Repurchase / Redemption / Switch out of Units.
<b>“FII”</b>	Foreign Institutional Investor, registered with SEBI under the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Foreign Institutional Investors) Regulations, 1995, as amended from time to time.
<b>First Time Mutual Fund Investor</b>	An investor who invests for the first time in mutual fund either by way of Purchase / Subscription or Systematic Investment Plan.
<b>“Fund / Name of the Fund/ Scheme”</b>	Sahara Midcap Fund including the options offered under the schemes as stated in this Scheme Information Document.
<b>“GDRs”</b>	Global Depository Receipts.

<b>“Gilts or Government Securities”</b>	Securities created and issued by the Central Government and/or a State Government (including Treasury Bills) or Government Securities as defined in the Public Debt Act, 1944, as amended from time to time.
<b>“Investment Management Agreement” or “IMA”</b>	The Agreement dated July 18, 1996 and supplementary agreement entered into between Trustees of Sahara Mutual Fund (Formerly First India Mutual Fund) and the AMC, Sahara Asset Management Company Private Limited as amended from time to time.
<b>“Investor Service Centers” or “ISCs”</b>	Designated offices of the Mutual Fund / AMC / Registrar or such other centers / offices as may be designated by the AMC from time to time.
<b>“Load / Repurchase load”</b>	In the case of Repurchase / Redemption / Switch out of a Unit, the sum of money deducted from the Applicable NAV on the Repurchase / Redemption / Switch out of units.
<b>“Money Market Instruments”</b>	Commercial Papers, MIBOR linked instruments, Commercial Bills, Treasury Bills, Government Securities having an unexpired maturity upto one year, call, notice or term money, certificate of deposit, usance bills discounting Fund, repo / reverse repo and any other like instruments as specified from time to time by RBI.
<b>“Mutual Fund” or “the Fund”</b>	Sahara Mutual Fund (formerly First India Mutual Fund), a Trust set up under the provisions of Indian Trust Act, 1882 by a Trust deed dated July 18, 1996 (and amendment to Trust deeds).
<b>“NAV” or “Net Asset Value”</b>	Net Asset Value (NAV) per Unit of the respective options, calculated in the manner described in this Scheme Information Document, or, as may be prescribed by the SEBI Regulations from time to time.
<b>“New Fund Offer Price” / “NFO Price”</b>	“NFO price” is the price at which the units were sold to the investors of the respective schemes.
<b>“NRI”</b>	A Non-Resident Indian or a person of Indian origin residing outside India.
<b>“NSE “</b>	NSE / National Stock Exchange of India Ltd., a Stock Exchange recognized by the Securities and Exchange Board of India.
<b>"Official Point of Acceptance"</b>	Places, as specified by AMC from time to time where application for subscription / redemption / switch will be accepted on ongoing basis.
<b>"Person of Indian Origin"</b>	A citizen of any country other than Bangladesh or Pakistan, if (a) he at any time held an Indian passport; or (b) he or either of his parents or any of his grand parents was a citizen of India by virtue of Constitution of India or the Citizenship Act, 1955 (57 of 1955); or (c) the person is a spouse of an Indian citizen or person referred to in sub-clause (a) or (b).
<b>“RBI”</b>	Reserve Bank of India, established under the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934.
<b>“Registrar and Transfer Agent”</b>	KARVY Computer Share (Pvt) Ltd currently acting as registrar to the Fund.
<b>“Repo” / “Reverse Repo”</b>	Sale / purchase of Securities as may be allowed by RBI from time to time with simultaneous agreement to

	Repurchase / resell them at a later date.
<b>“Repurchase Price”</b>	Repurchase or redemption price is the price or NAV at which a scheme purchases or redeems its units from the unit holders. It may include exit load, if applicable.
<b>“Repurchase / Redemption”</b>	Repurchase / Redemption of Units under the Fund as permitted.
<b>“Sponsor” or “Settlor”</b>	Sahara India Financial Corporation Limited being the settler of Sahara Mutual Fund
<b>“Sahara AMC” or “AMC” or “Asset Management Company” or “Investment Manager”</b>	Sahara Asset Management Company Private Limited incorporated under the provisions of the Companies Act, 1956 and approved by Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), to act as the Asset Management Company for the scheme(s) of Sahara Mutual Fund.
<b>“Sale / Subscription”</b>	Sale or Allotment of Units to the Unit holder upon subscription by the investor / applicant under the Fund.
<b>“Scheme Information Document”/”SID”</b>	This document issued by Sahara Mutual Fund, offering Units of the schemes of Sahara Mutual Fund for subscription of units. The Scheme Information Document sets forth concisely the information about the scheme that a prospective investor ought to know before investing.
<b>“SEBI”</b>	The Securities and Exchange Board of India, established under the Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992.
<b>“SEBI Regulations” or “Regulations”</b>	Securities and Exchange Board of India (Mutual Funds) Regulations, 1996, as amended from time to time and shall also include any Mutual Fund Regulations, Circulars, Press Releases or Notifications that may be issued by SEBI or the Government of India to regulate the activities and growth of Mutual funds.
<b>"Short Selling"</b>	Short selling means selling a stock which the seller does not own at the time of trade.
<b>“Stock Exchange / Exchange “</b>	NSE or any other recognized stock exchange in India, as may be approved by the Trustee.
<b>“Statement of Additional Information”/”SAI”</b>	This document contains details of Sahara Mutual Fund, its constitution, and certain tax, legal and general information. It is incorporated by reference (is legally a part of the Scheme Information Document).
<b>“Switch”</b>	Redemption of a unit in Fund (including the option therein) of the Mutual Fund against purchase of a unit in another Fund (including the options therein) of the Mutual Fund, subject to applicable terms and conditions.
<b>Transaction Charge(s)</b>	A charge that would be deducted from the subscription money received from an investor, investing through a distributor who has exercised the option to levy such charge.

“Trust Deed”	The Trust deed dated July 18, 1996 including amendments made from time to time between the Sponsor and Sahara Mutual Fund (Formerly First India Mutual Fund), thereby establishing an irrecoverable Trust, called Sahara Mutual Fund.
“Unit”	The interest of the Unit holder, with each Unit representing one undivided share in the assets of the Fund.
“Unit holder” or “Investor”	A participant / person holding Units in the Fund offered under this Scheme Information Document.

## INTERPRETATION

For all purposes of this Scheme Information Document, except as otherwise expressly provided or unless the context otherwise requires:

- the terms defined in this Scheme Information Document, include the plural as well as the singular.
- pronouns having a masculine or feminine gender shall be deemed to include the other.
- all references to “dollars” or “\$” or “USD” refer to United States Dollars and “Rs” refer to Indian Rupees. A “crore” means “ten million” and a “lakh” means a “hundred thousand”.
- Words and expressions used herein but defined in SEBI Act, 1992 or the SEBI (Mutual Funds) Regulations, 1996 shall have the meanings respectively assigned to them therein.

## E. DUE DILIGENCE BY THE ASSET MANAGEMENT COMPANY

The Asset Management Company shall confirm that a Due Diligence Certificate duly signed by the Compliance Officer of the Asset Management Company submitted to SEBI, reads as follows:

It is confirmed that:

(i) The Scheme Information Document forwarded to SEBI is in accordance with the SEBI (Mutual Funds) Regulations, 1996 and the guidelines and directives issued by SEBI from time to time.

(ii) all legal requirements connected with the scheme as also the guidelines, instructions, etc., issued by the Government and any other competent authority in this behalf, have been duly complied with.

(iii) the disclosures made in the Scheme Information Document are true, fair and adequate to enable the investors to make a well informed decision regarding investment in the proposed scheme.

(iv) the intermediaries named in the Scheme Information Document and Statement of Additional Information are registered with SEBI and their registration is valid, as on date.

**Place:** Mumbai

**Date:** 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2018

**Name:** Sudhir R Kaup

**Designation:** Compliance Officer

**Note:** SEBI order dated 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2015 directing cancellation of “Certificate of Registration” of Sahara Mutual Fund and its reference has been stated at appropriate places in this SID for the information of the unit holders/investors.

### III. INFORMATION ABOUT THE SCHEME

#### A. TYPE OF THE SCHEME

Sahara Midcap Fund	An Open ended Growth scheme
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Name of the Scheme	Option
Sahara Midcap Fund	Dividend Option including Dividend Re-investment
	Growth Option
	Growth Auto Earnings Payout
	Dividend Option – Direct including Dividend Re-investment
	Growth Option- Direct
	Growth Auto Earnings Payout- Direct

The default option under the schemes would be Dividend Re-investment Option.

All options offered under the existing schemes have the provision for the DIRECT Options. **Portfolio of the Scheme under the Existing Options and Direct Options will be common.**

The treatment of applications under "Direct" / "Regular" Plans, shall be as follows:

Scenario	Broker Code mentioned by the investor	Plan mentioned by the investor	Default Plan to be captured
1	Not mentioned	Not mentioned	Direct Plan
2	Not mentioned	Direct	Direct Plan
3	Not mentioned	Regular	Direct Plan
4	Mentioned	Direct	Direct Plan
5	Direct	Not Mentioned	Direct Plan
6	Direct	Regular	Direct Plan
7	Mentioned	Regular	Regular Plan
8	Mentioned	Not Mentioned	Regular Plan

In cases of wrong/ invalid/ incomplete ARN codes mentioned on the application form, the application shall be processed under Regular Plan. The AMC shall contact and obtain the correct ARN code within 30 calendar days of the receipt of the application form from the investor/ distributor. In case, the correct code is not received within 30 calendar days, the AMC shall reprocess the transaction under Direct Plan from the date of application without any exit load.

**B. INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE OF THE SCHEME**

<b>Sahara Midcap Fund</b>	The basic objective is to achieve long term capital growth a medium level of risks by investing primarily in Midcap stocks.
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**C. HOW WILL THE SCHEME ALLOCATE ITS ASSETS?**

Sahara Mid cap Fund	Type of instruments	Normal Allocation (% of net assets)		Risk Profile
		Minimum	Maximum	
	Equity and Equity Related instruments * Market Cap Range Rs.60 crs to [ market cap of largest weightage stock of CNX MIDCAP Index]	65	100	High
	Equity and Equity Related instruments * Market Cap Range Less than Rs.60 crs or more than [market cap of largest weightage stock of CNX MIDCAP Index]	0	20	High
	Debt and Money Market Instruments	0	35	Low

\*Investments in ADRs/ GDRs/ Foreign securities and overseas ETFs would be as per latest SEBI guidelines issued from time to time.

Whenever the composition of the benchmark viz CNX Midcap Index changes in Future, while the lower market capitalization limit would remain at Rs.60 crores, the upper market cap limit would equal the market cap of the largest weightage stock of the CNX MIDCAP Index, at the time of investment. The upper limit would be reference point for the upper limit at the time of investment.

(Subscription cash flow is the subscription money in transit before deployment and redemption cash flow is the money kept aside for meeting redemptions).

Investments in Derivatives would be as per latest SEBI guidelines vide circular dated September 14, 2005 and circulars issued from time to time.

Investments in ADRs / GDRs/ Foreign securities and overseas ETFs would be in line with SEBI guidelines issued from time to time.

“If permitted by SEBI under extant regulations / guidelines, the scheme may also engage in securities lending”.

(in such a case Stock lending may be upto 50% of the net assets of the scheme. In addition, stock lending to any single party would not exceed 10% of the net assets of the scheme).

The AMC, may, consistent with SEBI guidelines, from time to time, pending investment in securities for a short term period on defensive consideration invest upto 100% of the funds in money market instruments, the primary motive being to protect the Net Asset Value of the Scheme and protect unit holders interest so also to earn reasonable return on liquid funds maintained for redemption/repurchase of units.

**Note:-**The asset allocation shown above is indicative and may be altered from time to time for a short term period on defensive considerations. Notwithstanding the forgoing, the Trustee may from time to time at its absolute discretion review and modify the investment strategy provided such modification is in accordance with the SEBI Regulations.

#### **D. WHERE WILL THE SCHEME INVEST?**

- **Sahara Midcap Fund**

The Fund under normal circumstance may stay invested 95% of investible resources in equity, equity related instruments and or derivatives. It will hold a minimum of 20 stocks at any point of time. The fund will be exposed to a minimum of five sectors. The investment manager will have the discretion to invest upto 100% of the assets in a portfolio in equity / equity related instruments at a given point of time. The equity exposure may fall to as low as 5 % under certain circumstances , in which case the fund shall be invested in cash, money market instruments and units of mutual funds at its discretion. The AMC may choose to actively trade on a portfolio of the funds in order to achieve the investment objective. However, the AMC reserves the right to modify the strategy from time to time and the changes would be informed to the unit holders.

The lower market capitalization limit would stand at Rs.60 crores, The upper market cap limit would equal the market cap of the largest weightage stock of the CNX MIDCAP Index, at the time of investment. The upper limit would be the reference point for the upper limit at the time of investment.

The Trustees have the right to review and alter the market capitalization limits as and when appropriate, considering the investment objective of the scheme.

#### **Investment Strategy: Equity**

The investment strategy of our schemes would be in line with the stated investment objectives of the respective schemes. The strategy that would be adopted for each scheme would among other things lay importance to asset allocation strategies aimed at achieving effective diversification, avoid style drift, reduce operating expenses while maintaining the overall objective of optimizing returns with minimized risks. The above shall be observed keeping in mind overall investor interest.

#### **Investment Strategy: Debt**

The investment strategy is built around the stated investment objectives of each scheme, the applicable investment restrictions and to include dynamic changes in the macro factors. The review is done on a regular basis so as to adjust it to the changing factors. High rated instruments having adequate liquidity and proper diversification are important parameters to manage the portfolios. Comparison with benchmark, analysis of investors profile and regular review of portfolio returns forms an integral part of the investment strategy.

**Risk Mitigation Factors:** Risk management is a key feature in fund management and schemes of Sahara Mutual Fund adhere to various internal and external guidelines (SEBI) stipulated under the risk management aspect of fund management. Risk Mitigation involves minimizing the risks while the schemes earn optimal returns for investors. The various risk mitigation measure adopted by our schemes include strict adhering to restrictions on investment in a specific security following prudent norms on diversification, setting restrictions on investing in unlisted equity shares, avoiding undue concentration of exposure.

In the case of Debt funds, besides the above, the endeavor is always to invest in high rated debt instruments, so as to minimize the default risk. The focus is to have high liquidity in the portfolio, consistent with the objective of each fund, so as to reduce / eliminate the cost of illiquidity.

The scheme(s) will endeavor to maintain a consistent performance while considering a balance between safety, liquidity and profitability aspects of various instruments and try to achieve an optimal risk return balance for management of debt and money market securities.

Investment decisions will be taken on the basis of the following parameters.

1. Prevailing interest rate scenario.
2. Liquidity of the security
3. Quality of the security / instrument
4. Maturity profile of the instrument.
5. Growth Prospects of the company / industry.

The scheme(s) may aim to invest its assets in a portfolio of debt instruments comprising of securitized debt, non-convertible debentures, bonds, secured premium notes, zero interest bonds,

pass-through certificates, asset securities, mortgage backed securities and any other domestic income securities etc., and include, but is not restricted to:

- Debt obligations of Government of India, State and Local governments, government agencies and statutory bodies (which may or may not carry a State/Central government guarantee).
- Securities guaranteed by Government of India and state government.
- Securities issued by public/private corporate entities
- Securities issued by public/private sector banks, financial institutions

The scheme(s) will endeavor to minimise interest rate risk. Fixed interest rate securities are subjected to volatility in price movements corresponding to movements in interest rates.

The Scheme(s) will also invest in Money Market Instruments including, but not restricted to, commercial papers, commercial bills, treasury bills, government securities having an unexpired maturity upto one year, certificate of deposit, usance bills, permitted securities under a repo/reverse repo agreement, Asset Backed Securities, Pass Through Certificates, Mortgage Backed Securities etc. and any other such instruments as may be permitted by SEBI from time to time. These instruments may carry fixed rate of return or floating rate of return or may be issued on discount basis.

Investments will be made through secondary market purchases, initial public offers, other public offers, placements, rights offers (including renunciation) and negotiated deals and such securities may be listed, unlisted, privately placed, secured/unsecured, rated/unrated of any maturity. As mentioned else where in this Scheme Information Document the AMC retains the flexibility to invest across in all the securities/instruments in debt and money markets.

Debt market in India is emerging as a vibrant market especially in the contest of volume, scope, transparency, product diversification. The different categories of product traded are Government bonds, treasury bills, corporate bonds, structured products, commercial papers and certificate of deposit, securitized instruments, derivatives of interest rates and OIS swap CDS etc. The process, procedure for trading, settlement, valuation, obligation are well defined and well established. RBI has introduced NDSOM for the trading and settlement of G-Sec, while platform like CCIL's CBLO trading system, repo trading system, are quite robust for overnight to term lending. Recently steps has been taken to introduce trading and settlement system for corporate bonds and other corporate securities. The introduction of FIMMDA backed FTRAC platform for matching and conformation of trades is a step toward more robust and transparent corporate bond trading. Bond markets have seen vibrancy also in terms of volume and participation. On the one hand FII exposure in Government Bonds and Corporate Bonds has been raised and on the other the volume of capital raised through private placements and primary market of corporate bond has seen great rise in last couple of years. Securitization market and derivative segment has also seen rising interest and participation. Banks both foreign and Indian, Insurance companies, Mutual Funds, PF funds, FIIs, and corporate are major investors. Indian bond market is well governed and regulated. RBI, SEBI, IRDA, has been framing progressive rules and hence directing bond market toward vibrant, transparent, prudent and secured bond market. The main risk associated with the debt market are, credit risk, interest rate risk, and liquidity risk.

The following table gives approximate yields prevailing during the month of May 2018 on some of the instruments. These yields are indicative and do not indicate yields that may be obtained in future as interest rates keep changing consequent to changes in macro economic conditions and RBI policy.

ISSUER	INSTRUMENTS	MATURITY	YIELDS (%)
GOI	Treasury Bill	91 days	6.38%
GOI	Treasury Bill	364 days	6.89%
GOI	Long –Dated	5-10 years	7.83%-7.83%
BANKS	CDs	3 months -1 year	7.45 % - 8.25 %
CORPORATES	Bonds(AAA)	5-10 years	8.66 % - 9.63%
CORPORATES	CPs	3 months – 1 year	7.65% - 9.10%

Source: CCIL, RBI WEBSITE



Investments made from the corpus of the Scheme/s would be in conformity with the features of the Scheme and the provisions of the SEBI Regulations. The AMC will endeavor to make a risk assessment of the potential investment in terms of credit risks, interest rate risks and liquidity risks. The credit risks analyses would involve an assessment of the past track record, present and future prospects for the company, the industry to which it belongs, the future cash flows from operations and its requirement for additional capital expenditure. Analysis of the interest rate scenario would be carried out on an ongoing basis, considering the impact of the developments on the macro economic front and the demand and supply of funds.

The AMC would, based on the above analysis, strive to manage the investments of the scheme on a dynamic basis with a view to exploit emerging opportunities. The AMC will also as an input in its decision making process, utilize ratings of recognized rating agencies. Investments in bonds and debenture will usually be made in instruments that have been assigned high investment grade ratings by a recognized rating agency. In case of an investment in an unrated debt instrument, prior approval of the Trustees and Board of Directors of the AMC would be obtained. The AMC will make efforts to reduce liquidity risk by investing in securities that would result in a staggered maturity profile of the portfolio, that provide easy liquidity and securities that have reasonable secondary market activity.

Investment in overseas securities shall be made in accordance with the requirements stipulated by SEBI and RBI from time to time.

All the investment restrictions as contained in the Seventh Schedule to SEBI (Mutual Funds) Regulations, 1996 would be applicable to the scheme(s).

The AMC retains the right to enter into such derivative transactions as may be permitted by the applicable regulations from time to time. The above strategies are not exclusive. The Fund Manager may employ any of the possible derivatives strategy within the guidelines applicable from time to time.

## **E. INVESTMENT STRATEGIES AND APPROACH**

The Fund Manager in accordance with the policies formulated by the Investment Committee handles the day-to-day investment management. The focus of the Fund Manager is to ensure that the objectives of each Fund are kept foremost whilst taking decisions regarding asset allocation and selection.

Careful attention is at all times paid to SEBI guidelines regarding restriction on investments / investment limits as prescribed from time to time. These restrictions relate to single company / group investments, investments in associate companies, investments in unrated debt instruments etc. Typically, wherever any investment in unrated paper is involved, prior approval of the Trustees and the Board of the AMC is sought.

There is a daily meeting of the Fund Management Team which discusses issues on the various information available. The research analysts give their inputs. These meetings help the fund manager in taking investment decisions.

The Fund Manager relies extensively on research provided by external agencies that are used to formulate a view on the likely trends and impact on the markets. This is supplemented by in-house research.

The Board of Directors of the AMC and the Trustees are presented regular reports on the portfolio performance on a stand-alone basis as well as a comparison with relevant benchmarks and with peer group from the industry.

Based on a comprehensive review of credit, macro economic factors, external and internal inputs, the Investment Committee decide the portfolio balance to arrive at a suitable mix of risk and return. The key objective is to optimize returns vis-à-vis risk.

Depending on the needs, derivatives may be used with a view to minimizing risk and protecting the returns of the portfolio.

The buy/sell decisions would be recorded by the fund manager in the form of a Fund wise requisition slips keeping in mind the investment objectives, investment restrictions and the applicable guidelines. These sheets would contain details such as quantity of scrip/security, indicative price, reasons for buy/sell etc. The requisition slip would be sent to the Dealers for execution.

The risk manager/ mid office would review all buying and selling transactions to check that they are inline with the stated fund objectives, investment restrictions, stipulated guidelines and suggest corrective action to the fund manager wherever required. It would also check the portfolio risks periodically and suggests corrective action wherever required.

The Fund Manager shall review the portfolio on a daily basis, in conjunction with the expected cash flows in to and out of the various Funds and in line with the investment objectives and guidelines.

The complete portfolio statement elaborating classifications, limits and valuations would be placed for scrutiny before the Trustees and the Board of Directors of the AMC at their meetings, which would be typically at least bimonthly / once in a quarter.

The scheme intends to use derivatives for purposes that may be permitted by SEBI Mutual Fund regulations from time to time.

#### • **TRADING IN DERIVATIVES**

In terms of SEBI circular No.DNPD/Cir-29/2005 dated September 14, 2005, Mutual funds have been permitted to participate in the derivatives market at par with Foreign Institutional Investors (FII). Derivative instruments may take the form of Index Futures, Index Options, Stock Futures and Stock Option contracts or such other derivative instruments as may be available from time to time.

Pursuant to SEBI Circular No. Cir/ IMD/ DF/ 11/ 2010 dated 18th August, 2010 the existing positional limits and exposure under the head "Trading in Derivatives" as contained in the Scheme Information Document of schemes of Sahara Mutual Fund would stand as follows:

1. The cumulative gross exposure through equity, debt and derivative positions should not exceed 100% of the net assets of the scheme.
2. Schemes shall not write options or purchase instruments with embedded written options.
3. The total exposure related to option premium paid must not exceed 20% of the net assets of the scheme.
4. Cash or cash equivalents with residual maturity of less than 91 days may be treated as not creating any exposure.
5. Exposure due to hedging positions may not be included in the above mentioned limits subject to the following
  - a. Hedging positions are the derivative positions that reduce possible losses on an existing position in securities and till the existing position remains.
  - b. Hedging positions cannot be taken for existing derivative positions. Exposure due to such positions shall have to be added and treated under limits mentioned in Point 1 above.
  - c. Any derivative instrument used to hedge has the same underlying security as the existing position being hedged.
  - d. The quantity of underlying associated with the derivative position taken for hedging purposes does not exceed the quantity of the existing position against which hedge has been taken.

6. Schemes may enter into plain vanilla interest rate swaps for hedging purposes. The counter party in such transactions has to be an entity recognized as a market maker by RBI. Further, the value of the notional principal in such cases must not exceed the value of respective existing assets being hedged by the scheme. Exposure to a single counterparty in such transactions should not exceed 10% of the net assets of the scheme.

7. Exposure due to derivative positions taken for hedging purposes in excess of the underlying position against which the hedging position has been taken, shall be treated under the limits mentioned in point 1.

8. Each position taken in derivatives shall have an associated exposure as defined under. Exposure is the maximum possible loss that may occur on a position. However, certain derivative positions may theoretically have unlimited possible loss. Exposure in derivative positions shall be computed as follows:

The scheme intends to use derivatives for purposes that may be permitted by SEBI Mutual Fund regulations from time to time.

Derivative transactions that can be undertaken by the scheme include a wide range of instruments, including, but not limited to

1. Futures, 2. Options, 3. Swaps 4. Any other instrument, as may be permitted by the regulations.

Derivatives can be either exchange traded or can be Over The Counter (OTC). Exchange traded derivatives are listed and traded on Stock Exchanges whereas OTC derivative transactions are generally structured between two counterparties.

SEBI has vide its circular DNP/Cir-29/2005 dated September 14, 2005 and SEBI/DNP/Cir-31/2006 dated September 22, 2006 interalia specified the guidelines pertaining to trading by Mutual Funds in Exchange Traded derivatives.

**All derivative position taken in the portfolio would be guided by the following principles.**

***i. Position limit for the Mutual Fund in index options contracts***

a. The Mutual Fund position limit in all index options contracts on a particular underlying index shall be Rs.500 crore or 15% of the total open interest of the market in index options, whichever is higher, per Stock Exchange.

b. This limit would be applicable on open positions in all options contracts on a particular underlying index.

***ii. Position limit for the Mutual Fund in index futures contracts:***

a. The Mutual Fund position limit in all index futures contracts on a particular underlying index shall be Rs.500 crore or 15% of the total open interest of the market in index futures, whichever is higher, per Stock Exchange.

b. This limit would be applicable on open positions in all futures contracts on a particular underlying index.

***iii. Additional position limit for hedging***

In addition to the position limits at point (i) and (ii) above, the Mutual Fund may take exposure in equity index derivatives subject to the following limits:

1. Short positions in index derivatives (short futures, short calls and long puts) shall not exceed (in notional value) the Mutual Fund's holding of stocks.

2. Long positions in index derivatives (long futures, long calls and short puts) shall not exceed (in

notional value) the Mutual Fund's holding of cash, government securities, T-Bills and similar instruments.

**iv. Position limit for each scheme of a Mutual Fund for stock based derivative contracts**

The Fund position limit in a derivative contract on a particular underlying stock, i.e. stock option contracts and stock futures contracts, stand modified in the following manner:-

a. For stocks having applicable market-wise position limit (MWPL) of Rs.500 crores or more, the combined futures and options position limit shall be 20% of applicable MWPL or Rs.300 crores, whichever is lower and within which stock futures position cannot exceed 10% of applicable MWPL or Rs.150 crores, whichever is lower.

b. For stocks having applicable market-wise position limit (MWPL) less than Rs.500 crores, the combined futures and options position limit would be 20% of applicable MWPL and futures position cannot exceed 20% of applicable MWPL or Rs. 50 crore which ever is lower.

**v. Position limit for each scheme of a Mutual Fund**

The scheme-wise position limit / disclosure requirements shall be –

1. For stock option and stock futures contracts, the gross open position across all derivative contracts on a particular underlying stock of a scheme of a mutual fund shall not exceed the higher of:

1% of the free float market capitalization (in terms of number of shares) or 5% of the open interest in the derivative contracts on a particular underlying stock (in terms of number of contracts).

2. This position limits shall be applicable on the combined position in all derivative contracts on an underlying stock at a Stock Exchange.

3. For index based contracts, Mutual Funds shall disclose the total open interest held by its scheme or all schemes put together in a particular underlying index, if such open interest equals to or exceeds 15% of the open interest of all derivative contracts on that underlying index.

**Illustrations**

**Index Futures**

Index Futures have been introduced by BSE and NSE. Generally three futures of 1 month 2 months and 3 months are presently traded on these exchanges. These futures expire on the last working Thursday of the respective months.

If the Nifty (Index) was 1875 at the beginning of a month and the quotes for the three futures were as under:

Month	Bid Price	Offer Price
1	1880	1885
2	1900	1915
3	1910	1930

The Fund can buy an Index of month 1 on the last day of the month prior to month 1 in the illustration above at an offer price of 1885.

**Numerical example of futures trade**

The following is a hypothetical example of a typical likely index future trade and the associated costs.

Particulars	Index future	Actual Purchase of stocks
Index at the beginning of the month.	1875	1875
Price of 1Month Future.	1885	
A. Execution Cost: Carry and other Index Future costs (1885-1875)	10	Nil

B. Brokerage Cost: Assumed at 0.30% for Index Future and 0.50% for spot Stocks (0.30% of 1885) (0.50% of 1875)	5.66	9.38
C. Gains on Surplus Funds: (assumed 10% return on 90% of the money left after paying 10% margin)(10%*1875*90%*30 days/365)	13.87	Nil
Total Cost (A+B-C)	1.79	9.38

In this example, the Index Future trade has resulted in profitability compared to actual purchase of the underlying index stocks. The profitability of Index Future as compared to an individual security will interalia depend upon the carrying cost, the interest available on surplus funds and the transaction cost.

There are futures based on stock indices as mentioned above as also futures based on individual stocks

### **Illustrative list of strategies that can employ futures**

#### **Strategies that employ index futures:**

(a) The fund has an existing equity portion invested in a basket of stocks. In case the fund manager has a view that the equity markets are headed downwards, the fund can then hedge the exposure to equity either fully or partially by initiating short futures positions in the index. A similar position in the long direction can also be initiated by the fund to hedge its position of cash and permissible equivalents. The extent to which this can be done is determined by existing guidelines.

(b) To the extent permissible by extant regulations the scheme can initiate a naked short position in an underlying index future traded on a recognized stock exchange. In case the nifty near month future contract trading at say, 1850, and the fund manager has a view that it will depreciate going forward, the fund can initiate a sale transaction of nifty futures at 1850 without holding a portfolio of equity stocks or any other underlying long equity position. Once the price falls to 1800 after say, 20 days the fund can initiate a square-up transaction by buying the said futures and book a profit of 50. Correspondingly the fund can take a long position without an underlying cash/ cash equivalent subject to the extant regulations.

#### **Strategies that employ Stock specific Futures:**

Individual stock futures are also available in the Indian Equity Markets. Stock futures trade either at a premium or at discount to the spot prices; the level of premium generally reflects the cost of carry. Stock specific issues may have a bearing on futures as speculators may find futures as a cost-effective way of executing their view on the stock. However such executions usually increase the premium/discount to the spot significantly, thereby giving rise to arbitrage opportunities for a fund.

(a) Selling spot and buying future : In case the fund holds the stock of a company at say Rs.1000 while in the futures market it trades at a discount to the spot price say at Rs.980 then the fund may sell the stock and buy the futures. On the date of expiry of the stock future, the fund may reverse the transactions (i.e. buying at Spot & Selling futures) and earn a risk-free Rs.20/- (2% absolute) on its holdings. As this can be without any dilution of the view of the fund on the underlying stock the fund can still benefit from any movement of the price in the northward direction, i.e. if on the date of expiry of the futures, if the stock trades at 1100 which would be the price of the futures too, the fund will have a benefit of Rs.100/- whereby the fund gets the 10% upside movement together with the 2% benefit on the arbitrage, and thus getting a total return of 12%

(b) Buying spot and selling future: Where the fund holds the stock of a company trading in the spot market at Rs.1000 while it trades at Rs.1020/- in the futures market then fund may buy the stock at spot and sell in the futures market thereby earning Rs 20. In case of adequacy of cash with the fund, this strategy may be used to enhance returns of the Scheme which was otherwise

sitting on cash.

(c) Buying stock future: Where the scheme wants to initiate a long position in a stock whose spot price is at say, Rs.1000 and futures is at 980, then the fund may just buy the futures contract instead of the spot thereby benefiting from a lower cost option.

(d) In case the fund has a bearish view on a stock which is trading in the spot market at Rs.1000/- and the futures market at say Rs.980/-. The fund can express such a view subject to extant SEBI regulations by initiating a short position in the futures contract. In case the view is right and the futures price depreciates to say Rs.900/- the fund can square up the short position thereby earning a profit of Rs.80/-

### **Options:**

Option contracts are of two types - Call and Put; the former being the right, but not obligation, to purchase a prescribed number of shares at a specified price before or on a specific expiration date and the latter being the right, but not obligation, to sell a prescribed number of shares at a specified price before or on a specific expiration date. The price at which the shares are contracted to be purchased or sold is called the strike price. Options that can be exercised on or before the expiration date are called American Options, while those that can be exercised only on the expiration date are called European Options. Option contracts are designated by the type of option, name of the underlying, expiry month and the strike price.

### **Numerical examples of Options**

Call Option (Buy): The fund buys a call option at the strike price of say Rs.1000 and pays a premium of say Rs. 50, the fund would earn profits if the market price of the stock at the time of expiry of the option is more than 1050 being the total of the strike price and the premium thereon. If on the date of expiry of the option the stock price is below Rs 1000, the fund will not exercise the option while it loses the premium of Rs 50.

Put Option (Buy): The fund buys a Put Option at Rs 1000 by paying a premium of say Rs 50. If the stock price goes down to Rs. 900, the fund would protect its downside and would only have to bear the premium of Rs 50 instead of a loss of Rs100 whereas if the stock price moves up to say Rs. 1100 the fund may let the Option expire and forego the premium thereby capturing Rs. 100 upside after bearing the premium of Rs 50.

The above option positions can be initiated in both index based options as well as stock specific options.

Permissible strategies involving index options and stock specific options would be the same as that of index futures and stock specific futures respectively.

The AMC retains the right to enter into such derivative transactions as may be permitted by the regulations from time to time.

The risk factors involved in transactions of equity derivatives are as follows:-

- Lack of opportunity available in the market.
- The risk of mispricing or improper valuation and the inability of derivatives to correlate perfectly with underlying assets, rates and indices.
- Execution Risk: The prices which are seen on the screen need not be the same at which execution will take place.

### **Debt Derivatives**

In terms of Circular No. MFD.BC.191/07.01.279/1999-2000 and MPD.BC.187/07.01.279/1999-2000 dated November 1, 1999 and July 7, 1999 respectively issued by Reserve Bank of India permitting participation by Mutual Funds in Interest Rate Swaps and Forward Rate Agreements, the Fund will use derivative instruments for the purpose of hedging and portfolio balancing. The AMC would undertake the same for similar purposes only.

### **Interest Rate Swaps (IRS)**

An IRS is an agreement between two parties to exchange stated interest obligations for an agreed period in respect of a notional principal amount. The most common form is a fixed to floating rate swap where one party receives a fixed (pre-determined) rate of interest while the other receives a floating (variable) rate of interest.

### **Forward Rate Agreement (FRA)**

A FRA is basically a forward starting IRS. It is an agreement between two parties to pay or receive the difference between an agreed fixed rate (the FRA rate) and the interest rate (reference rate) prevailing on a stipulated future date, based on a notional principal amount for an agreed period. The only cash flow is the difference between the FRA rate and the reference rate. As is the case with IRS, the notional amounts are not exchanged in FRAs.

Investors can benefit if the fund remains invested in liquid assets for the sake of maintaining liquidity and at the same time take advantage of potentially higher rates by entering into a swap transaction. An illustration of the same is given below:

### **EXAMPLE OF A DERIVATIVES TRANSACTION**

#### **(a) Basic Structure Of A Swap**

Bank A has a 6 month Rs.10 crore liability, currently being deployed in call. Bank B has a Rs.10 crore 6 month asset, being funded through call. Both banks are running an interest rate risk.

To hedge this interest rate risk, they can enter into a 6 month MIBOR (Mumbai Inter Bank Offered Rate) swap. Through this swap, A will receive a fixed preagreed rate (say 7%) and pay "call" on the NSE MIBOR ("the benchmark rate"). Bank A's paying at "call" on the benchmark rate will neutralise the interest rate risk of lending in call. B will pay 7% and receive interest at the benchmark rate. Bank A's receiving of "call" on the benchmark rate will neutralise his interest rate risk arising from his call borrowing.

The mechanism is as follows:

- Assume the swap is for Rs.10 crore from March 1, 2007 to September 1, 2007. A is a fixed rate receiver at 7% and B is a floating rate receiver at the overnight compounded rate.
- On March 1, 2007 A and B will exchange only an agreement of having entered this swap. This documentation would be as per International Swaps and Derivatives Association (ISDA).
- On a daily basis, the benchmark rate fixed by NSE will be tracked by them. On September 1, 2007 they will calculate the following:
  - A is entitled to receive interest on Rs.10 crore at 7% for 184 days i.e. Rs.35.28 lakh, (this amount is known at the time the swap was concluded) and will pay the compounded benchmark rate.
  - B is entitled to receive daily compounded call rate for 184 days & pay 7% fixed.
  - On September 1, 2007, if the total interest on the daily overnight compounded benchmark rate is higher than Rs.35.28 lakhs, A will pay B the difference. If the daily compounded benchmark rate is lower, then B will pay A the difference.
  - Effectively Bank A earns interest at the rate of 7% p.a. for six months without lending money for 6 months fixed, while Bank B pays interest @ 7% p.a. for 6 months on Rs. 10 crore, without borrowing for 6 months fixed.

#### **(b) Illustration for swap transaction**

A swap is an agreement between two or more parties to exchange a sequence of cash flows over a period of time in the future. The mechanics of a plain vanilla interest rate swap are as follows:

Assume there are two interested parties, Party A and Party B. Party A may agree to pay a fixed rate of interest on a notional amount of say Rs.100 crores to party B in exchange for a floating rate on the same notional amount. Party A therefore agrees to "pay-fixed" and "receive floating" while Party B agrees to "receive fixed" and "pay floating". The swap agreement specifies the period of time over which the periodic interest payments will be made. This period is known as the tenor of

the swap. The principal amount or the "notional amount" is usually not exchanged. The documentation involved is known as the ISDA (International Swap Dealers Association) documentation.

The following example shows the cash flow streams in the case of a plain vanilla interest rate swap.

Assume that the notional amount is Rs.100 crores and Party A agrees to pay fixed rate at 9% and receive floating. Further assume that the floating rate benchmark is the daily Mumbai Inter-Bank Offer Rate (MIBOR). The tenor of the swap is assumed to be 10 days.

	MIBOR	Party A receives	Party A pays	Net Cash flow for Party A	Party B receives	Party B Pays	Net cash flow for Party B
Day 1	7.00%	191780.82	246575.34	- 54794.52	246575.34	191780.82	54794.52
Day 2	8.00%	219178.08	246575.34	- 27397.26	246575.34	219178.08	27397.26
Day 3	7.50%	205479.45	246575.34	- 41095.89	246575.34	205479.45	41095.89
Day 4	9.00%	246575.34	246575.34	0.00	246575.34	246575.34	0.00
Day 5	9.50%	260273.97	246575.34	13698.63	246575.34	260273.97	- 13698.63
Day 6	9.25%	253424.66	246575.34	6849.32	246575.34	253424.66	- 6849.32
Day 7	10.00%	273972.60	246575.34	27397.26	246575.34	273972.60	- 27397.26
Day 7	6.00%	164383.56	246575.34	- 82191.78	246575.34	164383.56	82191.78
Day 8	7.00%	191780.82	246575.34	- 54794.52	246575.34	191780.82	54794.52
Day 9	6.00%	164383.56	246575.34	- 82191.78	246575.34	164383.56	82191.78
Day 10	6.00%	164383.56	246575.34	- 82191.78	246575.34	164383.56	82191.78

The cash flows are exchanged on a daily basis. In practice, however, only the net cash flows are exchanged.

Please note the above example is given for illustration purposes and actual returns may vary depending on the terms of swap and market conditions.

Depending on the circumstances, the Fund may assume the role of Party A or party B in the above illustration and hedge its risks.

The risk factors involved in transactions of swaps/forward rate agreements are as follows:

1. Counterparty risk. Since the swap agreement is between two counterparties there is a counterparty risk. The risk is however reduced because the notional principal amounts are not exchanged. Only the difference in the interest amounts on the notional principal amount is exchanged.
2. Interest rate risk. If the Fund were to pay floating and receive fixed, and if the floating rate were to average more than the fixed rate, then the Fund would have a net payout. However to the extent that the Fund also participates in the call money market there is a natural hedge.
3. There can be a difference in the rate at which the Fund lends in the call money market and the benchmark-floating rate.

In the case of the fund receiving fixed and paying floating, the returns to the Investor are limited in case of a sharp move up in the rates. The AMC retains the right to enter into such derivative transactions as may be permitted by the applicable regulations from time to time.

The proportion of funds to be so invested would be decided by the Asset Management Company at the appropriate time and would be done in accordance with the relevant guidelines to be issued by SEBI and other authorities. The AMC also reserves the right to change the strategy with respect to trading in derivatives from time to time.

The use of derivative instruments will enable the fund to manage risk and return. They can be used as efficient, low cost tools to alter the risk and return characteristics of the portfolio. Such instruments would carry certain risks like basis point risk and counter party risk. It is possible that



the risk that is expected to be hedged may not materialise, in which case, the cost incurred on hedging the same would not have served the required purpose.

E.g. Interest rate swaps may be used to hedge interest rate risks. If a Fund Manager is of the view that interest rates will undergo a change, he may use Interest Rate Swaps (IRS) to convert his fixed interest liability into floating interest liability or vice versa.

It is frequently observed that the use of derivative instruments can improve the risk return profile of the scheme. Using derivatives, it is frequently possible to increase yields while keeping interest rate risk constant or to reduce interest rate risk while keeping the yield constant. For example, let us assume that company A is issuing MIBOR linked bonds at NSE MIBOR + 0.20% and 90 day commercial paper at 5.75%. If the 90 day overnight indexed swap (pl refer to illustration) is being quoted at 5.25% – 5.50%, it is possible for the Scheme to buy the commercial paper issued by company A, pay the Overnight Indexed Swap rate of 5.50% and create a synthetic MIBOR linked instrument carrying a rate of MIBOR + 0.25%. This is illustrated below,

When the scheme buys the commercial paper, it earns an yield of 5.75% for 90 days. Subsequently, the scheme enters into a derivatives contract for a period of 90 days under which it pays a fixed rate of 5.50% and receives the NSE MIBOR rate every day. Therefore,

Fixed rate received from CP investment – 5.75%  
 Fixed rate payable under derivative contract – 5.50%  
 Net fixed rate receivable – (5.75% - 5.50%) = 0.25%  
 In addition, floating rate receivable under derivative contract – NSE MIBOR

Total receivable = NSE MIBOR + 0.25%

This example is only illustrative in nature and representative of the many ways in which the scheme may derive a benefit through investments in derivative instruments.

- **PORTFOLIO TURNOVER**

The portfolio turnover is defined as the aggregate of purchase and sales as a percentage of the corpus of the scheme during a specified period of time.

The fund while at all times emphasizing a long term investment approach will also undertake trading with a view to booking short term profits depending on market conditions. The overall portfolio turnover rate is expected to be around 100% for the portfolio so as to achieve the optimum balance between long term investing and short term profits booking so as to enable portfolio restructuring when warranted.

The portfolio turnover rate as indicated above is only an indication of the scheme's potential performance in the market environment existing as of the date of this document based on the investment objective and policies of the schemes and as such there is no guarantee that this portfolio turnover rate can be achieved. The expected spreads of the securities are based on the current yields/ maturity values of the instruments, which may change from time to time depending upon the factors affecting capital markets such as price and volume, volatility in the stock markets, interest rates, currency exchange rates, foreign investments, changes in Government and Reserve Bank of India policy, taxation, political, economic or other developments and closure of the stock exchanges.

- **Scheme's portfolio holdings (top 10 holdings by issuer and fund allocation towards various sectors), along with a website link to obtain scheme's latest monthly portfolio holding**

**Sahara Midcap Fund** Top 10 Holdings as on 31.05.2018

Name of the Instrument	Industry	Market Value (Rs. in Lakhs)	% of NAV
COROMANDEL INTERNATIONAL LTD	FERTILISERS	33.32	3.94
EXIDE INDUSTRIES LTD	AUTO ANCILLARIES	31.09	3.67

INDRAPRASTHA GAS LTD	GAS	29.21	3.45
CITY UNION BANK LIMITED	BANKS	27.22	3.22
BHARAT FINANCIAL INCLUSION LTD..	FINANCE	26.11	3.08
RBL BANK LIMITED	BANKS	25.21	2.98
PI INDUSTRIES LIMITED	PESTICIDES	25.13	2.97
INDIAN HOTELS CO LTD	HOTELS, RESORTS AND OTHER RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES	25.12	2.97
TATA CHEMICALS LTD	CHEMICALS	24.76	2.92
MOLD-TEK PACKAGING LIMITED	INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS	24.56	2.90

The complete and latest portfolio can be obtained from the website of the AMC [www.saharamutual.com](http://www.saharamutual.com). The Portfolio Turnover Ratio of the scheme is 1.19

- **Additional Disclosures**

Name of Directors	Investment in Sahara Midcap Fund as on 31/05/2018
O P Srivastava	Nil
R M Joshi	Nil

Name of Key Personnel	Designation	Investment in Sahara Midcap Fund as on 31/05/2018(Rs)
Sudhir Kaup	Compliance Officer	Nil
Vidya Manjrekar	Head - Operations	35,414.00
Manish Jaitley	Fund Manager - Debt	Nil
Arun Shinde	Head – Investor Relations	Nil
Rahul Jadhav	Dealer - Debt	Nil
Pradeep Sukte	Dealer - Equity	Nil

## F: FUNDAMENTAL ATTRIBUTES

Following are the Fundamental Attributes of the scheme, in terms of Regulation 18 (15A) of the SEBI (MF) Regulations:

(i) **Type of a scheme:** Refer as stated on page 21 of the Scheme Information Document.

(ii) **Investment Objective:** Refer as stated on page 4, 22 of the Scheme Information Document.

(iii) **Terms of Issue**

**Listing:**

Units of the existing scheme are not listed in view of a continuous repurchase facility being offered to unit holders. The AMC reserves the right to list the units at a later date on any stock exchange.

**Repurchase:**

(i) **Redemption of Units:**

The Scheme/s provides investors a high degree of liquidity. Units are available for redemption on any business day on an ongoing basis at NAV related price subject to prevailing Load, if any. The redemption cheques will be dispatched to the unit holders within 10 working days from the date of redemption or repurchase.

**(ii) Repurchase price:**

Please refer to the section titled “ Applicable NAV” .The redemption will be at NAV based prices subject to an exit load, if any.

**(iii) Payment of repurchase proceeds:**

Please also refer to section titled as “Suspension of Repurchase / Switching Options of the Units” in the SAI. As per the SEBI Regulations, the Mutual Fund shall dispatch repurchase proceeds within 10 working days from the date of redemption or repurchase requests. The Mutual Fund will, under normal circumstances, endeavor to dispatch redemption proceeds on T+3 basis from receipt of valid request for redemption. ”If the payment is not made within the period stipulated in the regulations, unit holder shall be paid interest @15% per annum for the delayed period”.

**Aggregate fees and expenses charged to the scheme – please refer to page Number 59**

**Any safety net or guarantee provided.** Not applicable for any of the schemes.

Following are the Fundamental Attributes of the scheme, in terms of Regulation 18 (15A) of the SEBI (MF) Regulations:

The trustees shall ensure that no change in the fundamental attributes of any scheme or the trust or fees and expenses payable or any other change which would modify the scheme and affects the interest of unit holders, shall be carried out unless,—

- (i) a written communication about the proposed change is sent to each unit holder and an advertisement is given in one English daily newspaper having nationwide circulation as well as in a newspaper published in the language of region where the Head Office of the mutual fund is situated; and
- (ii) the unit holders are given an option for a period of 30 days to exit at the prevailing Net Asset Value without any exit load.]

**G. BENCHMARK OF THE SCHEME.**

SAHARA Mid cap Fund	Nifty free Float Midcap 100
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**H. FUND MANAGER FOR THE SCHEME**

**Mr. Anshum Nandecha aged 39 years Fund Manager – Equity and Chief Investment Officer,** Mr. Anshum Nandecha is a PGDM (MBA) from T. A. Pai Management Institute, Manipal, He has more than 15 years of diversified experience in Investments, Research, and Advisory- Equity Broking. He manages the scheme along with 9 other equity schemes of Sahara Mutual Fund. He holds additional charge as Chief Investment Officer for schemes of Sahara Mutual Fund.

The fund manager has been managing the scheme for two years and seven (7) months.

The Fund Manager’s aggregate investment in the scheme: Nil as on May 31, 2018

**I. WHAT ARE THE INVESTMENT RESTRICTIONS?**

Pursuant to Seventh Schedule of SEBI (Mutual Funds) Regulations, 1996, the following investment restrictions are applicable:

1. A mutual fund scheme shall not invest more than 10% of its NAV in debt instruments comprising money market instruments and non-money market instruments issued by a single issuer which are rated not below investment grade by a credit rating agency authorised to carry out such activity under the Act. Such investment limit may be extended to 12% of the NAV of the

scheme with the prior approval of the Board of Trustees and the Board of directors of the asset management company:

Provided that such limit shall not be applicable for investments in Government Securities, treasury bills and collateralized borrowing and lending obligations:

Provided further that investment within such limit can be made in mortgaged backed securitised debt which are rated not below investment grade by a credit rating agency registered with the Board:

2. No mutual fund under all its schemes should own more than ten per cent of any company's paid up capital carrying voting rights.

3. Transfers of investments from one scheme to another scheme in the same mutual fund shall be allowed only if, -

(a) such transfers are done at the prevailing market price for quoted instruments on spot basis. [Explanation - "spot basis" shall have same meaning as specified by stock exchange for spot transactions.]

(b) the securities so transferred shall be in conformity with the investment objective of the scheme to which such transfer has been made.

4. A scheme shall invest in another scheme under the same asset management company or any other mutual fund without charging any fees, provided that aggregate inter-scheme investment made by all schemes under the same management or in schemes under the management of any other asset management company shall not exceed 5% of the net asset value of the mutual fund. ["Provided that this clause shall not apply to any fund of funds scheme.]

5. The mutual fund shall buy and sell securities on the basis of deliveries and shall in all cases of purchases, take delivery of relevant securities and in all cases of sale, deliver the securities:

**Provided** that the mutual fund may engage in short selling of securities in accordance with the framework relating to short selling and securities lending and borrowing specified by the Board:

**[Provided further** that the mutual fund may enter into derivatives transactions in a recognized stock exchange, subject to the framework specified by the Board.]

**Provided further** that sale of government security already contracted for purchase shall be permitted in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India in this regard.]

6. The mutual fund shall get the securities purchased or transferred in the name of the mutual fund on account of the concerned scheme, wherever investments are intended to be of long-term nature.

7. Pending deployment of funds of a scheme in terms of investment objectives of the scheme, the mutual fund may invest them in short term deposits of schedule commercial banks, subject to such Guidelines as may be specified by the Board."

In line with SEBI Circular SEBI/IMD/CIR No. 1/ 91171 /07 dated April 16, 2007:

\* Total investment of the Scheme in Short term deposit(s) of all the Scheduled Commercial Banks put together shall not exceed 15% of the net assets. However, this limit can be raised upto 20% of the net assets with prior approval of the trustees. Further, investments in Short Term Deposits of associate and sponsor scheduled commercial banks together shall not exceed 20% of total deployment by the Mutual Fund in short term deposits.

\* Scheme shall not invest more than 10% of the net assets in short term deposit(s), of any one scheduled commercial bank including its subsidiaries.

\* Scheme shall not invest in short term deposit of a bank which has invested in that Scheme.

The Asset Management Company (AMC) shall not be permitted to charge any investment management and advisory fees for parking of funds in short term deposits of scheduled commercial banks in case of liquid and debt oriented Schemes.

8. The mutual fund [scheme] shall not make any investment in;

- (a) any unlisted security of an associate or group company of the sponsor; or
- (b) any security issued by way of private placement by an associate or group company of the sponsor; or
- (c) the listed securities of group companies of the sponsor which is in excess of 25% of the net assets.

9. No scheme of a mutual fund shall make any investment in any fund of funds scheme.

10. No mutual fund scheme shall invest more than 10 per cent of its NAV in the equity shares or equity related instruments of any company:

**Provided** that, the limit of 10 per cent shall not be applicable for investments in [case of] index fund or sector or industry specific scheme.

11. A mutual fund scheme shall not invest more than 5% of its NAV in the unlisted equity shares or equity related instruments in case of open ended scheme.

12. A mutual fund may invest in the units of REITs and InvITs subject to the following:

(a) No mutual fund under all its schemes shall own more than 10% of units issued by a single issuer of REIT and InvIT; and

(b) A mutual fund scheme shall not invest –

i. more than 10% of its NAV in the units of REIT and InvIT; and

ii. more than 5% of its NAV in the units of REIT and InvIT issued by a single issuer.

- Debentures, irrespective of any residual maturity period (above or below one year), shall attract the investment restrictions as applicable for debt instruments as specified under clause 1 and 1 A of Seventh schedule to the Regulations.

All investment restrictions shall be applicable at the time of making investment.

The AMC may alter these above stated restrictions from time to time to the extent the SEBI Regulations change, so as to permit the respective Scheme/s to make its investments in the full spectrum of permitted investments for Mutual Funds to achieve its investment objective. The Trustees may from time to time alter these restrictions in conformity with the SEBI Regulations.

## J. PERFORMANCE OF THE SCHEME.

### SAHARA MidCap Fund- Regular as on 31/05/2018

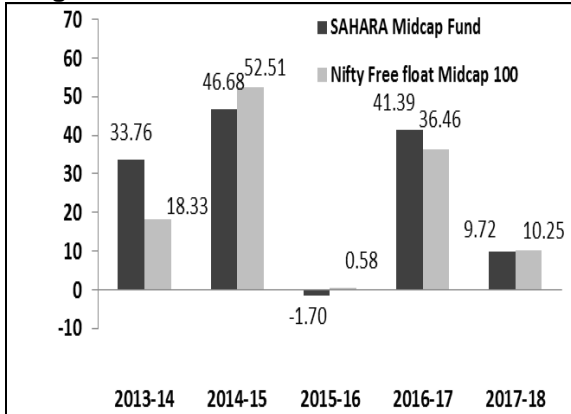
Annualized Returns	Scheme Returns %	CNX Midcap % (TRI)
Returns for the last 1 year	2.95	9.04
Returns for the last 3 years	14.85	14.12
Returns for the last 5 years	23.09	20.80
Returns since inception (31/12/2004)	16.79	16.33

**SAHARA Midcap Fund – Direct as on 31/05/2018**

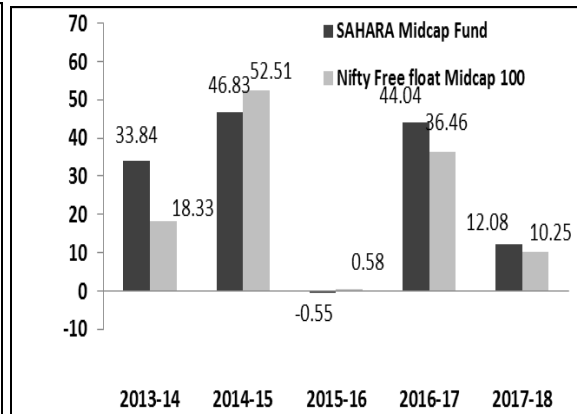
Annualized Returns	Scheme Returns %	CNX Midcap % (TRI)
Returns for the last 1 year	5.21	9.04
Returns for the last 3 years	16.94	14.12
Returns for the last 5 years	24.48	20.80
Returns since inception (1/1/2013)	19.44	20.94

{Absolute returns for each financial year is represented by means of a bar diagram}

**Regular**



**Direct**



- Illustration of impact of expense ratio on scheme's returns (by providing simple example).

Particulars	As on 31 Mar 2018	As on 31 Mar 2018
<b>EXPS RATIO :</b>	2.60%	2.00%
	<b>Regular Plan</b>	<b>Direct Plan</b>
<b>Income</b>		
<b>Capital</b>		
- Unit Capital	20000000	20000000
<b>Reserves</b>		
- Distribution Equalisation	500000	500000
- General Reserve	400000	400000
- Unit Premium Reserve	100000	100000
	1000000	1000000
<b>Appre/Depre</b>		
- Unrealised Gain/(Loss)	4000000	4000000
<b>Income</b>		
- Accretion of Discount	100000	100000
- Dividend Income-Tax Exempt	300000	300000
- Interest Income - REPO	0	0
- Load Income on Redemption	0	0

- Profit on Sale of Investments - Market	7500000	7500000
	7900000	7900000
<b>Expenditure</b>		
<b>Expenses</b>		
- Loss on Sale of Investments - Market	(1500000)	(1500000)
- Scheme Expenses	(60000)	(57000)
- Investor Education Fees - Plan	(6000)	(6000)
- Management Fees - Plan	(750000)	(565000)
- ST on Management Fees - Plan	(109000)	(82000)
	(2425000)	(2210000)
<b>Total Net Asset Value</b>	30475000	30690000
<b>Total Units In Circulation</b>	2000000	2000000
<b>Net Asset Value Per Unit</b>	15.2375	15.3450
<b>SUPPOSE NAV AS ON 31.03.2017</b>	14.5000	14.5500
<b>1 YEAR RETURN :</b>	5.09%	5.83%
The example given above with different expense ratios is purely hypothetical in nature and is intended to give a general idea on the impact of expense ratio on the schemes.		

#### IV. UNITS AND OFFER

This section provides details you need to know for investing in the schemes.

##### A. ONGOING OFFER DETAILS

###### i. Ongoing Offer Period:

**Continuous offer of units opened on**

Sahara Mid Cap Fund	17 <sup>th</sup> January, 2005
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<p><b>ii. Ongoing price for subscription (purchase) / switch-in (from other schemes/plans of the mutual fund) by investors.</b></p>	<p>In line with SEBI circular dated June 30, 2009, there shall be no entry load for mutual fund schemes. Accordingly the entry load for the schemes of Sahara Mutual Fund is NIL.</p> <p><b>Transaction charges:</b> The Fund shall deduct Transaction Charges on purchase/ subscription received from first time mutual fund investor and investor/s other than first time mutual fund investor, whose application is routed through distributor / agent who have “Opted in” for Transaction charges.</p> <p><b>(i) First time Mutual Fund Investor (Across Mutual Fund Industry):</b> Transaction charges of Rs.150/- for subscription of Rs.10,000/- and above shall be deducted from the subscription amount and paid to the Distributor/ Agent of the first time Investor and the balance amount shall be invested.</p> <p><b>(ii) Investor other than First Time Mutual Fund Investor:</b> Transaction charge of Rs.100/- per subscription of Rs.10,000/- and above will be deducted from the subscription amount and paid to the distributor/agent of the investor and the balance shall be invested.</p> <p><b>(iii) For SIP:</b> Transaction charges in case of investments through Systematic Investment Plan (SIP) shall be deducted only if the total commitment (i.e. amount per SIP installment x No. of installments) amounts to Rs.10,000/- or more. The Transaction Charges shall be deducted in 4 installments.</p> <p><b>(iv) Transaction charges shall not be deducted for:</b> (a) Purchases /subscriptions for an amount less than Rs.10,000/- (b)Transaction other than purchases/subscriptions relating to new inflows such as Switch/STP/SWP/STP etc. (c) Purchases/subscriptions made directly with the Fund (i.e. not through any distributor/ agent). (d) Transactions carried out through stock exchange mechanism.</p> <p>Distributors shall have also the option to either opt in or opt out of levying transaction charge based on type of the schemes offered.</p>
<p><b>iii. Ongoing price for redemption (sale) /switch outs (to other schemes/plans of the Mutual Fund) by investors.</b></p> <p>This is the price you will receive for redemptions/switch outs. <i>Example: If the applicable NAV is Rs. 10, exit load is 2% then redemption price will be:</i> <math display="block">Rs. 10 * (1-0.02) = Rs. 9.80</math></p>	<p>At the applicable NAV subject to prevailing exit loads.</p> <p>Investors wishing to transfer their accumulated unit balance held under Existing schemes (through lump sum/systematic investments made with or without Distributor code) to the available Direct Option will have to switch /redeem their investments (subject to applicable Exit Load, if</p>



	<p>any) and apply under Direct Option.</p> <p>Switch of investments from options under the existing schemes to Direct Options shall be subject to applicable exit load, if any. However, no exit load shall be levied in case of switches from direct option to options under the Existing schemes.</p>								
<p><b>iv. Cut-off timing for subscriptions / redemptions/ switches</b></p> <p>This is the time before which your application (complete in all respects) should reach the official points of acceptance.</p>	<p>Please refer to the paragraph on “Applicable NAV” in the Definitions on page 13 of the SID.</p>								
<p><b>v. Where can the applications for purchase/redemption/ switches be submitted?</b></p>	<p>Please refer towards the last pages of the SID for details. CURRENTLY SALES ARE SUPENDED</p>								
<p><b>vi. Bank Details</b></p>	<p>In order to protect the interest of Unit holders from fraudulent encashment of cheques, the current SEBI Regulations, has made it mandatory for investors to mention in their Application / Redemption request, their bank name and account number.</p> <p>An investor can register up to five bank accounts for a folio with the Fund to receive the redemption/dividend proceeds choosing one of these accounts as the preferred bank account. Non-individuals can register upto 10 different bank accounts for a folio. The Unit Holder may choose to receive the redemption/dividend proceeds in any of the bank accounts, the details of which are registered under the facility by specifying the same in the 'Service Request Form in the Statement of Account/Bank account Registration Form'.</p> <p>However, where a Unit Holder does not specify the same, the default option would be to credit the redemption/dividend proceeds to the bank account chosen as the preferred bank account.</p> <p>AMC/RTA shall adopt the same process of verification for above registration as is applicable for a change in bank mandate as per guidelines issued from time to time.</p>								
<p><b>vii. Minimum amount for purchase/redemption/switches</b></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Scheme Name</th> <th>Minimum Application Amount</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Sahara Midcap Fund</td> <td>Rs.1000/- and additional investments of Rs.500/- and in multiples of Re.1/- thereafter.</td> </tr> <tr> <th>Scheme Name</th> <th>Minimum Redemption</th> </tr> <tr> <td>Sahara Mid cap Fund</td> <td>Multiples of Rs.1000/-</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Scheme Name	Minimum Application Amount	Sahara Midcap Fund	Rs.1000/- and additional investments of Rs.500/- and in multiples of Re.1/- thereafter.	Scheme Name	Minimum Redemption	Sahara Mid cap Fund	Multiples of Rs.1000/-
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<p><b>viii. Minimum balance to be maintained and consequences of non maintenance.</b></p>	<p>The Repurchase / Switch would be permitted to the extent of credit balance in the Unit holder's account. The Repurchase / Switch request can be made by specifying the rupee amount or by specifying the number of Units of the respective</p>								

Plans to be Repurchased. If a Repurchase / Switch request is for both, a specified rupee amount and a specified number of Units of the respective Plans, the specified number of Units will be considered the definitive request. If only the Repurchase / Switch amount is specified by the Unit holder, the AMC will divide the Repurchase / Switch amount so specified by the Repurchase Price to arrive at the number of Units. The request for Repurchase / Switch of Units could also be in fractions, up to four decimal places. The minimum amount of Repurchase / Switch may be changed in future by the AMC. If the balance in the account of the Unit holder does not cover the amount of Repurchase request, then the Mutual Fund is authorized to close the account of the Unit holder and send the entire such (lesser) balance to the Unit holder.

**ix. SPECIAL PRODUCTS**

**1) SYSTEMATIC INVESTMENT PLAN FACILITY (SIP)  
a) ECS / DIRECT DEBIT FACILITY / POST DATED CHEQUES.**

Investors can enroll themselves for SIP through Registration Cum Mandate Form for ECS/ Direct Debit Facility or post dated cheques under the following schemes.

<b>Equity / Growth Schemes</b>	<b>Monthly SIP</b>	<b>Quarterly SIP</b>
Sahara Midcap Fund,	1 <sup>st</sup> cheque of Rs.1000/- along with minimum of 5 post dated cheques of minimum of Rs.1000/- each.	1 <sup>st</sup> cheque of Rs.2000/- along with minimum of 3 post- dated cheques of minimum of Rs.2000/- each.

The minimum number of installments under Monthly SIP would be six (6) and under quarterly SIP would be four(4).The SIP installment dates will be 5<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> of every month and drawn in favor of the scheme and crossed "Account Payee only". The entry into SIP can be on any date.

A Unit holder should note that the market value of the Scheme(s) units is subject to fluctuation. Before going in for the Systematic Investment Plan, the unit holder should keep in mind that such a plan does not assure a profit or protect against a loss.

**b) Load structure under Systematic Investment Plan (SIP) :**

Entry Load: Nil; Exit Load: For exit on or within 1 year from date of Allotment - 1.00%.; beyond one year: Nil. The entry / exit load would be applicable for each SIP installment.

The minimum amount needed for the Systematic Investment Plan may be altered from time to time at the discretion of the AMC.

**c) Investments through systematic routes:** Investments under the existing options of the schemes would have to give written requests in case they wish to switch their units into the DIRECT Option/s.

**2) SYSTEMATIC WITHDRAWAL PLAN (SWP)**

<b>Monthly SWP</b> : minimum of Rs.500/-	<b>Quarterly SWP</b> : minimum of Rs.1500/-
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The amount withdrawn under SWP would be based on the NAV of the first business day of the month. In case the date falls on a holiday or falls during a book closure period, the immediate next business

day will be considered for the purpose. Exit Loads as applicable under the scheme/s would be charged.

### 3) SYSTEMATIC TRANSFER PLAN (STP):

STP Type	Days	Frequency	Minimum STP
Daily STP	All Business days	Daily	Rs.100/- and in Multiples of Rs.1/-.
Weekly STP	7 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup>	Weekly	Rs.500/- and in Multiples of Rs.1/-.
Monthly STP	1 <sup>st</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> , 25 <sup>th</sup>	Monthly	Minimum amount as provided under SIP
Quarterly STP	1 <sup>st</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> , 25 <sup>th</sup>	Quarterly	Minimum amount as provided under SIP

The Daily / Weekly /Monthly or quarterly STP should be registered for minimum of 6 months between two schemes. The application for STP should be submitted at least 10 Business Days in advance before the commencement date of STP. No minimum balance has to be maintained for opting Systematic Transfer Plan.

In case of STP, if the day is a non business day the processing will be done on the next business day. Exit load, if any, under respective schemes will apply to STP.

**Minimum balance under the schemes:** The AMC at its sole discretion retains the right to close unit holder's account if the total subscription amount falls below the minimum application amount of the respective schemes / plan / option at the end of the period under SIP or on account of redemption.

### 4) Systematic Investment Plan for Corporate Employees

The SIP for corporate employees seeks to provide convenience and value of investment to salaried individuals. The application amount would be forwarded by the employer on specific request from the employee who desires to invest in the Scheme (investment is subject to lock in period under Sahara Tax Gain Fund only). The concerned employee has to authorize the employer to deduct the application amount from his salary and remit the same to the fund. The employer would then deduct the requested application amount at regular intervals (monthly or otherwise) and forward the same to the Fund.

### x. Accounts Statements

#### For normal transactions (other than SIP/STP) during ongoing sales and repurchase:

- The AMC shall issue to the investor whose application (other than SIP/STP) has been accepted, an account statement within 5 working days from the date of allotment.
- The units allotted in electronic form will be credited to the investor's beneficiary account with the Depository (DP) of CDSL or NSDL as per the details furnished by the investor in the Application form. The option to hold units in Demat form is available for all schemes except subscriptions through STP and for plan/options where the dividend distribution frequency is less than one month. The Account Statement of the Beneficiary Account with the DP will be sent by the DP's as per their service standards.
- There is an option to hold units in Demat Form for Systematic

Investment Plan (SIP) transactions. The Units for subscription in Demat Form units will be allotted based on the applicable NAV as per Scheme Information Document (SID) and will be credited to investors Demat Account on weekly basis on realisation of funds, for e.g. Units will be credited to investors Demat account every Monday for realization status received in last week from Monday to Friday.

- A confirmation specifying the number of units allotted by way of E-mail and or/SMS on their registered E-mail address and/or mobile number within 5 business days from date of receipt of transaction\* request
- The unit holder may request for a physical account statement by writing/calling the AMC/ISC/R&T. An account statement within 5 working days from the date of receipt of such requests would be despatched to the unit holder.

#### **Consolidated Account Statement**

A single Consolidated Account Statement (CAS) shall be generated and dispatched for the investors having Mutual Fund Investments & holding Demat Accounts for each calendar month to the investors in whose folios transaction(s)\* has/have taken place during that month on or before 10th day of the succeeding month detailing all the transactions and holding at the end of the month across all the schemes of all Mutual funds including the transaction charges paid to the distributors.

\*The word 'transaction' shall include purchase, redemption, switch, dividend payout, dividend reinvestment, systematic investment plan, systematic withdrawal plan, systematic transfer plan and bonus transactions.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For the purpose of sending CAS, Common Investors across Mutual funds shall be identified by their Permanent Account Number (PAN).</li> <li>• In the event the account has more than one registered holder, the first named Unit holder shall receive the CAS/Account statement.</li> <li>• Further a CAS every half yearly (September/March) will be issued, on or before 10th day of succeeding month, detailing holding at the end of the six month, across all schemes of all mutual funds, to all such investors in whose folios no transaction has taken place during that period.</li> </ul> <p><b>Annual Account Statement:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Mutual Fund shall provide the Account Statement to the Unit holders who have not transacted during the last six months prior to the date of generation of account statements. The Account Statement shall reflect the latest closing balance and value of the Units prior to the date of generation of the account statement.</li> <li>• The account statements in such cases may be generated and issued along with the Portfolio Statement or Annual Report of the Scheme.</li> <li>• Alternately, soft copy of the account statements shall be mailed to the investors' e-mail address, instead of physical statement, if so mandated.</li> </ul>
<p><b>xi. Dividend Policy</b></p>	<p>It is proposed to declare dividends, subject to availability of distributable profits, as computed in accordance with SEBI Regulations. Dividends, if declared, will be paid out to those unit holders whose name appears in the Register of unit holders on the notified Record date. However, it must be distinctly understood that the actual declaration of dividend and the frequency thereof will, inter-alia,</p>

	<p>depends on the availability of distributable profits as computed in accordance with SEBI Regulations. The decision of the Trustees in this regard shall be final. Investors opting for this option should tick the appropriate box in the application form. The dividend warrants shall be dispatched to the unit holders within 30 days of the date of declaration of the dividend.</p> <p>Investors who have invested without Distributor code and have opted for Dividend Reinvestment facility under the existing scheme/s may note that the dividend will continue to be reinvested in the Existing scheme/s</p>
<p><b>xii. Redemption</b></p>	<p>The redemption or repurchase proceeds shall be dispatched to the unit holders within 10 working days from the date of redemption or repurchase.</p> <p>Where Units under a Scheme are held under both Existing and Direct Options and the redemption / Switch request pertains to the Direct Option, the same must clearly be mentioned on the request (along with the folio number), failing which the request would be processed from the Options under the Existing options. However where units under the requested option are held only under one plan, the request would be processed under such plan.</p>
<p><b>xiii. Delay in payment of dividend/redemption / repurchase proceeds</b></p>	<p>The Asset Management Company shall be liable to pay interest to the unit holders at such rate as may be specified by SEBI for the period of such delay (presently @ 15% per annum).</p>
<p><b>xiv. Who can invest</b> This is an indicative list and you are requested to consult your financial advisor to ascertain whether the scheme is suitable to your risk profile.</p>	<p>The following persons are eligible and may apply for subscription to the units of the scheme (subject to wherever relevant Statutory Regulations and their respective constitutions):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Resident adult individuals either singly or jointly (not exceeding three) or on an Anyone or Survivor basis;</li> <li>2. Minors through natural guardian (father/mother)/ or court</li> </ol>

	<p>appointed legal guardian;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Karta of Hindu Undivided Family (HUF);</li> <li>4. Partnership Firms;</li> <li>5. Companies, Bodies Corporate, Public Sector Undertakings, Association of Persons or bodies of individuals jointly and societies registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860;</li> <li>6. Banks &amp; Financial Institutions;</li> <li>7. Mutual Funds registered with SEBI;</li> <li>8. Religious and Charitable Trusts and wakfs or endowments of private trusts (subject to receipt of necessary approvals as required) and Private trusts are authorized to invest in Mutual Fund Scheme(s) under their trust deeds except for certain states like Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat and Rajasthan where individual schemes need to be accorded the status of Public Security to qualify as investments under the said provision.</li> <li>9. Non-resident Indians (NRIs)/Persons of Indian Origin residing abroad (PIO) on repatriation basis or on non-repatriation basis (***);</li> <li>10. Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) registered with SEBI on repatriation basis;</li> <li>11. Army, Air Force, Navy and other paramilitary Units and bodies created by such institutions;</li> <li>12. Scientific and Industrial Research Organizations;</li> <li>13. Provident/Pension(Gratuity/ Superannuation) Fund and such other retirement and employee benefit and other similar funds (so long as the Sale of Units is permitted under their respective constitutions).</li> <li>14. Multilateral Funding Agencies/Bodies Corporate incorporated outside India with the permission of Government of India/Reserve Bank of India;</li> <li>15. Other Scheme(s) of Sahara Mutual Fund subject to the</li> </ol>
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	<p>conditions and limits prescribed by SEBI Regulations;</p> <p>16. Trustees Promoters, AMC, Sponsor and their associates/employees may subscribe to Units under this Scheme;</p> <p>17. Such other individuals/institutions/body corporate etc., as may be decided by the AMC from time to time, so long as wherever applicable they are in conformity with SEBI Regulations.</p> <p>It may be noted that any individual who is a foreign national or any other entity that is not an Indian resident under the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 except where registered with SEBI as a FII or FII sub account.</p> <p>The Fund reserves the right to include / exclude new/ existing categories of investors to invest in the schemes from time to time, subject to SEBI Regulations and other prevailing statutory regulators/ regulations, if any.</p>
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**Note:**

1. In line with the notifications issued, RBI has granted a general permission to Mutual Funds, as referred to in Clause 23(D) of Section 10 of the Income Tax Act, 1961 to issue and repurchase Units of their Scheme(s) which are approved by SEBI to NRIs / PIOs and FIIs respectively, subject to conditions set out in the aforesaid notifications. Further, general permission is also granted to send such Units to NRIs / PIOs and FIIs to their place of residence or location as the case may be.

2. In case of application under a Power of Attorney or by a limited company or a corporate body or an eligible institution or a registered society or a trust fund, the original Power of Attorney or a certified true copy duly notarized or the relevant resolution or authority to make the application as the case may be, or duly notarized copy thereof, along with a certified copy of the Memorandum and Articles of Association and / or bye laws and / or trust deed and / or partnership deed and Certificate of Registration should be submitted. The officials should sign the application under their official designation. In case of a trust / fund it shall submit a certified true copy of the resolution from the trustee(s) authorizing such purchases.

**(\*\*\*) Who cannot invest**

Non-Resident Indians (NRIs)/Persons of Indian Origin (PIO,) on full repatriation basis or on non-repatriation basis; (Except NRIs & PIOs who are residents of United States of America / defined as United States persons under applicable laws / statutes, and the residents of Canada)

As per the requirements of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), persons falling within the definition of the term "U.S. Person" under the US Securities Act of 1933 and corporations or other entities organized under the laws of U.S. are not permitted to make investments in securities not registered under the Securities Act of 1933. [The term "US Person" means any person that is a United States person within the meaning of Regulation S under the United States Securities Act of 1933 or as defined by the U.S.Commodity Futures Trading Commission or as per such further amended definitions, interpretations,legislation, rules etc, as may be in force from time to time].



Further, as per the Canadian Securities Administrator ('CSA') and other applicable laws, prior registration of a scheme is mandatory with CSA before its marketing or selling to the Residents of Canada.

The Schemes of Sahara Mutual Fund are presently not registered under the relevant laws, as applicable in the territorial jurisdiction of U.S. or in any provincial or territorial jurisdiction of Canada. In view of the above, w.e.f November 14th, 2014, the Trustees to Sahara Mutual Fund has decided that U.S. Persons, corporations or other entities organized under the law of the U.S. and Residents of Canada as defined under the applicable laws of Canada are not allowed to invest in units of any of the Schemes of Sahara Mutual Fund

The U.S. Persons and Residents of Canada are requested to note the following:

- No fresh purchases (including Systematic Investment Plans, Systematic Transfer Plans and Dividend Transfer Plans)/additional purchases/switches in any Schemes of the Mutual Fund would be allowed. However, existing Unit Holder(s) will be allowed to redeem their units from the Schemes of the Fund;
- If an existing Unit Holder(s) subsequently becomes a U.S. Person or Resident of Canada, then such Unit Holder(s) will not be able to purchase any additional Units in any of the Schemes of the Sahara Mutual Fund;
- All existing registered Systematic Investment Plans, Systematic Transfer Plans and Dividend Transfer Plans along with related mandates would cease from the effective date.

#### **Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) / Common Reporting Standard(CRS):**

FATCA is an acronym for Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA), a United States Federal law to increase compliance by US taxpayers and is intended to bolster efforts to prevent tax evasion by the US taxpayers with offshore investments. The Government of India and the United States of America (US) have reached an agreement in substance on the terms of an Inter- Governmental Agreement (IGA) and India is now treated as having an IGA in effect from April 11, 2014. The AMC / Fund are likely to be classified as a 'Foreign Financial Institution' (Investment Entity as per Annexure 1(i)) under the FATCA provisions. In accordance with FATCA provisions, the AMC /Mutual Fund will be required to undertake due diligence process and identify US reportable accounts and collect such information / documentary evidences of the US and / or non-US status of its investors / Unit holders and disclose such information (through its agents or service providers) as far as may be legally permitted about the holdings, investment returns and / or to US Internal Revenue Service (IRS) or the Indian Tax Authorities, as the case may be for the purpose of onward transmission to the IRS pursuant to the new reporting regime under FATCA.

FATCA due diligence will be directed at each investor / Unit holder (including joint investor) and on being identified as a reportable person / specified US person, all the folios will be reported. In case of folios with joint holders, the entire account value of the investment portfolio will be attributable under each such reportable person. An investor / Unit holder will therefore be required to comply with the request of the AMC / Mutual Fund to furnish such information as and when sought by the AMC for the AMC / Mutual Fund to comply with the information reporting requirements stated in IGA and circulars issued by SEBI / AMFI in this regard. The information disclosed may include (but is not limited to) the identity of the investors and their direct or indirect beneficiaries, beneficial owners and controlling persons. Investors / Unit holders should consult their own tax advisors regarding FATCA requirements with respect to their own situation.

**Common Reporting Standard (CRS)**, require financial institutions around the globe to play a central role in providing tax authorities with greater access and insight into taxpayer financial account data including the income earned in these accounts. India has also signed a multilateral agreement on June 3, 2015, to automatically exchange information based on Article 6 of the Convention on Mutual Administrative Assistance in Tax Matters under the Common Reporting Standard (CRS), formally referred to as the Standard for Automatic Exchange of Financial Account Information (AEOI). CRS requires financial institutions to identify and report accounts held by persons who are tax resident in member countries. Where account holders refuse to be identified, financial institutions are required to report them based on information available

**Beneficial Ownership Details**

In line with the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2005 (PMLA) and SEBI Guidelines, all intermediaries including mutual funds are required to obtain sufficient information from their clients in order to identify and verify the persons who beneficially own or control the account. All categories of investors (except individuals, company listed on a stock exchange or majority owned subsidiary of such company) are requested to provide details about beneficial ownership in the specified section of the application Common Application Form for all their investments. The fund reserves the right to reject the application/restrict further investments or seek additional information from investors who have not provided the requisite information on beneficial ownership. In the event of change in beneficial ownership, investors are requested to immediately update the details with the Fund /Registrar.

**3. MODE OF PAYMENT****RESIDENT INVESTORS**

- Payment may be made by cheques or bank draft drawn on any bank, which is situated at and is a member of the Bankers' Clearing House, located at the place where the application is submitted. No cash, money orders, post-dated cheques and postal orders will be accepted. In case the investor subscribes to the units of a scheme through a Demand Draft/ Pay Order / Bankers' Cheque, the cost towards such instruments, if any, shall be borne by the Investors.

**REPATRIATION BASIS**

- In the case of NRIs/PIOs, payment may be made by means of a Draft in Indian Rupees purchased abroad or by a cheque drawn on Non-Resident (External) Account / FCNR Account, payable at par at the respective ISC location where the application has been submitted. Payments may also be made through Demand Drafts or other instruments permitted under the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999.
- FIIs and International Multilateral Agencies shall pay their subscription out of their special Non-Resident Rupee Account maintained with a designated bank in India.
- Such applicants would have to subsequently arrange to provide a certificate from their bankers confirming that the amount has been paid by debiting a NRE/FCNR account.

**NON-REPATRIATION BASIS**

- NRIs can invest by cheques / demand drafts drawn out of Non-Resident Ordinary (NRO) Account / Non-Resident Special Rupee Account (NRSR).  
FIIs may pay their subscription amounts out of their special Non-Resident Rupee Amount maintained with a designated bank in India or as may be permitted by law.
4. Returned cheques are liable not to be presented again for collection and the accompanying application forms are liable to be rejected. In case the returned cheques are presented again, the necessary charges are liable to be debited to the investor.

**5) Know Your Customer (KYC)****KYC – (Now CKYC – Central KYC)**

SEBI vide its circular ref. no. CIR/MIRSD/66/2016 dated July 21, 2016 and circular ref. no. CIR/MIRSD/120/2016 dated November 10, 2016 has prescribed that the Mutual Fund/AMC should capture KYC information for sharing with Central KYC Registry ('CKYCR') as per the KYC template for individuals prescribed by CERSAI.

In accordance with the aforesaid SEBI circulars and AMFI best practice guidelines for implementation of CKYC norms with effect from February 1, 2017:

- a) Individual investors who have never done KYC process under KRA regime i.e. a new investor who is new to Securities Market/ KRA system and whose KYC is not registered or verified in the KRA system shall be required to provide KYC details in the CKYC Form to the Mutual Fund/ AMC.
- b) Individual investors who have filled old KRA KYC Form shall be required to provide additional / missing information using Supplementary CKYC Form or fill CKYC Form.

- c) Individual Investor whose KYC status is not registered or verified in KRA system i.e. if KYC status is mentioned as KYC Rejected / On-hold / CVL MF KYC will have to submit the CKYC Form.

**Note: CKYC is currently not available for Non-Individual Investors. All Non-Individual Investors will continue with the old KRA KYC form.**

**New PAN to KRA / Securities Market & First time investor to Mutual Fund**

- Investor(s) need to fill up prescribed CKYC Form – For Individuals only
- If old KRA-KYC Form is used, investor should fill-up Supplementary CKYC Form
- Karvy ISC / AMC branches shall verify the completeness of CKYC forms and also validate the supporting documents. Not in Good Order (NIGO) cases to be returned back to the Investor / Distributor.
- Application Form has to accompany the CKYC Form.
- PAN No should be mentioned on the Application form. Investor should also submit a Self-attested copy of the PAN.

**Investor is already CKYC Complied and has KIN (KYC Identification Number):**

- Investor has to specify KIN in the application Form
- Additionally Date of Birth is also mandatory for investors who have provided their KIN.
- PAN No should be mentioned on the Application form. Investor should also submit a Self-attested copy of the PAN.
- Only if the KYC status on CKYC system is valid and KIN is validated – further processing shall be allowed in RTA database. In case of reject status, full documentation has to be provided a fresh (to be handled as per the process flow for Fresh Application) and modification concept prevailing in KRA regime does not exist here.

**CKYC Process Flow:-**

- CKYC form would be handed over to AMC / Karvy ISC along with the MF application form.
- The Registration of CKYC would be completed and data uploaded along with relevant documents on to CKYC portal.
- Invalid / Incomplete CKYC and applications are liable to be rejected and refunded.
- The 14 digit Reference No. viz. KIN, would be received from CKYC portal on T+1 or T+2.

\* Securities and Exchange Board in India (SEBI) vide its letter no. OW/16541/2012 dated July 24, 2012 conveyed that investments in mutual fund schemes {including investments through Systematic Investment Plan (SIP)} of less than Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand) per year per investor shall be exempted from requirement of PAN. Accordingly, investors are requested to note that the PAN requirement shall be exempted if the aggregate of the lump sum investment (fresh purchase & additional purchase) and SIP installments by an investor in rolling 12 months period does not exceed Rs.50,000/-(Rupees Fifty Thousand).However, it is clarified that the requirements of Know Your Customer (KYC) shall be mandatory for all investments, irrespective of the amount of investment. For the purpose of identifying such investments, the value of investments at the investor level (first holder) will be aggregated and such aggregation shall be done irrespective of the number of folios / accounts under which the investor has invested.

The aforesaid exemption for PAN will be applicable only to such investments made by the individuals being Indian citizens (including Non Resident India (NRIs), Joint holders, minors acting through guardian and sole proprietary firms). Person of Indian Origin (PIOs), Hindu Undivided Family (HUFs), Qualified Foreign Investor (QFIs) and other categories of investors will not be eligible for this exemption.

Sahara AMC/Sahara Mutual Fund reserves the right to modify/enhance the KYC norms & procedures etc. as may be modified/revised/changed by SEBI / AMFI from time to time.

**6. “On behalf of minor”Accounts:** There shall not be any joint accounts with minors as the first holder.

### **7. Minor Attaining Majority – Status Change:**

- a) When the units are held on behalf of the minor, the ownership of the units rests with the minor. A guardian operates the account until the minor attains the age of majority.
- b) When a minor turns major, advance notice will be sent to the registered correspondence address advising the guardian and the minor to submit an application form along with prescribed documents as applicable from time to time to change the status of the account to “major”. The notice would state that all transactions including SIP, STP and SWP shall be suspended in case the documents to change the status are not received by the date when the minor attains majority.
- c) The account shall be frozen for operation by the guardian on the day the minor attains the age of majority and no transactions shall be permitted till the documents as applicable for changing the status are received.
- d) The AMC at their discretion will have the right to suspend all standing instructions like SIPs, SWPs, STPs etc. from the date of the minor attaining majority, by giving adequate notice prior to that date.
- e) AMC will register standing instructions like SIP, SWP, STP in a minor folio only till the date of the minor attaining majority, though the instructions may be for a period beyond that date.

**8. Change in Guardian:** For registration of the new guardian, when there is a change in guardian either due to mutual consent or demise of existing guardian, necessary documents as applicable from time to time would be required to be submitted, as per the procedure sought by the AMC.

### **9. Process for change in Bank Mandate**

a. Investor should submit duly filled “Multiple Bank Account Registration Form or Change of Bank Mandate form” at any of the official point of acceptance of Sahara Mutual Fund.

b. The investors have to submit in original any one of the following documents of the new bank account:  
i. Cancelled original cheque of the new bank mandate with first unit holder name and bank account number printed on the face of the cheque. ii. Self attested copy of bank statement. iii. Bank passbook with current entries not older than three (3) months. iv. Bank Letter duly signed by branch Manager/authorized personnel.

c. Investors are also required to submit in original any one of the following document of the existing bank account:

i. Cancelled original cheque with first unit holder name and bank account number printed on the face of the cheque. ii. Bank account statement/Pass book. iii. Bank letter on the letterhead confirming the bank account holder with the account details, duly signed and stamped by the Branch Manager/authorized personnel. iv. In case such bank account is already closed, a duly signed and stamped original letter from such bank on the letter head of bank, confirming the closure of said account.

d. If photocopies of the above stated documents are submitted, investor must produce the original for Verification at the official point of acceptance of transaction. The original shall be returned to the investor over the counter upon verification. Kindly note that the photocopies submitted should be attested in original by the Branch Manager or Authorised personnel of the Bank.

e. If any redemption request is received within 15 days of submission or change in bank mandate/change of address, the redemption proceeds / communication shall be sent to the old bank a/c /old address.

f. In case, the request for change in bank mandate is invalid/incomplete/dissatisfactory in respect of signature mismatch/document insufficiency/not complying with any requirement as stated above, the request for such change will not be processed and redemption/Dividend proceeds, if any, will be processed in the last registered Bank account.

### **10. Process for change in Address**

a. Investor should submit duly filled “Change of Address form” or “ Change of Address request letter” along with any one of the following documents at any of the official point of acceptance of transaction of Sahara Mutual Fund.

**i. KYC Not Complied Folios / Clients:**

- Proof of new Address, and
- Proof of Identity: Only PAN card copy if PAN is updated in the folio, or PAN/other proof of identity if PAN is not updated in the folio.

**ii. KYC Complied Folios / Clients**

- Proof of new Address
  - Any other document/form that the KRA may specify from time to time.
- b. If photocopies of the above stated documents are submitted, investor must produce the original for verification at the official point of acceptance of transaction. The original shall be returned to the investor over the counter upon verification. Kindly note that the photocopies submitted should be properly attested/verified by entities authorized for attesting/verification of document.

**xv. How to Apply**

Please refer to the SAI and Application form /KIM for instructions.

**Transaction through the Stock Exchange Mechanism.**

The facility to purchase / redeem units of the eligible scheme of Sahara Mutual Fund through BSE StAR MF platform is available. All trading members of BSE who are registered with AMFI/NISM as Mutual Fund Advisors & Clearing members who are registered with BSE will be eligible to offer this facility to Investors. The units of the Scheme are not listed on BSE and the same cannot be traded on the Stock

**1. Purchase/ Redemption of Units: Physical Form**

On submission and verification of requisite documents Purchase/Redemption of Units the Brokers or Clearing Members will issue an order confirmation slip. For Purchase the investor will transfer the funds to the Brokers/ Clearing Members and for redemption the redemption proceeds will be credited to the bank account of the investor, as per the bank account details recorded with the Mutual Fund.

**2. Purchase/ Redemption of Units: Dematerialized Form**

Investors are required to have a demat account with CDSL/NSDL and shall place an order for Purchase/Redemption of units with the Brokers or Clearing Members. An order confirmation slip will be issued to investor and investor will transfer the funds to the Brokers/Clearing Members for purchase. The Investors for redemption should provide their Depository Participant with Depository Instruction Slip with relevant units to be credited to Clearing Corporation Pool Account. The redemption order will be entered in the system and an order confirmation slip will be issued to investor. Investors shall receive redemption amount through Broker/Clearing Member's account. The AMC/Mutual Fund shall credit the units into Broker/Clearing Member's pool account in case of purchase and in case of redemption shall pay proceeds to the Broker/Clearing Member and Broker/Clearing Member in turn to the respective investor's account. Such credit of units and redemption proceeds by the AMC/Mutual Fund to the Broker/Clearing Member's pool account shall discharge AMC/ Mutual Fund of its obligation to the Investors.

**3. Redemption of Units Routed Through Depository Participants for BSE StAR MF**

The Investors who intend to deal in Depository mode are required to have units in the demat account maintained with CDSL/NSDL prior to placing of redemption order with their Depository Participant.

The Investors should provide their Depository Participant with Depository Instruction Slip with relevant Scheme ISIN and units to be redeemed.

The redemption proceeds will be credited to the bank account of the investor, as per the bank account details recorded with the Depository Participant. Unit holders are requested to note that request for conversion of units held in Account Statement (non-demat) form into Demat (electronic) form or vice versa should be submitted along with a Demat / Remat Request Form to their Depository Participants.

The applicability of NAV will be subject to guidelines issued by SEBI on Uniform cut-off timings for applicability of NAV of Mutual Fund Scheme(s)/Plan(s). Applications for purchase/redemption of units which are incomplete /invalid are liable to be rejected. Separate folios will be allotted for units held in physical and demat mode. In case of non-financial requests/applications such as change of address, change of bank details, etc.

Investors should approach Investor Service Centres (ISCs) of Sahara Mutual Fund if units are held in physical mode and the respective Depository Participant(s) if units are held in demat mode. An account statement will be issued by Sahara Mutual Fund to Investors who purchase/ redeem their units under this facility in physical mode. In case of Investors who intend to deal in units in depository mode, a demat statement will be sent by Depository Participant showing the credit/debit of units to their account. Investors will have to comply with Uniform Know Your Customer (KYC) norms as prescribed by SEBI to participate in this facility. Investors should contact the Investor Service Centres (ISCs) of Sahara Mutual Fund for further details.

**4. Minimum Application Amount:**

The minimum amount for purchase of units under all the eligible scheme(s) through the Stock Exchange Platform (BSE StAR MF) would be Rs.1000/- and in multiples of Re.1/- thereafter across all eligible schemes except Sahara Tax Gain Fund being Rs.500/- and in multiples of Rs.500/- thereafter. The maximum purchase amount under all the eligible schemes would Rs.99, 99,999/-.

**5. Minimum Redemption**

The minimum units (and multiples thereafter) for redemption of units under all the eligible scheme(s) through the Stock Exchange Platform (BSE StAR MF) would be 0.0010 units respectively. There is no maximum limit fixed under all the eligible schemes towards redemption of units.

**6. Systematic Investment Plan Facility (SIP)**

In respect of the units purchased through the Stock Exchange Platform (BSE StAR MF), the SIP date would be 5th/15th/25th at specific periods currently being monthly and quarterly.

<b>xvi. Listing</b>	Not applicable
<b>xvii. The policy regarding reissue of repurchased units, including the maximum extent, the manner of reissue, the entity (the scheme or the AMC) involved in the same.</b>	The policy regarding reissue of repurchased units, including the maximum extent, the manner of reissue, would be at the sole discretion of the Trustees, as and when applicable.
<b>xviii. Restrictions, if any, on the right to freely retain or dispose of units being offered.</b>	Subject to the regulations, any application for units may be accepted or rejected in the sole and absolute discretion of the Board of Trustees. The Trustees may in their opinion reject any application for purchase of units if the application is invalid or incomplete or if, in it opinion increasing the size of any or all of the scheme's unit capital is not in the general interest of the unit holders or if the Trustee for any other reason does not believe that it would be in the best interest of the scheme or its unit holders to accept such an application.

**B. PERIODIC DISCLOSURES**

<p><b>i. Net Asset Value</b> This is the value per unit of the scheme on a particular day. You can ascertain the value of your investments by multiplying the NAV with your unit balance.</p>	<p>The Mutual Fund shall declare the Net Asset Value of the scheme on every business day on AMFI's website <a href="http://www.amfiindia.com">www.amfiindia.com</a>, in two daily newspapers and also on the website <a href="http://www.saharamutual.com">www.saharamutual.com</a>.</p> <p>1) The NAV of the schemes would be uploaded by 9.00 pm on AMFI's website on every business day and also on their own website.</p>
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	<p>2) As mentioned in the SEBI circular date February 9, 2001, if the NAVs of a mutual fund are not available before commencement of business hours on the following day due to any reason, the mutual funds shall issue a press release giving reasons for the delay and explain when they would be able to publish the NAVs.</p> <p>3) In case of delay beyond 9.00 pm the mutual fund must explain the reasons of delay in writing to AMFI.</p>
<p><b>ii. Half yearly Disclosures: Portfolio / Financial Results</b></p> <p>This is a list of securities where the corpus of the scheme is currently invested. The market value of these investments is also stated in portfolio disclosures.</p>	<p>The mutual fund shall publish a complete statement of the scheme portfolio within one month from the close of each half year (i.e. 31<sup>st</sup> March and 30<sup>th</sup> September), by way of an advertisement at least, in one National English daily and one regional newspaper in the language of the region where the head office of the mutual fund is located.</p> <p>The Mutual Fund shall arrange to have the half yearly unaudited financial results uploaded on the website in line with SEBI (MF).</p> <p>The Mutual Fund shall publish an advertisement every half-year disclosing the hosting of the half-yearly statement of its schemes portfolio on their respective website and on the website of AMFI and the modes such as SMS, telephone, email or written request (letter) through which a unit holder can submit a request for a physical or electronic copy of the statement of scheme portfolio. Such advertisement shall be published in the all India edition of at least two daily newspapers, one each in English and Hindi.</p>
<p><b>iii. Half Yearly Results</b></p>	<p>The mutual fund and Asset Management Company shall before the expiry of one month from the close of each half year that is on 31<sup>st</sup> March and on 30<sup>th</sup> September, publish its unaudited financial results in one national English daily newspaper and in a regional newspaper published in the language of the region where the Head Office of the mutual fund is situated.</p>
<p><b>iv. Annual Report</b></p>	<p>Scheme Wise Annual Report or an Abridged Summary thereof shall be provided to all unit holders within four months from the date of closure of the relevant accounts year i.e. 31<sup>st</sup> March each year.</p> <p>The Scheme Wise Annual Report or an Abridged Summary hereinafter shall be sent by the AMC/Mutual Fund as under:</p>

	<p>(i) By e-mail to the Unit holders whose e-mail address is available with the Fund,</p> <p>(ii) In physical form to the Unit holders whose email address is not available with the Fund and/or to those Unit holders who have opted/requested for the same.</p> <p>The physical copy of the scheme wise annual report or abridged summary will be made available to the investors at the registered office of the AMC. A link of the Scheme Annual Report or Abridged Summary will be displayed prominently on the website of Sahara Mutual Fund.</p> <p>The Mutual Fund shall publish an advertisement every year disclosing the hosting of the scheme wise annual report on their respective website and on the website of AMFI and the modes such as SMS, telephone, email or written request (letter) through which a unit holder can submit a request for a physical or electronic copy of the scheme wise annual report or abridged summary thereof. Such advertisement shall be published in the all India edition of at least two daily newspapers, one each in English and Hindi.</p> <p>The AMC/MF shall provide a physical copy of the abridged summary of the Annual Report, without charging any cost, on specific request received from a unit holder.</p> <p>The “OPT-IN” facility to receive physical copy of the scheme-wise annual report or abridged summary thereof shall be provided in the application form for new subscribers.</p>
<b>v. Associate Transactions</b>	Please refer to Statement of Additional Information (SAI).



**vi. Taxation**

The information is provided for general information only. However, in view of the individual nature of the implications, each investor is advised to consult his or her own tax advisors with respect to the specific amount of tax and other implications arising out of his or her participation in the schemes.

**Tax rates on Dividend Income**

	Individual /HUF &	Domestic Company \$	NRI &
Dividend Distribution Tax (payable by the fund upon dividend distribution)	10%	10%	10%

Finance Act 2018 : Levy of income tax @10% (without indexation) on long term capital gains exceeding Rs.1 lakh provided transfer of such units is subject to securities Transaction tax(STT)

The Surcharge applicable will be 12% and health and education cess will be 4%.

& The surcharge and cess applicability depends on the category of investors like surcharge @15% in the case of individual /HUF /NRI unit holders where income exceeds Rs.1 crore and surcharge @10% in case of individual /HUF unit holders where income of such unit holders exceeds Rs.50 lakhs and does not exceeds Rs.1 crore.

\$ Surcharge @7% to be levied for domestic company unit holders where income exceeds Rs.1 crore but less than 10 crores and @ 12% where income exceeds Rs.10 crores. Health and education cess @ 4% will be levied on base tax and surcharge.

**Securities Transaction Tax**

Taxable Securities Transaction	Tax Rate (%)
Delivery based sale transaction in units of equity oriented fund entered in a recognized stock exchange	0.001
Sale of equity shares, units of equity oriented mutual fund (non-delivery based)	0.025
Sale of unit of an equity oriented fund to the Mutual Fund	0.001

Reference be drawn to the Finance Act, 2018 as regards surcharge, cess, indexation, tax brackets applicability, applicable rates for companies etc.

For further details on taxation please refer to the clause on Taxation in the SAI

**vii. Investor services**

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**C. COMPUTATION OF Net Asset Value (NAV)**

NAV of units under the Scheme may be calculated as shown below:

(Market or Fair Value of Scheme's investments

**NAV (Rs.) = + Current Assets-Current Liabilities and Provisions) /**

No. of Units outstanding under the Scheme

The valuation of the Scheme's assets and calculation of the Scheme's NAV shall be subject to audit on an annual basis and such regulations as may be prescribed by SEBI from time to time. NAV upto 4 decimal places and the repurchase prices of the units will be calculated and announced at the close of each business day. Separate NAVs will be calculated and published for Direct option(s) under the scheme(s).

**Note:** Computation of NAV will be done after taking into account dividends paid, if any and the distribution tax thereon, if required. Therefore once dividends are declared under the Dividend

option of the scheme, the NAV of the units under the Dividend Option would remain lower than the NAV of the units issued under the Growth Option. The income earned and the profits realized in respect of the units issued under the Growth Option. The income earned and the profits realized in respect of the units issued under the Growth Option of the scheme remain invested and are reflected in the NAV of the units.

## V. FEES AND EXPENSES

### A. NEW FUND OFFER (NFO) EXPENSES

a) Initial Issue Expenses of Sahara Mid Cap Fund,

Scheme(s)	Initial Issue Expenses	Borne by AMC (Rs.)	Borne by the Scheme/s
Sahara Mid Cap Fund	Rs.2.39 crores	In full	Nil

### B. ANNUAL SCHEME RECURRING EXPENSES

These are the fees and expenses for operating the scheme. These expenses include Investment Management and Advisory Fee charged by the AMC, Registrar and Transfer Agents' fee, marketing and selling costs etc. as given in the table below: For the actual expenses being charged, the investor may refer to the website of the mutual fund.

The expense ratio for FY 2017-18 (% to Daily Net Asset Value) is as follows:

Expense Head	Midcap Fund
Investment Management and Advisory Fees	2.43
Trustee fee	-
Audit fees	0.00
Custodian fees	-
RTA Fees	0.15
Marketing & Selling expense incl. agent commission	-
Cost related to investor communications	-
Cost of fund transfer from location to location	-
Cost of providing account statements and dividend redemption cheques and warrants	-
Costs of statutory Advertisements	-
Cost towards investor education & awareness (at least 2 bps)	0.02
Brokerage & transaction cost over and above 12 bps and 5 bps for cash and derivative market trades resp.	-
Service tax on expenses other than investment and advisory fees	-
Service tax on brokerage and transaction cost	-
Other Expenses (#)	0.03
<b>Maximum total expense ratio (TER) permissible under Regulation 52 (6) (c) (i) and (6) (a)</b>	<b>2.63</b>
Additional expenses under regulation 52 (6A) (c)	(**)
Additional expenses for gross new inflows from specified cities	0.00

(#) 1: Cost towards all kinds of Bank Charges 2: Cost towards Depository & CSDL Charges.

(\*\*) additional expenses of 0.20 % is charged from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2017 to 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2018 and is a part of the above expenses.

The direct options shall have a lower expense ratio excluding distribution expenses, commission, etc., and no commission shall be paid from such options.

These estimates have been made in good faith as per the information available to the Investment Manager based on past experience and are subject to change inter-se.

**Aggregate Fees and Expenses:** The asset management company may charge the scheme with Investment and Advisory fees within the maximum limit of Total Expense Ratio (TER) of the scheme as prescribed in Regulation 52 of the SEBI (Mutual Funds) Regulations, 1996.

In addition to the investment and advisory fees, the asset management company may charge the scheme with the following expenses, namely:—

**Recurring expenses** including: (i) marketing and selling expenses including agents' commission, if any ; (ii) brokerage and transaction cost ; (iii) registrar services for transfer of units sold or redeemed ; (iv) fees and expenses of trustees; (v) audit fees; (vi) custodian fees ; (vii) costs related to investor communication ; (viii) costs of fund transfer from location to location ; (ix) costs of providing account statements and dividend/redemption cheques and warrants; (x) insurance premium paid by the fund; (xi) winding up costs for terminating a fund or a scheme; (xii) costs of statutory advertisements ; and listing fees, in case of schemes listed on a recognized stock exchange; and such other costs as may be approved by the Board. Any expense other than those specified in sub-regulations 52 (2) and (4) of the Regulations shall be borne by the asset management company.

The total expenses of the scheme excluding issue or redemption expenses, whether initially borne by the mutual fund or by the asset management company, but including the investment management and advisory fee shall be subject to the following limits:—

(i) On the first Rs.100 crores of the daily net assets: 2.5%; (ii) On the next Rs.300 crores of the daily net assets: 2.25%; (iii) On the next Rs.300 crores of the daily net assets: 2.0%; (iv) On the balance on the assets: 1.75%

Provided that in respect of a scheme investing in bonds such recurring expenses shall be lesser by at least 0.25% of the daily net assets outstanding in each financial year.

In addition to the limits specified, the following costs and expenses may be charged to the scheme, namely.

“Brokerage and transaction costs, over and above, 0.12 per cent in case of cash market transactions and 0.05 per cent in case of derivatives transactions” which cannot be included in the cost of Investments.”

GST would be charged on Investment and Advisory Fees in addition to the maximum limit of Total Expense Ratio (TER) of the scheme as prescribed in regulation 52 of the SEBI (Mutual Funds) Regulations, 1996.

Within the maximum limit of TER as per regulation 52 of the Regulations, atleast 2 basis points on daily net assets of the scheme/s would be annually set apart for Investor Education and Awareness initiatives.

The Fund shall update the current expense ratios on the website ([www.saharamutual.com](http://www.saharamutual.com)) at least three working days prior to the effective date of the change. The web link for TER is on the home page at <http://www.saharamutual.com>.

Any expenditure in excess of the limits specified above, shall be borne by the AMC or by the Trustees or the Sponsor. Further, as and when permitted by SEBI, the AMC may charge a higher fee for that part of the unit capital that is invested overseas. However revision in fee charged shall be within the SEBI Regulations at all times. The scheme/s does not offer any assurance or guaranteed return.

The AMC / Sponsor may subject to the limits prescribed by SEBI subscribe to units of this Scheme. The AMC will not be entitled to charge any fees on investments made by the AMC.

**Note:**

(i) The above description of the variable pricing module is provided as an example for the general benefit and understanding to the unit holders before arriving at a conclusive decision for investment and is subject to further revision in tune with the investor needs and further transparency of the related concept.

(ii) This is based on the AMC's experience that third party expenses keep on charging on a continuous basis through the life of any scheme. These changes may result from efficiencies garnered as a scheme increases in size or through the inclusion of service providers in the process of performance linked remuneration. It is the AMC's intention to make attempts to reduce Fixed expenses chargeable to the scheme to the minimum possible.

In addition the underlying focus of the Variable Pricing Option is to ensure that the AMC does not earn any fee income on days when the formula objectives are not met. To meet this objective, it is critical that the distribution between Third Party expenses and AMC fee continues to change to reflect current conditions.

The mutual fund would update the current expense ratios on the website within two working days mentioning the effective date of the change.

**C. LOAD STRUCTURE**

Load is an amount which is paid by the investor to redeem/switch out the units from the scheme (as applicable under respective schemes). Load Structure is subject to change from time to time. For the current applicable structure, please refer to the website of the AMC ([www.saharamutual.com](http://www.saharamutual.com)) or your distributor.

**UNIT HOLDER TRANSACTION EXPENSES OR SALES LOAD**

Particulars	Maximum Charge %
Sales Load	Nil
Sales Load on issue of Units in lieu of dividends/reinvestment / Bonus Units (as % of NAV)	Nil
Contingent Deferred Sales Load (CDSC) (based on any period of holding) (as % of NAV)	Nil
Maximum Redemption / Repurchase Load (as % of NAV)	7%
Switchover / Exchange Fee (as % of NAV)	As per Load applicable to respective schemes / Plans /Options

The Redemption Price however, will not be lower than 93% of the NAV. Any imposition or enhancement of Load in future shall be applicable on prospective investments only. The difference between the Redemption price and Sale price at any point in time shall not exceed the permitted limit as prescribed by SEBI from time to time which is presently 7% calculated on the Sale Price.

**Load Structure of the scheme.**

Scheme Name	Entry Load	Exit Load
Sahara Mid Cap Fund	NA	1% if redeemed on or before 12 months from the date of allotment. Beyond 12 months from date of allotment : Nil

There will be no exit load for direct applications.

Service tax on exit load, if any, shall be paid out of the exit load proceeds and exit load net of service tax, if any, shall be credited to the scheme. The Trustees reserves the right to change the load structure if it so deems fit in the interest of the smooth and efficient functioning of the scheme/s, on a prospective basis.

Units issued on reinvestment of units shall not be subject to entry and exit load.

The investor is requested to check the prevailing load structure of the scheme before investing.

Any imposition of or enhancement of load in future shall be applicable on prospective investments only. At the time of changing the load structure beyond the limits disclosed hereinabove i.e. as per the table given above, the AMC shall take the following steps.

(1) The addendum detailing the changes may be attached to Scheme Information Documents and abridged Scheme Information Documents. The addendum may be circulated to all distributors/brokers so that the same can be attached to all Scheme Information Documents and abridged Scheme Information Documents already in stock. The addendum may be sent along with the newsletter sent to the unit holders immediately after the changes.

(2) Arrangements may be made to display the changes/modifications in the Scheme Information Documents in the form of a notice in all the service centers and distributors/brokers office.

(3) The applicable Exit Load along with the details shall be stamped in the acknowledgement slip issued to the investors on submission of applications forms and shall be disclosed on the Account statement issued to the Investor, after the introduction of such load.

(4) A public notice shall be given in respect of such changes in one English daily newspaper having nationwide circulation as well as in a newspaper published in the language of region where the Head Office of the Mutual Fund is situated.

(5) Any other measures which the mutual funds may feel necessary.

The investor is requested to check the prevailing load structure of the scheme/s before investing. For any change in load structure AMC will issue an addendum and display it on the website/Investor Service Centres.

#### **D. DIRECT APPLICATIONS**

The applications received through internet, submitted to AMC or Point of Service/ Collection Centre/ Investor Service Centres (mentioned in the Scheme Information Document/Key Information Memorandum) that are not routed through any distributor/agent/broker.

The following Applications will be treated as Direct Application:

a. In case the Distributor / Broker / Agent Code is pre printed on the application form, investors (any / all in case of joint holders) must strike off the code and counter sign before submitting the application at any of the offices of the AMC / Investors Service Centres (ISCs) / Point of Acceptance (POA);

b. In the space provided for the Distributor / Broker / Agent Code, please mention "DIRECT" or "NOT APPLICABLE". Alternatively investors can also strike off the space and countersign the same. Investors are advised in their own interest not to leave the space blank;

c. All existing unit holders who have invested through Distributor / Broker / Agent and intend to make their future investments through a direct route, are advised to communicate the same in writing to the AMC / ISCs/ POA.

d. Investors wishing to transfer their accumulated unit balance held under Existing schemes (through Lump Sum/Systematic Investments made with or without Distributor code) to the available Direct Option will have to switch /redeem their investments (subject to applicable Exit Load, if any) and apply under Direct Option.

#### **VI. RIGHTS OF UNITHOLDERS**

Please refer to SAI for details.

#### **VII. PENALTIES, PENDING LITIGATION OR PROCEEDINGS, FINDINGS OF INSPECTIONS OR INVESTIGATIONS FOR WHICH ACTION MAY HAVE BEEN TAKEN OR IS IN THE PROCESS OF BEING TAKEN BY ANY REGULATORY AUTHORITY**

1. All disclosures regarding penalties and action(s) taken against foreign Sponsor(s) may be limited to the jurisdiction of the country where the principal activities (in terms of income / revenue) of the Sponsor(s) are carried out or where the headquarters of the Sponsor(s) is

situated. Further, only top 10 monetary penalties during the last three years shall be disclosed. Not Applicable.

2. In case of Indian Sponsor(s), details of all monetary penalties imposed and/ or action taken during the last three years or pending with any financial regulatory body or governmental authority, against Sponsor(s) and/ or the AMC and/ or the Board of Trustees /Trustee Company; for irregularities or for violations in the financial services sector, or for defaults with respect to share holders or debenture holders and depositors, or for economic offences, or for violation of securities law. Details of settlement, if any, arrived at with the aforesaid authorities during the last three years shall also be disclosed.

As on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018, there are 71 and 94 cases (by and against) being consumer, criminal, Labour, Civil and High Court Cases against SIFCL and there are 35 and 71 (by and against) cases in which party though is made say Sahara India etc but the scheme involved in the cases is exclusively run by SIFCL amounting to Rs.18,17,87,188/-. However, the cases may not have any bearing on the AMC/ SMF.

3. Details of all enforcement actions taken by SEBI in the last three years and/ or pending with SEBI for the violation of SEBI Act, 1992 and Rules and Regulations framed there under including debarment and/ or suspension and/ or cancellation and/ or imposition of monetary penalty/adjudication/enquiry proceedings, if any, to which the Sponsor(s) and/ or the AMC and/ or the Board of Trustees /Trustee Company and/ or any of the directors and/ or key personnel (especially the fund managers) of the AMC and Trustee Company were/ are a party. The details of the violation shall also be disclosed.

SEBI in its order dated 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2015 alleged that the AMC has violated the provisions of Regulation 7 read with Regulation 10 and Regulation 22 of SEBI (Mutual Funds) Regulations, 1996.

SEBI vide its Order no: WTM/PS/26/IMD/DOF-III/July/2015 dated 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2015 directed cancellation of "Certificate of Registration" of Sahara Mutual Fund which was to be effective on expiry of six months from the date of the Order. Further, SEBI also directed by the said Order that the Mutual Fund shall not take any new subscription from investors. Accordingly, the Mutual Fund has not taken any new subscription from the investors (including existing investors) in line with the said SEBI order. Sahara Asset Management Company Pvt. Ltd (SAMCPL) filed an appeal before the Securities Appellate Tribunal (SAT), Mumbai to set aside the said SEBI order. SAT vide its order dated 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2017 dismissed our appeal. An appeal in the matter was filed before the Hon'ble Supreme Court Hon'ble Supreme Court vide its order dated 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2017 dismissed our appeal. SEBI vide their order dated April 11, 2018 ordered for winding up of all schemes except Sahara Tax Gain Fund. An appeal in the matter was filed before the Securities Appellate Tribunal (SAT), SAT vide its order dated May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 directed One Life Capital Advisors Ltd to make a fresh application seeking approval of SEBI for being the sponsor and till the decision on the said application is communicated, SEBI shall not enforce the orders impugned in the two appeals.

4. Any pending material civil or criminal litigation incidental to the business of the Mutual Fund to which the Sponsor(s) and/ or the AMC and/ or the Board of Trustees /Trustee Company and/ or any of the directors and/ or key personnel are a party should also be disclosed separately. Not applicable
5. Any deficiency in the systems and operations of the Sponsor(s) and/ or the AMC and/ or the Board of Trustees/Trustee Company which SEBI has specifically advised to be disclosed in the SID, or which has been notified by any other regulatory agency, shall be disclosed. Not applicable

**Notes:**

1. Further, any amendments / replacement / re-enactment of SEBI Regulations subsequent to the date of the Scheme Information Document shall prevail over those specified in this Scheme Information Document.

2. Notwithstanding anything contained in the Scheme Information Document, the provisions of Securities and Exchange Board of India (Mutual Funds) Regulations, 1996 and the guidelines there under shall be applicable.

For and on behalf of the Board  
For Sahara Asset Management Company Private Limited

Sudhir Kaup  
Compliance Officer

**Place:** - Mumbai  
**Date:** - 28th June, 2018

### VIII. Sahara Mutual Fund Investor Service Centres

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