

ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENT FUND (AIF)

ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW





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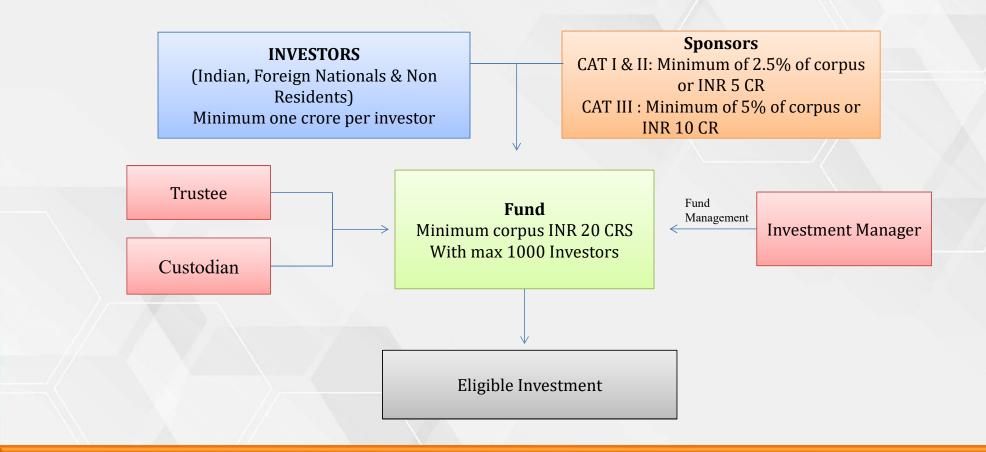
Alternative Investment Fund or AIF means any fund established or incorporated in India which is a privately pooled investment vehicle which collects funds from sophisticated investors, whether Indian or foreign, for investing it in accordance with a defined investment policy for the benefit of its investors.

AIFs combines the operational ease of a mutual fund and the flexibility of a PMS making it a perfect blend geared for generating optimum performance for a stipulated investment objective.

To enhance risk-adjusted performance, these products can use complex strategies like unlisted equity investments, long-short hedging style of investments etc



AIF - STRUCTURE





FEATURES OF AN AIF

Skin in the Game

Investment Manager (IM) / Sponsor must invest 10cr or 5% of the committed capital whichever is lower

Alignment of Interest

IM / Sponsor must be well-capitalized

Flexible Investment Mandate

Can raise money in drawdown mode and so take advantage of market volatility

There is No compulsion to reinvest. Can return the capital by booking profits from securities that attain targets, before the completion of the tenure of fund.

Allowed to Participate in IPOs as Qualified Institutional Buyer (QIB)

Allowed to invest in SME Stocks

Scope for Alpha Generation

Maximum Investors allowed per scheme is 1000

Limited corpus allows the investment manager to create differentiated & uncorrelated portfolio

No compulsion to invest in higher weightage stocks in Benchmark —not benchmark hugging

Ease and Convenience

No Need to open Demat account

Pooled vehicle hence all clients investing at the same closure have similar returns experience

No Requirement/ Restriction of opening a PIS (Portfolio Investment Scheme) account for NRI investors.



AIF CATEGORIES

ТҮРЕ	CATEGORY I	CATEGORY II	CATEGORY III
CRITERIA	 □ Infra, Social, Non-banked Credit for SME □ Special incentives provided by the government □ Invest in startups or early stage ventures or social ventures □ Socially or economically desirable areas 	I LI Residual category of funds invested	☐ Funds which are liquid/listed equities ☐ Funds which may invest in derivatives ☐ Funds which employ leverage for investments
TYPE OF FUNDS	☐ Venture Capital Funds ☐ SME Funds ☐ Social Venture Funds ☐ Infrastructure Funds	II I Fiind of Fiinds	□ Long Only Equity Funds □ Long Short Equity Funds
FEATURES	□ Close ended□ Not allowed to leverage□ Specific Investment restrictions for each sub type	☐ Close ended ☐ Not allowed to leverage ☐ No restrictions on asset allocation	☐ Open or close ended ☐ Leveraging is allowed up to 2x ☐ No restrictions on asset allocation
TAXATION	taxed at the investor level and not the fund level	Pass through (income accruing from such funds is taxed at the investor level and not the fund level with a requirement to deduct 10% on income credited to the investor)	Fund level (Tax obligation doesn't pass through to the investor. Tax rate depends upon the investment strategy and asset allocation of the fund (where the income of the fund is characterized as income under the head Profits or gains from business or profession, the investment fund is taxed in respect to such income at the maximum marginal rate of tax).
TENOR	Close Ended with a minimum tenure of three years	Close Ended with a minimum tenure of three years	Open ended or Close ended
INVESTMENT LIMIT	Maximum 25% in single investee company	Maximum 25% in single investee company	Maximum 10% in single investee company



AIF vs. PMS vs. MUTUAL FUND

PARTICULAR	AIF	PMS	MUTUAL FUND
STRUCTURE	Private pooling vehicleIncorporated as a Trust/ LLP/Company	Non -pooled ; individual account structure	 □ Funds established to raise monies through sale of units to public □ Set up as a trust, which has sponsors, trustees, AMC
FUND TYPE	☐ Category I & II AIF- close ended☐ Category III AIF – can be both open & closed	PMS can be discretionary or non discretionary	Close ended or open ended fund
MINIMUM CORPUS	20 Crores	No specific requirement	No specific requirement
MINIMUM INVESTMENT BY INVESTORS	1 Crores	50 Lakhs	As mentioned in the offer documents
VALUATION CREATION	NAV based	No NAV calculations. Stocks are held in the individual name of the investors.	NAV based
MINIMUM TENOR	Minimum 3 yr	No minimum Tenor	No minimum Tenor
NO. OF INVESTOR	Not more than 1000 investors	No such Ceiling	No such Ceiling



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