



Monthly Market Update

April 2026— India & Global Markets Review

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Geopolitical Tensions & Oil Spike

- Middle East conflict spiked volatility and supply fears.
- Brent crude hit \$126/barrel, then held near \$110 - 120.
- Hormuz disruption raised wider conflict concerns.

Ceasefire Relief & Oil Pullback

- US - Iran and Israel - Lebanon ceasefires reduced the risk premium.
- Brent fell ~15% after safe passage was restored.
- Volatility eased in the second half of April.

Rates, Dollar & Currency Pressure


- US yields stayed high as the Fed held rates steady.
- Dollar Index climbed to ~95.8 on safe-haven demand.
- Rupee weakened to 95 amid crude, dollar strength, and FII outflows.

Global Equity: Resilience Amid Headwinds

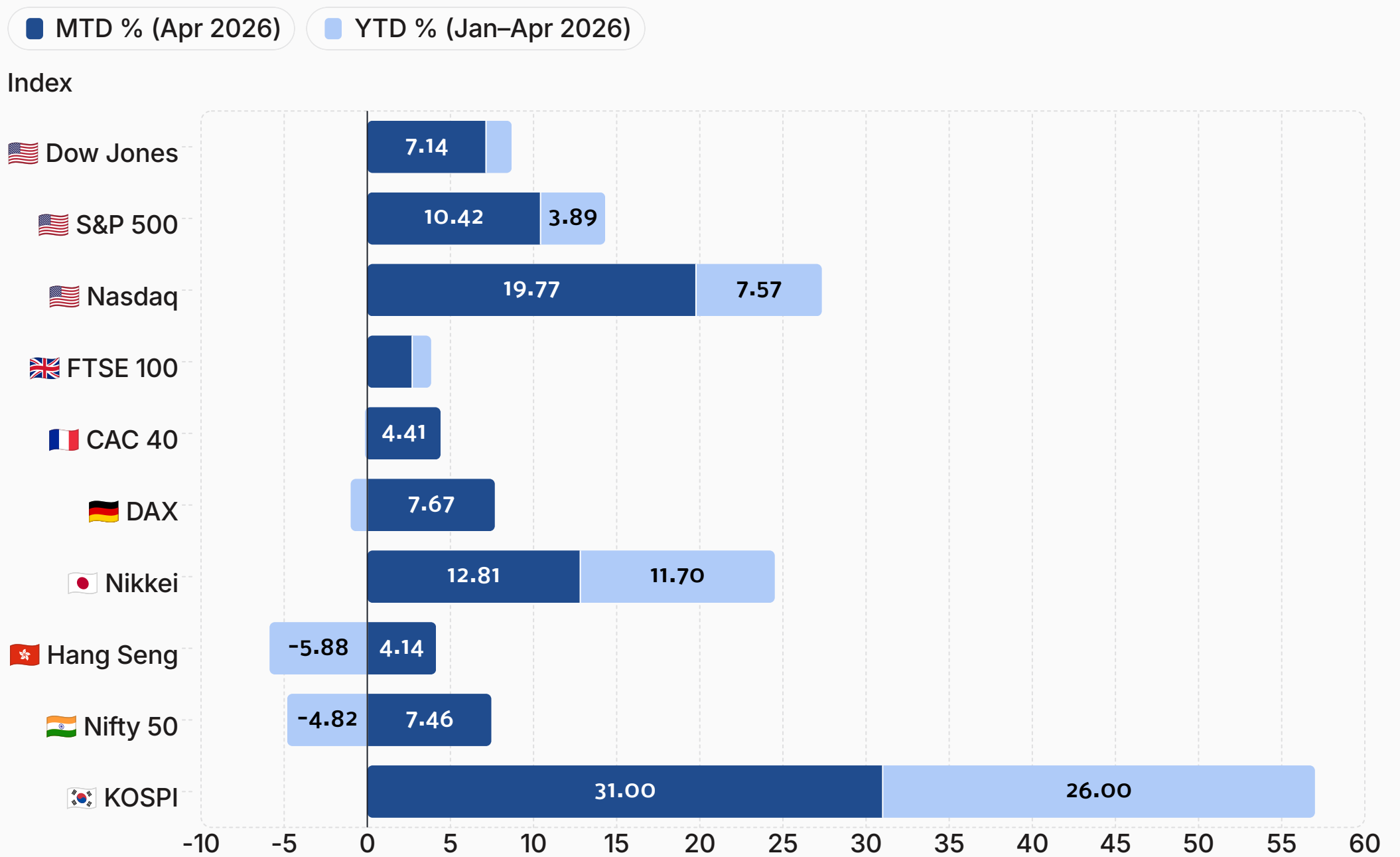
- Global equities held up despite the oil shock.
- US stocks gained on AI momentum and strong earnings.
- KOSPI (+31%) and Nikkei (+12.81%) led Asian Markets.

India: Domestic Strength Prevails

- Markets rebounded sharply on strong domestic liquidity.
- DII inflows absorbed cautious FII outflows.
- GST collections hit a record ₹2.43 lakh crore; RBI held repo at 5.25%.

 **April 2026 unfolded in two phases: an early geopolitical shock that lifted crude and risk aversion, then a recovery as ceasefires eased tensions. India stood out with a domestically led rebound, strong DII support, and record GST collections.**

Global Market Snapshot



🌍 Global equities rebounded strongly in April 2026 despite oil-driven volatility.

🇰🇷 KOSPI led gains with **+31% MTD**, driven by semiconductor momentum.

🇺🇸 Nasdaq surged **+19.77% MTD** on strong AI and tech optimism.

🇯🇵 Nikkei outperformed with **+12.81% MTD** gains.

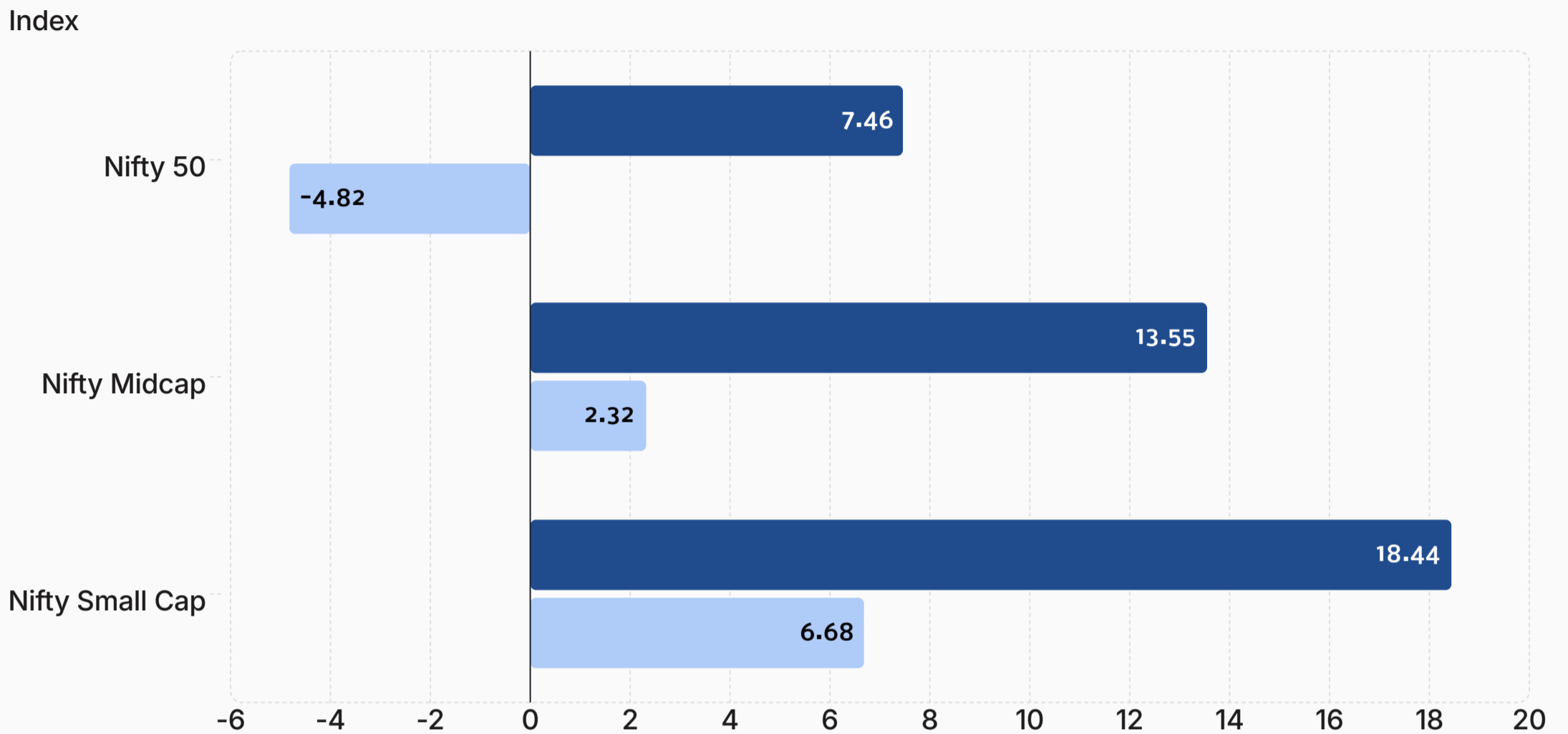
📈 On a YTD basis, KOSPI (**+26%**) and Nikkei (**+11.7%**) remained the top performers.

🇮🇳 Nifty 50 (**-4.82% YTD**) continued recovering from earlier weakness.

📌 **April's rally was largely driven by ceasefire-led risk-on sentiment and AI/tech momentum. YTD performance remains mixed.**

Indian Equity Markets

■ MTD % (Apr 2026)
 ■ YTD % (Jan-Apr 2026)



🇮🇳 Indian equities rebounded sharply in April 2026 on improving risk sentiment and strong domestic support.

🚀 Small Caps led the rally with **+18.44% MTD** gains.

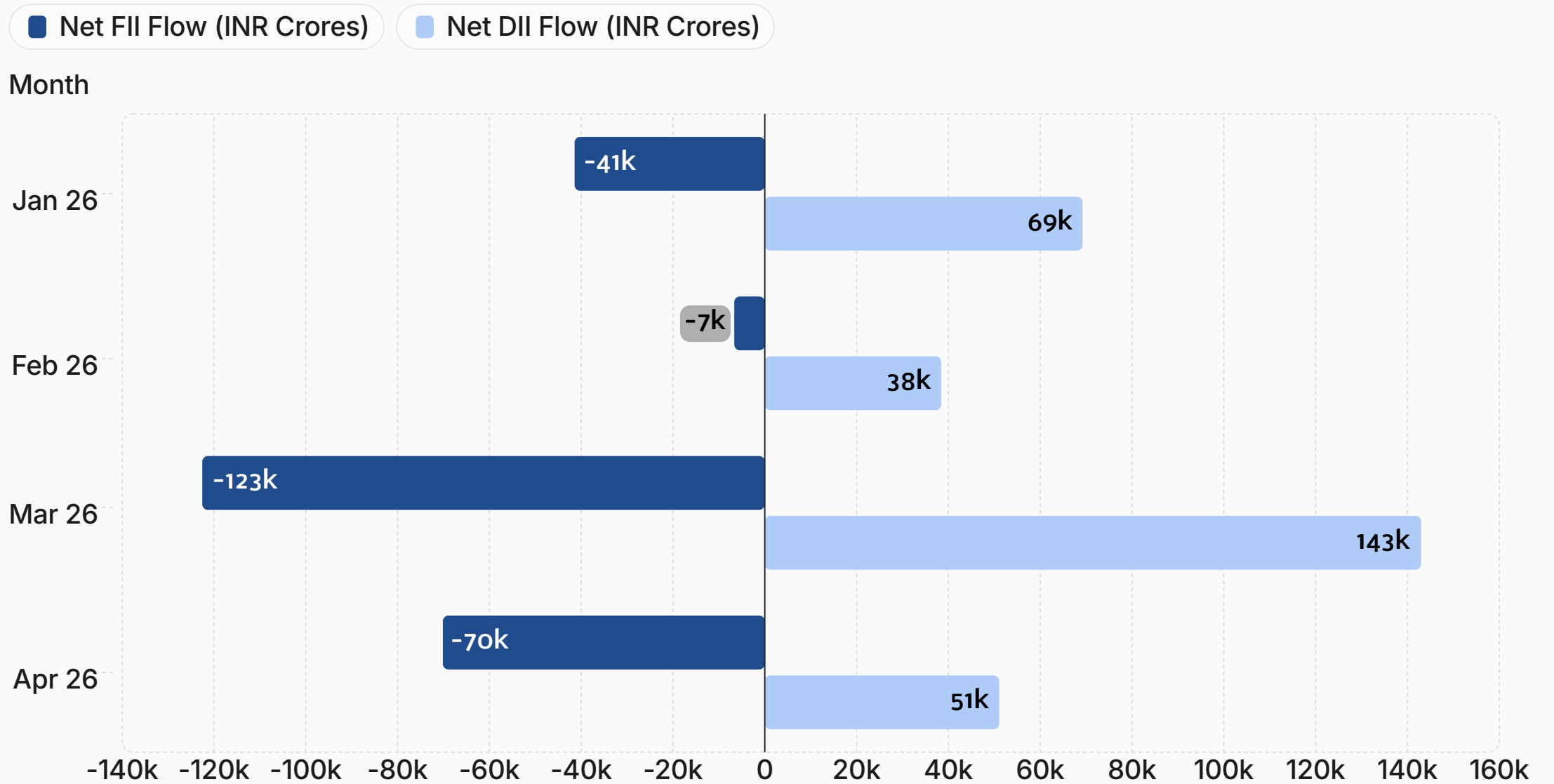
📈 Mid Caps advanced **+13.55% MTD**.

◆ Nifty 50 gained a solid **+7.46% MTD**.

📊 On a YTD basis, Mid Caps (**+2.32%**) and Small Caps (**+6.68%**) returned to positive territory.

📌 **April's broad-based rally was led by small and mid caps, reflecting renewed domestic risk appetite. However, Nifty 50's YTD gap (-4.82%) signals that large caps are still in recovery mode.**

FII / DII Trend



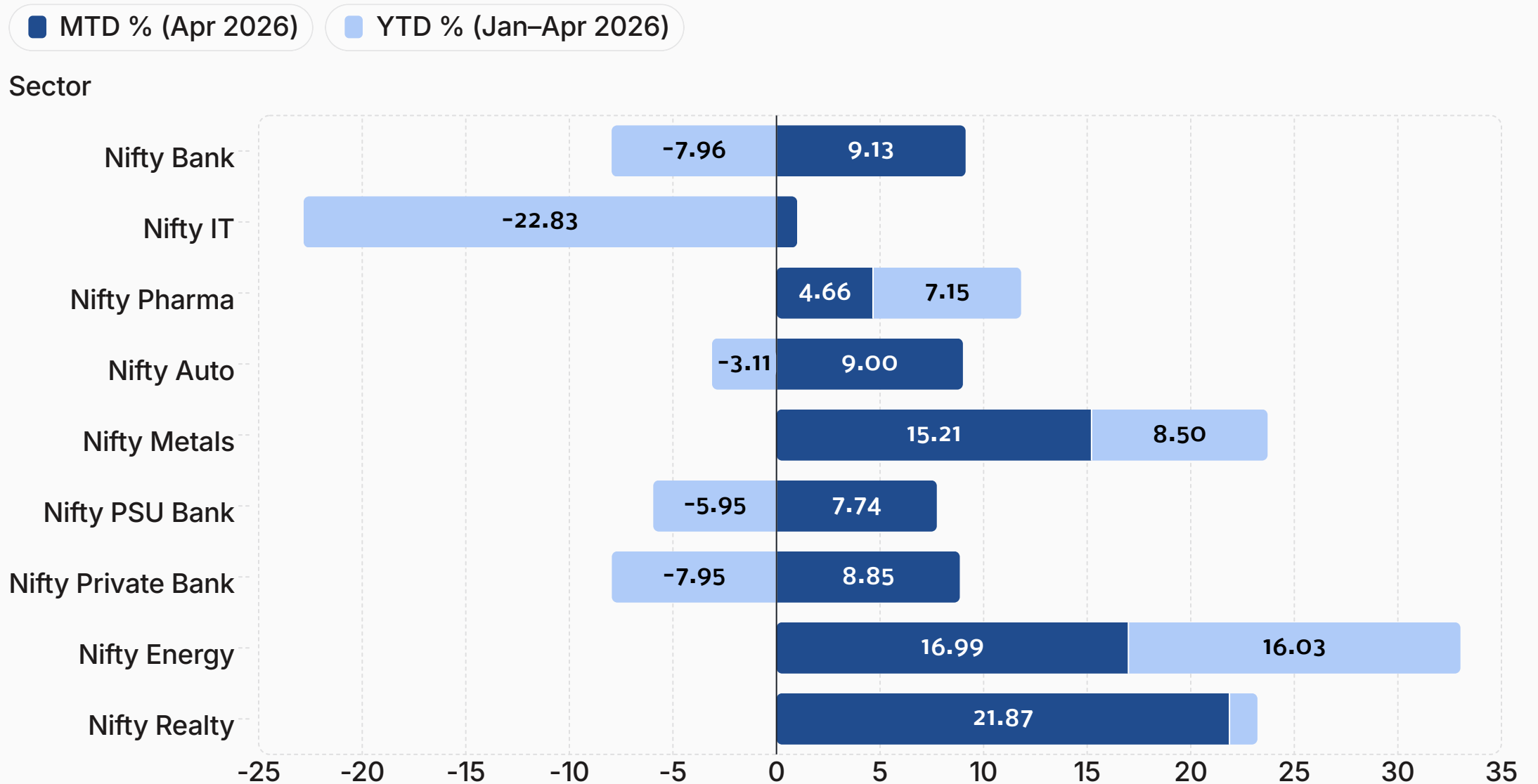
📉 FII outflows stood at **₹70,135 Cr** in April 2026, lower than March's record **₹1,22,540 Cr**.

🏦 DII inflows of **₹51,064 Cr** partially offset foreign selling.

🇮🇳 Strong domestic support helped Indian markets rally despite continued FII outflows.

📌 **April marks the fourth consecutive month of FII outflows; however, the moderation from March's record levels and a resilient DII base helped Indian equities post strong gains, signaling growing domestic market depth.**

Sectoral Performance



🏠 **Nifty Realty** was the top performer, rising **+21.87% MTD** on improving domestic demand sentiment.

⚡ **Nifty Energy** gained **+16.99% MTD**, supported by elevated crude prices.

🏭 **Nifty Metals** advanced **+15.21% MTD** amid strong global commodity momentum.

🏦 **Banking stocks** rebounded sharply – Private Banks gained **+8.85% MTD** and PSU Banks rose **+7.74% MTD**.

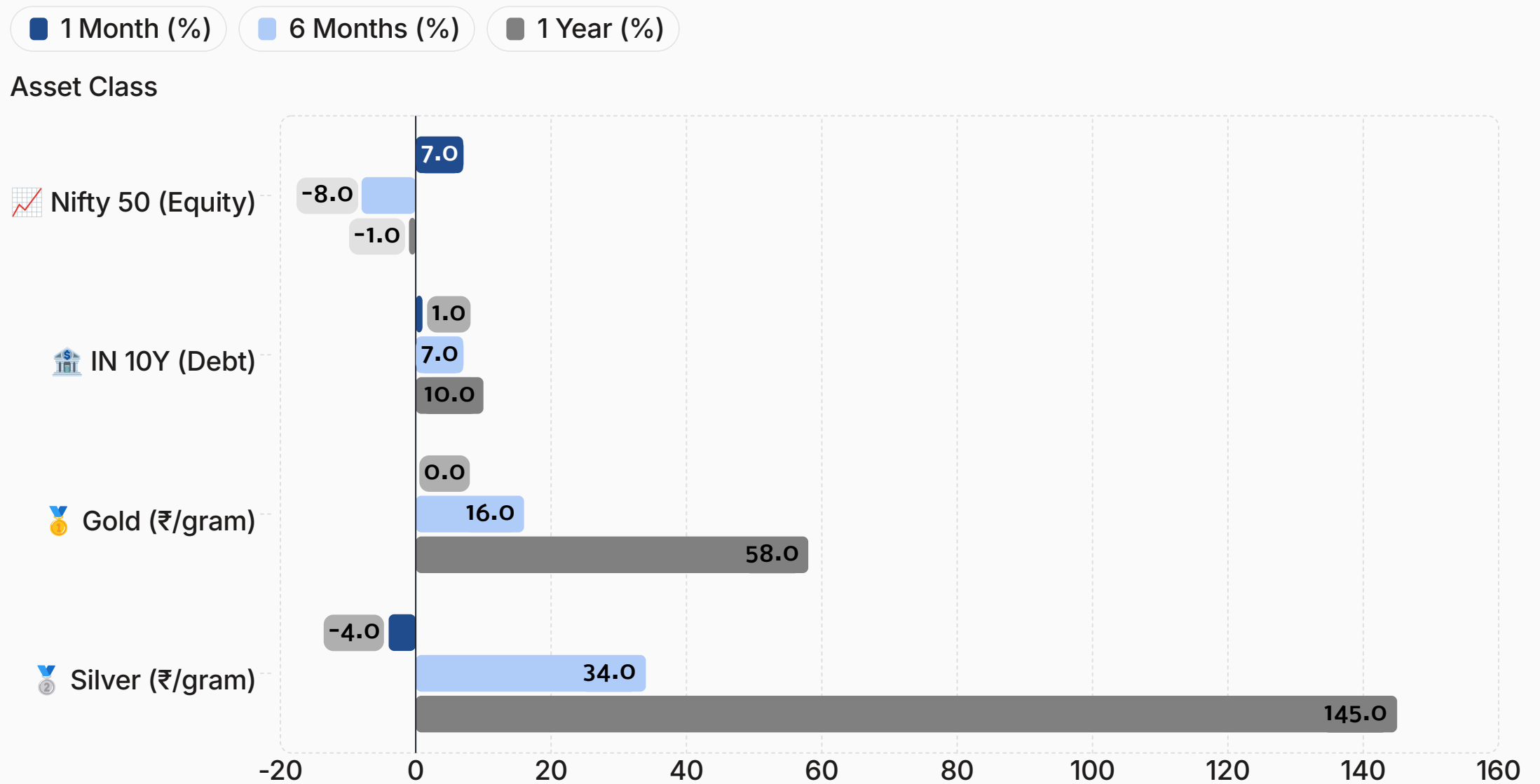
💻 **Nifty IT** underperformed with just **+1.00% MTD**, impacted by dollar strength and global demand concerns.

📈 On a YTD basis, **Nifty Energy (+16.03%)**, **Nifty Metals (+8.50%)**, and **Nifty Pharma (+7.15%)** remained the top-performing sectors.

📌 **Energy, Metals, and Realty are the key April themes — riding the commodity upcycle and domestic demand revival. IT continues to be a drag on a YTD basis and remains a sector to monitor closely.**

Asset Class Performance

Precious metals remain dominant multi-year performers while equities recover in the short term. Debt continues to deliver steady returns. Silver's extraordinary 1-year run remains unmatched across asset classes.



🏆 Silver delivered a remarkable **145% return** over 1 year, cementing its status as the standout multi-year performer.

🏆 Gold gained **58%** over 1 year, reinforcing its role as a geopolitical and inflation hedge – particularly relevant in the current Middle East crisis environment.


📈 Equity (Nifty 50) rebounded by **+7% in April**, though remained slightly negative at **-1% over 1 year**.

🏠 Debt (IN 10Y) continues to be a steady compounder with **10% over 1 year** – outperforming equity on a 1-year basis.

📌 **Over 6 months, equities remained under pressure while precious metals significantly outperformed. The performance divergence highlights the importance of portfolio diversification.**

Mutual Fund Category Performance — Equity


Rank	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year
Rank 1	Small Cap 12.55%	Small Cap 5.79%	Small Cap 0.71%	Small Cap 11.43%	Mid Cap 21.25%	Small Cap 18.77%
Rank 2	Mid Cap 9.97%	Mid Cap 1.96%	Mid Cap -0.19%	Mid Cap 10.28%	Small Cap 19.50%	Mid Cap 17.98%
Rank 3	Multi Cap 9.06%	Multi Cap -0.32%	Value -9.63%	Multi Cap -6.51%	Multi Cap 18.19%	Multi Cap 16.13%
Rank 4	Large & Mid 7.92%	Large & Mid -1.05%	Multi Cap -1.45%	Value 5.57%	Value 17.56%	Value 15.69%
Rank 5	Value 7.62%	Value -1.45%	Large & Mid -2.55%	Large & Mid 5.47%	Large & Mid 17.35%	Large & Mid 15.40%
Rank 6	Flexi Cap 7.27%	Flexi Cap -1.89%	Flexi Cap -3.50%	Flexi Cap 3.22%	Flexi Cap 14.95%	ELSS 13.48%
Rank 7	ELSS 7.02%	ELSS 2.24%	ELSS -3.73%	ELSS 2.62%	ELSS 14.90%	Flexi Cap 13.33%
Rank 8	Large Cap 5.49%	Large Cap -4.41%	Large Cap -4.83%	Large Cap 0.29%	Large Cap 12.87%	Large Cap 11.74%

 **Small Cap Funds** led returns across most periods – dominating **1M, 3M, 6M, 1Y, and 5Y** performance.

 **Mid Cap Funds** topped the **3Y category** with strong returns of **21.25%**.


 **Multi Cap and Value Funds** delivered balanced, consistent performance across time horizons.


 **Large Cap Funds** remained relative laggards but continued to provide portfolio stability.


 **Short-term returns (1M-6M)** showed recovery momentum following the previous quarter’s correction, supported by April’s market rebound.


Mutual Fund Category Performance — Debt


Rank	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	3 Year
Rank 1	Medium Duration 0.72%	Liquid 1.58%	Liquid 2.97%	Money Market 6.12%	Money Market 6.99%
Rank 2	Corporate Bond 0.72%	Ultra Short Duration 1.43%	Money Market 2.70%	Liquid 6.10%	Medium Duration 6.92%
Rank 3	Short Duration 0.67%	Money Market 1.40%	Ultra Short Duration 2.68%	Ultra Short Duration 5.96%	Low Duration 6.85%
Rank 4	Low Duration 0.61%	Low Duration 1.25%	Low Duration 2.37%	Low Duration 5.82%	Liquid 6.80%
Rank 5	Money Market 0.60%	Short Duration 0.68%	Medium Duration 1.57%	Medium Duration 4.76%	Corporate Bond 6.80%
Rank 6	Ultra Short Duration 0.57%	Medium Duration 0.60%	Short Duration 1.43%	Short Duration 4.63%	Ultra Short Duration 6.69%
Rank 7	Liquid 0.48%	Corporate Bond 0.60%	Corporate Bond 1.25%	Corporate Bond 4.44%	Short Duration 6.67%

 **Liquid & Money Market funds** dominate short-term (1M- 3M) rankings, offering stability and liquidity in a volatile rate environment.

 **Medium Duration** led the 1M chart at 0.72%, while **Money Market** topped both 1Y (6.12%) and 3Y (6.99%) horizons.

 Over longer horizons (3Y), **Medium Duration** (6.92%) and **Low Duration** (6.85%) also rank among top performers.

 **Corporate Bond funds** lag across short-term periods but offer competitive 3Y returns (6.80%) as yields stabilise.

 With RBI holding repo at 5.25% and inflation outlook elevated, shorter duration allocations remain prudent near-term.

What Should Investors Do?



Stay Goal Oriented

Avoid reacting to short-term geopolitical or market volatility. Focus on long-term financial goals and investment discipline



Continue SIPs

April's sharp recovery after March's correction reinforces the benefits of consistent SIP investing through market cycles. not pause or cancel SIPs in response to global uncertainty.



Diversify Across Assets

Spread exposure across equity, debt, and gold/silver based on your risk appetite.



Our View — April 2026: Recovery, But Stay Disciplined

April 2026 saw a broad rally, driven by domestic liquidity, strong macro data, and AI-led global risk appetite. Geopolitical risks and a weaker rupee still warrant calibrated optimism.

For Existing Investors

- **Stay invested** – April's rally supports the long-term India thesis.
- **Review Sectoral Exposure:** Energy, Metals, and Realty are leading; IT remains a drag
- **Avoid premature profit booking in mid and small caps-** the recovery cycle may continue
- **Continue SIPs** through the cycle

For New Investors

- **Enter gradually** – the recovery is strong, but global risks remain
- **Diversify** across equity, debt, and gold
- **Geopolitical risks** (Hormus, oil prices, weak rupee) could create better entry points in the near term
- **Record GST** of ₹2.43L cr and **strong DII flows** signal structural domestic health

📌 **Disciplined asset allocation and staying invested through cycles remains the surest path to India's long-term growth story.**



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