

April Market Pulse: Monthly Investment Insights

April's Investment Pulse: Changing Hands Across Asset Classes

April saw a dramatic shift in sentiment among key market players, with sharp contrasts between the first and second halves of the month. While FPIs made a strong comeback in equities after a steep early exit, mutual funds turned cautious and DIIs remained steady with their buying spree.

❖ FPI: Wild Swings in Equities, Bearish on Debt

- **FPI U-Turn:** Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) made a **dramatic equity turnaround in April**. After withdrawing ₹33,927 Cr in the first half, they turned net buyers with ₹38,150 Cr in the second half – ending the month with a marginal ₹4,223 Cr equity inflow.
- **FPIs Dump Debt Amid Caution:** FPIs remained consistent **sellers in debt**, pulling out ₹24,384 Cr in April, led by both halves, indicating continued risk aversion or profit-booking in the fixed income space.
- **YTD Snapshot:** FPIs have dumped ₹1.12 Lakh Cr in equities but invested ₹24,493 Cr in the debt markets – signaling a cautious rotation from equities to fixed income amid global uncertainties.

❖ DIIs: Steady and Resilient

- **DIIs Stand Strong:** Domestic Institutional Investors (DIIs) stayed consistently bullish on Indian equities. They poured in ₹25,637 Cr during the first half and ₹2,592 Cr in the second, totaling ₹28,228 Cr in April – underscoring continued confidence despite global volatility.
- **YTD Snapshot:** With ₹2.17 Lakh Cr in equity inflows, DIIs have been the strongest support pillar for markets so far in 2025.

❖ Mutual Funds: From Aggressive to Defensive

- **Mutual Funds Shift Gears Mid-April:** Mutual Funds reversed their strategy mid-month. After an aggressive ₹19,225 Cr equity infusion in the first half, they booked profits worth ₹1,163 Cr in the second half.
- **YTD Snapshot:** Mutual Funds are significant equity buyers with ₹1.37 Lakh Cr invested – indicating a cautious outlook on interest rate trends or market conditions.

Monthly Investment Insights

Tracking Flows by Market Participants

Market Participants	For the month of April						Jan, 2025 - Apr, 2025	
	Equity (Cr₹)			Debt (Cr₹)			Equity (Cr₹)	Debt (Cr₹)
	1st - 15th	16th - 30th	Total	1st - 15th	16th - 30th	Total		
FPI	(33,927)	38,150	4,223	(14,808)	(9,576)	(24,384)	(112,351)	24,493
DII	25,637	2,592	28,228	-	-	-	217,259	-
Mutual Funds	19,225	(1,163)	18,063	10,489	(34,343)	(23,854)	137,074	(221,988)

*DII investments include MFs Investments.

Source: NSDL, SEBI, NSE

Mapping FPI Investments: Sector-wise Insights in Indian Equities

Sector Shuffle: FPIs Rotate Aggressively Across Sectors in April

April 2025 witnessed a sharp shift in Foreign Portfolio Investors' (FPI) equity allocation, with a clear preference for domestic-facing and policy-driven sectors while exiting global and tech-heavy names.

❖ Sectors That Attracted FPI Flows

- **Financial Services** saw a massive comeback, with FPIs reversing ₹4,501 Cr outflows in the first half with a whopping ₹22,910 Cr inflow in the second half, **ending April with ₹18,409 Cr — the highest among all sectors.**
- **Telecom** attracted ₹4,648 Cr, driven by digital growth themes.
- **FMCG and Consumer Services** also gained favor, pulling in ₹2,917 Cr and ₹1,797 Cr respectively, with strong momentum in the second half.

❖ Sectors Facing the Heat

- **IT faced the steepest selloff, with FPIs pulling out ₹15,213 Cr** amid global tech weakness and earnings concerns.
- **Metals & Mining** (₹3,403 Cr), **Automobiles** (₹3,207 Cr) and **Construction** (₹2,886 Cr) also saw heavy FPI exits, hinting at profit booking or global demand worries.
- While **Oil & Gas** witnessed ₹2,759 Cr selling in first half of April, it bounced back with ₹2,401 Cr inflow in second half, narrowing net outflows to ₹358 Cr.

Sector-Wise FPI Equity Purchases: April 2025 (Amount in Crs)				Sector-Wise FPI Equity Sales: April 2025 (Amount in Crs)			
Sector	1st - 15th	16th - 30th	Total	Sector	1st - 15th	16th - 30th	Total
Financial Services	(4,501)	22,910	18,409	Information Technology	(13,828)	(1,385)	(15,213)
Telecommunication	2,137	2,511	4,648	Metals & Mining	(2,829)	(574)	(3,403)
FMCG	587	2,330	2,917	Automobile and Auto Comp	(2,562)	(645)	(3,207)
Consumer Services	(166)	1,963	1,797	Construction	(2,461)	(425)	(2,886)
Power	29	878	907	Healthcare	(1,384)	656	(728)
Chemicals	(309)	1,184	875	Realty	(360)	(353)	(713)
Media & Entertainment	103	9	112	Oil & Gas	(2,759)	2,401	(358)
Diversified	28	5	33	Construction Materials	(612)	415	(197)

Sector-Wise FPI Equity Purchases from Jan-Apr, 25		Sector-Wise FPI Equity Sales from Jan-Apr, 25	
Sector	Amount (Crs)	Sector	Amount (Crs)
Telecommunication	15,863	Information Technology	(29,330)
Chemicals	2,150	Automobile and Auto Components	(15,863)
Media, Entertainment & Publication	760	Fast Moving Consumer Goods	(15,008)
Financial Services	743	Consumer Services	(12,465)
Textiles	415	Capital Goods	(10,535)
		Construction	(9,365)
		Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels	(8,726)
		Construction Materials	(7,708)

*All data is updated as of 30th April. DII investments include MF investments.

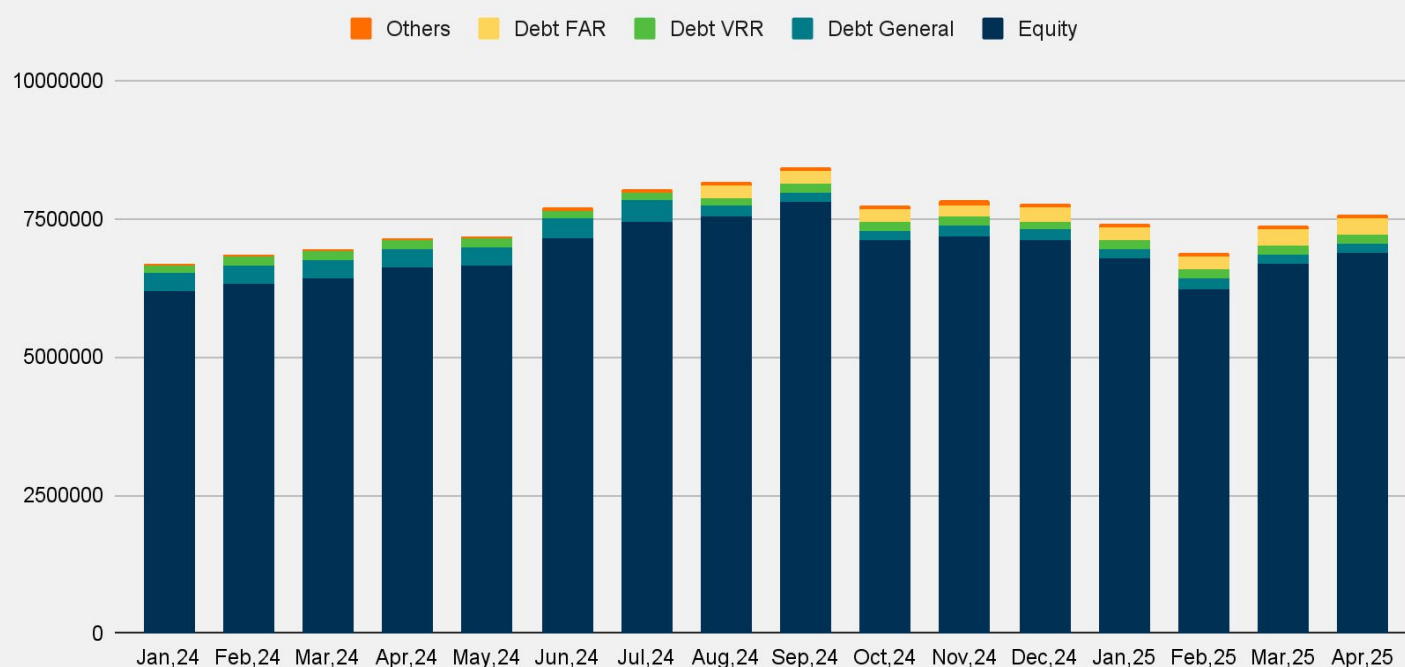
Tracking FPI's AUC in Indian Markets

April 2025 FPI Snapshot: Steady Equity Rise, Subtle Shift in Debt Preferences

Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) increased their overall Indian exposure in April 2025, taking total investments to **₹75.72 Lakh Cr**, up from ₹73.76 lakh crore in March. The incremental rise of nearly **₹1.96 Lakh Cr** highlights a continued commitment to Indian markets, though with nuanced shifts across asset classes.

- **Equity Holdings** climbed to **₹68.94 lakh Cr**, gaining over ₹86,000 Cr from March. This reflects the return of FPI confidence in Indian equities — aligned with the sharp second-half equity buying seen across financials, telecom, and consumption sectors.
- **Debt General** saw a mild pullback, dropping from ₹1.82 Lakh Cr to ₹1.70 Lakh Cr, indicating risk-off sentiment in traditional debt instruments.
- **Debt FAR (Fully Accessible Route)** slightly reduced to ₹2.80 Lakh Cr — down from ₹2.83 Lakh Cr — perhaps due to yield movements or tactical shifts.

Asset Under Custody(AUC) of FPIs (INR Cr)

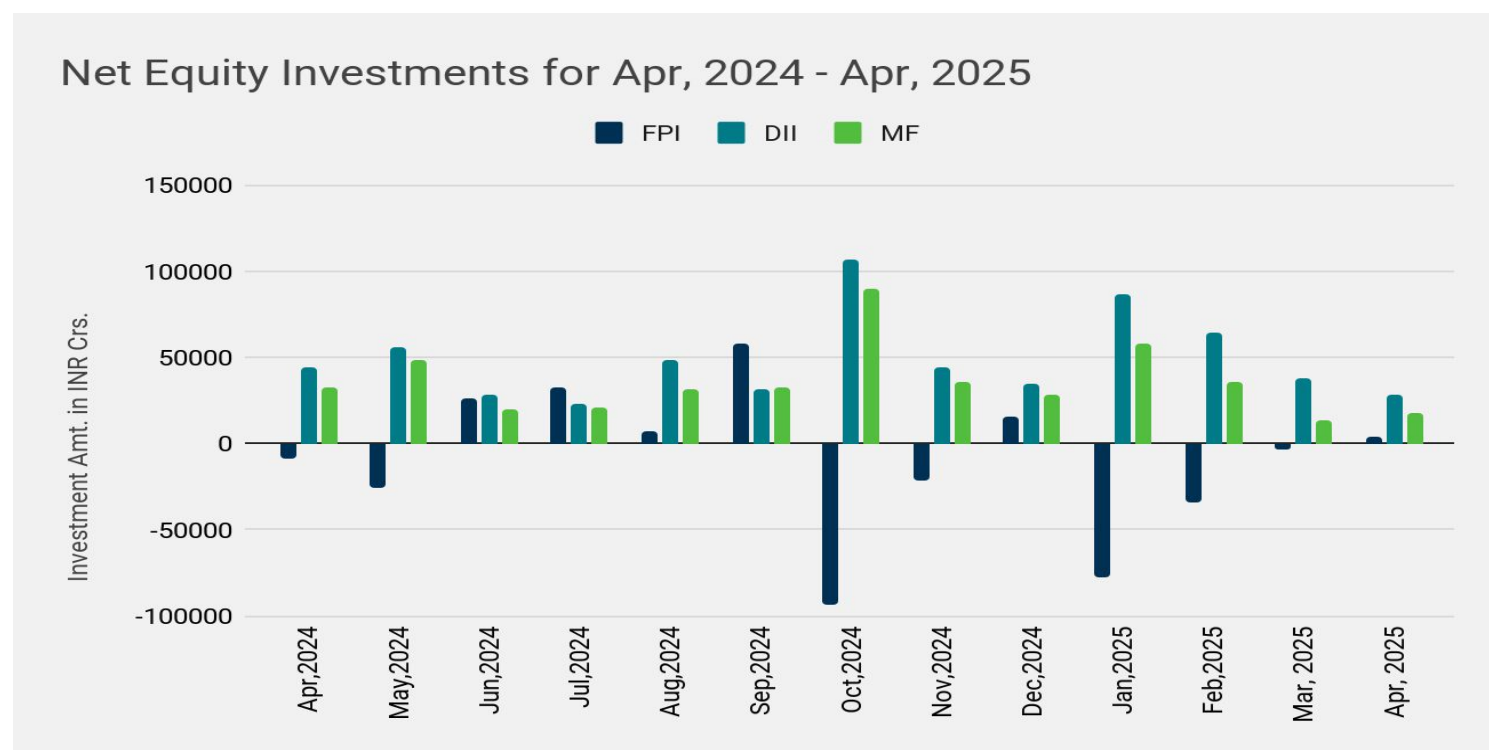


Indian Benchmark Indices: Tracking Performance

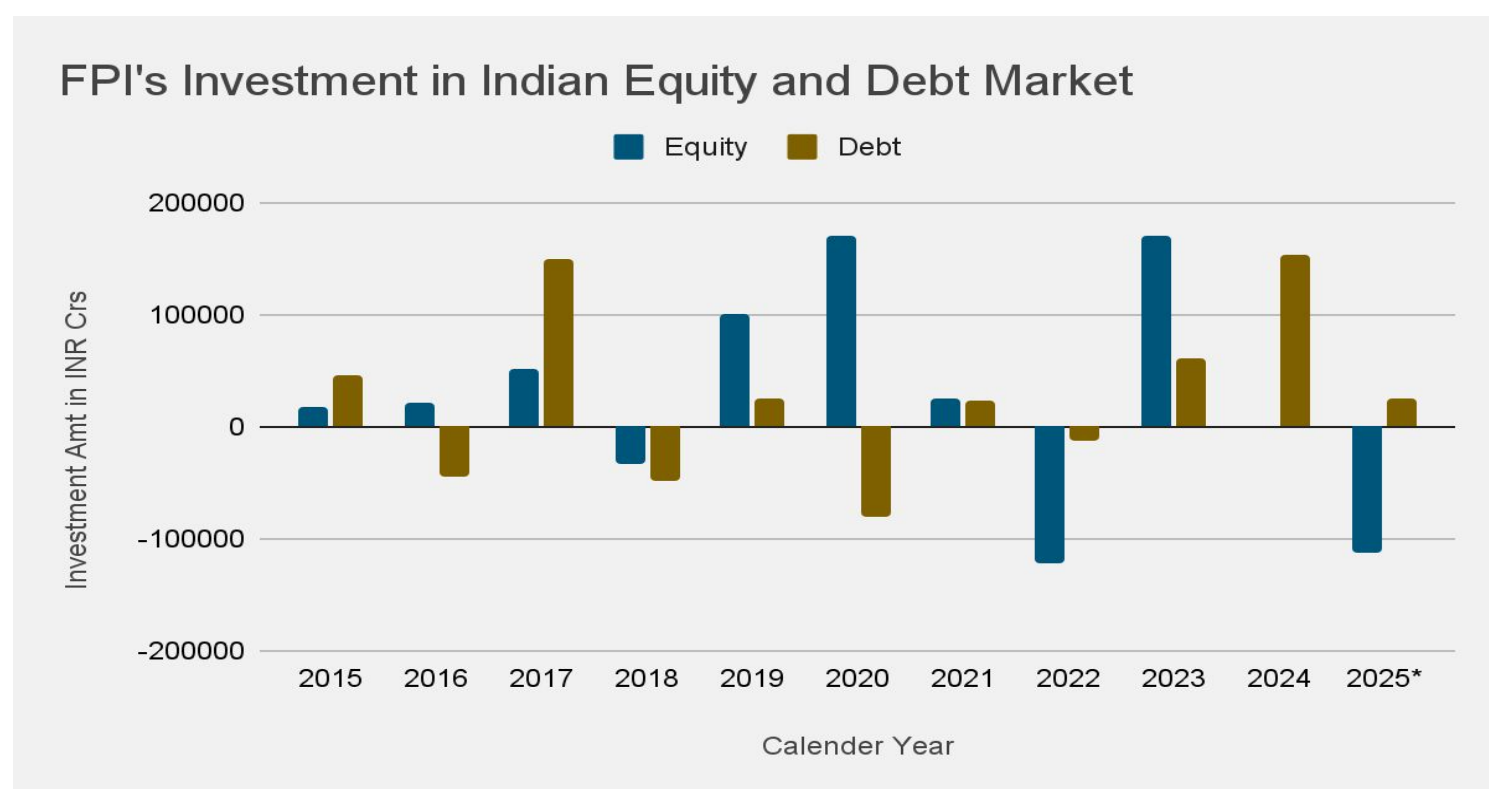
Absolute Returns: A Snapshot of Indices Performance(%)

Benchmark	April	YTD
Sensex	3.65	2.69
Nifty 50	3.46	2.92
Nifty Midcap 150	3.94	(6.00)
Nifty Smallcap 250	1.69	(13.48)

Equity Investment Breakdown by Participant



FPI's Strategic Investments in Equity and Debt Markets



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Source: NSDL, SEBI