

April Market Pulse: Fortnightly Investment Insights

April Fortnight Review: FPIs Sell Aggressively Across Equity & Debt, DIIs and MFs Provide Support

- ❖ **FPI Selling Deepens in April, But Domestic Liquidity Keeps Market Resilient**
 - **FPIs Stay Risk-Off in Early April:** FPIs remained aggressive sellers in Indian equities during the first half of April 2026, recording net outflows of ₹48,139 Cr between 1st-15th April. Selling was consistent, with only one buying day in nine trading sessions, reflecting continued caution toward Indian markets. While primary market flows stayed positive at ₹726 Cr, the pressure came from the secondary market, where FPIs sold ₹48,865 Cr, signalling sustained risk-off sentiment in listed equities. Despite aggressive FPI selling, domestic liquidity and sharp index recovery kept market sentiment resilient in the first half of April.
 - **FPI Debt Selling Spikes:** FPI debt flows also turned sharply negative, with outflows of ₹15,579 Cr in the first half of April – the highest debt selling since April 2025. This shows that foreign investors remained cautious not only on equities but also on Indian fixed income amid global yield and currency pressures.
 - **FPIs Remain Net Sellers in CY2026:** In CY2026 so far, FPIs have sold ₹1,79,261 Cr in Indian equities, reflecting continued foreign risk-off sentiment. However, their debt flows remain marginally positive at ₹756 Cr, indicating limited support from fixed income despite heavy equity outflows.
- ❖ **DIIs Stay Strong Buyers in April; Domestic Flows Cushion FPI Pressure**
 - **DII Buying Remains Robust:** Domestic Institutional Investors continued their strong buying momentum in the first half of April 2026, with net equity purchases of ₹37,846 Cr during 1st-15th April. For CY2026 so far, DIIs have invested a strong ₹2,88,450 Cr in Indian equities, reinforcing their role as the key stabilising force in the market.
- ❖ **Mutual Funds Stay Supportive in April**
 - **MF Equity Buying Holds Firm:** Mutual Funds remained net buyers in equities during 1st-15th April 2026, investing ₹18,402 Cr. On a CY2026-to-date basis, MFs have invested ₹1,70,925 Cr in equities, providing a strong domestic cushion amid continued FPI selling pressure.

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Tracking Investments of Market Participants

Market Participants	For the Period 1st Apr, 2026 to 15th Apr, 2026		For the Period 1st Jan, 2026 to 15th Apr, 2026	
	Equity (Cr)	Debt (Cr)	Equity (Cr)	Debt (Cr)
FPI	(48,139)	(15,579)	(179,261)	756
DII	37,846	-	288,450	-
Mutual Funds	18,402	38,020	170,925	(279,105)

*DII investments include MF Investments. Data updated till 15th April

Absolute Returns: A Snapshot of Indices Performance(%)

Benchmark	First Half of April	CY2026 YTD
Sensex	8.57	(8.34)
Nifty 50	8.51	(7.26)
Nifty Midcap 150	11.39	(2.84)
Nifty Smallcap 250	12.34	(3.80)

Mapping FPI Investments: Sector-wise Insights in Indian Equities

FPIs Stay Highly Risk-Off in First Half of April; Financials See Heavy Unwind, Buying Limited to Power

- ❖ **FPI Selling: Financial Services Leads the Outflows**
 - During **1st–15th April 2026**, FPI selling was heavily concentrated in **Financial Services**, which saw massive outflows of **₹19,152 Cr**, making it the biggest drag during the fortnight. Selling was also strong in **Consumer Services (₹5,336 Cr)** and **Healthcare (₹4,481 Cr)**, followed by **Automobile & Auto Components (₹3,704 Cr)**, **Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels (₹3,352 Cr)**, **FMCG (₹2,976 Cr)**, **Telecommunication (₹2,492 Cr)** and **Realty (₹1,917 Cr)**. This reflects a broad-based risk-off trend, with FPIs reducing exposure across key large-cap and consumption-linked sectors.
- ❖ **FPI Buying: Selective and Very Limited**
 - On the buy side, FPI interest remained extremely selective, with **Power** attracting **₹601 Cr** of inflows. Other buying was negligible, with **Diversified** at **₹5 Cr** and **Utilities** at **₹4 Cr**, indicating that FPIs largely stayed away from fresh sectoral allocations during the fortnight.
- ❖ **CY2026 FPI Flow Snapshot Till 15th Apr: Financials Face Heavy Selling, Capital Goods & Metals Remain Preferred Bets**
 - On the sell side, **CY2026 till 15th April** continues to be dominated by heavy FPI selling in **Financial Services (₹79,981 Cr)**, making it the biggest drag. Persistent outflows were also seen in **Information Technology (₹21,983 Cr)**, **FMCG (₹17,843 Cr)**, **Consumer Services (₹17,162 Cr)**, **Automobile & Auto Components (₹16,210 Cr)**, **Healthcare (₹15,610 Cr)**, **Telecommunication (₹14,753 Cr)** and **Realty (₹8,531 Cr)**, keeping the overall FPI stance cautious.
 - On the buy side, FPIs remained selective, favouring **Capital Goods (₹17,716 Cr)** and **Metals & Mining (₹12,801 Cr)**, reflecting preference for **capex** and **cyclical** themes. Smaller inflows were seen in **Power (₹3,010 Cr)**, while **Forest Materials (₹4 Cr)** saw negligible buying.

Sector-Wise FPI Equity Purchases: 1st–15th Apr 2026		Sector-Wise FPI Equity Sales: 1st–15th Apr 2026	
Sector	Amount (Cr)	Sector	Amount (Cr)
Power	601	Financial Services	(19,152)
Diversified	5	Consumer Services	(5,336)
Utilities	4	Healthcare	(4,481)
		Automobile and Auto Components	(3,704)
		Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels	(3,352)
		Fast Moving Consumer Goods	(2,976)
		Telecommunication	(2,492)
		Realty	(1,917)
Sector-Wise FPI Equity Purchases in Jan-*Apr, 2026		Sector-Wise FPI Equity Sales in Jan-*Apr, 2026	
Sector	Amount (Cr)	Sector	Amount (Cr)
Capital Goods	17,716	Financial Services	(79,981)
Metals & Mining	12,801	Information Technology	(21,983)
Power	3,010	Fast Moving Consumer Goods	(17,843)
Forest Materials	4	Consumer Services	(17,162)
		Automobile and Auto Components	(16,210)
		Healthcare	(15,610)
		Telecommunication	(14,753)
		Realty	(8,531)

*All data considered till 15th April

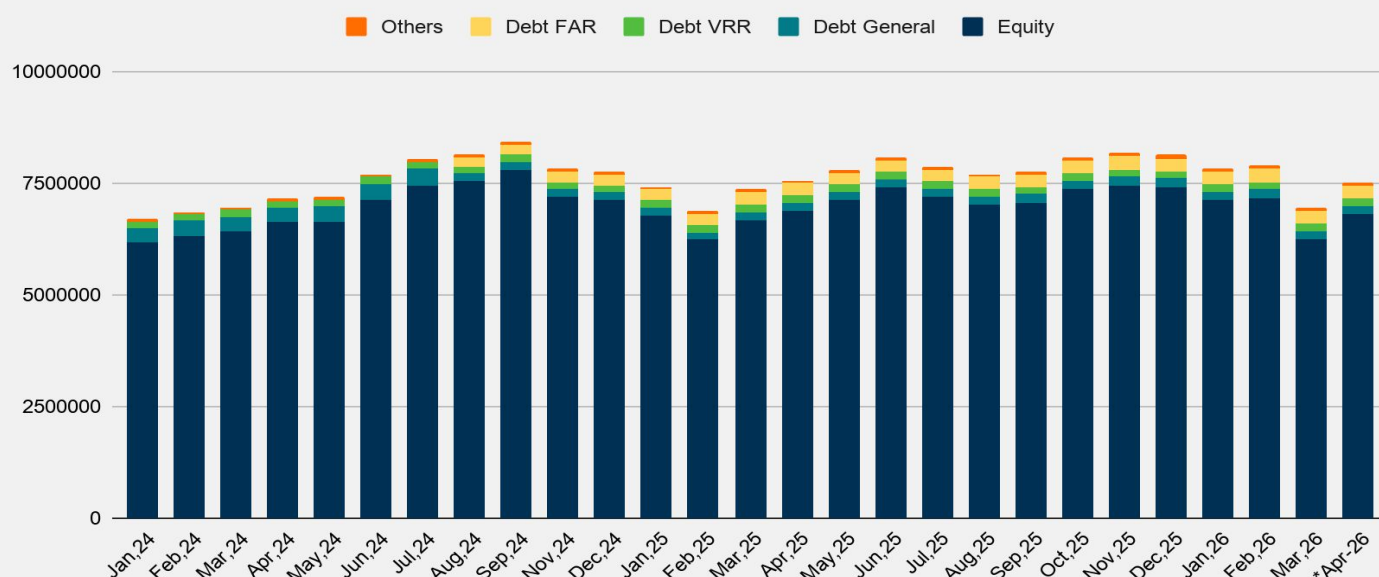
Tracking FPI's AUC in Indian Markets

FPI AUC Rebounds in First Half of April; Equity Recovery Drives Custody Gains

- ❖ Foreign Portfolio Investors' **Assets Under Custody (AUC)** rose to **₹75.17 Lakh Cr** till **15th Apr 2026** from **₹69.57 Lakh Cr** in **Mar 2026**, marking an increase of **₹5.60 Lakh Cr** or **8.05%**. The recovery was mainly led by equities, where **Equity AUC** increased to **₹68.18 Lakh Cr** from **₹62.47 Lakh Cr**, rising **₹5.72 Lakh Cr** or **9.16%**. This increase came despite continued FPI selling, as **benchmark equity indices** gained nearly **8%-12%** in the **first half of April**, lifting custody values.
- ❖ On the debt side, AUC showed a mild decline. **Debt General** fell to **₹1.85 Lakh Cr** from **₹1.90 Lakh Cr**, **Debt VRR** moderated to **₹1.65 Lakh Cr** from **₹1.68 Lakh Cr**, while **Debt FAR** slipped to **₹2.78 Lakh Cr** from **₹2.85 Lakh Cr**. Overall, the April recovery in FPI AUC was **largely equity-led**, while debt custody remained slightly under pressure.
- ❖ **FPI Equity AUC** rose across key sectors in **Apr'26**, led by **Financial Services (+₹2,13,191 Cr)**, followed by **Capital Goods (+₹57,256 Cr)** and **Automobile (+₹45,414 Cr)**. The rise was broad-based, with **IT, Telecom, Healthcare** and **Oil & Gas** also seeing improved custody values amid the April market rebound.

Asset Under Custody (AUC) of FPIs (INR Cr)				Key Sectoral Breakdown of FPI Equity AUC (INR Cr)			
Segment	*Apr,26	Mar,26	Change	Sector	*Apr,26	Mar,26	Change
Equity	6,818,461	6,246,544	571,917	Financial Services	2,117,909	1,904,718	213,191
Debt General	184,602	189,539	(4,937)	Automobile	515,850	470,436	45,414
Debt VRR	165,040	167,833	(2,793)	Oil & Gas	497,919	491,929	5,990
**Corporate Bonds	125,924	131,941	(6,017)	Capital Goods	469,483	412,227	57,256
Debt FAR	277,630	284,562	(6,932)	Healthcare	452,367	444,362	8,005
Others	71,451	68,628	2,823	IT	422,630	392,065	30,565
Total	7,517,184	6,957,106	560,078	Telecom	355,425	343,422	12,003

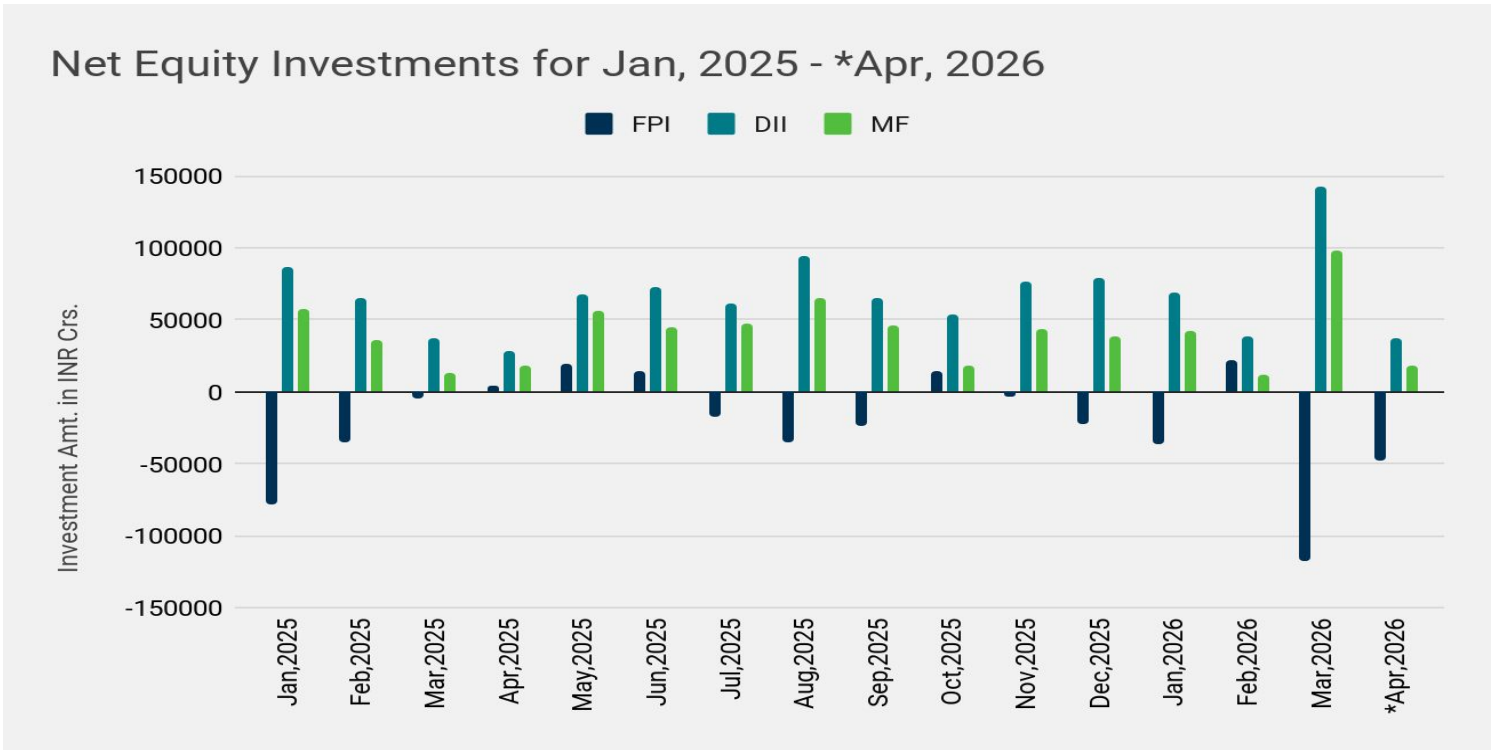
Asset Under Custody(AUC) of FPIs (INR Cr)



**Corporate bond figures are already included within Debt General and Debt VRR; they are shown separately only for category-wise reporting.

*All data is updated till 15th April.

Equity Investment Breakdown by Participant



FPI's Strategic Investments in Equity and Debt Markets



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Source: NSDL, SEBI