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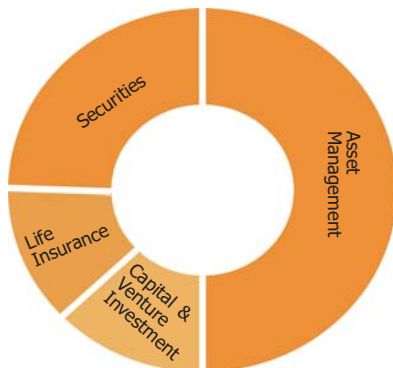
Mirae Asset Management Company

Key Facts:

- ❖ A fast growing organization, established in 1997
- ❖ Managing assets over USD 132 billion*
- ❖ One of the world's largest investors in Asian equities
- ❖ One of the largest investment teams in Asia with 340 dedicated professionals
- ❖ Managing more than 280 schemes globally
- ❖ Over 13500 employees worldwide

*As on 31 December, 2007

Corporate Profile:



Mirae Asset Financial Group is Korea's leading Financial Services provider.

It offers a broad range of services including asset management, wealth management, life insurance and investment banking.

Head-quartered in Seoul, Mirae Asset has asset management operations in Hong Kong, Singapore, United Kingdom, India, Luxembourg and Vietnam with plans for further international expansion.

Leadership through performance:

Mirae Asset has established a clear leadership in the Korean mutual funds industry amidst presence of some of the top global fund managers.

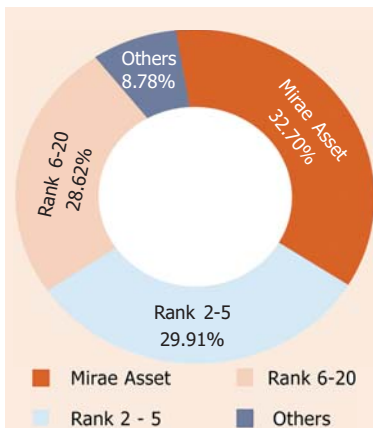
Ranking by Assets under management		USD Million	
Rank	Company	AUM	M/S (%)
1	Mirae Asset IMC^	56,966	17.76
2	Samsung Investment Trust Management	23,478	7.32
3	Hana UBS Asset Management	21,011	6.55
4	Korea Investment Trust	18,404	5.74
5	Shinhan BNP Paribas Investment	16,041	5.00

*As on 31st Dec, 2007 ^Includes Mirae Asset MAPS

Source: Asset Management Association of Korea

The Equity Specialist:

Mirae Asset is the undisputed leader in the Korean Equity funds segment with a 32.7% market share which is more than the combined market share of the 2nd - 5th ranked players.



*As on 31 December, 2007

Fund Performance:

Mirae Asset has consistently recorded sterling performance across several of its funds as shown in the table given below:

Classification / Funds	Inception date	AUM (USD Mn)	1 Y (%)		Since inception (%)	
			Fund	BM	Fund	BM
Discovery Equity	Jul-01	1,863	61.61	30.76	783.87	224.67
Independence Equity	Feb-01	2,210	46.81	30.76	705.88	211.07
Asia Pacific Star Equity	Feb-05	242	39.68	34.24	101.90	79.09
China Discovery Fund	Oct-05	1,363	65.62	52.76	174.69	118.89
KorChindia Focus 7 Equity	Jan-07	758	-	-	70.10	54.64
India Sector Leader Equity Master	Jun-06	741	92.53	72.46	180.56	167.45

Source: Mirae Asset Investments

The above funds are offered by Mirae Asset IMC, South Korea.

For more information on MUTUAL FUNDS contact: 1800-425-8283

Mirae Asset India Opportunities Fund

Mirae Asset India Opportunities Fund (MAIOF) is an open ended equity oriented scheme which would seek to maximize on opportunities presented by the growing Indian economy. The fund is uniquely positioned so that it can strive to capitalize on these opportunities at all points of time over changing market conditions. The fund has the flexibility to invest across sectors & industries and can shift its investment focus depending on market conditions.

Fund Diagnosis:

Risk-return profile:

Structurally, this fund is comparable to an equity diversified fund which has no sector or cap bias. This fund will juggle around the sectors as well as market capitalisation on the basis of the opportunity found in sectors and market cap sizes. As the fund needs a continues hopping around cap sizes and sectors the funds capability could be put to a sternest test. (refer to the risk return grid below).

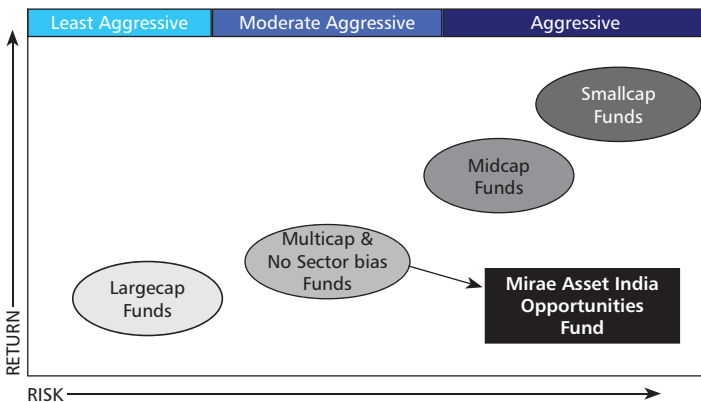
Suitability:

This fund will be suitable for investors with a reasonable appetite for risk and are looking to bag returns under all market scenarios.

Preferred investment duration:

These kind of funds are expected to deliver consistent performance over a period of time as market cycles keep fluctuating. So, investment duration of over three years is recommended.

Risk-Return Grid:



Maximise opportunities under different market conditions.

Mirae Asset India Opportunities Fund
(An open-ended equity oriented scheme)

NFO closes 10th March
Units available at Rs 10 plus applicable load

MIRAE ASSET
Mutual Fund

Snapshot

Offer period	Feb 11, 2008 to Mar 10, 2008
Offer price	Rs. 10
Investment objective	To achieve long - term capital appreciation by investing in equity and equity related securities
Benchmark	BSE 200
Scheme type	Open-Ended Equity Scheme
Plans offered	Growth & Dividend
Options available	Regular and Institutional
Minimum investment	Rs. 5 000 and in multiples of Rs. 1 thereafter
Entry load	Regular Plan: For Amount <= Rs. 5 Crs – 2.25% : For Amount > Rs. 5 Crs – NIL Institutional Plan: For Amount > Rs. 5 Crs – NIL
Exit load	Regular Plan: For Amount <= Rs. 5 Crs – 1% (within 6 months), 0.5% (between 6 and 12 months). : For Amount > Rs. 5 Crs – NIL Institutional Plan: For Amount > Rs. 5 Crs – NIL
Fund Manager	Mr. Gopal Agarwal

Source: Mirae AMC

Investment Philosophy

- ❖ Disciplined and consistent investment approach
- ❖ Actively manage a portfolio with 40-45 stocks
- ❖ A prudent bottom-up stock picking process supported by extensive research and valuation analyses
- ❖ Exploit market inefficiencies and take a long-term view without following the market
- ❖ Portfolio Composition: Core 60-70% & Tactical 30-40%

All the above mentioned reasons are expected to bring in lot of investment and revenue to the entire infrastructure theme.

Source: Planning Commission

Why should one invest in Mirae Asset India Opportunities Fund?

- The fund seeks to maximise returns by focusing on high performing sectors with the flexibility to switch between them.
- The fund can diversify across sectors, investment styles and market caps thereby increase the possibility of higher and consistent alpha.
- The fund is backed by Mirae Asset's intense research-driven investment approach and robust risk management system.

Proposed asset allocation:

Equity & equity-related instruments – Domestic Companies	65 - 100%
Debt & Money market instruments (Including and upto 25% in securitised debt)	0 - 35%

Source: Mirae AMC

Please read the offer document/prospectus carefully before investing in this fund

For information on KARVY FINANCIAL PLANNING contact: 1800-425-8283

6. INVESTMENT DETAILS (Please ✓)

Lumpsum Payment

Please fill up section on payment details below

& / OR

Systematic Investment Payment (SIP)

Available only in Regular Plan. Please fill up the enclosed SIP Auto Debit (ECS) Form and submit it along with this Application Form duly signed

Please issue 2 separate cheque in case you are opting for Lumpsum Payment as well as SIP

Plan [Please (✓) in box provided]	Options [Please (✓)]
Regular (Min. Rs.5000/-)	Growth <input type="radio"/> Dividend – Payout <input type="radio"/> Reinvestment <input type="radio"/> Transfer <input type="radio"/>
Institutional (Min. Rs. 5 Crores)	(Please Specify Scheme / Plan)

Default Option is Growth. In case of Dividend default is Reinvestment. Under the Dividend Transfer option, an investor can transfer the amount of dividend declared and paid by the Plan / Scheme to any other scheme (available at the time of making application), the minimum investment limit of the Scheme will not be applicable to such transfer and reinvestment.

7. PAYMENT DETAILS [Payment through Cash / Non-MICR Cheques / Outstation Cheques not accepted]

Cheque / DD to be made in favour of 'Mirae Asset India Opportunities Fund'	A/c. Type Please (✓)	SAVINGS <input type="radio"/> NRE <input type="radio"/> CURRENT <input type="radio"/> NRO <input type="radio"/> FCNR <input type="radio"/>
Cheque / DD No. <input type="text"/>	Cheque / DD Date <input type="text"/>	*Kindly provide photocopy of the payment instrument or Foreign Inward Remittance Certificate (FIRC) evidencing source of funds
Drawn on Bank <input type="text"/>	Branch Name <input type="text"/>	Branch City <input type="text"/>
(I) Net Amount - DD/CHEQUE	(Rs. in figures)	(Rs. in words)
(II) DD Charges (N.A. for Cheque)	(Rs. in figures)	(Rs. in words)
Total Amount (I+II)	(Rs. in figures)	(Rs. in words)

8. COMMUNICATION

Please tick (✓) I / We wish to receive Account Statements / Annual Reports / Quarterly Statements / Newsletter / Updates or any other Statutory Information via E-mail / SMS alerts in lieu of Physical Documents.

I/We wish to transact On-line through Mirae Asset e-Fund Market Facility

10. NOMINATION DETAILS [Minor / HUF / POA Holder / Non Individuals cannot Nominate - Refer Instruction No. 8]

I/We _____ do here by nominate the undermentioned Nominee to receive the units to my / our credit in this folio no. in the event of my / our death. I / We also understand that all payments and settlements made to such Nominee and Signature of the Nominee acknowledging receipt thereof, shall be a valid discharge by the AMC / Mutual Fund / Trustees.

Nominee's Name	<input type="text"/>	DATE OF BIRTH (Mandatory in case of Minor)	D <input type="text"/> D <input type="text"/> / M <input type="text"/> M <input type="text"/> / Y <input type="text"/> Y <input type="text"/> Y <input type="text"/>
Name of Guardian	In case Nominee is a Minor (Other than the applicant)		
Mailing Address	(Please provide address only if its different from mailing address as given in point 4)		
Relationship	<input type="text"/>	Signature of Guardian / Nominee	<input type="text"/>

*Please submit separate request for multiple nominations.

11. DECLARATION AND SIGNATURES / THUMB IMPRESSION OF APPLICANT(S) [Refer Instructions 2(f)]

Having read and understood the contents of the offer Document of the Scheme, I/We hereby apply for units of the scheme and agree to abide by the terms, conditions, rules and regulations governing the scheme. I/We hereby declare that the amount invested in the scheme is through legitimate sources only and does not involve and is not designed for the purpose of the contravention of any Act, Rules, Regulations, Notifications or Directions of the provisions of the Income Tax Act, Anti Money Laundering Laws or any other applicable laws enacted by the Government of India from time to time. I/We have understood the details of the scheme and I/We have not received nor have been induced by any rebate or gifts, directly or indirectly in making this investment. I / We confirm that the funds invested in the Scheme, legally belong to me/ us. I/We confirm that I/We have read and understood the 'Know Your Customer' (KYC) norms as mentioned under the General Instructions in point 2(e) of this Key Information Memorandum.

Applicable to NRIs only:- I/We confirm that I am/We are Non-Resident of Indian Nationality/Origin and I/We hereby confirm that the funds for subscription have been remitted from abroad through normal banking channels or from funds in my/our Non-Resident External / Ordinary Account/FCNR Account. I/We undertake that all additional purchases made under this folio will also be from funds received from abroad through approved banking channels or from funds in my/ our NRE/FCNR Account.

Applicable to Foreign Resident's Residing in India: I/We confirm that I/We satisfy the Residency test as prescribed under FEMA provisions. I/We further declare that I/We am/ are "Person Resident in India" and are allowed to invest into the Scheme as per the said FEMA regulations.

I/We confirm that details provided by me/us are true and correct.

Signature of 1 st Applicant / Guardian / Authorised Signatory / PoA	Signature of 2 nd Applicant / Authorised Signatory / PoA	Signature of 3 rd Applicant / Authorised Signatory / PoA
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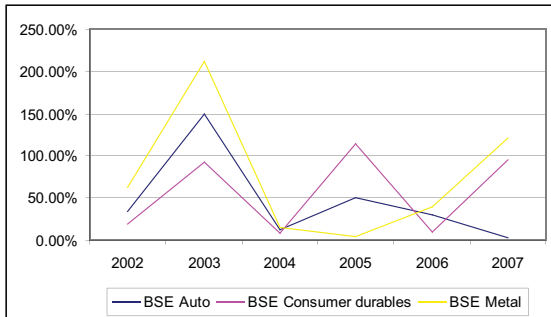
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Contd ... Mirae Asset India Opportunities Fund

Why Flexible approach in investing?

The fund has the flexibility to invest across sectors & industries. It can also shift its investment focus depending on market conditions. This is critical considering that different sectors tend to outperform each other at different points of time.



Source: MFI explorer

As exemplified by the above graph, no single sector or industry has outperformed others consistently over a period of time. e.g. the BSE Consumer Durables index was among the best out performers in 2005, however, it fared among the worst in 2006. Similarly BSE Metal index which performed poorly in 2005 was the best relative performer in 2007. As such, any fund focusing on a specific sector or industry can benefit from the same only for a select duration of time. In comparison, MAIOF can shift across sectors & industries thus having a higher probability to maximise on opportunities at all points of time. The chart in the next page describes the worst and the best performing indices each year and this best proves the inconsistency amongst the performers.

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
BSE Auto	4.77	34.4	149.4	11.9	50.1	29.6	2.69
BSE Bankex	N.A	N.A	108.4	32.9	36.5	39.4	61.14
BSE CG	-19.6	48.0	167.8	28.4	93.6	56.4	117.32
BSE CD	-30.6	18.7	92.8	8.0	114.5	9.2	94.63
BSE FMCG	-10.5	-11.6	35.3	-4.5	55.5	17.4	19.94
BSE HC	-9.8	2.8	95.7	22.6	1.8	21.7	16.52
BSE IT	-39.2	4.03	23.4	26.4	42.7	40.8	-14.09
BSE Metal	-16.6	62.1	211.9	14.4	4.4	39.3	121.47
BSE Oil & Gas	-13.9	72.1	127.3	-0.4	40.1	40.1	115.25

Data source: MFI explorer

Note: The above values indicate absolute returns in percentages.

In addition, during periods of market volatility, the fund can diversify itself thus reducing its concentration on select sectors unlike a sector fund and hence minimise the downside risk. The blocks in red and green indicate losers and gainers respectively.

Tax Implications:

As the fund will invest at least 65% of its funds in Indian equities, it will be treated as an equity oriented fund and the tax implications are

Dividends will be completely tax-free

Short Term Capital Gain: 11.33%

Long Term Capital Gain: Nil

STT 0.25% on sale

Fund Manager:

Mr. Gopal Agarwal has done his Masters in Business Management and is also a B.E (Chemical). He has an overall experience of 13 years of which over 5 years of experience has been in the field of finance and financial related services. Mr. Agarwal is responsible for supervision and management of equity Investments. Prior to this assignment, he was a fund manager with SBI Mutual Fund. He has also been associated with organizations like Kotak Securities, HDFC Securities, IDBI Capital, UTI Securities and IPLC.

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I would like to received Karvy Bazaar Baatein at the address: _____

Tel No. _____ e mail : _____

For assistance on SIP investment in this fund contact: 1800-425-8283

Profile of the Fund Manager



Mr. Gopal Agrawal
Head of Equity
Mirae Asset Global Investment Management (India)
Private Limited

Mr. Gopal Agrawal is the Senior Fund Manager – Equity at Mirae Asset Global Investments (India) and is responsible for managing the domestic Equity funds.

Gopal has rich experience in fund management space coupled with in-depth

knowledge across various sectors such as oil & gas, petrochemicals, shipping, chemicals and fertilizers, engineering sector, metals, etc.

Gopal joined Mirae Asset Global Investments (India) from SBI Mutual Fund, where he achieved remarkable performance which ranked one of the best performing schemes in the industry as a fund manager. In the past, Mr. Agrawal has also been associated with UTI Securities, IDBI Capital, Kotak Securities and HDFC Securities as an equity analyst. Gopal is a Chemical Engineer and second ranked brain in MBM at VGSOM, IIT Kharagpur. He has a total experience of 13 years out of which 7 years is with the Indian fund management industry.

the IT industry by US sub prime continues in the near term. We believe the industry players who are providing IT services across spectrum should see less impact relative to others who are operating in specific segments of the value chain. The brighter side of the sub prime crisis is that there could be increased offshoring which in turn result in increase in volumes.

Do you believe that markets will continue to be volatile, If yes what are your strategies to mitigate the same and how do you create an opportunity out of this to offer value addition to the investors.

We believe the markets continue to be volatile in the near term. The strategy is to overweight on the stocks, which have more visibility and stability in earnings and also on the defensive sectors like consumer staples and pharma etc and continue to focus on bottom up stock picking by looking at the fundamentals of companies that should result in superior long term performance. We also seek to stagger the investments over a period of time, which should result in reduction of cost of investment, thus improves the performance of the fund.

What is your advice to the investors who have entered the market at 18,000 to 19,000 levels. Also for prospective investors?

We would advise investors to stay invested and look at every dip as a buying opportunity. This should lower their cost of investments. We believe that the long term growth story of India is intact.

Do you believe liquidity arising out of fed rate cuts will still flow into India? Pls support your opinion?

Rate differential could put upward pressure on capital flows. The capital inflows have also risen recently. After stabilizing around US\$265-275 billion over the past two months, FX reserves have shot up again, reflecting the rise in pace of capital inflows. Over the past four weeks, foreign exchange reserves have increased by US\$16.4 billion (annualized US\$213.6 billion). On a 12-month trailing basis, capital inflows have increased to an all-time high of US\$112.8 billion as of February 1, 2008 compared with US\$40.4 billion during the 12 months ended February 2, 2007.

Source: Goldman Sachs & Morgan Stanley

From the desk of the Fund Manager

What is your outlook on current markets?

The markets remain to be volatile in the short term. However, the markets should see uptrend in the medium to long term. It is expected that the Global sentiment s continue to drive the market in the near term.

Why and to what extent do you think American recession can impact Indian economy and in particular the stock markets?

We expect that the impact of the US recession on Indian economy is marginal due to following points

1. Exports account for 13% of Indian GDP with 15% of exports is going to US. This means approx. 2% of Indian GDP is exported to US.
2. It is also expected that the growth sensitivity of India with respect to US economic growth is low in comparison to other Asian countries. India's economic growth will be slowed down by 0.7% if the US economic growth is slowed down by 1%. However, the most of the other Asian countries growth rates will decline by more than 1.3 -1.5% for 1% decline in US economic growth.

Country	Growth Sensitivity*
China	-1.3%
Thailand	-1.3%
India	-0.7%
Indonesia	-1.5%
Hong Kong	-1.3%
Mexico	-1.1%

*CITI Investment Research (Data as on Dec 07)

Your view on Information Technology industry. The current downsizing does it indicate any serious slowdown in the industry?

We feel that the current downsizing may not indicate any slowdown in the industry. The real impact on the IT industry by Global recession is yet to be seen. We expect the uncertainty over the impact on

From the desk of the Fund Manager

What is your view on the commodities market, and do you see the scope for small investors to make returns?

We expect commodity prices remain bullish in 2008 as despite slower US growth. The supply tightness and the continued growth in non-US demand should keep markets tight. While energy and base metals remain the most vulnerable, a significant sell-off would likely be an overreaction and offer a good opportunity to buy, given continued global growth and a reemerging US economy in the second half of 2008. Gold should continue to benefit from uncertain times, loose monetary policy, and growing wealth in emerging economies. On the supply side, although gold production remains stable, costs continue to escalate. Agriculture is likely the most recession-proof of all asset classes. Growing demand for higher-protein diets in the emerging markets and cleaner fuel demand from the developed world, together with supply disruptions will drive up agriculture commodities prices, regardless of the global business cycle.

Your expectations on the budget?

1. Certain concessions in personal and corporate tax rates to keep up the buoyancy in tax collections and compliance
2. Government continuing to focus on infrastructure and ensuring that infra oriented sectors attract huge investments
3. Proper targeting of subsidies
4. Education sector reforms to address problems like cost of primary education which is expected to increase in the years to come, access to education in rural areas and government providing scholarships and loans to those who need it the most.

Will budget be attractive for the MF industry?

Globally, mutual funds manage large portion of pension assets/schemes for investors. We believe that the time is ripe for encouraging pension

funds in India. Also we believe that restrictions on PSUs investing in mutual funds could be eased. Currently, PSU companies enjoying navratna and miniratna status can park upto 30 per cent of their surplus funds only in PSU equity mutual funds. We expect that the budget would address these issues which can expand the investor base for the Indian Mutual Fund industry, where the savings pool, which is lying in pension, PSU treasury, will be made available to the industry. We expect more clarity in the budget on the new investment avenues for the industry like Real Estate Mutual Funds, REITs and Short-Selling of equities.

Do you still believe that mutual funds can outperform the market indices?

Historically Mutual Funds have outperformed market indices over the long term. However, 2006 was an aberration where the Sensex returned 47.8 per cent, while diversified equity funds on an average returned only around 35 per cent. Much of the action in 2006 was in the large cap space, while funds were largely invested in mid- and small caps. So, for fund investors looking for the alpha it seemed that the year ahead 2007 could again turn out be sluggish. But 2007 has proved a fabulous year for mutual funds in general, and diversified equity funds in particular. According to Business Today, out of a total of 159 funds active in the market, an overwhelming 81 per cent of them or 129 funds outperformed the Sensex in 2007. On average, too, the diversified equity funds did far better than the market, returning 54.07 per cent against the Sensex's 46.83 per cent. As majority of the stocks participated in the broadbased rally witnessed in 2007, diversified equity funds with a mix of large, mid and small cap stocks performed exceedingly well. Like 2007, if more than three-fourth of equity funds outperform, we believe that fund investors will be more than happy in 2008.

Current NFOs

Scheme Name	Opening Date	Closing Date
ICICI Pru. Fusion Fund Series - III	08/01/2008	21/02/2008
HDFC Infrastructure Fund	08/01/2008	21/02/2008
HSBC Emerging Market Fund	28/01/2008	25/02/2008
HSBC Small Cap Fund	19/01/2008	03/03/2008
Morgan Stanley A.C.E. Fund	11/02/2008	10/03/2008
Birla Sunlife Pure Value Fund	17/01/2008	01/03/2008

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Ahead of Emerging Trends

MIRAE ASSET

Are your investments in the past or future? Looking to the future, the world's economic output is shifting towards the rising new markets of Asia, Eastern Europe and Latin America. As an emerging engine of the global economy, these markets have tremendous potential and investment opportunities. Mirae Asset is recognized as a leading asset management group in Asia and is rapidly expanding its reach to other emerging markets. Mirae Asset can help bring your assets into the future with its advanced global networks and proven investment strategies.



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