



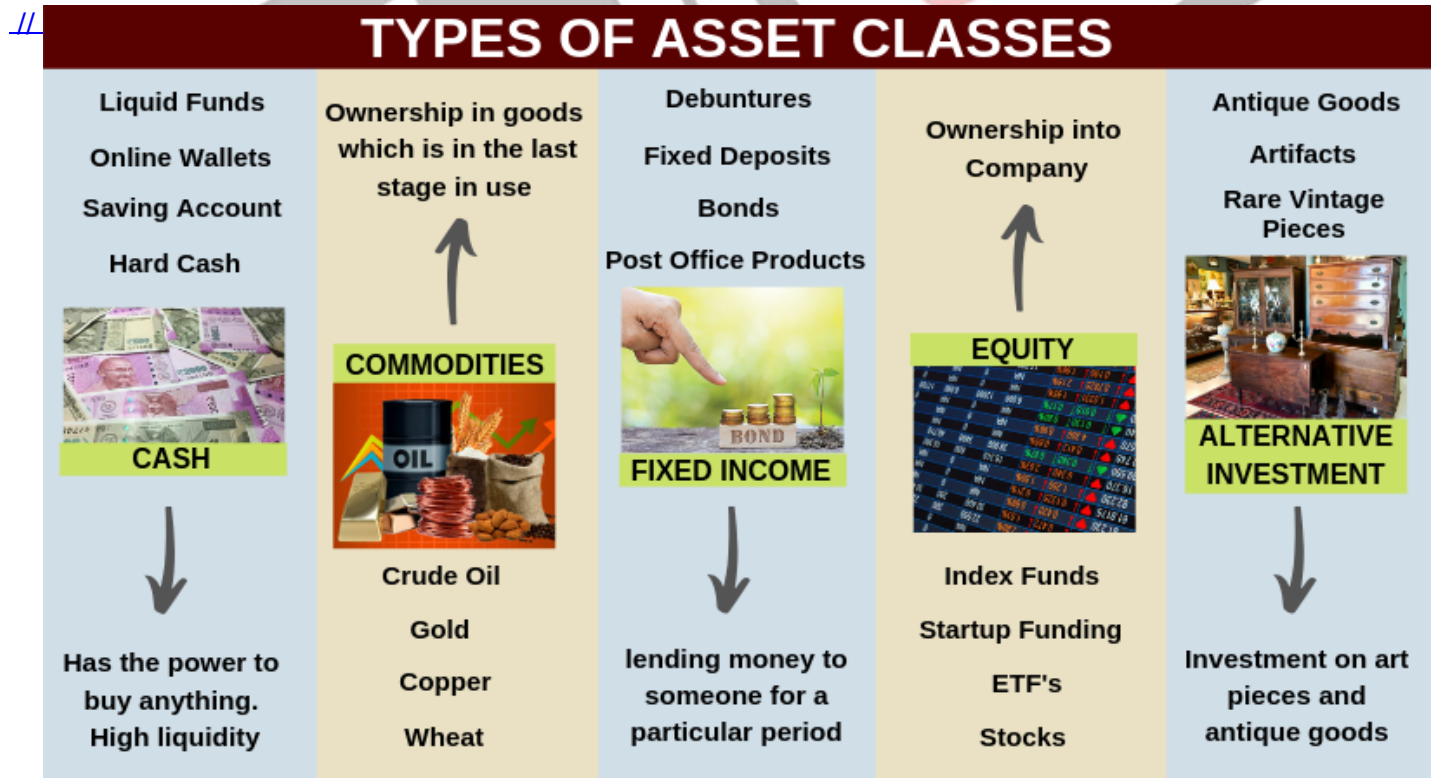
SEBI Introduced Specialised Investment Funds (SIFs)

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SEBI has introduced a new asset class called **Specialised Investment Fund (SIF)**. It is designed for informed investors willing to take on riskier investments.

Specialised Investment Fund (SIF):

- SIF bridges the gap between [mutual funds \(MFs\)](#) and [portfolio management services \(PMS\)](#).
- It requires a minimum investment of Rs 10 lakh, with lower thresholds for accredited investors. SIFs will offer open-ended, close-ended, and interval investment strategies.
- **Asset Class:**
 - It is a **group of investments** that share **similar characteristics** and are governed by the **same regulations**.
 - **Example:** [Equities \(stocks\)](#), fixed income ([bonds](#)), cash and cash equivalents, [real estate](#), commodities, and currencies.



- **MFs:** These are investment vehicles that pool money from multiple investors to purchase securities such as **bonds, stocks**, or a combination of both.

- **PMS:** It provides **personalized investment management**, where a **dedicated portfolio manager** tailors strategies to an investor's specific needs, risk tolerance, and financial goals.
 - Unlike MFs, **PMS offers customized portfolios**, with professional management based on in-depth research.
 - It typically **targets high-net-worth individuals** and involves **higher fees**.
- **SEBI also introduced Mutual Fund Lite regulations (a simplified regulatory system) to facilitate the passively managed funds schemes such as [exchange traded funds \(ETFs\)](#) and [index funds](#) by encouraging more players to enter the mutual fund market by reducing compliance burdens and easing entry barriers.**

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