

Not much to bank on

Banking funds have been under pressure this year. Interestingly though, bank ETFs have beaten banking funds over the past six-month and one-year periods. We do some number crunching



Banking funds underperform

Scheme name	(in %)	
	6-month absolute	1-year absolute
SBI Banking & Financial Services	3.03	6.95
Taurus Banking & Financial Services	0.55	2.25
Sahara Banking & Financial Services	0.52	4.83
Baroda Pioneer Banking & Fin Serv	-2.38	-0.56
Tata Banking & Financial Services	-2.59	-5.56
Invesco India Financial Services	-3.39	-1.61
Reliance Banking	-3.67	-2.20
Aditya Birla SL Banking & Financial Services	-3.96	-5.18
ICICI Pru Banking & Financial Services	-4.26	-4.54
Sundaram Fin Serv Opportunities	-4.39	-4.07
UTI Banking & Financial Services	-6.19	-5.64
LIC MF Banking & Fina Serv	-9.74	-12.74
Nifty Bank TRI	3.71	5.59
Nifty Finance TRI	3.64	8.01
S&P BSE BANKEX TRI	2.59	4.87

Bank ETFs outshine

	(in %)	
Reliance ETF Bank BeES	2.85	5.45
SBI ETF Nifty Bank	2.82	5.40
Kotak Banking ETF	2.81	5.38
But PSU bank ETFs tumble		
Kotak PSU Bank ETF	-7.36	-10.36
Reliance ETF PSU Bank BeES	-7.37	-10.41

The key holdings

	(in %)*
SBI Banking & Financial Services	
ICICI Bank	12.24
HDFC Bank	10.73
Axis Bank	9.69
AU Small Finance Bank	8.26
Muthoot Capital Services	5.46
Reliance Banking	
HDFC Bank	14.38
ICICI Bank	13.89
State Bank of India	10.46
Bharat Financial Inclusion	5.40
Axis Bank	4.87
LIC MF Banking & Financial Services	
ICICI Bank	9.65
City Union Bank	9.46
Axis Bank	9.34
Dewan Housing Finance Corporation	8.14
Cholamandalam Investment & Finance	7.99

*as of August 31, 2018