Investor's Brief – October 2026

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I. Monthly Wrap

1. **1.95% gain in Nifty** in October 2026 was led by an IT rebound, ending a two-month losing streak. Nifty IT index rose +17.7%. However, Midcaps & Small Caps fell by -3.75% and -5.81% respectively.

2. **FII flows** - Foreign portfolio investors sold about ₹48,000 crore of Indian equities in October, taking **2026 outflows to a record ₹3.08 lakh crore against ₹1.66 lakh crore in all of 2025**.

3. **Oil** - Brent rose about 13% to roughly $115-117 a barrel, its fourth straight monthly gain, on Houthi attacks on Saudi infrastructure and a tanker attack near the Strait of Hormuz. Credit rating agency ICRA estimates every $10 widens the current account deficit by 0.3% of GDP.

4. **Interest rate increases** - RBI raised Repo rate by 25 bps to 5.50% with a 6-0 unanimous vote by the MPC – the first hike since Feb 2023. Importantly, the stance changed from neutral to 'calibrated tightening', signalling future rate cuts might not happen in the next few months.

5. **Jio Platforms IPO** - The ₹30,200 crore issue, priced at ₹1,119 and billed as India's largest ever, listed on 28th Oct at ₹1,358, a 21.4% premium. Its market value topped ₹12 lakh crore on debut.

6. **Q2 FY27 (Jul-Sep 2026) Corporate results** - Financials, metals and autos led; while IT and oil, cement and other cost sensitive sectors lagged. Banks and NBFCs anchored the season, with Axis and Kotak reporting year-on-year net profit growth of 38% and 26% respectively.

7. In global markets, **Nasdaq composite lost -6.6%** in October amidst US tech selloff, as investors questioned AI capital spending.

Equity Market performance

>1 year returns are Annualised (XIRR)

Nifty 50 Index - 23053.10

(as of 30th Oct 2026)

*Nifty 50**	*1M*	*3M*	*6M*	*1Y*	*3Y*	*5Y*	*7Y*	*10Y*
Returns (%)	*1.95%*	*-5.30%*	*-3.14%*	*-9.47%*	*7.69%*	*6.64%*	*11.10%*	*11.54%*

** Nifty 50 is a widely accepted benchmark index for Indian Equity market. Individual Mutual Fund performances may vary.*

II. Investor's Q&A

Why your Portfolio needs rebalancing? How to rebalance?

Portfolio Rebalancing

Why rebalance?

Markets never move in step. Left alone, your best performer grows into a bigger slice of the portfolio, so you slowly carry more risk than you planned. Rebalancing trims what has grown too big and tops up what has lagged, bringing you back to your target mix. It is a discipline, not a forecast.



Three ways to rebalance

1 Calendar-based

Trigger: a fixed date



Reset on every review date

Review on a set schedule, say once or twice a year, and reset each asset to its target weight.

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Beginners and busy investors who want a simple routine.

2 Threshold-based

Trigger: a drift limit



Reset when a limit is hit

Set a band around each target, say ±5 points. Act only when an asset moves outside its band.

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Larger or multi-asset portfolios and hands-on investors.

3 Cash-flow

Trigger: new money



New money fills the gap

No selling. Direct fresh SIPs, salary or bonuses into whichever asset is below target.

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Regular savers still adding money, and smaller portfolios.

https://youtu.be/ZlEzkDgkACU?si=FUlIIbKpjK_7pbdo

III. General Insight

