

Crescent MFD Year-End Review: 2025 – A Year of Resilience and Goldilocks Growth

As we bid farewell to 2025, the narrative for the year has been one of unexpected resilience and strategic recalibration. For the Indian economy, 2025 will be remembered as a "Goldilocks Year"—where growth remained hot enough to lead the world, yet inflation cooled enough to offer much-needed relief to the common man. Across the globe, while geopolitical tensions and protectionist trade policies created headwinds, humanity made significant strides in health, celebrated historic sporting triumphs, and found new ways to be entertained.

At Crescent MFD, we believe that understanding these cross-currents is vital for navigating the financial landscape of 2026. Here is our comprehensive review of the year that was.

1. Wealth & Economy: India as the Global Outperformer

While the global economy slowed to a modest 2.6% growth, navigating a landscape of higher tariffs and "de-dollarization" whispers, India emerged as a beacon of stability.

- The Indian Miracle: India officially overtook Japan to become the world's fourth-largest economy. The real GDP grew by a robust 8.2% in Q2, driven by a massive festive demand and a 4.8% expansion in the manufacturing sector.
- Inflation & Markets: Domestic inflation plummeted to a historic low of 0.71% in November, giving the RBI room to support growth. Despite global volatility, Indian equity markets remained resilient; while small caps looked expensive, large caps offered steady value throughout the year.
- Global Trends: The US economy faced "tariff-driven" cost pressures, and the AI bubble saw a reality check, shifting focus from pure hype to actual enterprise productivity.

2. Health & Science: Beyond the Stethoscope

2025 was a landmark year for medical breakthroughs, blending biotechnology with artificial intelligence.

- Longevity & Vision: One of the most talked-about innovations was VIZZ eyedrops, which provide a temporary 10-hour correction for age-related farsightedness, potentially making reading glasses a thing of the past.
- Cancer & Gene Therapy: China and the US made significant leaps in CAR-T cell therapies for blood cancers, while AI-powered diagnostics began accurately detecting conditions like cerebral palsy much earlier than previously possible.

- Cardiac Innovation: Duke University pioneered an "on-table reanimation" technique for pediatric hearts, significantly widening the donor pool for infants in need of transplants.

3. Sports: A Golden Year for Indian Women

India's sporting identity evolved beyond a single-sport nation in 2025, with historic wins on global turf.

- Cricket Dominance: The "Women in Blue" made history by winning their maiden ICC Women's Cricket World Cup on home soil, defeating South Africa in a nail-biting final. The men's team wasn't far behind, lifting the Champions Trophy and the Asia Cup.
- Athletics: Neeraj Chopra once again rewrote the record books, becoming the first Indian to cross the 90-metre mark in javelin at the Doha Diamond League.
- Global Highlights: In Formula 1, Lando Norris clinched his first World Championship title, while Carlos Alcaraz dominated the tennis world by winning both the French and US Opens.

4. Entertainment: Blockbusters and Box Office Shifts

The entertainment industry saw a shift toward high-concept regional cinema and massive global franchises.

- Indian Cinema: Aditya Dhar's spy thriller "Dhurandhar" and Rishab Shetty's "Kantara: A Legend – Chapter 1" dominated the box office, with the latter crossing the ₹850 crore mark globally. Interestingly, big-budget stars faced a reality check as audiences prioritized content over "superstar" pull.
- Global Hits: James Cameron's "Avatar: Fire and Ash" set new benchmarks for visual storytelling, while the convergence of gaming and cinema continued to grow with successful adaptations.

Conclusion: Looking Ahead to 2026

As we move into 2026, the lessons of 2025 are clear: Diversification is non-negotiable. Whether it is the resilience of the Indian rupee or the rapid advancement of medical tech, the world is moving fast. At Crescent MFD, we remain committed to helping you harness this growth while protecting your capital against the "Barron's-style" risks of a shifting global order.