



INVESTMENT FAQs

WHAT IS A **DEBENTURE**?

When considering investments, debentures are seen as an alternative to your traditional routes. Read more about debentures in this informative document.



DEBENTURES: A BRIEF OVERVIEW & CHARACTERISTICS

A debenture is a type of debt instrument that is not backed by physical assets or collateral. Instead, it is backed only by the general creditworthiness and reputation of the issuer, which can be a corporation or government entity. Debentures are used by companies to raise capital and typically come with a fixed interest rate and a specified maturity date.

UNSECURED	Unlike secured loans or bonds, debentures are not backed by specific assets. If the issuing entity defaults, debenture holders have a claim on the issuer's assets, but they are treated as general creditors.	INTEREST PAYMENTS	Debentures usually pay a fixed rate of interest, often referred to as a coupon, at regular intervals until maturity.
MATURITY DATE	Debentures have a set maturity date, at which point the principal amount is repaid to the holders.	CONVERTIBLE VS. NON-CONVERTIBLE	Some debentures can be converted into equity shares of the issuing company (convertible debentures), while others cannot (non-convertible debentures).

IN SUMMARY

Debentures are a popular way for companies to raise funds without diluting equity ownership, and they appeal to investors seeking regular interest income with a moderate level of risk.



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