MF liquidity flowed to bluechips in May

Select stocks cornered the bulk of the equity market investments made by mutual funds (MFs) in May. Three blue-chip stocks — ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank, and Reliance Industries — emerged as the most bought stocks as fund managers stepped up purchases during a fresh bout of market volatility that pushed their share prices closer to near-term lows. MFs deployed a net ₹24,202 crore into the three stocks in May.

The fresh investments have strengthened mutual funds' exposure to their three largest holdings. According to Prime Database, HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank and Reliance Industries together account for nearly 14 per cent of the industry's equity assets under management (AUM).

The other two stocks among the top five were Lenskart Solutions and Billionbrains Garage Ventures (Groww), both of which witnessed large block deals in May following the expiry of post-IPO lock-in restrictions. MFs acquired a net ₹6,154 crore worth of stake in the two new-age companies last month. MFs were among the buyers in both the block deals. JSW Energy, HDFC Life Insurance, Eternal, Adani Enterprises and Hyundai Motor were also in demand last month.

On the sell side, two major IT stocks — Wipro and Infosys — along with Multi Commodity Exchange of India (MCX) made up the top three. MFs pulled out nearly ₹7,000 crore from these three stocks. GE Vernova and Lupin also witnessed heightened MF selling.

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Stocks that fund managers bought and sold most in May 2026

HOT STOCKS	Net change* (₹ crore)
ICICI Bank	9,861
HDFC Bank	7,433
Reliance Industries	6,908
Lenskart Solutions	3,366
Billionbrains Garage Ventures	2,788

COLD STOCKS	Net change* (₹ crore)
MCX	-2,386
Wipro	-2,219
Infosys	-2,091
GE Vernova	-1,913
Lupin	-1,381

Note: Excludes stocks that witnessed large buying and selling owing to corporate actions. These include Gujarat Energy on the buy side and Gujarat State Petronet and Vedanta on the sell side
*Estimates based on month-on-month change in number of shares held by MFs and the weighted average price of the stock during the month

Source: Prime Database