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Disciplined credit-selection process
with an aim to deliver better
risk-adjusted returns.

ICICI Prudential

Credit Risk Fund



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What are Credit Risk Funds?



This category of schemes invest predominantly in AA and below rated corporate bonds which have the potential for credit rating upgrades, creating opportunities for possible capital appreciation in the Scheme

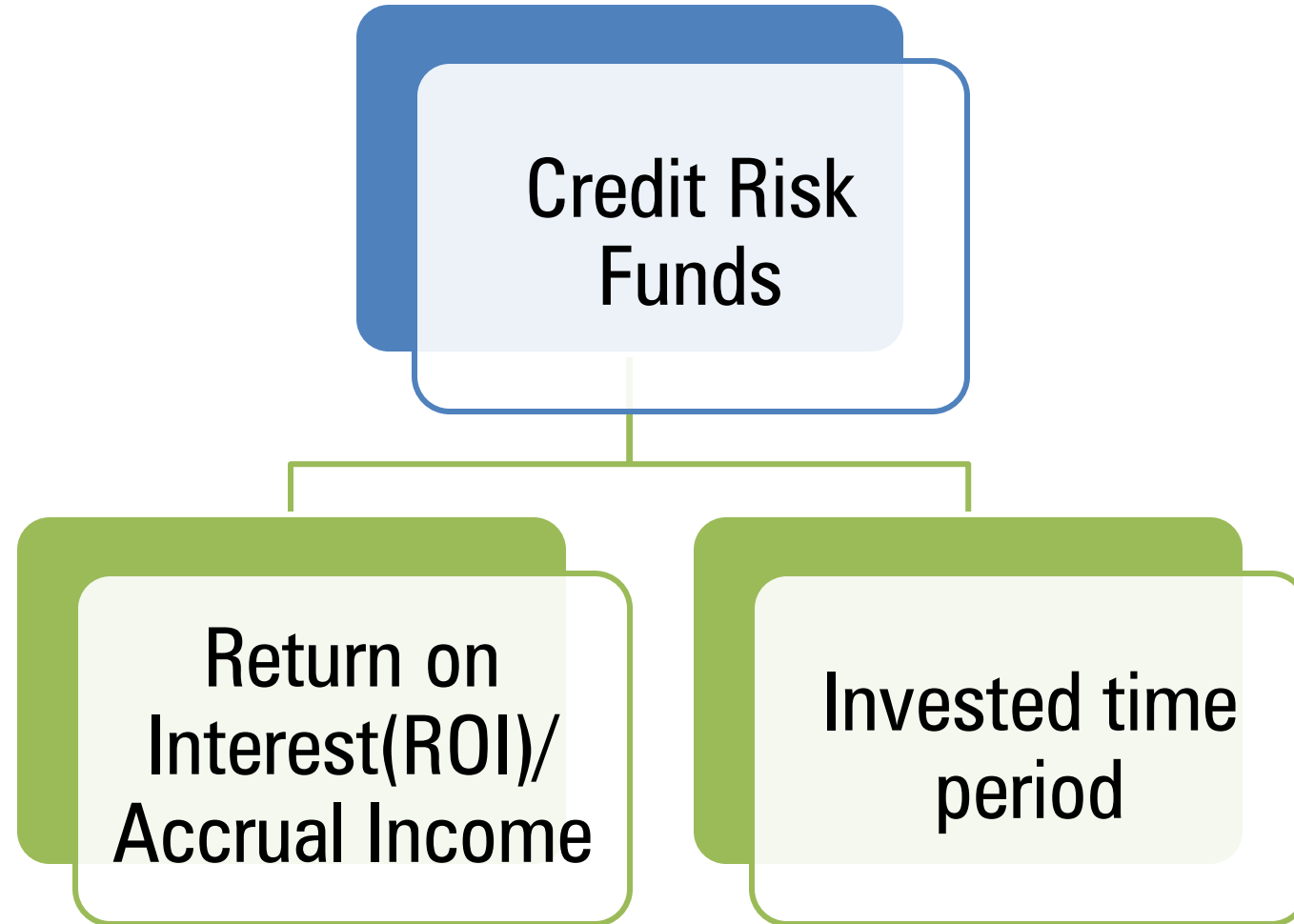
Portfolio allocation of Credit Risk Funds

| Particulars | Allocation (% of Corpus) |
|---|--------------------------|
| Exposure to AA & Equivalent or below rating | 65 -100% |
| Other Instruments* | 0-35% |

The portfolio of the scheme is subject to changes within the provisions of the Scheme Information Document of the Scheme.

* Debt, money market instruments & units issued by REITs & InvITs. The scheme can invest max 10% in REITs and InvITs. REITs – Real Estate Investment Trust, InvITs – Infrastructure Investment Trust

How Credit Risk Funds make return?

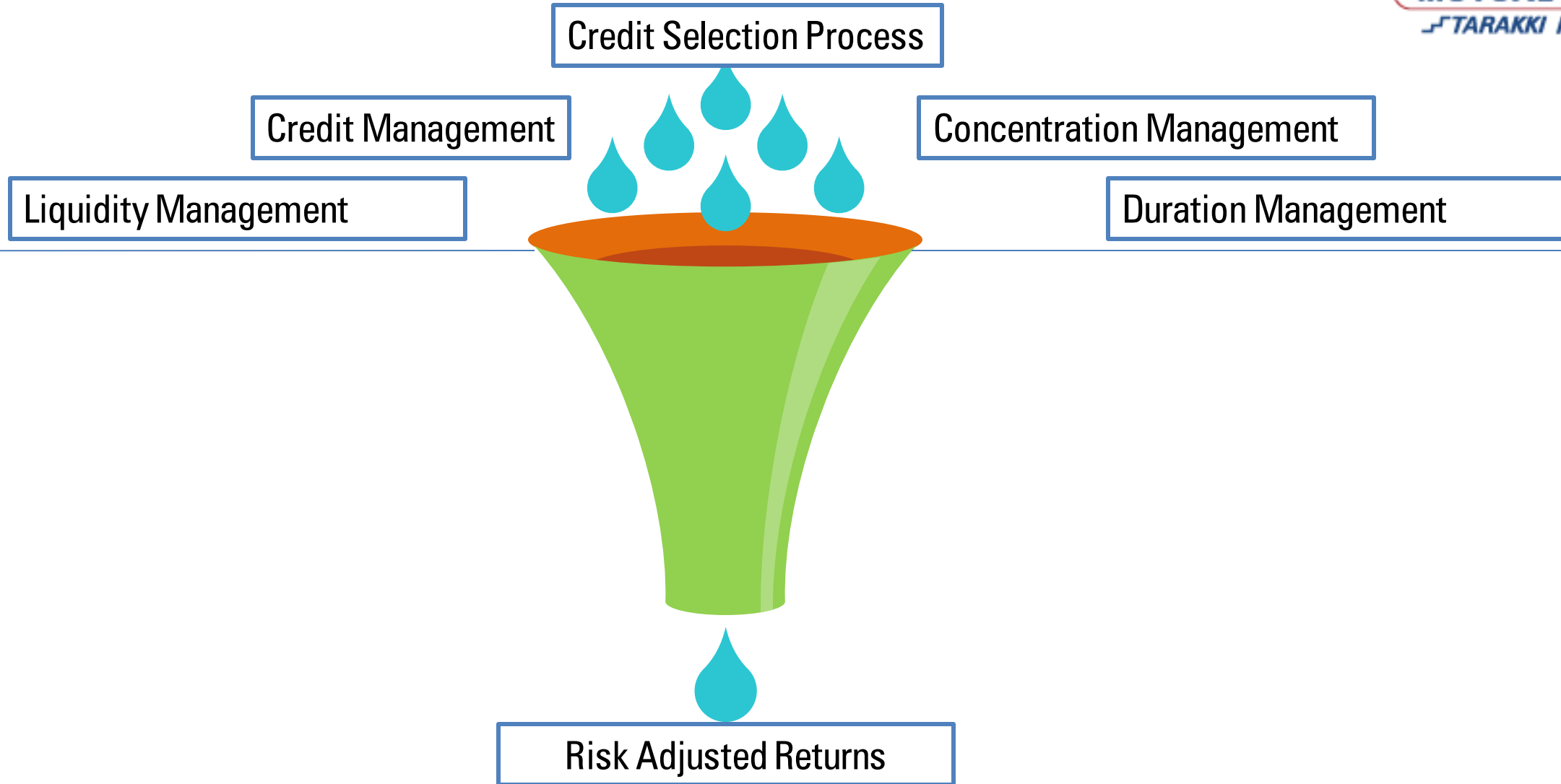


How is it different from Duration Fund?



| Duration Fund | Credit Risk Fund |
|--|---|
| Returns generated mainly by capital appreciation | Returns generated by Accrual income |
| Plays on interest rate movement | Plays on accrual income |
| Macro event specific impact is high | Macro event specific impact is low |
| Good for Tactical Allocation | Can be recommended across market cycles |

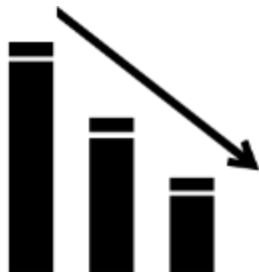
Importance of Risk Adjusted Returns in Credit Risk Fund Category



So, Why ICICI Prudential Credit Risk Fund now?



Valuations are attractive

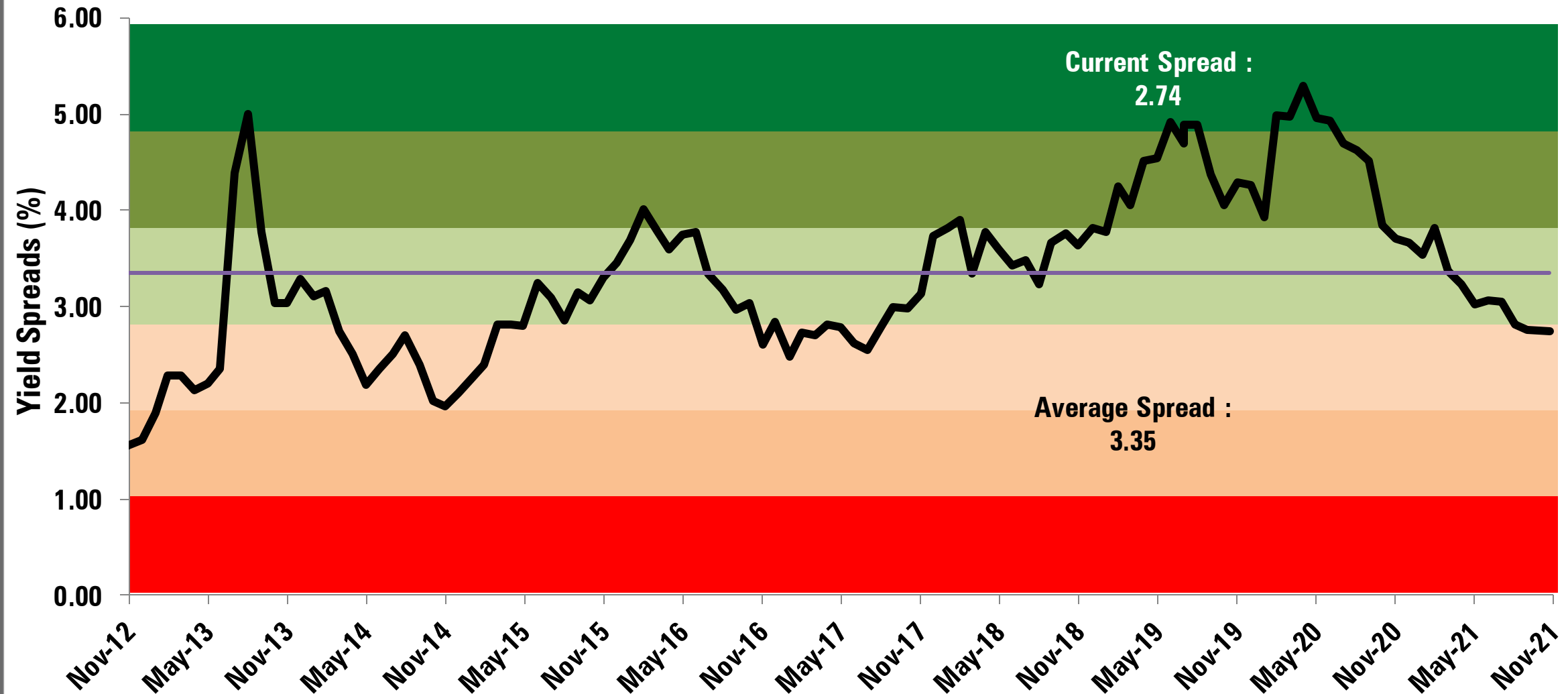


Industry Flows are slowing down



Narrative associated with category is negative

ICICI Prudential Credit Risk Fund – Spread Over Repo



Data as on November 30, 2021, Source : MFI Explorer. YTM values taken since scheme inception. Past Performance may or may not be sustained in future. This graph is used to indicate current valuations and does not indicate in any manner performance of the scheme. MFI Explorer is a tool provided by ICRA Online Ltd. For their standard disclaimer please visit <http://www.icraonline.com/legal/standard-disclaimer.html>.

Why ICICI Prudential Credit Risk Fund?



**Investment
Philosophy**

**Robust
Investment
Process**

**Strong Credit
Selection
Process**

**Better Risk
Adjusted
Returns**



01

Safety

Liquidity

02

03

Returns

The investment team seeks to achieve **Safety, Liquidity and Returns (SLR)** in order of priority for managing variety of our fixed income schemes.

Focus on Security Selection



Past track record of the company

Asset Quality

Cash Flows

Assessment of Management
Risk & Business Risk

Credit Due Diligence



COMPANY SHORTLISTED FOR INVESTMENT



TARGET LIST FILTERS

- Independent research team
- Internal Credit Analysis
- External credit rating

- Independent evaluation by Risk team

- Decision making is not concentrated to one person

- Focus not just on credit and liquidity risk but also on diversification

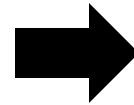
CREDIT SELECTION

All target credit investment proposal face multiple checks

Credit Selection Process – Our Approach



Step 1: Portfolio Construction

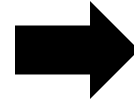


Fund Manager



- Interest Rate Call
- Deal Sourcing
- Background check
- Risk based pricing
- Liquidity management

Step 2: Credit Evaluation

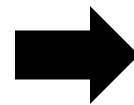


Credit Analyst



- Credit evaluation
- Structuring covenants
- Deviation review
- AMC level exposure
- Diversification

Step 3: Credit Approval & Monitoring



Approval Authority/Credit Analyst



- Credit Approval
- Macro View
- Adherence with mandates
- Continuous monitoring

Strong Credit Selection Process – Test Match Way



Our approach is similar to how test cricket is played, selecting only those instruments which pass through our credit evaluation filters and leaving those where the risk reward is not favourable.

Better Risk Adjusted Returns – Managing Various Risks



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Liquidity Management – by carefully analysing the liability side of the portfolio with the below mentioned filters

Concentrated AUM

Scheme AUM contributed by Top 5 Channel partners & Top 5 Investors

Time Sensitive AUM

% of AUM outside exit load

Potentially Vulnerable AUM

Split of AUM between investors having : More than INR 5 Crore AUM, between INR 1 Crore and 5 Crore AUM and less than 1 Crore

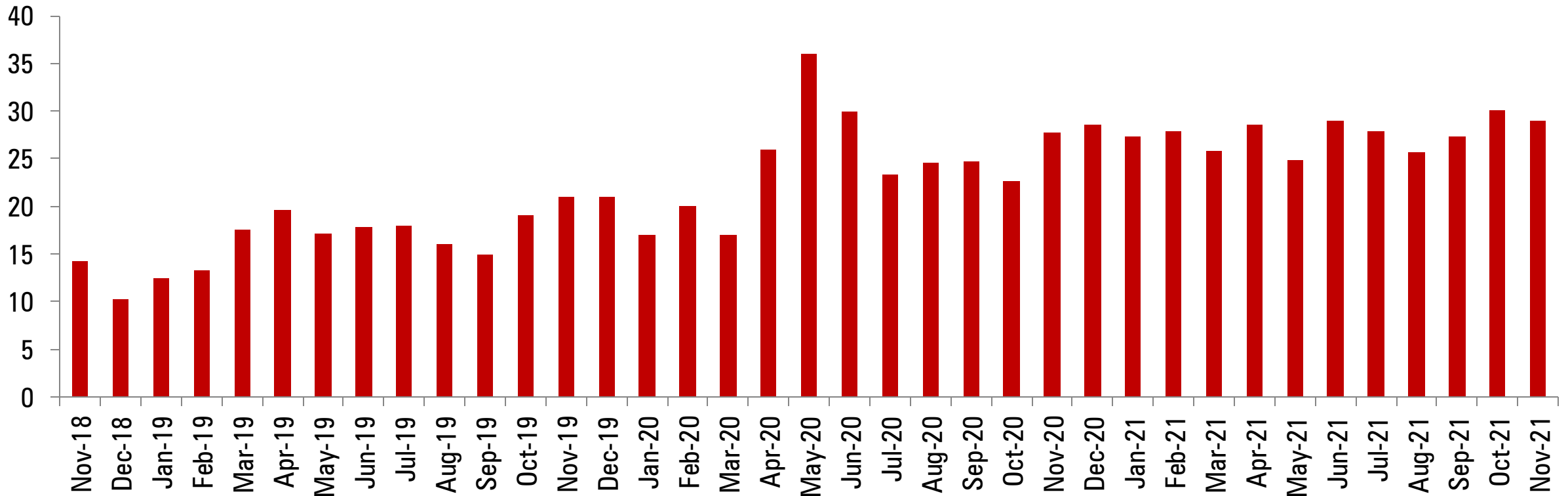
Institutional AUM

Scheme AUM contributed by institutional investors



Having adequate exposure to high quality papers at all points in time of cater to redemption

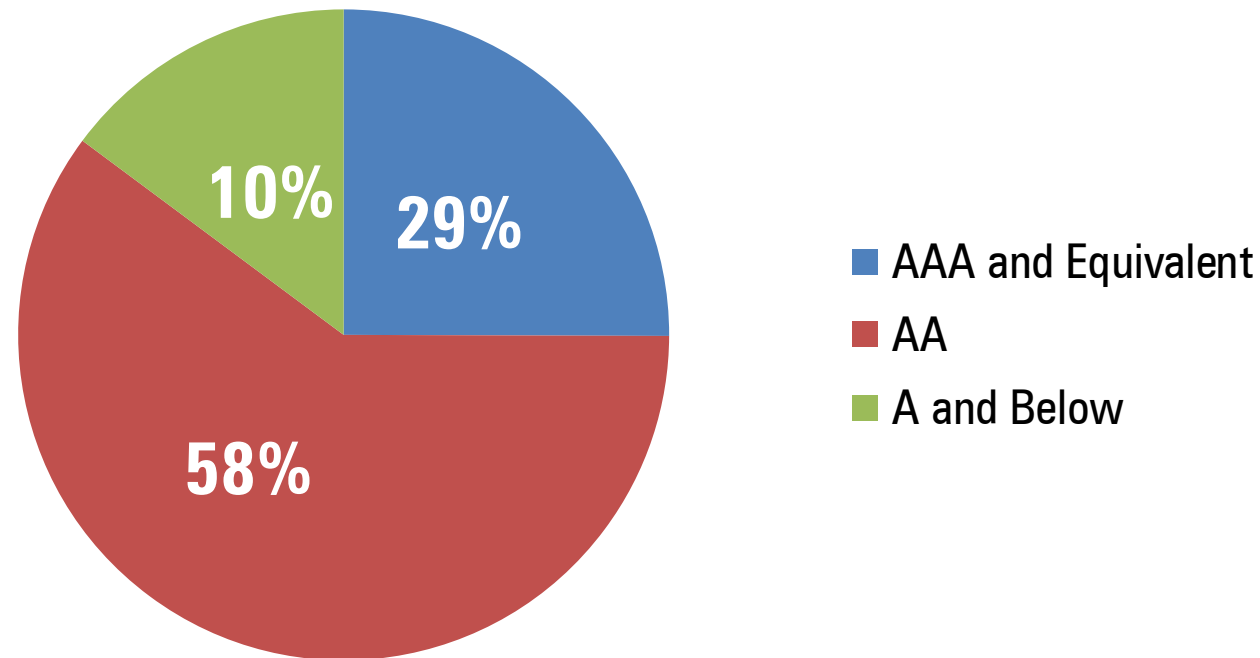
AAA& Equivalent ^ (% to AUM)





Credit Management – Exposure across various credit ratings

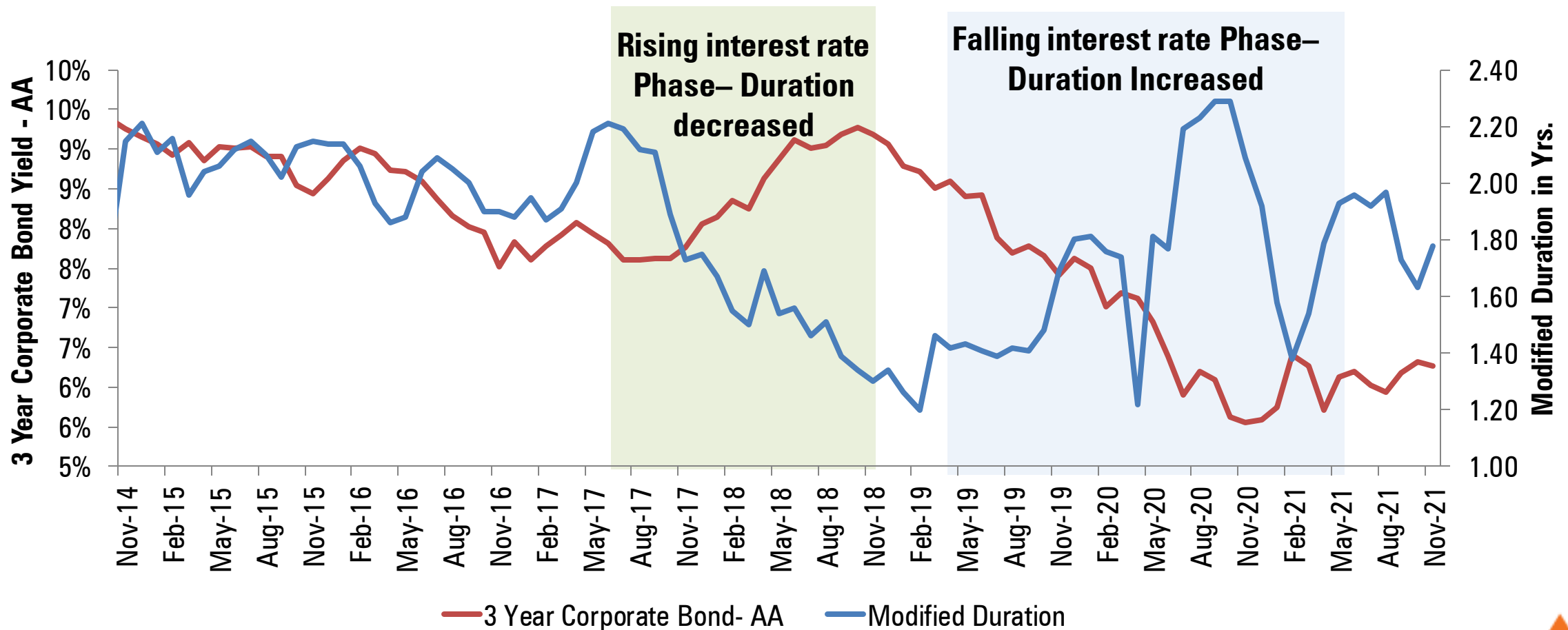
Portfolio Quality - % to AUM



Better Risk Adjusted Returns – Portfolio Construction



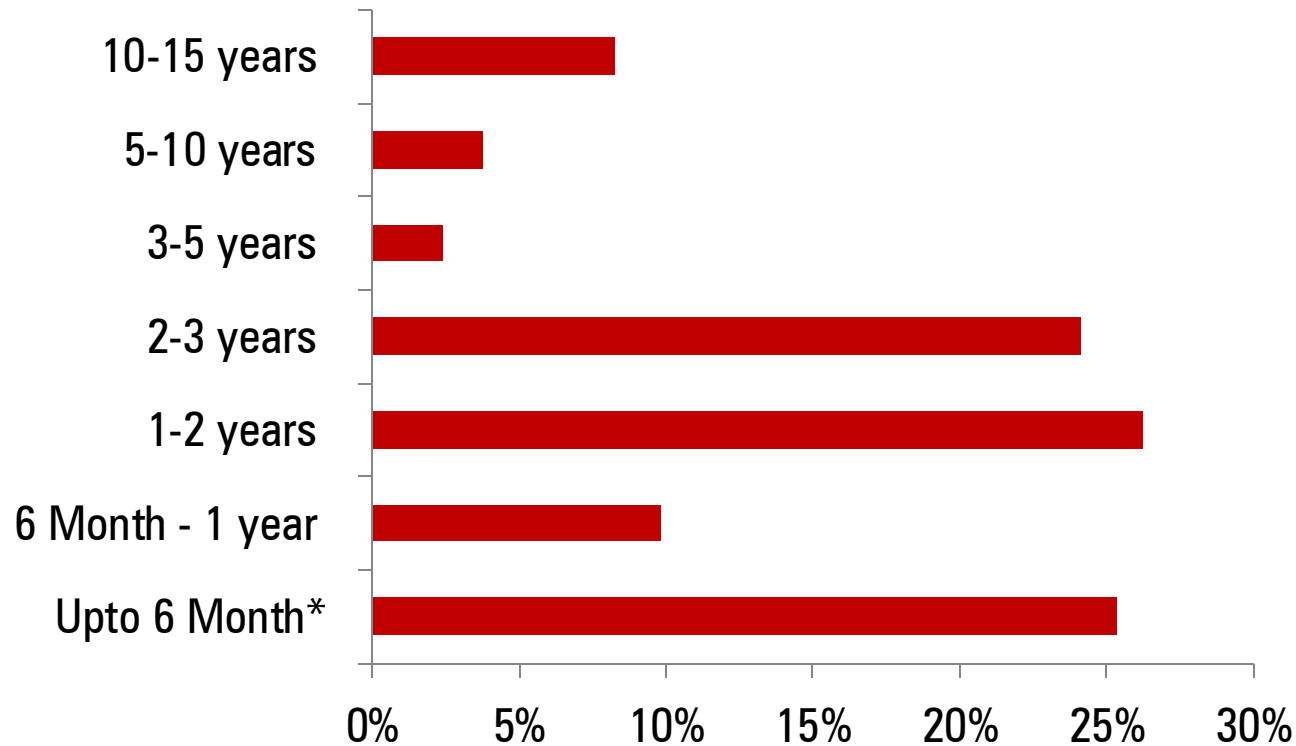
Duration Management – mitigating interest rate volatility





Duration Management – diversified portfolio across various maturity buckets

% to AUM



Laddered Approach (Investment across maturity buckets) :

- **Not overexposed to any one segment of yield curve**
- **Reduces interest rate and reinvestment risks**
- **Helps in managing liquidity risk**
- **Investors are able to reinvest a portion regularly**

Better Risk Adjusted Returns – Asset & Liability Focus



| Assets (Portfolio Construction) | Liabilities (Investor Concentration & Trend) |
|---|---|
| Avoidance of Concentration Risk | Maximum investment limit per investor is Rs.50crores* |
| Independent Credit evaluation process for securities | Having adequate mix of highly liquid securities to meet any unforeseen redemption request |
| Independent Investment and risk team to avoid conflicts | Review and monitoring of purchase and redemption in the scheme |
| Accrual Focus – aim to provide consistent returns | Monitoring ageing of investors for any redemption requests |
| Conservative duration to reduce interest rate sensitivity | Monitoring of partner-wise concentration in the scheme |

*With effect from December 19, 2019, Maximum Investment Amount per investor including existing investment amount (based on Permanent Account Number of first holder) at the time of investment across all folios shall not exceed Rs.50crore. However, the AMC/Mutual Fund may at its discretion accept an amount greater than Rs.50crore, subject to the limits: a) The aggregate AUM of all the investors with more than Rs.50crore does not exceed 12% of the Scheme's AUM, which is declared on the last day of preceding calendar quarter. b) Maximum investment amount per investor across all folios does not exceed 5% of the Scheme's AUM, which is declared on the last day of preceding calendar quarter.

Summary of our Credit Risk Fund Management



- Risk weighted
- Better post tax returns than Traditional Investment Avenue
- Pure Play Credit



- Credit
- Concentration – Sector/ Issuer
- Liquidity
- Duration

- Self-Origination
- Rating Migration
- Duration
- Timing Entry/ Exit

- Segregation of Risk
- Signing Authority
- Resource Pool

- Different Capabilities
- Structuring
- Resolution

- Granularity
- Exit Load
- Investor Concentration



Scheme Statistics

| | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Closing AUM | Rs. 8,066.20 crore |
| Average Maturity | 2.51 years |
| Modified Duration | 1.78 years |
| Macaulay Duration | 1.89 years |
| Yield To Maturity (YTM) | 6.74% |

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Macaulay duration is the weighted average term to maturity of the cash flows from a bond. The weight of each cash flow is determined by dividing the present value of the cash flow by the price



- **The spread assets (non-AAA Corporate Bond space) are currently providing better carry and margin of safety**
- **Going forward, we expect accrual income to form a significant component of the return for bond investors and returns from capital appreciation may take a back seat**
- **We continue to focus on risk adjusted returns, rather than focusing only on YTM**s
- **With our credit selection process we have been able to avoid any major credit stress/event on our portfolio**
- **We continue to remain cognizant of managing liquidity, concentration, credit and duration in our accrual portfolio to provide better risk adjusted returns**

Scheme Features



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|---------------------------------------|--|
| Type of Scheme | An open ended debt scheme predominantly investing in AA and below rated corporate bonds. A relatively high interest rate risk and relatively high credit risk. |
| Plans/Options | ICICI Prudential Credit Risk Fund & ICICI Prudential Credit Risk Fund – Direct; Options: Growth & IDCW* Payout & IDCW Re-investment (with Quarterly, Half Yearly and Annual frequencies) |
| Minimum Application Amount | Rs. 100 (plus in multiples of Re. 1) |
| Minimum Additional Application Amount | Rs. 100 (plus in multiples of Re. 1) |
| Minimum Redemption Amount | Any amount |
| Exit Load | 10% of units within 1 Year from allotment – Nil. More than 10% of units, within 1 Year from allotment – 1% of applicable NAV; More than 1 Year – Nil |
| Fund Manager | Manish Banthia and Akhil Kakkar are fund managers of the scheme. Manish Banthia has been managing this scheme since Nov` 2016 & has 16 years of experience overall. Akhil Kakkar has been managing this scheme since Jun 2017 and has over 14 years of experience. |
| Benchmark Index | CRISIL Short Term Credit Risk Index |
| SIP / STP / SWP | Available |

*IDCW – Income Distribution cum Capital Withdrawal Option. Payment of IDCW is subject to availability of distributable surplus and Trustee approval. Pursuant to payment of IDCW, the NAV of the scheme falls to the extent of IDCW payout. When units are sold and sale price (NAV) is higher than face value of the unit, a portion of sale price that represents realized gains is credited to an Equalization Reserve Account and which can be used to pay IDCW. IDCW can be distributed out of investors capital (Equalization Reserve), which is part of sale price that represents realized gains. In case the unit holder has opted for IDCW payout option, the minimum amount for IDCW payout shall be 100 (net of IDCW distribution tax and other statutory levy, if any), else the IDCW would be mandatorily reinvested. IDCW Payout – Payout of Income Distribution cum capital Withdrawal option. IDCW Re-investment – Reinvestment of Income Distribution cum capital Withdrawal option

Riskometer



ICICI Prudential Credit Risk Fund is suitable for investors who are seeking*:

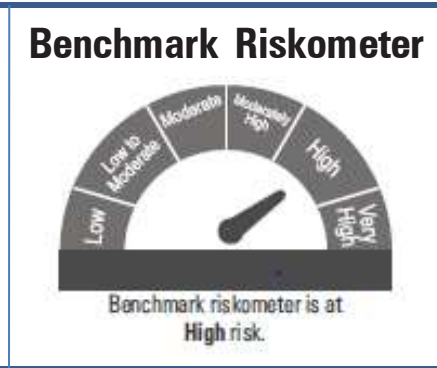
- Medium term savings
- A debt scheme that aims to generate income through investing predominantly in AA and below rated corporate bonds while maintaining the optimum balance of yield, safety and liquidity

*Investors should consult their financial advisors if in doubt about whether the product is suitable for them.



Scheme Benchmark

CRISIL Short Term Credit Risk Index



Please note that the Risk-o-meters specified above will be evaluated and updated on a monthly basis.

Potential Risk Matrix for the Scheme:

Position in the Matrix:

| Potential Risk Class | | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| Credit Risk → | Relatively Low (Class A) | Moderate (Class B) | Relatively High (Class C) |
| Interest Rate Risk ↓ | | | |
| Relatively Low (Class I) | | | |
| Moderate (Class II) | | | |
| Relatively High (Class III) | | | C-III |

As per SEBI Circular dated, June 07, 2021; the Potential risk class (PCR) matrix based on interest rate risk and credit risk.



Mutual Fund investments are subject to market risks, read all scheme related documents carefully.

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