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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

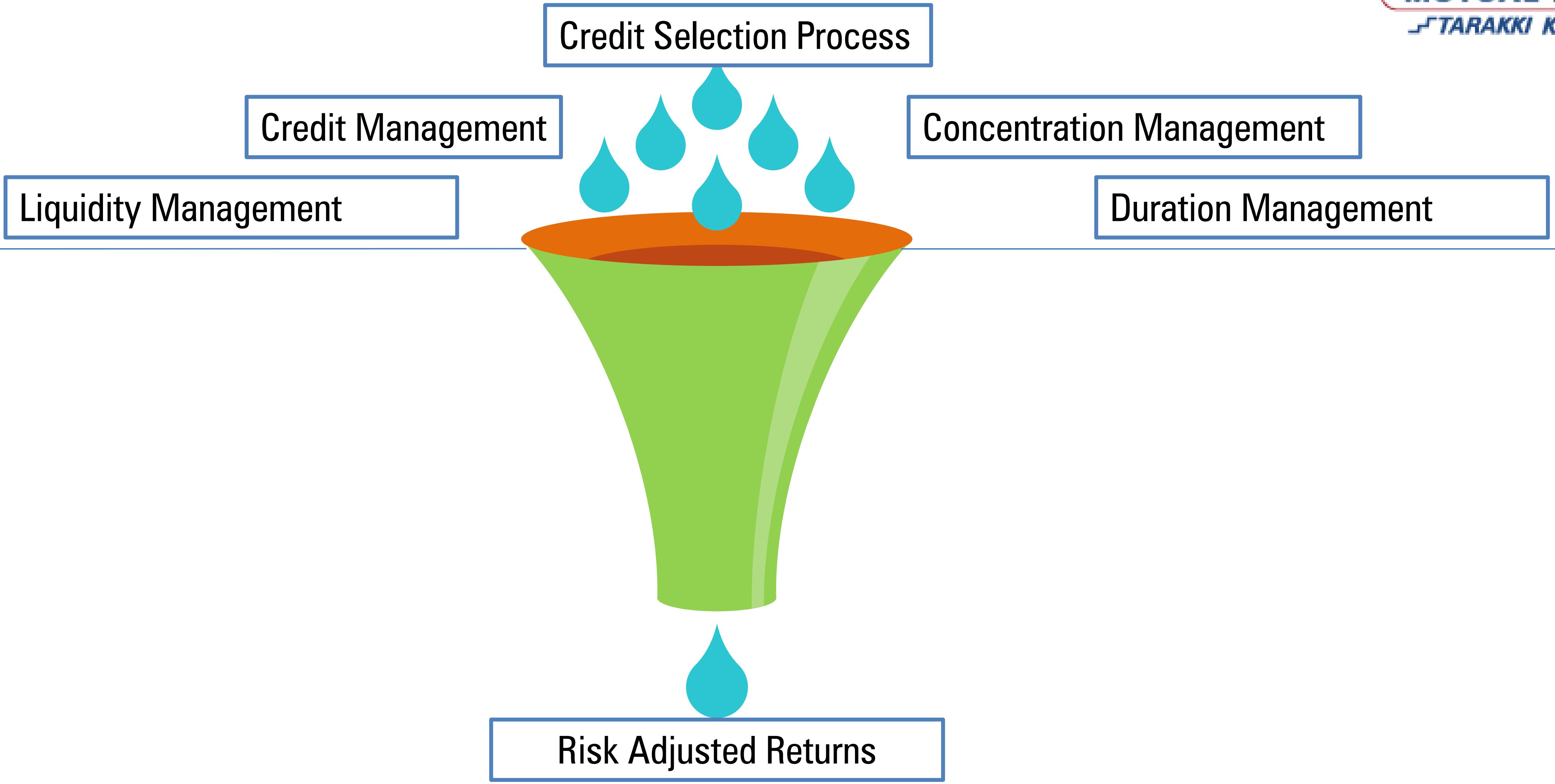
How Credit Risk Funds make return?

- Credit Risk Funds
  - Return on Interest(ROI)/ Accrual Income
  - Invested time period

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



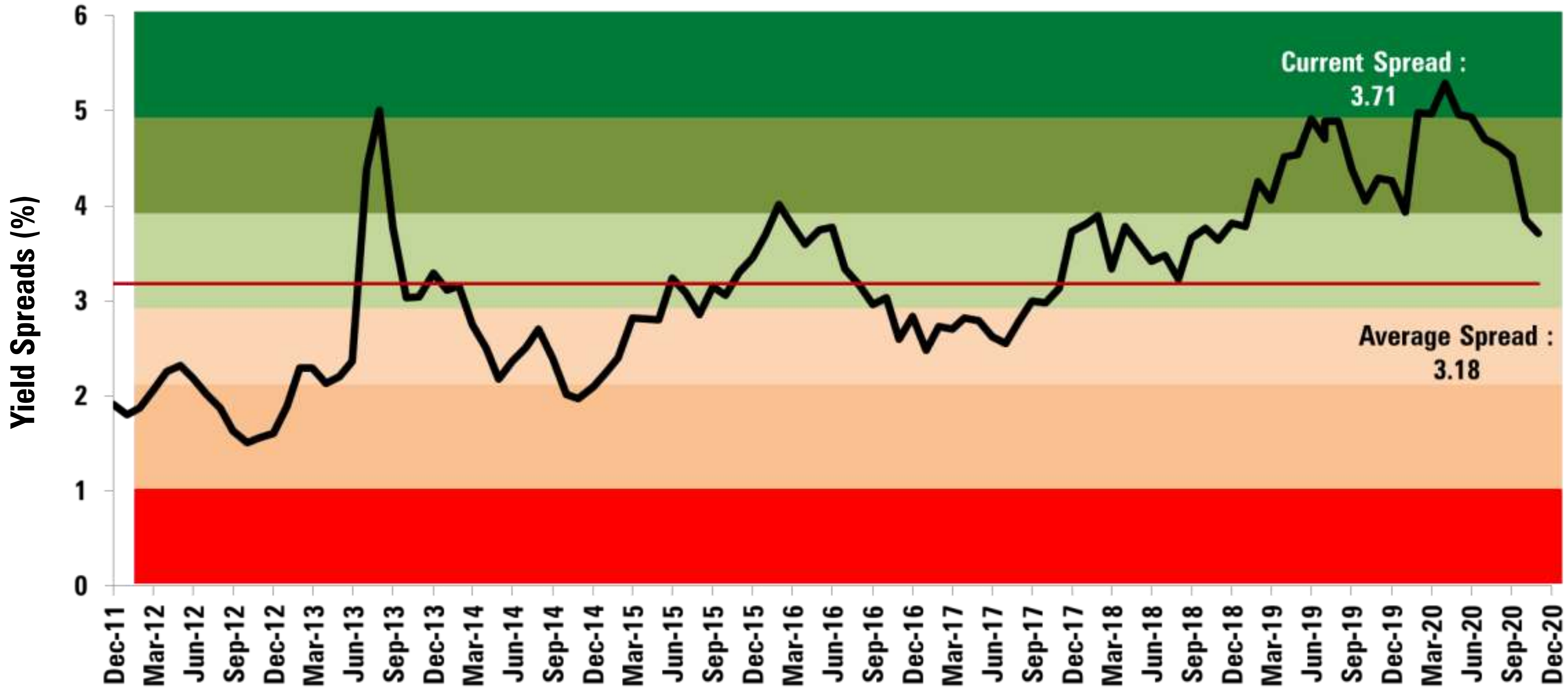
So, Why ICICI Prudential Credit Risk Fund now?

Valuations are attractive

Industry Flows are slowing down

Narrative associated with category is negative

ICICI Prudential Credit Risk Fund – Spread Over Repo (Since Inception)



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Why ICICI Prudential Credit Risk Fund?

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1. Investment Philosophy
2. Robust Investment Process
3. Robust Credit Selection Process
4. Better Risk Adjusted Returns

Investment Philosophy

01 Safety

02 Liquidity

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

Credit Selection Process

TARGET LIST FILTERS

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

- Decision making is not concentrated to one person

- Independent evaluation by Risk team

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

All target credit investment proposal face multiple checks

Credit Selection Process – Our Approach

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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

28.54% in AAA & equivalent$ rated debt instruments

Liquidity Management

Concentration Management

58* different securities with average exposure of around 1.4% to each individual issuer

Credit Management

The portfolio is well diversified and invests across various credit ratings

Duration Management

Conservative approach in duration management– current modified duration – 1.92 yrs

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Better Risk Adjusted Returns – Portfolio Construction

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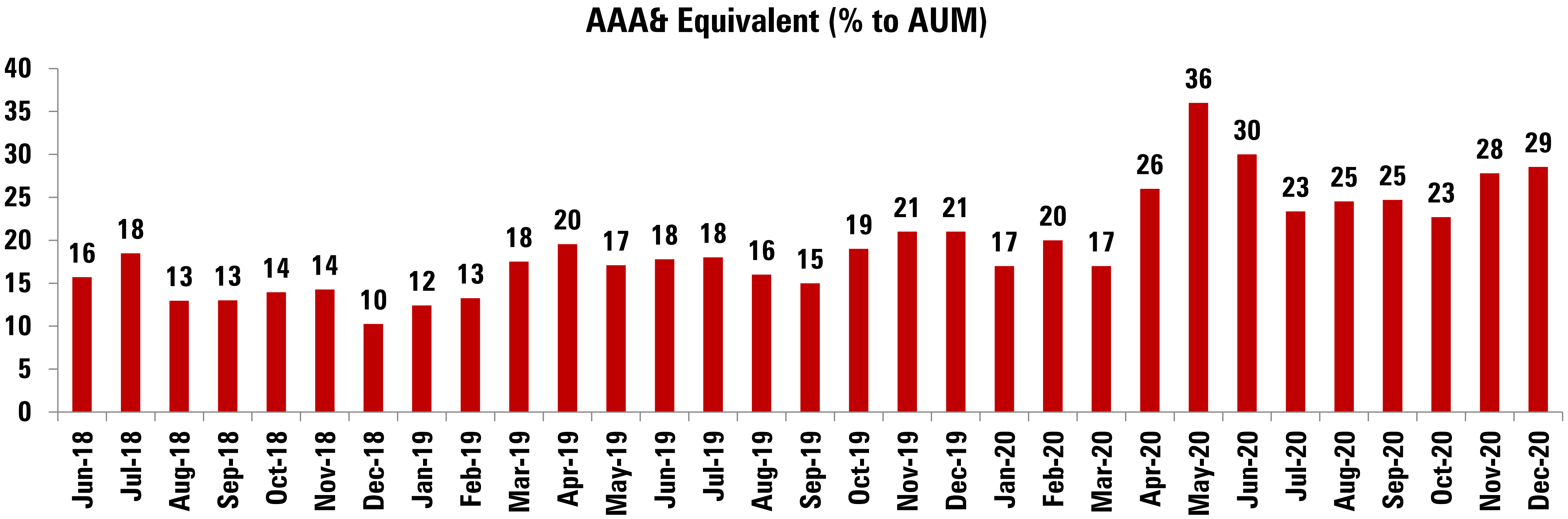
Liquidity Management – by carefully analysing the liability side of the portfolio with the below mentioned filters

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

Better Risk Adjusted Returns – Portfolio Construction

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



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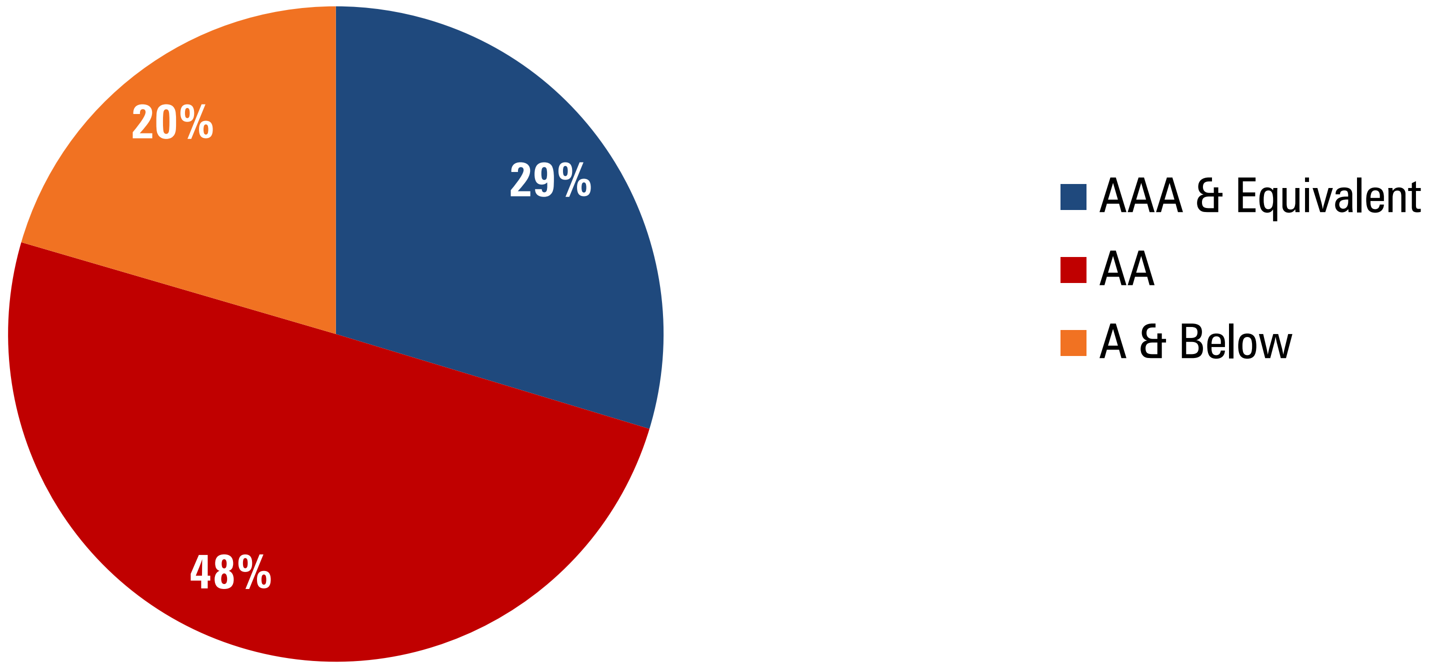
Better Risk Adjusted Returns – Portfolio Construction

Credit Management – Exposure across various credit ratings

Portfolio Quality - % to AUM



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Better Risk Adjusted Returns – Portfolio Construction

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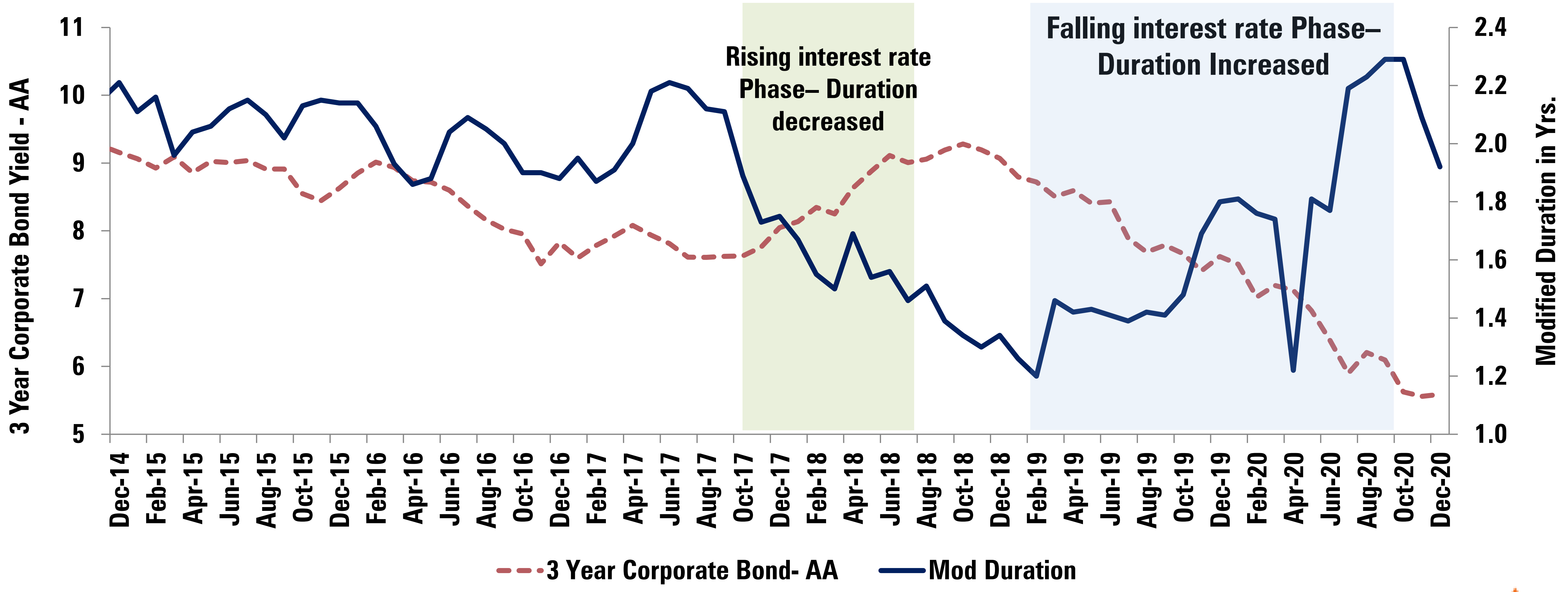
Duration Management – mitigating interest rate volatility



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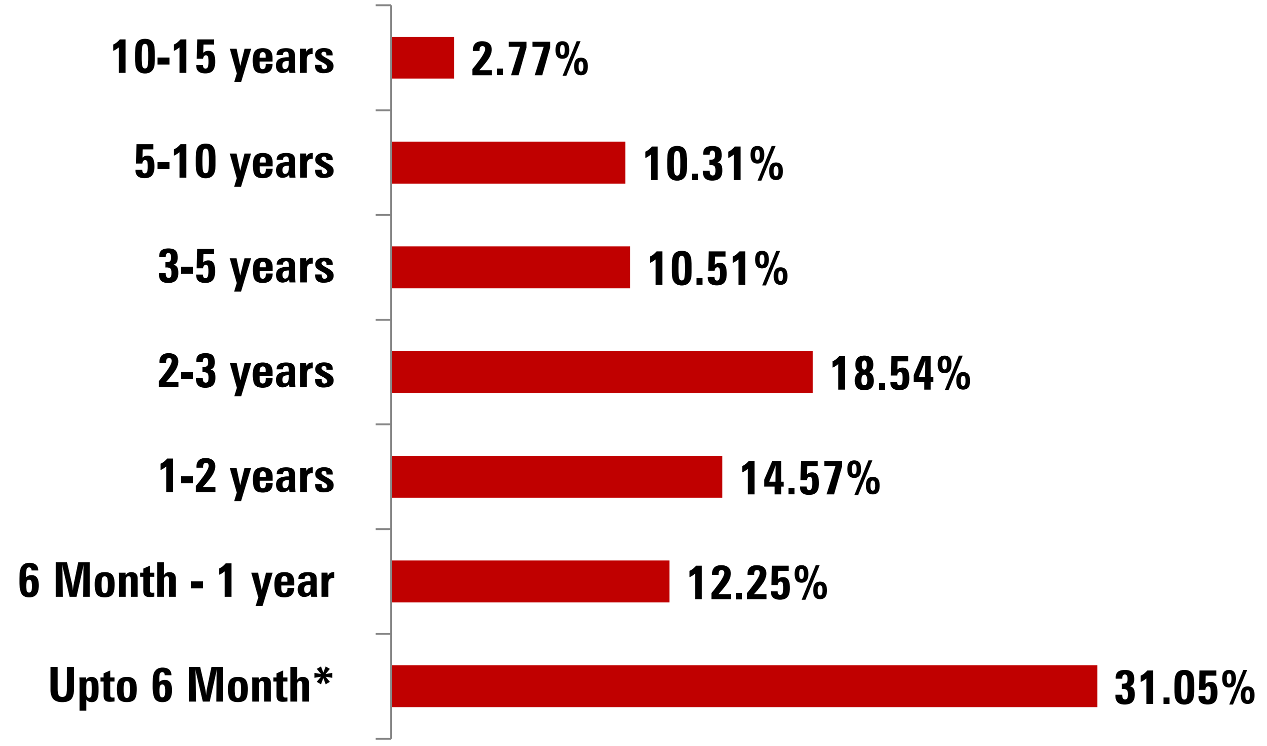
Better Risk Adjusted Returns – Portfolio Construction

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

Data as on Dec 31, 2020, * Including other current assets

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
No Exposure to G-Sec and 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

Self Origination deals are deals wherein there are no intermediaries involved in execution thereby reducing the overall impact cost

Quantitative Indicators

Scheme Statistics	
Closing AUM	Rs. 6,735.1 crs
Average Maturity	2.50 years
Modified Duration	1.92 years
Macaulay Duration	2.02 years
Yield To Maturity (YTM)	7.71%

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Key Takeaways

- 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 YTMs
- 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

YTM – Yield to Maturity

Scheme Features

Type of Scheme	An open ended debt scheme predominantly investing in AA and below rated corporate bonds
Plans/Options	ICICI Prudential Credit Risk Fund & ICICI Prudential Credit Risk Fund – Direct; Options: Growth & Dividend (Dividend payout* and re-investment sub-options (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 – 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 12 years of experience.
Benchmark Index	CRISIL Short Term Credit Risk Index
SIP / STP / SWP	Available

In case the unit holder has opted for dividend payout option, the minimum amount for dividend payout shall be Rs.100 (net of dividend distribution tax and other statutory levy, if any), else the dividend would be mandatorily reinvested.

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.

Investors understand that their principal will be at High Risk

The Risk-o-meter(s) specified above will be evaluated and updated on a monthly basis. Please refer https://www.icicipruamc.com/news-and-updates/all-news for more details

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

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