

# PGIM INDIA CORPORATE BOND FUND

(Earlier known as PGIM India Premier Bond Fund)

An open ended debt scheme predominantly investing in AA+ and above rated corporate bonds. A relatively high interest rate risk and moderate credit risk scheme.

Rated AAAMfs by ICRA##

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**PGIM**  
India Mutual Fund

## Why invest in PGIM India Corporate Bond Fund?

Investors with concerns of credit quality on corporate assets and liquidity pressures, can consider investing in PGIM India Corporate Bond Fund for its very high quality portfolio of instruments. PGIM India Corporate Bond Fund is rated as [ICRA] AAAMfs denoting the highest level of safety regarding timely receipt of payments from the investments the scheme has made.

## Investment Strategy

- PGIM India Corporate Bond Fund seeks to generate income through investments in a range of corporate debt, Central & State government securities and money market instruments.
- The portfolio duration is decided based on the fund manager's assessment of expected movement in interest rates, liquidity conditions and other macroeconomic factors.
- The current duration is on the shorter side that allows for relatively lower volatility and 'higher carry'.

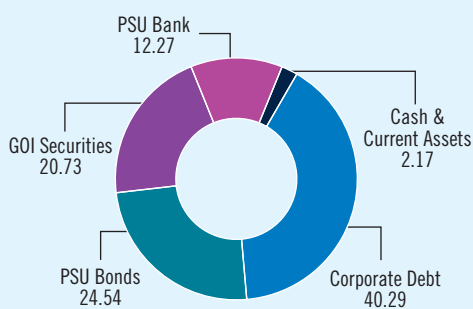
## Portfolio Positioning\*

- Portfolio predominantly consists of AAA/A1+ rated corporate bonds and PSU/PFI bonds
- Credit Quality as on 31st January, 2024: AAA/A1+/Sovereign securities comprises 100.00% of the portfolio.
- Average maturity of the portfolio as of 31st January, 2024 stood at 3.81 years.

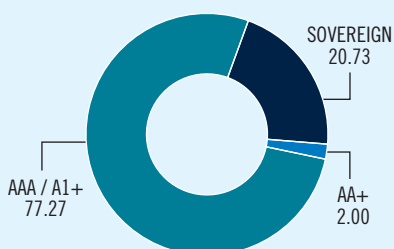
## Who should invest?

PGIM India Corporate Bond Fund is ideal for investors considering investing in a moderate portfolio of debt securities including bonds and money market instruments.

### Asset Allocation (% AUM)



### Credit Quality Profile (% AUM)



## Fund Details

AUM as on March 31, 2024 (₹ in Crore): 100.55

### For the Debt Portfolio

Portfolio Yield (%)	7.65
Modified Duration (years)	3.15
Average Portfolio Maturity (years)	4.21
Macaulay Duration (years)	3.34

## Portfolio (Top Ten Holdings)

Issuer	% to Net Assets	Rating
National Bank For Agriculture & Rural Development	8.40	CRISIL AAA
7.26 GOI Mat 2033	7.04	SOV
7.18 G Sec Mat 2037	6.92	SOV
Bajaj Housing Finance Ltd	4.98	CRISIL AAA
Sikka Port Terminal Limited (Erstwhile East West Pipeline Limited)	4.98	CRISIL AAA
Axis Finance Limited	4.98	CRISIL AAA
HDFC Bank Ltd.	4.98	CRISIL AAA
Aditya Birla Housing Finance Ltd	4.97	ICRA AAA
Housing & Urban Development Corp. Ltd	4.94	ICRA AAA
Small Industries Development Bank Of India	4.27	CRISIL AAA

Please visit <https://www.pgimindiamf.com/statutory-disclosure/monthlyportfolio> for complete details on portfolio holding of the Scheme.

## Fund Manager's View

- Indian bond markets were stable and rangebound during the month. Most of the action was concentrated in the money market segment where yields were volatile, as is normally the case during financial year end. The economic data continued its strong run with the composite PMI number staying above 60 after the strong GDP data earlier. IIP and inflation numbers were in line with expectations. Core inflation came in at 3.35%, near all-time low. Current Account Deficit (CAD) was also steady at 1.20% of GDP in Q3-FY24, as services and remittance flows negated a sequentially higher trade deficit. CAD is expected to be in the vicinity of 1% in FY24. Strong GDP growth, stable inflation and external position underscore the current strong macroeconomic position of India. Indian FAR (Fully Accessible Route) bonds were included in the Bloomberg EM local currency government index with a start date of January 31, 2025. The weight of the Indian FAR bonds will be 10%, and will reach their full weightage exposure by November 2025. While the initial news flash had come earlier, in January, the flows are not expected to be significant since the inclusion, as for now the flows are limited to EM local currency government index. However, this is definitely a positive step closer to inclusion in the bigger Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index. The flows expected from this inclusion are around USD 3-4bn, but as highlighted this inclusion can be the catalyst for subsequent inclusion into the larger global aggregate index. Since the announcement of the inclusion of Indian sovereign FAR bonds in the JP Morgan EM Index last year, FPI inflows into the bond markets have topped USD 10bn.
- The yield curve, which had bull flattened after the presentation of the Union Budget, on 1st February 2024, continued to remain flat as the demand supply dynamics remained favourable with the central government borrowing calendar for H1-FY25 came in lower than expected at INR 7.5 trn which is 53% of the total gross borrowings budgeted for FY25. The market was expecting the H1-FY25 borrowings at around 58-60% of the total gross borrowings. In terms of percentage borrowing for the first half, this is the lowest since FY19. The supply in the 10 yr segment is the highest at 25.60% of the total H1-FY25 supply. Supply in the 30-50 yr segment is at 37.30% of total H1 supply. The indicative calendar for gross SDL borrowing for Q1-FY25 came in at INR 2.54 trn, which is slightly higher than expectations.

State Government (SDL) supply picked up sharply towards the end of the month with more than INR 1.50 trn of SDL issuance in the last two weeks of the month, which pressurised the longer end of the curve.

- PFI inflows into debt continued, but lagged the pace of the first two months of CY24 with USD 1.64 bn inflow in bonds in March. INR weakened to an all-time low against the US Dollar, touching 83.43 even as India's FX reserves rose to an all-time high of USD 642 bn. Most of the Asian currencies were weaker on back of the weakness in the Chinese currency and INR also came under pressure as a result.
- The 1 yr OIS was up 1 bps, closing at 6.75% at March end while the 5 yr OIS was at 6.35%, down 1bps compared to February. While the benchmark 10 yr bond yield was down 2 bps the 15 year segment outperformed. Most of the action was in the money market segment (up to 1 year maturity) where yields were volatile owing to the financial year-end related liquidity woes that pushed down yields by 20-30 bps across the money market curve at March end.
- Bank of Japan ended its negative interest rate policy, which the markets were expecting, while the US Fed stuck to its forecast of 3 rate cuts, later in the year, in a close 10-9 decision. US economic data continues to be quite robust with sticky inflation leading the US bond markets to scale back their expectations of rate cuts this year. The bond markets, which were pricing in almost 150 bps of rate cuts in 2024 at the start of the year are now pricing in around 75 bps of rate cuts. At 4.20% towards end of the month, the benchmark US 10 yr yield was lower by 5 bps.
- Going ahead, we believe that RBI is likely to be on a long pause and is likely to start cutting rates only after the developed market central banks start the rate-cutting cycle. Given the current growth-inflation dynamics in India, we believe rate cuts will start from Q3 of CY2024 onwards. Markets tend to react before the start of a rate cutting cycle and the current yield levels offers a good opportunity for investors to increase their allocation to fixed income as real and nominal yields remain attractive with favourable demand-supply dynamics playing out in the sovereign bond market.

## About Us

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## Asset Allocation

Instruments	Indicative allocations (% of total Assets)		Risk Profile
	Minimum	Maximum	
Corporate Debt instruments (AA+ and above rated)	80%	100%	Low to Medium
Other debt (including Government securities) and Money Market Instruments	0%	20%	Low to Medium

Please refer to the Scheme Information Document for more details on asset allocation.

## Key Features



### Benchmark index:

CRISIL Corporate Debt A-II Index@  
 (@w.e.f. March 13, 2024 the benchmark of the scheme has been changed from CRISIL Corporate Bond B-III Index to CRISIL Corporate Debt A-II Index)



### Fund Manager:

Mr. Puneet Pal and  
 (w.e.f. September 13, 2022) Mr. Bhupesh Kalyani



Exit load: Nil

## 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)		<b>B-III</b>	

**Macaulay Duration:** The 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.

**Modified Duration:** Modified duration is the price sensitivity and the percentage change in price for a unit change in yield.

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## Riskometer

This product is suitable for investors who are seeking\*:

- Income over the medium term
- Investments predominantly in AA+ and above rated corporate bonds including bonds
- Degree of risk – MODERATE

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



Investors understand that their principal will be at moderate risk