# PGIM INDIA OVERNIGHT FUND

An open ended debt scheme investing in overnight securities. A relatively low interest rate risk and relatively low credit risk scheme.

Rated A1+mfs by ICRA##

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### January 2024

### Investment Objective

PGIM India Overnight Fund aims to provide reasonable returns commensurate with low risk and providing a high level of liquidity, through investments made primarily in overnight securities having maturity of 1 business day.

#### **Fund Suitability**

- Suitable for investors looking for an avenue to park very short-term surplus funds for as low as one day
- For investors with a low risk appetite and seeking daily liquidity

#### Why Overnight Fund?

- Liquidity and Credit Risk is minimized as the maturity of the underlying investments of the fund is 1 Day and the exposure of the fund is limited to G Secs, T bills, TREPS, CROMS or AAA PSUs and PFI Money Market Instruments.
- Interest rate risk is eliminated as the fund only invests in securities with a tenor of 1 business day
- Positioned to deliver reasonable risk adjusted performance compared to traditional saving instruments
- No lock-in
- No entry or exit load.
- Same Day Returns: Purchases take place on previous days NAV, enabling one to earn returns on the day of investment\* (\*Subject to compliance of applicable cut off time)

#### Investing Money in an Overnight Fund

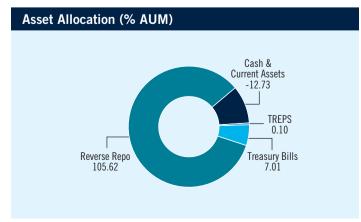
- Investor invests in Overnight scheme
- For instance, if the scheme deploys money in TREPS/CROMS\*\* on a T basis, the deployed amount earns overnight interest
- On T+1 day Maturity, in case of investment in TREPS/CROMS, CCIL\*\*
  pays out the principal amount + overnight interest to the scheme
- Money is available to the investor (\*\* For investments in instruments such as Government Securities, T Bills, PSU and PFI Money Market Instruments the Fund manager may use other portals such as NDS OM, F Trac and NSECL)

#### Why PGIM India Overnight Fund?

- Low cost Overnight fund offering#
- (#For latest TER, please refer website.)
- Daily Portfolio disclosure

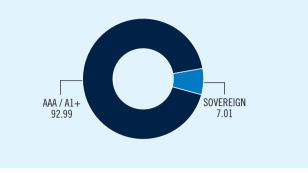
All inflows into the fund follow the above flow chart of investment into a pre-defined set of risk-free or very low risk options. The fund is pre-dominantly invested in zero risk options (CROMS, TREPS) since lending under these windows is fully collateralized through the security of underlying Government Securities.

In general, variation in yields under these liquidity options (such as CROMS and TREPS) may not be very wide on a given day. However, there exists opportunities to generate higher yields through careful and appropriately timed deployment of funds which is guided by monitoring of liquidity trends within the system. The fund management team actively tracks parameters such as rolling 7 day and 15 days MIBOR and Call money rates, System liquidity, near term maturities of Government Bonds, on-going Bond (G secs, SDL) auctions, Government net balances, GST outflows, Government spending etc., which can be useful lead indicators of liquidity trends that in turn is used as a key input for liquidity management and yield forecasting for the Overnight fund.



The above data are as on January 31, 2024

#### Credit Quality Profile (% AUM)



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#### **Fund Details**

| AUM as on January 31, 2024 (₹ in Crore): | 78.32 |
|--|-------|
| For the Debt Portfolio                   |       |
| Portfolio Yield (%)                      | 6.83  |
| Modified Duration                        | 1 day |
| Average Portfolio Maturity               | 1 day |
| Macaulay Duration                        | 1 day |

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#### What is TREPS

Triparty Repo i.e. TREPS, facilitates borrowing and lending of funds against the collateral of Government Securities in a Triparty Repo arrangement

- A repo contract is one where a third entity (apart from the borrower and lender), called a Tri-Party Agent, acts as an intermediary between the two parties to the repo to facilitate services like collateral selection, payment and settlement, custody and management during the life of the transaction
- Clearing Corporation of India Ltd (CCIL) would be the Central Counterparty to all trades from Tri Party Repo Dealing System (TREPS) and would perform the role and responsibilities of Triparty Repo Agent, in terms of Repurchase Transactions (Repo)
- Types of Entities that are eligible to participate in TREPS include Banks, Financial institutions, Insurance Companies, Mutual Funds, Primary Dealers, NBFCs, Pension Funds, Corporates etc.

#### What is **CROMS**

Clearcorp Repo Order Matching System (CROMS) an STP enabled anonymous Order Matching Platform launched by Clearcorp Dealing Systems (India) Ltd on 27th January 2009. This system enables dealing in two kinds of Repos –

- 1. Basket
- Basket Repos enables dealing in baskets wherein repoable securities have been classified based on instrument type, liquidity and outstanding tenor and clustered together.
- Details of security allocated are known to both counterparties post trade.
- 2. Special Repos
- It is a conventional repo, where both borrower and lender are aware of the underlying security against which deal is sought to be concluded.

About 70% of all market repo action against Government Securities is concluded on the Platform consistently as CROMS provides better transparency, repo rate discovery and operational efficiency and has thus become the preferred avenue for market repo dealing.

#### Does the AUM of the Overnight Scheme matter?

The size of the scheme does not have any bearing on the scheme performance, since TREPS and CROMS are extremely large sized windows of liquidity deployment within the money-market system. Daily flows into TREPS for instance is in the range of INR 50,000 -70,000 crores. The price (yield) discovery within this window as a result of the diversified counterparty base is also very efficient.

Further, the size of the fund or the overall AUM of the fund-house has absolutely no bearing either on the performance of the fund or the relative safety of investor's money in the PGIM India Overnight Fund.

The fund can only be invested in securities with a residual maturity of 1 business day and hence, there is usually never an issue with creating liquidity to meet outflows if any. Being a highly liquid portfolio, exit of investors from the fund also has no impact either on liquidity creation or performance.



#### Fund Manager's View

- The first month of 2024 saw the continuation of the theme of macroeconomic stability as growth continued to surprise on the upside with 'core' inflation continuing its downward trend coming in below 4%. The first advance GDP estimate for FY24 came in at 7.30% against market expectations of 6.70% and PMIs also continued the robust trend. The combination of strong growth and low inflation makes for a goldilocks macro-economic scenario for India in a fragile global economic landscape. The Interim Budget presented on 1st Feb 2024 further buttressed the strong underlying macroeconomic fundamentals as it projected a lower-than-expected fiscal deficit of 5.1% for FY25 leading to a mini bond rally. The markets were expecting a fiscal deficit of 5.3% and a gross borrowing number around INR15 trn. The gross borrowing came in at INR14.3 trn. Thus, the bond markets got a fresh lease of life post budget with the benchmark 10 yr bond yield lower by 9 bps on the budget day. The yield curve flattened during the month and after the interim budget, with the longer end of the curve outperforming the shorter end of the curve as the actual state government (SDL) borrowings are lower than the indicative calendar. Banking sector liquidity was tight for most of the month resulting in elevated money market yields. The key reason for the tightness in interbank liquidity continues to be a very high government surplus to the tune of INR 3-4 trn. One of the reasons for the high government surplus can be attributed to the strategy of meeting the redemption proceeds of government securities through the GST compensation cess, which is also the reason for lower gross borrowing for the next fiscal. Given the decelerating trend of core inflation and the fiscal prudence stance of the government, we believe that the monetary policy stance will be changed to 'neutral' in the February MPC meeting.
- Brent crude rose by 6% during the month on back of continuing disruptions in Red Sea, though INR was pretty stable and appreciated marginally by 0.20% during the month. CPI inflation came in at 5.69%

in line with consensus and core inflation continued its downward trajectory coming in at 3.90% which is a 4yr low.

- PFI inflows in debt continue to be strong in the new year with USD 2.3 bn of flows in January 2024 after USD 7 bn inflow during CY 2023.
- The OIS curve was flat during the month with the 1yr OIS down by 4 bps at 6.60% and 5yr OIS at 6.19%. It had outperformed the sovereign curve last month in consonance with the movement in US yields. The benchmark 10yr bond yield was down by 3 bps.
- The FOMC policy was on expected lines with the Fed pushing back on expectations of an earlier / faster rate cutting cycle though bond yields in US were lower after the US treasury reduced its Q1 CY2024 borrowing to USD 760 bn against the market expectations of USD 850 bn, and lower than its own earlier estimate of USD 816 bn. Even the Q2 CY2024 borrowing number stands at USD 206 bn against the market expectations of USD 350 bn.
- Global bond yields led by US treasury yields were flat during the month after the massive rally in the last two months of 2023. The US bond market is pricing in 125 bps rate cuts this year, which might prove to be optimistic given the cautious Fed stance amidst strong growth. RBI is likely to start cutting rates only after the global rate cutting cycle has started, which in our view, is likely to happen from Q2/Q3 of CY 2024 onwards. Markets tend to react before the start of a rate cutting cycle and the current yields offer a good opportunity for investors to increase their allocation to fixed income as slowing growth and moderating inflation is likely to lead to rate cuts in 2024.
- Bond yields tend to move in advance of rate action and investors can look to increase allocation to fixed income as we expect long bond yields to keep drifting lower and expect the benchmark 10yr bond yield to go lower towards 6.50% by Q2/Q3 of CY 2024.

#### About Us

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| Key Features |   |  |  |  |
|--------------|---|--|--|--|
|              | Benchmark index:<br>NIFTY 1D Rate Index   |  |  |  |
|              | Fund Manager:<br>(w.e.f. July 16, 2022) Mr. Puneet Pal and<br>(w.e.f. September 13, 2022) Mr. Bhupesh Kalyani |  |  |  |

#### Exit load: Nil

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

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#### Riskometer

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

- Income over a short term investment horizon
- Investment in debt and money market instruments having maturity of upto 1 business day
- Degree of risk LOW

\*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 low risk