



# PGIM INDIA PREMIER BOND FUND

An open ended debt scheme predominantly investing in AA+ and above rated corporate bonds

Rated AAAMfs by ICRA##

August 2021

## Why invest in PGIM India Premier Bond Fund?

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

## Investment Strategy

- PGIM India Premier 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.
- Moderate duration exposure allows the fund to maintain relatively low to moderate volatility compared with long-term income/bond funds, while retaining the potential to benefit from softening in yields.

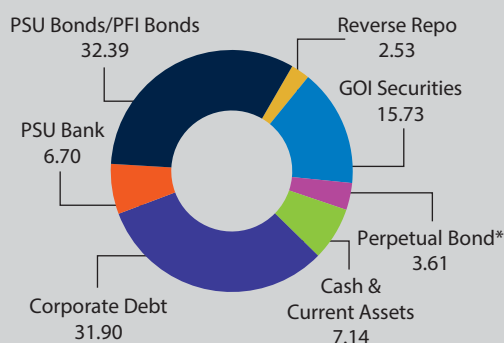
## Portfolio Positioning\*

- Portfolio predominantly consists of AAA/A1+ rated corporate bonds and PSU/PFI bonds
- Credit Quality as on 31st August, 2021: AAA/A1+/Sovereign securities comprises 91.39% of the portfolio.
- Average maturity of the portfolio as of 31st August, 2021 stood at 2.82 years.

## Who should invest?

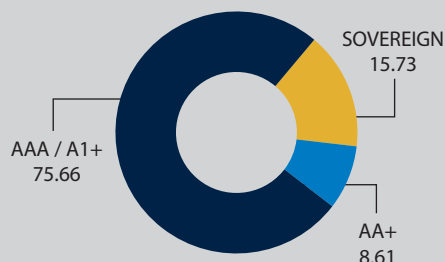
PGIM India Premier Bond Fund is ideal for investors considering investing in a low to moderate portfolio of debt securities including bonds and money market instruments.

### Asset Allocation (% AUM)



\*All the perpetual bonds in PGIM India Premier Bond Fund are Basel III bonds.

### Credit Quality Profile (% AUM)



## Fund Details

AUM as on August 31, 2021 (₹ in Crore): 71.38

### For the Debt Portfolio

Portfolio Yield (%)	4.74
Modified Duration (years)	2.16
Average Portfolio Maturity (years)	2.82
Macaulay Duration (years)	2.43

## Portfolio (Top Ten Holdings)

Issuer	% to Net Assets	Rating
Bajaj Housing Finance Ltd	9.18	CRISIL AAA
Power Grid Corporation Of India Ltd.	8.31	CRISIL AAA
6.64 GOI Mat 2035	7.06	SOV
National Housing Bank	6.70	CRISIL AAA
Britannia Industries Limited	6.14	CRISIL AAA
Fullerton India Credit Company Limited	5.82	CRISIL AAA
Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services Ltd	5.76	CARE AAA
Housing & Urban Development Corporation Ltd	5.06	CRISIL AAA
Muthoot Finance Limited	5.00	CRISIL AA+
7.27 Govt Stock Mat 2026	4.80	SOV

All the above data are as on August 31, 2021. \* These are based on fund manager's current outlook & Subject to change.

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.

## Fund Manager's View

### Inflation

- After two consecutive months of over 6% prints, CPI for July (released in August), came in lower at 5.59%. Besides a favorable base, slowing monthly momentum in prices across most categories of food and non-food helped the lower inflation. Fuel prices however continued their firm trend given higher prices of petrol and diesel and no significant easing in crude prices. Core inflation remained sticky, printing at 6.02%, down marginally from 6.25% in the previous month (a 7-month high).
- IIP came in at 5.7% (-8.4% in the previous month) in June, after 2 consecutive months of contraction. High frequency indicators such as auto dispatch, electricity consumption, e-way bills, GST collections were signaling a revival, post the peaking of the second wave in June. For the month, the leading engines of IIP included manufacturing and electricity.

### Rates and liquidity

- Liquidity, already in a surplus, continued to rise steadily month-on-month. From over INR 6.85 trillion in July, the durable system liquidity rose further to over INR 9.5 trillion. Steady dollar inflows which continue unabated have been responsible in a big way for the excess liquidity. CIC outflows after the mid-year have slowed down as well, thereby leading to excess liquidity.
- Decision to scale up VRRR (Variable Rate Reverse Repo) at the MPC should help to soak up some of this liquidity, although the residual liquidity will still remain meaningful.
- As a result of this excess liquidity, front-end yields rallied meaningfully. One-year CD yields fell by almost 20 bps with the long end (10-year benchmark) remaining flat. This led to a steepening in the yield curve through the month. The short end covering the 1-3 bonds, also rallied sharply given the limited liquidity bias and limited supply.

### August MPC outcome

- As expected, the August MPC was a status -quo with RBI leaving all key rates unchanged. A pro-growth stance will leave surplus liquidity in the

system, as the MPC has been keen to revive growth in a sustainable manner. There was no change in the accommodative stance either.

- However, the RBI initiated baby steps towards normalizing excess liquidity by proposing doubling of the liquidity suction under VRRR from INR 2 trillion to INR 4 trillion.
- Interestingly, the vote for an "accommodative stance" was not unanimous as in the previous meetings, with 1 member in favor of a "neutral stance". The inflation forecast was also raised from 5.1% to 5.7%. The road to normalization of inflation appears some time away, given stubbornly high commodity prices, supply disruptions, higher logistics costs. Besides, severe disruptions faced by the informal sector and small businesses have been highly inflationary, as these firms have competitive cost structures and are highly active in the production of a wide array of goods such as textiles, garments etc.

### Outlook

- Minutes of the MPC meeting reveal that both the Governor and Deputy Governor were highly accommodative in their stance articulating the need for handholding of the economy for a longer time as recovery was still nascent and was yet to take root. Given the ongoing support in most of the developed markets, wherein the fiscal support has also been higher, RBI is likely to err on the side of continued support for longer until the growth outlook is more certain and worries around a third wave recede.
- Given this background, we recommend products such as corporate bond funds, PGIM India Premier Bond Fund and PGIM India Banking & PSU Fund for investors with a 1-3 year horizon. The PGIM India Dynamic Bond Fund is an option for investors with an ability to handle some volatility while seeking duration gains. Investors with a shorter time horizon of up to 6 months should look at the PGIM Ultra Short term Fund, a high quality fund that invests predominantly in the 3-12-month segment to maintain duration under 6 months.

## About Us

PGIM India Mutual Fund is a wholly owned business of PGIM, the global investment management business of the US based Prudential Financial, Inc. (PFI). PGIM India Mutual Fund offers a broad range of equity and fixed income solutions to retail and institutional investors throughout the country. We manage 22 open-ended funds operated by 15 investment professionals. In addition to managing our investors assets through domestic Mutual Funds, we also offer Offshore Funds and Portfolio Management Services. The fund house leverages the strength and stability of PGIM's 140-year legacy to build on its decade long history in India.

PGIM is the global investment management business of PFI, one of the top 10 investment managers\* with over USD 1.5 trillion<sup>1</sup> in asset under management. PGIM offers a wide range of actively managed asset classes and investment styles including Equities, Fixed Income and Real Estate. PGIM employs over 1300+ investment professionals located in 39 offices across 17 countries and follows a multi-manager model with strong capabilities beyond traditional assets.

Source: [pgim.com](http://pgim.com) \*PGIM is the investment management business of Prudential Financial, Inc. (PFI); PFI is the 10th largest investment manager (out of 477 firms surveyed) in terms of global assets under management based on Pensions & Investments' Top Money Managers list published on May 31, 2021. This ranking represents global assets under management by PFI as of December 31, 2020. <sup>1</sup>All Information as of March 31, 2021.

## 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 Composite Bond Fund Index



**Fund Manager:**  
Mr. Puneet Pal



**Exit load: Nil.**  
No exit load will be charged for switches and STP between debt schemes of PGIM India Mutual Fund except from PGIM India Insta Cash Fund.  
No exit load will be charged for switches and STP from debt schemes except PGIM India Insta Cash Fund to Equity, Hybrid, FOF of PGIM India Mutual Fund.

## Investment Style Box

### Credit Quality

High Medium Low

			High
			Medium
			Low
			Very Low

Interest Rate Sensitivity

##ICRA has assigned the "[ICRA] AAAMfs" (pronounced as ICRA triple A m f s) rating to the PGIM India Premier Bond Fund. Schemes with this rating are considered to have the highest degree of safety regarding timely receipt of payments from the investments that they have made. The ratings should, however, not be construed as an indication of the performance of the Mutual Fund scheme or of volatility in its returns For complete rating scale and definitions please refer to ICRA's Website [www.icra.in](http://www.icra.in) or other ICRA Rating Publications ICRA Credit Quality Rating Methodology for debt mutual fund schemes ICRA's mutual fund rating methodology is based on evaluating the inherent credit quality of the fund's portfolio. As a measure of the credit quality of a debt fund's assets, ICRA uses the concept of "credit scores". These scores are based on ICRA's estimates of credit risk associated with each exposure of the portfolio taking into account its maturity. To quantify the credit risk scores, ICRA uses its database of historical default rates for various rating categories for various maturity buckets. The credit risk ratings incorporate ICRA's assessment of a debt fund's published investment objectives and policies, its management characteristics, and the creditworthiness of its investment portfolio. ICRA reviews relevant fund information on an ongoing basis to support its published rating opinions. If the portfolio credit score meets the benchmark of the assigned rating during the review, the rating is retained. In an event that the benchmark credit score is breached, ICRA gives a month's time to the debt fund manager to bring the portfolio credit score within the benchmark credit score. If the debt fund manager is able to reduce the portfolio credit score within the benchmark credit score, the rating is retained. If the portfolio still continues to breach the benchmark credit score, the rating is revised to reflect the change in credit quality.

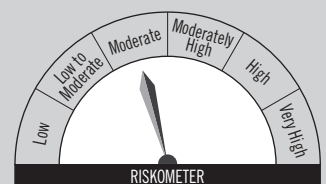
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## Riskometer

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

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