



PGIM INDIA ULTRA SHORT TERM FUND

An open ended ultra-short term debt scheme investing in instruments such that the Macaulay duration of the portfolio is between 3 months to 6 months

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Why invest in PGIM India Ultra Short Term Fund?

PGIM India Ultra Short Term Fund is a low to moderate risk fund for short term investing needs.

Investment Strategy

- The aim of the investment strategy is to generate returns with a low to moderate risk, particularly minimal interest rate risk strategy.
- The Scheme shall be actively managed and the Fund Management team shall formulate an active view of the interest rate movement by monitoring various parameters of the Indian economy, as well as developments in global markets.
- The Macaulay Duration of the portfolio will be maintained between 3 months to 6 months.

Portfolio Characteristics*

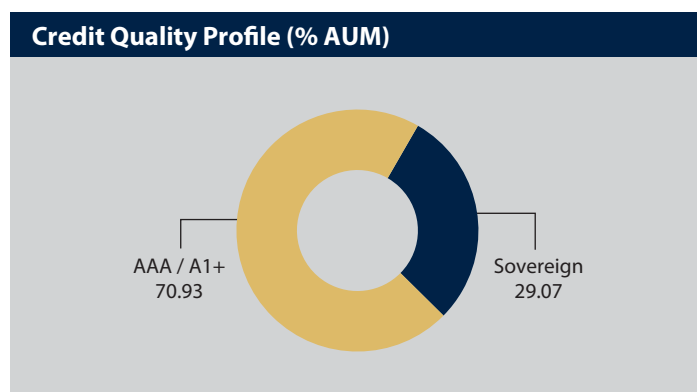
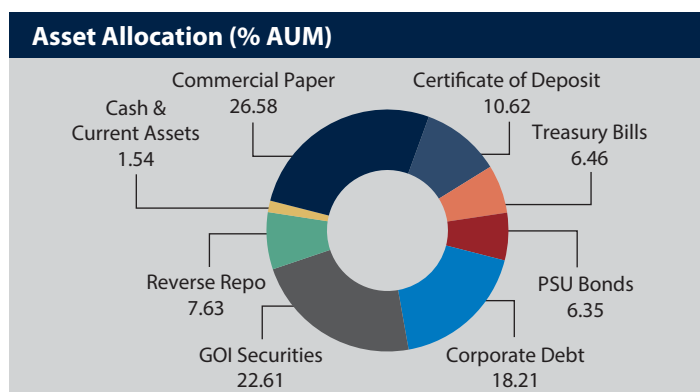
- The fund has been maintaining a high quality mix of liquid and short term securities which seeks to deliver steady returns with lower volatility.
- Predominantly invested in money market securities and short term bonds.

Portfolio Positioning*

- PGIM India Ultra Short Term Fund does not take duration calls and maintains 'mark to market' exposure at nominal levels in order to moderate volatility in returns.
- Strict control on average maturity, limits the return volatility on the fund.
- Investment in AAA/A1+ rated securities and Sovereign bonds is 100.00%.

Who should invest?

PGIM India Ultra Short Term Fund is ideal for investors looking at investing their surplus money for a period of 2-3 months.



Fund Details

AUM as on February 28, 2021 (₹ in Crore):	399.48
For the Debt Portfolio	
Portfolio Yield (%)	3.61
Modified Duration (months)	3.12
Average Portfolio Maturity (months)	3.24
Macaulay Duration (months)	3.24

Maturity Profile As on February 2021 (%)

0-1M	24.38	6-9M	16.14
1-3M	31.31	9-12M	1.29
3-6M	26.89	12M +	0.00

Portfolio (Top Ten Holdings)

Issuer	% to Net Assets	Rating
Government Of India - Gilts - 7.80% 2021	20.13	SOV
Aditya Birla Finance	8.17	ICRA AAA
Power Finance Corporation Ltd.	6.35	CRISIL AAA
364 Days Tbill May 2021	6.25	SOV
TV18 Broadcast Limited	6.14	CARE A1+
Reliance Industries Ltd.	5.00	ICRA A1+
Housing Development Finance Corp. Ltd.	3.81	CRISIL AAA
Chennai Petroleum Corporation Ltd	3.75	CRISIL A1+
Bank Of Baroda	3.73	IND A1+
Network 18 Media & Investments Ltd	3.73	CARE A1+

Fund Manager's View

GDP Print

- GDP data for Q3 came in at +0.4% around market consensus of +0.6%.
- GVA growth was higher at 1%, indicating a higher subsidy payout by the government in the period. Internals suggest a pick up in manufacturing, electricity and construction while mining is still in the negative zone. This is largely corroborating IIP prints in the last few months.
- Services still remain affected by the diminished physical movements and discretionary activities such as travel and tourism among others, owing to the delay in vaccine roll-outs that are expected to happen post March. The revival of services, therefore, is expected to take a few more quarters.

Rates and liquidity

- Rates sold off during the month. Pressures started accentuating post the budget as markets fully grasped the extent of the supply likely to hit the market in FY 22 besides the additional INR 800 bio issuance for FY 21.
- The second fortnight also witnessed a gradual hardening in US yields which added to a further pressure on local yields, as fears mounted of a gradual sell off from emerging markets. US yields rose from 1.29% to 1.61% in a span of a week with expectations of a strong recovery, further stimulus measures of USD 1.9 trillion and rise in commodity prices.
- The other feature that was adding to the market nervousness was the continuous devolvement at the auctions, with a large portion remaining unsold. Notably, RBI moving to a "uniform price auction" for the longer bond did not help matters much as the devolvement kept on continuing.
- Markets seem to demand higher yields despite the Governor's repeated statements that the yield curve would be managed through an array of tools at RBI's behest and that the yield curve was a "public good" that needed more attention.
- Market demand and preference for outright and larger sized OMOs (Open Market Operations) over Operation twists (which are liquidity neutral) has not been heeded by RBI fully, which is also reflecting the rigidity in higher

yields. As a result benchmark 10 year yields move higher by almost 30 bps post the budget day, factoring in all of these worries.

- On liquidity, markets seem to believe that the excess liquidity will be absorbed by RBI faster than indications in the statements in the February policy. Short OIS (2y), reflects this fear expressed in the steepness.
- System liquidity however remained quite comfortable for the month, with LAF tracking upwards at INR 6 trillion on a consistent basis. Barring short term fluctuations, overnight rates such as Treps and Repo have also been under the Reverse Repo levels.

Outlook

- Rising yields is the focus of bond markets and needs urgent addressing to soothe market nerves.
- Inflation which was rising through 2020, seems to be cooling off a bit. This is reflected in the last 2 prints that came off a peak of 7.60%. Base effects are favourable post March and the recent surge in food inflation should finally see some respite as the winter months end and the transport and logistical hurdles witnessed through most of the pandemic also ease off.
- Forex which was appreciating for most part of the recent months witnessed some reversal in February given the EM sell off in bonds as US yields surged and market fears of a repeat of taper tantrum surfaced. It is unlikely though that the US Fed will tighten any time soon after having clearly communicated the willingness to look at average inflation going forward rather than a pure headline number. Moreover, full employment alone is not sufficient to alter the course of monetary policy.
- RBI has its job cut out for itself as we enter the last month of the financial year and record G Sec issuance volumes are slated for the next fiscal. Given the backdrop of a strong recovery, large issuance volumes, a gradual normalisation of liquidity and stubborn commodity prices, and a rise in US yields, we remain watchful on the longer end of the yield curve. We prefer the shorter end of the curve in the 1-3 year duration, which offers better carry subsequent to the normalization in yields in January.

About Us

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Source: *pgim.com *Pensions & Investments Top Money Managers list, June 1, 2020; ranking reflects largest money managers by assets under management as of March 31, 2020; based on PFI total worldwide assets under management as of March 31, 2020. ¹All Information as of December 31, 2020.*

Asset Allocation

Instruments	Indicative allocations (% of total Assets)		Risk Profile
	Minimum	Maximum	
Debt and Money Market Instruments including Government securities	0%	100%	Low to Medium

The Macaulay Duration of the portfolio will be maintained between 3 months to 6 months. Please refer to the Scheme Information Document for more details on asset allocation.

Key Features



Benchmark index:
CRISIL Ultra Short Term Debt Index#



Fund Manager:
Mr. Kumaresh Ramakrishnan and Mr. Kunal Jain



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

w.e.f. November 01, 2019 benchmark of the scheme has been changed from CRISIL Liquid Fund Index to CRISIL Ultra Short Term Debt Index

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.

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Riskometer

This product is suitable for investors who are seeking*:

- Income over the short term
- Investment in short term debt and money market instruments
- Degree of risk – LOW TO 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 low to moderate risk

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