# JCR-VIS Credit Rating Company Limited

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### **Investment Objective**

The objective of the fund is to provide a stable stream of income with moderate level of risk by investing in fixed income securities.

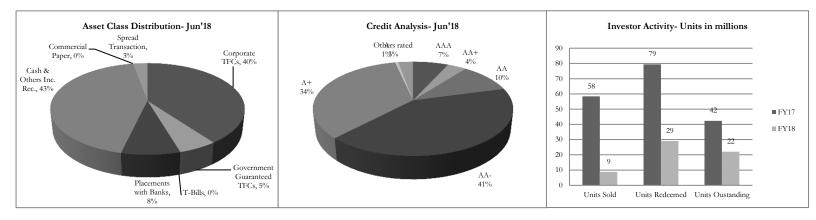
| HBL Income Fund       |                                    |               |  |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------|---------------|--|
| Rating Category       | Latest Previous                    |               |  |
| Fund Stability Pating | A(f)                               | A(f)          |  |
| Fund Stability Rating | Dec 26, 2018                       | Dec 29, 2017  |  |
| AMC                   | HBL Asset                          | Management    |  |
| ANC                   | Lin                                | nited         |  |
| External Auditors -   | Deloitte Vou                       | auf Adil & Co |  |
| Fund                  | Deloitte Yousuf Adil & Co.         |               |  |
| Fund Managers         | Mr. Faizan Saleem                  |               |  |
| Trustee               | Central Depository Company         |               |  |
| Front-end Load        | Up to 1.5%                         |               |  |
| Back-end Load         | -                                  |               |  |
|                       | 12.5% of gross earning with -      |               |  |
| Management Eee        | floor of 1.25% & cap of 1.50%      |               |  |
| Management Fee        | of the avg. daily net asset of the |               |  |
|                       | scheme                             |               |  |
| Benchmark             | 6 Month KIBOR                      |               |  |

|                                       | HIF          |              |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
|                                       | FY17         | FY18         |
| Type of Scheme                        | Inco         | ome          |
| Return (%)                            | 4.6%         | 5.0%         |
| Benchmark (%)                         | 6.1%         | 6.4%         |
| Peer Average (%)                      | 5.9%         | 5.1%         |
| Relative Ranking                      | 27 out of 28 | 15 out of 28 |
| Fund Size (in Rs. m)                  | 4,490        | 2,456        |
| Retail (%)                            | 49%          | 43%          |
| Associates (%)                        | 46%          | 48%          |
| Number of Investors                   | 1,166        | 875          |
| Top 10 Investors / AUMs               | 56%          | 60%          |
| Fund Stability Rating                 | A(f)         | A(f)         |
| Management fee                        | 1.50%        | 1.25-1.50%   |
| WATM (at end-June)                    | 850          | 928          |
| Modified Duration (at end-June)       | 58           | 100          |
| Average Asset Allocation*             |              |              |
| Corporate TFCs                        | 26%          | 34%          |
| Government backed / issued Securities | 4%           | 0%           |
| Others                                | 10%          | 6%           |
| Placements with Banks                 | 14%          | 24%          |
| Cash & Others Inc. Rec.               | 46%          | 36%          |

\*- FY17: Six Months Average and FY18: Twelve Months Average

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HBL Income Fund (HIF) is an open ended fund which aims to provide a stable stream of income while maintaining a moderate level of risk. Acceptable asset class of the fund includes fixed income securities/instruments and its investment universe spans from government backed securities to spread transactions. Fund size decreased to Rs. 2.5b (FY17: Rs. 4.5b), as at end-June' 2018.

| Table 1: Approved Investment Avenues-Offering document |
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| (extract)  |

| Description   | Min-<br>Max<br>Limits | Min-Max<br>Actual  | Min<br>Issuer<br>Rating | Min<br>Instrument<br>Rating |
|---|-----------------------|--|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Secured, Unsecured<br>& Unlisted debt<br>securities issued by<br>local governments,<br>other government<br>agencies, private or<br>public sector entities<br>or financial<br>institutions | 0%-75%                | 27%-40%  | N/A                     | IG*                         |
| Treasury bills (T-<br>Bills), Pakistan<br>Investment Bond,<br>Federal Investment<br>Bonds and other<br>Government<br>Securities;  | 0%-<br>100%           | 0%   | N/A                     | N/A                         |
| Cash and near cash<br>instruments<br>including cash in<br>bank accounts<br>(excluding TDRs),<br>T-Bills not exceeding<br>90 days maturity   | 25%-<br>100%          | The fund<br>has<br>complied<br>with the<br>requirement<br>on monthly<br>average<br>basis | IG*                     | N/A                         |

| Non traded<br>securities, including<br>reverse repos, bank<br>deposits, certificate<br>of investments<br>(COI) and certificate<br>of Musharikas<br>(COM) and anything<br>over six months<br>maturity which is not<br>a marketable security | 0%-15%                 | -       | IG* | N/A                       |
|--|------------------------|---------|-----|---------------------------|
| Commercial papers  | 0%-25%                 | 0%-4.2% | A-  | A2                        |
| Continuous Funding<br>System (CFS) &<br>Spread Transactions  | 0%-40%                 | 1%-5%   | N/A | N/A                       |
| Foreign fixed income<br>securities issued;<br>listed or otherwise<br>and   | 30%<br>(< USD<br>15 m) | -       | 1   | cified by the<br>nmission |

\*Investment Grade

Investment Committee (IC) comprises Chief Executive Officer, Chief Investment Officer, Head of Fixed Income, Manager Risk, Fund Manager Fixed Income and Head of Research. All investment decisions are consensus based.

# Credit Risk

#### Table 2: Asset Allocation

| Asset Class Distribution   | Jun'17 | Jun'18 |
|----------------------------|--------|--------|
| Corporate TFCs             | 32%    | 40%    |
| Government Guaranteed TFCs | 0%     | 5%     |
| T-Bills                    | 0%     | 0%     |
| Placements with Banks      | 19%    | 8%     |
| Cash & Others Inc. Rec.    | 40%    | 43%    |
| Commercial Paper           | 3%     | 0%     |
| Spread Transaction         | 5%     | 3%     |

During FY18, the fund's asset allocation plan remained concentrated in cash balances and corporate TFCs. At

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end-June'2018, the fund deployed two fifth (FY17: 32%) of its asset base in corporate TFCs with the remaining invested in cash, government guaranteed debt instruments and spread transaction. The fund complied with the approved investment limits as per the offering document on the basis of monthly average basis.

#### Table 3: Credit Quality

| Credit Quality | Average | Maximum | Minimum |
|----------------|---------|---------|---------|
| AAA            | 16%     | 31%     | 6%      |
| AA+            | 3%      | 7%      | 0%      |
| АА             | 10%     | 19%     | 2%      |
| AA-            | 32%     | 44%     | 11%     |
| A+             | 31%     | 36%     | 22%     |
| А              | 1%      | 1%      | 1%      |
| Others rated   | 3%      | 12%     | 0%      |
| NR             | 4%      | 10%     | 1%      |

On an average, the fund parked around 60% of its assets in 'AA-' and above rated avenues. Moreover, the fund largely complied with credit quality stipulations of the assigned rating barring few instances where the fund invested in other-rated instruments.

## Market Risk

Table 4: Modified Duration

| Month  | Modified<br>Duration (Days) |
|--------|-----------------------------|
| Jul'17 | 46                          |
| Aug'17 | 50                          |
| Sep'17 | 47                          |
| Oct'17 | 27                          |
| Nov'17 | 35                          |
| Dec'17 | 90                          |
| Jan'18 | 69                          |
| Feb'18 | 67                          |
| Mar'18 | 97                          |
| Apr'18 | 73                          |
| May'18 | 59                          |
| Jun'18 | 100                         |

During FY18, modified duration remained under the specified limit of 365 days as per the assigned ratings.

Maximum duration during FY18 was reported at 100 days at end-June'2018.

# Liquidity Profile

Contribution by retail investors declined in FY18 to 43% (FY17: 49%). Total number of investors witnessed attrition to 875 (FY17: 1,166) at end-June'2018. Moreover, contribution of assets from associates increased to 48% (FY17: 46%) at end-FY18. Top-10 investor concentration was reported at 60% (FY17: 56%) at end-FY18.

## Fund Performance

#### Table 5: Fund Performance

|                  | FY17         | FY18         |
|------------------|--------------|--------------|
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Performance of the fund is benchmarked against 6 months KIBOR. During FY18, HIF reported a return of 5.0% (FY17: 4.6%) which remains below both benchmark (6.4%) and peer average (5.1%). Relative to peers, the fund's performance improved with relative rank of the fund improving from 27/28 to 15/28 JCR-VIS

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# **Rating History**

| Rating Date | Medium to<br>Long Term | Outlook                  | Short Term     | <b>Rating Action</b> |
|-------------|------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|----------------------|
|             | RATING TY              | PE: Fund Stability Manag | gement Quality |                      |
| 26-Dec-18   | A(f)                   | -                        | -              | Reaffirmed           |
| 29-Dec-17   | A(f)                   | -                        | -              | Reaffirmed           |
| 11-Jan-17   | A(f)                   | -                        | -              | Reaffirmed           |
| 14-Jan-16   | A(f)                   | -                        | -              | Reaffirmed           |
| 13-Mar-15   | A(f)                   | -                        | -              | Reaffirmed           |
| 28-Oct-13   | A(f)                   | -                        | -              | Reaffirmed           |
| 1-Jan-13    | A(f)                   | -                        | -              | Reaffirmed           |