Meezan Sovereign Fund (MSF)

Managed By: Al-Meezan Investment Management Limited

Fund Stability Rating

Latest Rating AA(f)

6-Feb-25

What is Fund Stability Rating

Fund Stability Rating (FSR) is a measure used to assess the stability and risk associated with a mutual fund or investment portfolio. The stability rating combines a comprehensive quantitative evaluation of the fund's portfolio with a qualitative assessment of fund management. This rating offers investors an impartial gauge of the primary areas of risk that income funds may face, including credit risk, liquidity risk, and interest rate risk.

Fund Information			
Launch Date	February 10, 2010		
Fund Type	Open End		
Category	Income		
Risk Profile	Moderate		
Auditor	EY Ford Rhodes, Chartered Accountants		
Trustee	Central Depository Company of Pakistan Limited		
Front-end Load	1.00%		
Back-end Load	Nil		
Benchmark	6 Months PKISRV Rate		
MQR Rating	AM1 (VIS)		
Mgt. Fee	Up to 0.6% p.a. (min 0.25)		

Meezan Sovereign Fund (the Fund) is an open-end income fund constituted under a Trust Deed entered into on Feb 10, 2010, between Al-Meezan Investment Management Limited as the Management Company and Central Depository Company of Pakistan Limited (CDC) as the Trustee.

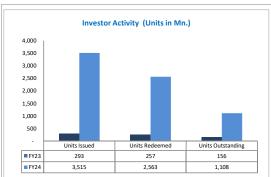
Fund Overview

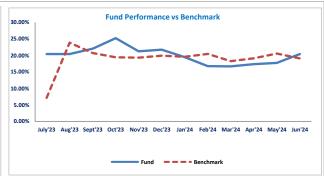
Investment Objective

The objective of the scheme is to seek maximum possible preservation of capital and a reasonable rate of return.

Offering Document (Extract)					
Description	Minimum rating	Min- Max Limits			
Shariah compliant fixed income Government Securities (including Sukuks) issued or guaranteed by GoP.	N/A	70%-100%			
Cash in Bank Accounts of Islamic Banks and licensed Islamic Banking windows of conventional Banks (Excluding TDR) plus Government Securities having maturity not exceeding 90 days.	A+/AA-	10%/%10-30%			
Shariah Compliance Spread transactions in Government Securities	NA	0%-40%			
Shariah Compliant non-traded securities with maturity not exceeding six (6) months, including but not limited to Bank Deposits with licensed Islamic Banks and/or licensed Islamic Banking windows of conventional Banks and placement of funds with Islamic Financial Institutions.	AA-	0%-25%			
Shariah Compliant non-traded securities with maturity exceeding six (6) months, including but not limited to Bank Deposits with licensed Islamic Banks and/or licensed Islamic Banking windows of conventional Banks and placement of funds with Islamic Financial Institutions.	AA-	0%-15%			
Authorized Shariah compliant investment outside Pakistan including Islamic Sovereign mutual funds shall be subject to prior approval and guidelines (if any) of the SECP, SBP and Shariah advisor.	N/A	0%-As allowed by SECP			
Any other Shariah Compliant instruments/securities that may be permitted or approved by the SECP and Shariah Advisor of the Scheme from time to time	-	0%-As allowed by SECP			

Net Assets					
	Jun'22	Jun'23	Jun'24		
Net Assets (In PKR' Millions)	6,196	8,133	57,965		
Asset Allocation - Jun	'24	Credit Quality - Jun	n'24		
Cash 22%	Government Securitiad 60%	0.5% AA+ NR 05% 16%	Govt Sec/AAA 82%		





Credit Quality (FY'24)	Average	Maximum	Minimum	Avg. Asset Allocation (% wise)	FY'23 Avg.	FY'24 Avg.
Govt Sec/AAA	93.76%	100.00%	81.80%	Government Securities	78.83%	72.23%
AA+	0.00%	0.01%	0.00%	Cash	17.73%	22.19%
AA	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	Others	3.44%	5.58%
AA-	0.12%	0.90%	0.00%			
A+	0.83%	2.90%	0.00%			
Α	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%			
A-	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%			
BBB+	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%			
BBB	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%			
BBB-	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%			
NR	5.29%	0.00%	0.00%			

Portfolio Maturity (FY'24)	Average	Maximum	Minimum	Benchmark	Fund Performance	FY'23	FY'24
WAM in year(s) Duration	1.84	3.00	1.08	4.00	Total Return	15.37%	21.89%
(In Days)	91	131	58	1460	Benchmark Return	6.06%	18.95%
					Peer Average	15.75%	21.08%
					Peer Ranking	16/23	6/31

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Fund Stability Analysis

The Meezan Sovereign Fund has been assigned Fund Stability Rating of AA(f). This rating indicates a high degree of stability in the Net Asset Value (NAV) of the fund, with modest risk that may vary slightly due to changing economic conditions.

Asset Allocation:

During FY24, the Fund's Assets Under Management (AUM) experienced notable fluctuations, peaking at Rs. 83.9 billion in January 2024 before declining to Rs. 58 billion by June 2024 (Jun'23: Rs. 8.1 billion). As per the offering document, the Fund is required to maintain a minimum exposure of 70% in government-backed or issued securities. While this criterion was met on an average basis, instances of noncompliance were noted in July'23, Sept'23, Oct'23, Nov'23, and Jun'24. Furthermore, lapses were noted in adherence to prescribed cash allocation threshold of 10%-30% in certain months. On average, the Fund's portfolio comprised ~72% exposure to GoP-guaranteed securities and ~22% allocated to cash deposits.

Credit Quality:

The Fund's credit quality is considered strong. On average, less than 1% of investments were in the A+ category, which is the prescribed threshold defined in the offering document. The credit quality of the portfolio remained concentrated in AAA-rated investments and government securities. Cash balances were predominantly maintained with AAA-rated banks. The "Not Rated" portion represents receivables against the conversion of units.

Market and Liquidity Risk:

The weighted average time to maturity (WAM) is capped at 4 years as outlined in the offering document, which the Fund complied with, reporting an average WAM of 1.84 years.

The liquidity profile is considered sound, with liquid assets comprising ~94% of the investments. Retail investors constitute ~86% of the Fund's portfolio, reflecting a significant presence of retail participation. Meanwhile, concentration risk remains low, as the top ten investors account for ~15% of the AUM as at June 2024.

Fund Performance:

During the period under review, the Fund's YTD returns clocked in at 21.89%, outperforming the peer average and positioning it in the first quartile among its peers.

Financial Sna	pshot	
BALANCE SHEET	FY23	FY24
Paid Up Capital	N/A	N/A
Total Equity	N/A	N/A
INCOME STATEMENT	FY23	FY24
Total Income	1,030.9	9,741.6
Profit Before Tax	954.9	9,187.1
Profit After Tax	954.9	9,187.1
RATIO ANALYSIS	FY23	FY24
Current Ratio (x)	N/A	N/A
Gearing (x)	N/A	N/A
FFO	N/A	N/A

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	Regulatory Disclosures				
Name of Rated Fund	Meezan Sovereign Fund	Sector	Mutual Funds		
Type of Relationship	Solicited	Purpose of Rating	Fund Stability Rating (FSR)		
	Rating History				
Rating Type	Rating Date	Medium to Long Term	Rating Action		
Fund Stability	6-Feb-25	AA(f)	Reaffirmed		
Fund Stability	27-Dec-23	AA(f)	Reaffirmed		
Fund Stability	3-Jan-23	AA(f)	Reaffirmed		
Fund Stability	13-Jan-22	AA(f)	Reaffirmed		
Fund Stability	6-Jan-21	AA(f)	Upgrade		
Fund Stability	31-Dec-19	AA-(f)	Reaffirmed		
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