JCR-VIS Credit Rating Company Limited

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Investment Objective

Date: December 27, 2018

The objective of the fund is to seek high liquidity and comparative return for investors by investing in low risk securities of shorter duration and maturity.

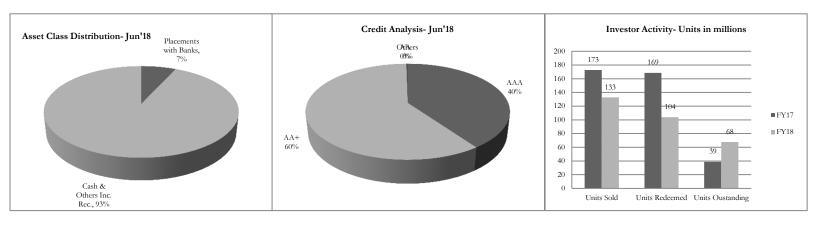
HBL Money Market Fund			
Rating Category	Latest	Previous	
Fund Stability Dating	AA(f)	AA(f)	
Fund Stability Rating	Dec 26, 2018	Dec 29, 2017	
AMC	HBL Asset Management Limited		
External Auditors – Fund	Deloitte Yousuf Adil & Co.		
Fund Managers	Mr. Faizan Saleem		
Trustee	Central Depository Company		
Front-end Load	-		
Back-end Load	-		
Management Fee	10% of gross earning with floor of 0.75% & cap of 1% of the avg. daily N A of the scheme		
Benchmark	70% 3M PKRV & 30% 3M avg. deposits rate of 3 AA and above rated Banks		

	HMMF	
	FY17	FY18
Type of Scheme	Money Market	
Return (%)	6.5%	5.35%
Benchmark (%)	5.3%	5.32%
Peer Average (%)	6.8%	5.2%
Relative Ranking	13 out of 21	11 out of 21
Fund Size (in Rs. m)	3,942	7,249
Retail (%)	49%	50%
Associates (%)	5%	14%
Number of Investors	1,105	2,025
Top 10 Investors / AUMs	47%	53%
Fund Stability Rating	AA(f)	AA(f)
Management fee	1.00%	0.75%-1.00%
WATM (at end-June)	19	3
Modified Duration (at end-June)	18	3
Average Asset Allocation*		
Corporate TFCs	0%	0%
Government backed / issued Securities	24%	36%
Others	1%	1%
Placements with Banks	13%	15%
Cash & Others Inc. Rec.	62%	49%

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

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HBL Money Market Fund (HBL MMF) is an open ended fund which offers high liquidity by investing in shorter duration securities. Net assets of the funds increased to Rs. 7.2b (FY17: Rs. 3.9b) at end-FY18, largely emanating from retail and corporate investors. As per the internal investment policy, the fund may park its assets in government paper or as deposits in financial institutions having rating of AA and above.

Table 1: Offering document (extract)

Description	Min-Max limits	Min-Max Actual	Min Rating
Treasury Bills and other Government Securities	0%-100%	0%-92%	-
Reverse Repo against Government Securities or other authorized investments	0%-50%		AA and above
Deposits with / Lending (under LOP) to scheduled banks	0%-100%		АА
Securities issued by Government owned, controlled or managed entities provided that such securities are backed by an irrevocable and unconditional Government guarantee	0%-20%		АА
Deposits with / Lending (under LOP) to DFIs	0-10%		АА
Certificate of Deposits (CODs), Certificate of Investment (COIs), Certificate of Musharaka	0-10%		ААА
Foreign Money Market Investments	30% (cap of \$15m)		AA or above

The Investment Committee (IC) comprises Chief Executive Officer, Chief Investment Officer, Head of

Research, Manager Risk, Head of Fixed Income, and Fund Manager Fixed Income. Investment decisions are consensus based.

Credit Risk

Table 2: Asset Allocation

Asset Class Distribution	Jun'17	Jun'18
Corporate TFCs	0%	0%
Commercial paper	2%	0%
T-Bills	0%	0%
Government backed / issued Securities	0%	0%
Placements with Banks	9%	7%
Cash & Others Inc. Rec.	88%	93%

Over 90% of the fund's assets were invested as cash at end-June'2018 with the remaining held as placements with banks. Moreover, at end-Oct'2018, around 90.28% of the AUMs of the fund were parked in T-bills and remain in line with the asset allocation strategy.

Table 3: Credit Quality

Credit Quality	Average	Maximum	Minimum
AAA	74%	97%	37%
AA+	20%	60%	0%
AA	5%	47%	0%
NR	1%	3%	0%

The fund is allowed to invest in issuer/issue with a minimum credit rating of 'AA'. Barring some instances during FY18 where the fund deployed resources in non-rated instruments; the fund has complied with credit

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quality stipulations and invested in AA and above rated instruments/entities.

Market Risk

Table 4: Modified Duration

Month	Modified Duration (Days)
Jul'17	45
Aug'17	31
Sep'17	6
Oct'17	35
Nov'17	26
Dec'17	21
Jan'18	52
Feb'18	51
Mar'18	7
Apr'18	55
May'18	33
Jun'18	3

During FY18, modified duration remained under the specified limit of 90 days. Given greater funds held as cash, WATM was reported lower as compared to last year (FY18: 3 days; FY17: 19 days). Maximum duration during FY18 was reported at 55 days at end-April'2018.

Liquidity Profile

Based on higher investment by retail investors, retail proportion increased to 50% (FY17: 49%) as at end June'18. Similarly, number of investors doubled to 2,025 (FY17: 1105) at end-FY18. Top-10 investor concentration was reported at 53% (FY17: 47%) during FY18. Liquidity profile draws support from asset mix of the fund.

Fund Performance

Table 5: Fund Performance

	FY17	FY18
Return (%)	6.5%	5.3%
Benchmark (%)	5.3%	5.4%
Peer Average (%)	6.8%	5.2%
Relative Ranking	13 out of 21	11 out of 21

Against benchmark defined as a weighted average of 3 month PKRV & 3 month deposit rate, the fund underperformed during the outgoing year. However, the fund out-performed the peer average with its rank marginally improving to 11/21 from 13/21 JCR-VIS

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Rating History

Rating Date	Medium to Long Term	Outlook	Short Term	Rating Action
	RA	TING TYPE: Fund Stab	<u>sility</u>	
26-Dec-18	AA(f)	-	-	Reaffirmed
29-Dec-17	AA(f)	-	-	Reaffirmed
05-Jan-17	AA(f)	-	-	Reaffirmed
14-Jan-16	AA(f)	-	-	Reaffirmed
26-Dec-14	AA(f)	-	-	Reaffirmed
21-Oct-13	AA(f)	-	-	Reaffirmed
29-Mar-12	AA(f)	-	-	Harmonized