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## **Investment Objective**

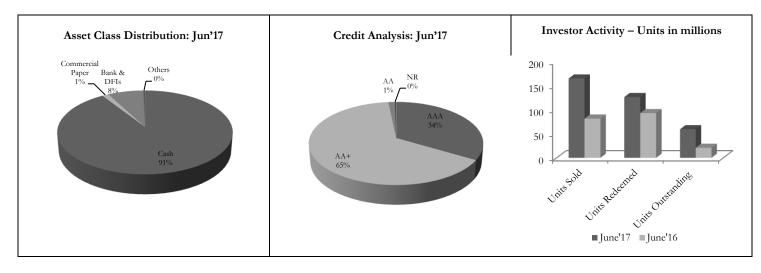
To provide competitive returns to investors through active investment in low risk portfolio of short duration while maintaining high liquidity. The fund aims to maximize returns through efficient utilization of investment and liquidity management tools.

HBL Cash Fund			
Rating Category	Latest	Previous	
English Dating	AA(f)	AA(f)	
Fund Stability Rating	Dec 29, '17	Jan 05, '17	
AMC	HBL Asset	Management	
AMC	Li	mited	
External Auditors –	Deloitte Yousuf Adil & Co.		
Fund	Deloitte Tousui Auii & Co.		
Fund Managers	Mr. Faizan Saleem		
Trustee	Central Depository Company		
Front-end Load	Upto 1%		
Back-end Load	-		
Management Fee	0.5% per annum		
	70% 3 month PKRV & 30%		
Benchmark	3 month deposit rate		
Denchmark	of three (3) AA rated		
	scheduled Bank		

	HBL CF	
	FY17	FY16
Type of Scheme	Mone	ey Market
Return (%)	7.2%	6.1%
Benchmark (%)	5.0%	4.7%
Peer Average (%)	6.8%	5.5%
Relative Ranking	6/21	2/ 22
Fund Size (in Rs. m)	5,954	2104
Retail (%)	11%	10%
Associates (%)	1%	33%
Number of Investors	341	192
Top 10 Investors / AUMs	77%	88%
WATM (Weighted Average Time to Maturity)	16 days	24 days
Duration	16 days	24 days
Asset Allocation (at end June)		
T-Bills	-	5%
PIBs	-	-
TFCs/Sukuk	-	-
Certificate of Investments	-	-
Cash	91%	75%
Banks & DFIs	8%	20%
MTS	-	-
Commercial Paper	1%	-
Others (including receivables)	0%	0%

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During the on-going year, PICIC Cash Fund (PICIC CF) was renamed to HBL Cash Fund (HBL CF) as a part of branding effort post the amalgamation of PICIC Asset Management Company into HBL Asset Management Limited. HBL CF is an open-ended money market fund designed to offer competitive returns to investors through deploying resources in primarily government securities and cash & cash equivalents. Net assets of the fund increased to Rs. 5.9b (FY16: Rs. 2.1b) at end-June 2017, further increasing to Rs. 11.7b at end-November 2017.

In line with its mandate, the fund's exposure to various sources of risks has been maintained at low end of the risk spectrum, both by policy and as also manifested in actual asset allocation. As per investment policy, pre-defined exposure limits are in place for each investment avenue.

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

Description	Min-Max limits	Min-Max Actual	Min. Rating
Cash in Bank Accounts	0%-100%	19%-91%	AA
Cash & Near Cash Instruments	10%-100%	-	-
Treasury Bills, Pakistan Investment Bonds and other Government Securities	0%-100%	0%-58%	-
Placements with Bank and DFI including Certificates of Deposit and TDR	0%-80%	8%-36%	AA
Commercial Paper	0%-10%	0%-2%	AA
Money Market placements, under LOP etc with Banks and DFIs.	0%-50%	-	AA
Placement of Funds with NBFCs and Modaraba under letter of placement(LOP), Certificates of Deposits/Investment (COD/I) and Certificate of Musharika (COM)	0%-25%	-	AAA

Reverse Repo transactions against Government Securities or such securities with Banks and DFIs	0%-90%	-	AA
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Foreign money market income Securities and any other instruments issued, listed and traded outside Pakistan	0-30% (cap of \$15m)	-	AA

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

### **Asset Allocation**

Actual asset allocation has been maintained in line with the policy limits stipulated above. Over FY17, asset allocation of the fund was tilted towards cash holding. On monthend average basis, almost 55% of assets were deployed in cash while remaining assets were parked in T-bills and bank placements during the period ending June 2017.

Table 2: Asset Allocation

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Assets	June'17	Jun'16	Average
T-Bills	0%	5%	24%
Banks and DFIs	8%	20%	21%
Cash	91%	75%	55%
PIBs	0%	0%	0%
Commercial Paper	1%	0%	0%
Others	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%

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#### Credit & Market risk

Table 3: Credit Quality Summary- FY17

Credit Quality	Average	Maximum	Minimum
Government Securities	20%	58%	0%
AAA	40%	66%	0%
AA+	23%	65%	0%
AA	17%	78%	0%
NR	1%	1%	0%

In line with specified limits in Investment Policy Statement (IPS), the fund maintained its resources in high-rated issue/issuer. Barring one month, the fund complied with the credit quality requirement of minimum AA rated institutions / instruments. On the basis of a month average, almost 60% of assets were parked in AAA rated issue/issuer.

Since the fund's resources were deployed in liquid investment avenues, the fund is expected to meet redemptions in a timely manner. Furthermore, Weighted Average Time to Maturity (WATM) and duration of any authorized investment is capped at six months and 60 days, respectively. The fund complied with this requirement over the period under review. Going forward, WATM is expected to stay within the prescribed limits given the conservative asset allocation profile.

Table 4: Risk Summary-FY17

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	Average	Maximum	Minimum	
WATM (days)	41	83	4	
Duration (days)	37	83	4	

#### **Liquidity Profile**

Growth in AUMs has largely emanated from unrelated corporates and retail investors during the period under review. As a result, unrelated corporates and retail investors relative share was reported higher at 88% (FY16: 57%) and 11% (FY16: 10%) respectively. Moreover, proportion of associates in the fund's assets reduced significantly to 1% from 33% in the preceding year.

#### Fund Performance

Figure 1: Monthly return Vs. Benchmark

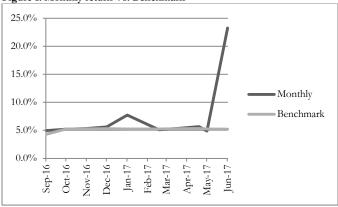


Table 5: Fund performance

	FY17	FY16
Return (%)	7.2%	6.1%
Benchmark (%)	5.0%	4.7%
Peer Average	6.8%	5.5%
Relative Ranking	6/21	2/22

Benchmark of the fund is defined as a weighted average of 3 month deposit rate and 3 month PKRV rate (net of expenses). Over FY17, HBL CF generated a return of 7.2% (FY16: 6.1%) which was higher than the benchmark and peer average return. However, relative ranking of the fund against its peers declined from the first to the second quartile JCR-VIS

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# **Rating History**

	Medium to			
Rating Date	Long Term	Outlook	<b>Short Term</b>	Rating Action
	RATING TYP	E: Fund Stability Manag	gement Quality	
29-Dec-17	AA(f)	-	-	Reaffirmed
05-Jan-17	AA(f)	-	-	Reaffirmed
28-Dec-15	AA(f)	-	-	Reaffirmed
22-Dec-14	AA(f)	-	-	Reaffirmed
30-Dec-13	AA(f)	-	-	Downgrade
17-May-12	AA+(f)	-	-	Harmonized
07-Dec-10	AA+(f)	-	-	Preliminary