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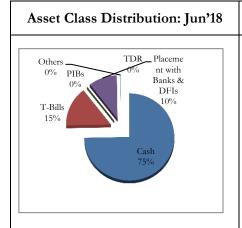
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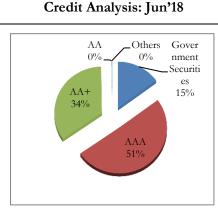
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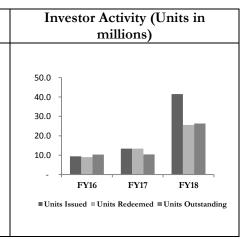
Investment Objective

To provide unit holders with competitive returns from a portfolio of low risk, short duration assets while maintaining high liquidity.

First Habib Cash Fund				
Rating Category	Latest	Previous		
Fund Stability Rating	AA(f)	AA(f)		
1 tild Stability Rating	Dec 24, '18	Jan 15, '18		
AMC	Habib Asset Management Limited			
Chief Executive	Mr. Imran Azim			
External Auditors	KPMG Taseer Hadi & Co			
External Additors	Chartered Accountants			
Fund Manager	Mr. Ahmed Abbas			
Trustee	Central Depository Company of Pakistan			
Trustee	Limited			
Sales Load	Nil			
Management Fee	10% of net income of the Fund (min			
	0.50% p.a. & max 0.85% p.a)			
	70% three (3) months PKRV rates + 30%			
Benchmark	three(3) months average deposit rate of			
	three (3) AA rated scheduled banks			







First Habib Cash Fund (FHCF) was launched on March 10, 2011 as an open-end fund. As per its mandate, FHCF is primarily designed to deploy assets in short term instruments while ensuring that a certain level of liquidity is maintained. Investment decisions for the fund are made by the Investment Committee (IC) comprising personnel from top management and investment management department.

Table 1: Actual Asset Allocation

Investment policy	Ratings	Min-Max Exposure
Deposits with scheduled banks/ DFIs	AA	0%-70%
Government Securities	AAA	0%-100%
Reverse Repo against government securities	AA and above	0%-50%
Current & Savings Account	AA	0%-100%
Certificate of Deposit, Certificate of Investment, Certificate of Musharaka	AA, AAA (in case of NBFC or Modaraba	0%-20%
Commercial Paper	AA	0%-10%
Foreign Investments (in authorized money market instruments and other money market mutual funds)	AA rated by a reputed International Rating Agency	Upto 30% with a maximum limit capped at US \$15m

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As per the operational investment policy, there is no minimum exposure required to be maintained in government securities. Remaining net assets can be deployed in other avenues, including deposits with scheduled banks/DFIs, reverse repo against government securities, CoD, CoI, CoM or commercial paper. In terms of credit quality, the fund should invest in entities/instruments having a minimum rating of 'AA'. The fund may also take exposure in NBFCs and Modarabas with an outstanding rating of 'AAA'.

Net assets showcased an upward trend closing in at 2.8b (FY17: Rs. 1.04b) at end-June 2018. Subsequent to yearend, fund size stood at Rs. 2.7b as at end-November 2018.

The fund has cut down its exposure in cash investments from 99.4% at end-June'17 to 74.70% at end-June'18. On the other hand it undertook exposure in T-Bills, placements with banks & DFIs and TDRs during several months. Actual asset allocation has remained conservative with average exposure in 'AA' and above rated investment avenues.

Table 2: Actual Asset Allocation

	FY18 (Avg.)	Jul'18	Jul'17
Cash	60.5%	0.58%	99.5%
T-bills	32.4%	70.47%	-
PIBs	0.0%	-	-
Placement with banks & DFIs	12.4%	28.48%	-
Term Deposit Receipts (TDRs)	0.4%	-	-
Others	0.4%	0.46%	0.5%

To minimize losses in case of any adverse movement in discount rate, weighted average maturity (WAM) of the fund is capped at 90 days; while maturity of a single asset cannot exceed six months. Target WAM of the fund is capped at 60 days. At end-FY18, the WAM of

the fund's assets was 11 days. During the period under review, maximum WAM at any month-end was reported as 65 days at end-February 2018.

Performance of the fund is benchmarked against an equally weighted mean of average of 3 months bank deposit rate of any three 'AA' and above rated banks and 3 month PKRV. During FY18, the fund outperformed the benchmark with a return of 5.42% (FY17: 6.56%) vis-à-vis benchmark of 5.39% (FY17: 5.27%).

Table 3: Fund Performance

Performance	FY18	FY17
Total Return	5.42%	6.56%
Peer Group Return Ranking	7 out of 21	12 out of 22
Benchmark Return	5.39%	5.27%
Maximum Return in Peer Group	5.62%	9.38%
Peer Group Average	5.17%	6.52%

Performance of the fund in relation to other funds in the peer group improved compared to preceding fiscal year. Gross return of FHCF was moderately higher than the peer group average.

Ability of the fund to meet redemptions in a timely manner is considered sound as majority of the net assets are deployed in liquid avenues JCR-VIS

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Rating History

Rating Type	Rating Date	Medium to Long Term	Rating Action
Fund Stability	12/24/2018	AA(f)	Reaffirmed
Fund Stability	01/15/2018	AA(f)	Reaffirmed
Fund Stability	01/02/2017	AA(f)	Reaffirmed
Fund Stability	09/10/2015	AA(f)	Reaffirmed
Fund Stability	12/26/2014	AA(f)	Reaffirmed
Fund Stability	11/20/2013	AA(f)	Reaffirmed
Fund Stability	4/2/2012	AA(f)	Harmonized
Fund Stability	5/3/2011	AA+(f)	Initial