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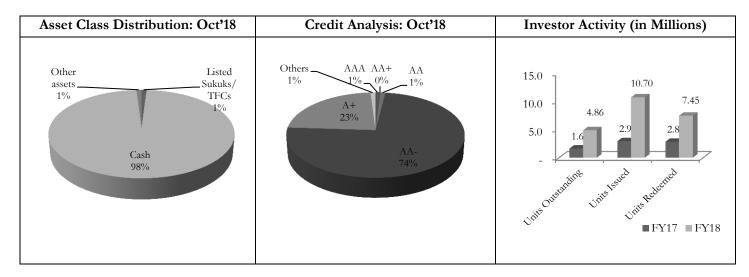
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Investment Objective

To provide a competitive rate of return to its investors by investing in quality TFCs/Sukuk, Government Securities, Bank Deposits and short and long term debt instruments.

UBL Income Opportunity Fund (Formerly UBL			
Financial Sector Bond Fund)			
Rating Category	Latest	Previous	
Fund Stability Rating	A-(f)	A-(f)	
	Dec 31, 2018	Dec 29, 2017	
Management Company	UBL Fund Managers Limited		
Fund Manager	Mr. Syed Sheeraz Ali		
External Auditors –	Ernst & Young Ford Rhodes		
Fund	Sidat Hyder & Co.		
Trustee	Central Depository Company		
Front-end Load	1.5%		
	10% of gross earnings (wit		
Management Fee	min fee of 0.25% and max of		
	1.5% pa of net assets)		
Benchmark	Average of 6M KIBOR rates		



UBL Income Opportunity Fund (UIOF) is designed as an income fund with an objective of generating competitive returns primarily through investment in cash & near cash instruments, government securities, bank deposits and TFC/Sukuk.

Net assets of the fund increased to Rs. 557m (FY17: Rs. 177m) during FY18 and subsequently increasing to Rs. 2,088m at end-October 2018.

In 2018, there have been certain amendments in the Investment Policy Statement (IPS) of UIOF. There have been additions in asset classes with newly defined limits for instruments along with their maximum maturity time.

Rating limits have been eased with investment grade securities as the minimum rating requirement.

Table 1: Investment Policy Statement

	Minimum Exposure	Maximum Exposure	Rating
Cash & Equivalents	25%	100%	Investment Grade & Above
Debt Securities (TFCs, Sukuks, Commercial Paper	0%	75%	AA & Above
Debt Securities (TFCs, Sukuks, Commercial Paper	0%	10%	A- to AA-
GOP Securities	0%	100%	N/A

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TDR < 6 months	0%	75%	Investment Grade & Above
TDR > 6 months	0%	15%	Investment Grade & Above
Spreads	0%	40%	N/A

Actual asset allocation has been in-line with the investment policy during the review period. During FY18, the fund has cut down its investment in PIBs and TFCs. Given the asset allocation, with cash holdings averaging more than half of the funds exposure over the year, credit risk exposure is considered manageable.

Table 2: Actual Asset Allocation

	End-June 2018	Average FY18	
Sukuk/TFCs	4%	14%	
Cash	57%	60%	
Others	5%	3%	
PIBs	0%	23%	

Weighted Average Maturity (WAM) of the fund's assets has been capped at 4 years (excluding government securities), whereas duration of the fund can extend up to 1.5 years, signifying fund's ability to assume moderate interest rate risk. WAM of the fund has been within the established limits. The average duration of the fund has been 0.067 years (FY17: 0.40) during FY18.

The fund's return has been benchmarked against 6 month KIBOR. The fund underperformed its benchmark during FY18 with actual return of 4.31% (FY17: 4.73%) against a benchmark of 6.23% (FY17: 5.91%).

With exposure of the fund primarily in liquid avenues, liquidity profile of the fund is considered adequate. At end-June 2018, top-10 investors held 85% of the outstanding units JCR-VIS

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	Medium to			
Rating Date	Long Term	Outlook	Short Term	Rating Action
	RA	TING TYPE: Fund Stabil	<u>ity</u>	
31-Dec-18	A-(f)		•	Reaffirmed
29-Dec-17	A-(f)			Reaffirmed
30-Dec-16	A-(f)			Reaffirmed
07-April-16	A-(f)			Initial