

## Axis Asset Management Company Limited

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### Ratings:

Scheme Name	Scheme Type	Rating <sup>1</sup>	Rating Action
Axis Liquid Fund	Open Ended Debt Scheme	CARE AAAMfs [Triple A mfs]	Reaffirmed

*Details of instruments/facilities in Anneuxre-1*

### Detailed Rationale:

CARE has reaffirmed the credit quality rating assigned to Axis Liquid Fund. This fund is managed by Axis Asset Management Company Limited.

Schemes rated 'CARE AAAMfs' are considered to have the highest degree of safety regarding timely receipt of payments from the investments that they have made.

CARE's fund credit quality ratings are opinions on the overall credit quality of specific Debt Mutual Fund scheme. CARE's fund credit quality rating is not a recommendation to purchase, sell, or hold a security / fund. It neither comments on the current market price, suitability for a particular investor nor on the prospective performance of the fund with respect to appreciation, volatility of net asset value (NAV), or yield of the fund. The ratings do not address the funds ability to meet the payment obligations to the investors.

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CARE reviews the rated mutual fund scheme on an ongoing basis to support its published rating opinions. As such, monthly reports of the fund are examined. While the fund has to maintain the fund credit score within the benchmark fund scores, in a particular month, if the fund credit score breaches the benchmark, CARE generally provides one month to the asset management company (AMC) to realign the score. The credit score of the above scheme is on the basis of May 2020 portfolio which is within the benchmark set by CARE.

**Analytical Approach:** Assessment of Underlying Credit Quality of the Debt Schemes

### Applicable Criteria:

[CARE's Fund Credit Quality rating Criteria](#)

### About the Fund:

**Axis Liquid Fund** Axis Liquid Fund was launched by Axis Asset Management Company Limited in October 2009. The investment objective of the scheme is to provide a high level of liquidity with reasonable returns commensurate with low risk through a portfolio of money market and debt securities. The fund's assets under management stood at Rs.29,605.27 crore as on May 31, 2020.

### Profile of Mutual Fund & AMC:

Axis Mutual Fund has been constituted as a trust on June 27, 2009, in accordance with the provisions of the Indian Trusts Act, 1882 with Axis Bank Limited, as the Sponsor and Axis Mutual Fund Trustee Limited as the Trustee to the Mutual Fund. The Deed of Trust has been registered under the Indian Registration Act, 1908.

Schroder Investment Management (Singapore) Limited (SIMSL) through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Schroder Singapore Holdings Private Limited (SSHPL) holds 25% stake in Axis AMC and the remaining 74.99% is held by Axis Bank (CARE AAA; Stable). SIMSL and SSHPL are ultimately wholly-owned subsidiaries of Schroders Plc. Schroders is an asset management company, established in 1804, managing £319.5 billion globally on behalf of institutional and retail investors, financial institutions and high net worth clients. It operates from 37 offices in 27 countries across Europe, the Americas, Asia and the Middle East.

Axis Mutual Fund has a product suite that consists of 50 schemes. It has over 20 lakh active investor accounts and presence in over 90 cities. The AMC has reported average assets under management (AAUM) for schemes of Axis Asset Management Company Limited as Rs.1,38,402 crore for the quarter ended March 31, 2020.

<sup>1</sup> Complete definitions of the ratings assigned are available at [www.careratings.com](http://www.careratings.com)

**Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA:** Not Applicable

**Any other information:** Not Applicable

**Rating History for last three years:** Please refer Annexure-2

**Annexure-1: Details of Instruments/Facilities**

Name of the Instrument	Date of Issuance	Coupon Rate	Maturity Rate	Size of the Issue (Rs. Crore)	Rating assigned along with Rating Outlook
Axis Liquid Fund	-	-	-	-	CARE AAAMfs [Triple A mfs]

**Annexure-2: Rating History of last three years**

Sr. No.	Name of the Instrument/Bank Facilities	Current Ratings			Rating history				
		Type	Amount Outstanding (Rs. crore)	Rating	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2020-2021	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2019-2020	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2018-2019	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2017-2018	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2016-2017
1	Axis Liquid Fund	Open-Ended Debt Scheme	-	CARE AAA mfs	-	1) CARE AAAMfs (03-Jul-19)	1) CARE AAAMfs (06-Jul-18)	1) CARE AAAMfs (12-Jul-17)	1) CARE AAAMfs (13-Jul-16)

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