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CARE ASSIGNS CREDIT QUALITY RATING OF 'CARE AAA mfs' RATING TO SBI SHORT TERM DEBT FUND OF SBI FUNDS MANAGEMENT PRIVATE LIMITED.

Ratings

Scheme Name	Scheme Type	Ratings ¹	Remarks
SBI Short Term Debt Fund	Open-Ended Income Scheme	CARE AAAmfs (Triple A mfs)	Assigned

Rating Rationale

CARE has assigned 'CARE AAAmfs' rating to SBI Short Term Debt Fund. The fund is managed by **SBI Funds Management Private Limited**.

SBI Short Term Debt Fund was launched by SBI Funds Management Private Limited in July, 2007. The investment objective of the scheme is to provide investors with an opportunity to generate regular income through investments in a portfolio comprising of debt instruments which are rated not below investment grade by a credit rating agency and money market instruments. The fund house will manage the portfolio of SBI Short Term Debt Fund such that it meets the CARE's criteria to qualify for the credit quality rating of 'CARE AAAmfs'.

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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 provides one month to the asset management company (AMC) to realign the score.

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Profile of AMC

SBI Mutual Fund was set up as a trust with State Bank of India (SBI) as the Sponsor and SBI Mutual Fund Trustee Company Private Limited as the Trustee. The trustees of SBI Mutual Fund appointed SBI Funds Management Private Limited (AMC) as the investment managers to SBI Mutual Fund. SBI Funds Management Private Limited is a joint venture between two large and well-established financial services companies - SBI and Amundi (a leading European asset management company). SBI holds 63% stake in the AMC and remaining 37% stake is held by Amundi through a wholly owned subsidiary Amundi India Holding. The AMC reported an average AUM of Rs.83,693.04 crore for the quarter April – June 2015.

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