

SBI Funds Management Pvt. Ltd

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Ratings

Scheme Name	Rating ¹	Rating action
SBI Corporate Bond Fund	Provisional CARE AAAMfs* (Provisional Triple A mfs)	Assigned

Details of instruments/facilities in Annexure-1

The above rating is provisional and will be confirmed once the company submits copies of relevant executed documents, to the satisfaction of CARE.

Detailed Rationale & Key Rating Drivers

CARE has assigned the credit quality rating of 'Provisional CARE AAAMfs (Provisional Triple A mfs)' to SBI Corporate Bond Fund. The fund is managed by SBI Funds Management Pvt. Ltd.

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

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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.

Analytical approach: Assessment of underlying credit quality of the debt scheme

Applicable Criteria

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

About the fund**SBI Corporate Bond Fund**

SBI Corporate Bond Fund is an open-ended debt scheme predominantly corporate bonds rated AA+ and above to generate additional spread on part of their debt investments from high quality corporate debt securities while maintaining moderate liquidity in the portfolio through investment in money market securities. However, there is no guarantee or assurance that the scheme's objective will be achieved. The scheme does not guarantee or assure any returns.

Profile of AMC

SBI Funds Management Private Limited (SBI FMPL), the investment manager of SBI Mutual Fund is a joint venture between State Bank of India (SBI), India's largest bank and Amundi India Holding (AMUNDI), a leading European asset management company. SBI currently holds 63% stake in SBI FMPL and the 37% stake is held by AMUNDI through Amundi India Holding. SBI Mutual Fund also benefits from the brand equity of its sponsors, State Bank of India and AMUNDI. The AMC had average assets under management (AUM) of Rs.2,64,353.02 crore for quarter October – December 2018. Mr. Ashwani Bhatia is the Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director of SBI Funds Management Pvt. Ltd.

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: Not Applicable

Any other information: Not Applicable

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

Note on complexity levels of the rated instrument: CARE has classified instruments rated by it on the basis of complexity. This classification is available at www.careratings.com. Investors/market intermediaries/regulators or others are welcome to write to care@careratings.com for any clarifications.

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Annexure-1: Details of Instruments / Facilities

Name of the Instrument	Date of Issuance	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Size of the Issue (Rs. crore)	Rating assigned along with Rating Outlook
SBI Corporate Bond Fund	-	-	-	-	Provisional CARE AAAmfs

Annexure-2: Rating History of last three years

Sr. No.	Name of the Instrument/Bank Facilities	Current Ratings			Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2018-2019	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2017-2018	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2016-2017
		Type	Amount Outstanding (Rs. crore)	Rating			
1.	SBI Short Term Debt Fund	Open Ended Debt Scheme	-	CARE AAAmfs	CARE AAAmfs (5-Jul-18)	CARE AAAmfs (17-Jul-17)	CARE AAAmfs (12-Jul-16)
2.	SBI Liquid Fund (Erstwhile SBI Premier Liquid Fund)	Open Ended Liquid Scheme	-	CARE AAAmfs	CARE AAAmfs (5-Jul-18)	CARE AAAmfs (5-Sep-17)	CARE AAAmfs (2-Sep-16)
3.	SBI Magnum Ultra Short Duration Fund (Erstwhile SBI Magnum InstaCash Fund)	Open Ended Debt Scheme	-	CARE AAAmfs	CARE AAAmfs (5-Jul-18)	CARE AAAmfs (5-Sep-17)	CARE AAAmfs (2-Sep-16)
4.	SBI Banking & PSU Fund	Open Ended Liquid Scheme	-	CARE AAAmfs	CARE AAAmfs (6-Dec-18)	-	-
5.	SBI Corporate Bond Fund	Open Ended Liquid Scheme	-	Provisional CARE AAAmfs	-	-	-

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