

SBI Funds Management Pvt. Ltd.

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Ratings

Facility	Amount (Rs. Crore)	Ratings ¹	Rating Action
Short Term Bank Facility*	2000 (Rupees Two Thousand crore only)	CARE A1+ (A One Plus)	Reaffirmed

* The facility is extended to 5 debt schemes of SBI Mutual Fund
 Details of facilities/instruments in Annexure-1

Detailed Rationale & Key Rating Drivers

The rating factors in the high credit quality of the underlying assets of the schemes, comfortable asset coverage for the bank facility and low duration for the majority of the AUM. The rating also factors in the sponsorship from State Bank of India and Amundi India Holding, along with the experience of the fund management team. The maintenance of the high credit quality of the underlying assets of the schemes and asset coverage for the bank facility are the key rating sensitivities.

Detailed description of the key rating drivers
Key Rating Strengths
High credit quality of underlying assets

All the five schemes covering the bank facilities have invested in high credit quality debt instruments. As on December 31, 2017, around 60% of the combined rated portfolio was invested in Government securities/CBLO/T-Bill and AAA rated instruments and around 34% was invested in AA category instruments.

Comfortable asset coverage and low gearing

Total facility amount is Rs.2,000 crore as against the total closing Assets Under Management (AUM) of Rs.53,858 crore (as on December 31, 2017) of the five debt schemes, thus ensuring adequate coverage.

Low market and liquidity risk

As on Dec 31, 2017, the portfolio duration of SBI Short Term Debt Fund stands at ~2 years and 3 month, while portfolio duration of other four schemes is less than 1 year. Any change in interest rate would have limited impact on any movement of price due to relatively lower duration of majority of the AUM. Moreover, the schemes invest in high credit quality debt instruments which should further limit market risk and liquidity risk.

Sponsors strength with strong brand linkages to SBI Group

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), (wholly owned subsidiary of Amundi France - 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, SBI Bank and AMUNDI.

¹ Complete definition of the ratings assigned are available at www.careratings.com and other CARE publications

Experienced management

The board and senior management comprise of select senior representative from SBI Bank and AMUNDI indicating strong group representation. The senior management and the fund management team consist of professionals with extensive experience in the investment management industry. The Board of Directors of the AMC is headed by Mr. Rajnish Kumar (Chairperson of SBI) and Ms. Anuradha Rao is the MD & CEO of the AMC.

Industry Prospects

During the last few years mutual fund industry has seen good traction of investments with increasing participation from the retail investors. The average AUM of the Indian MF Industry has grown from Rs. 3.26 lakh crore as on 31st March 2007 to Rs. 23.17 lakh crore as on February 28, 2018. The industry is expected to continue its growth on the back of increasing retail and institutional participation on the back of vibrant equity market and developing bond markets.

Analytical approach: CARE has analysed standalone credit profile of SBI Fund Management Pvt. Ltd. along with its operational and managerial linkages with its parent SBI Ltd and underlying credit quality of the debt schemes covered under the Bank facility.

Applicable Criteria

[CARE's policy on default recognition](#)

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

[Rating of Short term instruments](#)

[Factor Linkages in Ratings](#)

About the Company

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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
Fund-based - ST-Bank Overdraft	-	-	-	2000.00	CARE A1+

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 2017-2018	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2016-2017	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2015-2016	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2014-2015
1.	Fund-based - ST-Bank Overdraft	ST	2000.00	CARE A1+	-	1)CARE A1+ (05-Apr-16)	1)CARE A1+ (15-Apr-15)	1)CARE A1+ (07-Apr-14)

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