

# JULY 15, 2016

# CARE REAFFIRMS CREDIT QUALITY RATING OF 'CARE AAAMFS' TO VARIOUS SCHEMES OF UTI ASSET MANAGEMENT COMPANY LIMITED

## Ratings

Instruments	Ratings <sup>1</sup>	Remarks
UTI-Treasury Advantage Fund	CARE AAAmfs [CARE Triple A mfs]	Reaffirmed
UTI – Short Term Income Fund	CARE AAAmfs [CARE Triple A mfs]	Reaffirmed

## **Rating Rationale**

CARE has reaffirmed credit quality rating of 'CARE AAAmfs' to UTI Treasury Advantage Fund and UTI Short Term Income Fund. The fund is managed by **UTI Asset Management Company Limited.** 

**UTI Treasury Advantage Fund** was launched by UTI Asset Management Company Limited in July 1999. The investment objective of the scheme is to generate an attractive return for its investors consistent with capital preservation and liquidity by investing in a portfolio of quality debt securities money market instruments and structured obligations. The fund's assets under management stood at Rs. 11,171 crore as on May 31, 2016.

**UTI Short Term Income Fund** was launched by UTI Asset Management Company Limited in July 1999. The investment objective of the scheme is to generate steady and reasonable income with low risk and high level of liquidity from a portfolio of money market securities and high quality debt. The fund's assets under management stood at Rs. 6,667 crore as on May 31, 2016

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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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Complete definition of the ratings assigned are available at <u>www.careratings.com</u> and other CARE publications



#### Profile of AMC:

UTI Mutual Fund which was has been established as a Trust under the Indian Trusts Act, 1882 with State Bank of India, Punjab National Bank, Bank of Baroda and Life Insurance Corporation of India as the sponsors. UTI Asset Management Company Limited, incorporated under the Act, 1956 is the AMC to the fund. The AMC reported average assets under management (AAUM) of Rs. 1,12,169 crore quarter of April-June 2016.

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