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## ICICI Prudential Asset Management Company Limited: Ratings reaffirmed

### Summary of rating action

| Instrument                                 | Previous rated amount<br>(Rs. crore) | Current rated amount<br>(Rs. crore) | Rating action            |
|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| ICICI Prudential Short Term Fund           | -                                    | -                                   | [ICRA]AAAmfs; reaffirmed |
| ICICI Prudential Banking and PSU Debt Fund | -                                    | -                                   | [ICRA]AAAmfs; reaffirmed |
| ICICI Prudential Corporate Bond Fund       | -                                    | -                                   | [ICRA]AAAmfs; reaffirmed |
| ICICI Prudential Savings Fund              | -                                    | -                                   | [ICRA]AAAmfs; reaffirmed |
| ICICI Prudential Money Market Fund         | -                                    | -                                   | [ICRA]A1+mfs; reaffirmed |
| ICICI Prudential Liquid Fund               | -                                    | -                                   | [ICRA]A1+mfs; reaffirmed |
| ICICI Prudential Overnight Fund            | -                                    | -                                   | [ICRA]A1+mfs; reaffirmed |
| <b>Total</b>                               | -                                    | -                                   |                          |

*\*Instrument details are provided in Annexure I*

### Rationale and key rating drivers

ICRA has reaffirmed the ratings of various debt mutual fund (MF) schemes of ICICI Prudential Asset Management Company Limited (AMC). The ratings have been reaffirmed following ICRA's monitoring of the credit risk profile of the month-end portfolio position of the schemes. The credit risk scores for these schemes were comfortably within the benchmark limits for their current rating levels.

MF ratings incorporate ICRA's assessment of the creditworthiness of a debt MF scheme's investment portfolio. These ratings are a symbolic representation of the credit risk in the underlying investments or the degree of safety regarding the timely receipt of payments from the investments made by the MF schemes. The ratings do not indicate the asset management company's (AMC) and/or any of its scheme's willingness and/or ability to make timely redemptions to its investors. The ratings do not address market risks and hence should not be construed as an indication of the expected returns, prospective performance of the MF scheme, and the ability to redeem investments at the reported net asset value (NAV) or volatility in its past returns, as all these are influenced by market risks.

ICRA's assessment of debt MF schemes is guided by the credit ratings of the individual investments and the relative share of the schemes' allocation towards the investments, besides the maturity schedule of such investments. ICRA's MF ratings are not a reflection on the quality of the management of the AMC or its financial performance, reputation and other business practices, including investment strategies, pricing, marketing and distribution activities. Furthermore, the ratings are not a reflection of whether the AMC or the fund is compliant with the applicable regulatory requirements.

The credit matrix is a tool used by ICRA for analysing the investment portfolio of the debt MF schemes by assessing the portfolio's aggregate credit quality while reviewing the credit quality of each underlying debt security. The portfolio's weighted average credit quality is compared with a benchmark credit score corresponding to the higher of the weighted average maturity of the scheme's portfolio or the maturity predefined by ICRA for the scheme category. The rating outcome corresponds to the rating level for which the portfolio weighted average credit score is less than the benchmark credit score associated with the rating level. Further, the lowest rating of the investments of the scheme acts as the floor for its rating.

Once an MF scheme is rated and the rating is accepted, ICRA reviews the underlying investment portfolios for the credit scores on an ongoing basis. To this end, ICRA relies on the information provided by the AMC and/or publicly available sources. ICRA reviews the MF ratings on a monthly basis or earlier, if required, which involves an evaluation of the rating corresponding to the portfolio credit score in relation to the existing rating outstanding. If the portfolio credit score meets the benchmark score for the existing rating, the rating is retained. If the portfolio credit score has a negative breach from the benchmark credit

score for the existing rating, ICRA communicates the same to the fund manager/product manager or other officials of the concerned AMC and may provide a month's time to bring the portfolio credit score within the benchmark credit score for maintaining the existing rating level. If the investment composition of the fund is realigned to bring the portfolio credit score within the benchmark credit score, the rating is retained. However, if the portfolio continues to breach the benchmark credit score for the existing rating level, the rating is revised to reflect the change in the portfolio's credit quality.

In case of sharp breaches of the benchmark credit score (for instance due to a multi-notch downgrade in the underlying investment) and/or if ICRA believes that the breach may not get rectified within a month of the ongoing review, the rating is generally corrected immediately without giving a month's time for rebalancing the portfolio. If the AMC corrects its portfolio, post the rating downgrade of the scheme, or the credit score improves in any manner, subsequent to the downgrade, making the scheme eligible for an upgrade, ICRA may consider a rating upgrade only if the credit score is maintained consistently for a period of at least three months.

## Liquidity position: Not applicable

## Rating sensitivities

**Positive factors** – Not applicable

**Negative factors** –

**For ICICI Prudential Overnight Fund** – ICRA could downgrade the rating of the scheme if the credit quality of the underlying investment deteriorates, leading to a breach in the threshold for the rating level.

**For other debt MF schemes** – ICRA could downgrade the ratings of the schemes if the credit quality of the underlying investment deteriorates or the size of the assets under management (AUM) declines, which may result in an increase in the share of lower rated investments, leading to a breach in the threshold for the rating level.

## Analytical approach

| Analytical approach             | Comments  |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Applicable rating methodologies | <a href="#">ICRA – Mutual Fund Credit Risk Rating Methodology</a> |
| Parent/Group support            | Not applicable  |
| Consolidation/Standalone        | Not applicable  |

## About the company

ICICI Prudential Mutual Fund (ICICI Prudential MF) was established as a trust under the Indian Trust Act, 1882 by ICICI Bank and Prudential Plc, with ICICI Prudential Trust Limited as the trustee company and ICICI Prudential Asset Management Company Limited as the investment manager. ICICI Prudential Asset Management Company Limited is a joint venture between ICICI Bank (51% stake; one of the largest private sector banks in India) and Prudential Plc (49% stake), one of the largest players in the financial services sector in the United Kingdom.

ICICI Prudential MF reported average assets under management (AUM; including Overseas Fund of Funds but excluding Domestic Fund of Funds) of Rs. 8,73,958<sup>1</sup> crore for the quarter ended December 31, 2024 (Rs. 6,83,095 crore for the quarter ended March 31, 2024).

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.amfiindia.com/research-information/aum-data/average-aum>

**ICICI Prudential Short Term Fund**

Launched on October 25, 2001, ICICI Prudential Short Term Fund is an open-ended short-term debt scheme investing in instruments such that the Macaulay duration of the portfolio is between 1 year and 3 years. The fund's AUM stood at Rs. 20,112 crore as on February 28, 2025.

**ICICI Prudential Banking and PSU Debt Fund**

Launched on January 01, 2010, ICICI Prudential Banking and PSU Debt Fund is an open-ended debt scheme predominantly investing in the debt instruments of banks, public sector undertakings, public financial institutions and municipal bonds. The fund's AUM stood at Rs. 10,092 crore as on February 28, 2025.

**ICICI Prudential Corporate Bond Fund**

Launched on June 12, 2009, ICICI Prudential Corporate Bond Fund is an open-ended debt scheme predominantly investing in corporate bonds rated AA+ and above. The fund's AUM stood at Rs. 29,545 crore as on February 28, 2025.

**ICICI Prudential Savings Fund**

Launched on September 27, 2002, ICICI Prudential Savings Fund is an open-ended low duration debt scheme investing in instruments such that the Macaulay duration of the portfolio is between 6 months and 12 months. The fund's AUM stood at Rs. 22,238 crore as on February 28, 2025.

**ICICI Prudential Money Market Fund**

Launched on March 6, 2002, ICICI Prudential Money Market Fund is an open-ended debt scheme investing in money market instruments. The fund's AUM stood at Rs. 25,882 crore as on February 28, 2025.

**ICICI Prudential Liquid Fund**

Launched on June 24, 1998, ICICI Prudential Liquid Fund is an open-ended liquid scheme. The fund's AUM stood at Rs. 55,112 crore as on February 28, 2025.

**ICICI Prudential Overnight Fund**

Launched on November 15, 2018, ICICI Prudential Overnight Fund is an open-ended debt scheme investing in overnight securities. The fund's AUM stood at Rs. 10,037 crore as on February 28, 2025.

**Key financial indicators: Not applicable**

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

**Any other information: Not applicable**

## Rating history for past three years

| Instrument                                 | Current rating (FY2025) |                                  |                   |              |               | Chronology of rating history for the past 3 years |               |              |               |              |               |
|--|-------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|--------------|---------------|---|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
|  | Type                    | Amount<br>Rated<br>(Rs<br>Crore) | March<br>28, 2025 | FY2025       |               | FY2024  |               | FY2023       |               | FY2022       |               |
|  |                         |                                  |                   | Date         | Rating        | Date  | Rating        | Date         | Rating        | Date         | Rating        |
| ICICI Prudential Money Market Fund         | Short Term              | 0.00                             | [ICRA]A1+mfs      | Apr 05, 2024 | [ICRA]A1+mfs  | May 03, 2023                                      | [ICRA]A1+mfs  | Dec 05, 2022 | [ICRA]A1+mfs  | Jul 02, 2021 | [ICRA]A1+mfs  |
|  |                         |                                  |                   |              |               |   |               | May 27, 2022 | [ICRA]A1+mfs  |              |               |
| ICICI Prudential Liquid Fund               | Short Term              | 0.00                             | [ICRA]A1+mfs      | Apr 05, 2024 | [ICRA]A1+mfs  | May 03, 2023                                      | [ICRA]A1+mfs  | Dec 05, 2022 | [ICRA]A1+mfs  | Jul 02, 2021 | [ICRA]A1+mfs  |
|  |                         |                                  |                   |              |               |   |               | May 27, 2022 | [ICRA]A1+mfs  |              |               |
| ICICI Prudential Short Term Fund           | Long Term               | 0.00                             | [ICRA]AA Amfs     | Apr 05, 2024 | [ICRA]AA Amfs | May 03, 2023                                      | [ICRA]AA Amfs | Dec 05, 2022 | [ICRA]AA Amfs | Jul 02, 2021 | [ICRA]AA Amfs |
|  |                         |                                  |                   |              |               |   |               | May 27, 2022 | [ICRA]AA Amfs |              |               |
| ICICI Prudential Banking and PSU Debt Fund | Long Term               | 0.00                             | [ICRA]AA Amfs     | Apr 05, 2024 | [ICRA]AA Amfs | May 03, 2023                                      | [ICRA]AA Amfs | Dec 05, 2022 | [ICRA]AA Amfs | Jul 02, 2021 | [ICRA]AA Amfs |
|  |                         |                                  |                   |              |               |   |               | May 27, 2022 | [ICRA]AA Amfs |              |               |
| ICICI Prudential Corporate Fund            | Long Term               | 0.00                             | [ICRA]AA Amfs     | Apr 05, 2024 | [ICRA]AA Amfs | May 03, 2023                                      | [ICRA]AA Amfs | Dec 05, 2022 | [ICRA]AA Amfs | Jul 02, 2021 | [ICRA]AA Amfs |
|  |                         |                                  |                   |              |               |   |               | May 27, 2022 | [ICRA]AA Amfs |              |               |
| ICICI Prudential Overnight Fund            | Short Term              | 0.00                             | [ICRA]A1+mfs      | Apr 05, 2024 | [ICRA]A1+mfs  | May 03, 2023                                      | [ICRA]A1+mfs  | Dec 05, 2022 | [ICRA]A1+mfs  | Jul 02, 2021 | [ICRA]A1+mfs  |
|  |                         |                                  |                   |              |               |   |               | May 27, 2022 | [ICRA]A1+mfs  |              |               |
| ICICI Prudential Savings Fund              | Long Term               | 0.00                             | [ICRA]AA Amfs     | Apr 05, 2024 | [ICRA]AA Amfs | May 03, 2023                                      | [ICRA]AA Amfs | Dec 05, 2022 | [ICRA]AA Amfs | Jul 02, 2021 | [ICRA]AA Amfs |
|  |                         |                                  |                   |              |               |   |               | May 27, 2022 | [ICRA]AA Amfs |              |               |

## Complexity level of the rated instruments

| Instrument                                 | Complexity indicator |
|--|----------------------|
| ICICI Prudential Short Term Fund           | Not applicable       |
| ICICI Prudential Banking and PSU Debt Fund | Not applicable       |
| ICICI Prudential Corporate Bond Fund       | Not applicable       |
| ICICI Prudential Savings Fund              | Not applicable       |
| ICICI Prudential Money Market Fund         | Not applicable       |
| ICICI Prudential Liquid Fund               | Not applicable       |
| ICICI Prudential Overnight Fund            | Not applicable       |

The Complexity Indicator refers to the ease with which the returns associated with the rated instrument could be estimated. It does not indicate the risk related to the timely payments on the instrument, which is rather indicated by the instrument's credit rating. It also does not indicate the complexity associated with analysing an entity's financial, business, industry risks or complexity related to the structural, transactional or legal aspects. Details on the complexity levels of the instruments are available on ICRA's website: [Click Here](#)

#### Annexure I: Instrument details

| ISIN | Instrument name                            | Date of issuance | Coupon rate | Maturity | Amount rated (Rs. crore) | Current rating and outlook |
|------|--|------------------|-------------|----------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| NA   | ICICI Prudential Short Term Fund           |                  | NA          |          | NA                       | [ICRA]AAAmfs               |
| NA   | ICICI Prudential Banking and PSU Debt Fund |                  | NA          |          | NA                       | [ICRA]AAAmfs               |
| NA   | ICICI Prudential Corporate Bond Fund       |                  | NA          |          | NA                       | [ICRA]AAAmfs               |
| NA   | ICICI Prudential Savings Fund              |                  | NA          |          | NA                       | [ICRA]AAAmfs               |
| NA   | ICICI Prudential Money Market Fund         |                  | NA          |          | NA                       | [ICRA]A1+mfs               |
| NA   | ICICI Prudential Liquid Fund               |                  | NA          |          | NA                       | [ICRA]A1+mfs               |
| NA   | ICICI Prudential Overnight Fund            |                  | NA          |          | NA                       | [ICRA]A1+mfs               |

NA – Not applicable

#### Annexure II: List of entities considered for limited consolidated analysis

Not applicable

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