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HDFC Asset Management Company Limited

Summary of rated instruments

Instrument *	Rated Amount (in Rs. crore)	Rating Action
HDFC Capital Protection Oriented Fund Series II (Plan 3 and Plan 4)	-	[ICRA]AAAmfs(SO); reaffirmed
HDFC Capital Protection Oriented Fund Series III (3 Plans)	-	[ICRA]AAAmfs(SO); reaffirmed
HDFC Capital Protection Oriented Fund Series II (Plan 2)	-	[ICRA]AAAmfs(SO); withdrawn
HDFC Debt Fund for Cancer Cure 2014	-	[ICRA]AAAmfs(SO); withdrawn

*Instrument Details are provided in Annexure-1

Rating action

ICRA has reaffirmed the rating of [ICRA]AAAmfs(SO) [pronounced ICRA triple A m f s Structured Obligation] to Plan 3 and Plan 4 of HDFC Capital Protection Oriented Fund – Series II and 3 plans of HDFC Capital Protection Oriented Fund – Series III.

The ratings should, however, not be construed as an indication of the performance of the Mutual Fund scheme or of volatility in its returns.

ICRA has also withdrawn the rating of [ICRA]AAAmfs (SO) outstanding on Plan 2 of HDFC Capital Protection Oriented Fund – Series II and HDFC Debt Fund for Cancer Cure 2014. The withdrawal is on account of maturity of these schemes.

Rationale

The portfolio structure for the schemes has been designed with the intention of protecting the unit holder's capital at maturity, which is arrived at by having majority of investments in debt securities, maturing on or before the maturity of the scheme. The scheme has invested in debt securities only with a rating of [ICRA]AAA or equivalent, mitigating any concerns on credit risk. The proportion of debt securities is calculated such that the redemption value of debt less AMC expenses will be equal to or greater than the initial unit holder's capital, offering highest degree of protection of the unit holder's capital at maturity. ICRA has factored in the credit risk of debt investments, re-investment risk of interim receipts, precondition of marginal tenure mismatches and obligor concentrations. The debt portion would be passively managed. The balance portion is invested in equity and/or equity-linked instruments to provide any upside potential to the unit holders. At the same time, given the proportion of high credit quality debt investments and the portfolio structure, the downside is protected and the investor may not suffer loss of initial investment at the time of maturity.

Analytical approach:
For arriving at the ratings for the capital protection schemes, ICRA has assessed the adequacy of maturity value of the debt portion of the portfolio (taking a conservative reinvestment rate) to protect the initial capital mobilised for these schemes.

Links to applicable criteria:
[ICRA - Mutual Fund Credit Risk Rating Methodology]

About the company
HDFC Asset Management Company Limited
The above scheme is a mutual fund scheme of HDFC Mutual Fund (HDFC MF) and is managed by HDFC Asset Management Company Limited (a joint venture with Standard Life Investments). The average Assets Under Management (AUM) of schemes of HDFC Mutual Fund during quarter ended March 2017 (excluding Fund of Fund Schemes) was Rs. 2,37,178 crore.

HDFC Capital Protection Oriented Fund – Series II and Series III
The first 2 plans of HDFC Capital Protection Oriented Fund – Series II were launched in January and March 2014 while plans 3 and 4 were launched in June 2014. The 3 plans of HDFC Capital Protection Oriented Fund – Series III were launched in October 2014, December 2014 and February 2015.

HDFC Debt Fund for Cancer Cure 2014
HDFC Debt Fund for Cancer Cure 2014 was launched in March 2014. The portfolio structure has been designed with the intention of protecting the unit holder's capital, which is arrived at by having all of the investments in debt securities. The scheme has invested in government securities and securities rated by ICRA at the rating of [ICRA]AAA or equivalent, mitigating any concerns on credit risk. The debt portion would be passively managed. Given the high credit quality debt investments and the portfolio structure, the downside is protected and the investor may not suffer loss of initial investment at the time of maturity. The fund will not have any exposure to equity or equity-related instruments.

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: Not Applicable

Any other information: Not Applicable

Rating history for last three years:

Table:

Sr. No.	Instrument	Current Rating (FY2018)			Chronology of Rating History for the past 3 years			
		Type	Amount Rated (Rs. crore)	Date and Rating	FY2017	FY2016	FY2015	
					April 2016	May 2015	August 2014	May 2014
				April 2017				
1	HDFC Capital Protection Oriented Fund Series II (Plan 3 and Plan 4)	Long term	-	[ICRA]AAAmfs (SO); reaffirmed	[ICRA]AAAmfs (SO)	[ICRA]AAAmfs (SO)	[ICRA]AAAmfs (SO)	[ICRA]AAAmfs (SO)
2	HDFC Capital Protection Oriented Fund Series III (3 Plans)	Long term	-	[ICRA]AAAmfs (SO); reaffirmed	[ICRA]AAAmfs (SO)	[ICRA]AAAmfs (SO)	[ICRA]AAAmfs (SO)	[ICRA]AAAmfs (SO)
3	HDFC Capital Protection Oriented Fund Series II (Plan 2)	Long term	-	[ICRA]AAAmfs (SO); withdrawn	[ICRA]AAAmfs (SO)	[ICRA]AAAmfs (SO)	[ICRA]AAAmfs (SO)	[ICRA]AAAmfs (SO)
4	HDFC Debt Fund for Cancer Cure 2014	Long term	-	[ICRA]AAAmfs (SO); withdrawn	[ICRA]AAAmfs (SO)	[ICRA]AAAmfs (SO)	[ICRA]AAAmfs (SO)	[ICRA]AAAmfs (SO)

Complexity level of the rated instrument:
ICRA has classified various instruments based on their complexity as "Simple", "Complex" and "Highly Complex". The classification of instruments according to their complexity levels is available on the website www.icra.in

Annexure-1

<u>Details of Instrument</u>

Name of the Instrument	Date of Issuance	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Size of the Issue (Rs. crore)	Current Rating and Outlook
HDFC Capital Protection Oriented Fund Series II (Plan 3 and Plan 4)	-	-	-	-	[ICRA]AAAmfs (SO)
HDFC Capital Protection Oriented Fund Series III (3 Plans)	-	-	-	-	[ICRA]AAAmfs (SO)

Source: Company

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