November 22, 2019

UTI Asset Management Company Limited: Ratings upgraded for UTI Treasury Advantage Fund and UTI Ultra Short Term Fund

Summary of rating action

Instrument*	Previous Rated Amount (Rs. crore)	Current Rated Amount (Rs. crore)	Rating Action
UTI Treasury Advantage Fund	-	-	[ICRA]AAAmfs; upgraded from [ICRA]BBB+mfs
UTI Ultra Short Term Fund	-	-	[ICRA]AAAmfs; upgraded from [ICRA]AAmfs
UTI Bond Fund	-	-	[ICRA]BBBmfs@; outstanding
UTI Dynamic Bond Fund	-	-	[ICRA]BBBmfs@; outstanding
UTI Corporate Bond Fund	-	-	[ICRA]AAAmfs; outstanding
UTI Money Market Fund	-	-	[ICRA]A1+mfs; outstanding
UTI Banking and PSU Debt Fund	-	-	[ICRA]BBB-mfs@; outstanding
UTI Liquid Cash Plan	-	-	[ICRA]A1+mfs; outstanding
UTI Overnight Fund	-	-	[ICRA]A1+mfs; outstanding
UTI Capital Protection Oriented Scheme Series X - Plan 2	-	-	[ICRA]AAA(SO); outstanding
UTI Capital Protection Oriented Scheme Series IX - Plan 1	-	-	[ICRA]AAA(SO); outstanding
UTI Capital Protection Oriented Scheme Series IX - Plan 2	-	-	[ICRA]AAA(SO); outstanding
UTI Capital Protection Oriented Scheme Series IX - Plan 3	-	-	[ICRA]AAA(SO); outstanding
Total	**-**	**-**	

@Under rating watch with negative implications
**Instrument details are provided in Annexure-1*

Rationale and key rating drivers

ICRA has upgraded the ratings for UTI Treasury Advantage Fund and UTI Ultra Short Term Fund to [ICRA]AAAmfs from [ICRA]BBB+mfs and [ICRA]AAmfs, respectively.

The ratings for the above-mentioned schemes were downgraded in June 2019 due to the deterioration in the credit quality of the scheme on account of exposure of Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Limited (DHFL), which was downgraded to [ICRA]D in June 2019. The exposure to DHFL was fully marked down in UTI Treasury Advantage Fund and UTI Ultra Short Term Fund schemes during June 2019. The credit score of the portfolio from June 30, 2019 to October 31, 2019 is comfortable at rating level of [ICRA]AAAmfs for UTI Treasury Advantage Fund and UTI Ultra Short Term Fund.

As on October 31, 2019, the gross exposure to DHFL stood at Rs. 44.24 crore (7% of gross AUM), Rs. 44.24 crore (7% of gross AUM), Rs. 353.93 (13% of gross AUM), Rs. 129.93 crore (5% of gross AUM) for UTI Bond Fund, UTI Dynamic Bond Fund, UTI Treasury Advantage Fund and UTI Ultra Short Term Fund, respectively.

As on October 31, 2019, the gross exposure to IL&FS special purpose vehicle (SPV) namely Jorabat Shillong Expressway Limited (JSEL) stood at Rs. 74.91 crore (12% of gross AUM), Rs. 89.01 crore (14% of gross AUM) and Rs. 58.23 crore (28%

of gross AUM) for UTI Bond Fund, UTI Dynamic Bond Fund and UTI Banking and PSU Debt Fund respectively. The exposure to IL&FS special purpose vehicle (SPV) was marked down by 25% in January 2019 and further marked down to 50% in April 2019. The ratings continue to be on rating watch negative as a decline in AUM could result into further increase in share of JSEL in the overall AUM, which can result in further rating downgrade. ICRA will continue to monitor the portfolios of these schemes regularly and take appropriate rating action as and when required.

The ratings indicate ICRA's opinion on the credit quality of the portfolios that the funds hold. The ratings do not indicate the AMC's willingness, or ability, to make timely payments to the fund's investors. The ratings should not be construed as an indication of expected returns, prospective performance of the mutual fund scheme, NAV or of volatility in its returns.

ICRA's mutual fund rating methodology is based on evaluating the inherent credit quality of the fund's portfolio. As a measure of the credit quality of a debt fund's assets, ICRA uses the concept of "credit scores". These scores are based on ICRA's estimates of the credit risk associated with each exposure of the portfolio taking into account its maturity. To quantify the credit risk scores, ICRA uses its database of historical default rates for various rating categories and maturity buckets. The credit risk ratings incorporate ICRA's assessment of a debt fund's published investment objectives and policies, its management characteristics, and the creditworthiness of its investment portfolio. ICRA reviews relevant fund information on an ongoing basis to support its published rating opinions. If the portfolio credit score meets the benchmark of the assigned rating during the review, the rating is retained. In an event that the benchmark credit score is breached, ICRA gives a month's time to the debt fund manager to bring the portfolio credit score within the benchmark credit score. If the debt fund manager is able to reduce the portfolio credit score within the benchmark credit score, the rating is retained. If the portfolio still continues to breach the benchmark credit score, the rating is revised to reflect the change in credit quality.

Liquidity: Not Applicable

Rating Sensitivities

Positive triggers – ICRA could upgrade the rating of the scheme if the credit quality of underlying investment improves or the size of assets under management (AUM) increases significantly, which results in a decrease in the share of lower rated investments, resulting in an enhanced credit quality of the portfolio.

Negative triggers – ICRA could downgrade the rating of the scheme if the credit quality of the underlying investment deteriorates or the size of assets under management (AUM) declines, which results 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	ICRA- Mutual Fund Credit Risk Rating Methodology
Parent/Group Support	Not Applicable
Consolidation / Standalone	Not Applicable

About the company:

UTI Asset Management Company Limited, incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956, is the asset management company (AMC) for UTI Mutual Fund. The fund was 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. The AMC's average assets under management for the quarter ended September 30, 2019 for the AMC stood at Rs. 1,54,229.01 crore[1].

UTI Corporate Bond Fund

Launched in August 2018, UTI Corporate Bond Fund is an open-ended debt scheme with a stated objective to generate optimal returns by investing predominantly in AA+ and above rated corporate bonds. The fund's net asset under management stood at Rs. 466 crore as on October 31, 2019.

UTI Money Market Fund

Launched in April 1997, UTI Money Market Fund is an open-ended debt scheme with a stated objective to generate reasonable income with high level of liquidity in a portfolio of money market instruments. The fund's net asset under management stood at Rs. 7,535 crore as on October 31, 2019.

UTI Bond Fund

Launched in May 1998, UTI Bond Fund is an open-ended debt scheme with a stated objective to invest in the entire range of debt and money market instruments. The fund's net asset under management stood at Rs. 557 crore as on October 31, 2019. The scheme had a gross exposure of Rs. 74.91 crore to debt instruments of JSEL as on October 31, 2019. However, post mark down to 50%, the net exposure stood at Rs. 37.46 crore. The scheme had a gross exposure of Rs. 44.24 crore to debt instruments of DHFL as on October 31, 2019. However, post 100% mark down, the net exposure stood at Nil as on June 06, 2019.

UTI Dynamic Bond Fund

Launched in June 2010, UTI Dynamic Bond Fund is an open-ended income scheme with a stated objective to generate optimal returns with adequate liquidity through active management of the portfolio, by investing in debt and money market instruments. The fund's net asset under management stood at Rs. 435 crore as on October 31, 2019. The scheme had a gross exposure of Rs. 89.01 crore to debt instruments of JSEL as on October 31, 2019. However, post mark down to 50%, the net exposure stood at Rs. 44.51 crore. The scheme had a gross exposure of Rs. 44.24 crore to debt instruments of DHFL as on October 31, 2019. However, post 100% mark down, the net exposure stood at Nil as on June 06, 2019.

UTI Ultra Short Term Fund

Launched in August 2003, UTI Ultra Short Term Fund earlier known as UTI Floating Rate Fund aims to generate reasonable income with low volatility through investment in a portfolio comprising of debt & money market instruments. The fund's net asset under management stood at Rs. 2,576 crore as on October 31, 2019. The scheme had a gross exposure of Rs. 129.93 crore to debt instruments of DHFL as on October 31, 2019. However, post 100% mark down, the net exposure stood at Nil as on June 06, 2019.

UTI Treasury Advantage Fund

Launched in July 1999, the key objective of this open-ended debt scheme is to generate income through investments in quality oriented debt and money market instruments. The fund's net asset under management stood at Rs. 2,380 crore as on October 31, 2019. The scheme had a gross exposure of Rs. 353.93 crore to debt instruments of DHFL as on October 31, 2019. However, post 100% mark down, the net exposure stood at Nil as on June 06, 2019.

UTI Liquid Cash Plan

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[1] *Source: Association of Mutual Funds in India (https://www.amfiindia.com/)*

Launched in June 2003, UTI Liquid Fund – Cash Plan is an open-ended liquid scheme with a stated objective 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 net asset under management stood at Rs. 36,221 crore as on October 31, 2019.

UTI Banking and PSU Debt Fund

Launched in January 2014, UTI Banking and PSU Debt Fund is an open-ended income scheme with a stated objective to generate steady and reasonable income, with low risk and high level of liquidity from a portfolio of predominantly debt and money market securities of banks and public sector undertakings (PSUs). The fund's net asset under management stood at Rs. 149 crore as on October 31, 2019. The scheme had a gross exposure of Rs. 58.23 crore to debt instruments of JSEL as on October 31, 2019. However, post mark down to 50%, the net exposure stood at Rs. 29.12 crore.

UTI Overnight Fund

Launched in November 2003, UTI Overnight Fund is an open-ended debt scheme investing in overnight securities with a stated objective to generate reasonable income, with low risk and high level of liquidity from a portfolio of overnight securities having a maturity of one day. The fund's net asset under management stood at Rs. 2,795 crore as on October 31, 2019.

UTI Capital Protection Oriented Scheme Series IX - (Plans 1,2 &3) and Series X - Plan 2

Plans 1 of UTI Capital Protection Oriented Scheme Series IX was launched in April 2017, Plan 2 was launched in June 2017 and Plan 3 was launched in August 2017. Plan 2 of UTI Capital Protection Oriented Scheme Series X was launched in April 2018.

The portfolio structure of the capital protection schemes has been designed with the intention of protecting the unit holder's capital at maturity, which is achieved by investing the majority of the funds in debt securities maturing on or before the maturity of the scheme. The schemes will invest in debt securities with highest credit rating, mitigating any concerns on credit risk. The proportion of debt securities is calculated so that the redemption value of debt less the AMC expenses will be equal to or more than the initial unit holder's capital, thereby offering the highest degree of protection to 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 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.

Key financial indicators: Not applicable

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: Not applicable

Any other information: None

Rating history for last three years:

Sr No	Name of Scheme	FY2020											Chronology of Rating History for the past 3 years													
		Current Rating (FY2020)			Previous Ratings (FY2020)							FY2019							FY2018				FY2017		
		Type	Rated amount	22-Nov-19	27-Sep-19	9-Sep-19	9-Jul-19	2-Jul-19	14-Jun-19	27-May-19	25-Apr-19	21-Jan-19	5-Dec-18	22-Oct-18	21-Sep-18	27-Jun-18	12-Jun-18	18-Apr-18	20-Dec-17	23-Oct-17	24-Aug-17	10-Jul-17	17-Oct-16	6-Oct-16	8-Jul-16
1	UTI Corporate Bond Fund	Long Term	-	[ICRA]AAA mfs;	[ICRA]AAA mfs;	[ICRA]AAA mfs;																			
2	UTI Money Market Fund	Short Term	-	[ICRA]A1+mfs	[ICRA]A1+mfs	[ICRA]A1+ mfs	[ICRA]A1+mfs																		
3	UTI Dynamic Bond Fund	Long Term	-	[ICRA]BBBmfs@	[ICRA]BBBmfs@	[ICRA]BBBmfs@	[ICRA]BBBmfs@	[ICRA]BBBmfs@	[ICRA]BBBmfs@	[ICRA]BBB+mfs@	[ICRA]AA-mfs@	[ICRA]AAAmfs@	[ICRA] AAAmfs	[ICRA] AAAmfs	[ICRA] AAAmfs	[ICRA] AAAmfs	[ICRA] AAAmfs	[ICRA] AAAmfs	[ICRA] AAAmfs	[ICRA] AAAmfs	[ICRA] AAAmfs	[ICRA] AAAmfs	[ICRA] AAAmfs	[ICRA] AAAmfs	[ICRA] AAAmfs
4	UTI Ultra Short Term Fund	Long Term	-	[ICRA] AAAmfs	[ICRA] AAmfs	[ICRA] AAmfs	[ICRA] AAmfs	[ICRA] AAmfs	[ICRA] AAmfs	[ICRA] AAAmfs	[ICRA] AAAmfs	[ICRA] AAAmfs	[ICRA] AAAmfs	[ICRA] AAAmfs	[ICRA] AAAmfs	[ICRA] AAAmfs	[ICRA] AAAmfs	[ICRA] A1+mfs	[ICRA] A1+mfs	[ICRA] A1+mfs	[ICRA] AAAmfs	[ICRA] AAAmfs	[ICRA] AAAmfs	[ICRA] AAAmfs	[ICRA] AAAmfs
5	UTI Treasury Advantage Fund	Long Term	-	[ICRA]AAA mfs	[ICRA]BBB+ mfs	[ICRA]BBB+ mfs	[ICRA]BBB+ mfs	[ICRA]BBB+ mfs	[ICRA]BBB+ mfs	[ICRA]AAmfs	[ICRA]AAmfs	[ICRA] AAAmfs	[ICRA] AAAmfs	[ICRA] AAAmfs	[ICRA] AAAmfs	[ICRA] AAAmfs	[ICRA] AAAmfs	[ICRA] AAAmfs	[ICRA] AAAmfs	[ICRA] AAAmfs	[ICRA] AAAmfs	[ICRA] AAAmfs	[ICRA] AAAmfs	[ICRA] AAAmfs	[ICRA] AAAmfs
6	UTI Bond Fund	Long Term	-	[ICRA]BBBmfs@	[ICRA]BBBmfs@	[ICRA]BBBmfs@	[ICRA]BBBmfs@	[ICRA]BBBmfs@	[ICRA]BBBmfs@	[ICRA]BBB+mfs@	[ICRA]AA-mfs@	[ICRA] AAAmfs @	[ICRA] AAAmfs	[ICRA] AAAmfs	[ICRA] AAAmfs	[ICRA] AAAmfs	[ICRA] AAAmfs	[ICRA] AAAmfs	[ICRA] AAAmfs	[ICRA] AAAmfs	[ICRA] AAAmfs	[ICRA] AAAmfs	[ICRA] AAAmfs	[ICRA] AAAmfs	[ICRA] AAAmfs
7	UTI Banking and PSU Debt Fund	Long Term	-	[ICRA]BBB-mfs@	[ICRA]BBB-mfs@	[ICRA]BBB-mfs@	[ICRA]BBB-mfs@	[ICRA]BBB-mfs@	[ICRA]BBB-mfs@	[ICRA]BBB-mfs@	[ICRA]AAAmfs@	[ICRA] AAAmfs @	[ICRA] AAAmfs	[ICRA] AAAmfs	[ICRA] AAAmfs	[ICRA] AAAmfs	[ICRA] AAAmfs	[ICRA] AAAmfs	[ICRA] AAAmfs	[ICRA] AAAmfs	[ICRA] AAAmfs	[ICRA] AAAmfs	[ICRA] AAAmfs	[ICRA] AAAmfs	[ICRA] AAAmfs
8	UTI Liquid Cash Plan	Short Term	-	[ICRA] A1+mfs	[ICRA] A1+mfs	[ICRA] A1+mfs	[ICRA] A1+mfs	[ICRA] A1+mfs	[ICRA] A1+mfs	[ICRA] A1+mfs	[ICRA] A1+mfs	[ICRA] A1+mfs	[ICRA] A1+mfs	[ICRA] A1+mfs	[ICRA] A1+mfs	[ICRA] A1+mfs	[ICRA] A1+mfs	[ICRA] A1+mfs	[ICRA] A1+mfs	[ICRA] A1+mfs	[ICRA] A1+mfs	[ICRA] A1+mfs	[ICRA] A1+mfs	[ICRA] A1+mfs	[ICRA] A1+mfs
9	UTI Overnight Fund	Short Term	-	[ICRA] A1+mfs	[ICRA] A1+mfs	[ICRA] A1+mfs	[ICRA] A1+mfs	[ICRA] A1+mfs	[ICRA] A1+mfs	[ICRA] A1+mfs	[ICRA] A1+mfs	[ICRA] A1+mfs	[ICRA] A1+mfs												
10	UTI Capital Protection Oriented Scheme Series X - Plan 2	Long Term	-	[ICRA] AAA(SO)	[ICRA] AAA(SO)	[ICRA] AAAmfs (SO)	[ICRA] AAAmfs (SO)	[ICRA] AAAmfs (SO)	[ICRA] AAAmfs (SO)	[ICRA] AAAmfs (SO)	[ICRA] AAAmfs (SO)	[ICRA] AAAmfs (SO)	[ICRA] AAAmfs (SO)	[ICRA] AAAmfs (SO)	[ICRA] AAAmfs (SO)	[ICRA] AAAmfs (SO)	Provisional [ICRA] AAAmfs (SO)	Provisional [ICRA] AAAmfs (SO)	Provisional [ICRA] AAAmfs (SO)	Provisional [ICRA] AAAmfs (SO)	Provisional [ICRA] AAAmfs (SO)				
11	UTI Capital Protection Oriented Scheme Series IX - Plan 1	Long Term	-	[ICRA] AAA(SO)	[ICRA] AAA(SO)	[ICRA] AAAmfs (SO)	[ICRA] AAAmfs (SO)	[ICRA] AAAmfs (SO)	[ICRA] AAAmfs (SO)	[ICRA] AAAmfs (SO)	[ICRA] AAAmfs (SO)	[ICRA] AAAmfs (SO)	[ICRA] AAAmfs (SO)	[ICRA] AAAmfs (SO)	[ICRA] AAAmfs (SO)	[ICRA] AAAmfs (SO)	[ICRA] AAAmfs (SO)	[ICRA] AAAmfs (SO)	[ICRA] AAAmfs (SO)	[ICRA] AAAmfs (SO)	[ICRA] AAAmfs (SO)	[ICRA] AAAmfs (SO)	Provisional [ICRA] AAAmfs (SO)		
12	UTI Capital Protection Oriented Scheme Series IX - Plan 2	Long Term	-	[ICRA] AAA(SO)	[ICRA] AAA(SO)	[ICRA] AAAmfs (SO)	[ICRA] AAAmfs (SO)	[ICRA] AAAmfs (SO)	[ICRA] AAAmfs (SO)	[ICRA] AAAmfs (SO)	[ICRA] AAAmfs (SO)	[ICRA] AAAmfs (SO)	[ICRA] AAAmfs (SO)	[ICRA] AAAmfs (SO)	[ICRA] AAAmfs (SO)	[ICRA] AAAmfs (SO)	[ICRA] AAAmfs (SO)	[ICRA] AAAmfs (SO)	[ICRA] AAAmfs (SO)	[ICRA] AAAmfs (SO)	[ICRA] AAAmfs (SO)	Provisional[ICRA] AAAmfs(SO)	Provisional [ICRA] AAAmfs (SO)		
13	UTI Capital Protection	Long Term	-	[ICRA] AAA(SO)	[ICRA] AAA(SO)	[ICRA] AAAmfs	[ICRA] AAAmfs	[ICRA] AAAmfs	[ICRA] AAAmfs	[ICRA] AAAmfs	[ICRA] AAAmfs	[ICRA] AAAmfs	[ICRA] AAAmfs	[ICRA] AAAmfs	[ICRA] AAAmfs	[ICRA] AAAmfs	[ICRA] AAAmfs	[ICRA] AAAmfs	[ICRA] AAAmfs	[ICRA] AAAmfs	Provisional [ICRA]	Provisional[ICRA]	Provisional [ICRA]		

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	Oriented Scheme Series IX - Plan 3					(SO)	(SO)	(SO)	(SO)	(SO)	(SO)	(SO)	(SO)	(SO)	(SO)	(SO)	(SO)	(SO)	(SO)	(SO)	AAAmfs (SO)	AAAmfs(SO)	AAAmfs (SO)		

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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: Instrument Details:

ISIN No	Instrument Name	Date of Issuance / Sanction	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Amount Rated (Rs. crore)	Current Rating and Outlook
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

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