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## **Investment Objective**

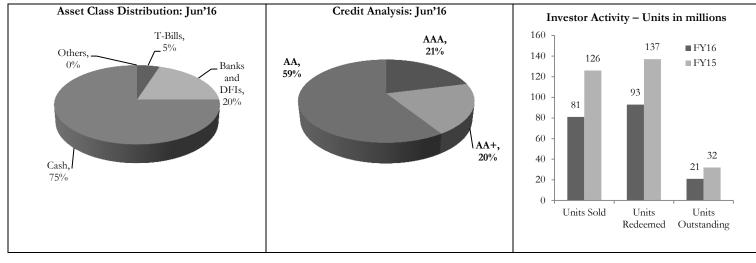
To provide competitive returns to investors through active investment in low risk portfolio of short duration while maintaining high liquidity. The fund aims to maximize returns through efficient utilization of investment and liquidity management tools.

PICIC Cash Fund			
Rating Category	Latest	Previous	
Evand Stability Dating	AA(f)	AA(f)	
Fund Stability Rating	Jan 05, '17	Dec 28, '15	
AMC	HBL Asset Management Limited		
External Auditors – Fund	Deloitte Yousuf Adil & Co.		
Fund Managers	Mr. Tauqir Shamshad		
Trustee	Central Depository Company		
Front-end Load	Class D: 1% of NAV		
Back-end Load	-		
Management Fee	0.5% per annum		
Benchmark	70% 3 month PKRV & 30%		
Denemnark	3 month deposit rate		

	PICIC CF		
	FY16	FY15	
Type of Scheme	Money	Market	
Return (%)	6.1%	10.5%	
Benchmark (%)	4.7%	6.8%	
Peer Average (%)	5.5%	8.6%	
Relative Ranking	2 out of 22	1 out of 21	
Fund Size (in Rs. m)	2104	3249	
Retail (%)	10%	18%	
Associates (%)	33%	46%	
Number of Investors	192	245	
Top 10 Investors / AUMs	88%	74%	
WATM (Weighted Average Time to Maturity)	24 days	83 days	
Duration	24 days	83 days	
Asset Allocation (at end June)			
T-Bills	5%	55%	
PIBs	-	-	
TFCs/Sukuk	-	-	
Certificate of Investments	-	-	
Cash	75%	13%	
Banks & DFIs	20%	31%	
MTS	-	-	
Others (including receivables)	0%	1%	

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PICIC Cash Fund (PICIC CF) is an open-ended money market fund designed to offer competitive returns to investors through deploying resources in primarily government securities and cash & cash equivalents.

Table 1: Approved Investment Avenues-Offering document (extract)

Description	Min-Max	Min-Max	Min.
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Cash in Bank Accounts	0%-100%	1%-75%	AA
Treasury Bills, Pakistan			
Investment Bonds and other	0%-100%	5%-99%	-
Government Securities			
Placements with Bank and DFI			
including Certificates of	0%-80%	0%-51%	AA
Deposit and TDR			
Commercial Paper	0%-10%	_	AA
Money Market placements,			
under LOP etc with Banks and	0%-80%	-	AA
DFIs.			
Placement of Funds with			
NBFCs and Modaraba under			
letter of placement(LOP),			
Certificates of	0%-25%	-	AAA
Deposits/Investment (COD/I)			
and Certificate of Musharika			
(COM)			
Reverse Repo transactions			
against Government Securities	00/ 500/		
or such securities allowed under	0%-50%	=	AA
the Regulations from time to			
time with Banks and DFIs			
Reverse Repo transactions			
against Government Securities or such securities allowed under			
the Regulations from time to	0%-50%	=	AAA
time with NBFCs and			
Modaraba			
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Subject to approval, investment in foreign money market Income Securities and any other instruments issued, listed and traded outside Pakistan	0-30% (cap of \$15m)	-	AA
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The Investment Committee (IC) comprises Chief Executive Officer, Head of Research, Chief Investment Officer, Manager Risk, Head of Fixed Income and fund managers. Investment decisions are consensus based.

Net Assets of the fund declined to Rs. 2.1b (FY15: Rs. 3.2b); the reduction emanated from retail investors and associates. Therefore, asset allocation changed accordingly; as at end June'16, retail investors' and associates' relative share was reported lower at 10% (FY15: 18%) and 33% (FY15: 46%) respectively.

#### **Asset Allocation**

Table 2: Asset Allocation

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Assets	Jun'16	Jun'15	Average
T-Bills	5%	55%	59%
Banks and DFIs	20%	31%	18%
Cash	75%	13%	17%
PIBs	0%	0%	6%
Others	0%	1%	0%
Total	100%	100%	

Over FY16, asset allocation of the fund was tilted towards saving accounts in lieu of T-Bills. As at end June'16, T-bills constituted lower 5% (FY15: 55%) and saving account deposits accounted for higher 75% (FY15: 13%) of net assets.

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### Credit & Market risk

Table 3: Credit Quality Summary- FY16

Credit Quality	Average	Maximum	Minimum
AAA	66%	99%	21%
AA+	18%	56%	0%
AA	16%	59%	1%
Unrated	1%	1%	0%

In line with specified limits in Investment Policy Statement (IPS), the fund maintained its resources in high-rated issue/issuer. The fund complied with minimum AA credit rating requirement and majority of assets were parked in AAA rated issue/issuer.

Table 4: Risk Summary-FY16

	Average	Maximum	Minimum
WATM (days)	65	83	24
Duration (days)	65	83	24

### **Liquidity Profile**

Since the fund's resources were deployed in liquid investment avenues, it warrants fund's ability to meet redemptions timely. Furthermore, Weighted Average Time to Maturity (WATM) is capped at 90 days; the fund complied with this requirement over FY16. Given the conservative asset allocation, WATM is expected to stay within the prescribed limits.

#### **Fund Performance**

Figure 1: Monthly return Vs. Benchmark

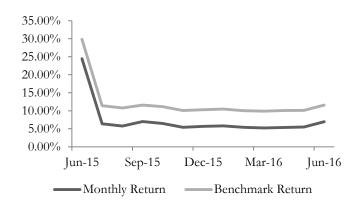


Table 5: Fund performance

	FY16	FY15
Return (%)	6.1%	10.5%
Benchmark (%)	4.7%	6.8%
Peer Average	5.5%	8.6%
Relative Ranking	2/22	1/21

Over FY16, PICIC CF generated a return of 6.1% (FY15: 10.5%) which was higher than the benchmark and peer average return. Furthermore, relative to peers, the fund maintained its position in first quartile, ranking 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 22 funds (FY15: 1<sup>st</sup> out of 21 funds). However, returns remained on the lower side owing to low interest environment JCR-VIS

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# **Rating History**

	Medium to			
Rating Date	Long Term	Outlook	<b>Short Term</b>	Rating Action
	RATING TYP	E: Fund Stability Manag	gement Quality	
05-Jan-17	AA(f)	-	-	Reaffirmed
28-Dec-15	AA(f)	-	-	Reaffirmed
22-Dec-14	AA(f)	-	-	Reaffirmed
30-Dec-13	AA(f)	-	-	Downgrade
17-May-12	AA+(f)	-	-	Harmonized
07-Dec-10	AA+(f)	-	-	Preliminary