# **Fund Insights**



## L&T Resurgent India Corporate Bond Fund

#### A combination of duration and accrual strategy...

The bond yields have come off substantially over the past two years and given the current growth-inflation dynamics, yields are unlikely to move significantly higher in the short run. Given this background, accrual funds may potentially score over duration funds from a short to medium term perspective as the yield accrual from duration funds have reduced significantly with the falling interest rates. In such an environment, investors having investment horizon of over 3 years may consider investing in **L&T Resurgent India Corporate Bond Fund (L&T RICBF)** as it not only offers relatively higher yield accrual but could also potentially benefit from roll down over the next 2-3 years. Moreover, it also has the flexibility to increase duration to a certain extent if the bond yields move higher thereby potentially helping it deliver robust risk adjusted performance over the medium to long term.

**L&T RICBF** aims to maintain a portfolio yield that is relatively higher than the typical duration funds without significantly diluting portfolio credit quality and it also has the flexibility to increase the portfolio duration upto 6 years in a conducive interest rate environment. The credit selection in the Fund is based on our rigorous internal credit research process encompassing detailed analysis of financial strength, liquidity, management track record and corporate governance. We believe given such an approach of combining the best of accrual and duration strategies, this Fund could be a good investment option for investors looking to make allocation to fixed income asset class with a medium to long term investment horizon.

### Short to medium term rate outlook

- The RBI Monetary Policy Committee's overall objective of maintaining CPI inflation in the range of 2-6% as against earlier stance of targeting 4% inflation could support lower rates over the next few quarters
- Lower than expected inflation reading coupled with normal monsoon are also likely to support lower interest rates
- Given (a) structural softening in food inflation on account of government's efforts on various fronts and (b) most components of CPI are within RBI's target range of 2-6%, RBI has necessary leeway to maintain rates at lower level
- From a medium term perspective, impact of GST implementation on inflation and output gap could drive RBI's stance on interest rates
- While from a short term perspective interest rate environment looks quite conducive, from a medium term perspective, rate cycle could reverse as and when growth picks up and / or inflation inches up

### L&T Resurgent India Corporate Bond Fund - Investment Approach

- Adequate duration to capture upside potential in falling interest rate environment ; flexibility to cut back duration once rates stabilize. Modified duration can go upto 6 years.
- Own securities which provide adequate yield pick-up over G-Sec, while maintaining superior asset quality
- Typically maintains predominant exposure in AAA and nil exposure in below AA- papers.

Source: RBI, Internal. For product labeling please refer to page 3 of the document.

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#### Why invest in L&T Resurgent India Corporate Bond Fund (L&T RICBF)?

- The Fund combines the best of duration and accrual strategies which makes it a suitable investment option for medium to long term investors
- Given the current stage of the interest rate cycle, accrual strategy could potentially outperform pure duration strategy from a medium term perspective. L&T Resurgent India Corporate Bond Fund could not only benefit from its accrual strategy but also from potential capital gains on account of roll down over a period of 2-3 years.
- Robust credit selection process with in-house credit research team to spot mispriced credits.
- Maintains a relatively high credit quality portfolio typically maintains higher exposure in AAA and nil exposure in AA- or below.
- Investments held for over 3 years are tax efficient as gains on such investment is treated as long term capital gains and thus enjoy concessional tax rate and indexation benefit.

#### Who is this fund suitable for?

- ✤ Investors looking for a product with relatively higher portfolio yield without significant dilution in credit quality
- ✤ Investors looking to earn relatively higher and tax efficient returns over medium to long term, from their fixed income allocation
- Investors having investment horizon of at least 3 years

#### Key scheme features

- Scheme Benchmark: CRISIL Composite Bond Fund Index
- \* Exit Load: On or before 1 year from the date of allotment or purchase applying first in first out basis: 2%; After 1 year but on or before 2 years from the date of allotment or purchase applying first in first out basis: 1%; After 2 years: NIL

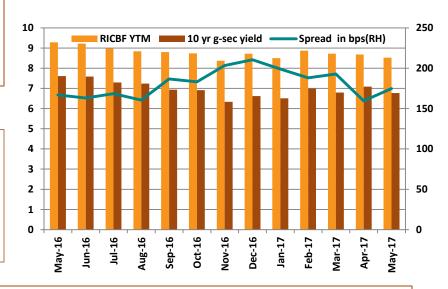
#### Portfolio Statistics (31.05.2017)

Average Maturity	4.49 years
Modified Duration	3.27
Gross YTM	8.52%
Fund size (Rs. Cr)	1748

#### Portfolio credit profile (31.05.2017)

AAA / A1+ and equivalent / CBLO / reverse Repo / Net receivables	66.19%
AA + / AA and equivalent	33.81%

#### RICBF - Yield pick up of ~160-210 bps over 10 yr g-sec



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#### Product Labeling L&T Resurgent India Corporate Bond Fund ("L&TRICBF")

#### Scheme name and type of scheme

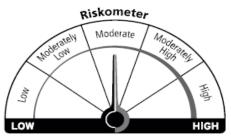
#### An open-ended income scheme

**Investment Objective:** To seek to generate income by investing primarily in debt and money market securities of fundamentally strong corporates/companies in growth sectors which are closely associated with the resurgence of domestic economy, with a flexibility to follow more conservative investment approach during economic downturns.

This product is suitable for investors who are seeking\*:

· Generation of income over medium to long term

• Investment primarily in debt and money market securities of fundamentally strong corporate/ companies in growth sectors which are closely associated with the resurgence of domestic economy



Investors understand that their principal will be at moderate risk

\*Investors should consult their financial advisers if in doubt about whether the product is suitable for them.

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