

Top-down assessment suggests a positive bias for interest rates

- ◆ Domestic growth inflation dynamics have turned favourable
- Softer inflation and weaker growth creates room for further policy easing
- Government focused on Fiscal consolidation favourably impacting demand supply dynamics of bonds

Impact on Bond markets

Global interest rate environment

Balance of Payments & Current Account Deficit

Global bond index inclusion

Food Inflation trends

Banking trends - Credit Deposit ratio

Real rates

Domestic growth slowdown

Global bond index inclusion

Fiscal policy & G-Sec Demand Supply

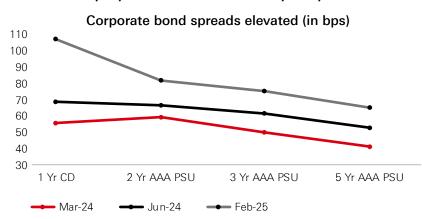
Core CPI Inflation trends

Macro economic factors along with liquidity measures by RBI positive for rates

Where do we see value?

Corporate bond curve may provide good value as RBI deploys measure to infuse liquidity

- G-Sec yield curve has moved lower by 30-40 bps across the curve since Mar '24, with majority of the softening in yields happening post Jun 2024
- Credit spreads across the curve have widened with 3 to 5 year spreads moving up to 65-75 bps
- Investors can potentially look to lock in favourable spreads, as credit spreads are expected to compress with liquidity easing and rate cuts



The 3-5 year segment of the corporate bond curve offers relative value with further policy easing expected

Source - Bloomberg, HSBC MF estimates, data as on Feb 14, 2025, Past performance may or may not be sustained in the future and is not indicative of future results.

Fund snapshot and approach

Fund Category	Banking and PSU Fund
Fund Manager	Mahesh Chhabria* and Mohd. Asif Rizwi*
Benchmark 1, 2	Nifty Banking & PSU Debt Index A-II
Inception Date	12 Sep 2012
AUM ^{3&}	Rs. 4,128.58 Cr

Quantitative Data				
Average Maturity	2.28 years			
Modified Duration	1.91 year			
Macaulay Duration	2.02 year			
Yield to Maturity	7.41%			

- ◆ 1 year Bank CDs are trading at ~ 100 bps over 1 year
 T-Bill, offering good value in a rate easing environment
- Corporate bond curve may provide good value as RBI deploys measure to infuse liquidity
- ◆ The 3-5 year segment of the corporate bond curve offers relative value with further policy easing expected
- RBI OMO purchases turns G-Sec demand supply dynamics further positive, especially in the 5-10 yr segment
- Valuation of bonds, in terms of forward rates, remain cheap

- HSBC Banking and PSU Debt Fund predominantly seeks to maintain duration of 2.5-3 years by investing in the mix of 1 yr assets, 3-7 yr corporate bonds and 5-10 yr Govt Securities
- The fund continues to maintain the high credit quality with the portfolio in AAA or equivalent securities
- The scheme is ideally suited for investors who are seeking a quality portfolio investing in higher rated Banking and PSU debt instruments
- HSBC Banking PSU and Debt Fund is well positioned to generate potential alpha over an investment horizon of 1 to 2 years

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³AUM is as on 31 January 2025.

[&]For disclosure of quarterly AUM/AAUM and AUM by geography, please visit our website:

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*Fund Manager - Mahesh Chhabria Effective 26 Nov 2022. Total Schemes Managed - 15

*Fund Manager - Mohd Asif Rizwi Effective 01 May 2024. Total Schemes Managed - 14

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Source - HSBC Mutual Fund, Data as of 31 January 2025.

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- Investment predominantly in securities issued by Banks, Public Sector Undertakings and Public Financial Institutions and municipal corporations in India
- *Investors should consult their financial advisers if in doubt about whether the product is suitable for them.

(Benchmark: NIFTY Banking & PSU Debt Index A-II



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Potential Risk Class					
Credit Risk →	Relatively Low	Moderate (Class B)	Relatively High		
Interest Rate Risk ↓	(Class A)		(Class C)		
Relatively Low (Class I)					
Moderate (Class II)					
Relatively High (Class III)	A-III				

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