

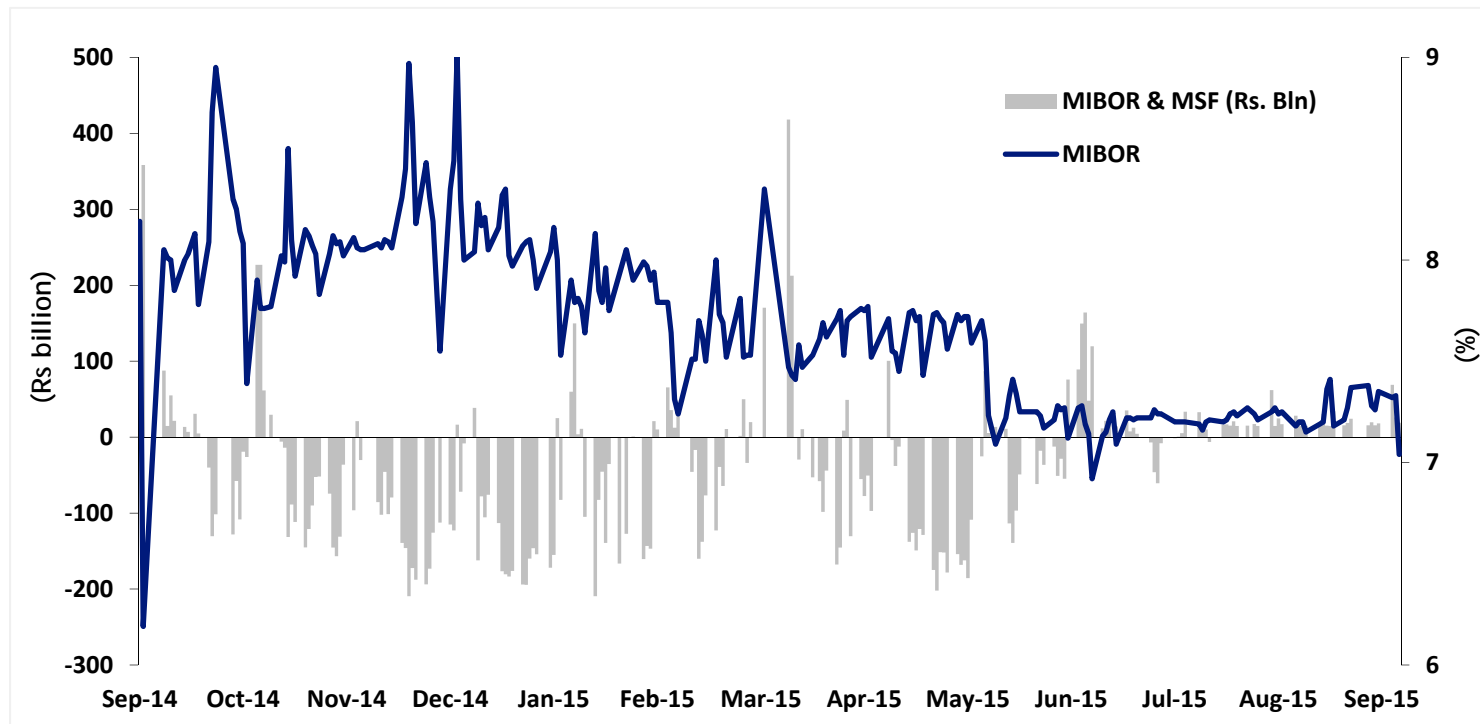
Fixed Income Market Outlook

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Macro Economic Events - Domestic

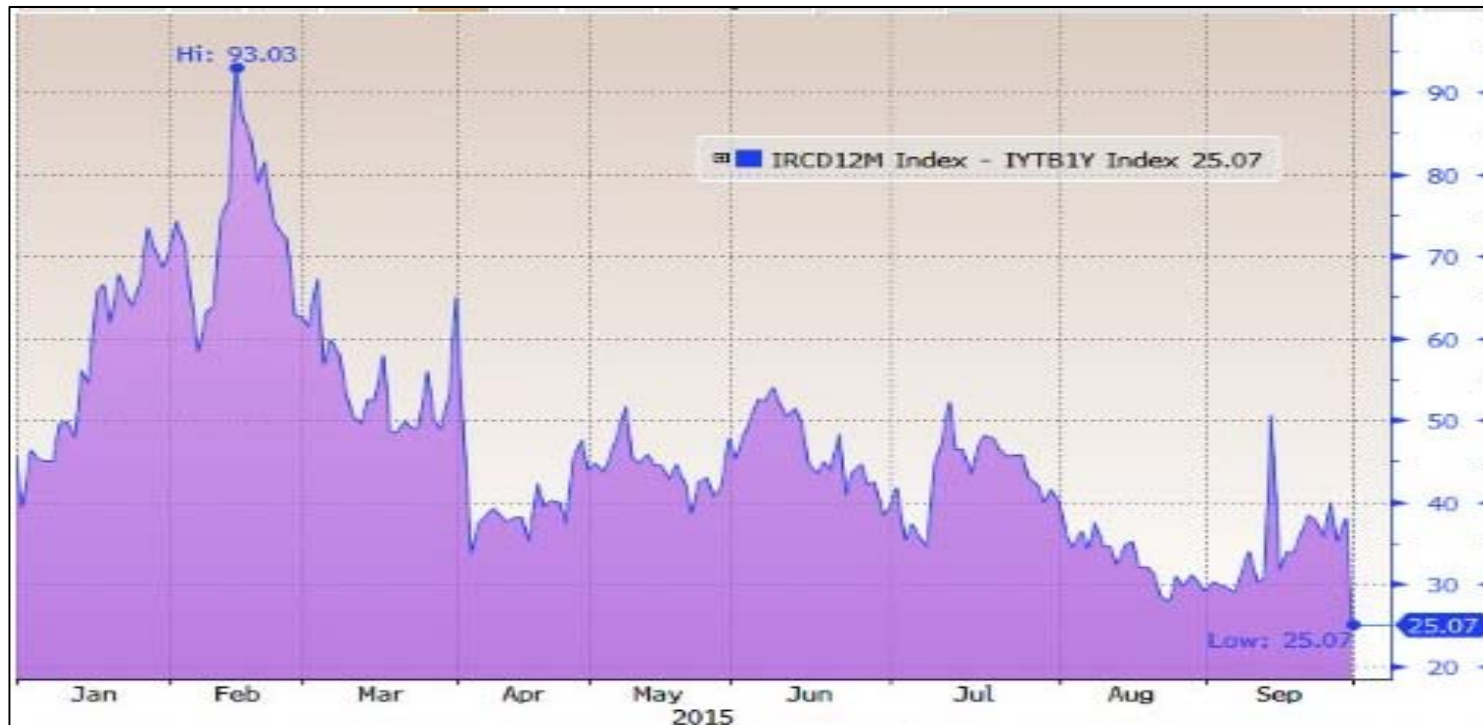
- Benign inflation prevailed over the last quarter
- Fears of higher food inflation was short lived despite a poor monsoon season due to timely imports of pulses and onion and superior food price management by the government
- A steady rupee amidst yuan devaluation was noteworthy and more importantly post the RBI rate cuts
- Slow growth permeated across both domestic and global markets
- The trade deficit narrowed due to plummeting imports and cheaper imports. Exports also dropped over the quarter
- Forex reserves remained steady over the quarter above the USD 350bn mark

Liquidity



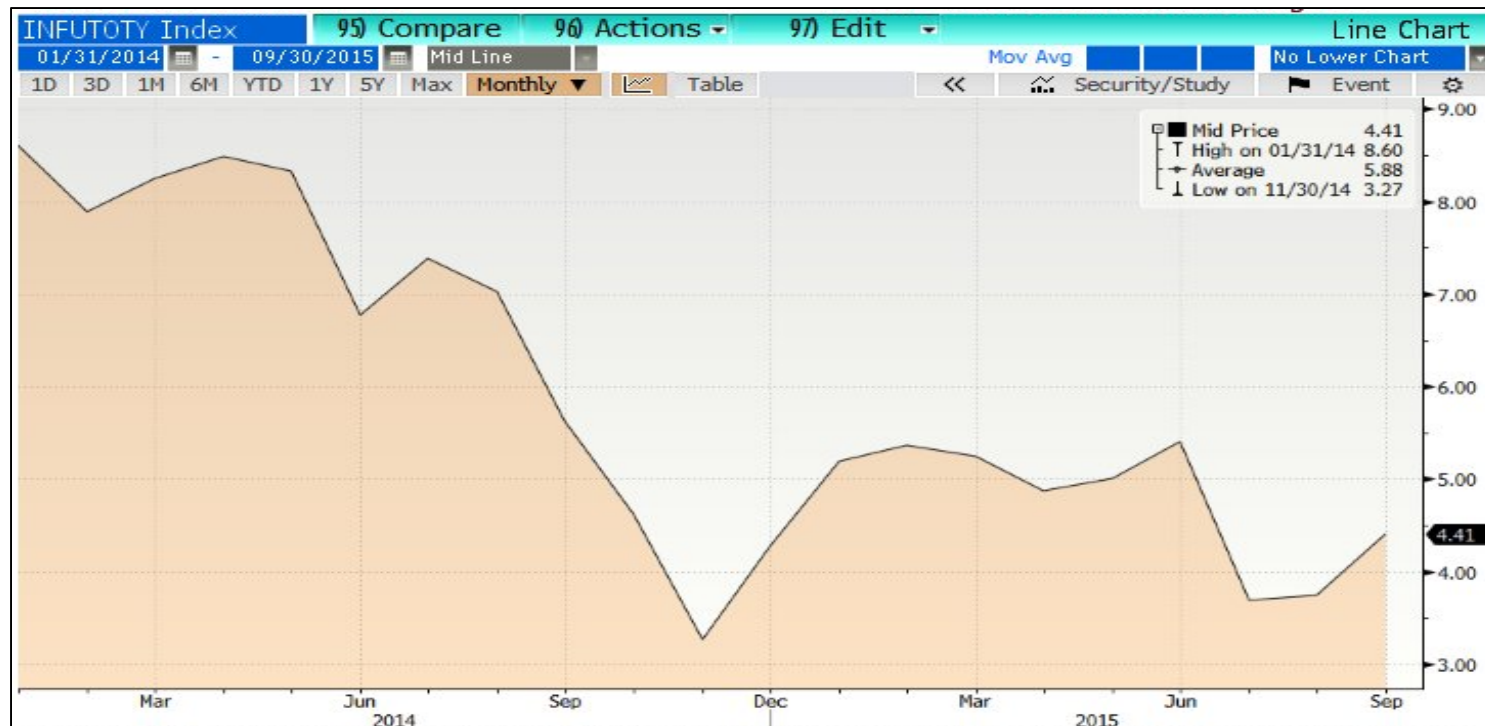
- The liquidity position improved in the markets as the government capital expenditure was robust amidst stronger indirect tax collections and stable bank deposit growth
- The liquidity on an average for the quarter has remained positive by Rs. 20 billion

Money Market (spread between 364 day T bill & 1 Year CD)



- Easy liquidity in the money market contracted the spreads of Bank CDs over T-bills

Inflation Dynamics



- Lower food and fuel inflation led to decline of the headline inflation
- Cheaper import cost also leading to fall in domestic inflation

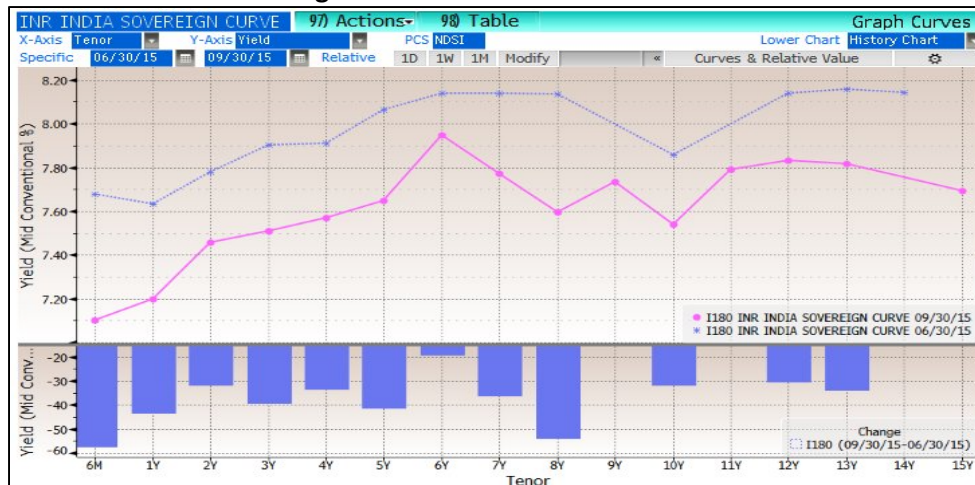
G-Sec Yield Curve

10 Year G – Sec



- The sovereign curve saw a downward decline due to favorable market conditions and lower repo rate
- Higher limits for FPIs and a medium term framework for investments has led to higher demand for gilts
- The sovereign yield curve witnessed some steepening as the benchmark 10 year outperformed the longer dated gilts

G – Sec Yield Curve Change



Fixed Income Outlook and Opportunities

Fixed Income Market Outlook

- We expect yields to move lower with inflation cooling off further due to superior food price management by Government and sustainable drop in oil prices in international markets
- The yields are expected to soften from the present levels as the sentiment improves and the actual inflation data is expected to undershoot RBI's Jan'16 projection of 5.8%
- A stable currency, and higher sovereign limits for FPI's is expected to work in favor of higher demand for Indian gilts
- Higher indirect tax collections is allowing the government to speed up expenditure and potential improvement in the money supply
- Governments and RBI's joint action for better transmission of rates is expected to bring focus on to de-regulation of small savings interest rates to market determined rates. Such a move will help banks to price their deposits at lower and work in favor of lowering yields in the market
- We expect further reduction in repo rates and tighter real rates as inflation moves lower on a sustainable basis. Reviving growth is the focus of RBI now
- The 10 year benchmark is expected to move lower towards 7.25% - 7.40% band in the near term and trade around 7% (+/- 10 bps) in 6 to 9 months, with higher limits for FPI's

Portfolio Actions during the quarter

- **Religare Invesco Liquid Fund:** The scheme has maintained a low duration and increasing exposure to very short maturity securities through a mix of CD, CP and T-bills and other short maturity assets
- **Religare Invesco Ultra Short Term Fund:** The scheme is comprised of bank CDs and CPs apart from T-bills. The duration is being actively managed between 6-12 months, hence the scheme may benefit from the further expected reduction in the marginal standing facility (MSF) rates
- **Religare Invesco Short Term Fund:** The scheme is maintaining a duration of around 3.5 years largely comprised of the AAA PFI segment. The exposure in the gilts segment is being suitably altered according to market conditions
- **Religare Invesco Credit Opportunities Fund:** The scheme continues to invest in assets of short maturity which are available at a higher credit spread compared to others. The maturity is being maintained below 2 months to reduce any rate risk
- **Religare Invesco Active Income Fund:** We intend to manage the portfolio duration above 7 years in light of the swift decline in inflation. The scheme has a bias towards duration over credits at this point given the tight spreads
- **Religare Invesco Gilt Fund – Long Duration Plan:** The scheme has been actively trading in the liquid 10 year-plus gilts. It is investing upto 30 years gilts. Currently maintaining a duration over 8 years
- **Religare Invesco Gilt Fund – Short Duration Plan:** The scheme pursues a strategy where the funds are deployed at the extreme ends of the yield curves, between cash and 10 year benchmark and created a portfolio with maturity little under 3 years
- **Religare Invesco Bank Debt Fund:** The scheme is largely invested in the Bank CD and Bank Bonds segment. It is maintaining a portfolio modified duration around 3 years. The scheme has also indulged in tactical trades in gilts
- **Religare Invesco Medium Term Bond Fund:** The scheme has repositioned itself within 7m and 9m portfolio duration space and invest in assets of short maturity which are available at a higher credit spread compared to others.

Ideas for investors

- Investors are urged to enter long duration funds and select funds with longer duration, as the rates are poised to decline over the years as headline inflation is expected to head lower than RBI's forecast. They should also look to enter credit funds as the credit environment is expected to improve with improved growth conditions and lower cost of refinancing debt.
- Religare Invesco Credit Opportunities Fund offers an opportunity for investors with short investment horizons of 1 - 3 months and moderate level of credit risk appetite. The scheme is ideally positioned to capture mis-priced risk in an environment of deficit liquidity and superior credit spreads of short maturity papers
- Religare Invesco Short Term Fund offers accrual along with a contained interest-rate risk. Ideal for investors with 6 - 18 months investment horizon
- Religare Invesco Medium Term Bond Fund offers higher current yield and low interest rate risk. The present duration of under 9 months opens potential of a steady stream of income from a portfolio of well-diversified credits.
- Religare Invesco Active Income Fund – It opens up opportunities for investors with 3 years of investment horizon
- Religare Invesco Bank Debt Fund – a thematic high credit quality portfolio comprising of bank CD and bank bonds, along with a small allocation to gilts/PFI. It's a superior investment allocation for credit risk averse long-term investors, looking for stable returns, along with some capital appreciation from a well-regulated industry over a 1 year investment horizon
- Religare Invesco Gilt Fund – Long Duration Plan – Investors are encouraged to invest in gilt funds as the valuations are attractive and the yields are trading close to historic highs, and the monetary rates are creating the dis-inflationary effect for attaining 6% on CPI by Jan'16¹
- Religare Invesco Corporate Bond Opportunities Fund – This product is suited for investors who are looking for a steady stream of income over a 3 year period from a well diversified credit portfolio

10 ¹Source: RBI, PFI: Public Finance Institution. **Note:** The above product positioning and intended duration is based on current view and is subject to change from time to time. For product labeling details ,kindly refer slide 11.

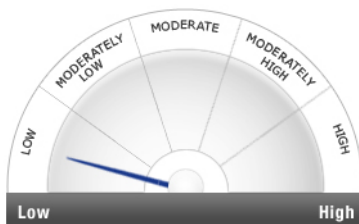
Product Labelling

Suitable for investors who are seeking*

Religare Invesco Liquid Fund (Open – ended Liquid Scheme)

- regular income over short term
- Provide reasonable returns with high liquidity by investing in money market and debt securities

RISKOMETER



Investors understand that their principal will be at low risk

Religare Invesco Credit Opportunities Fund (Open - ended Income Scheme)

- regular income over short to medium term
- provide high level of current income (vis-à-vis treasury bills) by investing in investment grade low duration debt securities and money market instruments

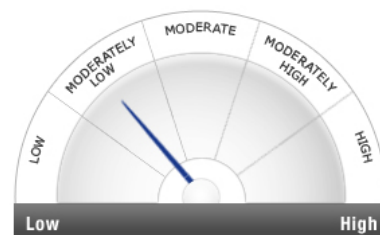
Religare Invesco Ultra Short Term Fund (Open - ended Debt Scheme)

- regular income over short term
- provide optimal returns while maintaining balance between safety and liquidity by investing in a mix of short term debt and money market instruments

Religare Invesco Gilt Fund - Short Duration Plan (Open - ended Dedicated Gilt Fund)

- credit risk free returns over short to medium term
- provide optimal returns by investing in securities issued and guaranteed by Central and State Government with portfolio maturity of less than 3 years

RISKOMETER



Investors understand that their principal will be at moderately low risk

Religare Invesco Active Income Fund (Open - ended Income Scheme)

- regular income over medium to long term
- provide optimal returns while maintaining liquidity through actively managed portfolio of debt and money market instruments

Religare Invesco Short Term Fund (Open - ended Income Scheme)

- regular income over short to medium term
- provide steady returns by investing in short-medium term debt and money market instruments

Religare Invesco Gilt Fund- Long Duration Plan (Open - ended Dedicated Gilt Fund)

- credit risk free returns over medium to long-term
- provide optimal returns by investing in securities issued and guaranteed by Central and State Government with portfolio maturity of greater than 3 years

Religare Invesco Medium Term Bond Fund (Open - ended Income Scheme)

- regular income over medium term
- provide regular income and capital appreciation by investing in medium term debt and money market instruments having residual maturity upto 5 years

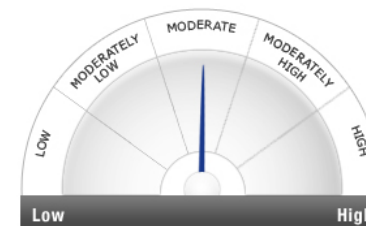
Religare Invesco Bank Debt Fund (Open - ended Debt Scheme)

- regular income over short to medium term
- provide optimal returns by investing in debt and money market instruments issued primarily by banks

Religare Invesco Corporate Bond Opportunities Fund (Open-ended Income Scheme)

- Income and capital appreciation over medium to long term
- Provide returns and capital appreciation by investing in corporate debt securities of varying maturities across the credit spectrum

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