The Pakistan Credit Rating Agency Limited

STABILITY RATING REPORT

LAKSON MONEY MARKET FUND

[CATEGORY: MONEY MARKET]

Date	Rating Type	Action	Rating	Outlook	Rating Watch
09-Mar-22	Stability Rating	Maintain	AA+(f)	Stable	-
09-Sep-21	Stability Rating	Maintain	AA+(f)	Stable	-
09-Mar-21	Stability Rating	Upgrade	AA+(f)	Stable	-
16-Oct-20	Stability Rating	Maintain	AA(f)	Stable	-
20-Apr-20	Stability Rating	Maintain	AA(f)	Stable	-
24-Oct-19	Stability Rating	Maintain	AA(f)	Stable	-
23-Apr-19	Stability Rating	Maintain	AA(f)	Stable	-
29-Nov-18	Stability Rating	Maintain	AA(f)	Stable	-
30-May-18	Stability Rating	Maintain	AA(f)	Stable	-
12-Jul-17	Stability Rating	Maintain	AA(f)	Stable	-
09-Dec-16	Stability Rating	Maintain	AA(f)	Stable	-
31-Dec-15	Stability Rating	Maintain	AA(f)	Stable	-
19-Mar-15	Stability Rating	Maintain	AA(f)	Stable	-
05-Mar-14	Stability Rating	Maintain	AA(f)	Stable	-

FUND STABILITY REPORT

Mar'22

Lakson Money Market Fund

Fund Facts (Dec'21)	
Fund	Lakson Money Market Fund
Fund Category	Money Market
Launch Date	13-Nov-09
Fund Size	PKR 10,863mln
AMC	Lakson Investments Limited
AMC Rating	AM2+
Fund Manager	Mr. Hassan Bin Nasir
Peer Universe	Money Market Funds

History	Dec'21	Sep'21	Jun'21	Mar'21
Fund Size (PKR 'mln)	10,863	13,643	12,325	9,443
Category Size (PKR 'mln)	382,015	308,362	285,236	270,623
Fund NAV (PKR/Unit)	101.16	101.42	100.82	101.20
Fund Dividend (PKR/Unit)	0.70	0.80	0.99	0.62
WAM (Days)	2	4	3	8
Duration (Days)	4	4	3	8

Asset Allocation Summary

	Dec'21	Sep'21	Jun'21	Mar'21
Cash	97.6%	97.9%	95.9%	90.2%
Others	0.6%	0.7%	0.6%	0.8%
Commercial Papers	1.8%	1.4%	3.6%	9.0%

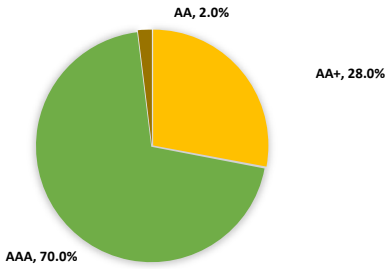
Fund's Objective

To provide stable and competitive returns in line with the money markets, exhibiting low volatility consistent with capital preservation by constructing a liquid portfolio of low risk short term investments.

Asset Manager (Dec'21)

Year of Incorporation	2009
Conventional Funds	5
Shariah-Compliant Funds	1
Pension Schemes	-
CEO	Mr. Babar Ali Lakhani
CIO	Mr. Mustafa O. Pasha, CFA
AUMs	PKR 19,922mln

Credit Quality (Dec'21)

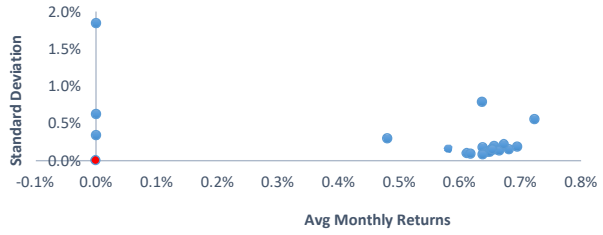


Return Summary

Period	LMMF	Peer Avg.	Fund SD.	Peer SD.
1QCY21	1.6%	1.2%	0.1%	0.8%
2QCY21	1.8%	1.5%	0.0%	0.2%
3QCY21	2.4%	1.9%	0.3%	0.5%
4QCY21	2.1%	1.9%	0.1%	0.3%
CY21	8.1%	7.0%	0.2%	0.5%

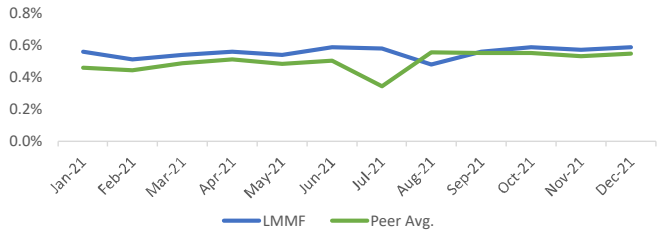
Risk

Return | Standard Deviation Analysis | 01 Year



Performance

LMMF | Peer Avg. | Jan'21 to Dec'21 (Cumulative Monthly Returns)



Commentary

Lakson Money Market Fund (or the 'Fund') is a low-risk profile Fund. The Fund's rating reflects the very strong credit quality, robust liquidity, and low exposure to interest rate volatility. According to rating criteria, the Fund shall invest 50% of its net assets in 'AAA' rated avenues to maintain its assigned rating. At end-Dec'21, ~98% of the Fund's assets were deposited with banks rated 'AA+' and above. Out of total bank allocations, 70% of net assets are placed in a single bank giving rise to concentration risk. Fund's unit holding pattern is highly concentrated with top 10 investors representing ~78% of the net assets; however, due to the highly liquid nature of the Fund's assets, the Fund has an adequate ability to meet redemption pressure.

Going forward, following the investment policy and market expectations, the Fund will be maintaining its exposure in 'AA+' and higher-rated investment avenues. Material changes in the fund's asset allocation strategy, impacting its credit quality and/or exposure to interest rate risk, would affect the rating.

Stability Ratings Explained

The Stability rating is based on a detailed quantitative assessment of fund's portfolio and qualitative assessment of fund management. It provides the investors with an objective measure as to the main areas of risk to which the income funds are exposed, which is credit risk, liquidity risk and interest rate risk.

Credit Risk

- The foremost factor is credit risk, having the highest weight in the rating matrix. The opinion is based on review of various factors, including the fund's investment policies regarding credit risk exposure towards various market segments, individual and cumulative credit quality of the investment portfolio, the diversification of assets across investment types and issuers, and weighted average maturity.

Market Risk

- The more complex part of evaluating a fund's stability involves determining the fund's sensitivity to the changing market conditions. PACRA assess market risk in the nexus of variables affecting the market value of the underlying portfolio. Market value can fluctuate due to a number of variables largely including interest rate, liquidity and operating environment.

Liquidity Risk

- The liquidity of a security refers to the speed at which that security can be sold for approximately the price at which the fund has it valued. Securities which are less liquid are subject to greater price variability. While analyzing the liquidity of investment portfolio, PACRA considers the types of investments in the portfolio, the maturity structure, and secondary market liquidity.

Historical Returns Volatility

- Funds having operational history of six-months or more, the variability in returns is gauged on standardized basis through coefficient of variation for each fund in a category. The coefficient of variation is calculated by dividing standard deviation of fund's monthly returns by average monthly return (SD of Monthly Returns/Average Monthly Return).

Asset Manager

- Management scoring is derived from the asset manager rating of the company managing the fund. PACRA reviews the policies and procedures developed by the management to meet its investment objectives. Therefore, an assessment of the fund manager's qualification and experience, asset management company's capabilities and track record are an integral part to the fund rating process.

FUND STABILITY RATING SCALE	
Symbols	**Definitions**
AAA(f)	An exceptionally strong capacity to maintain relative stability in returns and possesses negligible exposure to risks.
AA+(f) AA(f) AA-(f)	A very strong capacity to maintain relative stability in returns and possesses low exposure to risks. This capacity may, nevertheless, be more vulnerable to changes in circumstances or in economic conditions.
A+(f) A(f) A-(f)	A fund with stable performance generally in line with its peers with strong capacity to respond to future opportunities or stress situations.
BBB+(f) BBB(f) BBB-(f)	An adequate capacity to maintain relative stability in returns and possesses high exposure to risks. This capacity may be impacted adversely by changes in circumstances or in economic conditions.
BB+(f) BB(f) BB-(f)	A low capacity to maintain stability in returns and possesses very high exposure to risks.
B(f)	A very low capacity to maintain stability in returns and possesses very high exposure to risks.

The fund stability rating scale of AAA to B is appended by the letter (f) to denote fund ratings and to differentiate it from the nomenclature used for issue and issuer ratings

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Alerts to the possibility of a rating change subsequent to, or in anticipation of some material identifiable event. But it does not mean that a rating change is inevitable. A watch should be resolved within foreseeable future, but may continue if underlying circumstances are not settled.

Rating Outlooks

Indicates the potential and direction of a rating in response to a) trends in economic and/or fundamental business/financial conditions and/or deviation from expected trend. It is not necessarily a precursor to a rating change. 'Stable' outlook means a rating is not likely to change. 'Positive' means it may be raised. 'Negative' means it may be lowered. Where the trends have conflicting elements, the outlook may be described as 'Developing'.

Disclosure

Name of Fund	Lakson Money Market Fund
Sector	Mutual Fund
Type of Relationship	Solicited
Purpose of the Rating	Stability Rating
Applicable Criteria	Stability Rating Methodology – Jun'21
Related Research	Sector Study | Mutual Funds | Stability Rating – Apr'21
Rating Analysts	Muhammad Junaid | muhammad.junaid@pacra.com

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