

# Principal Short Term Debt Fund<sup>₹</sup>

An Open Ended Short Term Debt Scheme Investing In Instruments Such That The Macaulay Duration Of The Portfolio Is Between 1 Year And 3 Years<sup>¶</sup>

<sup>¶</sup>Please Refer Page No. 23 of SID on which the concept of Macaulay's Duration has been explained.

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While investing, choosing between the right duration and liquidity could sometimes be as tricky as the chicken-and-egg riddle. But with Principal Short Term Debt Fund you can turn the dilemma into an opportunity. It aims to take risk efficient exposure to higher duration instruments with ample liquidity.

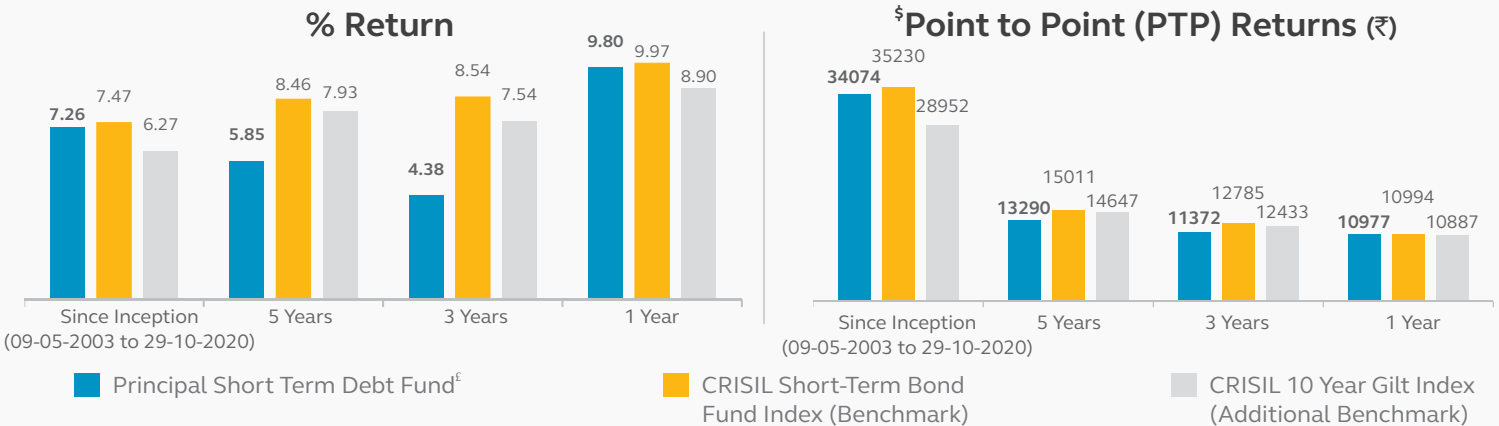
## Why should you invest

- Principal Short Term Debt Fund is a short term income fund. The positing of the fund is between Ultra Short Term & long Term Income Fund.
- Presently, the Fund is being managed with Macaulay Duration of 2.90 years.
- 80%+ exposure to AA to AAA rated corporate bonds / Sovereign/Cash & cash equivalents with 1-3 years residual maturity which currently provide 150-200 bps over Repo rate thereby ensuring positive real returns.
- Current Gross YTM of the portfolio is 4.96% (as on October 31, 2020) which provides attractive entry point.

## Outlook

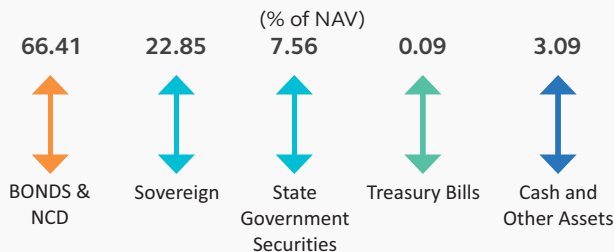
The fund continues to run with a very high credit quality exposures with a mix of AAA rated PSUs/PFIs/Pvt bonds and sovereign securities. Our lowest credit exposure is a bond with long term rating of AA+ (stable). Within private sector we are invested in sectors like cement where visibility of cash flow remain intact. Within financial sector exposures, we have chosen to select top rated housing finance entities and top rated senior bonds of private sector banks. We have avoided any exposure to NBFC sector. We continue our strategy of having core investment in 2 to 6 years corporate bonds between 60 to 75% of the fund to gain from attractive carry and relative value. We had gone light by few percentage points tactically last month but now are within this range. The rest of the position is invested in sovereign securities across the curve between 2yrs and less than 10year gsec. This position is actively managed to move the overall Macaulay duration between 1 to 3 as per the fund mandate. We also have allotted a portion of the fund to SDLs. The fund has benefited due to the compression of spreads vs gsec on account of RBI OMOs in SDLs.

## Performance of Scheme (as on October 29, 2020)

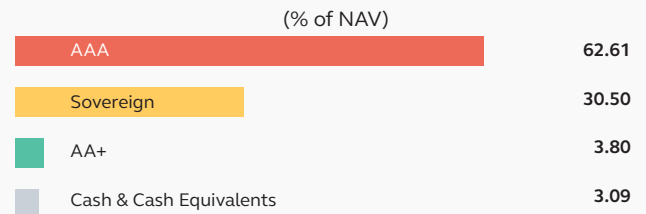


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## Top Composition by Assets (as on October 31, 2020)



## Top 5 Ratings (as on October 31, 2020)



## Investing Facts

### Fund Manager



**Gurvinder Singh Wasan**

Total work experience of 16 years. Managing this scheme since April, 2011

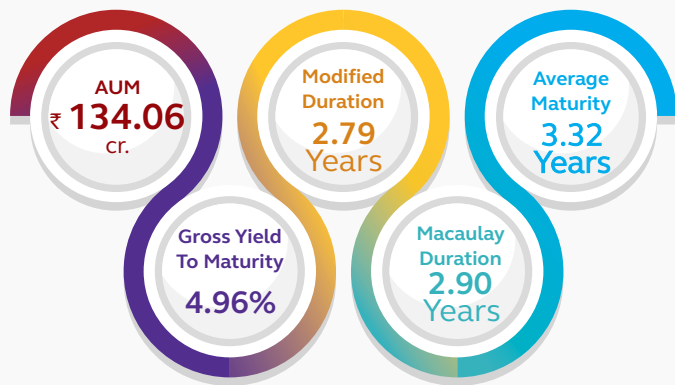
**Plans:** Regular and Direct Plan

**Options:** Both the Plans offer Dividend & Growth Option.

**Minimum Investment Amount:** New Investor: ₹ 5,000 | Existing Investor: ₹ 1,000

**Exit Load:** NIL (w.e.f December 26, 2019)

**SIP/STP/RWP-** Available



Date	Regular Plan		Direct Plan	
	Dividend (₹/Unit*)	Cum Dividend NAV	Dividend (₹/Unit*)	Cum Dividend NAV
Oct 16, 2020	0.1178	12.9372	0.1317	12.9835
July 17, 2020	0.3998	13.2192	0.4694	13.3212
May 17, 2019	0.0544	12.8738	0.0609	12.9127

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Note: All Dividend (₹/Unit) figures are Gross Dividend. Pursuant payment of dividend, the NAV of Dividend Option of schemes/plans would fall to the extent of payout and statutory levy, if applicable.

\* Effective after the close of business hours on May 29, 2019. Principal Corporate Bond Fund got merged into Principal Short Term Debt Fund.

## Annexure of returns for schemes managed by fund manager (as on October 29, 2020)

	1 Year return (%)		3 Years returns (%)		5 Years returns (%)	
	Scheme	Benchmark	Scheme	Benchmark	Scheme	Benchmark
<b>Gurvinder Singh Wasan</b>						
<b>PRINCIPAL Equity Savings Fund<sup>§</sup></b> Benchmark - Nifty Equity Savings Index Managing since - May 2019 (Debt Portion)	6.16	5.20	4.31	6.75	6.20	7.94

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<sup>§</sup> Mr. Sudhir Kedia manages Equity Portion of Principal Equity Savings Fund (w.e.f. October, 2019)

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This product is suitable for investors who are seeking~

- Income over a medium term investment horizon.
- Investment in Debt & Money Market Instruments.

~ Investors should consult their financial advisors if in doubt about whether the product is suitable for them.

