Axis Short Term Fund

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Effective 26th August 2026, the name of the fund has been changed to Axis Short Term Fund.

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**For riskometer and Product Labelling, please refer slide no. 11*

Fixed Income Market Outlook

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RBI steps up support for INR

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A coordinated package targets spot-dollar demand, speculative FX positioning and banking-system liquidity

MEASURES ANNOUNCED

1 PSU OMC dollar window

RBI meets the entire daily dollar requirement through designated banks from 12 Oct.

Removes US$10–12bn of monthly demand from spot FX markets.

2 20% FERR on larger hedges

Applies to INR derivative contracts above US$2mn where users buy FX.

Could lock up ₹400–500bn and lift hedging costs by 1–1.5%.

3 Rebooking restrictions

Cancelled INR-linked deliverable / non-deliverable contracts cannot be rebooked.

Reduces repeated positioning but also lowers hedging flexibility.

4 Lower no-underlying threshold

Threshold cut to US$5mn from US$100mn across dealers and exchanges.

Constrains positions not backed by genuine exposure.

5 Higher daily CRR maintenance

Daily maintenance raised to 99% from 90% from the 16 Oct fortnight.

Reduces banks' daily liquidity cushion and should align call rate closer to repo.

6 OMO sales

₹250bn announced for October, with scope for additional sales.

Withdraws durable liquidity while retaining flexibility.

EXPECTED TRANSMISSION

Policy impact map

Near-term relief, with medium-term vulnerabilities still present

SPOT FX DEMAND — **US$10–12bn**

monthly demand shifted away from the spot market

DURABLE LIQUIDITY — **> ₹1.5tn**

potential monthly withdrawal from the system

USD–INR — **97 → below 95**

near-term support range described in the report

Watchpoint Higher hedging costs may reduce importer hedging and defer some pressure to the spot market.

Source: Kotak Institutional Equities

RBI measures ensure Ample Banking Liquidity

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Oil remains the key trigger for any RBI liquidity absorption measures

Change in Durable Liquidity (July-Dec 2026, in INR Cr.)		
	Net Durable Liquidity as of June 2026	**500,000**
Outflows	Currency In circulation Growth (July- Dec 2026 Seasonal trend)	(100,000)
	Increase in CRR maintenance on Deposit Growth (3% on 12 Lacs Cr.)	(40,000)
	FX intervention (USD 40 Bn FX forward Maturity up to 3 months)	(380,000)
	OMO supply	(125,000)
Inflows	FCNR + ECB Deposit Mobilization	12,35,000
	Closing Durable Liquidity as of Dec 2026	**12,15,500**
	Durable Liquidity required as per 1% of NDTL liquidity	250,000
	Excess Liquidity	**13,20,500**

- Policy measures to bring in foreign flows have improved the liquidity outlook
- **If oil prices remain above USD 90/ bbl, BoP drain can wipe out excess liquidity (around USD 30/35bn**)
- **Any measures to absorb excess liquidity by RBI (OMO sales, CRR hike) likely to be contingent on inflationary risks (crude, el-nino)**

Source: Bloomberg, RBI, Axis MF Research, data as on 15th October 2026

Macro Backdrop

Best of interest rate cycle is behind us

Rate-hike cycle beginning

The rate hike cycle has started, and we expect the RBI to raise rates by another 50-75 bps

Growth is strong

Resilient domestic activity gives the central bank room to prioritise inflation control.

Concerns over inflation

Tailwind fading as crude, commodities and higher global food prices push prices up.

Global central banks hiking

Resilient US growth, sticky inflation and hawkish Fed expectations reinforced the higher-for-longer rates narrative

Potential fiscal slippages

Little room left to consolidate further; crude prices and pay commission adds to spending pressure.

Heavy H2 borrowing supply

H2 FY27 supply of ~Rs 8 lakh cr G-Sec and ~Rs 8 lakh cr SDL weighs on yields.

Source: Axis MF Fixed Income house view, Sep 2026. For internal consumption only.

Interest Rate Outlook

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+75 bps

Expected policy rate hikes over the next 6-12 months

+20-30 bps

Expected rise in absolute yields on G-Sec and corporate bonds

Flatter

Yield curve expected to flatten as the short-end reprices faster

Excess FCNR liquidity will be drained by the RBI

Over the next 2-3 months the surplus liquidity from FCNR flows is expected to be absorbed through **OMO sales** and **FX sell-buy swaps** — reinforcing the tightening bias at the short end.

Key Risks to our view

- Prolonged West Asia conflict
- Hawkish Fed and global rise in yields
- Hawkish Fed policy
- Excessive Rupee depreciation

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Investment Strategy

Duration and carry

The fund is a combination of short duration and carry that can help mitigate interest rate risk and deliver balanced returns over a medium term

Portfolio Macaulay Duration is maintained in the range of 1–3 years.

Active allocation

Actively managed strategy having allocation primarily to 1-3 years corporate bonds and G-Secs, with no restriction on maturity of individual securities

The fund tracks corporate bonds, government securities and money market instruments' spreads and takes an active view on the rates and liquidity to decide the allocation

Credit quality

The fund maintains a high proportion of AAA/SOV/A1+ & equivalents assets in the portfolio

Long term rating: Sub AAA assets (excl bank CDs) ≤ 20%, no exposure to below AA rated assets

The fund is best suited for investors with an investment horizon of 12+ months seeking steady accrual income with moderate interest-rate risk.

Fund Positioning

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As of 30th September 2026

High quality & moderate-risk strategy

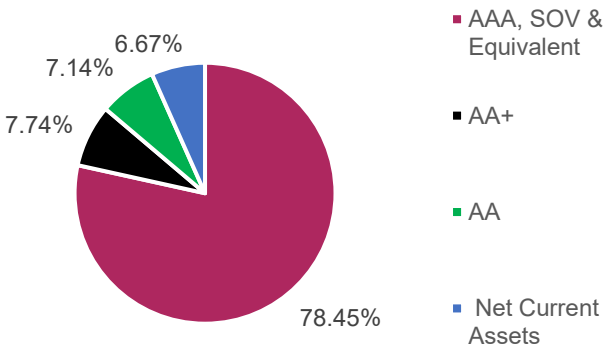
Capture opportunities in the short-term segment

Medium term horizon

Portfolio Characteristics	
Average Maturity	2.54 years
Macaulay Duration	2.14 years
Modified Duration	2.01 years
Yield to Maturity^	7.77%

Asset Allocation Mix	
Corporate Bond	55.27%
Certificate of Deposit	9.63%
Pass Through Certificate	8.38%
Floating Rate Note	7.07%
Government Bond	7.05%
Zero Coupon Bond	3.52%
Commercial Paper	1.31%
Government Bond Strips	1.11%
Net Current Assets	6.67%

Rating Profile



Allocation & maturity is based on the current market conditions and is subject to changes depending on the fund manager's view of the markets. ^The yield to maturity given above is based on the portfolio of funds as on date given above. This should not be taken as an indication of the returns that maybe generated by the fund and the securities bought by the fund may or may not be held till their respective maturities. The calculation is based on the invested corpus.

Performance

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30th September 2026

		1 Year		3 Year		5 Year		Since Inception	
	Inception	CAGR (%)	Current Value of investment of Rs. 10,000	CAGR (%)	Current Value of investment of Rs.10,000	CAGR (%)	Current Value of investment of Rs. 10,000	CAGR (%)	Current Value of investment of Rs. 10,000
Axis Short Term Fund - Regular Plan – Growth	22-Jan-10	5.15%	10,515	7.14%	12,303	6.14%	13,474	7.42%	33,057
NIFTY Short Duration Debt Index A-II (Benchmark)		4.42%	10,442	6.60%	12,118	5.84%	13,281	7.32%	32,519
NIFTY 10 yr Benchmark G-Sec (Additional Benchmark)		1.76%	10,176	6.38%	12,044	5.05%	12,795	6.14%	27,049

Past performance may or may not be sustained in future. Since inception (22 January 2010). Different plans have different expense structure. Devang Shah is managing the scheme since 5th November 2012 and he manages 23 schemes of Axis Mutual Fund & Aditya Pagaria is managing the scheme since 3rd July 2023 and he manages 20 schemes of Axis Mutual Fund.

Returns greater than 1 year are Compounded Annual Growth Rates (CAGR). Face Value per unit is Rs 10. Please click on link https://www.axismf.com/1/5/464/627/WDP_Annexure_Sep_2026_b590564ebc.pdf to view the performance of other schemes currently managed by the fund manager. Note: In case you require physical copy of this document request you to kindly take the printout to review the fund managers performance of other schemes managed by him from the above link given. Source: AxisMF Research.

Product Labelling

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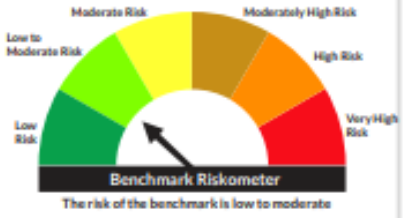
Fund Name & Benchmark	Product Labelling	Product Riskometer	Benchmark Riskometer	Potential Risk Matrix (PRC)
Axis Short Term Fund (An open ended short term debt scheme investing in instruments such that the Macaulay duration of the portfolio is between 1 year to 3 years. A relatively high interest rate risk and moderate credit risk.) **Benchmark:** NIFTY Short Duration Debt Index A-II	This product is suitable for investors who are seeking* • Regular income while maintaining liquidity over short term • Investment in debt and money market instruments *Investors should consult their financial advisers if in doubt about whether the product is suitable for them	 The risk of the scheme is moderate	 The risk of the benchmark is low to moderate	**Potential Risk Class** Credit Risk → / Interest Rate Risk ↓ | Relatively Low (Class A) | Moderate (Class B) | Relatively High (Class C) Relatively Low (Class I) | | | Moderate (Class II) | | | Relatively High (Class III) | | **B-III** |

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