



NIT GOVERNMENT BOND FUND FUND MANAGER REPORT – 2015-16

NIT Government Bond Fund Objective

The objective of NIT Government Bond Fund is to generate best possible return with minimum risk, for its Unit Holders, by investing primarily in the Government Securities.

Profile of Investment Manager

National Investment Trust Ltd. (NITL) is the first Asset Management Company of Pakistan, formed in 1962. NITL is the largest asset management company of Pakistan with approximately Rs. 92 billion assets under management. As of 30th June 2016, the family of Funds of NIT comprises of nine funds including 4 equity funds, 2 fixed income funds, 1 money market Fund, 1 conventional pension fund and 1 Islamic pension fund. NIT's tally of nationwide branches is 23, yet another milestone as no Mutual Fund in Pakistan has such a big network of branches. To cater the matters relating to investments in NIT and day to day inquiries / issues of NIT's unit holders, state of the art Investors' Facilitation Centre is also in place. The Board of Directors of NITL consists of top executives from leading financial institutions, prominent industrialists and a nominee of Government of Pakistan. The Company has been assigned an Asset Manager rating of "AM2+" by Pakistan Credit Rating Agency, which reflects the company's very strong capacity to manage the risks inherent in the asset management business and the asset manager meets very high investment management industry standards and benchmarks with noted strengths in several of the rating factors. All Investment decisions are taken by the Investment Committee of NITL.

Fund Information NIT GBF

• Fund Type	Open-End	• Category	Income Fund
• Launch Date	November 18, 2009	• Listing	PSX
• Management Fee	1.25%	• Front End Load*	1.00%
• Back End Load	Nil	• Par Value	PKR 10.0000
• Fund Manager	ShoaibAhmed Khan	• Risk Profile	Low
• Stability Rating	AA- (f) (PACRA)	• AMC Rating	AM2+ (PACRA) (updated on 18-Aug-2016)
• Trustee	Central Depository Co. (CDC)	• Auditors	KPMG TaseerHadi
• Registrar	National Investment Trust Ltd.	• Pricing Mechanism	Forward Pricing
• Min Subscription	Rs. 5,000 Growth Units	•	
•	Rs. 100,000 Income Units	•	

*varies as per policy (No Front End Load for walk-in customers).

Rating

The Pakistan Credit Rating Agency (PACRA) assigned stability rating of “AA - (f)” (Double A Minus – fund rating) to NIT Government Bond Fund in January 2016. The fund’s rating denotes a very strong capacity to manage relative stability in returns and very low exposure to risks.

Fund’s Performance at a Glance	2015-16	2014-15
Beginning Net Assets (Rs. Million)	4,861	4,166
Beginning NAV Per Unit (Ex-Dividend) (Rs.)	10.1222	10.1039
Ending Net Assets (Rs. Million)(Interim Dividend Adjusted)	4,092	4,861
Ending NAV Per Unit (Rs.)(Interim Dividend Adjusted)	9.9569	10.1222
Net Income (Rs. Million)	239	456
Distribution Per Unit (Rs.)	0.75**	1.38**
Income Distribution (% of Net Income for the year)	92.78%	97.6%
Annualized Return (%)	5.78%	13.86%
Benchmark Return (%)	5.78%	8.17%
Weighted Average Time to Maturity (Year)	0.47	1.1

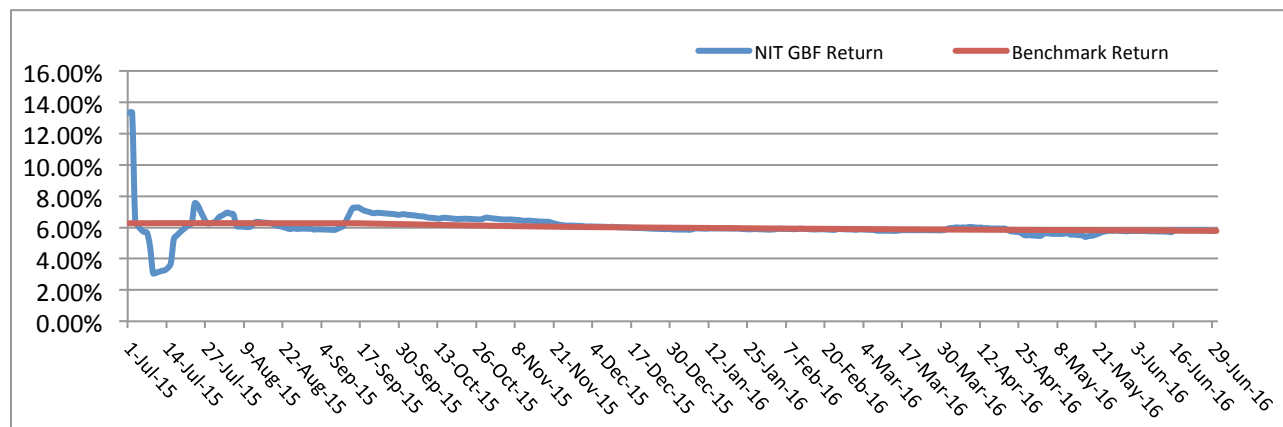
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Benchmark vs. Return

The performance of the scheme is compared against a benchmark based on 70% average of weighted average yield of 6 months T-Bills auctions held during the period and 30% of average most recently published 1 month deposit rates of “A” and above rated scheduled banks.

Comparison of Fund’s return against benchmark

The graph below depicts the comparison of the Fund’s return against its benchmark.

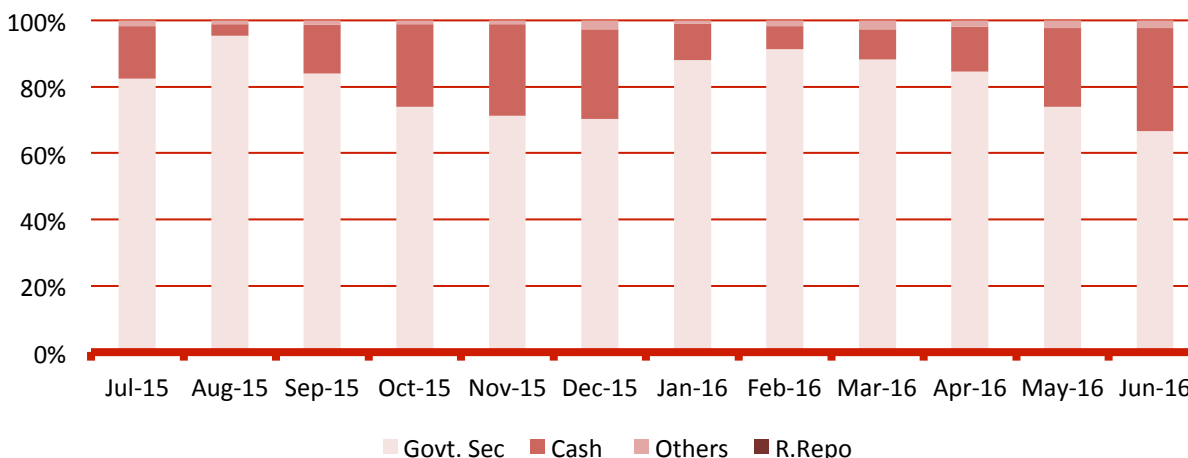


Investment Strategy

NIT Government Bond Fund generated a return of 5.78% p.a. for FY16 as compared to its benchmark return of 5.78% p.a. In the backdrop of decade low inflation levels and comfortable external account position, the SBP adopted an easing monetary stance and reduced policy (target) rates from 6.50% p.a. to bring it down to a 43 year low level of 5.75% p.a. during FY15. CPI inflation, mainly assisted by lower commodity prices, closed FY16 at an average of 2.90% which is a 13-year low level.

The Fund's annualized return since its inception was 12.88% p.a. while its benchmark return was also 9.05% p.a. The fund varied its portfolio's weighted average maturity over the year concentrating on medium to short tenor instruments and reduced the weighted average maturity from 1.1 years at the start of the fiscal year to 0.47 years.

Asset Allocation



The fund as of June 30, 2016 had allocated about 67% of its total assets in Government Securities consisting of an exposure of about 22% in Treasury Bills and about 45% in Pakistan Investment Bonds, where as the remaining 33% of total assets were in the form of cash and other assets. Weighted average time to maturity of the fund was 172 days as on June 30, 2016. This was adjusted in accordance with the view on market conditions. The fund has around Rs. 4.09 Billion of net assets as of June 30, 2016.

Dividend Declaration by the Fund for FY16

During FY16, NIT Government Bond Fund has earned a net income of Rs. 239 million as compared to Rs. 456 million in FY15. The fund has declared a per unit distribution of Rs. 0.75 for its unit holders.

Pattern of unit holders:

Category	(Units in million) NIT-GBF	Percentage of Holding
Institutional Investors	327	79.56%
Individuals	84	20.44%
Total	411	100.00%

WWF Disclosure

The Scheme has maintained provisions against Workers' Welfare Fund's liability to the tune of Rs. 39.15m upto 30th June 2015 and thereafter has stopped provisioning. If the same were not made the NAV per unit/year-to-date return of the Scheme would be higher by Rs. 0.0953/ 1.01%.

Money Market Review:

State Bank of Pakistan reduced its policy (target) rate by 75 bps during the fiscal year to bring the rate to 5.75% p.a. from 6.50% p.a. In the backdrop of decade low inflation levels and comfortable external account position, the SBP adopted for an easing monetary stance and reduced policy rates to bring it down to a 43 year low level of 5.75% p.a. Low levels of interest rates were aimed at rejuvenating the economic cycle and pick private credit growth. CPI inflation, mainly assisted by lower commodity prices, closed FY16 at an average of 2.9% which is a 13 year low level. The country's FX reserves gained significant momentum over the year and reached an all time high level of well over US\$ 23 billion mark.

Six month KIBOR reduced to 6.06% as compared to last year ending at 7.04% and decrease of 98 bps mainly due to reduction in Policy Rate.

During FY16, SBP conducted a total of 26 T-bill auctions (two auctions per month and 3 auctions in Mar-16 and Sep-15). Treasury Bills auction cut off held in Jun-16 for the 3M, 6M and 12M tenors reduced to 5.90% p.a., 5.92% p.a. and 5.96% p.a. from 6.93% p.a., 6.95% p.a. and 6.97% p.a. respectively held in June-15. The cut-off yield on the 3 years, 5 years and 10 years PIB closed at 6.40% p.a., 6.90% p.a. and 8.02% p.a. decreasing from the previous year's closing rate of 8.09% p.a., 8.99% p.a. and 9.25% p.a. for the 3 years, 5 years and 10 years bond.

Economic Review:

Pakistan's economy continues to maintain its growth momentum for the 3rd year in a row with real GDP growing at 4.7% in FY 2015-16 which is the highest in eight years. Economic growth is showing signs of sustained recovery aided by falling commodity and fuel prices, increased energy availability and improved security conditions. A strong performance from the industry and services sector led this growth in GDP. Agriculture, on the other hand, suffered particularly due to decline in agricultural growth (-0.19) % mainly due to decrease in production of cotton, rice and maize. Industrial growth accelerated on the back of higher activity in large-scale manufacturing and construction, the latter being driven primarily by initiation of China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) infrastructure and energy projects.

Agriculture sector is a vital component of Pakistan's economy as it contributes 19.8 % in GDP and it remains the largest employer absorbing 43.70 % of the country's total labor force. During FY 2015-16, the performance of agriculture sector as a whole remained dismal as it witnessed a growth of (-0.19) % against 2.9% growth during the same period last year. According to the economic Survey of Pakistan, the growth of sub Sector of crops included important crops, other crops and cotton ginning remained negative while the other sub component of Agriculture sector like Livestock, Forestry and Fishing posted positive growth of 3.63 %, 8.84 % and 3.25 %, respectively.

Manufacturing is the second largest sector of the economy accounting for 13.6 % of Gross Domestic Product (GDP). This sector provides employment opportunities of 15.3 % to the total labor force. On average during FY 2015-16, Industrial growth is recorded at 6.8% as compared to 3.6% in the comparable period of last year. This growth was achieved due to the robust domestic demand that helped the industry to post strong growth in FY2015-16. From the supply side, continued low prices of key raw materials (POL, coal, palm oil), low financing cost, better law and order, and improved energy supplies supported growth in the industrial sector.

Services sector also met the planned target and has emerged as the most significant driver of economic growth. The share of the services sector has increased from 56.6 % of GDP in FY 2009 to 59.16 % in FY 2015-16. Services sector has witnessed a growth of 5.7 % in this fiscal year as compared to 5% last year. Services sector performance remained broad based, as all components of services contributed positively.

During FY 2015-16 net foreign direct investments was recorded at US\$ 1.9 billion with growth of 5.4 %. The major inflow of FDI is from US, Hong Kong, UK, Switzerland and UAE. Oil & gas exploration, financial business, power, communications and Chemicals remained major sectors for foreign investors.

FY2015-16 has witnessed growth of 6% in Worker's remittances over last year. During the period, the remittances reached to US\$ 19.9 billion as compared to US\$ 18.7 billion last year.

Inflation during FY 2015-16 has been contained at 2.9%, which is the lowest in 13 years. Food and non-food inflation have been estimated at 2.1% and 3.4%. The slower increase in food inflation over the last year is due to moderate increase in prices of major consumable food items. The core inflation has also been anchored through appropriate fiscal and monetary measures.

Export competitiveness continued to suffer, with exports declining to USD 22 billion in FY16, as against USD 24 billion in FY15. Despite reduction in petroleum imports by USD 4.5 billion, mainly due to lower oil prices, overall import bill only reduced marginally to USD 40.5 billion in FY16, relative to USD 41.3 billion in FY15. Trade deficit deteriorated to USD 18.5 billion in FY16, mainly due to lower exports.

(Economic data source: Economic Survey of Pakistan, PBS& SBP Website)

Other Disclosures under NBFC Regulations 2008:

The Fund Manager hereby makes the following disclosures as required under the NBFC Regulations 2008;

- a. The Management Company or any of its delegates did not receive any soft commission (goods & services) from any of its brokers / dealers by virtue of transactions conducted by the Fund.
- b. There was no unit split undertaken during the year.