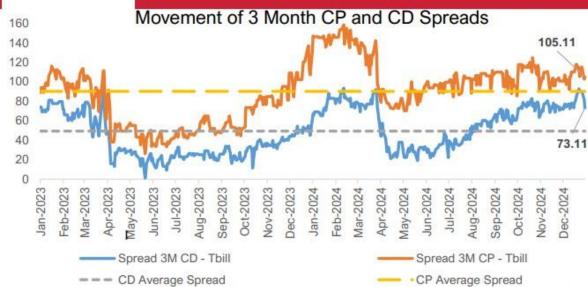
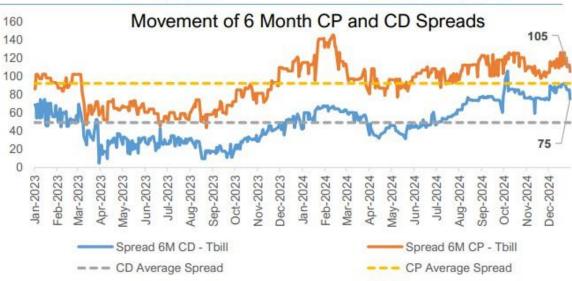


Opportunity in Widening of Money Market Spreads



MUTUAL FUNDS





- Banks faced pressure to mobilize funds over past year as credit growth outpaced deposit growth in tight liquidity environment. Credit - Deposit ratio has been hovering around 80% since Sep 2023.
 - Banks increasingly turned to certificate of deposit (CDs) in short term to finance demand for credit.
- NBFCs took recourse to issuance of commercial papers (CPs) post RBI's decision to raise risk weights on bank loans.
- Banks CD mobilization rose 50% and CP mobilization rose 14% during FY 24 – 25 to Rs 8.65 lakh crores and Rs11.35 lakh crores
- Increase in supply of CP and CDs led to higher rates and T-bill rates have fallen leading to rise in money market spreads since mid 2024.
- The current spread are expanded at 73 75 bps with average spread ~50 bps for CD and ~105 bps with average spread ~ 90 bps for CPs.
- Considering elevated interest rate environment, widening spreads & absolute levels both continue to be attractive, offering better accrual for short tenor investments.
- Aditya Birla Sun Life Funds are well positioned to take the advantage of market opportunities.

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Source: ABSLAMC Research, Bloomberg, RBI, CareEdge; LKP Securities

Data – Bloomberg as on 31st December 2024

Spreads (in bps): Money Market – T-bill yield, Average Spread from Jan 23 – Dec 24