

Holding-Based Statistics

	Short Term Fixed Income	Bloomberg Barclays 1-3yr Gov/Credit
Yield to Maturity	2.30%	1.74%
Effective Duration	1.41 years	1.81 years
Average Credit Quality	BBB+	AA

Strategy Statistics

Range of Holdings (Issuers)	100 - 150 est
Annualized Turnover	20% est
Firm Assets	208.4
Product Assets	34.8

Investment Philosophy

The Short Term Fixed Income strategy is managed to provide a high degree of current income with limited interest rate risk by investing in high quality investment grade corporate bonds and U.S. Government securities. The separate account strategy is actively managed with regards to security selection and yield curve exposure with an objective to generate a total return in excess of the index over a full market cycle.

Portfolio Management Team

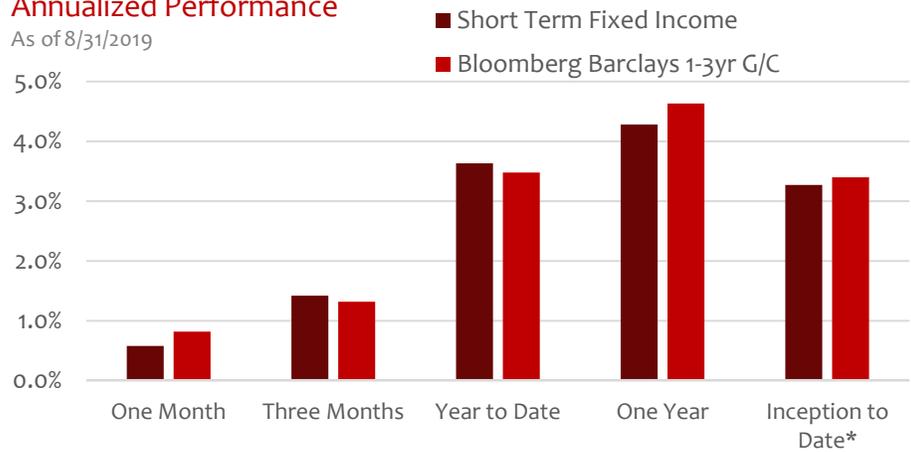
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Inception Date

1/31/2018

Annualized Performance

As of 8/31/2019

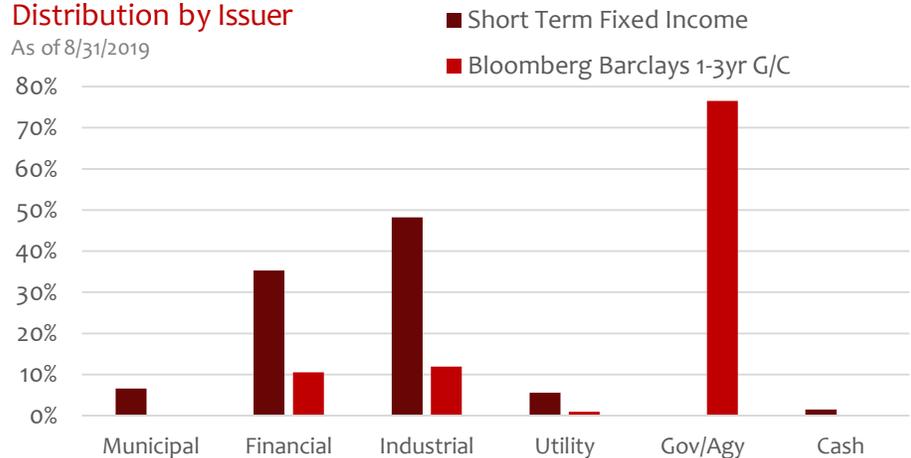


	One Month	Three Months	Year to Date	One Year	Inception to Date*
Short Term Fixed Income	0.57%	1.41%	3.62%	4.27%	3.26%
Bloomberg Barclays 1-3yr Gov/Credit	0.81%	1.31%	3.47%	4.62%	3.39%

* Inception 1/31/2018

Distribution by Issuer

As of 8/31/2019



Distribution by Quality

As of 8/31/2019



Top 10 Holdings

As of 8/31/2019

Kinder Morgan Inc 6.85% - 2/15/20	1.77%
Morgan Stanley 2.80% - 6/16/20	1.72%
Vodafone Group PLC 3.75% - 1/16/24	1.67%
Suntrust Banks Inc 2.25% - 1/31/20	1.56%
JPMorgan Chase & Co 3.875% - 9/10/24	1.55%
General Electric Co 2.70% - 10/9/22	1.51%
Dr Pepper Snapple 3.13% - 12/15/23	1.49%
Mosaic Co 4.25% - 11/15/23	1.45%
McKesson Corp 3.796% - 3/15/24	1.44%
Goldman Sachs 3.00% - 4/26/22	1.39%

2Q 2019 Portfolio Commentary

With the U.S. economy now entering a record 11th year of economic expansion, evidence is building that the longevity of the current cycle may be measured in quarters not years. Economic growth for the second quarter is expected to have decelerated from the first quarter advance of 3.1% to an annual growth rate of just 1.3%. This dramatic slowdown reflects both slower domestic activity and continued weakness in both Europe and China. Continued escalation in U.S. and China trade negotiations has weighed heavily on U.S manufacturing activity, which slowed to the lowest level of the Trump presidency during the month of May. Further evidence of a slowdown can be seen in weaker than expected new home sales and monthly non-farm payroll gains that have fallen below expectations. Despite the record length of the expansion and the lowest unemployment rate in close to fifty years, inflation has stubbornly remained below the Fed's target of 2.0%. Low inflation, which previously had been viewed as transitory, is now a point of growing concern among investors and the policy makers.

In light of weaker than expected economic data and persistently low inflation, the Fed has indicated a new willingness to lower interest rates in an effort to prolong the economic expansion. Such an abrupt shift by Fed officials from the 4th quarter of 2018, when they suggested interest rates would continue to climb throughout 2019, is likely underpinned by a recognition that prior rate increases were ill-timed. This pivot to a more accommodative policy can also be seen globally. ECB President Draghi has suggested that additional stimulus in the Eurozone may be warranted if inflation in the region doesn't improve. These recent developments have resulted in a repricing of interest rates globally. U.S. 10-year Treasury yields closed the quarter at 2.0%, 50 bps lower than where they traded at the end of April, while the German 10-year yield hit a new record low of negative 0.30%. U.S. Treasury yields across all maturities now trade at or below the Fed's current targeted range of 2.0%-2.5%, underscoring the likelihood of future rate reductions. Investor debate currently centers on whether pre-emptive interest rate reductions by the Fed will be successful in preventing a recession. Encouragingly, the FOMC responded in a similar way by cutting rates in the mid '90s when economic conditions changed abruptly, and the economy continued to grow for another four years.

Expectations of accommodative monetary policy and the yield advantage versus U.S. Treasuries continue to support the strategy's overweight position to corporate bonds. Portfolio positioning favors bonds in the BBB ratings category where we currently find the most attractive relative value. While the shorter average maturity relative to the benchmark detracted from relative results for the period, we remain comfortable with current positioning. We continue to believe the strategy's yield advantage versus the index and the opportunity for price appreciation as the Fed reduces interest rates creates a meaningful opportunity for total return.



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