

Short Duration Bond Management

Fund Highlights

Strategy Overview

- Seeks to add value through sector research and valuation, issue selection and duration management in a risk controlled approach
- Focus on preservation of capital and meeting client's specific liquidity requirements

Investment Philosophy

- We believe that consistent, attractive returns are the result of investment insights applied to portfolios in a risk-controlled framework
- Keys to success include:
 - Customized portfolios tailored to client's specific needs
 - Strong fundamental asset allocation framework alongside effective sector and security selection
 - Experienced team of fixed income specialists
 - A disciplined investment process that leverages first-hand, practical research
 - Disciplined risk management

Investment Process Highlights

- A research and valuation framework based on understanding three simple concepts:
 - Market expectations: assess the market's risk / reward tradeoff as expressed in an asset's price
 - Insight: articulate our differentiated view and the implications for the asset's price
 - Conviction: evaluate the magnitude of the opportunity, our confidence level and assessment of the downside risk
- Disciplined risk management:
 - Tail risk management seeks to provide early warning signs on deteriorating corporate bonds
 - Use proprietary systems that seek to manage risk consistent with client objectives and constraints
 - Seek to achieve client objectives using multiple strategies
 - Maintain highly diversified portfolios in an effort to minimize individual issuer credit risk

Investment Performance (%)

	Annualized Returns For periods ended 3/31/2025							
	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	7 Years	10 Years	Since Inception (8/1/1993)
Total Portfolio Return (Gross of Fee)	1.46	1.46	5.82	3.95	2.40	2.73	2.25	3.49
Total Portfolio Return (Net of Fee)	1.41	1.41	5.61	3.74	2.20	2.53	2.05	3.29
ICE BofA 1-3 Year Treasury Index	1.59	1.59	5.43	2.84	1.16	1.98	1.50	3.16

Past performance is no guarantee of future results. See GIPS® composite report disclosures for details on fees and net calculations.

Performance Measurement (%)¹

	Tracking Error	Information Ratio
3 Years	0.977	1.132
5 Years	0.893	1.390
7 Years	1.139	0.659
10 Years	0.970	0.772
Since Inception (8/1/1993)	2.498	0.135

Credit Quality (%)²

	Short Duration Bond
AAA	24.31
AA	25.25
A	32.30
BBB	13.55
Cash	4.16

Duration Distribution (%)

	Short Duration Bond
0-1 Year*	53.0
1-2 Years	18.8
2-3 Years	14.3
3-5 Years	7.5
Portfolio Duration (years)	1.16

*includes cash equivalents

Portfolio Characteristics

	Short Duration Bond	ICE BofA 1-3 Year Treasury Index
Wtd. Avg YTM (%) ³	4.96	3.94
Wtd. Avg. Maturity (years)	2.22	1.92
Wtd. Avg. Duration (years)	1.16	1.86
Wtd. Avg. Coupon (%)	4.49	2.81
Wtd. Avg. Quality (Barclays)	AA-	AA+

Sector Weightings (%)

	Short Duration Bond
Treasuries	5.23
ABS	13.44
CMBS	4.27
CLOs	2.68
Agency MBS	11.55
Non-Agency RMBS	4.60
Corporates	49.08
Municipal	4.94
Cash	4.16

Management Team

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Source: Neuberger Berman, FactSet and BlackRock Aladdin.

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INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT: SHORT DURATION BOND MANAGEMENT

	Composite		Benchmark	Composite					3 Year Standard Deviation	
	Total Return (% Gross of Fees)	Total Return (% Net of Fees)	ICE BofA 1-3 Year U.S. Treasury Index (%)	No. of Accounts	Market Value (\$ m)	Total Firm Assets * (\$ bn)	% of Firm Assets	Internal Dispersion	Composite (%)	ICE BofA 1-3 Year U.S. Treasury Index (%)
YTD Mar-2025	1.46	1.41	1.59	≤ 5	1,712.8	--	--	--	1.52	2.12
2024	5.59	5.38	4.08	≤ 5	1,874.9	387.0	0.48	--	1.78	2.33
2023	5.48	5.27	4.26	≤ 5	1,712.5	360.6	0.47	--	1.65	2.04
2022	-2.51	-2.71	-3.65	≤ 5	1,509.1	317.0	0.48	--	1.59	1.71
2021	-0.36	-0.56	-0.55	≤ 5	1,349.9	460.5	0.29	--	1.13	1.20
2020	3.28	3.07	3.10	≤ 5	158.3	405.4	0.04	--	1.08	1.21
2019	4.44	4.23	3.55	≤ 5	168.0	355.8	0.05	--	0.78	0.94
2018	1.82	1.62	1.58	≤ 5	201.2	304.1	0.07	--	0.72	0.84
2017	1.64	1.43	0.42	≤ 5	212.8	295.2	0.07	--	0.64	0.74
2016	1.68	1.48	0.89	≤ 5	407.5	255.2	0.16	--	0.68	0.75
2015	0.90	0.70	0.54	≤ 5	403.0	240.4	0.17	--	0.66	0.56

* The redefining of the firm in December 2022 by excluding NB Alternatives Advisors LLC resulted in \$120.6 billion of assets being removed from the GIPS total firm assets as of December 2024.

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Composite Description

The Short Duration Composite (the "Composite") represents the performance of all Short Duration portfolios, with no minimum investment, managed on a fully discretionary basis by the Investment Grade Fixed Income team. The Short Duration Strategy is designed for investors who seek the highest available current income consistent with liquidity and low risk to principal; total return is a secondary goal. The portfolios in the strategy can take advantage of a full range of investment options. The Short Duration Composite ("Composite") represents the performance of all, discretionary accounts, managed according to the Short Duration Strategy. The Composite creation date is May 2007 and performance inception date is August 1993. A complete list and description of the NB Composites and performance results is available upon request.

Primary Benchmark Description

The benchmark is the ICE Treasury 1-3 Year Index (the "Index"). The Index is a subset of the ICE US Treasury Index including all securities with a remaining term to final maturity less than 3 years. The ICE US Treasury Index tracks the performance of US dollar denominated sovereign debt publicly issued by the US government in its domestic market. Qualifying securities must have at least one year remaining term to final maturity, a fixed coupon schedule and a minimum amount outstanding of \$1 billion. Qualifying securities must have at least 18 months to final maturity at the time of issuance. Callable perpetual securities qualify provided they are at least one year from the first call date. Fixed-to-floating rate securities also qualify provided they are callable within the fixed rate period and are at least one year from the last call prior to the date the bond transitions from a fixed to a floating rate security. Bills, inflation-linked debt and strips are excluded from the Index; however, original issue zero coupon bonds are included in the index and the amounts outstanding of qualifying coupon securities are not reduced by any portions that have been stripped. Securities issued or marketed primarily to retail investors do not qualify for inclusion in the index.

Reporting Currency

Valuations are computed and performance is reported in U.S. Dollars. Performance includes reinvestment of dividends and other earnings.

Fees

Composite Gross of Fee returns are the return on investments reduced by any trading expenses incurred during the period. Composite Net of Fee returns are the Gross of Fee returns reduced by model investment advisory fees of 0.20%. Composite Net of Fee returns calculated using model fees deduct 1/12th of the highest tier of the fee schedule from the monthly composite gross returns. Presented risk measures are calculated using gross-of-fee composite returns. To the extent that a composite contains fund(s) whereby performance is calculated based on changes in monthly NAV's, net returns reflect miscellaneous fund expenses (admin, legal, etc.) in addition to investment management fees for the portion of composite containing these vehicles.

Fee Schedule

The annual investment advisory fee, generally payable quarterly, is as follows: 0.20% on the first \$50mn; 0.15% on the next \$50mn; 0.12% on the next \$150mn; 0.10% on the next \$250mn 0.08% thereafter.

Internal Dispersion

Internal dispersion is calculated using the asset-weighted standard deviation of annual gross returns of those portfolios that were in the Composite for the entire year. Internal dispersion is not calculated if the Composite does not contain at least 6 portfolios for the entire year.

Annualized Standard Deviation

The three-year annualized standard deviation measures the variability of the Composite and the benchmark returns over the preceding 36-month period. The standard deviation is not required for periods prior to 2011.

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²Credit quality ratings use Barclays generic quality rating based on Moody's, S&P, and Fitch expressed in S&P's nomenclature as follows: 1) If Moody's, S&P and Fitch all provide a credit rating, the Index Rating is the median of the three agency ratings; 2) If only two agencies provide ratings, the Index Rating is the more conservative rating; 3) If only one agency provides a rating, the Index Rating reflects that agency's rating; or 4) If none of the agencies provide ratings, the security is considered not rated and may be assigned an equivalent rating by the investment advisor. No rating agency has been involved with the calculation of such credit quality and the ratings of underlying portfolio holdings should not be viewed as a rating of the portfolio itself. Portfolio holdings, underlying ratings of holdings and average credit may change materially over time.

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