

BlueBay US Short Duration: 1-3 Year High Quality

Quarterly Commentary

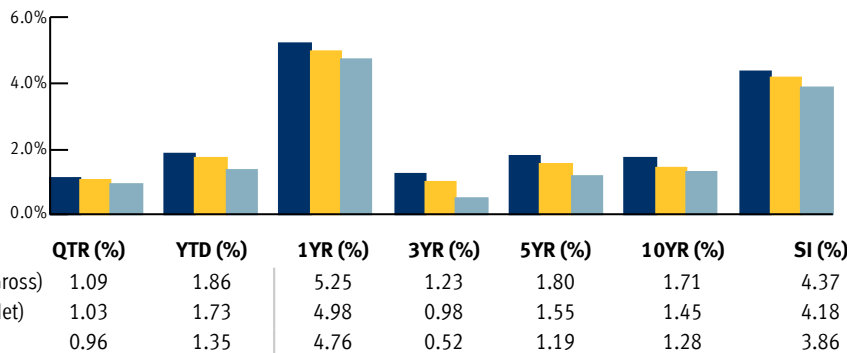
The second quarter of 2024 was defined by further volatility in US rates across the maturity spectrum. The 10-year Treasury started the quarter at 4.31%, widened out to 4.70% in April, and has now tightened to 4.39%. The 2s30s spread normalized from the first to the second quarter to a less inverted state, starting the quarter at -28 basis points (bps) and now hovering around -20bps.

At the June meeting, the Fed left the federal funds rate unchanged at 5.5%. This is in line with the “pause” policy path that has taken hold over the last handful of meetings but not in line with what markets were expecting at the end of 2023. The Fed continues to signal data dependency but maintained its stance in June that it expects to start cutting rates in 2024.

After significant volatility, US Treasury yields rose across the curve over the quarter. The 2s30s spread ended the quarter less inverted at -12bps versus -28bps at the end of March. The 30-year US Treasury rose 22bps over the quarter, while the 2-year Treasury rose 13bps. Market participants have had to rerack their rate-cut path expectations multiple times over the quarter, as incoming economic data has swung from stickier-than-expected to now reliably cooling for the time being.

Recent data suggest one or two cuts are still possible for 2024. CPI on June 12, 2024, was cooler than survey projections and in line with our internal estimates. We think rate volatility and ever-changing credit fundamentals might necessitate a focused, active approach for investors as they engage with the fixed income market, potentially locking in attractive all-in yields.

Investment Performance



Past performance is not indicative of future results.

Source: RBC Global Asset Management, ICE Data Indices

Inception of the performance record is 7.1.89.

Returns are presented in gross and net of fees and include the reinvestment of all income. All returns for periods greater than one year are shown on an annualized basis. Performance and composite information presented is supplemental to the “GIPS® Composite Report” which contains additional information regarding calculation of performance data and benchmark information. The benchmark was changed from the ICE BofA Merrill Lynch 1-3 Year U.S. Corporate & Government Index on January 1, 2014 and changed from the ICE BofA Merrill Lynch U.S. Treasury & Agency Index on August 1, 2010. Index returns link the ICE BofA Merrill Lynch 1-3 Year AAA-A U.S. Corporate & Government Index to the previous benchmarks.

Strategy Overview

- AUM: \$5,868.6 million
- Inception: July 1989
- Benchmark: ICE BofA 1-3 Year AAA-A US Corporate & Government
- Vehicles: Separate Account, US Mutual Fund

Investment Philosophy & Style

- A well constructed diversified portfolio managed within an active risk framework will enhance consistent income over various market cycles
- Thorough understanding of the issuer, credit and debt structure
- Focus on security selection and curve exposure while actively managing duration, call and extension risk
- Invest in out-of-benchmark sectors when expected return justifies the opportunity
- Avoid making large duration calls

Risk Management

- Mandate and policy controls
- Full, multidisciplinary vetting of client policies and objectives
- Multiple levels of review
- Clear accountabilities and cross checks
- High quality focus reduces credit risk

Portfolio Construction

- Duration Range: 0-3 years
- Maturity Range: 0-5 years
- Investment Universe: Treasuries, Agencies, Corporates, Taxable Municipals, Agency Secured, Mortgage Backed
- Credit Quality: securities rated from AAA to BBB, fully customizable

Investment Team

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- Offices in North America, Europe and Asia
- 394 investment professionals globally

*AUM includes US \$4.7B+ in portfolio assets managed by unaffiliated investment advisors based on models provided by RBC Global Asset Management entities.

BlueBay Fixed Income Platform

- 128 Investment professionals
- \$125 billion fixed income AUM**
- \$43 billion in US fixed income AUM**

As of May 31, 2024.

**BlueBay Fixed Income AUM is a component of the broader RBC GAM AUM.

Portfolio Characteristics ¹

	Strategy	Benchmark
Effective duration	1.8 years	1.8 years
Market yield	5.1%	4.9%
Average credit quality	AA-	AA

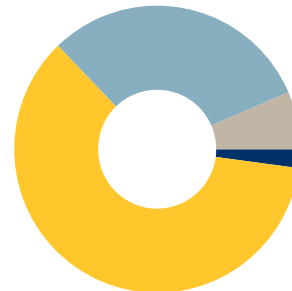
Distribution ¹

Sector



Corporate	38.4%
Treasury	33.1%
Agency Secured	13.8%
ABS	6.6%
Municipal	5.8%
Agency	2.3%
MBS	0.1%

Credit



AAA	2.1%
AA	60.7%
A	30.7%
BBB	6.5%

Past performance is not indicative of future results.

Source: RBC Global Asset Management, ICE Data Indices

¹Supplemental information complements the “GIPS® Composite Report” as provided. The information presented are those of the representative account in the strategy. There is no guarantee that every account will be identical to the information presented here.

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GIPS® Composite Report, as at June 30, 2024

RBC GAM U.S. Fixed Income - Short Duration 1-3 Year High Quality

Inception Date: July 1, 1989

Benchmark: ICE BofA 1-3 Year AAA-A US Corporate & Government Index

Currency: USD

Annual returns

Year end	Composite gross return (%)	Composite net return (%)	Benchmark return (%)	Composite 3 yr std dev (%)	Benchmark 3 yr std dev (%)	Number of portfolios	Internal dispersion (%)	Composite assets (millions)	Firm assets (millions)
YTD 2024	1.86	1.73	1.35	2.00	2.17	2	0.14	61.4	463,419.2
2023	5.16	4.90	4.46	1.92	2.07	3	0.19	285.9	427,022.8
2022	-2.86	-3.10	-3.63	1.66	1.64	4	0.25	277.5	385,022.7
2021	-0.16	-0.41	-0.49	1.08	1.02	4	0.11	195.5	481,049.3
2020	3.72	3.46	3.24	1.04	1.02	4	0.41	141.8	424,813.8
2019	4.28	4.02	3.83	0.84	0.91	4	0.14	163.0	361,400.0
2018	1.74	1.48	1.63	0.75	0.82	4	0.04	152.7	305,983.2
2017	1.20	0.93	0.70	0.72	0.72	4	0.15	148.8	331,885.2
2016	1.30	0.99	1.07	0.77	0.74	3	0.16	142.3	289,538.6
2015	0.91	0.61	0.66	0.75	0.57	4	0.06	167.5	276,979.3
2014	1.21	0.91	0.72	0.71	0.48	4	0.20	304.3	302,064.4

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Composite Description: The Short Duration 1-3 Year High Quality Composite consists of short duration accounts invested in taxable, high quality, fixed income securities. Client portfolios have the ability to invest across multiple fixed income sectors including government bonds, corporate bonds, and structured product. Portfolios in the composite may employ the use of over the counter and exchange traded derivatives where investment guidelines allow, however, their use is not required. Derivatives contracts such as, but not limited to, U.S. Treasury bond futures, Eurodollar futures, interest rate futures, and interest rate swaps may be used for managing risk.

Benchmark: The benchmark for this composite is the ICE BofA 1-3 Year AAA-A US Corporate & Government Index, which is an unmanaged index that measures the performance of short duration, U.S. investment-grade fixed income securities rated A and higher. The benchmark was changed from the ICE BofA 1-3 Year US Corporate & Government Index on January 1, 2014 to better reflect the investment guidelines of portfolios included in this composite. Prior to August 1, 2010 the benchmark was the ICE BofA US Treasury & Agency Index, which was changed to the ICE BofA 1-3 Year US Corporate & Government Index to better reflect the securities purchased in this strategy. Index returns link the ICE BofA 1-3 Year AAA-A US Corporate & Government Index to the previous benchmarks. Index returns are provided for comparison purposes to represent the investment environment existing during the time periods shown. An index is fully invested, includes the reinvestment of dividends and capital gains, but does not include any transaction costs, management fees, or other costs. Holdings of each separately managed account in a composite will differ from the index. An investor may not invest directly in an index.

Gross of Fees: Gross of fees performance returns are presented before management fees, but after all trading expenses. Returns are presented net of withholding taxes on dividends, interest income and capital gains where applicable.

Net of Fees: Net of fee performance is calculated using the maximum stated annual fee of 0.25% applied monthly. Prior to April 1, 2017 net of fee performance was calculated using an annual fee of 0.30% applied monthly. Prior to January 1, 2013 net of fee performance was calculated using actual fees.

Performance Calculations: Results are based on all fully discretionary accounts meeting the composite definition, including those accounts no longer with the firm. Returns are shown in U.S. Dollars, and include the reinvestment of all income. Additional information regarding policies for valuing investments, calculating performance, and creating GIPS® Reports is available upon request. Past performance is not indicative of future results.

Composite Dispersion: The composite dispersion of annual returns is indicated by the performance of individual accounts representing the equal weighted standard deviation of returns. Dispersion of returns is calculated for portfolios included in the composite for the full year. Calculations are based on gross portfolio returns if gross composite returns are presented. If only net composite returns are presented, then net portfolio returns are used in the composite dispersion calculation.

3-Year Standard Deviation: Periods with less than 3 years of data will show "n/a". Calculations are based on gross composite returns, if gross composite returns are presented. If only net composite returns are presented, then net composite returns are used in the calculation.

Derivatives, Leverage and Short Positions: Derivatives are not used for speculative purposes, however, they may represent a significant percentage of the portfolio when calculated using the notional amount. No portfolios in this composite utilize leverage or short positions, with the exception of the derivatives strategy described in the Composite Description.

Cash Flow Policy: As of April 1, 2015 the significant cash flow policy was removed from the composite. Prior to that date, composite policy required the temporary removal of any portfolio incurring a client-initiated significant cash inflow or outflow of at least 10% of portfolio assets. The temporary removal of such an account occurred at the beginning of the month in which the significant cash flow occurred and the account re-entered the composite the first full month of being fully invested.

Fee Schedule: 0.25% on first \$25 million; 0.15% on next \$25 million; 0.10% on next \$50 million; 0.08% on assets exceeding \$100 million. Advisory fees are described on this page and in Form ADV Part 2A. RBC GAM reserves the right to negotiate all advisory fees.

Minimum Account Size: There is currently no minimum account size for inclusion in this composite. From January 1, 1997 through January 1, 2005 the minimum size for inclusion was \$5 million. Prior to January 1, 1997 the minimum size for inclusion was \$1 million.

Creation Date: This composite was created on January 1, 1993 and has an inception date of July 1, 1989.

Composite History: Prior to December 1, 2016 this composite was named Short Core. Prior to March 31, 2005, this composite was named Short Total Return.

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