

# AFI Short Term Fixed Income

## INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY

Mesirow Analytic Fixed Income (“AFI”) believes that the role of fixed income is to provide principal preservation, income, and risk reduction through diversification. We believe that yield wins over time, but not all the time. Our rigorous research is designed to add value through sector allocation by identifying when we are being appropriately compensated for taking credit risk. The primary factors that drive security selection returns can be identified and managed. This enables us to own companies that we believe will outperform and avoid those that will underperform. Risk management is critical to success. Minimizing downside risk and avoiding permanent loss of principal are primary goals.

## INVESTMENT PROCESS

We utilize a quantitative investment process with a qualitative overlay. The top-down aspect of our process determines where we are in the credit cycle to help guide our sector and quality decisions. Our bottom-up security selection ranking system identifies the factors that generate returns based on the current investing environment. Our belief is this system is more comprehensive, efficient, and systematic than a purely fundamental approach.

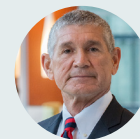
## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES AND ADVANTAGES

- Produce excess returns primarily through sector/quality allocation and security selection rather than a static overweight to risky positions.
- Research-oriented process identifies the investing regime and then orients portfolio holdings toward either valuation or fundamental factors.
- Returns are highly correlated to the overall bond market, but excess returns are generally lowly or negatively correlated to bond manager peers.

## ANALYTIC FIXED INCOME TEAM



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Chief Investment Officer



**Michael Budd, FSA Credential Holder**  
Managing Director, Portfolio Manager



**Christopher Ashbee, CFA, FRM**  
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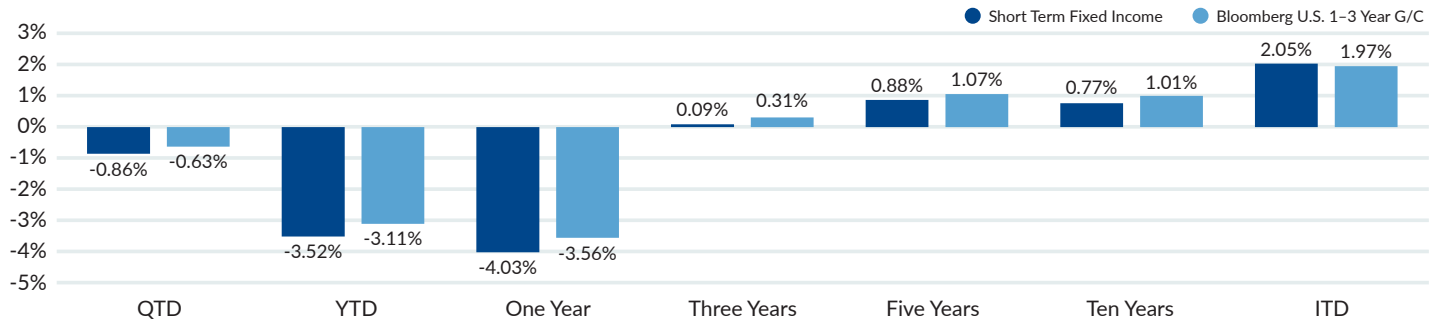
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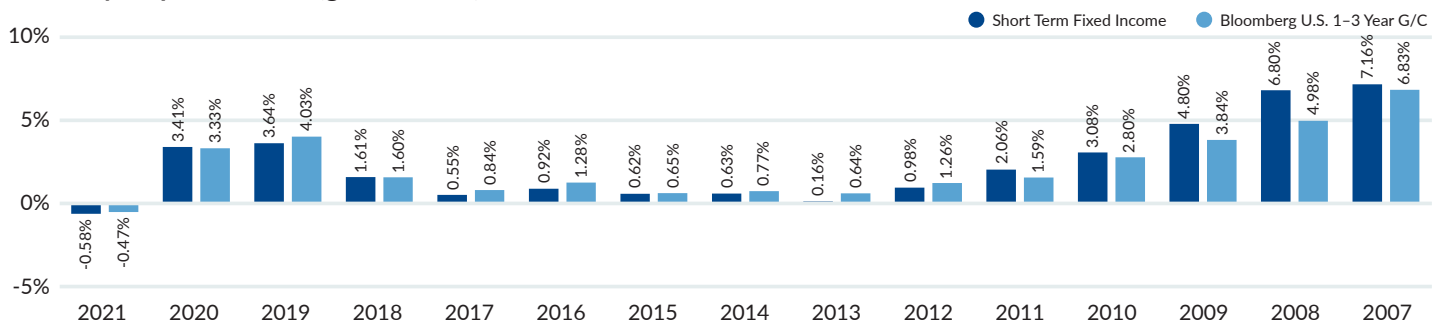
**Kenny Kwan**  
Portfolio Analyst and Fixed Income Trader

## PERFORMANCE

### Trailing performance (gross of fees)

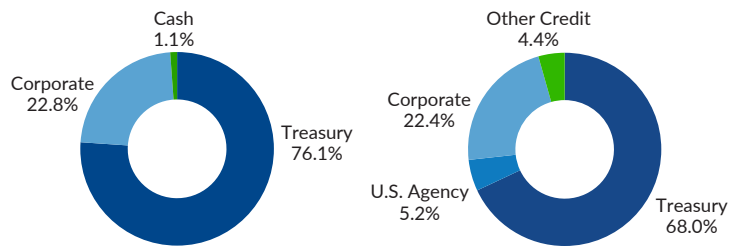


### Calendar year performance (gross of fees)



Source: AFI, Bloomberg. Performance results are gross of fees as of 6.30.2022. Inception date is 1.1.2007.

## PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS (AS OF 6.30.2022)



Sector %	+ / -
Treasury	8.1%
U.S. Agency	-5.2%
Corporate	0.4%
Other Credit	-4.4%
Cash	1.1%

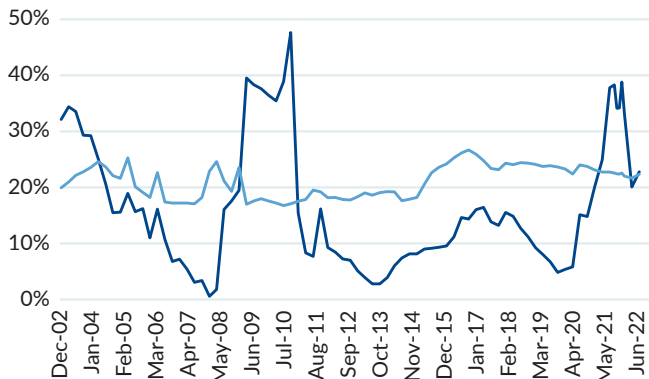
	Short Term	Bloomberg 1-3 Year Gov/Credit	Exposure
Yield-to-Maturity	3.27%	3.24%	Higher
Duration	1.83	1.84	+ / - 10%
Non-Treasury sectors	23.90%	32.00%	Underweight
Average quality	Aa1/Aa2	Aa1/Aa2	Similar
Number of issues	103	1,736	Diversified

Source: AFI, Bloomberg. As of 6.30.2022. Other credit includes Local Authorities, Sovereigns, Supranationals and Foreign Agency.

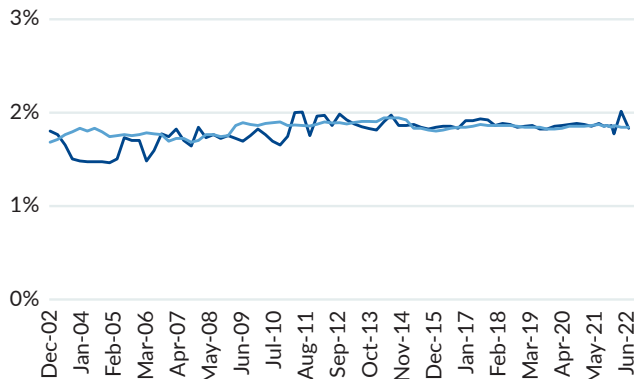
### HISTORICAL SECTOR ALLOCATIONS

Short Term Fixed Income Bloomberg U.S. 1-3 Yr G/C

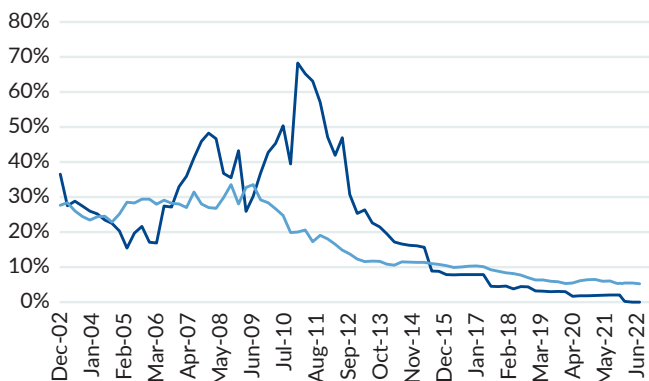
#### Corporates



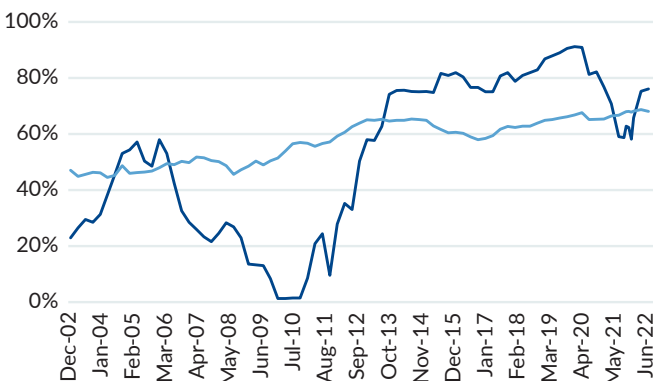
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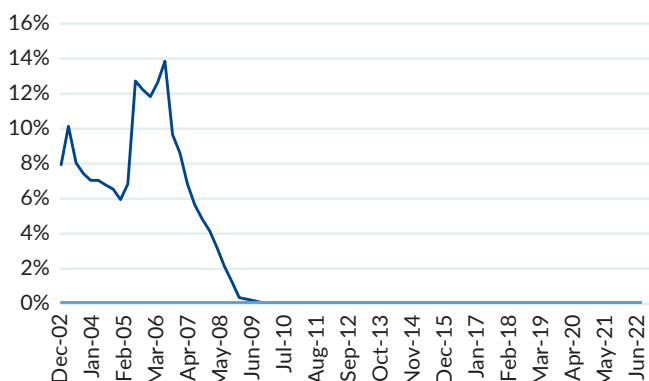
#### Agencies



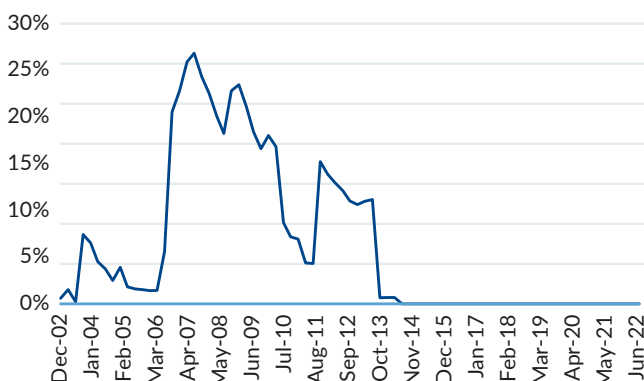
#### Treasuries



#### ABS/CMBS



#### Effective duration



As of 6.30.2022. Source: AFI, Bloomberg. Please see disclosures at end for additional, important information.

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## GIPS REPORT – MFIM SHORT TERM FIXED INCOME COMPOSITE

Gross and Net of Fees Total Returns from January 1, 2007 – June 30, 2022

Year	Year end			Annual performance results				3-year annualized dispersion <sup>(2)</sup>	
	No. of portfolios	Composite Asset at end of period (\$MM)	Total Firm Assets <sup>(1)</sup> (\$MM)	MFIM (gross) Composite (%)	MFIM (net) Composite (%)	Bloomberg 1-3 Year Govt/ Credit Index (%)	Composite Dispersion (%)	MFIM (gross) Composite (%)	Bloomberg 1-3 Year Govt/ Credit Index (%)
2007	5 or fewer	49	n/a	7.16	6.97	6.83	n/a	-	-
2008	5 or fewer	2	n/a	6.80	6.61	4.98	n/a	-	-
2009	5 or fewer	84	n/a	4.80	4.62	3.84	n/a	1.92	1.78
2010	6	144	n/a	3.08	2.91	2.80	0.0	1.87	1.69
2011	7	343	n/a	2.06	1.89	1.59	0.0	1.03	1.00
2012	6	235	n/a	0.98	0.82	1.26	0.0	0.77	0.72
2013	13	741	n/a	0.16	0.02	0.64	0.0	0.59	0.54
2014	13	724	n/a	0.63	0.48	0.77	0.0	0.49	0.49
2015	12	548	n/a	0.62	0.47	0.65	0.0	0.58	0.58
2016	11	590	n/a	0.92	0.78	1.28	0.0	0.76	0.75
2017	7	417	n/a	0.55	0.41	0.84	0.0	0.74	0.73
2018	7	423	n/a	1.61	1.47	1.60	n/a	0.85	0.82
2019	7	449	n/a	3.64	3.50	4.03	0.0	0.95	0.93
2020	5 or fewer	484	6,706	3.41	3.27	3.33	n/a	1.18	0.98
2021	5 or fewer	412	6,168	-0.58	-0.71	-0.47	n/a	1.16	0.98
<b>Current Performance Results – PRELIMINARY</b>									
2022 YTD	5 or fewer	383	4,905	-3.52	-3.58	-3.11	n/a	1.65	1.46

Mesirow Financial Investment Management Institutional Fixed Income claims compliance with the Global Investment Performance Standards (GIPS®) and has prepared and presented this report in compliance with the GIPS standards. Mesirow Financial Institutional Fixed Income has been independently verified for the periods 01.01.1996 - 12.31.2021. A firm that claims compliance with the GIPS standards must establish policies and procedures for complying with all the applicable requirements of the GIPS standards. Verification provides assurance on whether the firm's policies and procedures related to composite and pooled fund maintenance, as well as the calculation, presentation, and distribution of performance, have been designed in compliance with the GIPS standards and have been implemented on a firm-wide basis. The Short Term Fixed Income Composite has had a performance examination for the periods 01.01.2007 - 12.31.2021. The verification and performance examination reports are available upon request.

Benchmark returns are not covered by the report of independent verifiers.

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(1) Total Firm Assets are not presented for periods prior to 2019 because the Composite was not part of the Firm.

Performance and composite inception and creation date is 01.01.2007.

The Short Term Fixed Income Composite contains fully discretionary portfolios and for comparison purposes is measured against the Bloomberg 1-3 Year Government/Credit Index. The Short Term Fixed Income Composite expectations are as follows: tracking error 50-75 basis points, sales turnover 50-150% annually, and number of holdings ranging from 75-150. The minimum portfolio size for this composite \$1 million. The performance presented herein represents past performance and is no guarantee of future results. Performance reflect the reinvestment of income, expressed in U.S. dollars. Results are

based on fully discretionary accounts under management, including those accounts no longer with the firm. The composite policy requires the temporary removal of any portfolio incurring a client-initiated significant inflow or outflow of 10% of portfolio assets. The firm's list of composite descriptions, a list of pooled fund descriptions for limited distribution pooled funds, and a list of broad distribution pooled funds is available upon request. Policies for valuing investments, calculating performance, and preparing GIPS Reports are available upon request.

### Calculation of Risk Measures: Annual / 3 Years Dispersion

Composite internal dispersion is calculated using the asset-weighted standard deviation of annual gross returns of those portfolios that were included in the composite for the entire year. Because it is not statistically meaningful, MFIM does not calculate the dispersion of annual returns for the years the composite held five or fewer accounts. Inclusion of the three-year annualized ex-post standard deviation of the composite and benchmark was added as a requirement effective 12.31.2011.

(2) Data are not presented for periods containing less than 36 monthly returns for the composite.

### Performance / Net of Fee Disclosure

Net of fee performance is calculated using the actual monthly fee accrued to each account in the composite as of 06.01.2020. Prior to 06.01.2020, Net of fee performance use the composite fee schedule as follows: 0.20% on the first \$25 million, 0.15% on the next \$75 million, and 0.10% thereafter. Performance information that is provided gross of fees does not reflect the deduction of advisory fees. Client returns will be reduced by such fees and other expenses that may be incurred in the management of the account. Advisory fees are described in Part 2 of Form ADV of MFIM.

### Investment Fee Disclosure

MFIM requests that any third party, including investment management consultants, provide our performance data only on a one-on-one basis. Performance results are presented before management and custodial fees. As described in Analytic Fixed Income Form ADV, Part 2, investment management fees for the Short Term Fixed Income Strategy are:

- 0.20% on the first \$25 million
- 0.15% on the next \$75 million
- 0.10% on the balance

An actual fee charged to an individual portfolio may vary by size and type of portfolio. Fees are collected quarterly, which produces a compounding effect on the total rate of return net of management fees. As an example, the effect of investment management fees on the total value of a client's portfolio assuming (a) quarterly fee assessment, (b) \$1,000,000 investment, (c) portfolio return+ of 8% a year, and (d) 1.00% annual investment advisory fee would be \$10,416 in the first year, and cumulative effects of \$59,816 over five years and \$143,430 over ten years. Actual investment advisory fees incurred by clients may vary.

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**GIPS REPORT – MFIM SHORT TERM FIXED INCOME COMPOSITE (CONTINUED)**

**Benchmark Definition**

The Bloomberg 1-3 Year Government/Credit Index (formerly named Bloomberg Barclays 1-3 Year Government/Credit Index) is an index consisting of Treasury or government agency securities and investment grade corporate debt securities with maturities of one to three years. Indexes are unmanaged. It is not possible to invest directly in an index. Bloomberg® is a trademark and service mark of Bloomberg Finance L.P. Barclays® is a trademark and service mark of Barclays Bank Plc, used under license. Bloomberg Finance L.P. and its affiliates (collectively, "Bloomberg") or Bloomberg's licensors own all proprietary rights in the Bloomberg Barclays Indices.

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