

Short Term Fixed Income

INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY

The Mesirow Strategic Fixed Income (SFI) team seeks to capture the majority of available incremental investment returns while maintaining a neutral duration posture to minimize risk. Our approach capitalizes on in-depth research and yield curve analysis to determine the most efficient portfolio structure. Customization in client portfolios and effective risk management enables us to offer a differentiated approach.

INVESTMENT PROCESS

The strategy emphasizes security selection, sector rotation, and yield curve management. This approach is designed to capture the bulk of the excess returns available in the investment-grade market while minimizing the volatility of those returns. Key to the process is the responsiveness, focus and unbiased proprietary analysis provided by our dedicated credit analysts and portfolio managers.

KEY ADVANTAGES

- Team is comprised of seasoned investment professionals with proven leadership through multiple market cycles.
- Time-tested investment process that focuses on the most consistent sources of excess return.
- Size that allows us to efficiently exploit relative value opportunities, apply a unique client service model & create customized investment strategies for our clients.

DETAILS

Mesirow Strategic Fixed Income assets: \$2.3 billion

Other SFI investment strategies offered:

- Core Total Return
- Enhanced Core Plus (ECP)
- Intermediate Aggregate
- Intermediate Government/Credit
- Long Liability Driven Investment (LDI)

CHARACTERISTICS¹

	Short Term	Bloomberg 1-3 Year Government/Credit Index
Duration (%)	1.76	1.86
Yield to maturity (%)	5.18	5.15
Quality	AA	AA
Number of issuers	107	568

Source: SFI & Bloomberg.

WHO WE ARE

Mesirow Strategic Fixed Income (SFI) is an institutional asset manager focused on fundamental security selection and sector allocation designed to build portfolios with optimal risk-reward characteristics consistent with individual client preferences while maintaining a relatively neutral duration.



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Senior Managing Director
Co-Chief Investment Officer
Over 25 years of experience



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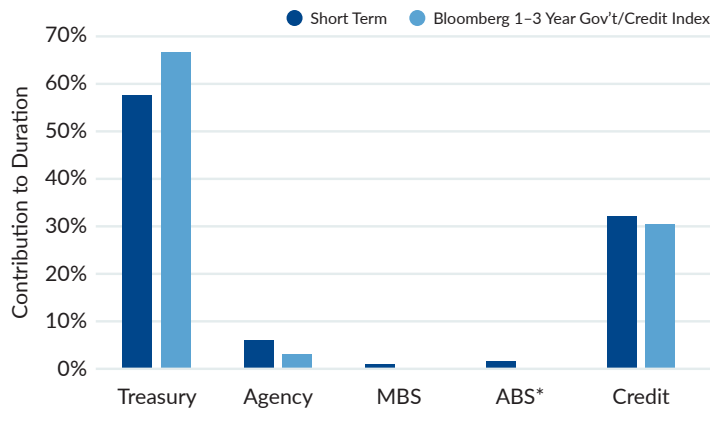
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COMPOSITE ANNUALIZED PERFORMANCE²



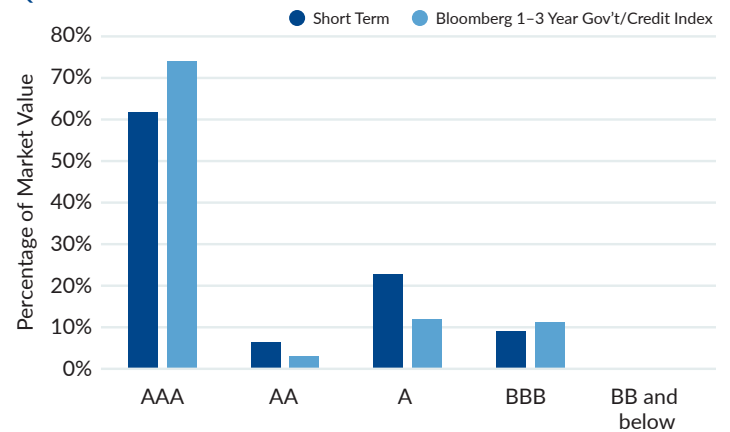
Source: SFI & Bloomberg.

SECTOR DISTRIBUTION¹



Source: SFI & Bloomberg. *ABS includes CMBS.

QUALITY DISTRIBUTION¹



Source: SFI & Bloomberg.

1. As of June 30, 2023. Portfolio characteristics, sector and quality distributions are calculated from a representative account invested in the SFI Short Term Fixed Income strategy. The above performance is supplemental. Please see the attached GIPS Report for complete performance, including net and benchmark descriptions.

2. As of June 30, 2023. Performance for periods greater than one year is annualized. Performance is stated gross and net of fees and includes reinvestment of all income. Past performance is not indicative of future results. The above performance is supplemental. Please see the attached GIPS Report for complete performance, including net and benchmark descriptions.

SFI manages separate account portfolios for a client base that includes public funds, corporate pension funds, Taft-Hartley funds, endowments, and not-for-profit organizations. SFI manages portfolios for the following strategies: Core Total Return, Intermediate Aggregate, Intermediate Government/Credit, Short Term, Long Liability Driven Investment (LDI) and Enhanced Core Plus (ECP). The performance presented herein represents past performance and is no guarantee of future results.

Performance is measured against the primary benchmark for the SFI Short Term Fixed Income represented by the Bloomberg 1-3 Year Government/Credit Index. SFI and benchmark performance reflect the reinvestment of dividends and interest income, expressed in U.S. dollars. Results are based on fully discretionary accounts under management, including those accounts no longer with the firm.

To receive a complete list and description of SFI composites and/or presentations that adhere to the GIPS standards, contact 312.595.7300 (portfoliospecialist@mesiorow.com) or write Mesiorow Strategic Fixed Income, 353 North Clark Street, Chicago, IL 60654. Past performance is not indicative of future results. Please refer to the following GIPS Reports for complete performance and disclosure information. SFI claims compliance with the Global Investment Performance Standards (GIPS®). The Mesiorow name and logo are registered service marks of Mesiorow Financial Holdings, Inc. © 2023, Mesiorow Financial Holdings, Inc. All rights reserved. Securities offered through Mesiorow Financial, Inc., FINRA, SIPC.

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GIPS REPORT – SHORT TERM FIXED INCOME COMPOSITE

Gross and Net of Fees Total Returns from April 1, 2005 – June 30, 2023

Year	Year end			Annual performance results				3-year annualized dispersion ⁽²⁾	
	No. of portfolios	Composite Asset at end of period (\$MM)	Total Firm Assets (\$MM)	MFIM (gross) Composite (%)	MFIM (net) Composite (%)	Bloomberg 1-3 Yr Govt/Credit Index ¹ (%)	Composite Dispersion ⁽¹⁾ (%)	MFIM (gross) Composite (%)	Bloomberg 1-3 Yr Govt/Credit Index (%)
2005*	5 or fewer	48	1,911	2.09	1.98	2.06	n/a	—	—
2006	5 or fewer	76	2,258	4.68	4.51	4.26	n/a	—	—
2007	5 or fewer	80	2,684	6.31	6.14	6.83	n/a	—	—
2008	5 or fewer	83	2,971	3.33	3.16	4.98	n/a	—	—
2009	5 or fewer	91	3,251	10.56	10.38	3.82	n/a	—	—
2010	5 or fewer	9	3,241	4.32	4.14	2.80	n/a	—	—
2011	5 or fewer	9	3,516	1.60	1.40	1.58	n/a	1.86	1.00
2012	5 or fewer	44	4,106	2.00	1.77	1.26	n/a	1.04	0.73
2013	5 or fewer	154	4,871	0.87	0.65	0.63	n/a	0.72	0.54
2014	5 or fewer	190	4,972	0.98	0.74	0.76	n/a	0.63	0.49
2015	5 or fewer	224	4,532	0.77	0.57	0.66	n/a	0.58	0.58
2016	5 or fewer	197	4,410	1.80	1.59	1.28	n/a	0.69	0.75
2017	5 or fewer	127	4,772	1.30	1.09	0.84	n/a	0.68	0.73
2018	5 or fewer	135	4,161	1.68	1.47	1.60	n/a	0.75	0.82
2019	5 or fewer	50	3,895	4.69	4.46	4.03	n/a	0.90	0.92
2020	5 or fewer	85	6,706	4.21	3.96	3.33	n/a	1.54	0.98
2021	5 or fewer	99	6,168	-0.50	-0.72	-0.47	n/a	1.60	0.98
2022	5 or fewer	20	3,616	-4.06	-4.27	-3.69	n/a	2.23	1.70

Current Performance Results

2023 YTD	5 or fewer	63	3,585	1.37	1.27	1.13	n/a	1.99	1.88
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Past performance is not necessarily indicative of future results.

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 standard 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 GIPS standards and have been implemented on a firm-wide basis. The Short Term Composite has had a performance examination for the periods 01.01.2006 - 12.31.2021. The verification and performance examination reports are available upon request.

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*Composite was created on 04.01.2005, the inception date is 04.01.2005

The composite name was changed from Short to Short Term effective 03.01.2012. Short Term Fixed Income Composite is defined as U.S. dollar dominated fixed income investment grade securities primarily rated BBB- or better and with a maturity range of one to five years at the time of purchase. The Short Term composite consists of fixed income fee-paying

discretionary portfolios with a \$2,500,000 minimum account size effective 04.01.2022. Prior to 04.01.2022 minimum was \$7,500,000. The benchmark is the Bloomberg 1-3 Year Government/Credit Index. The list of composite descriptions, the list of pooled fund descriptions for limited distribution pooled funds, and the firm's list of broad distribution pooled funds is available upon request. Effective 01.01.2022 the composite no longer had a flow restriction, 01.01.2019 accounts were temporarily removed if significant cash flows were 15% or more of market value. Prior to 01.01.2019, significant cash flows were 10%. Additional information regarding the significant cash flow policy is available upon request.

Calculation of Risk Measures: Annual / 3 Years Dispersion

(1) Composite dispersion presented is the equal-weighted standard deviation of the gross annual returns of portfolios in the composite for the entire year. Because it is not statistically meaningful, MFIM Fixed Income does not calculate the dispersion of annual returns for the years the composite held five or fewer accounts.

(2) The three-year annualized ex-post standard deviation measures the variability of the composite gross returns and the benchmark returns over the preceding 36-month period. It is not required to be presented for annual periods prior to 2011 or when a full three years of composite performance is not yet available.

Performance / Net of Fee Disclosure

MFIM-Fixed Income's investment management fees vary based upon account size, with breakpoint deductions for larger accounts and a minimum annual fee of \$20,000. The standard fee schedule for Short Term Portfolios is listed below:

- 0.300% on the first \$10 million
- 0.200% on the next \$40 million
- 0.150% on the next \$100 million
- 0.100% on the next \$150 million
- 0.075% on the next \$200 million
- 0.050% over \$500 million

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 Form ADV Part 2 of Mesirow Financial Investment Management, Inc. Net of fee performance is presented

GIPS Report – Short Term Fixed Income Composite

utilizing actual client net of fee performance for all accounts included in the composite. We do, however, have clients that pay lower fees than the maximum. Any stated results include the reinvestment of dividend and other earnings. Policies for valuing investments, calculating performance, and preparing GIPS Reports are available upon request. Benchmark returns are not covered by the report of independent verifiers.

Benchmark Definitions

The Bloomberg 1-3 Year Government/Credit Index includes securities in the U.S. Government/Credit Index with a maturity from 1 up to (but not including) 3 years. The Government Index includes treasuries (i.e., public obligations of the U.S. Treasury that have remaining maturities of more than one year) and agencies (i.e., publicly issued debt of U.S. Government agencies, quasi-federal corporations, and corporate or foreign debt guaranteed by the U.S. Government). The Credit Index includes publicly issued U.S. corporate and foreign debentures and secured notes that meet specified maturity, liquidity, and quality requirements.

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