



PORTFOLIO UPDATE

Short-Term Bond Fund

As of March 31, 2024

Portfolio Manager:	Managed Fund Since:	Joined Firm:
Michael Reinartz	2015	1996
Steve Kohlenstein	2023	2010

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The fund seeks a high level of income consistent with minimal fluctuation in principal value and liquidity.

FUND INFORMATION

Symbol	PRWBX
CUSIP	77957P105
Inception Date of Fund	March 02, 1984
Benchmark	Bloomberg 1-3 Yr US Gov/Credit Index
Expense Information (as of the most recent Prospectus)	0.46%
Fiscal Year End	May 31
12B-1 Fee	–

MARKET COMMENTARY

The U.S. investment-grade (IG) fixed income market, as measured by the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index, recorded positive returns in March, although first-quarter results were negative as a result of a two-month losing streak at the start of the year. A slight drop in longer-term Treasury yields along with generally tighter credit spreads supported the March rebound.

Treasury yields fluctuated during the month but finished slightly lower across much of the curve. Higher-than-expected inflation data helped drive up Treasury yields through the first half of the month, while a Federal Reserve meeting that was generally perceived as dovish sent rates lower toward the end of March. After starting the month at 4.25%, the benchmark 10-year Treasury yield rose as high as 4.34%, the highest closing level since the end of November, according to Treasury Department data, before dropping back to 4.20% at month-end.

At the Fed meeting, policymakers, as expected, left the federal funds rate unchanged, but investors were more focused on the Summary of Economic Projections, which continued to show that the median Fed forecaster expects three interest rate cuts this year. The projections did point to stronger growth and inflation this year than previously indicated, while also removing one rate cut from the forecast for 2025.

Absolute results were positive in all the major benchmark sectors due to falling Treasury yields, while excess returns were also generally positive. IG corporates benefited from solid technicals, resilient economic data, and a risk-on environment and produced the strongest absolute and excess returns. Commercial mortgage-backed securities (CMBS) performed well-particularly beaten-down, lower-rated issues-amid solid demand, while the agency mortgage-backed securities sector received a boost from expectations for lower rate volatility and manageable supply. Asset-backed securities delivered modest excess returns but trailed other sectors amid elevated new issuance.

PERFORMANCE

(NAV, total return)

	One Month	Three Months	One Year	Annualized				30-Day SEC Yield
				Three Years	Five Years	Ten Years	Fifteen Years	
Short-Term Bond Fund	0.33%	0.71%	4.15%	0.22%	1.61%	1.47%	1.93%	4.72%
Bloomberg 1-3 Year U.S. Government/Credit Bond Index	0.40	0.42	3.49	0.25	1.36	1.29	1.51	–

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The fund is subject to the risks of fixed income investing, including interest rate risk and credit risk.

The fund(s) may have other share classes available that offer different investment minimums and fees. See the prospectus for details.

RISK RETURN CHARACTERISTICS

(Five Years ended March 31, 2024)

	Annualized Std. Deviation	Alpha	Beta	R-Squared	Information Ratio	Sharpe Ratio	Tracking Error
Short-Term Bond Fund	2.59%	0.32%	1.08	0.55	0.15	-0.18	1.71%
Bloomberg 1-3 Yr US Gov/Credit Index	1.84	0.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	-0.38	0.00

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Comprising 7.1% of total net assets.

	% of Fund
Crown Castle	0.9%
AbbVie	0.8
JPMorgan Chase	0.8
Bank of America	0.7
Verizon Wireless	0.7
Charter Communications	0.7
Morgan Stanley	0.7
Citigroup	0.6
Enbridge	0.6
Viatis	0.6

Issuers are as of the date indicated and are subject to change.

PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

	Short-Term Bond Fund	Bloomberg 1-3 Yr US Gov/Credit Index
Number of Holdings	870	2,011
Weighted Average Maturity	2.17 years	1.88 years
Weighted Average Effective Duration	1.86 years	1.76 years
Weighted Average Coupon	4.25%	2.79%
Yield to Maturity	5.74%	4.87%
Percent of Portfolio in Cash	-0.5%	-
Total Assets (all share classes)	4,673,844,863	-

SECTOR DIVERSIFICATION

	US Treas- ury Bonds Notes	TIPS	Govern- ment Re- lated	Corporate Bond Notes	Mortgage- Backed Securities	CMBS	Asset- Backed Securities	Reserves
Short-Term Bond Fund	19.3%	0.5%	2.3%	47.7%	9.7%	4.2%	16.9%	-0.5%
Bloomberg 1-3 Yr US Gov/Credit Index	66.7	0.0	8.0	25.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Over/Underweight	-47.4	0.5	-5.7	22.4	9.7	4.2	16.9	-0.5

CREDIT QUALITY DIVERSIFICATION

	U.S. Treas*	U.S. Govt Ag**	AAA	AA	A	BBB	BB	Not Rated	Reserves
Short-Term Bond Fund	19.8%	5.1%	14.6%	10.6%	22.2%	27.5%	0.2%	0.6%	-0.5%
Bloomberg 1-3 Yr US Gov/Credit Index	66.7	2.6	4.3	5.7	11.5	9.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Over/Underweight	-46.9	2.5	10.3	4.8	10.7	18.3	0.1	0.6	-0.5

MATURITY DIVERSIFICATION

	0-1 Year	1-3 Years	3-5 Years	5-7 Years	7-10 Years	10-20 Years	20-30 Years	30+ Years
Short-Term Bond Fund	20.2%	57.0%	16.3%	1.8%	2.2%	2.7%	0.0%	0.0%

Definitions

Weighted Average Effective Duration is a calculation that seeks to measure the price sensitivity of a bond Fund to changes in interest rates. In general, the longer the average duration, the greater the Fund's sensitivity to interest rates.

Additional Disclosures

Consider the investment objectives, risks, and charges and expenses carefully before investing. For a prospectus or, if available, a summary prospectus containing this and other information, call 1-800-638-7780 or visit troweprice.com. Read it carefully.

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