



## Limited-Term Bond Portfolio

**Total US Short-Term Bond Strategy Assets:**<sup>1</sup> \$25.5 billion<sup>2</sup> | **Total Portfolio Assets:** \$167.6 million<sup>2</sup>

### INVESTMENT APPROACH

- The portfolio seeks to provide a high level of income, consistent with moderate fluctuations in principal value.
- Focus primarily on short- and intermediate-term investment-grade U.S. fixed income securities, with the ability to integrate non-index sectors and securities, such as foreign bonds, mortgage-backed, commercial mortgage-backed, and asset-backed securities.
- Seeks to add value primarily through sector rotation, individual security selection, and term structure positioning.
- Integrate proprietary credit and capital market research to identify market inefficiencies.
- Managed with the belief that yield plays a greater role than price appreciation in generating excess returns.
- Investors should note that if interest rates rise from current levels, bond fund total returns may decline.

### PORTFOLIO CONSTRUCTION

- Non-index foreign bond exposure is limited to 10% (hedged and unhedged)
- Duration is managed within +/- 20% of the benchmark
- Target tracking error range: 40 to 80 basis points

### BENCHMARK

- Bloomberg 1-3 Year U.S. Government/Credit Bond Index
- Lipper Variable Annuity Underlying Short Investment Grade Debt Fund Average

### PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

#### Michael Reinartz, CFA<sup>®</sup>

*Portfolio Manager*

- 21 years of investment experience; 25 years with T. Rowe Price.
- B.S., Towson University

#### PORTFOLIO SPECIALISTS

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- 26 years of investment experience; 10 years with T. Rowe Price.
- M.S., Boston University
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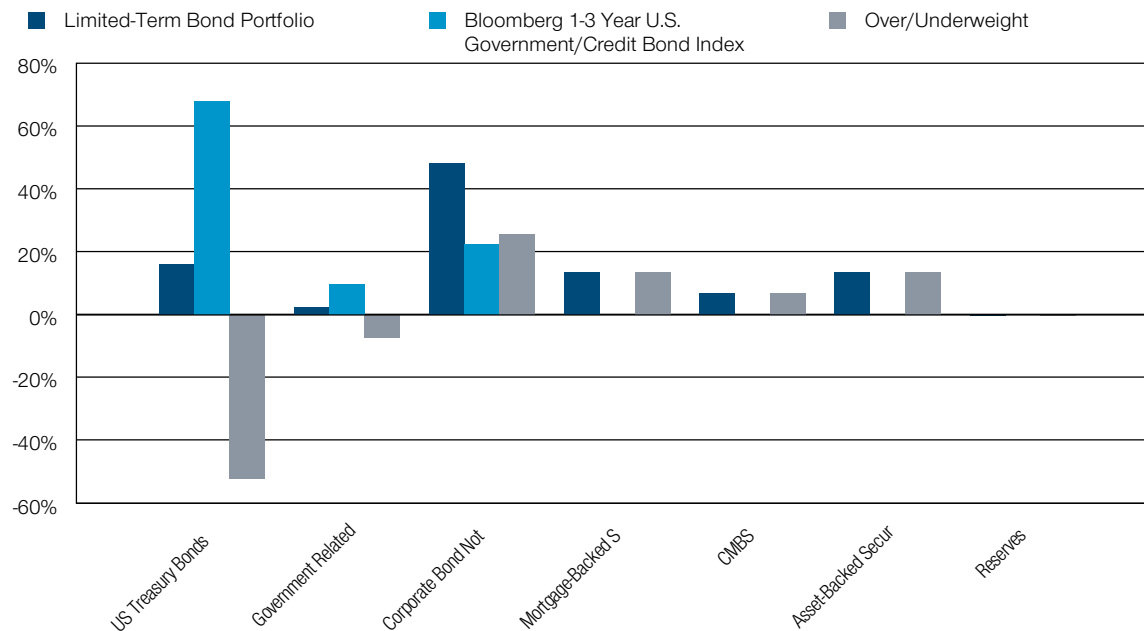
<sup>1</sup> Includes a U.S.-registered mutual fund, variable annuity portfolios, subadvised portfolios, and separate accounts.

<sup>2</sup> Assets reported are as of June 30, 2021.

**TOP ISSUERS**

	<b>% of Portfolio</b>
PG&E	1.1%
Imperial Brands	1.0
Hyundai Motor	0.9
Charter Communications	0.9
Aercap Holdings	0.8
Synchrony Financial	0.8
Sinosing Services Pte	0.8
Avolon Holdings	0.8
AbbVie	0.7
BDO Unibank	0.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>8.5%</b>

**SECTOR DIVERSIFICATION**



**PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS**

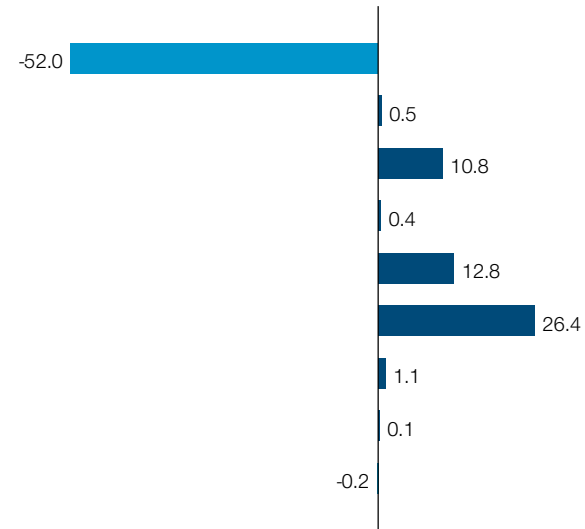
	<b>Portfolio</b>	<b>Bloomberg 1-3 Year U.S. Government/Credit Bond Index</b>
Weighted Average Maturity	2.02 years	1.92 years
Weighted Average Effective Duration	1.83 years	1.85 years
Number of Holdings	687	1,598

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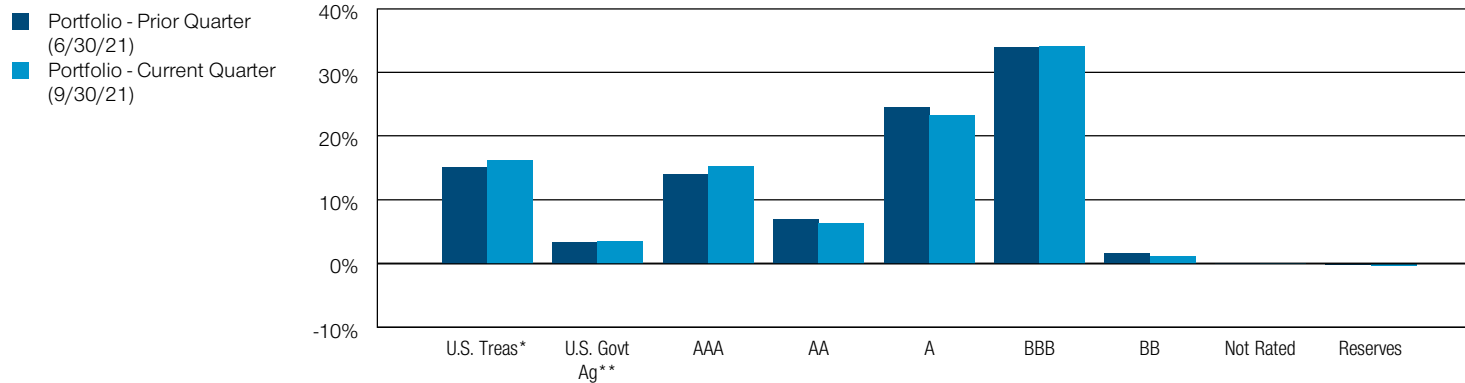
**CREDIT QUALITY DIVERSIFICATION**

	% of Portfolio	% of Index
U.S. Treasury*	16.2	68.1
U.S. Government Agency Securities**	3.5	3.0
AAA	15.4	4.6
AA	6.4	6.0
A	23.3	10.5
BBB	34.2	7.8
BB	1.1	0.0
Not Rated	0.1	0.0
Reserves	-0.2	0.0

**Portfolio vs. Bloomberg 1-3 Year U.S. Government/Credit Bond Index**



**QUARTER-OVER-QUARTER CHANGE**



\*U.S. Treasury securities are issued by the U.S. Treasury and are backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government. The ratings of U.S. Treasury securities are derived from the ratings on the U.S. government.

\*\*U.S. government agency securities are issued or guaranteed by a U.S. government agency, and may include conventional pass-through securities and collateralized mortgage obligations; unlike Treasuries, government agency securities are not issued directly by the U.S. government and are generally unrated but may have credit support from the U.S. Treasury (e.g., FHLMC and FNMA issues) or a direct government guarantee (e.g., GNMA issues). Therefore, this category may include rated and unrated securities.

**PERFORMANCE**

	Three Months	Year-to-Date	One Year	Annualized (only pertains to the total return figures)			
				Three Years	Five Years	Ten Years	Fifteen Years
Limited-Term Bond Portfolio	0.11%	0.64%	1.70%	3.50%	2.27%	1.71%	2.50%
Bloomberg 1-3 Year U.S. Government/Credit Bond Index	0.09	0.09	0.30	2.87	1.89	1.47	2.35
Lipper Variable Annuity Underlying Short Investment Grade Debt Fund Average	0.07	0.34	1.04	2.63	1.93	1.64	2.27
Lipper Ranking	-	-	6 of 31	2 of 29	5 of 27	10 of 22	7 of 18

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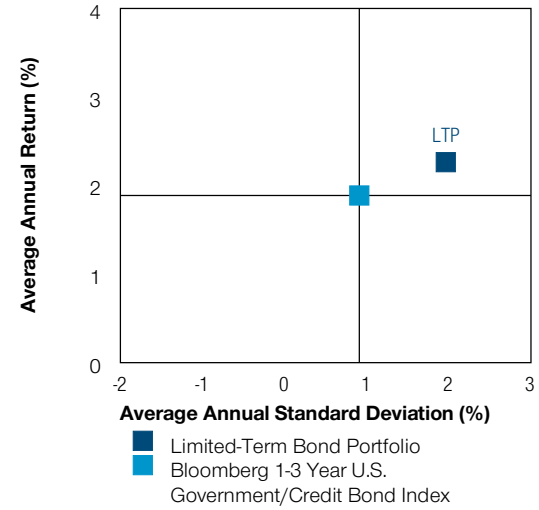
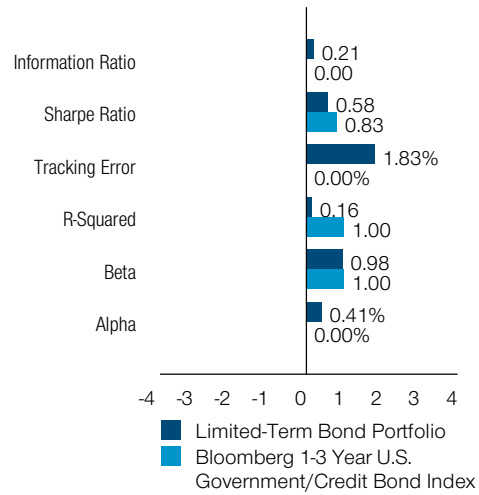
The Portfolio’s net expense ratio as of the most recent prospectus was **0.50%**. For information about the expenses and waivers, see the prospectus for details.

Lipper rankings are based on cumulative total return. The Lipper Average consists of all share classes; each share class is counted separately.

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**RISK/RETURN CHARACTERISTICS**

Five Years ended September 30, 2021



**Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.** Figures are calculated using monthly data and are net of fees.

**ADDITIONAL DISCLOSURES**

Portfolio Construction: There is no guarantee that the investment will remain within the anticipated ranges of exposure.

Weighted Average Maturity is an average of the maturities of the underlying bonds, with each bond's maturity weighted by the percentage of Portfolio assets it represents. Weighted Average Effective Duration is a calculation that seeks to measure the price sensitivity of the Portfolio to changes in interest rates. In general, the longer the average maturity or duration, the greater the Portfolio's sensitivity to interest rates. Duration is a better indicator of price sensitivity because it takes into account the time value of cash flows.

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Source for Sector Diversification: T. Rowe Price

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