

# STAMP 1-5 Year Fixed Income

December 31, 2023

## Inception Date

October 1, 2002

## Total Strategy Assets<sup>1</sup>

\$2.8 billion

## Portfolio Managers

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## Investment Philosophy

We believe fixed income markets are inefficient in pricing short-term liquidity and default risk and provide managers with an opportunity to add value relative to benchmark indices

## Investment Approach

- Utilizing a top-down process, we seek to generate excess returns by actively managing sector and yield curve positioning along with bottom up security selection while controlling duration risk
- Broadly diversify across the U.S. investment-grade universe
- At a minimum, the average portfolio quality is Aa3 or AA<sup>-5</sup> while the maximum duration of any investment is seven years.
- Risk is evaluated and managed at the portfolio, sector and security levels

## Benchmark<sup>2</sup>

ICE BofA 1-5 Year U.S. Treasury Index

ICE BofA 1-5 Year U.S. Corp/Govt Index

## Our Strengths

We believe our key competitive strengths are:

**Investment Team** — Focused on front end strategies with dedicated resources in each sub sector, with portfolio managers and sector specialists averaging 27 years of industry experience.

**Size** — Our size helps ensure efficient implementation and diversification at the portfolio level and allows us to remain sufficiently nimble to reposition the portfolio as market opportunities arise.

## Portfolio Statistics<sup>3</sup>

Characteristics	STAMP 1-5	ICE BofA 1-5 Year Treasury Index
Yield (%)	4.63	4.44
Effective Duration (years)	2.47	2.58
Average Quality	Aa1	Govt
Fixed / Floating (%)	99 / 1	N/A

## Composite Performance (%)<sup>4</sup>

	4Q23	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	7 Yrs	10 Yrs	Since Int.
STAMP 1-5 (Gross)	3.25	5.04	-0.32	1.71	1.74	1.79	1.94
STAMP 1-5 (Net)	3.20	4.80	-0.56	1.47	1.49	1.54	1.70
ICE BofA 1-5 Yr U.S. Treas Index	3.10	4.30	-0.74	1.21	1.18	1.15	1.12
ICE BofA 1-5 Yr Corp/Govt Index	3.34	4.89	-0.59	1.56	1.50	1.46	1.50

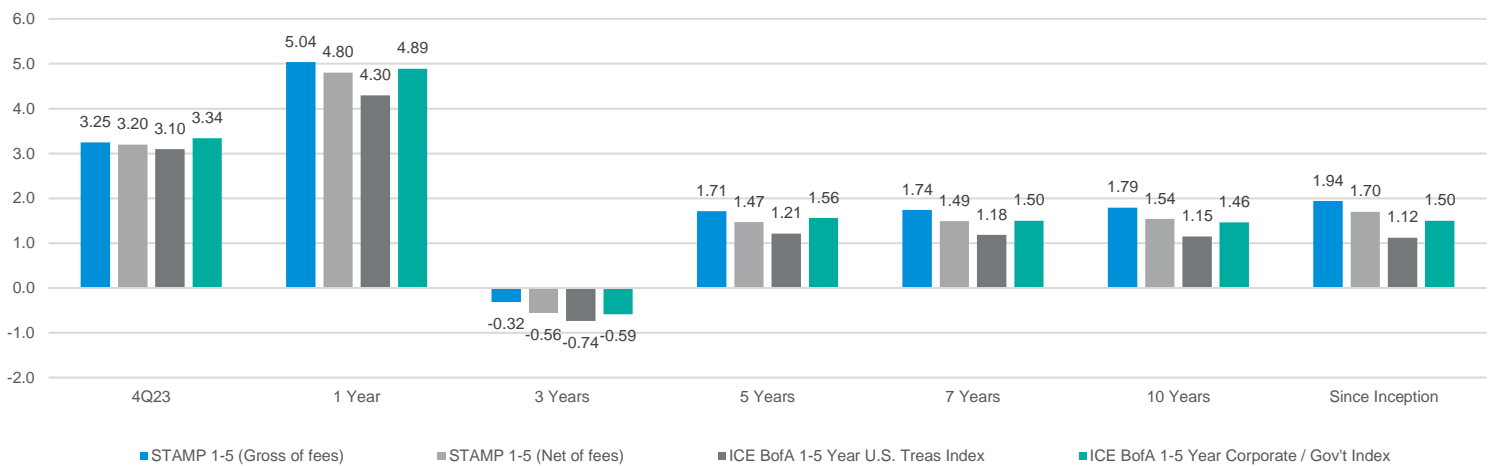
1. Stated at estimated fair value (unaudited). The STAMP 1-5 Year Fixed Income is a strategy of public fixed income assets. Total Strategy Assets for STAMP 1-5 Fixed Income include all assets managed by MIM in the STAMP 1-5 Fixed Income strategy and may include certain assets that are not included in Composite Assets (as presented in GIPS® Composite Statistics and Performance table towards the end of this document) for STAMP 1-5 Fixed Income.

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## Composite Performance (%)<sup>1</sup>



## Quarterly Performance Attribution<sup>2</sup>

The strategy outperformed over the quarter. Our positioning in IG Corporates, MBS, ABS and U.S. Agencies drove the outperformance.

(+) IG Corporates – Exposure in Banking, Pharmaceuticals, Wirelines, Insurance, Electric and Food and Beverage were positive contributors.

(+) ABS – Credit Cards and “Other” ABS holdings (which includes cell phone payment plans, timeshares, mortgage servicer advances, insurance premiums, aircraft leases, etc.) were additive to performance.

(+) CMBS – Both Agency and non-Agency securities were additive to performance.

(N) RMBS – Performance was neutral. Holdings in Pass-Throughs were positive and non-Agency CMOs detracted.

(N) Taxable municipals – State Obligations and Transportation in aggregate were neutral to performance.

(-) Yield Curve/Duration – Rates rallied and our slightly short duration posture and bar-belled yield curve bias detracted from performance.

## Strategy

While the Federal Reserve has reached the end of its tightening cycle, we expect the Federal Reserve will initiate its initial rate cut mid-year but are focused on the total number of cuts in 2024 and 2025, more than the exact month they begin. In addition, we believe there are potential upside risks to inflation with a still tight labor market, surprisingly healthy economic growth and geopolitical risks that may impact the path back to the Federal Reserve’s 2% target.

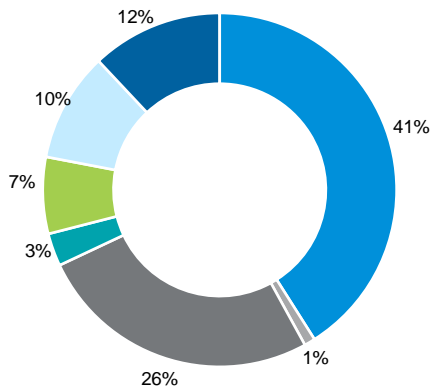
We continue to position our strategies more defensively with an up-in-quality bias and expect to maintain our historically lower spread duration and higher Government sector weighting as we do not believe current valuations line up with fundamentals. We will opportunistically work on improving the liquidity and credit quality of our portfolios, with a focus on less cyclically sensitive sectors as we believe a slowdown in the economy will develop.

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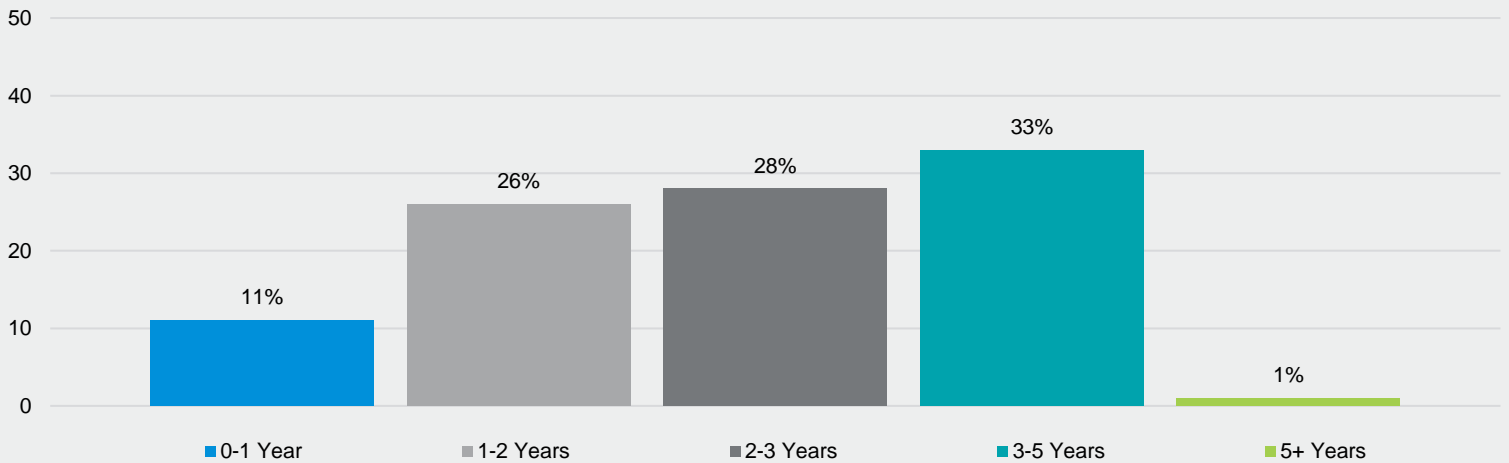
2. Treasury sector selection attribution is included in Duration figure. Performance attribution is calculated against the BofA 1-5 Year Corporate/Government Index.

## Sector Distribution<sup>1</sup>

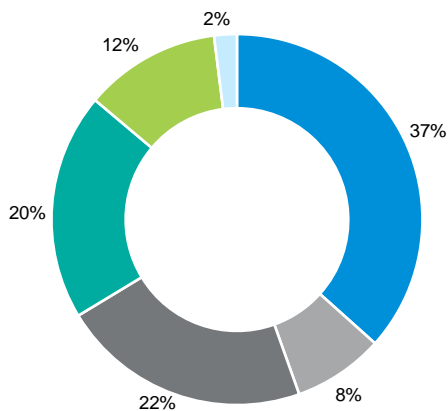


Sector	Allocation
Treasury	41%
Agency	1%
Corporates	26%
RMBS	3%
CMBS	7%
ABS	10%
Municipal	12%
Money Markets	0%

## Yield Curve Distribution<sup>1</sup>



## Credit Quality Distribution<sup>1</sup>



Rating	Allocation
Government	37%
Agency	8%
AAA	22%
AA	20%
A	12%
BBB	2%

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## COMPOSITE STATISTICS AND PERFORMANCE

Year	Gross-of-fee Return	Net-of-fee Return	Benchmark Return <sup>1</sup>	Number of Portfolios	Dispersion Stdv <sup>2</sup>	Composite 3-Year Stdv <sup>3</sup>	Benchmark 3-Year Stdv <sup>3</sup>	Composite Assets	Total Firm Assets (BB) <sup>4</sup>
<b>10/01/02 (Inception) to 12/31/02</b>	1.14%	1.12%	0.82%	≤ 5	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$256,883,377	-
<b>2003</b>	2.37%	2.33%	2.06%	≤ 5	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$764,152,541	-
<b>2004</b>	1.83%	1.81%	1.31%	≤ 5	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$803,561,472	-
<b>2005</b>	1.97%	1.88%	1.39%	≤ 5	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$25,798,305	-
<b>2006</b>	4.68%	4.50%	3.81%	≤ 5	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$86,205,930	-
<b>2007</b>	7.40%	7.20%	8.16%	≤ 5	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$107,807,167	-
<b>2008</b>	7.19%	6.99%	8.73%	≤ 5	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$54,959,984	-
<b>2009</b>	8.31%	8.16%	0.23%	≤ 5	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$51,906,491	-
<b>2010</b>	5.31%	5.15%	3.61%	≤ 5	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$52,819,727	-
<b>2011</b>	3.74%	3.58%	3.36%	≤ 5	N/A	1.91%	1.86%	\$363,286,040	-
<b>2012</b>	4.14%	3.88%	0.91%	≤ 5	N/A	1.48%	1.40%	\$584,679,473	-
<b>2013</b>	0.67%	0.42%	-0.19%	≤ 5	N/A	1.41%	1.17%	\$589,742,246	-
<b>2014</b>	2.11%	1.85%	1.24%	≤ 5	N/A	1.34%	1.02%	\$603,526,397	-
<b>2015</b>	1.41%	1.16%	0.98%	≤ 5	N/A	1.34%	1.20%	\$200,834,998	-
<b>2016</b>	2.17%	1.92%	1.09%	≤ 5	N/A	1.30%	1.43%	\$183,467,503	-
<b>2017</b>	1.98%	1.73%	0.65%	≤ 5	N/A	1.18%	1.37%	\$163,566,330	-
<b>2018</b>	1.64%	1.39%	1.52%	≤ 5	N/A	1.16%	1.43%	\$115,578,618	-
<b>2019</b>	4.59%	4.33%	4.20%	≤ 5	N/A	1.00%	1.41%	\$152,823,356	\$600.0
<b>2020</b>	5.09%	4.83%	4.25%	≤ 5	N/A	1.46%	1.72%	\$163,820,860	\$659.6
<b>2021</b>	-0.34%	-0.59%	-1.10%	≤ 5	N/A	1.50%	1.67%	\$97,931,893	\$669.0
<b>2022</b>	-5.38%	-5.62%	-5.21%	≤ 5	N/A	2.61%	2.45%	\$65,344,128	\$579.8
<b>2023</b>	5.04%	4.80%	4.30%	≤ 5	N/A	3.01%	2.89%	\$113,805,104	\$600.8

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3. The three-year annualized standard deviation measures the variability of the gross-of-fee composite and the benchmark returns over the preceding 36-month period. The standard deviation is not presented for 2002 through 2010 because it is not required for periods prior to 2011. It is also not presented for quarter-ends.
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