

## Short Duration Bond Fund

## Monthly Fund Card

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|---------------------|-----------------|
| Category            | Short-Term Bond |
| Dividend Frequency  | Monthly         |
| Fund Inception Date | 7/14/2005       |

|           |       |             |       |
|-----------|-------|-------------|-------|
| A Shares: | LCAMX | I Shares:   | LCCIX |
| C Shares: | LCMCX | Inv Shares: | LCCMX |

## PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

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## FUND STATISTICS (as of 8/31/2019)

|                    |       |
|--------------------|-------|
| Effective Duration | 2.03  |
| Current Yield      | 5.25% |
| Yield To Worst     | 5.37% |

Effective duration provides a measure of a fund's interest-rate sensitivity. The longer a fund's duration the more sensitive the fund is to shifts in interest rates. Current Yield and Yield to Worst of the underlying holdings of the fund do not account for any fees.

## RISK METRICS\*

|                        | Fund**  | Peers*  |
|------------------------|---------|---------|
| Sharpe Ratio           | 0.15    | 1.77    |
| Sortino Ratio          | 0.22    | 5.52    |
| Standard Deviation     | 1.10    | 1.24    |
| Upside Capture Ratio   | 15.98   | 36.78   |
| Downside Capture Ratio | (47.26) | (13.75) |

\* All risk metrics above are measured on a 1 year basis and measured against the US Barclays Aggregate Bond Index.

\*\* Institutional Share Class.

## 30-DAY SEC YIELDS (as of 8/31/2019)

|           |       |             |       |
|-----------|-------|-------------|-------|
| A Shares: | 2.90% | I Shares:   | 3.43% |
| C Shares: | 2.44% | Inv Shares: | 2.94% |

The 30-Day SEC Yield is computed under an SEC standardized formula based on net income earned over the past 30 days.

## EXPENSE RATIOS

|           |       |             |       |
|-----------|-------|-------------|-------|
| A Shares: | 1.65% | I Shares:   | 1.16% |
| C Shares: | 2.16% | Inv Shares: | 1.66% |

Ratios listed are as of the 7/15/19 prospectus.

**Sharpe Ratio:** Average return earned in excess of the risk-free rate per unit of volatility or total risk. Subtracting the risk-free rate from the mean return, the performance associated with risk-taking activities can be isolated.

**Sortino Ratio:** Measures the risk-adjusted return of an investment asset, portfolio, or strategy. It is a modification of the Sharpe ratio but penalizes only those returns falling below a user-specified target or required rate of return, while the Sharpe ratio penalizes both upside and downside volatility equally.

**Standard Deviation** Known as historical volatility and is used by investors as a gauge for the amount of expected volatility.

**Upside Capture Ratio:** Statistical measure of an investment manager's overall performance in up-markets. The up-market capture ratio is used to evaluate how well an investment manager performed relative to an index during periods when that index has risen.

**Downside Capture Ratio:** Statistical measure of an investment manager's overall performance in down-markets. It is used to evaluate how well an investment manager performed relative to an index during periods when that index has dropped.

An upside capture ratio over 100 indicates a fund has generally outperformed the benchmark during periods of positive returns for the benchmark. Meanwhile, a downside capture ratio of less than 100 indicates that a fund has lost less than its benchmark in periods when the benchmark has been in the red. A negative downside capture indicates the fund has gained when its benchmark has been in the red. All bond funds' ratios are calculated relative to the Barclays Capital U.S. Aggregate Bond Index.

## A short duration bond fund that gives investors exposure across multiple fixed income sectors and a focus on low duration.

Launched in 2005, Leader Short Duration Bond Fund has focused on maximizing total return potential through the ups and downs of bond market cycles, while maintaining a low overall duration. The Fund holds a diversified portfolio of bonds across various fixed income sectors that is actively managed to maximize return and generate a high level of income.

**A Broader Opportunity Set:** The fund invests in a diversified portfolio of short duration, investment-grade, money market and other fixed income securities.

**Opportunistic Approach:** The Fund's experienced managers look for strategic entry points across asset classes and single securities.

**Higher Income Potential:** Access to a wider range of income opportunities means the fund may offer higher income potential than other short-term investments.

## Market &amp; Fund Commentary

Equity markets were whipsawed and extremely choppy in August opening the month some steep declines. The Dow, Nasdaq, and S&P all held their key support levels of their 200-day moving averages. The Transportation Index was weak in the month of July falling back below its 200-day and staying below into the end of August. The calm in the market was shattered on the last day of July and trade wars and tariffs were the prevailing themes in August. The yield curve inverted and remained inverted into the last day of August. Now more than ever do we believe a generally defensive posture is warranted. The technicals have rebounded, but in this choppy market, taking risk has been very calculated.

High Yield credit spreads widened over August from July (+14bps) following equity markets. Investment Grade spreads tightened over August from July (-1bps). The yield curve continued its massive rally after giving up some in July. The 2yr treasury yield fell from 1.873% to 1.527%. 2yr and 5yr US Treasury yields remain inverted by about 10bps. The 2yr and 10yr yield finally inverted during the month of August and closed the month pretty much flat to each other (-1.525%). The curve is signaling recession in the horizon. The Fed cut the federal funds rate by 25bps last month and it seems the market is continuing to price in another 1 to 2 cuts of 25bps. The market is pricing in a 100% chance of 25bps of cuts by December and an 84.3% for 50bps of cuts by December. The continued flatness of the curve stresses the importance of credit quality in fixed income portfolios. We continue to believe it prudent to maintain credit quality, but at the same time, be nimble enough to step in on any beaten down opportunities.

The portfolios are largely unchanged over last month. The portfolio stands at ~70% IG and 30% HY as we have found more opportunities in the market for exposure to risk that fits our short mandate even in the face of fading technicals in the broader market. We continue to target brand name recognizable names that have beaten down and demonstrate strong fundamentals.

We continue to look for opportunities across asset classes. We added some other credits over the month in addition to trimming our energy exposure to build out yield. We continue to monitor inflation expectations and key technical levels on the 5-Year and 10-Year US Treasury yield for entry points. We also see some opportunities in short WAL ("weighted average life") CLOs.

## Definitions:

**S&P 500:** Standard and Poor's 500 Index is a capitalization-weighted index of 500 stocks. The index is designed to measure performance of the broad domestic economy through changes in the aggregate market value of 500 stocks representing all major industries.

**Dow Jones Transportation Index:** The Dow Jones Transportation Average is a price-weighted average of 20 U.S. transportation stocks. The average as it is known today began on October 26, 1896. It was formerly known as the Dow Jones Railroad Average.

**CLOs:** Collateralized loan obligations (CLOs) are a form of securitization where payments from multiple middle sized and large business loans are pooled together and passed on to different classes of owners in various tranches. A CLO is a type of collateralized debt obligation.

**Basis Point ("bps"):** one hundredth of one percent, used chiefly in expressing differences of interest rates

## PORTFOLIO ALLOCATIONS\*

|                  |        |
|------------------|--------|
| Investment Grade | 70.59% |
| High Yield       | 29.41% |

## CREDIT QUALITY\*\*\*

|               |        |
|---------------|--------|
| Cash          | 3.92%  |
| US Treasuries | 5.98%  |
| AAA           | 58.53% |
| AA            | 0.00%  |
| A             | 0.00%  |
| BBB           | 2.15%  |
| BB            | 26.71% |
| B             | 0.98%  |
| NR            | 1.72%  |

\*\*\*Portfolio characteristics represent 100% of the portfolio and will vary over time. Credit qualities are shown as a percentage of net assets. A bond rated BBB or higher is considered investment grade. This chart reflects the highest security rating provided by Standard & Poor's. Ratings and portfolio credit quality will vary over time.

## ASSET CLASS BREAKDOWN\*

|                     |        |
|---------------------|--------|
| US Treasuries       | 5.98%  |
| Corporate Bonds     | 2.73%  |
| Floating Rate Bonds | 25.78% |
| Agency Mortgages    | 57.43% |
| Convertibles        | 0.00%  |
| Variable/Hybrids    | 4.15%  |
| Cash                | 3.92%  |

## DURATION BREAKDOWN\*\*

|        |        |
|--------|--------|
| < 1    | 45.00% |
| 1 - 3  | 25.94% |
| 3 - 5  | 25.20% |
| 5 - 7  | 0.82%  |
| 7 - 10 | 0.00%  |
| 10+    | 3.04%  |

\*This will change and the information provided should not be considered as a recommendation to purchase or sell a particular security. There is no assurance that the securities mentioned remain in the Fund's portfolio or that the securities sold have not been repurchased. Totals may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

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## Performance as of 6/30/2019

| Average Annual Returns                    | YTD as of 8/31/19 | 2Q19  | 1Y    | 3Y    | 5Y     | 10Y   | Inception |
|---|-------------------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-----------|
| Institutional (LCCIX)                     | 2.16%             | 1.50% | 3.07% | 2.33% | 0.57%  |       | 3.76%     |
| Investor (LCCMX)                          | 1.82%             | 1.38% | 2.51% | 1.82% | -0.02% | 2.01% | 2.40%     |
| A Class (LCAMX)                           | 1.82%             | 1.39% | 2.63% | 1.85% | -0.10% |       | 1.59%     |
| C Class (LCMCX)                           | 1.46%             | 1.25% | 2.07% | 1.33% | -0.43% |       | 1.11%     |
| Morningstar Category Average <sup>1</sup> | 3.96%             | 1.47% | 4.23% | 1.93% | 1.55%  | 2.31% |           |
| Benchmark <sup>2</sup>                    | 3.49%             | 1.49% | 4.29% | 1.61% | 1.46%  | 1.63% |           |

<sup>1</sup> Short Term Bond Category

<sup>2</sup> BofAML US Corp & Govt 1-3 Yr TR USD

| With Sales Charge | YTD as of 8/31/19 | 2Q19   | 1Y    | 3Y    | 5Y     | 10Y | Inception |
|-------------------|-------------------|--------|-------|-------|--------|-----|-----------|
| A Class           | 0.35%             | -0.19% | 1.04% | 1.33% | -0.81% |     | 1.09%     |
| C Class           | 1.46%             | 1.25%  | 2.07% | 1.33% | -0.43% |     | 1.11%     |

## EXPENSE RATIOS

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\*The share classes have different sales charges, fees and other features. Returns with sales charge reflect the deduction of current maximum initial sales charge of 1.5% for A shares and applicable contingent deferred sales charges (CDSC) for C shares of 1%.

Performance is annualized trailing returns as of 6/30/2019 for the Leader Short Duration Bond Fund for all Share Classes (ticker symbols: LCCIX, LCCMX, LCAMX & LCMCX); LCCIX & LCCMX are not subject to sales loads, however, LCAMX & LCMCX might be subject to a sales load. More information about fees and expense levels can be found in the Fund's prospectus.

Past performance does not guarantee future results. The performance data quoted represents past performance and current returns may be lower or higher. Share prices and investment returns fluctuate and investor shares may be worth more or less than original cost upon redemption. To obtain performance as of the most recent month end, please call 1-800-269-8810.

**Important Risks:** Bonds offer a relatively stable level of income, although bond prices will fluctuate providing the potential for principal gain or loss. Intermediate-term, higher quality bonds generally offer less risk than longer term bonds and a lower rate of return. Generally, a fund's fixed income securities will decrease in value if interest rates rise and vice versa.

Mortgage-backed investments involve risk of loss due to prepayments and, like any bond, due to default. Because the sensitivity of mortgage-related securities to changes in interest rates, a fund's performance may be more volatile than if it did not hold these securities.

Foreign Investments can be riskier than U.S. investments. Potential risks include currency risk that may result from unfavorable exchange rates, liquidity risk if decreased demand for a security makes it difficult to sell at a desired price, and risks that stem from substantially lower trading volume on foreign markets. These risks are generally greater for investments in emerging markets, which are also subject to greater price volatility, and custodial and regulatory risks.

**Current Yield** is the weighted average of the annual rate of return based on price. It is calculated by the coupon divided by the price. **Average Yield-to-Worst** is the weighted average of the percentage rate of return if the security is held to earliest call date/maturity/redemption.

The Bank of America Merrill Lynch 1-3 Year U.S. Corporate and Government Index tracks the performance of US dollar denominated investment grade debt publicly issued in the US domestic market, including US Treasury, US agency, foreign government, supranational and corporate securities with remaining term to final maturity less than 3 years. This is the Fund's benchmark. You cannot invest directly in an index.

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