

**Short-Term Bond**

Overall Morningstar Rating™ Based on risk adjusted returns as of 12/30/2011. Rating out of 353 Funds.

FUND INFORMATION**Symbol and CUSIP**

A shares	HIMZX	(92828T764)
C shares	PCMZX	(92828T756)
I shares	HIBIX	(92828T749)

Investment Adviser

Virtus Investment Advisers, Inc.

Investment Subadviser

Harris Investment Management

AUM (\$ millions)	94.3
Number of Holdings	116
Dividends	Daily

INVESTMENT PROFESSIONALS

Carol H. Lyons

Industry start date: 1982

Start date with Fund: 2005

Maureen R. Svagera, CFA

Industry start date: 1979

Start date with Fund: 1996

Daniela Mardarovici

Industry start date: 2001

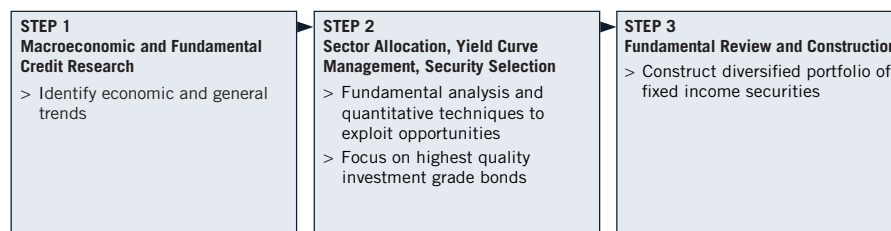
Start date with Fund: 2011

INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY

The fund focuses on investment grade assets using a balanced approach consisting of yield curve management, sector allocation and security selection in an effort to provide excess return with lower risk over time.

The fund invests at least 80% of its assets primarily in bonds with a short/intermediate-term average maturity, as these bonds tend to offer a buffer against rising interest rates.

The fund seeks to earn a high level of total return, including a competitive level of current income.

INVESTMENT PROCESS**ANNUALIZED PERFORMANCE** Class A as of 12/30/2011 in percent

	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since Inception 07/21/1999
NAV	0.65	2.99	2.99	7.51	4.82	4.18	4.76
POP	-2.12	0.16	0.16	6.51	4.24	3.89	4.53
Index	0.84	5.80	5.80	5.65	5.88	5.20	5.71

QTD, YTD and 1 Year performance is not annualized.

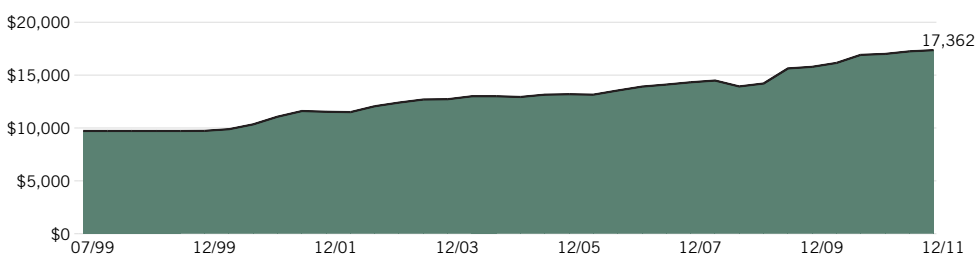
Class A operating expenses are 0.95% and gross operating expenses are 1.12%.

Operating expenses reflect a voluntary expense reimbursement, which may be discontinued at any time.

Average annual total returns reflect the change in share price and the reinvestment of all dividends and capital gains. Net Asset Value (NAV) returns do not reflect the deduction of any sales charges. POP (Public Offering Price) performance reflects the deduction of the maximum sales charge of 2.75%. A contingent deferred sales charge of 0.50% may apply on certain redemptions made within 18 months following purchases on which a finder's fee has been paid.

ANNUAL PERFORMANCE Class A at NAV in percent

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Fund	6.14	3.85	2.66	1.10	3.99	4.33	-2.41	13.00	6.77	2.99
Index	9.83	4.31	3.04	1.58	4.08	7.39	5.08	5.24	5.89	5.80

Growth of \$10,000 Class A for the period ending 12/30/2011 Actual initial investment \$9,725

This chart assumes an initial investment of \$10,000 made on Jul 21, 1999 for Class A shares including any applicable sales charges. Performance assumes reinvestment of dividends and capital gain distributions.

Performance data quoted represents past results. Past performance is no guarantee of future results and current performance may be higher or lower than the performance shown. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate so your shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Please visit Virtus.com for performance data current to the most recent month-end.

Index: The Barclays Capital U.S. Intermediate Government/Credit Bond Index measures U.S. investment grade government and corporate debt securities with an average maturity of 4 to 5 years. The index is calculated on a total return basis. The index is unmanaged and not available for direct investment.

Sector Allocations	% Fund	Ratings Distribution	% Fund
Corporate Bonds	50.20	AAA	40.30
Cash/ US Treasury Obligations	19.80	AA	3.80
Residential Mortgage Backed Securities	11.40	A	30.50
Asset-Backed Securities	10.80	BBB	16.20
Commercial MBS	5.70	BB	1.50
Agency Debentures	1.30	B	2.20
Municipals	0.80	CCC	0.80
		Below CCC	4.30
		Cash	0.40
		Not Rated	0.00

Income Paid Monthly:	NAV at Month-End
October	\$ 0.018443 10.56
November	\$ 0.019237 10.49
December	\$ 0.020668 10.54

Characteristics	Fund
Duration	3.36 years
SEC Yield	1.68%
Standard Deviation	2.78

GLOSSARY

Duration represents the interest rate sensitivity of a fixed income fund. For example, if a fund's duration is five years, a 1% increase in interest rates would result in a 5% decline in the fund's price. Similarly, a 1% decline in interest rates would result in a 5% gain in the fund's price.

SEC Yield (Class A share only) represents net investment income earned by a fund over a 30-day period, expressed as an annual percentage rate based on the fund's share price at the end of the 30-day period.

All performance figures reflect a partial waiver of fees where applicable. Without the partial waiver of fees, the performance figures would be lower. The SEC Yield would have been 1.52%.

Standard Deviation (3 year) measures variability of returns around the average return for an investment fund. Higher standard deviation suggests greater risk.

IMPORTANT RISK CONSIDERATIONS:

As interest rates rise, existing bond prices fall and can cause the value of an investment in the portfolio to decline. Changes in interest rates will affect the value of longer-term fixed income securities more than shorter-term securities. Investing internationally involves additional risks such as currency, political, accounting, economic and market risk.

RATINGS DISTRIBUTION METHODOLOGY:

The ratings issued by Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organizations assess the credit worthiness of a corporation's or government debt issues. The ratings apply to the Fund's holdings and not to the fund itself. Standard & Poors, Moody's and Fitch ratings are used. If all three agencies have rated the security, then the middle of the three ratings is used. If only two agencies have rated the security, then the lower of the two ratings is used. If only one agency has rated the security, the rating from that agency is used. This Fund does not invest in securities that have not been rated by one of the three major agencies; therefore there will be no percentage of holdings in the Not Rated category.

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Morningstar For the 3-, 5- and 10-year periods, respectively, the Fund was rated 4, 4 and 4 stars among 353, 322 and 179 funds in the Short-Term Bond category for the time period ending 12/30/2011.

For each fund with at least a 3-year history, Morningstar calculates a Morningstar Rating™ based on a Morningstar Risk-Adjusted Return measure that accounts for variation in a fund's monthly performance (including the effects of sales charges, load and redemption fees), placing more emphasis on downward variations and rewarding consistent performance. The top 10% of funds in each category receive five stars, the next 22.5% receive four stars, the next 35% receive three stars, the next 22.5% receive two stars, and the bottom 10% receive one star. (Each share class is counted as a fraction of one fund within this scale and rated separately, which may cause slight variations in the distribution percentages.) The Overall Morningstar Rating™ for a fund is derived from a weighted average of the performance Figures associated with its 3-, 5- and 10-year (if applicable) Morningstar Rating™ metrics. Morningstar Rating™ is for Class A shares only; other classes may have different performance characteristics.

Investment Manager of the Fund

The subadviser, Harris Investment Management, Inc. manages money according to a long-standing tradition that combines discipline, focus, knowledge and state-of-the-art informational resources. The Harris organization's money management roots date back to 1882, four years before the Dow Jones Industrial Average was established.

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