10 Year

A: NARAX, C: PSTCX, C1: PMSTX, I: PIMSX, R6: VMSSX



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#### MORNINGSTAR RATINGS AND RANKINGS as of 12/31/23 I shares (PIMSX) rated within Short-Term Bond category Overall Rating XXXXX (Out of 535 Funds) Time Period # of Funds Time Period Percentile Ranking Ranking/# of Peers 25th 113/535 535 3 Year 3 Year 5 Year 495 5 Year 12th 45/495

Morningstar ratings are based on risk-adjusted returns. Rankings are based on fund share class total return and do not include the effect of the fund's sales load, if applicable. Each fund is ranked within a universe of funds similar in portfolio characteristics and capitalization. Strong ratings are not indicative of positive fund performance.

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## **History of Multi-Sector Investing**

As pioneers in full universe multi-sector investing since 1993, we offer portfolios with diversified exposure to 14 fixed income sectors.

#### **Longevity and Continuity**

Key members of our team and essential aspects of our process have been in place for more than 30 years.

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## **Consistent Long-Term Results**

The Fund has been among the top performing short-term bond funds since its inception, over 30 years ago.



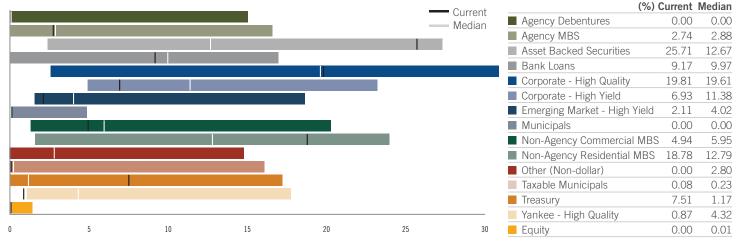
"As opportunistic value investors, Newfleet searches for relative value across the fixed income market. The ability to allocate tactically among sectors and maneuver quickly as conditions change has been a key contributor to the success of our multi-sector approach."

David L. Albrycht, CFA
President and Chief Investment Officer

#### Flexible, Multi-Sector Approach

Newfleet rotates across 14 major bond segments, including ex-U.S. (Yankees and corporate bonds, and non-U.S. dollar bonds in both developed and emerging markets), in order to benefit from opportunity—and manage risk.

SECTOR WEIGHTING RANGES AND CURRENT POSITIONING as of 12/31/23



Source: Virtus Performance & Analytics.

Bars represent sector weight ranges since 9/30/11 with median and current weights highlighted. Sector weightings are subject to change.

# **Experience throughout Market Cycles**

The Fund has been managed with the same investment philosophy and process throughout its 30-year history, with many of the original team members still in place. Over the course of various market cycles and interest rate environments, the Fund experienced negative returns in only four of the past 30 calendar years.

FUND CLASS A HISTORICAL NAV

	NAV Range			ırns (%)	rns (%)	
	High	Low	Price	Total	Bond Market News	
1993	4.93	4.81	1.66	8.93	High yield resurgence	
1994	4.92	4.51	-7.77	-1.94	Worst bond market in 75 years prior to 2008	A surprise rate hike and events in Mexic
1995	4.78	4.45	5.99	13.72	Rates rally	and Orange County roil credit markets
1996	4.98	4.74	3.97	11.31	Emerging markets rally	
1997	5.17	4.90	0.00	9.46	Asian financial crisis	
1998	5.02	4.45	-5.63	1.31	LTCM liquidity crisis —	Bond markets fell sharply related to
1999	4.71	4.55	-2.56	4.49	NASDAQ reaches all time high/3 rate hikes	Russian debt default implosion of hedge
2000	4.58	4.42	-0.88	7.09	Curve inverted/tech sell off/3 rate hikes	fund Long-Term Capital Management
2001	4.63	4.52	0.44	7.98	Negative GDP	
2002	4.64	4.49	1.98	7.40	Record default rates	
2003	4.87	4.63	4.31	9.09	Emerging markets/high yield rally	
2004	4.89	4.67	0.21	4.81	5 rate hikes	
2005	4.84	4.68	-2.89	1.36	8 rate hikes/yield curve flattened	A year of several rate hikes put bond
2006	4.77	4.62	0.85	5.52	4 rate hikes/yield curve inverted	managers to the test
2007	4.77	4.63	-2.11	3.15	Fed cuts rates 3 times	3
2008	4.67	3.71	-19.14	-13.96	Credit crunch	
2009	4.61	3.75	22.07	29.80	Credit market recovery	The Great Recession triggered a liquidity
2010	4.89	4.60	4.79		Fed holds rates near zero	collapse of global capital markets, only t
2011	4.91	4.64	-1.66	3.10	EU sovereign debt crisis	followed by a rapid market recovery
2012	4.96	4.73	4.86		Fiscal cliff	
2013	4.99	4.80	-2.02	1.52	Accommodative monetary policy	
2014	4.92	4.71	-2.06		Accommodative monetary policy	
2015	4.81	4.63	-2.73	0.09	Global economic uncertainty	
2016	4.78	4.59	1.94	4.97	Strong total return but not without pockets of volatility	
2017	4.79	4.73	0.64	3.66	Optimism over Trump's growth-oriented policies	
2018	4.76	4.57	-3.58	-0.78	Global Central Banks remove liquidity —	Risk assets sell off late fourth quarter
2019	4.74	4.58	3.06	6.15	Central Banks pivot/credit outperforms	ment deserte dem em fate foartin quarte.
2020	4.79	4.26	1.48	4.30	Pandemic disrupts global economy, policymakers respond forcefully. Newfleet reacts swiftly and thoughtfully.	
2021	4.80	4.71	-1.46	0.52	Fed patience pivots to cautious with higher inflation; Leveraged Finance rallies	
2022	4.71	4.27	-8.26	-5.98	Fed focused on elevated inflation, green shoots in the data late in the year	Risk assets reprice reflecting new interest rate regime and a stubborn
2023 YTD*	4.47	4.34	3.23	7.22	Inflation improved during the year which culminated in apparent Fed pivot in 4Q	labor market

Bond market news source: Newfleet Asset Management. \*As of 12/31/23.

# **Historical Outperformance vs. Morningstar Peers**

As a time-tested leader in multi-sector investing, Newfleet has generated top quartile returns for the Fund over the long term.

#### MORNINGSTAR PERCENTILE RANKING

Short-Term Bond Category Based on Total Returns as of 12/31/23





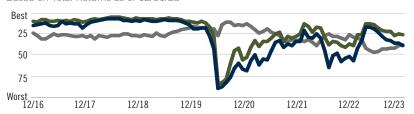
# Consistent Outperformance vs. Morningstar Peer Group

For the past 10 years, the Funds have ranked in the top half of the Morningstar peer group in 93% and 80% of rolling 3-year periods, for Class I and Class A shares, respectively. ICE BofA US Corporate BBB-A 1-3 Year Index Fund Class A

Fund Class I

MORNINGSTAR PERCENTILE

RANKINGS Short-Term Bond Category Based on Total Returns as of 12/31/23



## Top Quartile Sharpe Ratio

Opportunistic, relative value approach with strong risk-adjusted returns since inception.

Short-Term Bond Category Based on Total Returns as of 12/31/23

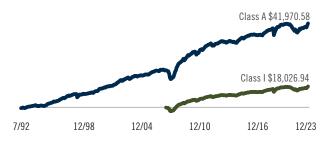


# Solid Long-Term Track Record

#### AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (%) Since as of 12/31/23 QTD YTD 1 Year 3 Year 5 Year 10 Year Inception **Fund Class A NAV** 3.41 7.22 7.22 0.44 2.33 2.05 4.73 **Fund Class A POP** 1 08 4.80 4.80 -0.321.86 1.82 4.66 Fund Class I 3.70 7.47 7.47 0.69 2.58 2.33 3.86 ICE BofA 1-3 0.46 Year A-BBB US 3.06 2.21 1 94 2.68 5.70 5.70 **Corporate Index**

### GROWTH OF \$10,000

as of 12/31/23



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The fund gross expense ratios for class A and Class I are 0.96% and 0.71%, respectively. The net expense ratios for class A and Class I are 0.90% and 0.65%, respectively, which reflects a contractual expense reimbursement in effect through 01/31/24.

\*ICE BofA 1-3 Year A-BBB US Corporate Index. Index since inception performance since 06/30/92.

Average annual total return is the annual compound return for the indicated period and reflects the change in share price and the reinvestment of all dividends and capital gains. Returns for periods of one year or less are cumulative returns.

Growth of \$10,000 assumes an initial investment of \$10,000 for A and I Shares made on 07/06/92 and 06/06/08, respectively. Fund performance assumes reinvestment of dividends and capital gain distributions. A Shares growth reflects a front end sales charge of 2.25%. I Shares growth reflects no front end sales charges.

TOP TEN HOLDINGS	% Fund
United States Treasury Note/Bond, 2.5000% 04/30/2024	4.72
United States Treasury Note/Bond, 4.3750% 08/15/2026	0.78
Freddie Mac Pool, 6.0000%	0.74
Fannie Mae Pool, 5.5000%	0.68
United States Treasury Note/Bond, 1.0000% 12/15/2024	0.56
United States Treasury Note/Bond, 1.6250% 02/15/2026	0.55
Goldman Sachs Group Inc/The, 4.2500% 10/21/2025	0.54
United States Treasury Bill, 0.0000% 02/29/2024	0.52
Credit Suisse Mortgage Capital Certificates 2019-ICE4, 6.3890%	0.52
Fannie Mae Pool, 4.5000%	0.50

Holdings are subject to change.

RATINGS DI	% Fund				
Aaa	Aa	Α			
33.71	10.96	12.69			
Baa	Ва	В			
21.80	10.10	6.12			
Caa	С	D			
0.38	0.00	0.00			
NR	Cash & Equiv				
3.01	1.24				
DISTRIBUTIONS (Class A)  Month  Month-End					
October 2023	\$0.015019		.34		

\$0.015571

\$0.017369

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November 2023

December 2023

RISK STATISTICS (3 Year)	Fund Class A	Fund Class I	Index*
Alpha	0.32	0.57	n/a
Beta	1.18	1.18	n/a
R <sup>2</sup>	0.85	0.85	n/a
Sharpe Ratio	-0.57	-0.49	-0.72
Standard Deviation	3.17	3.17	2.47
*ICE BofA 1-3 Year A-BBB US Corporate Index.			

CHARACTERISTICS	Fund Class A	Fund Class I
Yield to Worst	6.29	6.29
Average Price	96.65	96.65
Effective Duration (years)	2.05	2.05
Weighted Average Maturity	2.97	2.97
30-day SEC Yield (%) <sup>1</sup>	4.56	4.91
30-day SEC Yield (unsubsidized) <sup>2</sup>	4.47	4.83

- <sup>1</sup> 30-day SEC Yield is a standardized yield calculated according to a formula set by the SEC, and is subject to change.
- <sup>2</sup> 30-day SEC Yield (unsubsidized) is the 30-day SEC yield without the effect of applicable expense waivers.

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#### Multi-Sector Investment Professionals

High Yield Bank Loans Francesco Ossino Kyle Jennings, CFA	Corporate High Yield Eric Hess, CFA	Corporate Investment Grade Ryan Jungk, CFA	
Commercial Mortgage- Backed Securities Nicodemus Rinaldi	Multi-Sector Fixed Income Strategies David L. Albrycht, CFA Chief Investment Officer	Asset-Backed Securities Nicodemus Rinaldi	
Emerging Markets Peter Lannigan, CFA Daniel Senecal, CFA	Residential Mortgage- Backed Securities Andrew Szabo, CFA	Agency Mortgage- Backed Securities Andrew Szabo, CFA	
Tax-Exempt and Taxable Municipals Dusty Self*	<b>Developed ex-U.S.</b> Peter Lannigan, CFA Daniel Senecal, CFA		

Number of Holdings	761
Dividends	Daily
Morningstar Category	Short-Term Bond
Investment Adviser	Virtus Investment Advisers, Inc.

AUM (\$ millions)

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Index: The ICE BofA 1-3 Year A-BBB US Corporate Index measures performance of U.S. corporate bond issues rated A through BBB3, inclusive (based on an average of Moody's, S&P and Fitch), with a remaining term to final maturity less than 3 years. The index is calculated on a total return basis. The index is unmanaged, its returns do not reflect any fees, expenses, or sales charges, and is not available for direct investment.

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Credit & Interest: Debt instruments are subject to various risks, including credit and interest rate risk. The issuer of a debt security may fail to make interest and/or principal payments. Values of debt instruments may rise or fall in response to changes in interest rates, and this risk may be enhanced with longer-term maturities. High Yield Fixed Income Securities: There is a greater risk of issuer default, less liquidity, and increased price volatility related to high yield securities than investment grade securities. Bank Loans: Bank loans may be unsecured or not fully collateralized, may be subject to restrictions on resale, may be less liquid and may trade infrequently on the secondary market. Bank loans settle on a delayed basis; thus, sale proceeds may not be available to meet redemptions for a substantial period of time after the sale of the loan. Foreign & Emerging Markets: Investing in foreign securities, especially in emerging markets, subjects the portfolio to additional risks such as increased volatility, currency fluctuations, less liquidity, and political, regulatory, economic, and market risk. ABS/MBS: Changes in interest rates can cause both extension and prepayment risks for asset- and mortgage-backed securities. These securities are also subject to risks associated with the non-repayment of underlying collateral, including losses to the portfolio. Market Volatility: The value of the securities in the portfolio may go up or down in response to the prospects of individual companies and/or general economic conditions. Local, regional, or global events such as war or military conflict, terrorism, pandemic, or recession could impact the portfolio, including hampering the ability of the portfolio's manager(s) to invest its assets as intended.

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#### **GLOSSARY**

Effective Duration: The change in the value of a fixed income security that will result from a 1% change in interest rates while taking into account the way changes in rates will affect the expected cash flows of any bond with an embedded option such as call or prepayment option. This measure assigns a probability to the exercise of a call option, where applicable, based on specified shifts in the yield curve. Duration is expressed as a number of years, and generally, the larger the duration, the greater the interest rate risk or reward for a portfolio's underlying bond prices. Weighted Average Maturity: The length of time until the average security in a fund will mature, be redeemed by its issuer, or paid down over time, which is the case with most securitized assets. Alpha: A risk-adjusted measure of an investment's excess return relative to a

benchmark. **Beta**: A quantitative measure of the volatility, or systematic risk, of a security or a portfolio in comparison to the market as a whole.  $\mathbf{R}^2$ : A measure that represents the percentage of a fund or security's movements that can be explained by movements in a benchmark index. **Sharpe Ratio**: A risk-adjusted measure calculated using standard deviation and excess return to determine reward per unit of risk. **Standard Deviation**: Measures variability of returns around the average return for an investment portfolio. Higher standard deviation suggests greater risk. **Yield to worst** is a measure of the lowest possible yield that can be received on a bond that fully operates within the terms of its contract without defaulting. It is a type of yield that is referenced when a bond has provisions that would allow the issuer to close it out before it matures.

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