

INVESTMENT OVERVIEW

The Fund seeks to generate attractive total return from both current income and capital appreciation by investing primarily in short-duration debt securities across 14 global bond sectors. A disciplined, time-tested investment process and rigorous risk management approach aim to capitalize on opportunities across undervalued areas of the fixed income markets.

KEY FEATURES

Lower Duration — Highly diversified, one- to three-year average duration bond allocation, primarily focused on higher-quality, more liquid securities

Relative Value Focus — Utilizes relative value analysis across sectors and industries to evaluate yields, spreads, supply/demand dynamics, and sector fundamentals

Extensive Fundamental Research — Security selection driven by bottom-up analysis of individual bond quality, credit risk, valuation, company management, structure, and technical elements

AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (%) as of 03/31/2024

	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since Inception
Class I	1.46	1.46	6.36	1.15	2.13	2.07	3.91
Class A NAV	1.30	1.30	6.09	0.90	1.85	1.82	3.45
Class A POP	-0.98	-0.98	3.71	0.14	1.39	1.59	3.36
Class R6	1.38	1.38	6.43	1.26	2.22	n/a	2.52
Index	0.20	0.20	3.26	-0.36	1.26	1.44	3.17

ANNUAL PERFORMANCE (%)

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Class I	6.91	-4.85	0.15	4.05	5.43	0.76	2.62	2.58	1.24	2.10
Index	4.89	-5.54	-0.87	4.65	5.08	1.40	1.28	1.62	1.05	1.51

Performance data quoted represents past performance. Past performance does not guarantee future results. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate so that shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted. Please visit virtus.com for performance data current to the most recent month end.

Class I Shares have no sales charges and are not available to all investors. The fund class gross expense ratio is 0.69%. The net expense ratio is 0.50%, which reflects a contractual expense reimbursement in effect through 1/31/2025.

Class A shares have a maximum sales charge of 2.25%. A contingent deferred sales charge of 0.50% may be imposed on certain redemptions within 12 months on purchases on which a finder's fee has been paid. The fund class gross expense ratio is 0.94%. The net expense ratio is 0.75%, which reflects a contractual expense reimbursement in effect through 1/31/2025.

Class R6 Shares have no sales charges and are not available to all investors. The fund class gross expense ratio is 0.61%. The net expense ratio is 0.43%, which reflects a contractual expense reimbursement in effect through 1/31/2025.

Other share classes may have sales charges. See virtus.com for details.

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.

Index: The ICE BofA 1-5 Year US Corporate & Government Bond Index tracks the performance of US dollar denominated investment grade debt publicly issued in the U.S. domestic market, including U.S. Treasury, U.S. agency, foreign government, supranational and corporate securities, with a remaining term to final maturity less than 5 years, 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.

Since inception performance for the index reflects a start date of 7/21/1999, the same date as the inception of the Fund's Class A shares. Class I inception date: 2/23/1996. Class R6 inception date: 12/19/2018.

SHARE CLASSES	Ticker	CUSIP
I Shares	HIBIX	92828W320
A Shares	HIMZX	92828W346
C Shares	PCMZX	92828W338
R6 Shares	VLDRX	92828W197

FUND INFORMATION

Inception Date (Class I)	02/23/96
AUM (\$ millions)	416.2
Number of Holdings	495
Dividends	Daily
Morningstar Category	Short-Term Bond
Index	ICE BofA 1-5 Year Corporate & Government Bond Index

The Index shown represents the Fund's performance index, which may differ from the Fund's regulatory index included in its Prospectus.

MORNINGSTAR RATINGS (CLASS I)

Time Period	# of Stars	# of Funds
Overall	★★★★★	534
3 Year	★★★★★	534
5 Year	★★★★★	494
10 Year	★★★★★	359

Morningstar ratings are based on risk-adjusted returns. Strong ratings are not indicative of positive fund performance.

INVESTMENT ADVISER

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Newfleet Asset Management leverages the knowledge and skill of a team of investment professionals with expertise in every sector of the bond market, including evolving, specialized, and out-of-favor sectors. The team employs active sector rotation and disciplined risk management to portfolio construction.

Newfleet Asset Management is a division of Virtus Fixed Income Advisers, LLC ("VFIA"), an SEC registered investment adviser.

PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

David L. Albrycht, CFA
Industry start date: 1985
Start date as Fund Portfolio Manager: 2012

Benjamin Caron, CFA
Industry start date: 1997
Start date as Fund Portfolio Manager: 2012

Lisa M. Baribault
Industry start date: 2003
Start date as Fund Portfolio Manager: 2017

RATINGS DISTRIBUTION	% Fund
Aaa	40.45
Aa	16.14
A	13.89
Baa	20.71
Ba	6.24
B	1.14
Caa	0.15
NR	0.90
Cash & Equivalents	0.39

FIXED CHARACTERISTICS	Fund
Effective Duration	2.00
Weighted Average Maturity	2.73
30-day SEC Yield	4.69
30-day SEC Yield (unsubsidized)	4.49

30-day SEC Yield is a standardized yield calculated according to a formula set by the SEC, and is subject to change.

30-day SEC Yield (unsubsidized) is the 30 day SEC yield without the effect of applicable expense waivers.

TOP TEN HOLDINGS	% Fund
United States Treasury Note/Bond, 4.3750% 08/15/2026	2.06
United States Treasury Note/Bond, 4.1250% 01/31/2025	1.94
United States Treasury Note/Bond, 5.0000% 08/31/2025	1.54
Freddie Mac Pool, 6.0000%	0.91
Freddie Mac Pool, 6.0000%	0.86
Towd Point Mortgage Trust 2016-2, 3.0000%	0.75
Verus Securitization Trust 2022-7, 5.1520%	0.66
Vfi Abs 2022-1 LLC, 3.0400% 07/24/2028	0.57
Towd Point Mortgage Trust 2017-1, 3.5000%	0.55
AMSR 2020-SFR3 Trust, 1.8060% 09/01/2037	0.54

INCOME DISTRIBUTIONS

Month	NAV at Month-End	
January 2024	\$0.035727	10.48
February 2024	\$0.036463	10.44
March 2024	\$0.039237	10.48

RISK STATISTICS (3 YEAR)	Fund	Index
Alpha	0.89	n/a
Beta	0.80	1.00
R ²	0.82	1.00
Sharpe Ratio	-0.58	-1.00
Standard Deviation	2.70	3.07

SECTOR ALLOCATIONS	% Fund
Asset Backed Securities	35.39
Corporate - High Quality	19.93
Non-Agency Residential MBS	17.73
Non-Agency Commercial MBS	6.03
Bank Loans	5.94
Treasury	5.93
Corporate - High Yield	3.87
Mortgage Backed Securities	3.72
Emerging Market - High Yield	0.59
Yankee - High Quality	0.48
Cash	0.39

Holdings and sector weightings are subject to change.

IMPORTANT RISK CONSIDERATIONS

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.

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. **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. **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. **Prospectus:** For additional information on risks, please see the fund's prospectus.

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. **R²:** 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.

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MORNINGSTAR

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