NAVIGATING MARKET GYRATIONS

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A consistent risk management discipline is what helps portfolios withstand market gyrations—and recover more quickly from downturns.

Newfleet Asset Management is a time-tested leader in unconstrained multi-sector fixed income management with the experience to manage the complexity of the fixed income market.

We seek to minimize credit and interest rate risk through active rotation among sectors and superior security selection within them. The value of our approach is demonstrated by the fact that the Virtus Multi-Sector Short Term Bond Fund has only experienced two down years in 23.

Experience and discipline leads to strong returns over time, but does not immunize portfolios from declines.

Virtus Multi-Sector Short Term Bond Fund historical NAV through 12/30/16

	NAV Range		Price	Income	Total	Bond Market
	High	Low	Return	Return	Return	News
1993	4.93	4.81	1.66%	7.27%	8.93%	High yield resurgence
1994	4.92	4.51	-7.77	5.83	-1.94	Worst bond market in 75 years prior to 2008
1995	4.78	4.45	5.99	7.73	13.72	Rates rally
1996	4.98	4.74	3.97	7.33	11.31	Emerging markets rally
1997	5.17	4.90	0.00	9.46	9.46	Asian financial crisis
1998	5.02	4.45	-5.63	6.94	1.31	LTCM liquidity crisis
1999	4.71	4.55	-2.56	7.05	4.49	NASDAQ reaches all time high/3 rate hikes
2000	4.58	4.42	-0.88	7.97	7.09	Curve inverted/tech sell off/3 rate hikes
2001	4.63	4.52	0.44	7.54	7.98	Negative GDP
2002	4.64	4.49	1.98	5.42	7.40	Record default rates
2003	4.87	4.63	4.31	4.78	9.09	Emerging markets/high yield rally
2004	4.89	4.67	0.21	4.60	4.81	5 rate hikes
2005	4.84	4.68	-2.89	4.24	1.36	8 rate hikes/yield curve flattened
2006	4.77	4.62	0.85	4.67	5.52	4 rate hikes/yield curve inverted
2007	4.77	4.63	-2.11	5.25	3.15	Fed cuts rates 3 times
2008	4.67	3.71	-19.14	5.18	-13.96	Credit crunch
2009	4.61	3.75	22.07	7.73	29.80	Credit market recovery
2010	4.89	4.60	4.79	5.46	10.25	Fed holds rates near zero
2011	4.91	4.64	-1.66	4.76	3.10	EU sovereign debt crisis
2012	4.96	4.73	4.86	4.53	9.39	Fiscal cliff
2013	4.99	4.80	-2.02	3.53	1.52	Accommodative monetary policy
2014	4.92	4.71	-2.06	3.11	1.05	Accommodative monetary policy
2015	4.81	4.63	-2.73	2.82	0.09	Global economic uncertainty
2016	4.78	4.59	1.94	3.02	4.97	Strong total return but not without pocket of volatility

Returns are for Class A shares at NAV. SEC Yield: 2.86% as of 12/30/16. SEC Yield: represents net investment income earned by a portfolio over a 30-day period, expressed as an annual percentage rate based on the portfolio's public offering 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 2.86%. ***Past performance is not indicative of future results.***

During the extreme market and economic stress of 2008, the Fund (Class A at NAV) experienced a drawdown, peak-to-trough, of -14.68% between February and November, as a result of the indiscriminate selling of perceived risky assets. It had fully recovered by July, 2009. In contrast, the Fund's peers in the Morningstar Short-Term Bond Category experienced a drawdown of -6.90% between March and November, but were not back to even until August, 2009.

Though the Fund experienced a drawdown of more than double the peers, it rebounded in less time because the underlying investments were fundamentally sound, even as an irrational market caused bond prices, with the exception of U.S. Treasuries and other government-related securities, to fall significantly.

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As the financial crisis of 2008 began, our multi-sector funds had a meaningful allocation to liquid areas of the bond market including Agency MBS, Agency Debentures, and U.S. Treasuries. Panicked investors fled to quality, driving up the prices of these defensive sectors. Meanwhile, sectors such as CMBS, bank loans, and non-U.S. dollar bonds suffered steep declines.

Our analysis told us the hard-hit sectors were fundamentally sound and offered good value. Starting in the fourth quarter of 2008, we began selling our defensive holdings, exiting the majority of the defensive sector positions we held across portfolios by June 30, 2009. We reallocated assets to the areas that had sold off the most, purchasing these positions at attractive prices and yields, and the funds benefited when the sectors rebounded strongly.

Virtus Multi-Sector Short Term Bond Fund **A shares: NARAX, C shares: PSTCX, I shares: PIMSX, T shares: PMSTX**

Average Annual Total Returns
Class A as of 12/30/16 in percent

	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	15 Year	20 Year	Since Inception 7/6/92
NAV	-0.49	4.97	4.97	2.01	3.35	4.44	4.83	5.11	5.51
POP	-2.73	2.60	2.60	1.24	2.88	4.20	4.67	4.99	5.41
Index	-0.18	2.57	2.57	1.60	2.32	3.46	3.68	4.50	4.86

Morningstar Class A as of 12/30/16	Overall	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	15 Year	20 Year
Rankings	n/a	29/445	7/357	6/252	2/144	2/93
Ratings	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★		
Short-Term Bond Category	445	445	357	252		

Benchmark life performance is reported from 06/30/92. The fund class gross expense ratio is 1.00% and reflects the direct and indirect expenses paid by the Fund. The gross expense ratio minus the indirect expenses incurred by the underlying funds in which the Fund invests is 0.99%.

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 2.25%. A contingent deferred sales charge of 0.50% may be imposed on certain redemptions within 18 months on purchases on which a finder's fee has been paid.

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