Invesco Short Term Bond Fund

Q1 2025

Key takeaways

1 Potential to lock in yields
Bond yields, though down from their highs, are still at attractive levels compared to the last 10 years, in our view. Investors can lock in these yields for years to come by investing in high grade bonds before interest rates come down further.

2 Picking your spots
We believe numerous important factors enhance the attractiveness of investment grade credit. We observe that yield spreads between Treasuries and non-Treasury sectors have been tight, which makes our credit underwriting and security selection even more important.

3 Beating the crowd
Investors have amassed large amounts in cash and money markets (Source: St. Louis Fed. Data as of 12/31/24). As US Federal Reserve (Fed) rate cutting resumes and interest rates fall, cash will likely move to risk assets, pushing bond prices up and yields down. Timing a move is hard, but for now, investors are in our view being paid to wait in fixed income.

Investment objective
The fund seeks total return, comprised of current income and capital appreciation.

Fund facts

Fund AUM ($M)	2,015.03

Portfolio managers
Michael Hyman, Chuck Burge, Matthew Brill, Todd Schomberg

Manager perspective and outlook

- Global economic outlooks shifted markedly in the first quarter. Positive outlooks after the November election have been challenged by Trump administration policies on immigration, spending cuts and tariffs, lowering US and global growth forecasts. The velocity of tariff announcements and reversals, along with broader policy uncertainty, has heightened anxiety, provoking market corrections and sell-offs. Dampened business sentiment and weakening consumption are both unfavorable for growth.
- Yields generally fell during the quarter due to mixed economic data and expectations for fewer interest rate cuts in 2025. At February's meeting, the Fed paused rate cutting and held monetary policy steady, citing the possibility that the tariff impact on consumer prices might be "transitory." The Fed's projections, detailed by its dot plot, reflected lower growth expectations and higher expectations for inflation and unemployment.
- Nevertheless, we maintain a constructive outlook for bonds. Potentially slower, though still positive, global growth and uncertainty about aggressive US policy changes generally in our view support bonds globally. The Trump administration has stated its intent to contain government spending and lower bond yields. There is room for yields to decline if economic momentum slows sharply, and bonds should in our view benefit if recession fears grow.

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Portfolio characteristics*

	Fund	Index
Effective duration (yrs)	2.12	1.87
Coupon (%)	4.83	3.14
30-day SEC yield (Class C shares)	4.06	-
30-day SEC unsubsidized yield (Class C shares)	4.10	-

Investment categories (%)

	Portfolio	Index
Corporate Bonds	**49.37**	**18.68**
US Investment Grade Bonds	44.40	18.68
US High Yield Bonds	4.97	0.00
Securitized	**26.01**	**0.00**
MBS	11.27	0.00
ABS	10.31	0.00
CMBS	4.43	0.00
Non-US Debt	**19.00**	**8.76**
Non-US Investment Grade Bonds	15.40	4.46
Emerging Market Debt	2.15	0.84
Sovereign Debt	1.20	3.45
Non-US High Yield Bonds	0.26	0.00
Government Bonds	**3.01**	**70.76**
US Treasuries	3.01	70.76
Municipal Bonds	**0.33**	**0.36**
Cash & Cash Equivalent	**1.80**	**0.00**
Others	**0.47**	**1.44**

Portfolio positioning

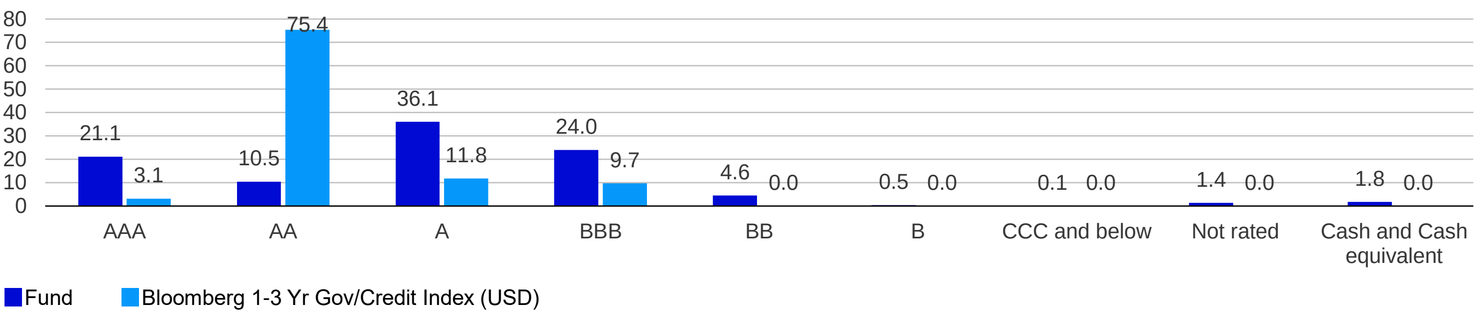
During the quarter, yield spreads between Treasuries and investment grade credit widened, breaking out of the decade-high tightness of 2024 due to the elevated risk environment. Based on the following, we believe investment grade corporates remain attractive on a risk-adjusted basis: corporate fundamentals remain firm, the yield backdrop appears attractive, and a lower average dollar price of bonds across the index presents discounted buying opportunities, potentially enhancing downside mitigation for bondholders. As a result, we increased the fund's overweight in investment grade corporates.

Additionally, we believe investment grade corporates should perform well in our base case of an economic soft landing or in a recession scenario. In a soft landing, interest rates would come down more slowly and bond investors would continue to earn higher yields for longer. In a recession, the Fed would likely cut rates faster thus accelerating bond returns via duration exposure. We also believe the credit market seems "under-invested," with significant cash on the sidelines or in money markets. As the Fed resumes its rate-cutting cycle, we believe entrance of this cash into the market will boost demand, providing a technical tailwind for credit assets over coming quarters.

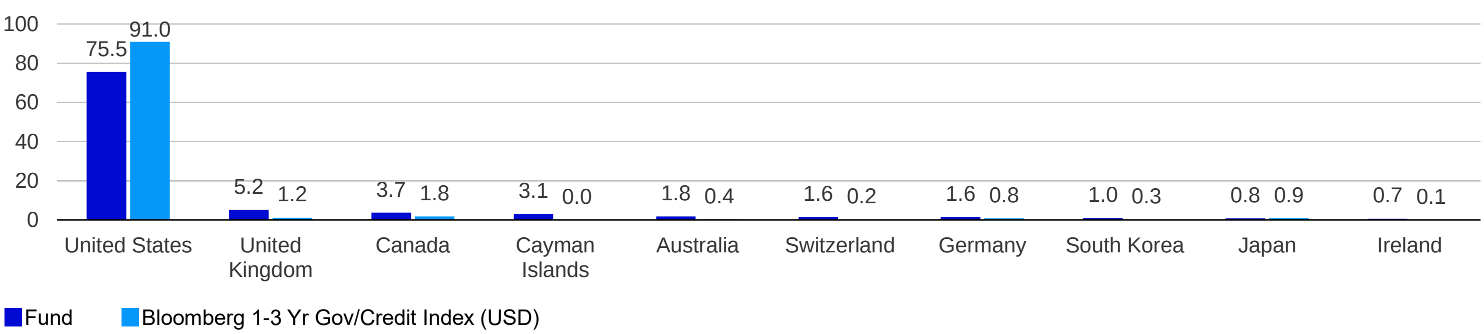
Within the investment grade corporate segment, we maintained an overweight in financials, particularly in the banking sector. We increased overweights in high-yield corporates and emerging market debt, which are not in the benchmark, and maintained the fund's overweight in securitized assets, namely asset-backed securities (ABS) and non-Agency mortgages.

We kept the fund's duration fairly neutral compared to the benchmark, lengthening it due to the potential slowing of US growth and as a hedge to credit risk.

Credit quality breakdown (% total)



Top countries (% of total net assets)



Top contributors (bps)

Issuer	Return	Contrib. to return
EQM MIDSTREAM PARTNERS LP	292.09	0.67
HSBC HOLDINGS PLC	178.59	0.54
STANDARD CHARTERED PLC	214.49	0.35
VOLKSWAGEN GROUP OF AMERICA FINANC	156.17	0.34
ROMANIA (REPUBLIC OF)	380.88	0.24

Top detractors (bps)

Issuer	Return	Contrib. to return
APOLLO GLOBAL MANAGEMENT INC	-39.90	-0.85
WAYFAIR LLC	-389.44	-0.81
BRANDYWINE OPERATING PARTNERSHIP L	-6.24	-0.54
CARNIVAL CORP	19.96	-0.51
VENTURE GLOBAL LNG INC	-201.85	-0.46

Performance highlights

Invesco Short Term Bond Fund Class A shares at net asset value (NAV) had a positive return for the quarter but underperformed its benchmark, the Bloomberg US Govt/Credit 1-3Yr Index.

Contributors to performance

Security selection: Security selection in the energy sector positively affected relative performance.

Sector allocation: Overweights within the banking sub-sector added to relative performance.

Securitized assets: Overweights in commercial mortgage-backed securities (CMBS) and ABS added to absolute performance.

Detractors from performance

Security selection: Security selection in the consumer cyclical and the brokerages, asset managers and exchanges sub-sectors negatively affected relative performance.

Securitized assets: An overweight in collateralized mortgage obligations (CMOs) negatively affected relative performance.

Standardized performance (%) as of March 31, 2025

		Quarter	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inception
Class C shares inception: 08/30/02	NAV	1.43	1.43	5.55	3.18	2.51	1.76	2.04
Class A shares inception: 04/30/04	NAV	1.52	1.52	5.91	3.54	2.85	2.03	2.07
	Max. Load 2.5%	-1.05	-1.05	3.22	2.67	2.33	1.78	1.94
Class R6 shares inception: 09/24/12	NAV	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Class Y shares inception: 10/03/08	NAV	1.43	1.43	6.07	3.69	3.00	2.19	2.34
Bloomberg 1-3 Yr Gov/Credit Index (USD)		1.63	1.63	5.61	3.10	1.56	1.73	-
Total return ranking vs. Morningstar Short-Term Bond category (Class C shares at NAV)		-	-	74% (403 of 557)	66% (306 of 528)	57% (260 of 484)	78% (253 of 364)	-

Expense ratios per the current prospectus: Class C**: Net: 1.00%, Total: 1.15%; Class A: Net: 0.65%, Total: 0.65%; Class R6: Net: 0.40%, Total: 0.40%; Class Y: Net: 0.50%, Total: 0.50%.

Performance quoted is past performance and cannot guarantee comparable future results; current performance may be lower or higher. Visit invesco.com for the most recent month-end performance. Performance figures reflect reinvested distributions and changes in net asset value (NAV). Investment return and principal value will vary so that you may have a gain or a loss when you sell shares. Returns less than one year are cumulative; all others are annualized. Index source: RIMES Technologies Corp. Had fees not been waived and/or expenses reimbursed in the past, returns would have been lower. Performance shown at NAV does not include the applicable front-end sales charge, which would have reduced the performance.

Class Y and R6 shares have no sales charge; therefore performance is at NAV. Class Y shares are available only to certain investors. Class R6 shares are closed to most investors. Please see the prospectus for more details.

Performance highlights (cont'd)

Calendar year total returns (%)

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Class C shares at NAV	0.21	2.49	1.39	0.35	4.56	2.94	-0.49	-5.02	5.35	4.92
Class A shares at NAV	0.56	2.85	1.74	0.70	5.05	3.22	-0.17	-4.69	5.71	5.28
Class Y shares at NAV	0.72	3.00	1.90	0.86	5.21	3.39	-0.02	-4.54	5.86	5.57
Bloomberg 1-3 Yr Gov/Credit Index (USD)	0.65	1.28	0.84	1.60	4.03	3.33	-0.47	-3.69	4.61	4.36

****** Net = Total annual operating expenses less any contractual fee waivers and/or expense reimbursements by the adviser in effect through at least June 30, 2025.

Unless otherwise specified, all information is as of 03/31/25. Unless stated otherwise, Index refers to Bloomberg 1-3 Yr Gov/Credit Index (USD).

The Bloomberg Barclays 1–3 Year Government/Credit Index is an unmanaged index that is considered representative of performance of short-term U.S. corporate bonds and U.S. government bonds with maturities from one to three years. An investment cannot be made directly in an index.

About Risk

Risks of collateralized loan obligations include the possibility that the collateral securities' distributions won't be adequate to make interest or other payments, the collateral quality may decline in value or default, the collateralized loan obligations may be subordinate to other classes, values may be volatile, and issuer disputes may produce unexpected investment results.

An issuer may be unable to meet interest and/or principal payments, thereby causing its instruments to decrease in value and lowering the issuer's credit rating.

Derivatives may be more volatile and less liquid than traditional investments and are subject to market, interest rate, credit, leverage, counterparty, and management risks. An investment in a derivative could lose more than the cash amount invested.

The risks of investing in securities of foreign issuers, including emerging markets, can include fluctuations in foreign currencies, political and economic instability, and foreign taxation issues. Developing markets may especially be volatile.

Interest rate risk refers to the risk that bond prices generally fall as interest rates rise and vice versa.

Junk bonds have greater risk of default or price changes due to changes in the issuer's credit quality. Junk bond values fluctuate more than high quality bonds and can decline significantly over a short time.

Mortgage- and asset-backed securities are subject to prepayment or call risk, which is the risk that the borrower's payments may be received earlier or later than expected due to changes in prepayment rates on underlying loans. Securities may be prepaid at a price less than the original purchase value.

Municipal securities are subject to the risk that legislative or economic conditions could affect an issuer's ability to make principal and/or interest payments.

Obligations issued by US Government agencies and instrumentalities may receive varying levels of support from the government, which could affect the fund's ability to recover should they default.

The Fund is subject to certain other risks. Please see the current prospectus for more information regarding the risks associated with an investment in the Fund.

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The fund holdings are organized according to the Global Industry Classification Standard, which was developed by and is the exclusive property and service mark of MSCI Inc. and Standard & Poor's.

*** Effective duration** is the managers' estimate of a bond fund's price sensitivity to changes in interest rates. This measure takes into account mortgage prepayments, puts, adjustable coupons and potential call dates. **Contribution to Return** measures the performance impact from portfolio holdings over a defined time period. It takes into account both weight and performance of the portfolio holdings. Contribution to Return is calculated at security level.

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