Mackenzie Canadian Short Term Income Fund

Fund snapshot

Inception date	11/24/2006
AUM (millions in CAD)	274.4
Management fee	0.40%
MER	0.61%
Benchmark	FTSE Canada Short Term Bond
CIFSC category	Canadian Short Term Fixed Income
Risk rating	Low
Lead portfolio manager	Konstantin Boehmer
Investment exp. since	2003

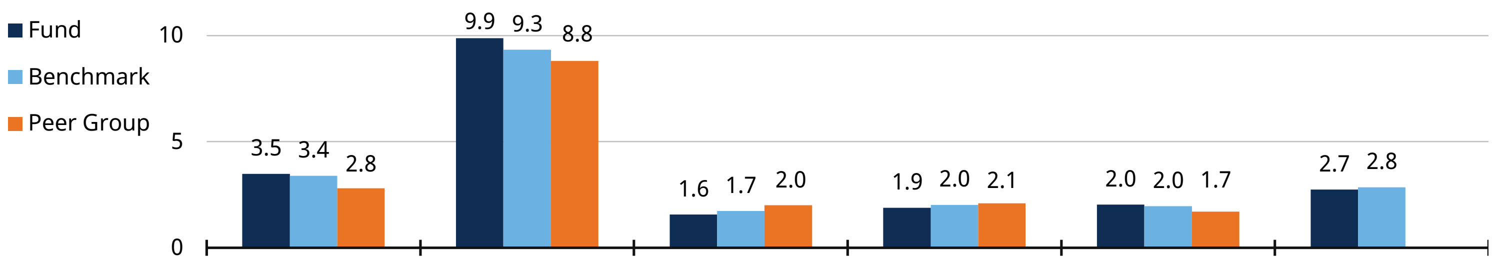
Strategy overview

• An actively managed, flexible short duration fixed income strategy.

• The objective is to generate income consistent with a short duration mandate by utilizing an expanded universe of high-quality, shorter-term securities including investment grade Canadian and foreign government and corporate bonds, residential first mortgages, and non-investment grade securities.

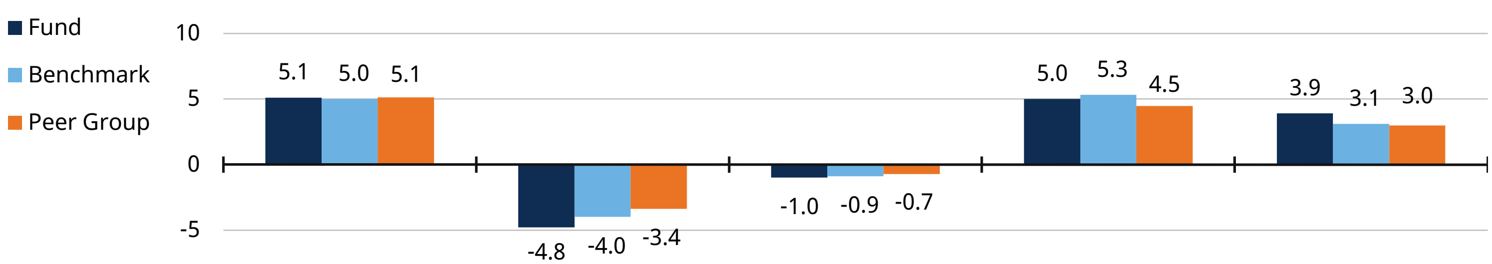
• The Fund maintains an overall credit rating of BBB or higher. This Fund can invest up to 30% in foreign securities and foreign currencies can be hedged back into Canadian dollars

Trailing returns %



	3 Mth	1yr	3Yr	5Yr	10Yr	SI
Excess return	0.1	0.6	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	-0.1
% of peers beaten	74	74	30	37	72	NA

Calendar returns %



	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Excess return	0.1	-0.8	-0.1	-0.3	0.8
% of peers beaten	50	18	52	52	73

Portfolio characteristics

Ratios & metrics	Portfolio	Benchmark
Fund Avg Yield	3.8	3.2
Fund Mod. Dur	2.8	2.7
Fund Rating	A	AA
Average Price	100.6	100.9
Average Coupon	3.7	3.4
Average Term	3.0	-

Asset allocation

Asset	Portfolio	Benchmark
Corporate	65.4	36.8
Provincial + Municipal	16.9	16.3
Federal	15.9	46.9
Cash & Equival. + WC	1.8	-

Performance metrics (3 year trailing)

Metrics	Portfolio	Benchmark
Standard Dev.	3.1	3.1
Sharpe Ratio	-0.6	-0.6
Tracking Error	0.7	-
Information Ratio	-0.3	-
Alpha	-0.2	-
Beta	1.0	-
Upside Capture (%)	95.3	-
Downside Capture (%)	97.9	-

Geographic allocation

Region	Weight
North America	98.7
Europe	0.5
LATAM & Caribbean	-
Other	0.8

Maturity breakdown

Bucket	Portfolio	Benchmark
0 to 3	56.9	54.4
3 to 7	42.5	45.6
7 to 12	0.3	-
12+	0.3	-

Currency exposure

Currency	Gross	Net
CAD	97.3	99.9
USD	2.6	0.1
Other	0.1	-

Credit breakdown

Rating	Portfolio	Benchmark
AAA	16.1	51.6
AA	19.6	17.6
A	32.2	18.0
BBB	27.7	12.7
BB	3.7	-
B	0.2	-
CCC & Below	0.0	-
NR	0.4	-

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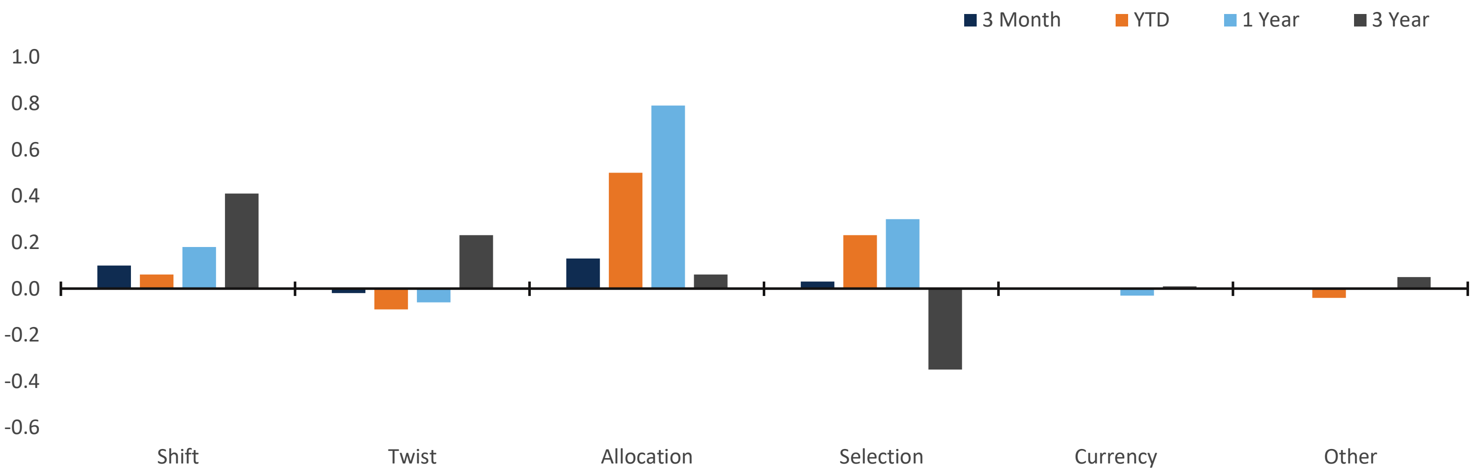
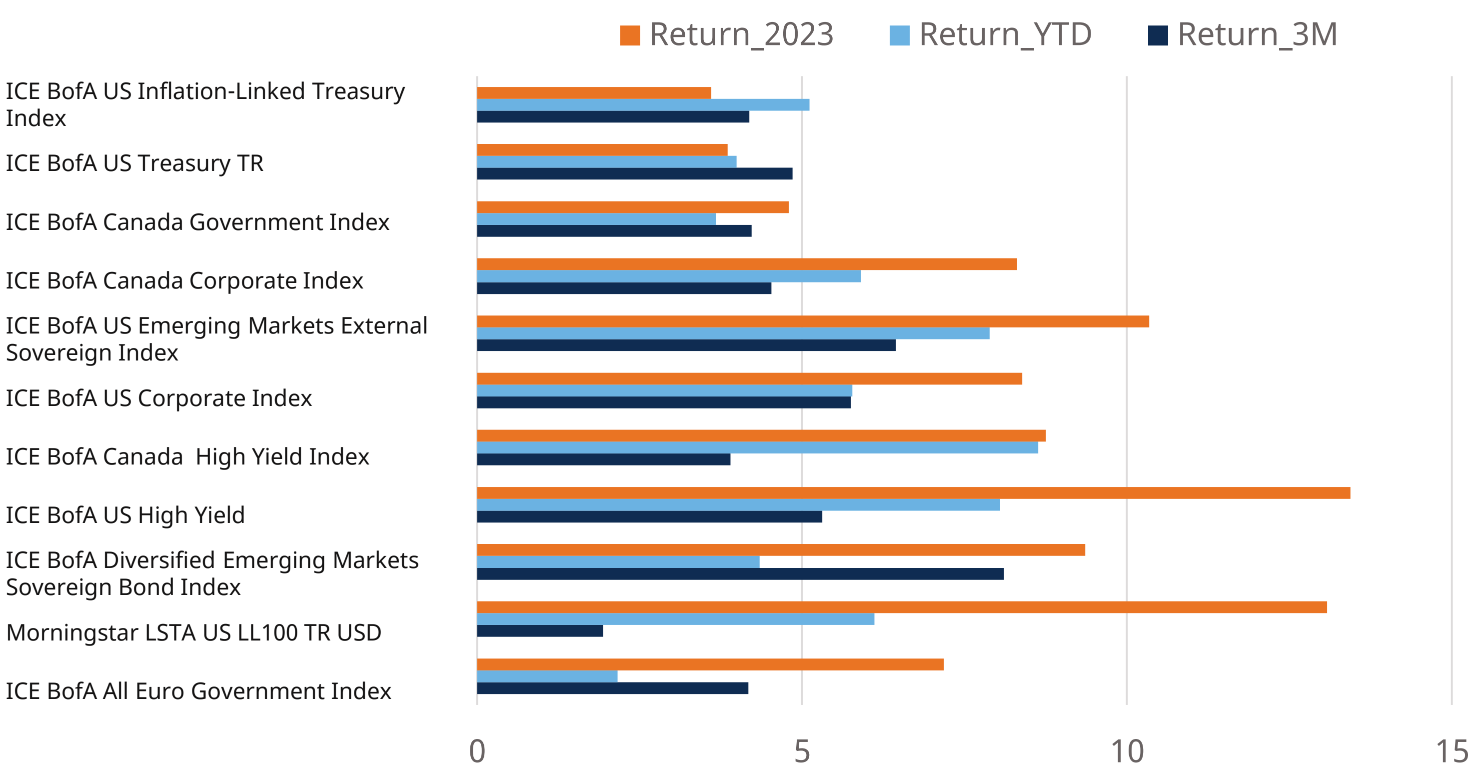


Market Overview



Commentary

Coming into the third quarter, we focused on four key macro themes impacting macro fixed income and cross-asset markets: Biden's ability to recover after June's poor debate performance, uncertainty over the Fed's willingness to cut rates, markets not properly pricing the BoJ's July meeting outcome, and concerns over cross-asset volatility. The volatility event around late July/early August was significant but not unexpected, driven by the BoJ's surprising policy rate hike and the Fed opting not to cut rates on July 31st. Powell's late-August Jackson Hole speech indicated a desire for a larger rate cut in September, leading to a debate about the reasons behind the 50bp cut.

Heading into the fourth quarter, several macro events have caused the market to rethink the narrative. The US east and gulf coast dockworkers strike is on hold, but sticky wages and services prices suggest too much easing was priced into the curve. China is attempting to reflate its economy, and the risk of strife in the Middle East could impact oil production and prices. The US economy appears strong, with Q3 real GDP estimates around 2.5-3.0% and preliminary Q4 estimates not far below. September's booming non-farm payrolls report has solidified the view that lower yields may not be sustainable.

The Canadian fixed income outlook is fascinating as Canadian duration has been bid most of the year, with the expectation that Canada's economy will underperform, and the Bank of Canada will continue to ease rates aggressively. The median Canadian consumer is faring worse than the median US consumer, and this outlook is likely to continue due to a weaker housing market, more indebted households, worse productivity metrics, and a higher structural unemployment rate. The BoC's policy rate typically does not sway far from the Fed's, but we could be entering a period of significant policy differential.

Japan is likely to continue bucking the global easing trend despite the upcoming election. The BoJ is expected to move further towards normalizing rates, with a potential 25bp hike this year. Domestic inflation and output data support this move, and recent commentary from PM Ishiba is seen as election fodder.

China's recent stimulus measures are significant, both from a policy and optics perspective. The stimulus includes cutting short-term policy rates, economic policy announcements, helicopter money to 14% of households, and forward guidance on further rate cuts and fiscal stimulus. This suggests senior leaders are aware of the economic malaise and plan to act. Additional fiscal measures are expected, potentially providing support to the consumer and recalibrating market sentiment, particularly in higher beta risk assets.

The US election is a major upcoming macro event. The race for the White House is too close to call, with Harris' momentum stalling and Trump being a strong finisher. The outcome remains uncertain, with key swing states playing a crucial role. A split Congress is likely, leading to increased Executive Order action from the Oval Office. For markets, a Trump outcome could drive concerns over China, global tariffs, and Fed independence. A Trump win may not translate into a stronger USD and could lead to more right-of-center nominees for policy seats and judges. A balanced Congress could mitigate concerns over fiscal spending and Treasury issuance.

For global macro and fixed income markets, the election outcome will be significant, with potential impacts on sectoral perspectives and policy directions. The Fed's future leadership and policy stance will also be crucial factors to watch.

The third quarter of 2024 was marked by slowing inflation and slowing economic growth in both Canada and the US. In terms of rate moves, US 2y rates fell a whopping 111 bps during the quarter from 4.75% to 3.64%. Yields on 5s, 10s and 30s fell 82bps, 62bps and 44bps respectively implying an aggressive re-steepening of the curve as is typical at the beginning of rate cutting cycles. This price action was largely mirrored in Canada with 2-year yields falling 108bps, 5-year yields falling 78bps, 10s 55bps and 30s 25bps.

The similar shift in yields is not unusual for Canadian and US rates, which are generally highly correlated, but strikes us as perhaps unrealistic in today's environment. Economic data in Canada continues to be considerably weaker than in the more resilient US. The unemployment rate remains historically low in the US but has risen to over 6.5% in Canada. Similarly, inflation continues to surprise to the downside in Canada and is close to the 2% target, whereas in the US, services inflation remains above 4%. Considering this, we think more of a divergence in yields, certainly in the short end of the curve, is warranted, making shorter maturity Canadian bonds more attractive than similar maturity US bonds.

Commentary

Credit spreads remain tight, and we prefer to be invested in high-grade (low beta) Corporate Bonds at the short end of the curve. We prefer the Canadian curve over the US curve in this sector. Continued rate cuts are the base case for Canada and so there is still further potential for significant price appreciation of these securities. We remain negative on the long end of the Canadian market with 30y Canadian bonds offering almost no additional yield to 2-year bonds, but substantially more price risk.

Contributors:
-Overweight NA duration
-Overweight corporate bond risk
-Allocations in AAA and BBB
-Security selections: LRCN

Detractors:
-Federal bonds detracted

Looking ahead to the fourth quarter, expectations for additional rate cuts by the Fed and other central banks should create a supportive environment for spread sectors as well as for government bonds poised to benefit from further policy easing. However, geopolitical risks and the upcoming U.S. elections could introduce increased volatility in fixed income markets.

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