

## Transamerica Short-Term Bond

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### Investment objective

The fund seeks a high level of income consistent with minimal fluctuation in principal value and liquidity.

### Key facts

#### Investment Manager

Transamerica Asset Management, Inc. (TAM)

#### Morningstar Category

Short-Term Bond

#### Lipper Category

Short-Intmtdt Investment Grade Debt Funds

#### Dividend Frequency

Daily

#### Benchmark

ICE Bofa 1-3 Year US Corporate & Government Index

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### MACROECONOMIC OVERVIEW

Economic data in the first quarter painted a picture of a resilient yet gradually cooling economy. Growth moderated following 2025's late-year surge; fourth-quarter GDP slowed to a 0.7% annualized pace amid a temporary government shutdown. Inflation steadied around 2.4% year over year as of February. The labor market sent mixed signals: February payrolls declined 133 thousand in February, but March saw a 178 thousand job rebound. Overall, trends continue to support a "cooling" theme, with low hiring pressuring the unemployment rate slightly higher, but other metrics generally benign. Productivity has been a bright spot: output per hour continues to track above its pre-pandemic trend, an encouraging development that could foster faster, non-inflationary growth going forward. Monetary policy held steady through the quarter: the Federal Reserve kept its benchmark rate unchanged at roughly 3.50–3.75% and signaled potential rate cuts later in the year as economic risks become more balanced. Of the 19 meeting participants, 12 penciled in at least one rate cut later this year. Fed Chair Powell signaled that the risks to the Fed's inflation and employment mandates had come further into balance, in part due to higher energy costs. Treasury yields rose sharply in March after the onset of the conflict in Iran, reflecting the impact of higher energy prices on inflation and implications for monetary policy. Front-end rates led the move higher, with the two-year Treasury closing the quarter 32 basis points (bps) higher. The ICE BofA US 1-3 Year Government & Corporate Index returned 0.30% in the first quarter, driven primarily by positive carry. The index yield to worst climbed 34 bps and the option-adjusted spread (OAS) on the corporate component of the index widened 11 bps to 64 bps.

### FUND OVERVIEW

Transamerica Short Term Bond performance relative to the ICE BofA US 1-3 Year Government & Corporate Index benefited from the overweight to credit in the quarter given the additional yield generated by these securities relative to the benchmark. However, this positive was more than offset by the negative performance impact of credit spread widening over the quarter, which affected the portfolio more than the benchmark. Yield curve positioning over the quarter modestly contributed to relative returns for the period. At a sector level, an ex-index allocation to asset-backed securities (ABS), selection within investment grade corporate credit and an ex-index allocation to commercial mortgage-backed securities (CMBS) were the largest contributors to relative returns. A modest ex-index allocation to high yield corporate credit detracted, as did positioning within government securities and interest rate-related derivatives. Within corporate credit, the largest contributors to relative returns were selection within technology and the overweight to and selection within energy. An overweight allocation to and selection within finance companies detracted, as did selection within insurance.

### OUTLOOK

The Iran conflict and rising geopolitical tensions in the Middle East have reintroduced headline inflation risk via higher energy prices, but the evidence still points to a price shock rather than demand-driven inflation. With inflation expectations largely anchored and growth risks rising, the U.S. Federal Reserve is likely to hold policy steady in the near term, even as markets push rate-cut expectations further out. In the firm's view, the sell-off at the front end of the yield curve has created attractive value, with two-year Treasury securities potentially positioned to benefit if slowing demand ultimately forces a more dovish policy response.

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## Average annual total returns and expense ratios (%)

|   | 3M    | YTD   | 1 YR | 3 YRS | 5 YRS | 10 YRS | Inception | Gross | Net  |
|---|-------|-------|------|-------|-------|--------|-----------|-------|------|
| Class I (at NAV)                                  | 0.21  | 0.21  | 4.18 | 5.00  | 2.59  | 2.73   | 2.93      | 0.51  | 0.51 |
| Class A (at NAV)                                  | 0.17  | 0.17  | 3.96 | 4.76  | 2.34  | 2.51   | 3.09      | 0.73  | 0.73 |
| Class A (at POP)                                  | -2.34 | -2.34 | 1.34 | 3.89  | 1.82  | 2.25   | 2.95      | 0.73  | 0.73 |
| ICE BofA 1-3 Year US Corporate & Government Index | 0.30  | 0.30  | 3.96 | 4.38  | 2.04  | 2.03   | -         | -     | -    |

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## Top 10 holdings (%)

|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| U.S. Treasury Notes, 3.88%, due 03/15/2028          | 3.24        |
| U.S. Treasury Notes, 4.25%, due 02/28/2029          | 0.96        |
| Wells Fargo & Co., 3.58%, due 05/22/2028            | 0.93        |
| GXO Logistics, Inc., 6.25%, due 05/06/2029          | 0.75        |
| Citigroup, Inc., 4.08%, due 04/23/2029              | 0.73        |
| Bank of America Corp., 4.38%, due 04/27/2028        | 0.71        |
| U.S. Treasury Notes, 4.25%, due 02/15/2028          | 0.67        |
| U.S. Bank NA, 4.73%, due 05/15/2028                 | 0.64        |
| Avolon Holdings Funding Ltd., 6.38%, due 05/04/2028 | 0.61        |
| Keysight Technologies, Inc., 4.60%, due 04/06/2027  | 0.60        |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>9.84</b> |

Holdings and weights are subject to change and are not recommendations to buy or sell a security. Holdings display excludes net other assets (liabilities).

## Maturity (%)

|             |       |
|-------------|-------|
| 0-1 Years   | 10.81 |
| 1-3 Years   | 52.83 |
| 3-5 Years   | 15.62 |
| 5-10 Years  | 5.17  |
| 10-20 Years | 4.79  |
| 20+ Years   | 9.53  |

The Net Other Assets (Liabilities) category may include, but is not limited to, repurchase agreements, reverse repurchase agreements, security lending collateral, forward foreign currency contracts, and cash collateral.

The ICE BofAML U.S. Corporate & Government 1-3 Years Index is an unmanaged index used as a general measure of market performance. It is not possible to invest directly into an index. Calculations assume dividends and capital gains are reinvested and do not include any managerial expenses.

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