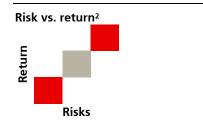


# **UBS US Ultra Short Bond Strategy**

4Q 2024 | Short Duration Strategy<sup>1</sup>

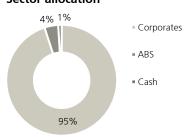


# Quality allocation<sup>3</sup>

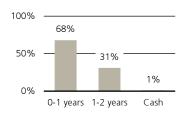


- Treasury / Agy
- = AAA / Aaa
- AA- / Aa3A+ / A1
- **A** / A2
- A / A2A- / A3
- BBB+ / Baa1
- BBB / Baa2

# Sector allocation<sup>3</sup>



# Duration distribution<sup>3</sup>



# **Target investor**

Designed for investors seeking incremental yield over money market funds.

# **Objective**

To seek to enhance yield through maturity extension and wider security selection, while seeking to minimize loss of capital.

#### Characteristics

- Yield to worst: 4.64%
- Strategy duration: 0.68 years
- Average credit quality of holdings: A<sup>4</sup>

#### Investment strategy

UBS US Ultra Short Bond Strategy ("The Strategy"), manged by investing in corporate debt, floating rate notes, securitized instruments, and cash equivalents. The Strategy seeks to provide returns, over a three-year market cycle, in excess of the ICE BofA US 3-month Treasury Bill Index.

# **Philosophy**

- We believe that the successful management of clients' assets is based on a disciplined investment process that is supported by extensive and in-depth research.
- We strive to deliver consistent, above-average returns with below-average risk.
- Our disciplined investment process is designed to deliver long-term, "northwest quadrant" risk/return performance results.
- Our overall focus is on seeking to minimize loss of capital and maintaining liquid portfolios with enhanced yields.

# **Portfolio maturity**

Structure/Duration

- The maximum portfolio duration will be limited to two and a half years.
- The maximum average life of any one security is five years.

#### Quality

- The portfolio will seek to maintain a minimum average credit quality of "A+/A1."
- Securities with maturities greater than one year must have a minimum credit rating of "A" or its equivalent as rated by one of the Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organizations ("NRSROs"), or be unrated, but determined by UBS Asset Management to be of comparable quality at time of purchase.
- Securities with maturities less than one year must have a minimum credit rating of "A2" or its equivalent as rated by one of the "NRSROs" or unrated, but determined by UBS Asset Management to be of comparable quality.
- 1 All figures as of 31 December 2024, unless otherwise noted.
- 2 For illustrative purposes only. Does not imply specific risk or return expectations.
- 3 Based upon a representative account within US Ultra Short Bond Strategy. Information may be different for a specific client account. May not equal 100% due to rounding.
- 4 Average Credit Rating for lowest Rating across major Rating agencies.

# **Highlights**

- Overall focus seeks to preserve capital and maintain a liquid portfolio with enhanced yield.
- Value added relative to benchmarks by active management employed across all opportunity sets: duration, yield curve, sector and issue selection.
- Securities include Treasuries (Gross), agencies, corporates, asset-backed, mortgages and money market; quality may range from AAA to BBB (Investment Grade).
- Portfolios can be customized to meet client needs.
- Strategy can be used as stand alone or as complement to other cash management solutions.
- USD 178 billion in money market and short-term bond strategies invested around the globe.<sup>5</sup>
- UBS Asset Management offers a full range of cash management alternatives.
- Please call the Institutional Sales Line at 212-882 5368 to learn more.
- 5 As of 31 December 2024, and includes short duration bond, short duration high yield and short duration emerging market strategies. As of 31 December 2024, UBS Asset Management, a business group of UBS, manages USD 1,773 billion worldwide. UBS Asset Management (Americas) LLC, managed USD 443 billion in assets of which approximately USD 110 billion are in US money market fund and short-term bond strategies.

#### Total returns (in USD)

For periods ending 31 December 2024

In %	4Q24	YTD	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Inception (31-Dec-94) <sup>6</sup>
UBS US Ultra Short Bond Composite (gross)	1.19	5.58	5.58	3.82	2.51	2.01	2.96
UBS US Ultra Short Bond Composite (net)	1.16	5.45	5.45	3.69	2.38	1.88	2.83
ICE BofA US 3-month Treasury Bill Index <sup>7</sup>	1.17	5.25	5.25	3.89	2.46	1.78	2.73
Value added (benchmark vs. net)8	-0.01	0.20	0.20	-0.20	-0.08	0.10	0.09

<sup>6</sup> Periods over one year are annualized.

The returns shown above are based on currently available information and are subject to revision. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. This slide contains performance figures that are presented/calculated both net and gross of investment management fees. "Year-by-year net of-fee composite performance, which reflects the deduction of the actual fee charged, is shown on the page titled: Year-by-year composite performance. For additional disclosure information, please refer to the Composite performance disclosure section found at the end of the presentation. The investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that an investment, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than its original value. Performance of different types of investment vehicles, including mutual funds and separately managed accounts, employing the Strategy may differ as a result of the different fees, expenses, charges, number of securities, and regulatory requirements and/or restrictions applicable to the vehicles.

<sup>7</sup> The Strategy's benchmark changed from the BofA 1-Year US Treasury Index to the ICE BofA US 3-Month Treasury Bill Index as of 31 January 2018.

<sup>8</sup> Value added is the arithmetic difference between the composite return (net of fees) and the benchmark return

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# **Performance: US Ultra Short Bond Composite**

1 December 1995 Through 31 December 2023. Amounts and returns expressed in USD

Year	Gross asset weighted return (%)	Net asset weighted return (%)	Benchmark return (%)	Composite 3-years standard deviation (%)	Benchmark 3-years standard deviation (%)		Total composite assets end of period (USD m)	Asset- weighted dispersion (%)	Composite assets as percent of firm assets
1995 <sup>9</sup>	0.64	0.63	0.59	N/A	N/A	1	17	N/A	0.02
1996	5.44	5.31	5.68	N/A	N/A	5	171	N/A	0.20
1997	6.20	6.06	6.11	N/A	N/A	5	178	0.11	0.18
1998	6.16	6.02	5.89	0.85	0.61	4	133	0.04	0.12
1999	4.20	4.07	4.26	0.66	0.62	4	159	0.23	0.16
2000	7.65	7.51	7.10	0.73	0.71	2	381	0.06	0.45
2001	7.38	7.24	7.07	0.93	0.83	2	406	0.08	0.35
2002	4.48	4.35	3.30	1.09	0.98	2	398	0.21	0.13
2003	1.78	1.65	1.47	1.22	1.02	2	404	0.04	0.09
2004	1.17	1.04	0.74	1.04	0.69	3	542	0.09	0.11
2005	2.73	2.59	2.31	0.74	0.53	4	406	0.07	0.07
2006	5.00	4.87	4.24	0.72	0.64	2	386	0.03	0.06
2007	4.72	4.58	5.72	0.41	0.69	2	292	1.04	0.04
2008	3.86	3.72	4.81	0.51	0.89	2	192	0.40	0.04
2009	1.11	0.98	0.90	0.67	1.06	3	295	0.48	0.06
2010	0.82	0.70	0.83	0.63	0.94	3	277	0.45	0.05
2011	0.70	0.57	0.57	0.22	0.31	1	93	N/A	0.02
2012	1.03	0.90	0.24	0.20	0.20	1	94	N/A	0.02
2013	0.62	0.49	0.26	0.20	0.14	1	94	N/A	0.02
2014	0.78	0.65	0.18	0.25	0.11	2	245	N/A	0.04
2015	0.46	0.33	0.15	0.25	0.16	1	351	N/A	0.06
2016	1.02	0.89	0.76	0.29	0.25	1	355	N/A	0.06
2017	1.19	1.06	0.57	0.26	0.26	2	659	N/A	0.09
2018	1.87	1.74	1.81	0.27	0.28	3	1,409	N/A	0.19
2019	3.02	2.89	2.28	0.31	0.26	3	2,649	0.03	0.32
2020	1.06	0.93	0.67	1.14	0.28	3	3,139	0.05	0.24
2021	0.11	-0.02	0.05	1.16	0.33	3	2,165	0.04	0.19
2022	0.08	-0.04	1.46	1.24	0.35	3	775	0.04	0.07
202310	5.90	5.77	5.01	1.00	0.66	3	438	0.04	0.04

Note: 3 years standard deviations are based on the gross returns.

<sup>9</sup> Performance Presented for December 1995 through December 1995. No statistics are annualized.

<sup>10</sup> Performance results for calendar-year 2023 have not been independently verified as of the publication date of this material. Please see the Composite performance disclosure section for more information.

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