

# Reams Asset Management Low Duration 1-5 Year

## Investment Philosophy

Reams defines risk as permanent loss of principal or the inability to meet investment objectives. This is distinct from other investors who may define risk as volatility or tracking error versus a benchmark. Another differentiating feature is that Reams focuses on reacting to relative value opportunities and taking advantage of volatility, rather than relying on economic forecasting and predicting market movements. These guiding beliefs lead the team to:

- Focus on long-term value and total return
- Employ both top-down macro and bottom-up strategies to uncover unique opportunities
- React opportunistically to valuation discrepancies and volatility in the bond market
- Create diversified bond portfolios in an attempt to outperform over a full market cycle
- Seek opportunities to add value in niche parts of the market overlooked by larger managers

## Strategy Overview

- The standard benchmark is the ICE® BofAML® 1-5 Year U.S. Corp/Gov't. Index (other benchmarks may be utilized for separate accounts based on client-specific guidelines).
- Invest tactically across all sectors of the fixed income market including investment-grade and high yield credit, governments, agencies, mortgage-backed, asset-backed and non-US dollar.
- Actively manage overall portfolio duration based on market conditions, normally within a range of 1 to 5 years.
- May use derivative instruments such as futures, options and credit default swaps, if explicitly authorized by client guidelines, in order to gain exposure and manage risk

## Investment Process

### Step One: Duration and Yield-Curve Decision

Goal: Determine whether the bond market is cheap or expensive

- Emphasize real interest rates and formulate a long-term view
- Take advantage of yield curve opportunities

### Step Two: Sector Decision and Bond Selection

Goal: Identify bonds with the highest risk-adjusted returns

- Actively rotate across sectors based on relative value and select individual bonds expected to perform well in dynamic interest rate and credit environments
- Focus on senior positions within the capital structure and use stress testing/scenario analysis to evaluate potential outcomes

### Step Three: Risk Analysis and Control

Goal: Continually measure and control exposure to key risk factors

- Employ external and proprietary analytical tools to manage and control risk at security, sector and portfolio levels
- Avoid backward looking risk measures and "risk budgeting" approaches to portfolio construction

## Total Strategy Assets

\$1,209.5 million

## Portfolio Management Team

### Mark Egan, CFA

Lead Portfolio Manager

- Joined Reams Asset Management in 1990
- 38 years of investment experience

### Todd Thompson, CFA

Co-Portfolio Manager

- Joined Reams Asset Management in 2001
- 30 years of investment experience

### Clark Holland, CFA

Co-Portfolio Manager

- Joined Reams Asset Management in 2002
- 30 years of investment experience

### Jason Hoyer, CFA

Co-Portfolio Manager

- Joined Reams Asset Management in 2015
- 21 years of investment experience

### Dimitri Silva, CFA

Co-Portfolio Manager

- Joined Reams Asset Management in 2021
- 17 years of investment experience

### Neil Aggarwal

Co-Portfolio Manager

- Joined Reams Asset Management in 2022
- 21 years of investment experience

## Performance Summary

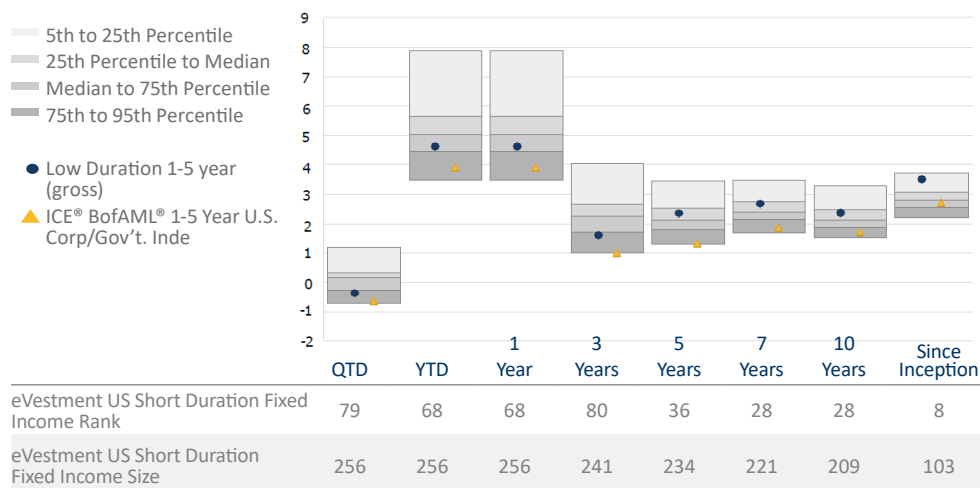
### Trailing Period Performance (annualized for periods greater than 1 year)

	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	7 Years	10 Years	Since Inception
Low Duration 1-5 Year (gross)	-0.39%	4.61%	4.61%	1.58%	2.33%	2.65%	2.35%	3.49%
Low Duration 1-5 Year (net)	-0.44%	4.40%	4.40%	1.37%	2.12%	2.45%	2.15%	3.29%
ICE® BofAML® 1-5 Year U.S. Corp/Gov't. Index	-0.66%	3.91%	3.91%	0.97%	1.32%	1.86%	1.70%	2.70%
Excess Return (net)	0.22%	0.49%	0.49%	0.40%	0.80%	0.59%	0.45%	0.59%

Inception Date: July 1, 2002

### Low Duration 1-5 year vs. eVestment U.S. Short Duration Fixed Income Universe<sup>†</sup>

#### Trailing Period Returns (as of Dec. 31, 2024)



Source: Nasdaq eVestment

Ranking within eVestment US Short Duration Fixed Income universe based on monthly returns gross of fees. Ranking data calculated on Jan. 23, 2025 (as of Dec. 31, 2024) and is subject to change as additional firms within the category submit data. Reams Asset Management pays an annual fee to eVestment to access their platform and to use their data, including peer group rankings, in marketing materials. Reams Asset Management does not pay for the ranking.

### Performance Attribution<sup>†</sup>

Q4 2024 (gross of fees)

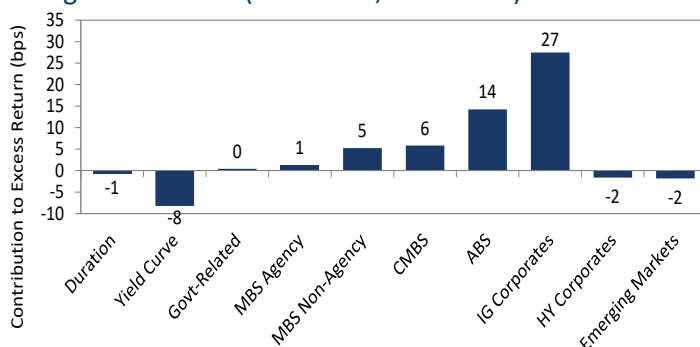
Source	Impact %
Duration Management	-0.06
Yield Curve Positioning	-0.03
<b>Total Macro</b>	<b>-0.09</b>
Sector Allocation	0.09
Security Selection	0.27
<b>Total Selection</b>	<b>0.36</b>
Fees	-0.05%

### Contributors / Detractors

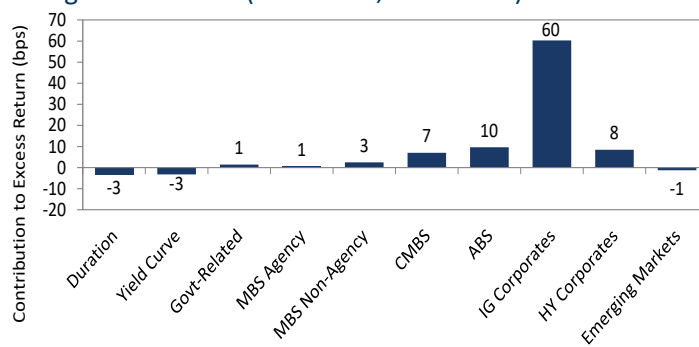
- A longer-duration posture and positioning farther out on the yield curve negatively impacted performance.
- Sector allocation had a positive impact, particularly in investment-grade (IG) corporates, where spreads continued to tighten.
- The overweight to asset-backed securities (ABS) also benefitted from spread tightening.
- The allocation to mortgage-backed securities (MBS) marginally detracted because of rising interest rate volatility.
- The focus on higher-coupon agency MBS contributed, prevailing over lower-coupon securities.
- The defensive focus in IG corporates contributed to performance.
- Securities within ABS also continued yielding positive results.
- Limited exposure to commercial mortgage-backed securities (CMBS) provided a marginal benefit during the quarter.

## Contribution to Excess Returns (Basis Points)

### Trailing 3-Year Period (net of fees, annualized)



### Trailing 5-Year Period (net of fees, annualized)



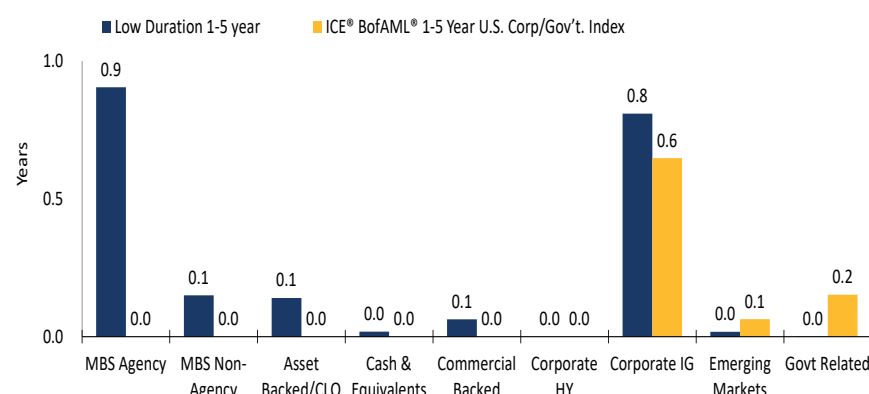
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<sup>†</sup>Based on Gross of Fee Performance

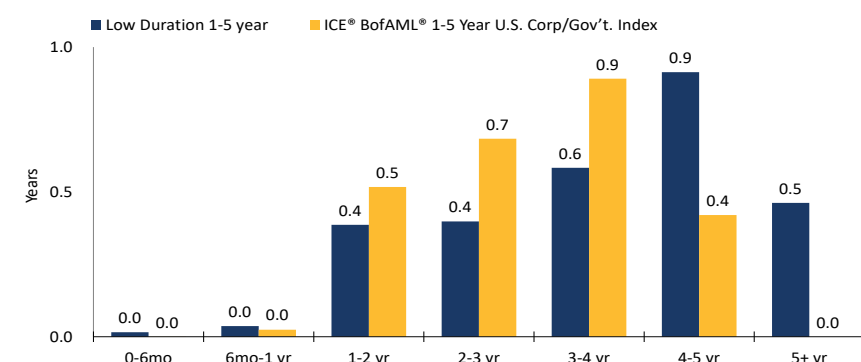
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## Portfolio Summary

### Contribution to Spread Duration (Years)



### Contribution to Interest Rate Duration (Years)



### Portfolio Characteristics

	Low Duration 1-5 Year	ICE® BofAML® 1-5 Year U.S. Corp/Gov't. Index
Wtd. Avg. Duration	2.8 years	2.5 years
Wtd. Avg. Convexity	-0.25	0.08
Wtd. Avg. Yield to Worst	5.0%	4.5%
Wtd. Avg. Maturity	3.5 years	2.8 years
Wtd. Avg. Quality	Aa2	Aa2

### Sector Allocation (%)<sup>(1)</sup>

	Low Duration 1-5 Year	ICE® BofAML® 1-5 Year U.S. Corp/Gov't. Index
Treasury	18.7	65.7
Govt Related	0.4	6.3
MBS Agency	22.6	0.0
MBS Non-Agency	6.5	0.0
Commercial Backed	3.4	0.0
Asset Backed/CLO	11.7	0.0
Corporate IG	33.3	25.6
Corporate HY	0.0	0.0
Emerging Markets	1.0	2.5
Cash & Equivalents	2.4	0.0
Total	100.0	100.0

### Quality Allocation (%)<sup>(1)(2)</sup>

	Low Duration 1-5 Year	ICE® BofAML® 1-5 Year U.S. Corp/Gov't. Index
AAA	22.0	3.5
AA	44.8	70.8
A	18.7	13.5
BBB	12.2	12.2
Below Investment Grade	0.0	0.0
Cash & Equivalents	2.4	0.0
Total	100.0	100.0

## Positioning and Rationale

- Exposure to IG corporates marginally declined, remaining overweight relative to the index.
- Non-index exposure to agency residential mortgage-backed securities (RMBS) increased while non-agency RMBS fell slightly.
- Non-index exposure to ABS moved minimally higher.
- Exposure to CMBS decreased slightly.
- A small non-U.S. exposure was added at a limited weight.
- The allocation to U.S. Treasuries fell, remaining significantly underweight.
- Portfolio duration increased to a level slightly longer than the index, which reflects attractive real rates.
- Yield curve exposure featured modest non-index exposure to the 5+ year duration segment and an overweight to the 4- to 5-year segment, which was offset by underweights to the 1- to 2-year, 2- to 3-year, and 3- to 4-year segments.

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Investment Strategies

Core	Low Duration
Core Plus	Real Return
Intermediate	Ultra Low Duration
Long Duration	Unconstrained

Investment Vehicles

Separate Accounts  
Commingled Funds  
Mutual Funds

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Disclosure

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Separate Account	.20% on first \$50M
	.15% on next \$50M
	Fees negotiable over \$100M

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