



FORT WASHINGTON SHORT DURATION FIXED INCOME — 2Q2025

PORTFOLIO COMMENTARY

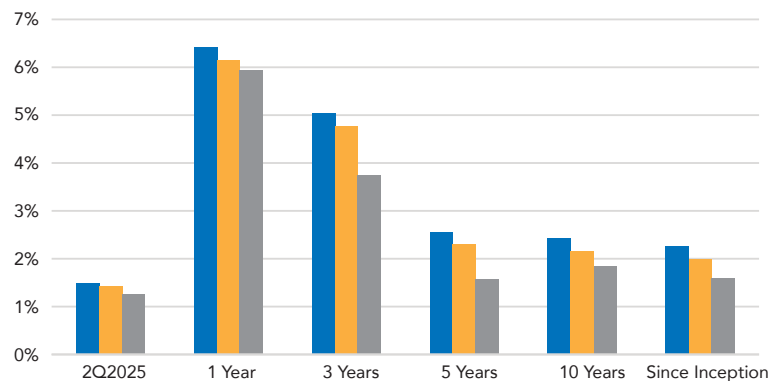
The Fort Washington Short Duration Fixed Income strategy returned 1.49% gross and 1.42 net for the quarter, outperforming the Bloomberg 1-3 Year US Gov/Credit Index, which returned 1.27%.

The strategy's sector allocation was the largest contributor to relative performance during the quarter. The primary driver was an overweight allocation to investment grade corporates which outperformed as spreads tightened over the period.

Security selection was also a positive contributor to outperformance over the quarter due to outperformance within investment grade corporates. Subordinated positions within high-quality banks were the primary driver of the outperformance.

The strategy's interest rate positioning had a neutral impact on relative performance over the quarter. The strategy was largely neutral duration compared to the benchmark as shorter rates declined modestly over the period, resulting in a minimal impact to performance.

Trailing Total Returns (as of June 30, 2025)



■ Short Duration Fixed Income (Gross)	1.49	6.43	5.05	2.57	2.42	2.26
■ Short Duration Fixed Income (Net)	1.42	6.17	4.79	2.31	2.16	2.01
■ Bloomberg 1-3 Year US Gov/Credit	1.27	5.94	3.75	1.58	1.84	1.60

Source: Fort Washington. Past performance is not indicative of future results. This supplemental information complements the Short Duration Fixed Income GIPS Report. Inception date: 07/01/2011.

POSITIONING

Risk budget: The strategy is targeting a modest overweight to risk, representing 40% of the risk budget.

Despite modestly cheaper valuations since the beginning of the year, current levels are still expensive relative to history. Incorporating our macroeconomic outlook and elevated uncertainty, portfolios are positioned with a modest overweight risk posture and an ability to add risk as opportunities arise.

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Investment Grade Credit
8 Portfolio Managers & Analysts
Average Industry experience / 2009

Securitized Products
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Average Industry experience / 2006

Emerging Markets
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Average Industry experience / 2003

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Average Industry experience / 2004

Sectors: Sector positioning reflects current valuations, relative value, and opportunities within each sector. Allocations were mostly unchanged during the quarter and primary risk exposures include:

- ▶ The strategy remains overweight Investment Grade Credit (IG). Within the IG allocation, the strategy is increasingly weighted toward liquid, higher-quality issues. We are maintaining a risk overweight to select sectors where compelling bottom-up opportunities exist such as midstream and banks.
- ▶ The strategy is overweight within Securitized Products relative to the benchmark, focused within high-quality ABS. Spreads moved tighter over the quarter as trade tensions moderated and many non-agency sectors have moved back to levels that are tight of historical medians. Pockets of value still exist but as tight credit curves are not adequately compensating investors for risk, the exposure remains biased up-in-quality.

Rates: We are currently positioning portfolios neutral duration relative to the benchmark but with an overweight bias to the 5-year point of the curve relative to the 2-year part of the curve. Volatility has been elevated and we anticipate the magnitude of expected rate cuts will continue shifting with new economic data and developments around executive branch policies, presenting opportunities for tactical adjustments.

Sector Allocation						
	Portfolio		Index		Relative	
	MV %	Spread Risk	MV %	Spread Risk	MV %	Spread Risk
US Government	23.6	-	72.3	0.0	-48.7	-0.0
TIPS	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investment Grade Credit	69.3	1.4	26.9	0.3	+42.4	+1.0
Basic Industry	-	-	0.3	0.0	-0.3	-0.0
Capital Goods	5.5	0.1	1.3	0.0	+4.3	+0.1
Communications	2.1	0.0	1.0	0.0	+1.1	-0.0
Consumer Cyclical	9.4	0.2	2.0	0.0	+7.5	+0.1
Consumer Non-Cyclical	1.7	0.0	2.7	0.0	-1.0	-0.0
Energy	5.6	0.2	1.1	0.0	+4.5	+0.1
Financials	29.7	0.6	11.0	0.2	+18.7	+0.4
Other Industrial	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	+0.5	+0.0
Technology	2.3	0.1	2.2	0.0	+0.2	+0.0
Transportation	5.2	0.1	0.3	0.0	+4.9	+0.1
Utility	5.9	0.1	1.4	0.0	+4.5	+0.1
Other	1.3	0.0	3.8	0.0	-2.5	+0.0
Securitized	5.9	0.2	-	-	+5.9	+0.2
RMBS	0.3	0.0	-	-	+0.3	+0.0
ABS	4.7	0.2	-	-	+4.7	+0.2
CLO	0.9	0.0	-	-	+0.9	+0.0
CMBS	-	-	-	-	-	-
High Yield	0.0	0.0	-	-	+0.0	+0.0
Emerging Markets Debt	0.4	0.0	0.8	0.0	-0.4	-0.0
Preferred Stock	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cash	0.7	-	-	-	+0.7	-

Source: Bloomberg PORT. Sector Analysis chart is for illustrative purposes only; this illustrates the portfolio's allocation of dollars and risk compared to the benchmark. Information is subject to change at any time without notice. Index is the Bloomberg 1-3 Year US Gov/Credit Index. This should not be considered investment advice or a recommendation of any strategy, product, or particular security. See disclosures for important information about derivatives. This supplemental information complements the Short Duration Fixed Income GIPS Report.

Portfolio Characteristics		
	Short Duration Fixed Income	Bloomberg 1-3 Year US Gov/Credit
Yield to Worst	4.53	3.92
Option Adjusted Spread	58	13
Option Adjusted Duration	1.66	1.87
BBB Equiv Spread Risk	1.56	0.37
Average Quality	A2/A3	Aa2/Aa3
Number Issuers*	61	697

Source: Fort Washington. *A Short Duration Fixed Income Representative Account is being used to illustrate Number of Issuers. Portfolio characteristics and credit quality are as of the reported date and subject to change at any time without notice. Past performance is not indicative of future results. This supplemental information complements the Short Duration Fixed Income GIPS Report.

Credit Quality		
	Short Duration Fixed Income	Bloomberg 1-3 Year US Gov/Credit
AAA	4%	3%
AA	26%	75%
A	32%	12%
BBB	38%	10%
BB	0%	0%
B	0%	0%
CCC and Below	0%	0%
Not Rated / Other	0%	0%
Cash	1%	0%

MARKET OVERVIEW

Uncertainty that unsettled investors in Q1 extended into the second quarter. Escalating tariff policies peaked on April 2—dubbed “Liberation Day”—with the announcement of reciprocal tariffs on all trading partners. A reprieve followed a week later, which provided relief to markets and lowered the chances of an immediate growth shock. However, it did little to clarify the outlook for consumers and businesses planning spending, capital expenditures, or hiring.

Despite softening sentiment, economic fundamentals remained resilient. Retail sales continued to grow, albeit with volatility driven by tariff-related front-running. The labor market remains largely balanced with the U.S. adding jobs and consumers experiencing real wage growth. However, a rising personal savings rate suggests consumers are preparing for potential policy shocks. Meanwhile, housing remains a persistent drag due to extremely challenging affordability as mortgage rates and home prices stay high.

Looking ahead, growth expectations for 2025 and 2026 have been revised downward due to continued uncertainty. Should this uncertainty persist, it may begin to reflect in weaker economic data. However, the recent passage of the reconciliation package— “One Big, Beautiful Bill”—is likely to provide a modest boost to economic activity in the short term, via extended tax cuts and incentives for capital expenditures through accelerated depreciation.

Markets were volatile but ended Q2 appearing cautiously optimistic. The S&P 500 briefly entered bear market territory in early April but rebounded to end the quarter at all-time highs. Credit spreads followed a similar trajectory, widening initially before tightening meaningfully through the rest of the quarter, ending tight of historical averages. This shift in investor tone, alongside easing near-term inflation concerns, led to a steeper yield curve, while the 10-year Treasury remained largely unchanged.

MACRO OUTLOOK | AS OF 06/30/2025

Factor	Outlook	Comments
Economic Growth	Neutral	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Growth expectations have fallen due to shifting trade policy leading to softer sentiment across businesses and consumers.In aggregate, the consumer has a solid foundation, but their outlook remains fragile.Overall business fundamentals generally healthy but trade policy creates uncertainty for capital investment and hiring.Market forecasts for inflation have increased due to tariffs, but impacts are not expected to be persistent.Economic and fiscal effects of tariffs and budget reconciliation will be the policy focus over coming quarters.
Financial Conditions	Neutral	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Terminal rate expectations continue shifting, markets anticipate multiple cuts each in 2025 and 2026.Volatility to remain elevated as markets react to incoming data and policy response.Lending standards and market-based financial conditions are largely neutral.
Valuations	Credit: Expensive	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Spreads continued tightening from the April highs and are back to historically tight levels.Default risk low but downside risk remains elevated with limited margin of safety.
	Equities: Neutral	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Equity markets back to highs despite April volatility.Valuations are back to levels comfortably above long-term averages but growth expectations supportive.
	Rates: Positive	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Interest rates reasonably priced at current levels. Yields reflect further interest rate cuts from the Fed and benign long-term inflation expectations.
Risk Budget		Summary
40%		The U.S. economy entered the year on solid footing, but growth forecasts have declined in recent months. Shifting trade policy and escalating geopolitical tensions have created elevated uncertainty along with weaker sentiment across consumers and businesses. While the market expects tariffs to increase inflation, the impacts are expected to be relatively short-lived. Corporate fundamentals remain generally healthy, but the current environment creates uncertainty over CAPEX and hiring. As a result, investors anticipate slower growth and ongoing Fed rate cuts, expecting multiple cuts each in 2025 and 2026. Given the swift recovery of financial markets, equity and credit valuations remain elevated compared to long-term averages and offer limited margin of safety. Current valuations, coupled with elevated economic risks, result in a modest allocation to credit risk.

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SHORT DURATION FIXED INCOME COMPOSITE GIPS REPORT

	2Q2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Short Duration Fixed Income (Gross)	1.49%	5.65%	5.75%	-2.13%	-0.21%	2.93%	4.39%	1.53%	1.34%	1.59%	1.29%
Short Duration Fixed Income (Net)	1.42%	5.38%	5.49%	-2.38%	-0.46%	2.68%	4.13%	1.27%	1.09%	1.33%	1.04%
Bloomberg 1-3 Year US Gov/ Credit Index	1.27%	4.36%	4.61%	-3.69%	-0.47%	3.33%	4.03%	1.60%	0.84%	1.28%	0.65%
Short Duration 3-Year Annual Standard Deviation ¹	-	1.94%	1.69%	1.60%	1.19%	1.14%	0.75%	0.77%	0.97%	1.13%	1.21%
Bloomberg 1-3 Year US Gov/ Credit Index 3-Year Annual Standard Deviation ¹	-	2.43%	2.15%	1.70%	0.98%	0.98%	0.92%	0.82%	0.73%	0.75%	0.58%
Dispersion ²	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Number of Accounts	≤5	≤5	≤5	≤5	≤5	≤5	≤5	≤5	≤5	≤5	≤5
Composite Assets (\$ Millions)	\$247.3	\$365.4	\$279.2	\$375.6	\$1,304.2	\$1,846.7	\$633.6	\$44.5	\$42.2	\$76.5	\$50.9
Total Firm Assets (\$ Millions)	\$84,969	\$81,286	\$74,613	\$66,365	\$73,804	\$65,086	\$59,174	\$49,225	\$52,774	\$45,656	\$42,959

Composite inception date: 07/01/2011. Composite creation date: 03/01/2020. ¹The 3-Year annualized ex-post standard deviation is calculated using monthly gross-of-fee returns to measure the average deviations of returns from its mean. ²Dispersion is not calculated for years in which the composite contains five portfolios or less. Dispersion is calculated as the equal weighted standard deviation of quarterly gross-of-fee returns for those portfolios held in the composite during the full measurement period. Past performance is not indicative of future results. The benchmark for this composite is the Bloomberg 1-3 Year US Gov/Credit Index. The Bloomberg 1-3 Year US Gov/Credit Index measures the performance of short-term U.S. government and investment-grade corporate bonds with maturities between 1 and 3 years. The index accounts for interest payments by incorporating them into the total return calculation. Fort Washington's Short Duration Fixed Income strategy seeks to actively manage portfolios within a disciplined sector rotation and target duration framework, focusing on long-term results, utilizing a mix of fixed income securities such as Investment Grade Corporate, Securitized, and U.S. Government bonds with a maturity up to five years. Fort Washington constructs portfolios that are diversified by sector, holdings, and quality, which we believe will produce favorable risk-adjusted returns. The Short Duration Fixed Income Composite includes all fixed income accounts above \$3 million managed consistent with the Short Duration sector and maturity objectives. The strategy's fee schedule is 0.25% on the first \$25 million and 0.20% on additional amounts over \$25 million for separate accounts. Cash is maintained, within each separately managed account segment, in accordance with our asset allocation ratio. The U.S. dollar is the base currency. The specific securities identified and described do not represent all of the securities purchased, sold, or recommended. Returns are presented gross and net of management fees and include the reinvestment of all income. Gross returns will be reduced by investment advisory fees and other expenses that may be incurred in the management of the account. Net returns reflect the portfolio's gross returns with the deduction of expenses and other costs associated with the management of the investments in the portfolio as well as the deduction of the highest advertised fee rate for the applicable strategy shown. Individual portfolio returns are calculated on a daily valuation basis. Prior to 01/01/1997, individual portfolio returns were calculated monthly using a time-weighted return method. Fort Washington Investment Advisors, Inc. (Fort Washington), a wholly owned subsidiary of The Western and Southern Life Insurance Company, is a registered investment advisor and provides discretionary money management to a broad range of investors, including both institutional and individual investors. Assets under management include all portfolios managed by Fort Washington and exclude assets managed by and marketed as its Private Equity business unit. Fort Washington claims compliance with the Global Investment Performance Standards (GIPS®) and has prepared and presented this report in compliance with the GIPS Standards. Fort Washington has been independently verified for the periods 07/01/1994-12/31/2023. The verification reports are available upon request. A firm that claims compliance with the GIPS standards must establish policies and procedures for complying with all the applicable requirements of the GIPS standards. Verification provides assurance on whether the firm's policies and procedures related to composite and pooled fund maintenance, as well as the calculation, presentation, and distribution of performance, have been designed in compliance with the GIPS standards and have been implemented on a firm-wide basis. Verification does not provide assurance on the accuracy of any specific performance report. GIPS® is a registered trademark of CFA Institute. CFA Institute does not endorse or promote this organization, nor does it warrant the accuracy or quality of the content contained herein. Policies for valuing investments, calculating performance, and preparing GIPS Reports are available upon request. To receive a complete list and description of composites, contact Fort Washington by phone at 888.244.8167, in writing at 303 Broadway, Suite 1200, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202, or online at fortwashington.com.

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