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PIMCO Australian Short-Term Bond Fund

Capital preservation and income

WHY INVEST IN THE FUND?

1	Capital preservation The fund invests predominantly in securities with high credit ratings and short maturities– typically three years or less—with the primary goal of preserving capital.
2	Yield Invested predominantly in bonds from Australia and New Zealand, the fund has generally offered yields in excess of cash investments.
3	Lower interest rate sensitivity With lower duration than typical core bond strategies, the fund is less sensitive to interest rate movements and has lower volatility, which makes it an attractive choice in a changing interest rate environment.

HARNESSING OPPORTUNITIES ON THE SPECTRUM OF CASH AND AUSTRALIAN CORE BONDS



Sample for illustrative purposes only.

THE FUND IN NUMBERS

Years of duration

4.43% Yield to maturity¹

AA+ Average Credit Quality²

Source: PIMCO as of 30 September 2024

Past performance is not a guarantee or a reliable indicator of future results. Fund performance is quoted net of fees and expenses and assumes the reinvestment of all distributions but does not take into account personal income tax. Yield to Maturity (YTM) is the estimated annual rate of return that would be received if the Fund's current securities were all held to their maturity and all coupons and principal were made as contracted. YTM does not account for fees or taxes. YTM is not a forecast, and is not a guarantee of, the future return of the Fund's actual return will depend on a range of factors, including fluctuations in the value of the Fund's securities held from time to time.

2 This is the average credit quality of the bonds held in the fund. Source: PIMCO 30 September 2024

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Role in a portfolio

BETWEEN CASH AND CORE BONDS

The fund is designed to fill the gap between cash investments and core fixed interest funds. It invests in a broad fixed income opportunity set that can enhance return potential above cash investments.

PORTFOLIO DIVERSIFICATION

Low correlation with other investments, especially equities, which may help reduce overall portfolio volatility.

FUND OBJECTIVE

To achieve maximum total return by investing in fixed interest securities predominantly denominated in Australian or New Zealand currencies, and to seek to preserve capital through prudent investment management.







Rating assigned December 2023

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We believe the Australian Short-Term Bond Fund is well positioned to meet investors' increasing needs for capital preservation, yield and liquidity in the years ahead.

- Robert Mead, Co-head of Asia Pacific Portfolio Management

OUR EXPERTISE



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PIMCO's time-tested investment process: analysing the capital markets from top to bottom

PIMCO's investment process combines an informed global macroeconomic outlook with robust bottom-up analysis. Our Australian investment specialists contribute to our global top-down views and then implement these views through bottom-up strategies.

STARTING AT THE TOP

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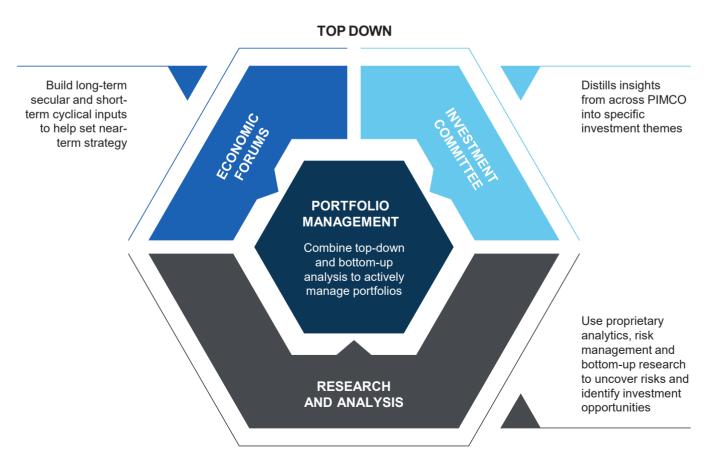
FROM THE BOTTOM UP

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DEDICATED CLIENT SERVICE EXPERTISE

PIMCO's expansive team of dedicated investment professionals have weathered various market cycles, and are experts in generating alpha, managing risk and providing the highest level of client service to help meet the asset management needs of financial advisers and your clients.

ADDING VALUE FROM TOP TO BOTTOM



Source: PIMCO, 2024

BOTTOM UP

Sydney

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