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ULTRA SHORT BOND FUND

MARKET REVIEW

- U.S. fixed income markets were firmer in the third quarter, with short-end yields declining as expectations for U.S. Federal Reserve (Fed) rate cuts increased. The yield curve steepened, and gold extended its rally, driven by safe-haven demand amid trade and policy uncertainty. Oil prices weakened again, pressured by supply announcements and subdued demand signals.¹
- The quarter's defining event was the shift in Fed policy expectations, as dovish commentary from officials and signs of labor market softness led to a September rate cut. Political pressure on the Fed intensified, including attempts to remove a governor and debates over Fed independence. Trade policy remained a key theme, with the expiration of tariff pauses and new unilateral tariffs introduced on August 1st. While some deals were reached, uncertainty lingered, especially around U.S.-China relations and the legal status of emergency tariffs. Despite these headwinds, strong corporate earnings, resilient consumer spending, and continued AI-driven optimism supported bullish sentiment in risk assets.¹
- Over the quarter, short-term investment grade corporate² credit spreads tightened by 5 basis points (bps), short-term commercial mortgage-backed securities (CMBS)³ spreads tightened by 15 bps, and short-term asset-backed securities (ABS)⁴ spreads tightened by 8 bps. The 2-Year U.S. Treasury yield decreased from 3.71% to 3.61% and the 10-Year U.S. Treasury yield moved lower from 4.23% to 4.15%.¹

¹Factset as of 30/09/2025

²As represented by the ICE BofA US Corporate (1-3 Y) Index as of 30/09/2025

³As represented by the Bloomberg US CMBS Investment Grade (1-3.5 Y) Index as of 30/09/2025

⁴As represented by the Bloomberg US ABS Composite (1-3 Y) Index as of 30/09/2025

PORTFOLIO REVIEW

- The Fund returned 1.26%, reflecting performance at the net asset value (NAV) of Class I shares Accumulating, for the quarter ended 30 September 2025. The Fund's benchmark, the ICE BofA U.S. Treasury Bill Index*, returned 1.12% during the same period.

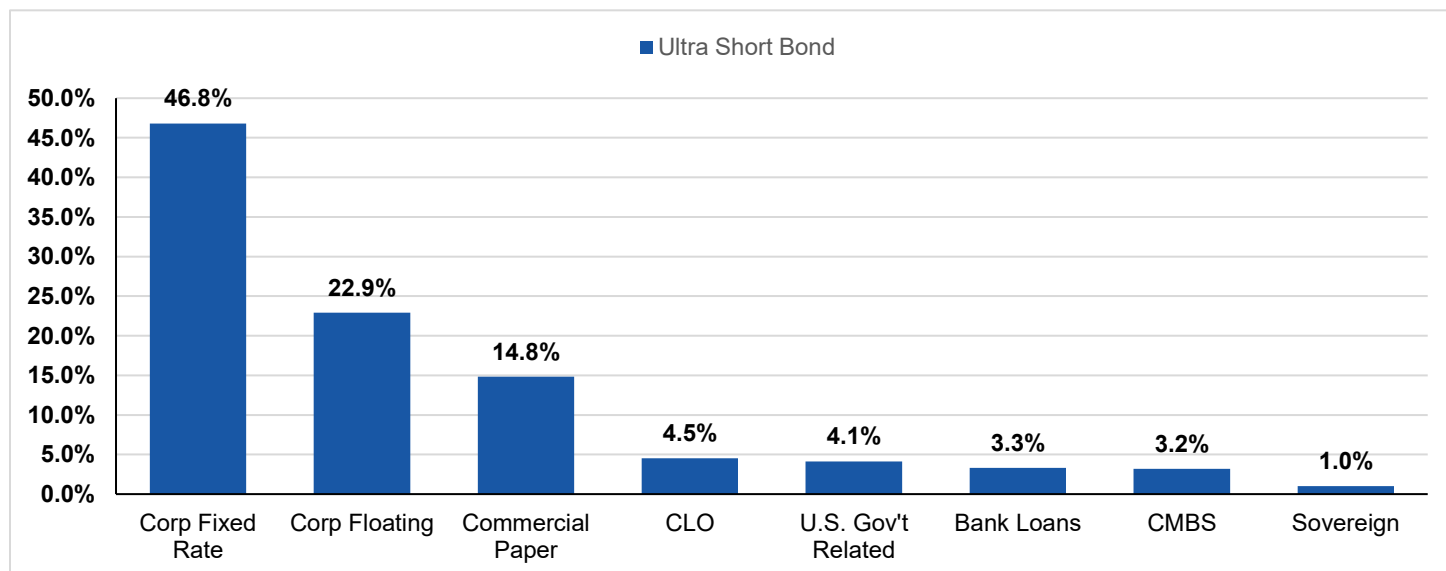
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- The portfolio's allocation to fixed and floating-rate corporate bonds contributed to performance due to their attractive carry relative to Treasury Bills. Over the quarter, we increased allocations to fixed-coupon, short-term corporate bonds.
- An allocation to collateralized loan obligations (CLOs) led to a positive impact on relative performance. The portfolio's CLO book is primarily AAA-rated deals with short average lives and low spread duration. Over the quarter, we increased the portfolio's allocation to CLOs.
- An allocation to commercial mortgage-backed securities (CMBS) also contributed to. Over the period, we added to highly liquid, higher quality conduit CMBS, which we find as an attractive opportunity set for high quality carry.
- There were no significant detractors over the period.



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PORTFOLIO BREAKDOWN



Source: Lord Abbett. Sector allocations exclude cash, Sovereign, MBS and other minor allocations. Therefore, Fund percentage allocations may not equal 100%. As of 30/09/2025

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Performance as of 30/09/2025	3Q25	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	Since Inception (18/03/2020)**
Class I (acc) USD (Net)	1.26%	5.15%	5.68%	3.31%	3.41%
ICE BofA U.S. Treasury Bill Index*	1.12%	4.45%	4.84%	2.99%	2.71%

The following performance is additional to, and should be read only in conjunction with, the performance data presented above.

*The ICE BofA U.S. Treasury Bill Index tracks the performance of US dollar denominated US Treasury Bills publicly issued in the US domestic market. Indexes are unmanaged, do not reflect the deduction of fees or expenses, and an investor cannot invest directly in an index.

**Inception date 18/03/2020

Performance as of 30/09/2025	2021	2022	2023	2024
Class I (acc) USD (Net)	0.10%	0.58%	5.91%	6.04%
ICE BofA U.S. Treasury Bill Index*	0.05%	1.34%	5.09%	5.30%

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Mortgage-backed securities (MBS) are variations of asset-backed securities that are formed by pooling together mortgages exclusively.

Commercial mortgage-backed securities (CMBS) are fixed-income investment products that are backed by mortgages on commercial properties rather than residential real estate.

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