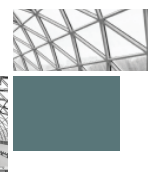


# QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE ATTRIBUTION

SHORT CORE COMPOSITE  
FOURTH QUARTER 2023



## INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE<sup>1</sup>

as of December 31, 2023

Performance <sup>1</sup>	4Q'23	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr
Short Core (before inv. mgmt. fees)	2.99	5.52	0.46	2.00	1.71
Short Core (after max. fees)	2.93	5.26	0.20	1.72	1.42
Bloomberg U.S. 1-3 Year Government/Credit Bond Index <sup>2</sup>	2.69	4.61	0.09	1.51	1.17
<b>Value Added (before inv. mgmt. fees)</b>	<b>+0.30</b>	<b>+0.91</b>	<b>+0.36</b>	<b>+0.49</b>	<b>+0.54</b>

## PERFORMANCE RECAP

Galliard's Short Core Composite (composite) outperformed its benchmark, the Bloomberg U.S. 1-3 Year Government/Credit Bond Index (index), during the fourth quarter (Q4). The composite returned 2.99%, while the index returned 2.69%. Overweight to spread sectors drove outperformance. Allocations to ABS and CMBS drove outperformance; yield curve positioning detracted.

## PERFORMANCE ATTRIBUTION (before inv. mgmt. fees)<sup>1</sup>

as of December 31, 2023

	4Q'23 Attribution (basis points)
Sector Allocation	+28
Security Selection	+5
Yield Curve/Duration	(9)
Residual Impact <sup>4</sup>	+6
<b>Total Attribution</b>	<b>+30</b>

## COMMENTARY ON PERFORMANCE ATTRIBUTION

- Sector positioning drove outperformance over the period. Allocations to ABS and CMBS proved particularly helpful.
- Corporate security selection in the Industrial and Financial sectors was additive.
- Yield curve positioning detracted. Neutral duration positioning did not materially impact performance.

<sup>1</sup> Benchmark returns are not available net of fees. For comparative purposes, Galliard Composite excess returns are shown gross of investment management fees and include all income, realized and unrealized gains and losses and all transactional costs. See further disclosures on reverse side of this page.

<sup>2</sup> Linked Benchmark: Prior to July 1, 2018 was the Bloomberg U.S. 1-3 Year Government Bond Index.

<sup>3</sup> The Weighted Average Quality shown has NOT been assessed by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization. The Weighted Average Quality shown represents the individual holding's composite ratings, as rated by S&P, Moody's, and Fitch. If S&P, Moody's, and Fitch all provide a credit rating, the composite rating is the median of the three agency ratings. If only two agencies provide ratings, the composite is the more conservative rating. If only one agency provides a rating, the composite rating reflects that agency's rating.

<sup>4</sup> Includes trading, cash flows and other residual impacts.

## COMPOSITE CHARACTERISTICS

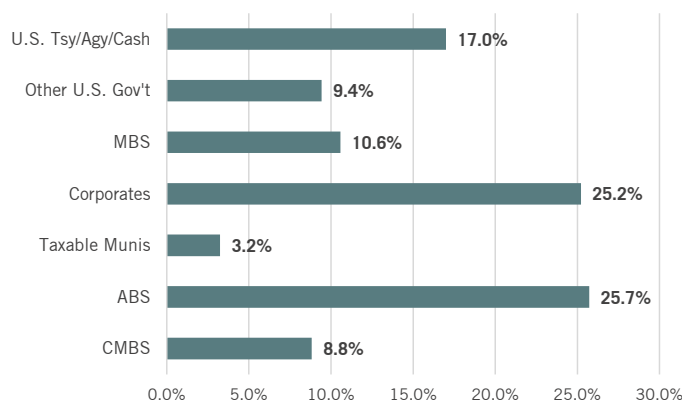
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	Short Core Composite	Bloomberg U.S. 1-3 Year Gov't/Credit Bond Index
Weighted Average Quality <sup>3</sup>	AA	AA
Yield to Maturity	5.10%	4.55%
Effective Duration	1.85 Yrs	1.77 Yrs

## SECTOR ALLOCATION

as of December 31, 2023

Duration/ Yield Curve	U.S. Tsy/Agy	Other U.S. Gov't	Corp/Muni	MBS	CMBS/ABS
Neutral/ Overweight 3-5 Yr Maturities	Underweight	Overweight	Overweight	Overweight	Overweight



## CURRENT STRATEGY & OUTLOOK

- Portfolios are fully invested, for the most part, and we remain comfortable with overall positioning.
- High quality spread assets look fairly priced, generally speaking, but some limited opportunities remain across specific sectors.
- We will continue to emphasize high quality, diversification and liquidity in all new purchases as we look to maintain overall defensive positioning to protect against downside risks and elevated levels of uncertainty.
- Duration positioning will continue to be broadly neutral versus benchmarks.

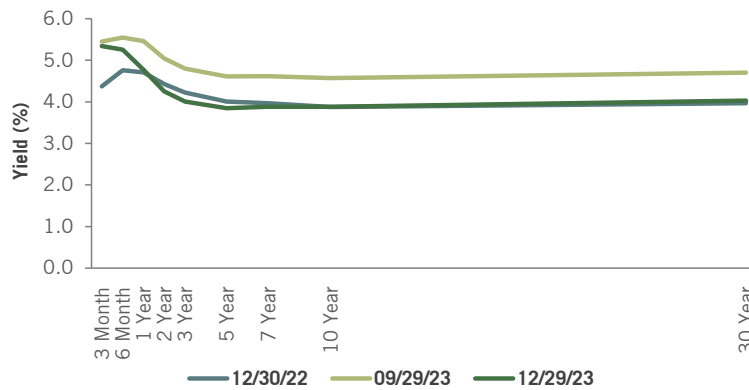
# SHORT CORE COMPOSITE

## FOURTH QUARTER

Interest Rates Declined as Fed Pivot Looks Imminent; Credit Spreads Tightened

### CHANGES IN U.S. TREASURY RATES

With Additional Rate Cuts Now Expected in 2024 Yields Adjusted Lower



Source: Bloomberg

### QUARTERLY MARKET COMMENTARY

- For now, the economic outlook is remarkably sanguine. 3Q GDP growth measured 4.9% q/q annualized, with 3.1% q/q annualized personal consumption and gross private investment that jumped up to 10.0% q/q annualized on strong residential fixed investment and inventory building.
- As anticipated, the Fed stayed on hold and provided a dovish message in December, indicating that interest rate cuts are forthcoming. However, the market continues to price in more aggressive rate cuts than the Fed: futures are pricing in nearly seven cuts through January 2025. This hardly seems consistent with a soft landing.
- Many forecasters find underlying trends indicating that the recent, favorable drop in inflation is expected to continue. Further, the stability of inflation expectations is consistent with the market view that the Fed is done with monetary policy tightening and that rate cuts are on deck in 2024.
- In general, the labor market remained relatively strong heading into year end. A healthier balance in the supply and demand for labor is taking shape that should ease wage pressure, which is an important component in the ongoing inflation fight. With inflation trending lower, nominal wage gains are translating into real wage gains.
- The ISM Manufacturing PMI has been in contractionary territory since November 2022, but the trend seems to have slowed, while the ISM Services PMI continues to be the bright spot in business activity. Mortgage rates fell sharply alongside Treasuries during the quarter; however, rates remain elevated relative to the last decade. As a result, housing activity remains muted.

### CORPORATE CREDIT SPREADS

Corporate Spreads Tightened Across Maturities



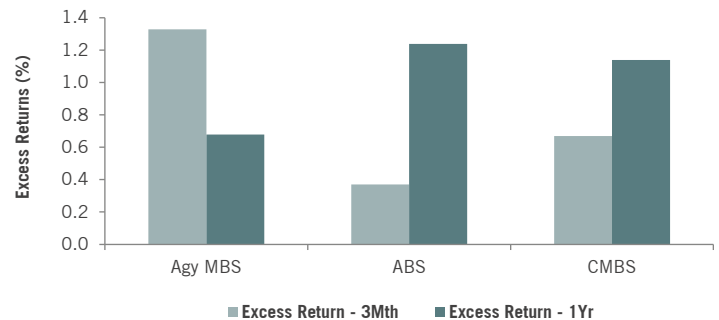
Source: Bloomberg

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