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# Shenkman Capital Short Duration High Income Fund

#### **ABOUT SHENKMAN**

Shenkman Group of Companies manages over \$28.8 billion in assets\*, \$7.8 billion of which is in our high yield short duration strategy. The firm was founded in 1985 by Mark Shenkman, a pioneer in leveraged finance. We focus exclusively on analyzing and investing in high yield companies. We have offices in New York, NY, Stamford, CT, Boca Raton, FL, and London, UK.

\*The Shenkman Group of Companies AUM represents \$25.6bn managed by Shenkman Capital Management Inc. and \$3.2bn managed by Romark Credit Advisors LP and its relying advisors. See disclaimers for additional important information on the Shenkman Group of Companies.

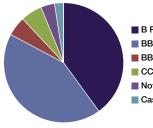
#### SHENKMAN ADVANTAGES

- Philosophy: Shenkman focuses first and foremost on capital preservation and avoiding defaults, which in our opinion are the two key drivers of success in short duration high yield.
- Presence: Shenkman combines the potential advantages of a \$28.8bn high yield platform with the nimbleness of a \$7.8bn short duration strategy.
- Depth of Research Team: Shenkman's 21 member credit research team is organized by sector with each analyst responsible for the entire capital structure and maturity spectrum.
- Risk Management: Innovative credit risk analytics that can help to outperform in difficult and uncertain markets.

#### **FUND FACTS**

	Class I	Class F	Class A	Class C
Ticker	SCFIX	SCFFX	SCFAX	SCFCX
Inception Date	10/31/12	5/17/13	10/31/12	1/28/14
Min. Investment	\$1,000,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Subs. Investment	\$100,000	\$100	\$100	\$100
Net Asset Value	\$9.54	\$9.53	\$9.56	\$9.53
Gross Exp. Ratio	0.66%	0.76%	1.01%	1.76%
Net Exp. Ratio^	0.65%	0.75%	1.00%	1.75%

#### CREDIT QUALITY DISTRIBUTION<sup>2</sup>

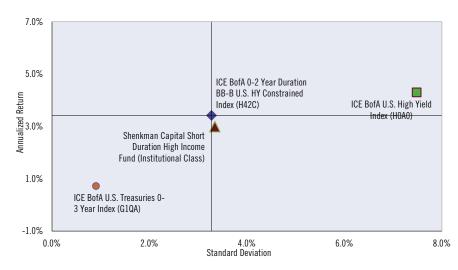


B Rating 39.39% BB Rating 43.21% BBB Rating 5.30% CCC Rating 5.86% Not Rated 3.75% Cash 2.49%

#### FUND PHILOSOPHY

The Shenkman Capital Short Duration High Income Fund seeks a high level of current income while minimizing interest rate risk, avoiding credit events, and maximizing risk adjusted returns.

#### **RISK/RETURN STATISTICS** (as of 02/28/23)



#### FUND PERFORMANCE<sup>1</sup> (as of 02/28/23)

#### 10 Yr MTD YTD 3 Yr 5 Yr 10 Yr 1 Yr 1 Yr 5 Yr -2.52% 2.37% 2.80% 1.82% 0.41% Institutional Class (I) -0.26% 2.00% 2.70% 2.89% **Class** F -0.27% 1.81% 0.33% 1.92% 2.62% 2.80% -2.60% 2.29% 2.70% Class A - w/o Load -0.28% 1.77% 0.10% 1.69% 2.41% 2.57% -2.70% 2.06% 2.48% -5.61% 1.44% 2.17% Class A - w/ Load -3.30% -1.26% -2.93% 0.66% 1.78% 2.26% 1.64% -3.43% 1.31% Class C - w/o Load -0.34% 1.65% -0.63% 0.94% 1.81% 1.72% Class C - w/ Load -1.34% 0.65% -1.60% 0.94% 1.64% 1.81% -4.37% 1.31% 1.72% ICE BofA 0-2 Year Dur. BB-B 0.26% 2.12% 1.50% 1 90% 2.75% 3 30% -1.69% 2.39% 3.19% U.S. HY CI. § ICE BofA High Yield Master -1.29% 2.56% -5.52% 1.14% 2.70% 4.02% -11.22% 2.12% 3.94% ICE BofA U.S. Tr. 0-3 Yrs. -0.39% 0.18% -1.36% -0.38% 1.01% 0.73% -2.27% 0.94% 0.72% Index §

#### § (with transaction costs)

II §

Performance shown for a share class before its inception is based on the performance of the Institutional Class, adjusted to reflect the fees and expenses, and any applicable sales charges of the share class shown.

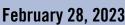
<sup>1</sup>Data as of 02/28/23 is average annual total returns. Performance data quoted represents past performance and does not guarantee future results. The investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Fund performance current to the most recent month-end may be lower or higher than the performance quoted and can be obtained by calling 1-855-SHENKMAN.

Performance data shown with load reflect the Class A maximum sales charge of 3.00% and Class C maximum deferred sales charge of 1.00%. Performance data excluding the sales charges does not reflect the deduction of the sales charges and if reflected, the sales charges would reduce the performance quoted. The fund imposes a redemption fee of 1.00% on shares held for 30 days or less. Performance data does not reflect the redemption fee. If it had, returns would be reduced.

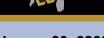
<sup>2</sup>Rating Agency: Standard and Poors; All ratings include each tranche within their respective ratings category.

^The adviser has contractually agreed to waive a portion of the fund expenses through January 27, 2024.





(as of 12/31/22)



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#### FUND CHARACTERISTICS (as of 02/28/23)

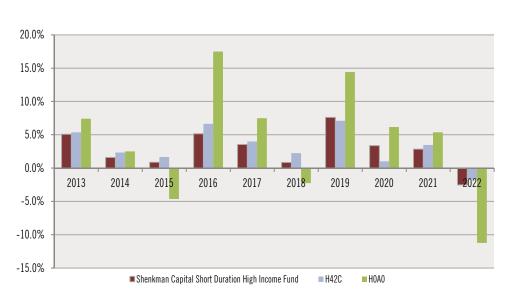
Total Fund Assets	\$1.6 billior		
Number of Holdings	305		
Average Maturity*	2.65 Yrs		
Duration to Worst*	1.92 Yrs		
Distribution Frequency	Monthly accrual		
Redemption Fee	30 days / 1.00%		

\* Based on Shenkman's internal valuations, classifications, and records.

#### YIELDS (as of 02/28/23)

Share Class	SEC 30-Day Subsidized Yields	SEC 30-Day Unsubsidized Yields	
Class I	6.37%	6.38%	
Class F	6.28%	6.28%	
Class A	5.85%	5.85%	
Class C	5.22%	5.23%	

#### **CALENDAR YEAR PERFORMANCE**



Performance data quoted represents past performance and does not guarantee future results.

#### **TOP 10 INDUSTRIES**

	Name	Fund	
1	Leisure - Casinos & Gaming	7.74%	
2	Leisure - Hotels	6.98%	
3	Automotive	6.78%	
4	Technology - Software & Services	6.10%	
5	Healthcare - Facilities	4.82%	
6	Commercial Services	4.55%	
7	Media - Cable & Satellite	4.32%	
8	Media - Broadcasting	4.30%	
9	Chemicals	3.91%	
10	Aerospace & Defense	3.35%	
	Total	52.87%	

#### **TOP 10 HOLDINGS**

	Name	Coupon	Maturity	% of Fund
1	Verscend Escrow Corp.	9.75%	8/15/2026	1.58%
2	Aramark Services, Inc.	6.38%	5/1/2025	1.56%
3	Caesars Entertainment, Inc.	6.25%	7/1/2025	1.39%
4	MGM Resorts International	6.75%	5/1/2025	1.29%
5	U.S. Foods, Inc.	6.25%	4/15/2025	1.24%
6	Gen Digital, Inc.	5.00%	4/15/2025	1.15%
7	Univision Communications, Inc.	5.13%	2/15/2025	1.11%
8	WESCO Distribution, Inc.	7.13%	6/15/2025	1.02%
9	Scientific Games International, Inc.	8.63%	7/1/2025	1.02%
10	Stericycle, Inc.	5.38%	7/15/2024	1.02%
	Total			12.39%

Mutual fund investing involves risk. Principal loss is possible. There can be no assurance that the Fund will achieve its stated objective. In addition to the normal risks associated with investing, bonds and bank loans, and the funds that invest in them are subject to interest rate risk and can be expected to decline in value as interest rates rise. Investment by the Fund in lower-rated and non-rated securities presents a greater risk of loss to principal and interest than higher-rated securities. Diversification does not assure a profit, nor does it protect against a loss in a declining market. The SEC does not endorse, indemnify, approve nor disapprove of any security.

The Fund invests in foreign securities which involve political, economic and currency risks, greater volatility and differences in accounting methods. Derivatives may involve certain costs and risks such as liquidity, interest rate, market, credit, management, and the risk that a position could not be closed when most advantageous. Leverage may cause the effect of an increase or decrease in the value of the portfolio securities to be magnified and the fund to be more volatile than if leverage was not used.



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#### FUND MANAGEMENT TEAM

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Senior Vice President, Senior Credit Analyst; Co-Portfolio Manager

#### HIGH YIELD MARKET COMMENTARY

After a strong rally in January, the High Yield Bond market, as measured by the ICE BofA U.S. High Yield Index (H0A0), posted a negative -1.29% return in February. In our opinion, this was in large part, due to an approximate 40 basis point move in the 10-year US Treasury and increased inversion of the yield curve as the market's view on a quick Fed pivot seems to have faded. However, similar to January, risk still outperformed as outlined below. The higher-quality short duration segment of high yield proved more defensive, posting a positive return due largely to its lower duration and shorter tenor positioning, outpacing both the H0A0 as well as shorter-dated U.S. Treasuries, as measured by the ICE BofA 0-3 Year U.S. Treasury Index (G1QA). The ICE BofA 0-2 Year Duration BB-B U.S. HY Constrained Index (H42C) returned 0.26%, while the G1QA returned -0.39% in February.

Within the broader high yield market, BBs were the most negative, returning -1.84%, likely due to longer duration, while CCCs outperformed returning 0.29%, after lagging materially through last year. Not surprisingly, longer duration tiers underperformed as the 6–8-year option-adjusted-duration (OAD) bucket returned -2.72%, while the 0–2-year OAD bucket returned 0.14%. All sectors were negative this month with Telecom, the weakest, returning -2.70%. Leisure and Gaming were the best performing, but still returned -0.33%.

The default rate has stayed below historical averages but has crept up slightly for bonds and loans combined. The leveraged credit default rate, excluding distressed exchanges, sits at 1.47%, lower than the historical average of 3.00%, while the upgrade-to-downgrade ratio year-to-date is negative for bonds (0.9:1) and loans (0.4:1). New issuance year-to-date has accelerated relative to the low level we saw in 2022 (JPM).

#### **FUND COMMENTARY**

The Shenkman Short Duration High Income Fund (the "Fund") posted a decline for the period, though outperformed the broader high yield market, as measured by the HOAO, given its shorter tenor positioning. Performance by credit rating echoed the broader high yield markets with lower ratings outperforming as the Fund's CCC rated credits posted the strongest returns and BB rated credits recorded weaker performance. On a sector basis, performance was mixed with Industrials and Cable & Satellite posting the weakest contributions while Media and Leisure, Gaming, Travel posting the strongest contributions. The Fund's duration-to-worst ticked higher to 1.9 years while the Fund's average bond price moderated to \$97. The Fund's average final maturity increased to 2.65 years, highlighting a conservative maturity profile which has helped limit the Fund's maximum duration potential. Corporate action activity remained close to zero in the Fund for the month despite strength in the high yield primary market issuance. The Fund continues to seek compelling risk-adjusted return opportunities and strong credit selection as it remains mindful of liquidity risks and the interest rate outlook.

We anticipate a relatively low growth environment and expect interest rates to stay higher for longer through this year. While downgrades may accelerate and impact volatility, a relatively light maturity schedule may keep defaults at or below historical averages. If new issuance remains high, we believe this could extend beyond this year, with credit offering a yield above recent historical averages; in our opinion, it could continue to attract capital and help performance of the asset class. We continue to believe the higher-quality short duration segment of the high yield market remains well positioned as a lower volatility solution with the ability to seek to capture attractive risk-adjusted returns in the current environment.

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The ICE BofA 0-2 Year Duration BB-B U.S. HY Constrained Index (H42C) consists of all securities in the ICE BofA BB-B U.S. High Yield Index (HUC4) that have a duration-to-worst of 2 years or less. The HUC4 index is a subset of the ICE BofA U.S. High Yield Index (H0A0) that includes all securities in the H0A0 rated BB1 through B3, inclusive. The HUC4 index is unmanaged, not available for direct investment and does not reflect deductions for fees or expenses. ICE BofA U.S. High Yield Index (H0A0) that includes all securities in the H0A0 rated BB1 through B3, inclusive. The HUC4 index is unmanaged, not available for direct investment and does not reflect deductions for fees or expenses. ICE BofA U.S. High Yield Index (H0A0) has an inception date of August 31, 1986 and tracks the performance of the direct sovereign debt of the U.S. Government having a maturity of less than three years. The ICE BofA U.S. High Yield Index (H0A0) has an inception date of August 31, 1986 and tracks the performance of U.S. dollar denominated below investment grade corporate debt publicly issued in the U.S. domestic market. The ICE BofA High Yield Indices are unmanaged, not available for direct investment, and do not reflect deductions for fees or expenses.

The ICE BofA BB-B US High Yield Index (HOA4) has an inception date of December 31, 1986 and is a subset of the ICE BofA US High Yield Index (HOA0) including all securies rated BB1 through B3, inclusive. The ICE BofA US. High Yield Index (HOA0) has an inception date of August 31, 1986 and tracks the performance of U.S. dollar denominated below investment grade corporate debt publicly issued in the U.S. domestic market.

The ICE BofA U.S. Corporate Index (COAO) has an inception date of December 31, 1972, and tracks the performance of U.S. dollar denominated investment grade corporate debt publicly issued in the U.S. domestic market.

The ICE BofA US Treasury Index (GOQO) has an inception date of December 31, 1977 and tracks the performance of US dollar denominated sovereign debt publicly issued by the US government in its domestic market.

The ICE BofA 0-3 Year Duration-to-Worst US High Yield Constrained Index (HUCS) has an inception date of April 30, 2006 and tracks the performance of short-term US dollar denominated below investment grade corporate debt publicly issued in the US domestic market.

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Basis point (BPS) is a value equaling one one-hundredth of a percent (1/100 of 1%).

Coupon is the periodic interest payment made to the bondholders during the life of the bond. Prepayment risk refers to payments made in excess of scheduled mortgage principal repayments.

Duration is a measure of the sensitivity of the price of a fixed-income investment to a change in interest rates; it is expressed as a number of years.

Duration-to-worst is the duration of a bond computed using either the final maturity date, or a call date within the bond's call schedule, whichever would result in the lowest yield to the investor.

Mergers and acquisitions (M&A) is a general term that refers to the consolidation of companies or assets through various types of financial transactions. M&A can include a number of different transactions, such as mergers, acquisitions, consolidations, tender offers, purchase of assets and management acquisitions.

Option Adjusted Duration (OAD) is is a measure that helps approximate the degree of price sensitivity of a bond to changes in interest rates adjusted for the option to call or put.

Option Adjusted Spread (OAS) is the measurement of the spread of a fixed-income security rate and the risk-free rate of return, which is adjusted to take into account an embedded option.

Par - The term at par means at face value. A bond, preferred stock, or other debt instruments may trade at par, below par, or above par.

Tenor refers to the length of time remaining before a financial contract expires.

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Spread is the percentage point difference between yields of various classes of bonds compared to treasury bonds.

Yield-to-Maturity is the rate of return anticipated on a bond if it is held until the maturity date.

Yield-to-Worst is the lowest possible yield from owning a bond considering all potential call dates prior to maturity.

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure that examines the weighted average of prices of a basket of consumer goods and services, such as transportation, food, and medical care.

Spread-to-worst (STW) measures the dispersion of returns between the best and worst performing security in a given market, usually bond markets, or between returns from different markets.

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