

# Shenkman Capital Short Duration High Income Fund

July 31, 2022

## ABOUT SHENKMAN

Shenkman Group of Companies manages over \$29.2 billion in assets\*, \$7.0 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.

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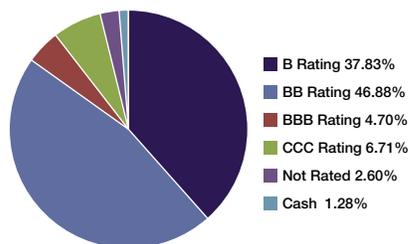
## SHENKMAN ADVANTAGES

- **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 \$29.2bn high yield platform with the nimbleness of a \$7.0bn 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	\$9.62	\$9.61	\$9.63	\$9.60
Gross Exp. Ratio	0.67%	0.77%	1.02%	1.77%
Net Exp. Ratio <sup>^</sup>	0.65%	0.75%	1.00%	1.75%

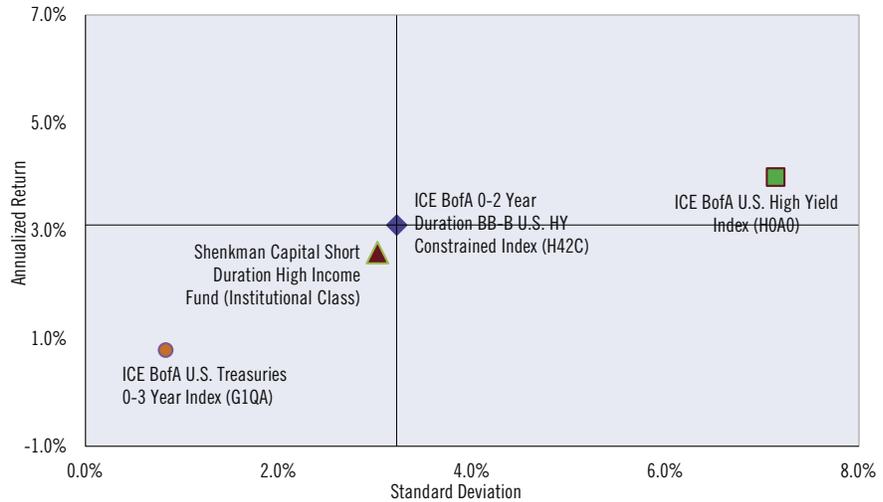
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## FUND PHILOSOPHY

- 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 07/31/22)



## FUND PERFORMANCE<sup>1</sup> (as of 07/31/22)

(as of 06/30/22)

	MTD	YTD	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	Since Inception**	1 Yr	5 Yr	Since Inception**
<b>Institutional Class (I)</b>	4.00%	-2.50%	-1.55%	1.82%	2.55%	2.98%	-5.30%	1.84%	2.59%
<b>Class F</b>	4.00%	-2.54%	-1.63%	1.74%	2.47%	2.89%	-5.38%	1.74%	2.49%
<b>Class A - w/o Load</b>	3.88%	-2.66%	-1.83%	1.48%	2.21%	2.65%	-5.49%	1.53%	2.27%
<b>Class A - w/ Load</b>	0.73%	-5.56%	-4.76%	0.45%	1.60%	2.33%	-8.30%	0.91%	1.95%
<b>Class C - w/o Load</b>	3.83%	-3.08%	-2.56%	0.73%	1.46%	1.89%	-6.20%	0.78%	1.51%
<b>Class C - w/ Load</b>	2.83%	-4.03%	-3.51%	0.73%	1.46%	1.89%	-7.12%	0.78%	1.51%
<b>ICE BofA 0-2 Year Dur. BB-B U.S. HY CI.</b>	2.25%	-2.53%	-1.42%	1.33%	2.43%	3.31%	-3.50%	2.09%	3.10%
<b>ICE BofA High Yield Master II</b>	6.03%	-8.85%	-7.72%	1.76%	2.92%	4.58%	-12.66%	1.95%	3.99%
<b>ICE BofA U.S. Tr. 0-3 Yrs. Index</b>	0.26%	-1.80%	-2.24%	0.47%	1.03%	0.80%	-2.39%	1.02%	0.78%

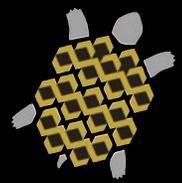
\*\*Since Inception Class A and Institutional Class: October 31, 2012, Class C: January 28, 2014, Class F: May 17, 2013. Since Inception Performance for Class C reflects performance since January 28, 2014. Class C performance for the period from October 31, 2012 to January 28, 2014, reflects the performance of the Institutional Class, adjusted to reflect Class C fees and expenses. Since Inception Performance for Class F reflects performance since May 17, 2013. Class F performance for the period from October 31, 2012 to May 17, 2013, reflects the performance of the Institutional Class, adjusted to reflect Class F fees and expenses.

<sup>1</sup>Data as of 07/31/22 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.

<sup>^</sup>The adviser has contractually agreed to waive a portion of the fund expenses through January 27, 2023.



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### FUND CHARACTERISTICS (as of 07/31/22)

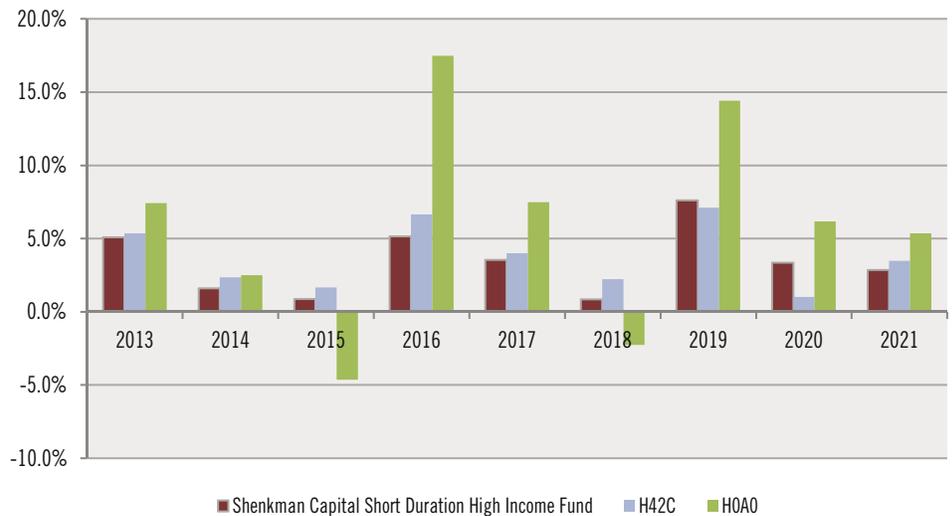
Total Fund Assets	\$1.4 billion
Number of Holdings	286
Average Maturity*	3.05 Yrs
Duration to Worst*	2.13 Yrs
Distribution Frequency	Monthly accrual
Redemption Fee	30 days / 1.00%

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

### YIELDS (as of 07/31/22)

Share Class	SEC 30-Day Subsidized Yields	SEC 30-Day Unsubsidized Yields
Class I	6.34%	6.33%
Class F	6.27%	6.27%
Class A	5.89%	5.88%
Class C	5.29%	5.28%

### CALENDAR YEAR PERFORMANCE



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### TOP 10 INDUSTRIES

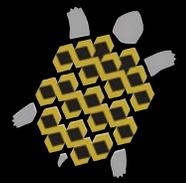
	Name	Fund
1	Leisure - Casinos & Gaming	6.91%
2	Automotive	6.61%
3	Healthcare - Facilities	6.09%
4	Leisure - Hotels	6.08%
5	Technology - Software & Services	5.35%
6	Commercial Services	4.50%
7	Media - Cable & Satellite	4.47%
8	Media - Broadcasting	4.46%
9	Chemicals	3.92%
10	Packaging	3.74%
Total		52.12%

### TOP 10 HOLDINGS

	Name	Coupon	Maturity	% of Fund
1	Verscend Escrow Corp.	9.75%	8/15/2026	1.83%
2	Caesars Entertainment, Inc.	6.25%	7/1/2025	1.54%
3	KAR Auction Services, Inc.	5.13%	6/1/2025	1.43%
4	RegionalCare Hospital Ptnrs Hldngs, Inc. / LifePoint Hlth, Inc.	9.75%	12/1/2026	1.27%
5	Change Healthcare Hldngs, LLC / Change Hlthcare Fin., Inc.	5.75%	3/1/2025	1.15%
6	CCO Holdings, LLC / CCO Holdings Capital Corp.	5.50%	5/1/2026	1.12%
7	AMC Networks, Inc.	4.75%	8/1/2025	1.09%
8	Boxer Parent Co., Inc.	7.13%	10/2/2025	1.06%
9	Aramark Services, Inc.	6.38%	5/1/2025	1.04%
10	International Game Technology PLC	6.50%	2/15/2025	0.98%
Total				12.51%

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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Co-Portfolio Manager

### HIGH YIELD MARKET COMMENTARY

After high yield had one of the weakest months in history during June, it appeared that investors decided it had been oversold, and in July, the market posted a return of 6.03%, as measured by the ICE BofA US High Yield Index (HOA0). The return was helped by a decline in the 10 year US Treasury rate of 23 basis points (bps) and spread tightening of about 96bps. The HOA0 ended the month with a yield to worst of 7.73% and the ICE BofA BB-B US High Yield Index (HOA4) with a yield to worst of 6.98%. The higher-quality short duration segment of the high yield market also participated in the rally, posting its strongest monthly return since April 2020. The ICE BofA 0-2 Year Duration BB-B U.S. HY Constrained Index (H42C) returned 2.08%, while shorter-date U.S. Treasuries lagged, delivering a monthly return of 0.26% as measured by the ICE BofA 0-3 Year U.S. Treasury Index's (G1QA).

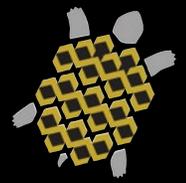
By rating tier, BBs and Bs outperformed CCCs during the quarter, with BBs posting the strongest performance at 6.23%, single Bs at 6.05%, and CCCs at 4.89%. By duration, the medium (6-8 Option Adjusted Duration (OAD)) part of the curve returned 8.36% and outperformed relative to the shortest duration credits (<2Y OAD), which underperformed with a return of 2.02%. All sectors posted positive returns with the standout being Cable & Satellite at 7.63%, which had been one of the weakest performing sectors last month. Oil & Gas, which had outperformed for much of the year, was the biggest laggard, returning 4.27%.

Rising stars continued to be strong with four issuers totaling \$17 billion (BN) leaving high yield and moving to investment grade. Year to date activity is now \$85BN, continuing to result in a decline in the BB universe. Bond credit agency rating upgrades continued to outpace downgrades, but the ratio was the smallest for any month this year at 1.1:1. The ratio for loans, on the other hand, remained below 1 for the second month, with downgrades outstripping upgrades. Overall, default rates remained low, and new issue volume remained light for the month in both bonds and loans.

### FUND COMMENTARY

The Shenkman Short Duration High Income Fund (the "Fund") posted its strongest return since inception, recouping the decline of the prior month which was one of the weakest on record. Performance by credit rating saw all rating categories post strong returns as single-B's posted the largest gains, followed by double-B's. On a sector basis, aside from the zero exposure to Oil & Gas, all other sectors posted positive returns, with Automotives and Cable & Satellite posting the largest contributions and Real Estate and Consumer Staples Discretionary posting the smallest contributions. The Duration-to-worst decreased to 2.1 years as the Fund's average bond price rose to \$98.40. The Fund's average final maturity ticked lower to 3.05 years, highlighting a continued conservative maturity profile which has helped limit the Fund's maximum duration potential. Despite the strong rally, yields remain higher from the beginning of the year. Corporate action activity remained quiet as high yield primary market activity was negligible in July amid continued volatility across markets. During the month, 3 bonds were called or tendered, representing just \$12.6 million in proceeds (approximately 0.9% of the Fund's average market value) which were redeployed in other short duration opportunities at what we believe were relatively attractive levels given the market weakness. The Fund continues to seek out compelling risk-adjusted return opportunities and strong credit selection as it remains mindful of liquidity risks and the interest rate outlook.

The market is likely to continue to be impacted by the pressure of inflation and Fed actions on one side and recession risk on the other. August is a period with no Fed meetings scheduled and relatively light schedule of economic releases. However, August is a very busy period for second quarter earnings releases, which we believe are likely to cause idiosyncratic events to have more of an impact on market returns than earlier in the year and also may lead to more dispersion in performance among issuers as investors digest recent earning and future potential performance for each company. 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 (HOAO) that includes all securities in the HOAO 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. Treasuries, 0-3 Years Index (G1QA) is an unmanaged index that 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 (HOAO) 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 (HOAO) including all securities rated BB1 through B3, inclusive. The ICE BofA U.S. High Yield Index (HOAO) 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 (GOQ0) 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 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-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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