

# SHORT DURATION HIGH INCOME FUND

October 31, 2024



## ABOUT SHENKMAN

Shenkman Group of Companies manages over \$35.3 billion in assets\*, \$6.8 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 \$31.9bn managed by Shenkman Capital Management Inc. and \$3.2bn managed by Romark Credit Advisors LP and its relying advisors. Assets managed by Shenkman Capital Management, Inc. that are invested in securitization vehicles managed by Romark Credit Advisors LP are included the AUM of both companies, but are included only once when calculating the AUM of the Shenkman Group. AUM calculations include uncalled commitments and gross assets of securitization vehicles. See disclaimers for additional important information on the Shenkman Group of Companies.

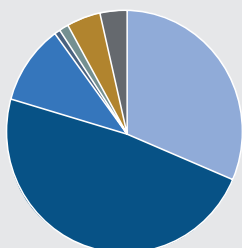
## SHENKMAN ADVANTAGES

- **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 \$35.3bn high yield platform with the nimbleness of a \$6.8bn short duration strategy.
- **Depth of Research Team:** Shenkman's 22 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	\$9.77	\$9.76	\$9.79	\$9.75
Gross Exp. Ratio	0.65%	0.75%	1.00%	1.75%
Net Exp. Ratio <sup>^</sup>	0.65%	0.75%	1.00%	1.75%

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

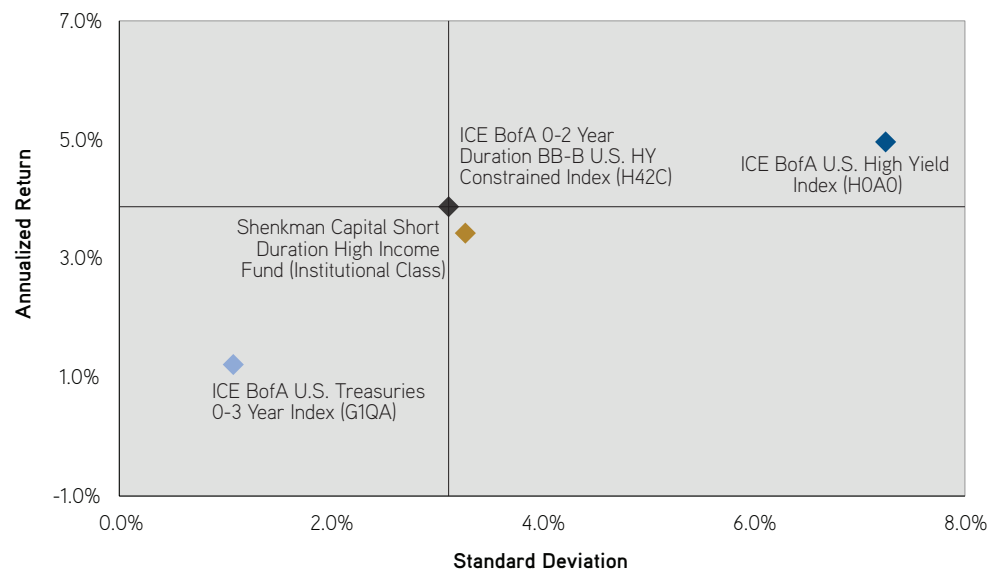


- B Rating 31.03%
- BB Rating 48.42%
- BBB Rating 10.93%
- C Rating 0.13%
- CCC Rating 1.27%
- Not Rated 4.60%
- Cash 3.62%

## 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 10/31/24)



## FUND PERFORMANCE<sup>1</sup> (as of 10/31/24)

	MTD	YTD	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	(as of 09/30/24)		
							1 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr
Institutional Class (I)	-0.02%	5.38%	9.50%	4.08%	3.77%	3.52%	9.28%	3.80%	3.62%
Class F	-0.03%	5.33%	9.44%	4.01%	3.69%	3.44%	9.21%	3.73%	3.54%
Class A - w/o Load	-0.05%	5.11%	9.04%	3.76%	3.45%	3.19%	8.93%	3.48%	3.28%
Class A - w/ Load	-3.09%	1.98%	5.82%	2.72%	2.82%	2.88%	5.63%	2.86%	2.97%
Class C - w/o Load	-0.11%	4.48%	8.38%	3.01%	2.67%	2.43%	8.16%	2.73%	2.52%
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ICE BofA 0-2 Year Dur. BB-B U.S. HY Cl. §	0.20%	6.17%	9.67%	4.75%	3.83%	3.95%	9.26%	3.87%	4.01%
ICE BofA High Yield Master II §	-0.55%	7.44%	16.47%	2.95%	4.38%	4.78%	15.66%	4.55%	4.95%
ICE BofA U.S. Tr. 0-3 Yrs. Index §	-0.31%	3.82%	5.66%	1.92%	1.65%	1.47%	6.39%	1.78%	1.52%
Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index §	-2.48%	1.86%	10.55%	-2.20%	-0.23%	1.49%	11.57%	0.33%	1.84%

§ (with transaction costs)

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 10/31/24 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, 2025.

## FUND CHARACTERISTICS (as of 10/31/24)

Total Fund Assets	\$1.9 billion
Number of Holdings	365
Average Maturity*	2.47 Yrs
Duration to Worst*	1.53 Yrs
Coupon Rate*	6.02%
Yield to Worst*	5.92%
Effective Duration*	1.30
Spread Duration*	1.41
Distribution Frequency	Monthly accrual
Redemption Fee	30 days / 1.00%

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

## YIELDS (as of 10/31/24)

Share Class	SEC 30-Day Subsidized Yields	SEC 30-Day Unsubsidized Yields
Class I	5.37%	5.35%
Class F	5.29%	5.26%
Class A	4.89%	4.86%
Class C	4.25%	4.22%

The SEC 30-day yield is computed under an SEC standardized formula and is based on the maximum offer price per share. Subsidized yields reflect fee waivers in effect, while unsubsidized yields do not reflect fee waivers in effect.

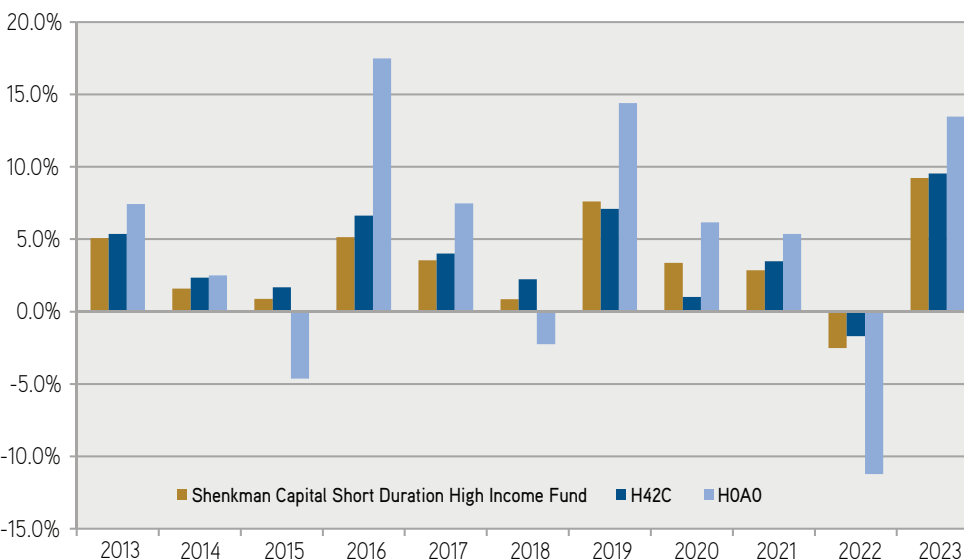
## TOP 10 INDUSTRIES

Name	Fund
1. Automotive	8.21%
2. Leisure - Hotels	7.62%
3. Leisure - Casinos & Gaming	6.32%
4. Technology - Software & Services	5.22%
5. Commercial Services	4.69%
6. Healthcare - Facilities	4.59%
7. Midstream - Storage & Transport	3.56%
8. Financials - Consumer Finance	3.56%
9. Media - Broadcasting	3.43%
10. Financials - Thrifts & Mortgages	2.88%
<b>Total</b>	<b>50.08%</b>

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.

## CALENDAR YEAR PERFORMANCE



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

## TOP 10 HOLDINGS

Name	Coupon	Maturity	% of Fund
1. Tenet Healthcare Corp.	6.25%	2/1/2027	1.33%
2. IQVIA, Inc.	5.00%	10/15/2026	1.19%
3. Uber Technologies, Inc.	8.00%	11/1/2026	1.18%
4. Clarios Global LP / Clarios US Finance Co.	6.25%	5/15/2026	1.03%
5. CCO Holdings LLC / CCO Holdings Capital Corp.	5.50%	5/1/2026	1.01%
6. International Game Technology PLC	4.13%	4/15/2026	1.00%
7. Teva Pharmaceutical Finance Netherlands III BV	3.15%	10/1/2026	0.95%
8. Carnival Holdings Bermuda Ltd.	10.38%	5/1/2028	0.92%
9. Light & Wonder International, Inc.	7.00%	5/15/2028	0.78%
10. CHS/Community Health Systems, Inc.	5.63%	3/15/2027	0.78%
<b>Total</b>			<b>10.17%</b>

## FUND MANAGEMENT TEAM

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## HIGH YIELD MARKET COMMENTARY

In the past month, U.S. Treasury rates rose with the 2-year yield increasing by 53 basis points (bps) and the 10-year yield increasing by 50 bps. During October, the high yield bond market, as measured by the ICE BofA U.S. High Yield Index (H0A0), returned -55 bps. The month culminated with a yield-to-worst of 7.33%, increasing 35 bps since September and decreasing -36 bps from the start of the year. The H0A0's spread-to-worst came in at 312 bps, decreasing -18 bps since September and -51 bps from the start of the year. The average dollar price of the H0A0 ended the month at 95.72, decreasing 1.00 for the month and increasing 2.86 for the year. The higher-quality short duration segment of high yield, as measured by the ICE BofA 0-2 Year Duration BB-B U.S. HY Constrained Index (H42C), proved more defensive, with its positive return and outperformance due largely to its lower duration positioning, outpacing 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 H42C returned 0.21%, while the G1QA declined -0.31% in October.

By rating, CCCs outperformed with a return of 0.64%, BBs underperformed with a return of -0.89%, and Bs had a return of -0.44%. By sector, Telecom outperformed at 0.76%, while Healthcare underperformed at -1.10%. By duration, the below 2 year option-adjusted-duration (OAD) bin outperformed returning 0.17%, as compared to the 6-8 year OAD bin which underperformed at -1.52%.

The high yield bond default rate declined to 0.55% as of October month-end, and the leveraged credit default rate, which includes bonds and loans, declined to 0.93%. The upgrade-to-downgrade ratio for U.S. high yield came in at 1.1:1 for the month. New issuance decreased to \$23.7 billion over the month, down from \$36.7 billion in September. The market also saw approximately \$5.8 billion of "Rising Stars" and no "Falling Angels" over the month.

## FUND COMMENTARY

The Shenkman Short Duration High Income Fund (the "Fund")(SCFIX) posted a return of -0.02% for the period, outpacing both the broader high yield market, as measured by the H0A0, and shorter-dated U.S. Treasuries. Fund performance by credit rating largely echoed the broader high yield market's pattern, with CCC-rated credits posting the strongest returns while BB-rated credits posted a modest decline. On a sector basis, returns were mixed with Industrials and Automotives posting the strongest contributions to absolute returns while Media and Leisure, Gaming, Travel posted the weakest contributions. The Fund's duration-to-worst rose to 1.5 years while the Fund's average bond price dropped to \$99.6. The Fund's average final maturity was little changed at 2.5 years, while primary issuance and refinancing declined from hits highest volume year-to-date. That said, corporate action activity in the Fund accelerated from September given the timing lag for notice periods. During the month, 11 bonds were called or tendered, representing \$70.6 million in proceeds (approximately 3.9% of the Fund's average market value) which were redeployed in other short duration opportunities at what we believed were relatively attractive levels given the continued discount price environment. The Fund continues to seek compelling risk-adjusted return opportunities and strong credit selection as it remains mindful of liquidity risks.

Throughout the month of October, the market seemed to price in a more definitive expansion of the fiscal deficit resulting from either party winning the presidential election, which could be seen in the rise of long-term rates in the past 30 days. Some of the broad-based credit risk of the market seems to be mitigated in part by companies addressing upcoming maturities with new debt issuance. The high yield bond market appears relatively stable given its low exposure to LBOs as compared to the bank loan market (as measured by the Morningstar LSTA US Leveraged Loan Index) with the recent dampening of expectations for lower cost of capital for companies with floating rate debt. However, despite refinancings dominating much of the new high yield issuance, there was an uptick in M&A financing transactions in both the high yield bond and loan markets. We believe the opportunity for further M&A is most likely largely dependent on the post-election regulatory environment in the US and with the year-end approaching quickly, rate volatility and equity volatility will both be impactful on allocations to fixed income. 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 (COA0) 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.

The Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index is a broad-based fixed-income index that broadly tracks the performance of the U.S. investment-grade bond market.

The Refinitiv US All-Cap Focus Convertible Bond Index has an inception date of December 1993, is a subset of the Refinitiv US Convertible Bond Index and includes securities that have a price between 60 and 140 and a conversion premium of < 100%, among other criteria. The Refinitiv US Convertible Bond Index includes convertible securities that are denominated in USD, have a market value of over \$300mm, and have underlying stocks that trade on US equity markets.

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The VIX Index is a measure of implied volatility in the stock market that is calculated on the basis of short-term index options on the S&P 500 Index. A high VIX index signals anxiety and fear in the market and typically occurs after a sharp decline in stock prices. A low VIX index generally follows calm markets and rising prices.

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

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.

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.

Coupon rate is the nominal yield paid by a fixed-income security. It is the annual coupon payments paid by the issuer relative to the bond's face or par value.

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.

Effective duration is a duration calculation for bonds with embedded options. Effective duration takes into account that expected cash flows will fluctuate as interest rates change.

The European Central Bank (ECB) is the central bank responsible for monetary policy of the European Union (EU) member countries that have adopted the euro currency.

A fallen angel is a bond that was once rated as investment grade but has fallen to junk-bond status because of the issuing company's poor credit quality. A rising star is a bond that is rated as a junk bond but could become investment grade because of improvements in the issuing company's credit quality.

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.

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.

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.

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