

# PIMCO Low Duration Fund

## PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

The PIMCO Low Duration Fund returned 0.36% after fees in March, outperforming the ICE BofAML 1-3 Year U.S. Treasury Index by 0.03%. Year-to-date the Fund has returned 0.56% at NAV, while the benchmark returned 0.30%.

A perceived “last mile” problem in the Fed’s battle against inflation led bond markets to retrace their Q4’23 rally and bring expectations for 2024 cuts in line with the Fed’s dot plot. Risk sentiment remained robust despite the possibility of “higher-for-longer” rates, with the MSCI World finishing the quarter up 9.01% and credit spreads broadly tightening. The Fed paused once again and maintained its forecast for three 25-basis-point rate cuts in 2024. Global developed central banks largely followed suit, with both the ECB and BoE leaving rates on hold. Meanwhile, in Japan, the BoJ raised its policy rate for the first time since 2007, marking the end of negative interest rate policies.

### Contributors

- Select holdings of securitized credit
- Holdings of Agency MBS
- Holdings of investment grade corporate credit

### Detractors

- US duration positioning
- Long currency exposure to the Japanese yen

	Month end performance 31 March 2024				Quarter end performance 31 March 2024			
	3 mos.	6 mos.	1 yr.	YTD	1 yr.	5 yrs.	10 yrs.	Since inception
■	0.56	3.52	4.27	0.56	4.27	1.21	1.28	4.79
■	0.30	2.80	2.97	0.30	2.97	1.16	1.07	3.99

■ PIMCO Low Duration Fund share class INST at NAV (%) ■ Benchmark (%)

**Benchmark:** ICE BofAML 1-3 Year U.S. Treasury Index

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Differences in the Fund’s performance versus the index and related attribution information with respect to particular categories of securities or individual positions may be attributable, in part, to differences in the pricing methodologies used by the Fund and the index.

There is no assurance that any fund, including any fund that has experienced high or unusual performance for one or more periods, will experience similar levels of performance in the future. High performance is defined as a significant increase in either 1) a fund’s total return in excess of that of the fund’s benchmark between reporting periods or 2) a fund’s total return in excess of the fund’s historical returns between reporting periods. Unusual performance is defined as a significant change in a fund’s performance as compared to one or more previous reporting periods.

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A Shares	PTLAX	INST Shares	PTLDX
ADMIN Shares	PLDAX	I-2 Shares	PLDPX
C Shares	PTLCX	I-3 Shares	PTLNX
C-2 Shares	PLCCX	R Shares	PLDRX

Fund Inception Date **11 May 1987**

Shareclass INST Inception Date **11 May 1987**

Total Net Assets (in millions) **\$5,965.8**

### Performance Characteristics

INST 30-day SEC yield<sup>1</sup> **5.01%**

<sup>1</sup>The 30 day SEC Yield is computed under an SEC standardized formula based on net income earned over the past 30 days.

### Basic Facts

Dividend frequency **Monthly with Daily Accrual**

### Fund Expenses

INST share Gross Expense Ratio **0.48%**

INST share Adjusted Expense Ratio **0.46%**

The Adjusted Expense Ratio excludes certain investment expenses, such as interest expense from borrowings and repurchase agreements and dividend expense from investments on short sales, incurred directly by the Fund or indirectly through the Fund’s investments in underlying PIMCO Funds (if applicable), none of which are paid to PIMCO.

### Portfolio Managers

Marc Seidner, Daniel Hyman, Jerome Schneider, Jelle Brons

### Fund Statistics

Effective Duration (yrs) **1.60**

Effective Maturity (yrs) **1.87**

Sharpe Ratio (10 year) **-0.05**

Volatility (10 year) **1.79%**

## PORTFOLIO POSITIONING

The Fund is underweight duration relative to the benchmark, though we are modestly overweight U.S. duration as the market prices in multiple interest rates cuts from the Fed through 2024.

The Fund aims to position the portfolio for resiliency as economic fundamentals evolve and central banks weigh further monetary policy.

We favor high-quality corporate credit, maintaining a defensive stance and avoiding generic credit beta. Given less attractive risk/reward dynamics, our corporate credit exposure remains limited. We continue to hold financials, aiming to maintain liquidity and preserve capital. We favor select high-quality securitized credit, such as consumer ABS, CMBS, and Agency MBS, and have increased Agency MBS exposure due to its fundamental strength. We prefer defensive, senior CLOs with smaller reinvestment windows and shorter average life, which can provide an attractive, diversifying yield source. This overweight adds yield from a source with a better risk-reward profile and less correlation to traditional corporate and other credit risk.

Currency positioning is modest and tactical to avoid adding excess volatility to the portfolio. The Fund maintains long exposure to the Brazilian real and the Great British pound given cheap valuations and its diversifying nature.

## QUARTER IN REVIEW

The Fund outperformed its benchmark in Q1 2024 (after fees), as spread strategies contributed to relative performance, while duration and currency strategies detracted from relative performance.

Spread strategies contributed to relative performance in Q1 2024, driven by the Fund's select holdings of securitized credit and holdings of investment grade corporate credit.

Duration strategies detracted from relative performance in Q1 2024, as the Fund's US duration positioning underperformed.

Currency strategies detracted from relative performance in Q1 2024, as the Fund's long exposure to Japanese yen underperformed.

Sector Allocation (% Market Value)	Fund	Benchmark
US Government - Treasury <sup>†</sup>	71.4	100.0
US Government - Agency <sup>‡</sup>	2.8	0.0
Swaps and Liquid Rates <sup>§</sup>	-1.2	0.0
Securitized <sup>¶</sup>	19.4	0.0
Invest. Grade Credit	14.0	0.0
High Yield Credit	0.0	0.0
Non-USD Developed	-0.7	0.0
Emerging Markets <sup>  </sup>	4.2	0.0
Municipal	0.0	0.0
Other <sup>^</sup>	0.1	0.0
Net Other Short Duration Instruments <sup>##</sup>	-9.9	0.0

## **OUTLOOK AND STRATEGY**

We will continue to manage the strategy for investors who seek maximum total return, consistent with preservation of capital and prudent investment management. The fund is underweight headline duration, though we favor U.S. interest rate exposure and maintain international hedges in regions where yields look rich. We aim to position the portfolio for resiliency as economic fundamentals evolve and central banks weigh further monetary action in 2024.

We continue to have a bias towards high quality corporate credit and seek compelling, liquid names. We selectively invest in companies with resilient balance sheets, favoring relative value over generic beta exposures. We continue to favor select high quality securitized credit, as these securities typically provide an attractive, diversifying source of yield in the portfolio. We have a preference for senior positions in non-Agency mortgages given the inherent fundamental strength and de-leveraging nature of the asset.

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<sup>1</sup>Includes U.S. Treasury notes, bonds, futures, and inflation-protected securities <sup>2</sup>Includes U.S. agencies, FDIC-guaranteed and government-guaranteed corporate securities, and supranationals <sup>3</sup>Includes U.S. dollar denominated interest rate swaps, swaptions, options, and other rate related derivatives. Other portfolio derivatives, where applicable, may be included as part of other sectors based upon their underlying risk characteristics. <sup>4</sup>The Securitized bucket will include Agency MBS, nonAgency MBS, CMBS, ABS, CDO, CLO, and Pooled Funds. <sup>5</sup>Net Other Short Duration Instruments includes securities and other instruments (except instruments tied to emerging markets by country of risk) with an effective duration less than one year and rated investment grade or higher or, if unrated, determined by PIMCO to be of comparable quality, commingled liquidity funds, uninvested cash, interest receivables, net unsettled trades, broker money, short duration derivatives and derivatives offsets. With respect to certain categories of short duration securities, the Adviser reserves the discretion to require a minimum credit rating higher than investment grade for inclusion in this category. Derivatives Offsets includes offsets associated with investments in futures, swaps and other derivatives. Such offsets may be taken at the notional value of the derivative position. <sup>6</sup>Short duration emerging markets instruments includes an emerging market security or other instrument economically tied to an emerging market country by country of risk with an effective duration less than one year and rated investment grade or higher or if unrated, determined to be similar quality by PIMCO. Emerging Markets includes the value of short duration emerging markets instruments previously reported in another category.

<sup>7</sup>Other may include convertibles, preferreds, and yankee bonds.

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The ICE BofAML 1-3 Year U.S. Treasury Index is an unmanaged index comprised of U.S. Treasury securities, other than inflation-protection securities and STRIPS, with at least \$1 billion in outstanding face value and a remaining term to final maturity of at least one year and less than three years. It is not possible to invest directly in an unmanaged index.

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