

Thornburg Income & U.S. Government Bonds

Portfolio Manager Commentary

31 March 2025



Market Review

The first quarter of 2025 was characterized by significant volatility and complexity across global financial markets that was not driven by a singular trend but was a tug-of-war between multiple forces. Aggressive fiscal measures, particularly new tariffs, injected uncertainty and inflationary pressures, initially steepening the yield curve. However, the Federal Reserve maintained a patient stance, signaling potential rate cuts later in the year amid concerns of slowing economic momentum. This dovish tilt capped longer-term yields and supported risk assets, including corporate credit, which saw modest spread tightening despite the macro headwinds. Inflation-linked bonds also garnered attention as tariff-induced price pressures became a focal point. The quarter concluded with markets closely watching inflation data and central bank rhetoric for clearer signals on the future path of rates and the ultimate impact of fiscal policy on the broader economy.

Despite volatility, our focus continues to be on generating attractive income and risk-adjusted total returns over the long term.

First Quarter 2025 Performance Highlights

- In 1Q25 the Limited Term Income Portfolio (I share class) returned 2.27%, -15 basis points behind the Bloomberg Intermediate U.S. Government/Credit Index. Year to date the portfolio (I share class) returned 2.27%, -15 basis points behind the index.
- The portfolio maintained a duration roughly 0.28 years shorter than the index, which was problematic during a period of falling yields. As a result, duration was a detractor from relative performance, accounting for -11bps during the quarter.
- The portfolio's performance during the quarter was driven by its underweight allocation to Treasuries securities versus the Index which accounted for -65bps of relative underperformance.
- The portfolio's relative performance did benefit from its larger allocation to Collateralized Mortgage Obligations (CMO) and Mortgage Pass-Through (MPT) securities. The allocation to CMOs contributed 25bps to relative performance during the quarter while the MPT exposure contributed 26bps to relative performance.

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Current Positioning and Outlook

Consistent with our mandate, we actively adjusted portfolio positioning throughout the quarter in response to evolving market conditions and relative value opportunities. We maintained broad diversification across fixed-income sectors. While detailed shifts are part of our continuous management, our active management approach proved crucial in navigating the quarter's volatility.

The strategy remained positioned with a longer duration and higher quality bias compared to its long-term range, driven by attractive real yields and very tight credit spreads. However, the market rewarded the opposite. Security selection, driven by our bottom-up fundamental credit research, was a key contributor, allowing us to identify resilient issuers across various sectors.

We maintained broad diversification across fixed-income sectors with an emphasis on sectors demonstrating resilience or offering compelling risk/reward profiles identified through our research. The allocations to Treasuries, investment grade corporate credit, collateralized mortgage obligations, and mortgage pass-throughs were all large drivers of absolute returns during the period.

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The portfolio continued to invest across the investment-grade credit spectrum, focused on fundamentally sound issuers offering attractive compensation for risk. This included selectively chosen corporate bonds with stronger balance sheets and more predictable cash flows which helped drive absolute performance during the quarter. Our primary approach remained identifying mispriced securities through rigorous bottom-up analysis, but opportunities were few and far between given spread levels.

Looking ahead, uncertainty surrounding inflation, central bank policy paths, economic growth trajectories, and geopolitical events, including trade policy, persists. We anticipate continued market volatility, which often creates opportunities for active managers. We remain committed to our disciplined investment process, combining top-down macroeconomic insights with intensive bottom-up credit research to identify relative value across the fixed income universe. Our focus continues to be on generating attractive income and risk-adjusted total returns for our clients over the long term.

AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (AS OF 31 MARCH 2025)

THORNBURG LIMITED TERM INCOME FUND								EXPENSE RATIOS (%)	
	QTR	YTD	1-YR	3-YR	5-YR	10-YR	ITD	GROSS	NET
A Shares THIFX (Incep: 1 Oct 92)									
Without sales charge	2.28	2.28	5.92	3.03	2.36	2.20	4.36	--	--
With sales charge	-0.05	-0.05	3.57	2.25	2.06	2.05	4.31	0.76	0.76
I Shares THIIX (Incep: 5 Jul 96)	2.27	2.27	6.13	3.29	2.65	2.52	4.68	0.52	0.49
Bloomberg Intermediate U.S. Government/Credit Index (Since: 1 Oct 92)	2.42	2.42	5.65	2.18	0.86	1.81	4.23		
THORNBURG LIMITED TERM U.S. GOVERNMENT FUND								GROSS	NET
A Shares LTUSX (Incep: 16 Nov 87)									
Without sales charge	2.53	2.53	5.14	1.36	0.07	0.77	4.00	--	--
With sales charge	0.25	0.25	2.78	0.58	-0.23	0.62	3.96	1.00	0.99
I Shares LTUIX (Incep: 5 Jul 96)	2.70	2.70	5.57	1.68	0.37	1.08	4.35	0.65	0.65
Bloomberg U.S. Government Intermediate Index (Since: 16 Nov 87)	2.48	2.48	5.35	1.79	-0.03	1.36	4.69		
THORNBURG ULTRA SHORT INCOME FUND								GROSS	NET
A Shares TLDAX (Incep: 30 Dec 13)									
Without sales charge	1.16	1.16	5.49	4.46	3.44	2.33	2.24	--	--
With sales charge	-1.11	-1.11	3.13	3.68	3.11	2.18	2.10	0.88	0.50
I Shares TLDIX (Incep: 30 Dec 13)	1.21	1.21	5.63	4.65	3.61	2.52	2.42	0.54	0.30
ICE BofA U.S. Treasury Bill Index (Since: 30 Dec 13)	1.04	1.04	5.06	4.26	2.56	1.89	1.68		

Returns for less than one year are not annualized. ITD is inception to date.

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There is no guarantee that the Fund will meet its investment objectives.

Basis Point (bp) – A unit equal to 1/100th of 1%. 1% = 100 basis points (bps).

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Credit Spread/Quality Spread - The difference between the yields of securities with different credit qualities.

Duration - A bond's sensitivity to interest rates. Bonds with longer durations experience greater price volatility than bonds with shorter durations.

Yield Curve - A line that plots the interest rates, at a set point in time, of bonds having equal credit quality, but differing maturity dates.

Collateralized Mortgage Obligation (CMO) - A type of mortgage-backed security that creates separate pools of pass-through rates for different classes of bondholders with varying maturities, called tranches. The repayments from the pool of pass-through securities are used to retire the bonds in the order specified by the bonds' prospectus.

Mortgage Pass-Through - A security consisting of a pool of residential mortgage loans. Payments of principal, interest and prepayments are "passed through" to investors each month.

ICE BofA U.S. Treasury Bill Index tracks the performance of US dollar denominated US Treasury Bills publicly issued in the US domestic market.

The Bloomberg Intermediate U.S. Government/Credit Index (BBG Int US Govt/Credit TR Value) is an unmanaged, market-weighted index generally representative of intermediate government and investment-grade corporate debt securities having maturities from one up to ten years.

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