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# PIMCO Global Short Maturity Fund (Canada)

### **Quarterly Investment Report | 1Q24**

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## **Executive summary**

### Portfolio Performance

The Fund's duration and spread sector strategies contributed to relative performance over the quarter. Currency strategies were neutral.

### **CONTRIBUTORS**

- Select holdings of securitized credit
- US duration positioning
- Holdings of investment grade corporate credit

#### DETRACTORS

Canada duration positioning

Performance periods ended 31 Mar '24	3 mos.	6 mos.	1 yr.	3 yrs.	5 yrs.	SI
Fund after fees	1.58	2.88	5.77	2.25	1.97	2.03
Benchmark*	1.26	2.55	5.16	3.10	2.37	2.36

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### Portfolio strategy

- Neutral duration: Source duration from high quality developed markets including the U.S. and Canada. Remain active as the Fed weighs further monetary action with rate cuts in 2024
- Corporate Credit: Favor resilient sectors with attractive levels of yield and opportunities in commercial paper
- Selectively allocate to high quality spread sectors: Emphasize risk and liquidity management to appropriately size select opportunities in high quality securitized credit including ABS, CMBS, and CLOs
- Global Opportunities: Hedge select non-US dollar positions back to USD to capture additional, diversifying yield.

\*Canadian Overnight Repo Rate (CORRA); \*\*As of 31 December 2023. Management expense ratio is based on total expenses, including the management fee, (excluding commissions and other portfolio transaction costs) for the stated period and is expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset value during the period. The Annual Management Fee is used to pay for investment management services and general administration of the fund, this fee does not include taxes.

Series:	F
Inception date:	01 Feb '19
Fund assets (in CAD millions):	CAD401.65
Series F MER:**	0.400%
Series F management fee:**	0.350%

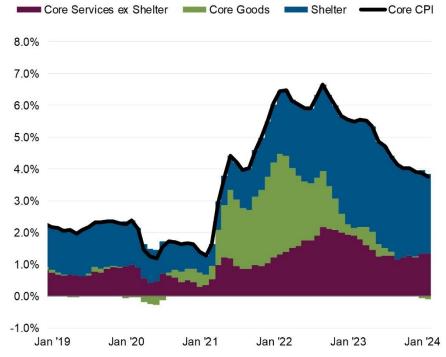
Summary information	31 Mar '24
Total net assets (USD in MM)	\$401.66
Effective duration (yrs)	0.15
Benchmark duration - provider (yrs)	0.00
Benchmark duration - PIMCO (yrs)	0.00
Effective maturity (yrs)	0.17
Average coupon	4.63%
Net currency exposure	0.31%

Sector allocation	Dur. (yrs)	MV
US Government Related	-0.15	-12.72%
Securitized	0.10	29.05%
Invest. Grade Credit	0.10	37.94%
High Yield Credit	0.00	0.00%
Non-USD Developed	0.05	20.43%
Emerging Markets	0.00	0.00%
Other	0.00	0.79%
Net Other Short Duration Instruments	0.04	24.50%
Total	0.15	100%

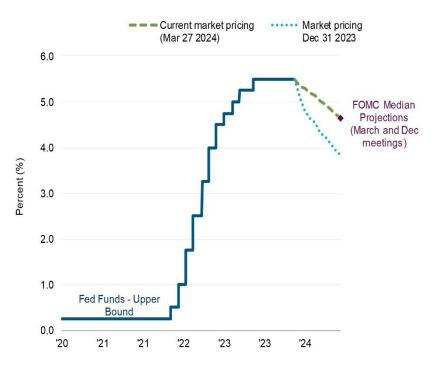
## **Quarter in Review**

### Persistent inflation pushed yields and year-end rate projections higher

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.



Inflation in the U.S. remained sticky over the quarter, driven by core services, highlighting the "last mile" problem that the Fed is facing in its attempts to return inflation to 2%.



Persistent inflationary pressures saw bond markets retrace their Q4'23 rally, with market pricing now in line with the Fed's median dot plot projection for year end 2024 (which remained unchanged relative to December projections).

Source: Bloomberg

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## **Market Summary**

### Q1'24: Inflation rebound

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#### **Developed market debt**

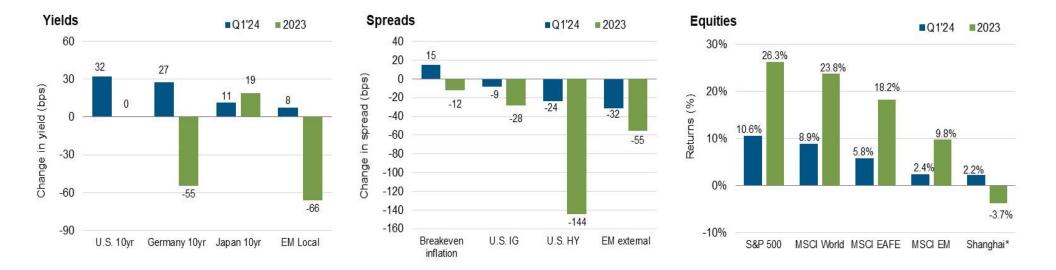
Yields rose broadly across developed markets as inflation remained firm and economic activity robust, particularly in the U.S. While central banks generally held policy rates steady, including in the U.S., U.K., and Europe, dovish remarks from officials bolstered risk sentiment even as investors adjusted expectations for rate cuts in 2024. In Japan, the BoJ hiked rates for the first time in 17 years, ending its negative interest rate policy.

### Credit

U.S. investment grade credit<sup>1</sup> spreads tightened 8 bps, ending the quarter at 85 bps. The sector returned -0.41%, outperforming like-duration treasuries by 0.83%. Credit spreads continued to tighten amid strong earnings results and heavy issuance to start the year.

### Equities

Developed market equities<sup>2</sup> rose 8.9% in the first quarter of 2024 driven by optimism around interest rate cuts, easing inflationary pressures, and economic growth.



Source: U.S. 10yr, Germany 10yr, Japan 10yr, Breakeven inflation (Bloomberg); EM local (JPMorgan GBI-EM Global Diversified Composite Yield to Maturity Index); U.S. investment grade credit (Bloomberg U.S. Credit Index); U.S. high yield credit (ICE BofA High Yield Constrained Index); EM external (JPMorgan Emerging Bond Index Global Sovereign Spread); S&P 500 (S&P 500 Total Return Index); MSCI EAFE (MSCI EAFE Net Total Return USD Index); MSCI EM (MSCI Emerging Net Total Return USD Index); \*Khanghai (Shanghai Stock Exchange Composite Index).

1: Bloomberg US Credit Index

Look global	Greater-than-usual focus on bond markets outside of the U.S.
Lock in elevated yields	Intermediate maturities can offer a "sweet spot" with markets expecting cash rates to fall
Favor high quality	Up-in-quality bias in both public and private credit markets
Go active	Differentiated macro paths present compelling opportunities for active investors

Source: PIMCO

## **Portfolio Outlook**

### Strategic outlook

Higher savings balances and a slower pass-through of monetary policy in the U.S. relative to other developed markets could, in our view, keep inflation above the Fed's 2% target over the cyclical horizon. We still expect the Fed to start normalizing policy at midyear, similar to other DM central banks; however, the Fed's subsequent rate-cutting path could be more gradual. Additionally, we believe that an economic soft landing is achievable, but both recessionary and inflationary risks remain elevated in the aftermath of unprecedented global shocks to supply and demand.

#### **Key strategies**

#### Duration

- Limit headline interest rate risk as market expectations for 2024 rate cuts are currently in line with the Fed's dot plot
- Utilize floating-rate securities to generate attractive yield, reduce volatility, and preserve optionality

#### Securitized

- Emphasize risk and liquidity management to appropriately size select opportunities in securitized credit including ABS, CMBS, and CLOs
- Diversifier to generic corporate credit as we expect weakening of the economy into 2024

#### **Corporate Credit**

- Favor bottom up security selection in corporate credit to find attractive opportunities and actively limit exposure to generic corporate beta
- Maintain defensive, tactical positioning to minimize overall credit risk in the portfolio, opportunistic exposure in short dated commercial paper

#### Non-U.S.

 Emphasize non-USD denominated opportunities with attractive yields when hedged back to USD

Source: PIMCO

## **Sector exposure**

		Portfolio				Benchmark		
	% of Mar	% of Market value		in years	% of Market value 31 Mar '24	Duration in years		
	31 Dec '23		31 Dec '23	31 Mar '24				
US Government Related	-2.57	-12.72	-0.13	-0.15	-	-		
Government - Treasury	-3.51	-12.72	-0.14	-0.15	-	-		
US Agency	0.94	0.00	0.00	0.00	-	-		
Swaps and Liquid Rates	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-	-		
Securitized*	25.96	29.05	0.09	0.10	-	-		
Invest. Grade Credit	32.79	37.94	0.09	0.10	-	-		
High Yield Credit	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-	-		
Non-USD Developed	20.74	20.43	0.05	0.05	-	-		
Emerging Markets**	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-	-		
Bonds and Other Long Duration Instruments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-	-		
EM Short Duration Instruments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-	-		
Other***	0.71	0.79	0.00	0.00	-	-		
Net Other Short Duration Instruments****	22.37	24.50	-0.05	0.04	100.00	0.00		
Commingled Cash Vehicles	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-	-		
Certificate of Deposit/Commercial Paper/STIF	15.18	6.96	0.02	0.01	-	-		
Government Related	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-	-		
MBS/ABS	1.55	1.61	0.03	0.03	-	-		
Credit	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-	-		
Bankers Acceptance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-	-		
Other***	2.16	0.92	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00		
Short Duration Derivatives and Derivative Offsets	3.51	15.55	-0.09	0.00	-	-		
Net Unsettled Trades	-0.04	-0.54	0.00	0.00	-	-		
Total	100	100	0.05	0.14	100	0.00		

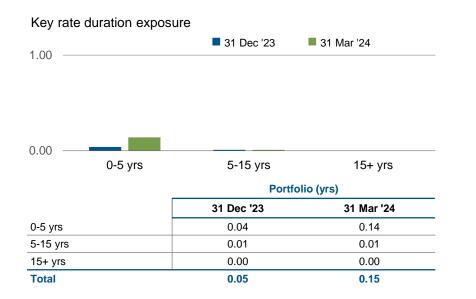
\*Securitized includes Agency MBS, non-Agency MBS, CMBS, ABS, CDO, CLO, and Pooled Funds.

\*\*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. \*\*\*Investment vehicles not listed, allowed by prospectus.

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Benchmark: Canadian Overnight Repo Rate (CORRA)

## **Portfolio characteristics**



#### Interest rate exposure

	Portfolio (yrs)				
Bull market duration Bear market duration Spread duration Mortgage spread duration Corporate spread duration Emerging markets spread duration Swap spread duration	31 Dec '23	31 Mar '24			
Effective duration	0.05	0.15			
Bull market duration	0.06	0.17			
Bear market duration	0.09	0.17			
Spread duration					
Mortgage spread duration	0.62	0.63			
Corporate spread duration	0.24	0.29			
Emerging markets spread duration	0.02	0.02			
Swap spread duration	-0.09	0.00			
Covered bond spread duration	0.02	0.02			
Sovereign related spread duration	0.02	0.01			

## **Country and currency exposure**

Country exposure by cur	rency of settlement			
	31 De	c '23	31 Ma	ar '24
	Duration (yrs)	FX (%)	Duration (yrs)	FX (%)
United States	-0.02	1.34	0.02	0.22
Japan	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Eurozone	-0.00	0.04	-0.00	0.02
Euro Currency	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.02
United Kingdom	0.00	0.04	-0.00	0.03
Dollar Block	0.08	98.57	0.13	99.73
Australia	0.01	0.05	0.00	0.04
Canada	0.07	98.52	0.13	99.69
Other Industrialized	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00
Countries	0.00	0.01	-0.00	-0.00
Israel	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00
EM - Latin America	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	0.05	100	0.15	100

PIMCO Global Short Maturity Fund (Canada) (net of fees performance)

		Management	NAV	Class Inception						
Performance periods ended: 31 Mar '24	MER*	Fee**	currency	date	3 mos.	6 mos.	1 yr.	3 yrs.	5 yrs.	SI
Series ETF	0.420	0.350	CAD	01 Feb '19	1.61	2.92	5.82	2.26	1.99	2.05
Series A	0.700	0.600	CAD	01 Feb '19	1.51	2.74	5.48	1.97	1.70	1.74
Series F	0.400	0.350	CAD	01 Feb '19	1.58	2.88	5.77	2.25	1.97	2.03
Canadian Overnight Repo Rate (CORRA)	-	-	-	-	1.26	2.55	5.03	-	-	2.36
FTSE 3-Month Treasury Bill Index	-	-	-	-	1.37	2.80	5.52	2.70	2.07	0.00
Series A - USD Hedged	0.680	0.600	USD	31 Jul '19	1.64	2.99	6.08	2.13	-	1.84
Series F - USD Hedged	0.430	0.350	USD	31 Jul '19	1.70	3.12	6.34	2.41	-	2.13

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Average coupon is the average of the coupon payments of the underlying bonds within the portfolio.

Average effective maturity is a weighted average of all the maturities of the bonds in a portfolio, computed by weighting each bond's effective maturity by the market value of the security.

"Bend-but-not-break" refers to credits that PIMCO would not expect to default in a credit-stressed environment.

Beta is a measure of price sensitivity to market movements. Market beta is 1.

Breakeven inflation rate (or expectation) is a market-based measure of expected inflation or the difference between the yield of a nominal and an inflation-linked bond of the same maturity.

**Carry** is the rate of interest earned by holding the respective securities.

The terms "cheap" and "rich" as used herein generally refer to a security or asset class that is deemed to be substantially under- or overpriced compared to both its historical average as well as to the investment manager's future expectations. There is no guarantee of future results or that a security's valuation will ensure a profit or protect against a loss.

#### **CPI** is the Consumer Price Index.

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Dividend yield is represented by the weighted average coupon divided by the weighted average price.

**Duration** is the measure of a bond's price sensitivity to interest rates and is expressed in years.

Effective duration is the duration for a bond with an embedded option when the value is calculated to include the expected change in cash flow caused by the option as interest rates change.

Forward curve is a function graph that defines the prices at which a contract for future delivery or payment can be concluded today.

Fallen angel is a bond that was initially given an investment grade rating but has since been reduced to below investment grade status.

**GFC** is the Global Financial Crisis.

Information ratio is a ratio of portfolio returns above the returns of a benchmark to the volatility of those returns.

Like-duration Securities are calculated by the index provider by comparing the index return to a hypothetical matched position in the security.

LNG is Liquefied Natural Gas.

The **Option Adjusted Spread (OAS)** measures the spread over a variety of possible interest rate paths. A security's OAS is the average return an investor will earn over Treasury returns, taking all possible future interest rate scenarios into account. The OAS is the net spread over the swap curve that will on average be earned if the security is held to maturity.

Rising star is the term given to a bond that was rated high yield but has since been upgraded to investment grade.

"Risk assets" are any financial security or instrument that are likely to fluctuate in price.

Risk premia is the return in excess of the risk-free rate of return an investment is expected to yield.

Roll yield is the yield that a futures investor captures as their long position in a futures contract converges to the spot price.

"Safe haven" is an investment that is expected to retain or increase in value during times of market turbulence.

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The SEC yield is an annualized yield based on the most recent 30 day period. The subsidized yield includes contractual expense reimbursements and it would be lower without those reimbursements. The Unsubsidized 30 day SEC Yield excludes contractual expense reimbursements.

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