

# PIMCO Global Short Maturity Fund (Canada)

## PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

The PIMCO Global Short Maturity Fund (Canada) returned 0.50% after fees in March, outperforming the Canadian Overnight Repo Rate (CORRA) by 0.08%. Year-to-date the Fund has returned 1.58% after fees.

**Equity markets continued their upward trajectory, while bond indices modestly rose as several global central banks sent dovish signals to the market.** U.S. credit spreads tightened, and developed sovereign bond yields fell, while the dollar strengthened. In the U.S., the 10-year Treasury fell 5 bps to 4.20% as the Federal Reserve reaffirmed its expectation of three rate cuts in 2024. In Germany, the 10-year bund yield fell 11 bps to 2.30%. In the U.K., 10-year Gilt yields fell 19 bps to 3.93%, while 10-year Japanese government bond yields rose 2 bps to 0.73%.

## Series F Morningstar Rating™

★★★★★

Overall Morningstar Rating™

### Fund information

Fund Inception Date	01 Feb 2019
Strategy	FIXED INCOME, SHORT TERM
Total Net Assets CAD (in millions)	\$401.66

### Expenses

Management Fee	0.35
MER <sup>1</sup>	0.40

<sup>1</sup>As of December 31 2023. Management expense ratio is based on total expenses (excluding distributions, 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.

## Contributors

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

## Detractors

- Canada duration positioning

## Portfolio Manager

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## IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please note that this material contains the opinions of the manager as of the date noted, and may not have been updated to reflect real time market developments. All opinions are subject to change without notice.

	Month End Performance 31 Mar 2024				Quarter End Performance 31 Mar 2024			
	3 mos.	6 mos.	1 Yr.	YTD	1 Yr.	3 Yrs.	5 Yrs.	Since inception
■ PIMCO Global Short Maturity Fund (Canada) Series F Unit net of fees (%)	1.58	2.88	5.77	1.58	5.77	2.25	1.97	2.03
■ Canadian Overnight Repo Rate (CORRA) (%)	1.26	2.55	5.16	1.26	5.16	3.10	2.37	2.36

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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.

## PORTFOLIO POSITIONING

The fund is neutral duration versus the benchmark in its overall positioning. We currently source duration from high quality developed markets including the U.S. and Canada to help balance global risks and exploit relative value opportunities. We remain active with our interest rate exposure as global yield curves respond to monetary tightening and the potential for further uncertainty in 2024. We hold high quality floating rate securities as a way to potentially preserve capital and generate attractive income.

The fund is focused on maintaining liquidity by holding high quality securities that trade at an attractive risk-adjusted spread to Treasuries. In corporate credit markets, we favor issuers/sectors with solid fundamentals over generic credit beta – mindful of the less attractive risk/reward dynamics today. We prefer high quality, short dated asset backed securities compared to generic corporate credit to add an alternative source of spread. AAA CLOs and AAA CMBS can offer relatively attractive yields given levels across front-end spread sectors. We also hold high quality non-US denominated assets, hedged back to USD to potentially earn additional yield.

### Sector Allocation (% Market Value)

US Government Related	-12.72
Securitized <sup>†</sup>	29.05
Invest. Grade Credit	37.94
Non-USD Developed	20.43
Other <sup>‡</sup>	0.79
Net Other Short Duration Instruments <sup>¶</sup>	24.50

## MONTH IN REVIEW

The Fund had positive after fee performance in March as duration and spread strategies contributed to relative performance. Currency strategies were neutral. Duration strategies were positive for performance in March, as US duration positioning contributed to relative performance. Spread strategies were positive for performance in March, as select holdings of securitized credit and holdings of investment grade corporate credit contributed to relative performance. Currency strategies were neutral to the performance of the fund.

### Maturity (% Market Value)

0-1 yrs	105.73
1-3 yrs	-9.99
3-5 yrs	4.17
5-10 yrs	0.10

## OUTLOOK AND STRATEGY

We will continue to manage the strategy for investors who seek capital preservation and liquidity, while aiming to provide attractive returns above traditional cash investments for a modest increase in risk. We aim to position the portfolio for resiliency as economic fundamentals evolve and central banks weigh further monetary action in 2024. We are emphasizing opportunities that are designed to offer ample liquidity, compelling yields, and capital preservation.

We favor high quality corporate credit, with a preference for short-dated maturities. Individual credit selection remains a key component in identifying the most attractive issues. We believe high quality ABS provides a diversifying source of yield and complements unsecured corporate debt. Outside of the U.S., we find select opportunities in corporate bonds, U.S. dollar denominated foreign government bonds and agency debt. These typically offer modest spreads above comparable U.S. government securities.

As opportunities emerge from market dislocations, we seek to provide liquidity, aiming for attractive risk adjusted returns consistent with the strategy's capital preservation, liquidity and current income goals.

## FUND STATISTICS

Effective Duration (yrs)	0.15
Effective Maturity (yrs)	0.17
Sharpe Ratio (5 year)	-0.05
Volatility (5 year)	0.02

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<sup>¶</sup>May include nominal and inflation-protected Treasuries, Treasury futures and options, agencies, FDIC-guaranteed and government-guaranteed corporate securities, and interest rate swaps.

<sup>‡</sup>The Securitized bucket will include Agency MBS, nonAgency MBS, CMBS, ABS, CDO, CLO, and Pooled Funds.

<sup>‡</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>‡</sup>Investment vehicles not listed, allowed by prospectus.

<sup>¶</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.

**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.

**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.

The **Sharpe Ratio** measures the risk-adjusted performance. The risk-free rate is subtracted from the rate of return for a portfolio and the result is divided by the standard deviation of the portfolio returns.

**Volatility** is measured by the standard deviation, or dispersion of a set of data from its mean, based on historical portfolio returns. A larger spread of data indicates higher standard deviation and higher volatility.

**Past performance is not a guarantee or a reliable indicator of future results.** The performance figures presented reflect the total return performance and reflect changes in unit price and reinvestment of dividend and capital gain distributions. All periods longer than one year are annualized. Funds typically offer different series, which are subject to different fees and expenses (which may affect performance), having different minimum investment requirements and are entitled to different services. Investments made by a Fund and the results achieved by a Fund are not expected to be the same as those made by any other PIMCO-advised Fund, including those with a similar name, investment objective or policies. A new or smaller Fund's performance may not represent how the Fund is expected to or may perform in the long-term. New Funds have limited operating histories for investors to evaluate and new and smaller Funds may not attract sufficient assets to achieve investment and trading efficiencies. A Fund may be forced to sell a comparatively large portion of its portfolio to meet significant unitholder redemptions for cash, or hold a comparatively large portion of its portfolio in cash due to significant unit purchases for cash, in each case when the Fund otherwise would not seek to do so, which may adversely affect performance.

Although the Fund may seek to maintain stable distributions, the Fund's distribution rates may be affected by numerous factors, including but not limited to changes in realized and projected market returns, fluctuations in market interest rates, Fund performance, and other factors. There can be no assurance that a change in market conditions or other factors will not result in a change in the Fund's distribution rate or that the rate will be sustainable in the future.

For instance, during periods of low or declining interest rates, the Fund's distributable income and dividend levels may decline for many reasons. For example, the Fund may have to deploy uninvested assets (whether from purchases of Fund units, proceeds from matured, traded or called debt obligations or other sources) in new, lower yielding instruments.

Additionally, payments from certain instruments that may be held by the Fund (such as variable and floating rate securities) may be negatively impacted by declining interest rates, which may also lead to a decline in the Fund's distributable income and dividend levels.

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**A word about risk:** Investing in the **bond market** is subject to risks, including market, interest rate, issuer, credit, inflation risk, and liquidity risk. The value of most bonds and bond strategies are impacted by changes in interest rates. Bonds and bond strategies with longer durations tend to be more sensitive and volatile than those with shorter durations; bond prices generally fall as interest rates rise, and low interest rate environments increase this risk. Reductions in bond counterparty capacity may contribute to decreased market liquidity and increased price volatility. Bond investments may be worth more or less than the original cost when redeemed. Investing in **foreign denominated and/or domiciled securities** may involve heightened risk due to currency fluctuations, and economic and political risks, which may be enhanced in emerging markets. **Mortgage- and asset-backed securities** may be sensitive to changes in interest rates, subject to early repayment risk, and while generally supported by a government, government-agency or private guarantor, there is no assurance that the guarantor will meet its obligations. **High-yield, lower-rated, securities** involve greater risk than higher-rated securities; portfolios that invest in them may be subject to greater levels of credit and liquidity risk than portfolios that do not. **Commodities** contain heightened risk, including market, political, regulatory and natural conditions, and may not be appropriate for all investors. **Equities** may decline in value due to both real and perceived general market, economic and industry conditions. Convertible securities may be called before intended, which may have an adverse effect on investment objectives. Entering into **short sales** includes the potential for loss of more money than the actual cost of the investment, and the risk that the third party to the short sale may fail to honor its contract terms, causing a loss to the portfolio. **Currency rates** may fluctuate significantly over short periods of time and may reduce the returns of a portfolio. **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. Investing in derivatives could lose more than the amount invested. The Fund is **non-diversified**, which means that it may concentrate its assets in a smaller number of issuers than a diversified fund.

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There is no guarantee that these investment strategies will work under all market conditions or are appropriate for all investors and each investor should evaluate their ability to invest long-term, especially during periods of downturn in the market.

**MV%** may not equal 100 due to rounding.

**Duration** is a measure of a portfolio's price sensitivity expressed in years.

Canadian Overnight Repo Rate (CORRA) measures the cost of overnight general collateral funding in Canadian dollars using Government of Canada treasury bills and bonds as collateral for repurchase transactions.

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

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