

What can bond investors do to help manage interest rate risk?



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Active short-term bond strategies (including ETFs) may offer a more attractive risk/return profile than traditional cash/money market securities while helping to reduce interest rate risk.*

THE CONCERN: MANAGE INTEREST RATE RISK

To help protect against interest rate risk, investors may be compelled to remove duration from their portfolios by moving to a money market fund or bank deposits, but that may not be the best strategy.

THE IMPACT: LOW REAL YIELDS

Although this preventive action may reduce a portfolio's aggregate risk profile, it creates obstacles to generating even nominal positive returns.

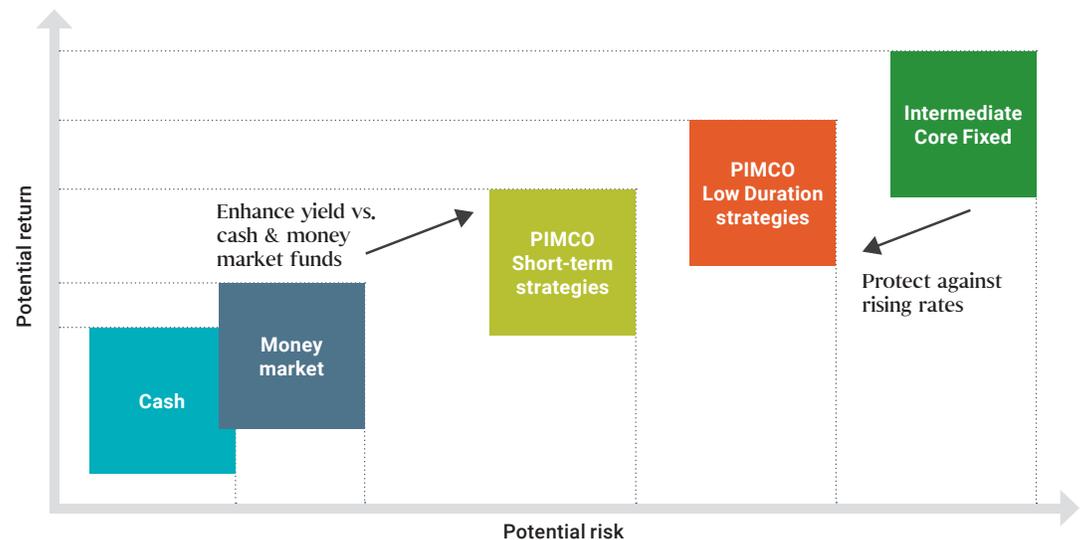
THE VALUE: SHORT DURATION STRATEGIES HAVE MULTIPLE ROLES

Active strategies like PIMCO's can offer enhanced yield potential while managing interest rate risk by emphasizing precise yield curve positioning and navigating areas of rate volatility. The portfolios focus on high quality securities, maintain a high degree of liquidity and manage NAV (net asset value) volatility, which helps to mitigate overall risk.

ROLE IN A PORTFOLIO: ACTIVELY MANAGED SHORT-DURATION STRATEGIES PROVIDE THE POTENTIAL FOR ENHANCED YIELDS OVER CASH WHILE CUSHIONING AGAINST UNWANTED INTEREST RATE VOLATILITY.

Benefits:

- Lower duration helps cushion against interest rate risk
- More flexibility
- Expanded investable universe



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* Short-term bond strategies are not money market funds and may be subject to additional volatility/risk.

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