

# Goldman Sachs US Dollar Short Duration Bond Portfolio

A sub-fund of Goldman Sachs Funds, SICAV

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## Investor Profile

### Investor objective

Income with some capital appreciation.

### Position in your overall investment portfolio\*

The fund can form a core holding in your portfolio.

### The fund is designed for:

The fund is designed for investors who want to moderate interest rate risk by investing in a portfolio of investment grade short term bonds, primarily US Dollar denominated.

## Fund Data

No. of holdings	116
% in top 10	34
Swing Pricing (%)	
Subscription (%)	0.04
Redemption (%)	0.04
Initial Sales Charge: up to (%)	0.00
Performance Fee Rate (%)	N/A
Total Expense Ratio (TER) (%) <sup>(1)</sup>	0.30
Management Fee (%)	0.20
Distribution Fee (%)	0.00

## Financial Information

Net Asset Value (NAV) - Class I Shares (EUR-Hedged)	EUR	99.29
Total Net Assets (m)	USD	46
Current Duration of Portfolio (years)		1.83
Current Duration of Reference Benchmark (years)		1.94
Yield To Maturity of Portfolio (%)		1.72
Yield To Worst of Portfolio (%)		1.72

## Fund Characteristics

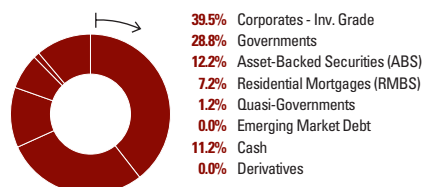
Currency - Class I Shares (EUR-Hedged)	EUR
Inception Date - Class I Shares (EUR-Hedged)	06-Jun-16
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## Fund Facts

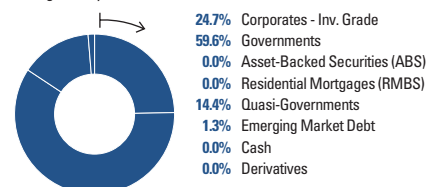
ISIN - Class I Shares (EUR-Hedged)	LU1409378517
Bloomberg Ticker - Class I Shares (EUR-Hedged)	GSUDSIE LX
Dividend Distribution Frequency	Annually
Dealing and valuation	Daily
Reporting year end	30 November
Reference Benchmark	Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Government/Credit 1-3 Year (Total Return, Hedged, EUR)
Settlement	T + 3

## Sector Allocation (%)

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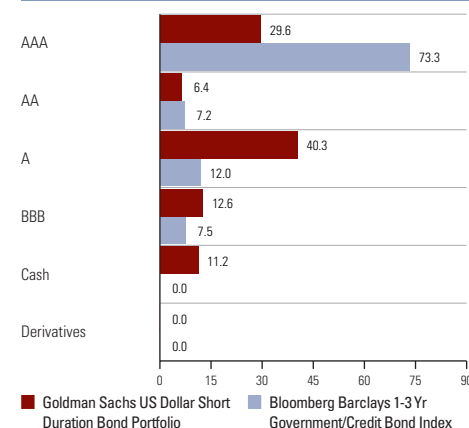
Bloomberg Barclays 1-3 Yr Government/Credit Bond Index



## Country Bond Allocation (%)

	Goldman Sachs US Dollar Short Duration Bond Portfolio	Bloomberg Barclays 1-3 Yr Government/Credit Bond Index
US	95.9	100.0
Japan	4.1	0.0

## Credit Allocation (%)



**Please see Additional Notes. All performance and holdings data as at 28-Feb-17. Past performance does not guarantee future results, which may vary. The value of investments and the income derived from investments will fluctuate and can go down as well as up. A loss of capital may occur.**

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For regionally focussed investment portfolios we understand that the categorisation may be different from the perspective of different investors. **Consult your financial adviser before investing to help determine if an investment in this fund and the amount of the investment would be suitable.**

<sup>(1)</sup> The total expense ratio is based on fees and expenses during the month. The Ongoing Charges (OC) details can be found in the Key Investor Information Document.

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## Important Risk Considerations

- **Counterparty risk** a party that the Portfolio transacts with may fail to meet its obligations which could cause losses.
- **Credit risk** the failure of a counterparty or an issuer of a financial asset held within the Portfolio to meet its payment obligations will have a negative impact on the Portfolio.
- **Custodian risk** insolvency, breaches of duty of care or misconduct of a custodian or subcustodian responsible for the safekeeping of the Portfolio's assets can result in loss to the Portfolio.
- **Derivatives risk** derivative instruments are highly sensitive to changes in the value of the underlying asset that they are based on. Certain derivatives may result in losses greater than the amount originally invested.
- **Exchange rate risk** changes in exchange rates may reduce or increase the returns an investor might expect to receive independent of the performance of such assets. If applicable, investment techniques used to attempt to reduce the risk of currency movements (hedging), may not be effective. Hedging also involves additional risks associated with derivatives.
- **Interest rate risk** when interest rates rise, bond prices fall, reflecting the ability of investors to obtain a more attractive rate of interest on their money elsewhere. Bond prices are therefore subject to movements in interest rates which may move for a number of reasons, political as well as economic.
- **Liquidity risk** the Portfolio may not always find another party willing to purchase an asset that the Portfolio wants to sell which could impact the Portfolio's ability to meet redemption requests on demand.
- **Market risk** the value of assets in the Portfolio is typically dictated by a number of factors, including the confidence levels of the market in which they are traded.
- **Mortgage backed securities ("MBS") risk** the mortgages backing MBS may be repaid earlier than required, resulting in a lower return.
- **Operational risk** material losses to the Portfolio may arise as a result of human error, system and/or process failures, inadequate procedures or controls.

## Glossary

- **Beta** – Measures the sensitivity of the fund's returns to the comparative benchmark index return (annualised). The nearer to 1.00, the closer the historical fluctuations in the value of the fund are to the benchmark. If above 1.00, then fund fluctuations have been greater than the benchmark.
- **Duration of the Portfolio** – Measure of the sensitivity of the price of a bond or portfolio to a change in interest rates paid. The larger the number (positive or negative), the greater the change in price for given changes in interest rates. When duration is positive a rise in interest rates results in a fall in price while for a negative duration a rise in interest rates results in a rise in price.
- **Excess returns** – The return of the fund in excess of the benchmark/index return (annualised).
- **Historical tracking error** - Measure of the actual deviation of the fund's returns from the comparative benchmark index returns (annualised). A higher number means that the fund is taking greater risk against the benchmark.
- **Historical Volatility of Portfolio** – Illustrates the dispersion of the fund's realized monthly returns around the average monthly return, indicating how volatile the fund's return is over time. The higher the number the more volatile the fund's returns.
- **Interest Rate Duration** – This is a modified measure of Total Average Duration that has been estimated by GSAM. This modified measure seeks to take account of the different behaviours of different bond markets around the world by re-expressing all duration exposures to a common US market standard. The goal is to improve the estimate of the portfolio's sensitivity to changes in interest rates. This estimate is guided by historical market observations amongst markets which are themselves subject to change over time and may not necessarily be reflected by the actual outcome.
- **Net Asset Value** – Represents the net assets of the fund (ex-dividend) divided by the total number of shares issued by the fund.
- **Total Expense Ratio (TER)** – The total expense ratio is based on fees and expenses during the month. It includes management fee, distribution fee, performance fee and operational expenses, if any, but excludes transaction costs incurred by the fund.
- **R<sup>2</sup>** – Measure that represents the percentage of a portfolio movement linked to movements in the benchmark index return (annualised). The nearer to [1.00], the more a fund is tracking the risk of the benchmark, and the less risk that the fund is taking against the benchmark.
- **Swing pricing** – This describes the total trading spreads and any other duties and charges (e.g. Broker Commissions, Stamp Duty and Taxes) that may be paid on entry and exit to the Fund and which seek to protect long-term investors already in the Fund. The price shown is measured at last quarter end, and is only indicative of the swing that may apply to a new subscription/redemption.
- **Yield to Maturity** – The rate of return anticipated on a bond if it is held until the maturity date shown without the deduction of any expenses.
- **Yield to Worst** – The lowest potential yield that can be received on a bond without the issuer actually defaulting.

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