



# Short Term Bond Portfolio



## Investment objective

This is a portfolio that will be invested purely in either UK Government Bonds or cash. Bonds are like IOU's. The borrower, in this case the Government, issues an IOU to you, the saver, in return for your money. The IOU promises to pay your money back at the end of a certain period while paying you a level of interest in the meantime. This strategy only invests in bonds that will be paid back within 3 years. This tends to be a very low-risk investment, where the chance of absolute loss is minimal.

## Quarterly commentary

This portfolio invests solely in UK government bonds of less than three years of duration. Bonds purchased are normally held until their expiry at which point the government pays us back the money owed, and we reinvest in a new bond.

Since the bonds are secured by the UK Government, this portfolio offers very low-risk returns, which has led to significant outperformance of our bond benchmark over the long-term.

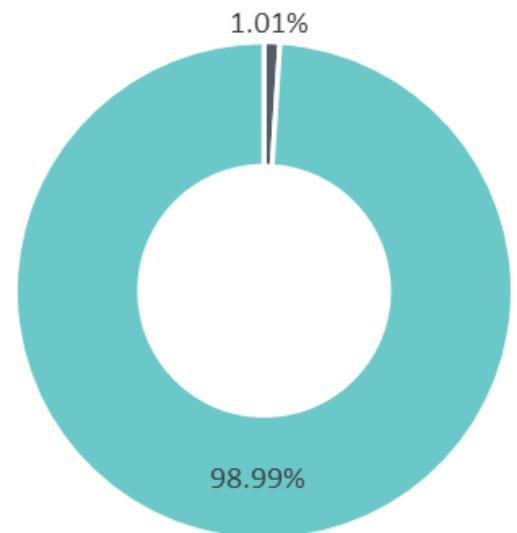
We have continued to see the Short-Term Bond Portfolio perform as expected over the course of the final quarter of 2023, slowly adding value as the UK Government continues to pay out. We expect to see interest rates start to come down in 2024, potentially leading to a decrease in these returns.

## October - December 2023

### Top Holdings

UK Government 0.25% 2025	62.98%
UK Government 0.125% 2026	14.95%
UK Government 0.125% 2024	11.94%
UK Government 0.375% 2026	6.33%
UK Government 1% 2024	2.79%

### Asset Weights



■ Cash ■ UK Government Bonds

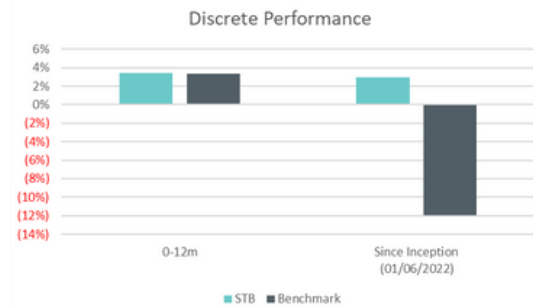
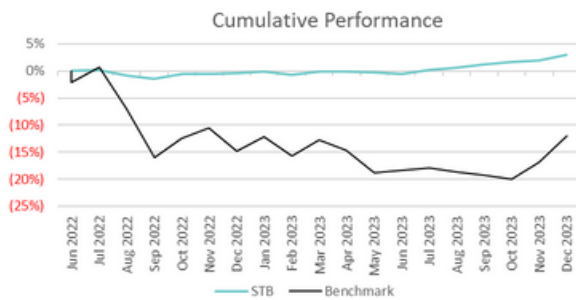
The value of your investments and income from them may go down as well as up.

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# Performance

	3m	6m	1Y	Since Inception(01/06/2022)
<b>STB</b>	1.81%	3.62%	3.39%	2.99%
<b>Benchmark</b>	8.99%	7.81%	3.35%	-11.94%



Performance is a composite made from grouping together each individual client Short Term Bond Portfolio. Performance will vary depending on when money is invested into the portfolio. Occasionally the portfolios may hold some cash when we are between investments. Past Performance does not indicate future performance. Our benchmark is the Vanguard FTSE UK Government Bond Index Fund. Performance figures are net of all fees.

## Benefits

- Experienced, successful team
- Consistent, repeatable strategy
- No leverage and no derivatives

## Risks

- Focussed portfolio
- Money invested in equities
- No hedging of currency

## Fees

- No entry or exit feed
- Fees of 1.25% including VAT
- Dealing fees of 0.4%

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