



## INTERMEDIATE GOVERNMENT/CREDIT QUARTERLY COMMENTARY

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Intermediate bond yields rose higher across the yield curve in the second quarter of 2024.
- The Glenmede Intermediate Government/Credit strategy ("strategy") performed in-line for the quarter versus the Bloomberg Intermediate Govt/Credit Index primarily due to our sector weights tilted towards higher quality and our recent purchases of the treasury sector in the intermediate part of the curve.
- As we enter the third quarter, markets will be closely watching economic data to evaluate possible Federal Reserve rate moves.

Intermediate bond yields rose higher across the yield curve in the second quarter of 2024. The Federal Reserve Open Market Committee (FOMC) met twice in the quarter and left rates unchanged. The current Fed funds target now stands at 5.25 to 5.50 percent. Fed Chair Powell insists the Committee is firm on achieving inflation levels back to target but has remained hopeful of possibly lowering rates later this year. The consensus among wall street economists seems to predict one, possibly two cuts in 2024. The market remained cautious, fearing higher rates for longer could result in a possible economic slowdown. Volatility remained high.

For the quarter, intermediate corporates with their attractive yield profile were the best performers returning 0.7%, intermediate treasuries returned 0.6%, mortgages returned 0.1%, and agencies returned 0.3%. The yield curve steepened in the second quarter, with the two-year treasury higher by 13 basis points to yield 4.8%, and the ten-year treasury selling off 20 basis points to yield 4.4%. The yield spread between the two-year treasury and ten-year treasury closed the quarter at negative 35 basis points. With our sector weights tilted towards higher quality and our recent purchases of the treasury sector in the intermediate part of the curve, the Intermediate Fixed Income Composite performed in-line for the quarter returning 0.6% (net), versus the benchmark, the Bloomberg Intermediate Government Credit Index, return of 0.6%.

As we enter the third quarter, markets will be closely watching economic data to evaluate possible Federal Reserve rate moves. High inflation remains the primary concern, and the Fed has remained vigilant attempting to lower it back to their 2% target. The potential impact from higher for longer, could slow the economy and possibly lower corporate earnings growth. Most economists are now calling for the soft landing and predicting the Fed to lower rates later this year. Adhering to our investment process, we will maintain liquidity and our high-quality bias. Our positioning will remain in the short to intermediate part of the curve and as long as volatility is high, we will remain close to duration neutral.

## **INTERMEDIATE GOVERNMENT/CREDIT Composite Performance (%)**

As of 6/30/2024	QTD	YTD	1 YEAR	3 YEAR*	5 YEAR*	10 YEAR*	SINCE INCEPTION* (12/31/99)
Glenmede (Gross)	0.6	0.5	3.8	-1.0	0.7	1.5	3.8
Glenmede (Net)	0.6	0.4	3.5	-1.3	0.4	1.1	3.4
Bloomberg Int Gov Credit	0.6	0.5	4.2	-1.2	0.7	1.5	3.7

\*Annualized

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The Intermediate Fixed Income Composite objective is to deliver attractive risk-adjusted returns by constructing portfolios that have the potential to provide price stability during periods of interest rate volatility. Our active approach to fixed income management adheres to a core strategy that seeks superior investment returns while minimizing risk, resulting in an intermediate duration diversified portfolio. The Bloomberg Intermediate Govt/Credit Index is the intermediate component of the Bloomberg US Government/Corporate Bond Index. Total return comprises price appreciation/depreciation and income as a percentage of the original investment. One cannot invest directly in an index.

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