

U.S. Corporate Bond 1-7 Year Ladder

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Strategy description

1-7 Year U.S. Corporate Bond Ladder seeks to provide current income and regular maturities by building an equally-weighted portfolio of high quality corporate securities based on the designated maturity range that will be typically held to maturity or sold as they reach minimum maturity.

At-a-glance

Benchmark	Bloomberg 3-7 Year Corporate Index
Invests primarily across	U.S. Corporates
Minimum issue rating (at time of purchase)	A-/A3 or better
Maximum issue exposure	10%
Maximum issuer concentration	10%
Number of position range	20-24

Investment process

The corporate bond ladders are built based on the designated maturity range. The portfolio positions are monitored for credit worthiness, without active trading occurring unless warranted by credit events or client needs. The global fixed income team maintains the designated maturity by purchasing new bonds at the longest available maturity in the range to replace those that reach the maturity minimum. Portfolio managers also may invest in callable bonds, which if called prior to maturity, will generate the need to reinvest the proceeds to maintain the composition of the specified ladder portfolio.

Customization<sup>1</sup>

- Responsible investing
- Industry or issuer restrictions
- Maturity/duration

The proposed strategies' target characteristics are subject to change without notice. There is no guarantee the strategies will meet their investment objectives. Please note that Nuveen Laddered Strategies may not lend themselves to certain types of customizations including, but not limited to: sector restrictions, requests to replace individual bonds, and certain client trading such as tax sales. These strategies do not utilize the opportunistic and more active trading approach found in certain other Nuveen bond strategies. The ladder bonds will typically be held to maturity in the absence of material credit events, contributions/ withdrawals and calls. The maturity range is typically segmented into 1-2 year ranges ("rungs") in which Nuveen will purchase bonds creating a "ladder" of individual bonds. As bonds mature (or are called) and cash is generated in the account, Nuveen will purchase additional bonds in the longest available rung within the strategy's bond maturity range.

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Average annualized total returns (%)

	Inception date	QTD	YTD	1 year	3 years	5 years	Since inception
Gross	01 Mar 16	1.85	1.85	5.69	2.96	1.96	2.31
Net	01 Mar 16	1.53	1.53	4.38	1.68	0.70	1.04
Benchmark		2.37	2.37	6.62	3.55	2.94	2.94

Performance data shown represents past performance and does not predict or guarantee future results. Performance shown is based on the composite. The value of the portfolio will fluctuate based on the value of the underlying securities. Individual returns may vary based on factors such as the account type, market value, cash flows and fees. Current performance is preliminary and may be higher or lower than the performance shown. Final numbers are available upon request. Total returns for a period of less than one year are cumulative.

Portfolio management

Gregory Hessler   19 years industry experience
Marie A. Newcome, CFA   33 years industry experience

Portfolio statistics

	Portfolio	Credit quality (%)	Portfolio	Sector allocation (%)	Portfolio
Number of positions	26	AAA	5.7	U.S. Corporates	98.2
Duration (years)	2.27	AA	16.8	Industrials	48.5
Average effective maturity (years)	2.62	A	77.5	Financials	49.6
Yield to worst (%)	4.42			Cash and equivalents	1.8

Reflects ratings by Moody's, S&P, and/or Fitch. If there are two ratings for a security the lower rating is used, while if ratings are provided by all three agencies the middle rating is used. Bonds that are not rated by Moody's, S&P, and/or Fitch are assigned an equivalent rating deemed to be appropriate by Nuveen Asset Management. U.S. government securities are included in the U.S. Treasury/Agency category (included only if applicable).

Data source: Nuveen and Bloomberg. Data shown includes cash. All characteristics are based on a representative account deemed appropriate.

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Year	Calendar year total return (net of fees) (%)	Calendar year total return ("pure" gross of fees) (%)*	Benchmark return (%)	Composite 3-year standard deviation (%)	Benchmark 3-year standard deviation (%)	Number of accounts	Composite internal dispersion (%)	Composite assets at period end (\$ millions)	Firm assets at period end (\$ billions)
2023	3.90	5.20	7.05	3.54	5.08	230	0.67	106.9	237.6
2022	-6.84	-5.66	-7.82	3.53	5.68	240	0.75	97.9	247.0
2021	-2.30	-1.07	-0.78	2.61	4.37	229	0.13	100.1	296.1
2020	4.85	6.16	7.06	2.65	4.35	209	0.46	92.0	239.7
2019	6.23	7.56	8.93	1.87	1.95	180	0.16	79.1	209.1
2018	-0.84	0.41	0.34	N/A	N/A	24	N/A	17.9	176.2
2017	1.07	2.34	3.28	N/A	N/A	</= 5	N/A	5.4	174.0
2016**	-0.41	0.63	2.73	N/A	N/A	</= 5	N/A	1.1	155.4

Current benchmark: Bloomberg 3-5 Year Corporate Index  
\* "Pure" gross-of-fees returns are supplemental to net returns.  
\*\* Partial period starting 01 Mar 2016

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- 6 For direct-advisory institutional accounts, returns on a gross-of-fees basis include the deduction of trading commissions and other transaction costs but not investment management fees; returns on a net-of-fees basis do include the deduction of investment management fees. For direct-advisory fee-in-lieu accounts

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- 7 All returns represent the reinvestment of income.
- 8 The composite internal dispersion is the asset-weighted standard deviation of gross annual returns for portfolios in the composite the entire year. The number of accounts represents the number in the composite at year end. Composite dispersion is reported as N/A when information is not statistically meaningful due to an insufficient number of portfolios in the composite for the entire year.
- 9 The US Corporate 1-7 Year Ladder composite seeks to provide current income and regular maturities by building an equally weighted laddered portfolio of investment grade corporate securities that will typically be held to maturity. Bonds must be rated A3/A- or higher at time of purchase.
- 10 The composite inception date is 01 Mar 2016; the composite creation date is March 2016.
- 11 The composite performance has been achieved at Nuveen Asset Management.
- 12 The index is the Bloomberg 3-5 Year Corporate Index. This index is the 3-5 year Corporate component of the U.S. Credit index. The index contains publicly issued U.S. corporate and specified foreign debentures and secured notes that meet the specified maturity, liquidity, and quality requirements. To qualify, bonds must be SEC-registered.
- 13 The composite net-of-fees returns are calculated by deducting 1/12th of a model fee of 1.25%, which NAM reasonably believes is the maximum applicable fee, from the monthly "pure" gross-of-fee returns.
- 14 Results are calculated in U.S. Dollars.
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