

Intermediate Government/Credit

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Strategy description

Intermediate Government/Credit seeks to deliver current income and capital appreciation by investing in U.S. government and investment-grade corporate securities.

At-a-glance

Benchmark	Bloomberg Intermediate Government/Credit Index
Sectors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U.S. Treasuries • U.S. agencies • U.S. corporate debt (investment-grade)
Duration	3 – 5 years
Quality	Investment grade (at the time of purchase)

Investment process

Nuveen seeks to optimize value through the careful analysis of fundamentals, technical and valuations. We consistently evaluate the opportunity in each sector and identify relative value across sectors. Our strategy seeks to drive superior risk-adjusted returns by focusing on the three main drivers of fixed income performance: sector rotation, security selection and yield curve positioning.

Customization

- Credit quality
- Sector or industry restrictions
- Maturity/duration

Average annualized total returns (%)

	Inception date	QTD	YTD	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since inception
Gross	01 Jul 06	-1.60	2.84	2.84	0.08	0.91	1.66	3.12
Net	01 Jul 06	-1.91	1.56	1.56	-1.16	-0.34	0.40	1.85
Benchmark		-1.60	3.00	3.00	-0.18	0.86	1.71	3.06

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

Richard Cheng | 33 years industry experience

Gregory Hessler | 19 years industry experience

Chad W. Kemper | 26 years industry experience

Marie A. Newcome, CFA | 33 years industry experience

Portfolio statistics

	Portfolio	Benchmark
Number of positions	41	6,137
Duration (years)	3.69	3.66
Average effective maturity (years)	4.12	4.20
Yield to worst (%)	4.54	4.59

Credit quality (%)

	Portfolio	Benchmark
U.S. Treasury/Agency	57.9	65.7
AAA	1.4	3.0
AA	9.9	2.5
A	30.8	13.7
BBB	0.0	15.1

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).

Sector allocation (%)

	Portfolio	Benchmark
U.S. Treasury	57.9	64.1
U.S. agencies	3.1	1.6
U.S. Corporates	37.6	29.7
Industrials	17.4	15.2
Financials	18.7	12.3
Utilities	1.5	2.2
Non-corporate credit	0.0	4.6
Cash and equivalents	1.4	0.0

Intermediate Government/Credit

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	3.74	5.04	5.24	4.20	4.58	151	0.31	117.5	237.6
2022	-8.36	-7.20	-8.23	3.55	3.82	122	0.32	88.7	247.0
2021	-2.86	-1.63	-1.44	2.27	2.34	111	0.12	74.9	296.1
2020	4.80	6.11	6.43	2.25	2.31	103	0.21	65.1	239.7
2019	5.14	6.45	6.80	2.00	2.04	104	0.17	60.9	209.1
2018	-0.38	0.87	0.88	2.09	2.09	106	0.24	62.2	176.2
2017	0.73	1.99	2.14	2.11	2.11	125	0.10	74.4	174.0
2016	0.28	1.54	2.08	2.20	2.23	133	0.08	80.3	155.4
2015	0.04	1.30	1.07	2.08	2.10	125	0.22	78.2	140.7
2014	1.82	3.10	2.52	1.96	1.94	128	0.15	54.5	134.6

Current benchmark: Bloomberg Intermediate Government/Credit Index

* "Pure" gross-of-fees returns are supplemental to net returns.

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- 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 and advisor-sponsored accounts, returns on a gross-of-fees basis do not include the deduction of trading commissions, other transaction costs or fees; returns on a net-of-fees basis do include the deduction of fees and certain other expenses in the form of a bundled fee. Net of Fee returns from 31 Dec 2006 through 31 Dec 2007 are calculated by deducting the average monthly management fee from monthly gross account returns to get monthly account net returns.
- All returns represent the reinvestment of income.
- The composite internal dispersion is the asset-weighted standard deviation of pure 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.
- The composite consists of fully discretionary, fee-paying Direct Advisory Accounts and Advisor Sponsored (SMA) Accounts that are managed according to NAM's Intermediate Government/Credit Strategy. NAM's Intermediate Government/Credit strategy begins by screening securities on fundamentals, technicals and valuation. This universe generally includes U.S. Treasuries, federal agencies, and credits rated at least A3/A-, generally limited to maturities up to 10 years.
- The composite inception date is 01 Jul 2006; the composite creation date is 10 Sep 2008.
- For the period 01 Jan 2007 - 31 Dec 2010, this composite was managed by a team no longer affiliated with Nuveen Asset Management. As of 01 Jan 2011, a new team was formed when Nuveen Investments, Inc. acquired the long-term asset management business of FAF Advisors, Inc. and combined it with Nuveen Investment's wholly-owned subsidiary, Nuveen Asset Management. No material change in the investment process occurred.
- The composite performance has been achieved at Nuveen Asset Management, LLC ("NAM").
- The composite is benchmarked against the unmanaged Bloomberg Intermediate Government/Credit Index, which measures the returns of public-obligations of the U.S. Treasury, publicly-issued debt of U.S. Government agencies & quasi-federal corporations, corporate & foreign debt guaranteed by the U.S. Government and U.S. corporate & foreign debentures & secured notes, all in the maturity range of 1 to 9.99 years; the inclusion of each security is determined by a rule-based system, incorporating factors such as maturity, liquidity and quality; the current quality criteria are that bonds must be rated investment-grade (Baa3/BBB- or higher) by at least two of the three agencies of Moody's, S&P and Fitch; the weighting of each security is based on its relative market value. Benchmark returns are not covered by the report of independent verifiers.
- 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.
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