

Scotia Money Market Fund

Quarterly fund highlights

As of March 31, 2025

Market Review

Fourth-quarter U.S. GDP expanded at an annual pace of 2.4% (Seasonally Adjusted Annual Rate), driven by higher consumer spending offsetting weaker business investment. In March, the U.S. Federal Reserve maintained its key borrowing rate in the 4.25% to 4.5% range while signaling expectations for a weaker economy in 2025 than previously projected. U.S. headline inflation grew by 2.8% year-over-year in February, down from 2.9% in January. Shelter costs, food, energy, used car, and apparel prices contributed to the increase. During the quarter, the U.S. money market yield curve moved down and flattened. The 1-month U.S. Treasury bill yield increased by 3 basis points to 4.31%, while the 1-year Treasury bill yield decreased by 2 basis points to finish the quarter at 4.30%.

Fund Performance* and Positioning

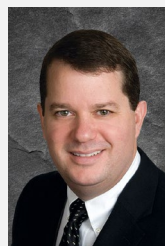
The Fund had a gross yield of 4.46% and a three-month return of 0.95% as of March 31, 2025. The Fund's performance in the fourth quarter was enhanced by its barbell strategy, which contributed positively as the money market curve flattened. The Fund's average term remained in line with the benchmark, while the Fund's yield was higher than the benchmark, although it decreased relative to Q4 2024.

Outlook

Both sales and earnings demonstrated robust growth this quarter, while credit metrics remained stable. Key macroeconomic factors we are closely monitoring include tariffs, geopolitical conflicts, inflation, economic growth trajectory, the timing and pace of further central bank rate cuts and their terminal value, quantitative tightening, and fiscal spending. We expect to maintain an average term roughly in line with the benchmark to ensure liquidity and facilitate reinvestment. Additionally, we will continue to prioritize higher credit quality given the potential for economic weakness.

*As of March 31, 2025, performance returns for the Scotia Money Market Fund are as follows: 1 month: 0.31%, 3 Mos: 0.95%, 6 Mos: 2.10%, YTD: 0.95%, 1 Yr: 4.53%, 3 Yrs: 3.74%, 5 Yrs: 2.25%, 10 Yrs: 1.51%, and since inception (10/27/1999): 1.65%. Performance returns for the BofAML US US Treasury Bills 0-3 Mon Total Return USD benchmark are as follows: 1 month 0.34%, 3 Mos: 1.04%, 6 Mos: 2.24%, YTD: 1.04%, 1 Yr: 5.02%, 3 Yrs: 4.31%, 5 Yrs: 2.60%, 10 Yrs: 1.85%.

Investment team



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