

# VA SHORT-TERM FIXED PORTFOLIO

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## OVERVIEW

Benchmark	ICE BofAML US 6-Month Treasury Bill Index
Benchmark 2	ICE BofAML 1-Year US Treasury Note Index
Inception Date	Oct. 03, 1995
CUSIP	233203678
Fund Assets Under Management	\$259.4 Million

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The investment objective of the VA Short-Term Fixed Portfolio is to achieve a stable real return in excess of the rate of inflation with a minimum of risk. The portfolio is available only to insurance company separate accounts funding variable life and variable annuity insurance contracts.

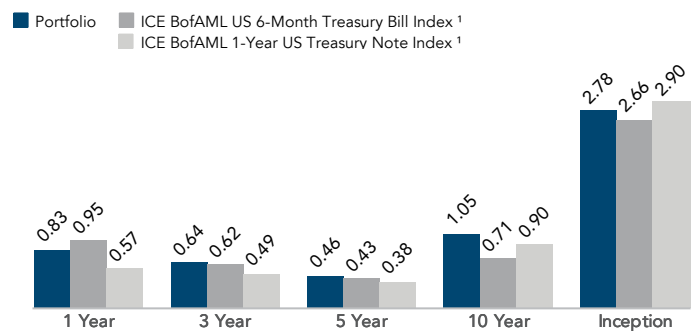
## PRINCIPAL RISKS

Risks include loss of principal and fluctuating value. Fixed income securities are subject to increased loss of principal during periods of rising interest rates and may be subject to various other risks including changes in credit quality, liquidity, prepayments, and other factors. International investing involves special risks such as currency fluctuation and political instability. Sector-specific investments can increase these risks. For more detail regarding the risks affecting this Portfolio, please see the Principal Risks section of the prospectus.

## CHARACTERISTICS

Number of Holdings	216
Average Maturity (Years)	0.96
Yield to Maturity	1.95%
30-Day SEC Yield	1.60%
Average Duration (Years)	0.94

## ANNUALIZED PERFORMANCE (%)



## CALENDAR YEAR RETURNS (%)

	PORTFOLIO	BENCHMARK	BENCHMARK 2
2017	0.83%	0.95%	0.57%
2016	0.79%	0.67%	0.76%
2015	0.30%	0.22%	0.15%
2014	0.15%	0.12%	0.18%
2013	0.25%	0.18%	0.25%
2012	0.84%	0.17%	0.24%
2011	0.43%	0.27%	0.57%
2010	1.11%	0.36%	0.83%
2009	1.86%	0.58%	0.80%
2008	3.96%	3.58%	4.75%

Performance for the portfolio is reported net of all advisory fees and includes reinvestment of dividends and other earnings. Performance less than one year is not annualized. Performance data shown represents past performance and is no guarantee of future results. Current performance may be higher or lower than the performance shown. The investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. To obtain performance data current to the most recent month-end, visit [us.dimensional.com](http://us.dimensional.com).

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**MATURITY ALLOCATION**

0 - 3 Months	23.21%
3 - 6 Months	4.80%
6 - 9 Months	6.61%
9 - 12 Months	5.31%
1 - 3 Years	60.07%

**FUND COSTS**

Management Fee	0.25%
Total Operating Expense Ratio	0.27%
Net Expense Ratio (to investor)	0.27%

Certain Portfolios have entered into fee waiver and/or expense assumption arrangements with the Advisor. In these cases, the Advisor has contractually agreed, under certain circumstances, to waive certain fees and/or assume certain expenses of the Portfolio. Unless otherwise stated in the prospectus, the Advisor may amend or discontinue these arrangements at any time, one year from the date of the prospectus. The net expense ratio reflects the total annual fund operating expenses of the Portfolio after taking into account any such fee waiver and/or expense assumption arrangements. Please read the Portfolio's prospectus for details and more information.

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