

# Strategic Income Fund (formerly Short Duration Strategic Income Fund) (I)<sup>1</sup>

A flexible single-fund offering designed to provide broad exposure across a spectrum of fixed-income investments.

Share Class

**ESIIX**  
Symbol

**\$6.47** ▼\$-0.02  
NAV as of Apr 25, 2024



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Mar 31, 2024



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## The Fund

This all-weather, multi-sector Fund provides sweeping exposure to fixed-income markets, offering a core holding that may complement traditional bond market investments. Access to a broad range of typically underrepresented asset classes, with allocations directed by Fund portfolio managers.

## The Approach

A time-tested, macroeconomic and fundamental research process informs investments across a range of leading Eaton Vance fixed-income capabilities. Broad exposure to a global opportunity set and an eye toward risk-adjusted performance seeks to provide a low volatility experience.

## The Features

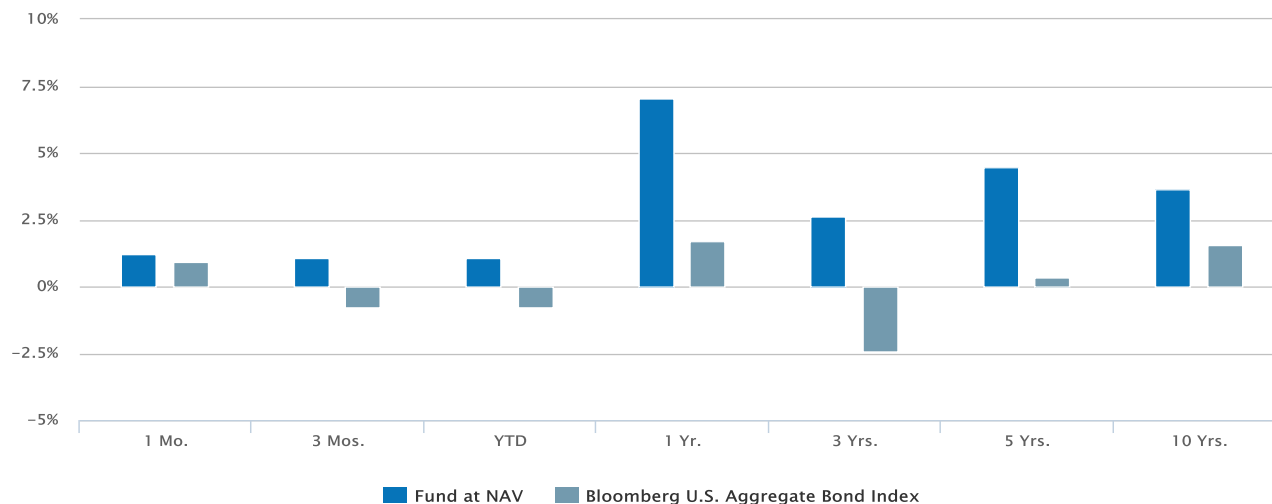
The Fund's broad exposure and flexible allocations to floating-rate loans, non-investment-grade bonds, mortgage-backed securities, currency instruments and foreign bonds, among other instruments, may provide important diversification benefits for investor portfolios. Managed by Eaton Vance, a leader in fixed income investing.

## Overview

## Historical Returns (%)

as of Mar 31, 2024

03/31/2024



|  |      |       |       |      |       |      |      |
|--|------|-------|-------|------|-------|------|------|
| Fund at NAV                                      | 1.22 | 1.05  | 1.05  | 7.06 | 2.62  | 4.49 | 3.65 |
| Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index <sup>2</sup> | 0.92 | -0.78 | -0.78 | 1.70 | -2.45 | 0.36 | 1.54 |

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# Fund Facts

as of Mar 31, 2024

|                            |              |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| Class I Inception          | 04/03/2009   |
| Investment Objective       | Total return |
| Total Net Assets           | \$5.1B       |
| Minimum Investment         | \$1000000    |
| Expense Ratio <sup>3</sup> | 0.95%        |
| Adjusted Expense Ratio     | 0.75%        |
| CUSIP                      | 277923579    |

Adjusted Expense Ratios excludes certain investment expenses such as interest expense from borrowings and repurchase agreements and dividend expense from short sales, incurred directly by the Fund or indirectly through the Fund's investment in underlying Eaton Vance Funds, if applicable none of which are paid to Eaton Vance.

# Morningstar Rating™

as of Mar 31, 2024

| Time Period | Rating | Funds in<br>Multisector Bond<br>Category |
|-------------|--------|--|
| Overall     | ★★★★★  | 315                                      |
| 3 Years     | ★★★★★  | 315                                      |
| 5 Years     | ★★★★★  | 265                                      |
| 10 Years    | ★★★★★  | 171                                      |

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# Portfolio Management

|  |   |
|--|---|
| <a href="#">Andrew Szczurowski, CFA</a>  | <a href="#">Managed Fund since 2013</a> |
| <a href="#">Justin H. Bourgette, CFA</a> | <a href="#">Managed Fund since 2019</a> |
| <a href="#">Brian Shaw, CFA</a>          | <a href="#">Managed Fund since 2019</a> |

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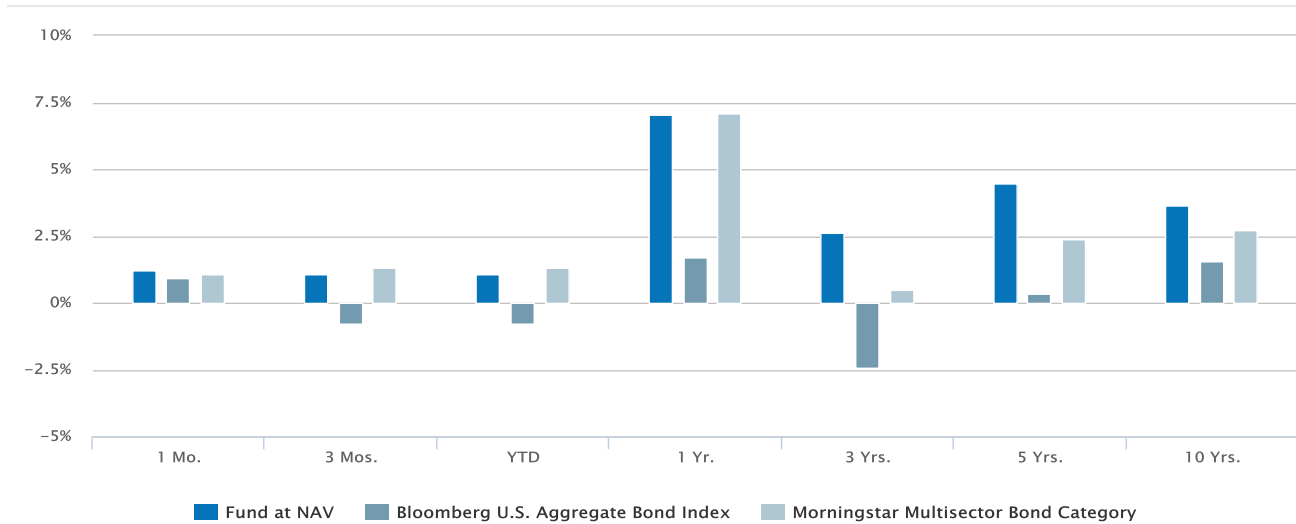
- 1. Effective January 16, 2024, the Fund changed its name from Eaton Vance Short Duration Strategic Income Fund to Eaton Vance Strategic Income Fund, and amended its principal investment strategy to no longer limit its average duration under normal market conditions to 3.5 years or less. See the related prospectus supplement for details.
- 2. Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index is an unmanaged index of domestic investment-grade bonds, including corporate, government and mortgage-backed securities. Unless otherwise stated, index returns do not reflect the effect of any applicable sales charges, commissions, expenses, taxes or leverage, as applicable. It is not possible to invest directly in an index. Historical performance of the index illustrates market trends and does not represent the past or future performance of the fund.
- 3. Source: Fund prospectus.

Performance

Historical Returns (%)

as of Mar 31, 2024

03/31/2024



|  |      |       |       |      |       |      |      |
|--|------|-------|-------|------|-------|------|------|
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| Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index <sup>2</sup>   | 0.92 | -0.78 | -0.78 | 1.70 | -2.45 | 0.36 | 1.54 |
| Morningstar Multisector Bond Category <sup>4</sup> | 1.08 | 1.31  | 1.31  | 7.09 | 0.48  | 2.39 | 2.72 |

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## Calendar Year Returns (%)

|  | 2014 | 2015  | 2016 | 2017 | 2018  | 2019 | 2020 | 2021  | 2022   | 2023 |
|--|------|-------|------|------|-------|------|------|-------|--------|------|
| Fund at NAV                                      | 4.61 | -0.56 | 5.81 | 5.16 | -2.44 | 9.60 | 7.79 | 1.58  | -2.32  | 8.52 |
| Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index <sup>2</sup> | 5.97 | 0.55  | 2.65 | 3.54 | 0.01  | 8.72 | 7.51 | -1.54 | -13.01 | 5.53 |

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|----------------------------|------------|
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| Distribution Frequency     | Monthly    |

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## Yield Information

as of Mar 31, 2024

|                               |       |
|-------------------------------|-------|
| Distribution Rate at NAV      | 7.24% |
| SEC 30-day Yield <sup>5</sup> | 5.87% |

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Funds in  
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10 Years

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## NAV History

| Date         | NAV    | NAV Change |
|--------------|--------|------------|
| Apr 25, 2024 | \$6.47 | -\$0.02    |
| Apr 24, 2024 | \$6.49 | -\$0.01    |
| Apr 23, 2024 | \$6.50 | \$0.02     |
| Apr 22, 2024 | \$6.48 | \$0.01     |
| Apr 19, 2024 | \$6.47 | \$0.01     |
| Apr 18, 2024 | \$6.46 | -\$0.02    |
| Apr 17, 2024 | \$6.48 | \$0.03     |
| Apr 16, 2024 | \$6.45 | -\$0.03    |
| Apr 15, 2024 | \$6.48 | -\$0.04    |
| Apr 12, 2024 | \$6.52 | \$0.01     |

## Distribution History<sup>6</sup>

| Ex-Date      | Distribution | Reinvest NAV |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Mar 27, 2024 | \$0.03970    | \$6.59       |
| Feb 28, 2024 | \$0.03970    | \$6.54       |
| Jan 30, 2024 | \$0.03970    | \$6.59       |
| Dec 28, 2023 | \$0.03970    | \$6.62       |
| Nov 29, 2023 | \$0.03970    | \$6.48       |
| Oct 30, 2023 | \$0.03970    | \$6.34       |
| Sep 28, 2023 | \$0.03970    | \$6.41       |
| Aug 30, 2023 | \$0.03970    | \$6.54       |
| Jul 28, 2023 | \$0.03970    | \$6.56       |

| Ex-Date      | Distribution | Reinvest NAV |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Jun 29, 2023 | \$0.03970    | \$6.55       |

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No records in this table indicates that there has not been a distribution greater than .0001 within the past 3 years.

[Fund prospectus](#)

## Capital Gain History<sup>6</sup>

| Ex-Date | Short-Term | Long-Term | Reinvest NAV |
|---------|------------|-----------|--------------|
|---------|------------|-----------|--------------|

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4. Multisector-bond portfolios seek income by diversifying their assets among several fixed-income sectors, usually U.S. government obligations, U.S. corporate bonds, foreign bonds, and high-yield U.S. debt securities. These portfolios typically hold 35% to 65% of bond assets in securities that are not rated or are rated by a major agency such as Standard & Poor's or Moody's at the level of BB (considered speculative for taxable bonds) and

below.

5. SEC 30-day yield is a standardized measure based on the estimated yield to maturity of a fund's investments over a 30-day period and is based on the maximum offer price at the date specified. The SEC 30-day yield is not based on the distributions made by the fund, which may differ. Distribution Rate at NAV is calculated by dividing the last distribution paid per share (annualized) by NAV. The Fund's monthly distribution may be comprised of ordinary income, net realized capital gains and returns of capital.

6. A portion of the Fund's returns may be comprised of return of capital or short term capital gains. The Fund will determine the tax characteristics of all Fund distributions after the end of the calendar year and will provide shareholders such information at that time. Please consult your tax advisor for further information.

Portfolio

Fund Weightings (%)<sup>7,8,9</sup>

as of Mar 31, 2024

|  |       |
|--|-------|
| Non-U.S. Bond                          | 18.75 |
| Emerging Markets Bonds                 | 18.47 |
| Non-U.S. Inflation-Linked Bonds        | 0.27  |
| Mortgage-Backed Securities             | 44.61 |
| U.S. Agency Mortgage-Backed Securities | 36.52 |
| Non Agency Mortgage-Backed Securities  | 7.79  |
| Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities  | 0.29  |
| Absolute Return                        | 17.24 |
| Global Macro                           | 17.24 |
| US Corporate Credit                    | 11.05 |
| Floating Rate Loans                    | 6.44  |
| High Yield Corporate Bonds             | 4.62  |
| Currency Instruments                   | 1.97  |
| Other                                  | 4.28  |
| Other Net Assets                       | 4.27  |
| U.S. Inflation Linked Bonds            | 0.01  |
| Cash & Equivalents                     | 2.11  |

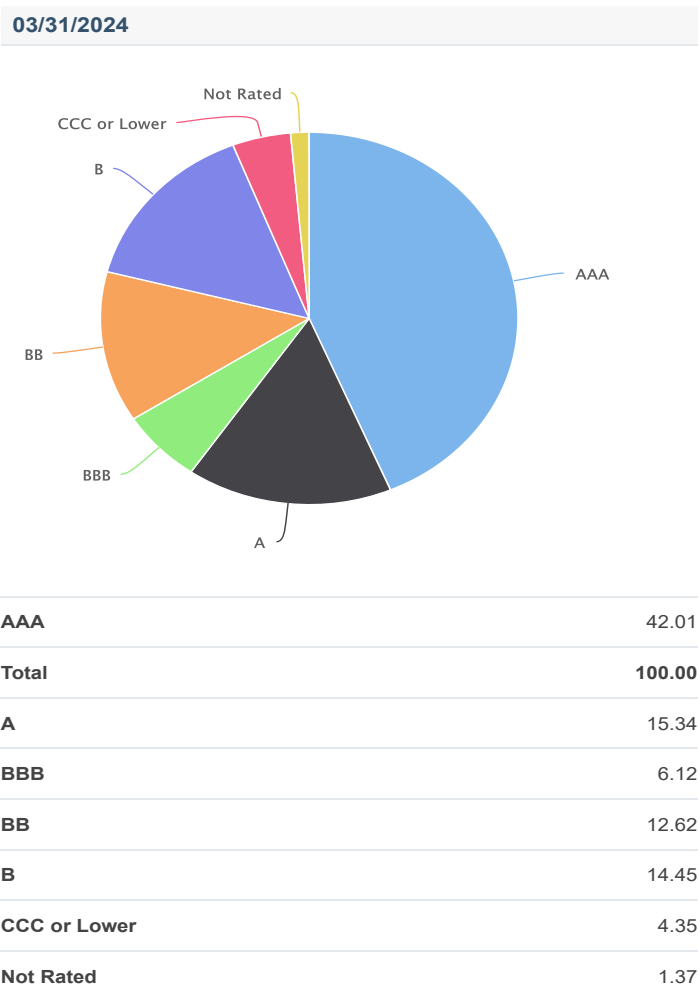
Portfolio Statistics

as of Mar 31, 2024

|                  |           |
|------------------|-----------|
| Average Duration | 4.10 yrs. |
|------------------|-----------|

Credit Quality (%)<sup>10</sup>

as of Mar 31, 2024



Ratings are based on Moody's, S&P or Fitch, as applicable. If securities are rated differently by the ratings agencies, the highest rating is applied. Ratings, which are subject to change, apply to the creditworthiness of the issuers of the underlying securities and not to the Fund or its shares. Credit ratings measure the quality of a bond based on the issuer's creditworthiness, with ratings ranging from AAA, being the highest, to D, being the lowest based on S&P's measures. Ratings of BBB or higher by S&P or Fitch (Baa or higher by Moody's) are considered to be investment-grade quality. Credit ratings are based largely on the ratings agency's analysis at the time of rating. The rating assigned to any particular security is not necessarily a reflection of the issuer's current financial condition and does not necessarily reflect its assessment of the volatility of a security's market value or of the liquidity of an investment in the security. Holdings designated as "Not Rated" are not rated by the national ratings agencies stated above.

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7. Percent of total net assets.

8. Other net assets represent other assets less liabilities and includes any investment type that represents less than 1% of net assets. Any securities sold short will be subtracted from that corresponding asset.

9. Other than its asset allocation to Absolute Return, references to investments are to the aggregate holdings of the Fund-of-Funds, including its pro rata share of each Portfolio in which it invests.

10. Percent of bond holdings.





**Andrew Szczurowski, CFA**  
Managing Director, Co-Head of Mortgage  
& Securitized  
Joined Eaton Vance 2007

### Biography

Andrew Szczurowski is Co-Head of the Mortgage and Securitized investment team and a portfolio manager on Mortgage and Securitized investment team. He joined Eaton Vance in 2007. Morgan Stanley acquired Eaton Vance in March 2021. Previously at Eaton Vance, he was a portfolio manager on Eaton Vance's Global Income team, responsible for buy and sell decisions, portfolio construction, and risk management for the firm's mortgage-backed strategies.

Andrew began his career in the investment industry in 2005. Before joining Eaton Vance, he was affiliated with BNY Mellon. Andrew earned a B.S., cum laude, from the Peter T. Paul College of Business and Economics at the University of New Hampshire. He holds the Chartered Financial Analyst designation and is a member of the CFA Society Boston.

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### Education

- B.S. University of New Hampshire

### Experience

- Managed Fund since 2013

### Other funds managed

- [Government Opportunities Fund](#)
- [Short Duration Government Income Fund](#)



**Justin H. Bourgette, CFA**  
Managing Director, Portfolio Manager  
Joined Eaton Vance 2006

### Biography

Justin Bourgette is a Portfolio Manager for the High Yield team. He is responsible for idea generation, portfolio construction and risk management across a suite of multisector and asset allocation strategies. Justin joined Eaton Vance in 2006. Morgan Stanley acquired Eaton Vance in March 2021.

Justin began his career in the investment management industry in 2006. Before joining Eaton Vance, he was affiliated with Investors Financial Services and National Grid.

Justin earned a B.S. from Worcester Polytechnic Institute and an M.S., with high honors, from Boston University. He is a CFA charterholder.

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### Education

- B.S. Worcester Polytechnic Institute
- M.S. Investment Management, Boston University

### Experience

- Managed Fund since 2019

### Other funds managed

- [Multi-Asset Credit Fund](#)
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**Brian Shaw, CFA**

Executive Director, Portfolio Manager  
Joined Eaton Vance in 2008

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Brian Shaw is a portfolio manager on the Emerging Markets team. He is responsible for buy and sell decisions, portfolio construction and risk management for the team's emerging markets strategies. He joined Eaton Vance in 2008. Morgan Stanley acquired Eaton Vance in March 2021.

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Brian earned a B.A. from Vanderbilt University and an MBA from the University of Chicago. He is a member of the CFA Society Boston and is a CFA charterholder.

### Education

- B.A. Vanderbilt University
- M.B.A University of Chicago

### Experience

- Managed Fund since 2019

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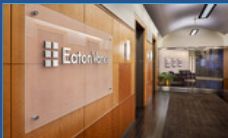
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