

Share Class Symbol A LIBAX

#### Overall Morningstar Rating<sup>™</sup>





Class A

Institutional Class

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Conservative credit risk positioning in our fund involves focusing on high-quality carry and shorter spread duration.

#### **Fund strategy**

Strives for returns in all phases of the economic cycle and mitigates downside risk by proactively managing duration, sector allocation and security selection

Diversifies across sectors, guided by an assessment of the market environment and valuations

Offers more insightful security selection, thanks to a highly collaborative culture and original, independent, forwardlooking research

#### **Expense ratio**

Share class	No waiver (gross)	With waiver (net)
Institutional	0.64%	0.49%
A	0.89%	0.74%

From the fund's most recent prospectus. Net expense ratio reflects a contractual fee waiver/expense reimbursement through 08/31/2025, unless sooner terminated at the sole discretion of the fund's board.

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### Columbia Total Return Bond Fund

#### **Fund performance**

- Columbia Total Return Bond Fund Institutional Class shares returned 3.23% during the quarter ended March 31, 2025.
- The Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index returned 2.78% during the same period.
- For monthly performance information, please check columbiathreadneedleus.com.

#### Market overview

Returns across the domestic bond market were positive during the quarter, supported by declining Treasury yields as investors unwound lofty economic expectations. Following three consecutive cuts in its benchmark overnight lending rate, the U.S. Federal Reserve held short-term rates steady at both its January and March meetings. In doing so, the Fed referenced heightened uncertainty about growth and inflation, given the potential for the new presidential administration to impose tariffs across a broader range of goods and trading partners. With downside risks to growth materializing, investors increased bets that the Fed will resume its cutting path as 2025 progresses. As a result, the yield on the 10-year Treasury bill fell nearly 60 basis points (bps) from its mid-January peak to close to quarter at 4.21%. (A basis point is 1/100 of one percent)

As gauged by the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index, the broad U.S. investment-grade taxable bond market returned 2.78% for the quarter. Within the index, U.S. Treasuries registered a return of 2.92% (Bloomberg Treasury Index), supported by lower yields across the yield curve. Corporate bonds slightly lagged Treasuries with a return of 2.31% (Bloomberg U.S. Corporate Bond Index), as the modest widening of credit spreads offset some of corporate bonds' yield advantage. Securitized assets returned 3.00% (Bloomberg U.S. Securitized Index), with positive returns largely driven by mortgage-backed securities (MBS), while asset-backed securities (ABS) and commercial mortgage-backed securities (CMBS) underperformed the broader investment-grade market. Turning to below-investment-grade sectors, high-yield corporate bonds lagged their investment-

#### Average annual total returns (%) for period ending March 31, 2025

Columbia Total Return Bond Fund	3-mon.	1-year	3-year	5-year	10-year
Institutional Class	3.23	6.25	0.32	1.65	2.21
Class A without sales charge	3.17	5.98	0.07	1.38	1.95
Class A with 3.00% maximum sales charge	0.08	2.80	-0.95	0.76	1.64
Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index	2.78	4.88	0.52	-0.40	1.46

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# Credit Quality (%) as of March 31, 2025

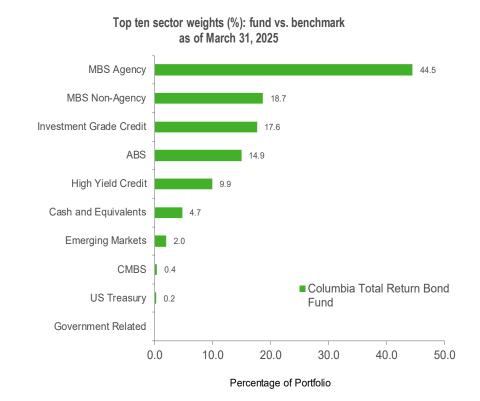
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Treasury	0.2
Agency	44.5
AAA	7.7
AA	7.0
A	14.3
BBB	13.1
ВВ	6.5
В	4.3
CCC	1.5
CC	0.1
Cash and Equivalents	-8.9
Other	0.2

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Due to rounding, percentages may not add up to 100.

grade counterparts, with a return of 1.00% (Bloomberg U.S. Corporate High Yield Index), as concerns about the impact of tariffs on the economy dampened sentiment around lower-quality issues. Without the benefit of duration risk, floating-rate bank loans underperformed their fixed-rate, high-yield counterparts with a return of 0.48% (Morningstar LSTA U.S. Leveraged Loan Index). (Duration measures the sensitivity of a bond to changes in interest rates.)



Source: BlackRock

#### Performance summary

Contributors and detractors from performance during the quarter included:

- <u>Duration</u>: The fund's longer-than-benchmark duration average contributed to relative results, as did an overweight to bonds with maturities 10 years and less.
- <u>Sector Allocation</u>: Sector allocation decisions detracted modestly from relative performance. An overweight to agency mortgage-backed securities added to relative results, while out-of-index allocations to non-agency mortgage-backed securities and high-yield corporates bonds detracted.
- <u>Security Selection</u>: Security selection contributed to relative results and was most beneficial in agency mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities.



#### **Columbia Total Return Bond Fund**

## Top holdings (% of net assets): as of March 31, 2025

GNMA6 5.000 04/21/2055	2.63
UMBS 30yr Tba(Reg A) 5.500 04/14/2055	1.88
GNMA2 30yr Tba(Reg C) 4.500 04/21/2055	1.71
UMBS 30yr Tba(Reg A) 4.500 04/14/2055	1.70
UMBS 30yr Tba(Reg A) 4.000 04/14/2055	1.66
FNMA 30yr UMBS 3.500 05/01/2052	1.50
FHLMC 30yr UMBS Super 3.500 08/01/2052	1.29
FHLMC_5513 5.340 11/25/2054	1.26
FNMA 30yr UMBS Super 4.000 04/01/2052	1.24
GMNA2 30yr TBA(Reg C) 4.000 04/21/2055	1.20

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#### **Outlook and positioning**

Markets spent most of the first quarter unwinding optimistic expectations — set ahead of the November 2024 presidential election — that the incoming Trump administration would enact a slew of pro-growth policies. Instead, the front-loading of growth-negative initiatives, including tariffs and immigration reform, spawned increased uncertainty and financial market volatility. Consumer and business sentiment plunged, reflecting the risk that sweeping tariffs on major trading partners could lead to elevated prices and dampen aggregate demand. This combination will undoubtedly complicate the Fed's decision-making during the period ahead. While lower growth would challenge the Fed to bring policy rates lower, higher inflation would have the opposite effect. The theme of lower growth expectations dominated price action in the closing weeks of the quarter, sending Treasury yields lower and credit spreads wider.

Against this backdrop, duration reasserted itself as an effective volatility dampener. Through March 31, gains in U.S. Treasuries mostly offset the drop in equity prices. Lower-quality fixed-income assets, including high-yield corporate bonds and bank loans, underperformed as expected with downside risks to growth emerging. Wider valuations created pockets of opportunity, especially in sectors with less sensitivity to trade and/or growth. We selectively redeployed capital in credits where we believed tariff-inflicted disruptions may be minimized. In addition, we will look to bolster this exposure if spreads widen beyond historical medians. This episode serves as an important reminder that diversification rises in importance when growth is threatened, and we are simultaneously adding to our duration posture to maintain risk balance.



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