



# PIA SHORT TERM SECURITIES FUND

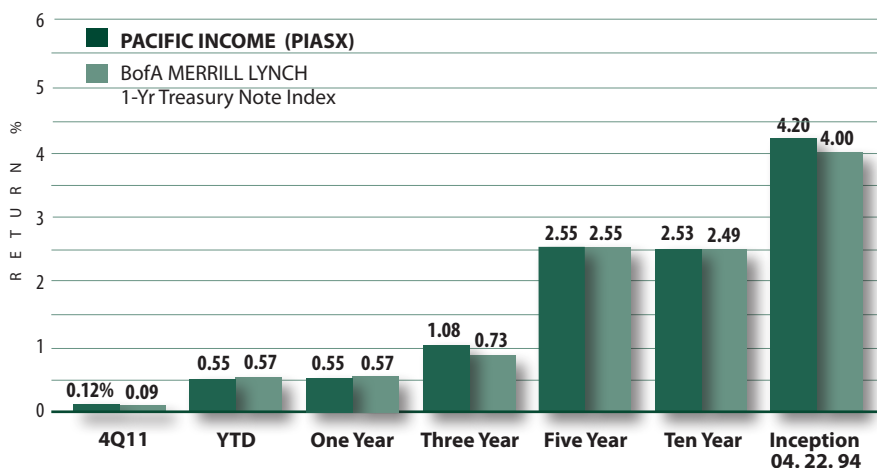
## INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY

**We Know** that the various yield curve sectors within the bond market are periodically torqued by cyclical, monetary or market pressures, which can lead to mispricings and create opportunities to produce excess return. **We Intend** to exploit these periodic opportunities by risk-adjusting the various yield curve sectors utilizing yield curve and sector analysis. **We Seek** to capitalize on these opportunities to earn above-average risk-adjusted yields, while creating the potential for capital gains as these sectors return to their fair value.

## INVESTMENT PROCESS

- » **Yield Curve Analysis** PIA deconstructs the bond market utilizing yield curve and sector analysis; searching for sectors that offer the highest yields adjusted for duration and credit risks.
- » **Security Research** We employ top-down industry analysis; bottom-up, fundamental security; and ratio analysis when selecting credit securities. We utilize multi-factor models that produce value and risk metric to identify attractive structured securities; i.e., Mortgage-backed, Asset-backed and Commercial Mortgage-backed securities.
- » **Portfolio Construction** The PIA Macro Strategy Group establishes portfolio objectives for duration, sector selection and yield curve positioning. Macro Strategy Group utilizes all proprietary quantitative/qualitative resources including the PIA Neural Network, which produces probabilistic insights into short-term movements in interest rates.
- » **Portfolio Management** The Fund's portfolio management team follows the Macro Strategy Group portfolio objectives, utilizes the research department's "Focus List" when selecting securities, and adheres to the investment guidelines contained within the fund's prospectus.

## ANNUALIZED PERFORMANCE as of 12.31.11



## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The **PIA Short-Term Securities Fund** seeks a high level of current income, consistent with low volatility of principal through investing in short-term investment grade debt securities.

## THE FIRM

Ownership	<b>Independent and Employee-owned</b>
Inception	<b>1986</b>
Location	<b>Santa Monica, California</b>
Employees	<b>38</b>
Firm Assets	<b>\$3.9 billion</b>

## FUND FACTS

Style Benchmark	<b>BofA Merrill Lynch 1 Year Treasury Note Index</b>
Symbol	<b>PIASX</b>
CUSIP	<b>007989551</b>
Net Asset Value (NAV)	<b>\$10.10</b>
Fund Assets	<b>\$164 million</b>
Fund Inception	<b>04. 22. 94</b>
Expense Ratio	<b>0.41%</b>
Net Expense Ratio*	<b>0.35%</b>



**U.S.-domiciled Ultrashort Bond Fund Rating as of 1.31.12**  
 Overall ★★★ (out of 85 funds)  
 3 Yr ★★ (out of 85 funds)  
 5 Yr ★★★★★ (out of 80 funds)  
 10 Yr ★★★ (out of 49 funds)

**Peer Group Ranking as of 1.31.12**  
 1 Yr 32nd % (out of 97 funds)  
 3 Yr 74th % (out of 85 funds)  
 5 Yr 22nd % (out of 80 funds)  
 10 Yr 34th % (out of 49 funds)

*The Overall Morningstar Rating™ for a fund is derived from a weighted average of the risk-adjusted returns associated with its three-, five-, and ten-year Morningstar Rating™ metrics based on risk-adjusted performance.*

\*The Adviser has agreed to voluntarily reimburse the Fund to the extent necessary to limit the Expense Ratio for the Short-Term Securities Fund to an annual rate of 0.35%. The Adviser may discontinue reimbursing the Fund at any time.

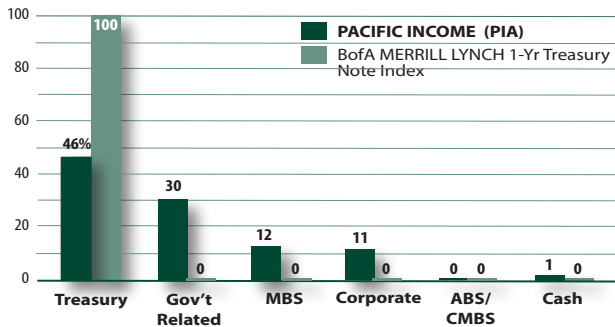
**Performance data quoted represents past performance; past performance does not guarantee future results. The investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance of the Fund may be lower or higher than the performance quoted. Performance data current to the most recent month end may be obtained by calling 1-800-251-1970. Investment performance reflects fee waivers in effect. In the absence of such waivers, total return would be reduced.**

\*\*For each fund with at least a three-year history, Morningstar calculates a Morningstar Rating™ (based on a Morningstar Risk-Adjusted Return measure that accounts for variation in a fund's monthly performance, including the effects of sales charges, loads, and redemption fees), placing more emphasis on downward variations and rewarding consistent performance. The top 10% of funds in each category receive 5 stars, the next 22.5% receive 4 stars, the next 35% receive 3 stars, the next 22.5% receive 2 stars and the bottom 10% receive 1 star. The Overall Morningstar Rating for a fund is derived from a weighted average of the performance figures associated with its three-, five- and ten-year (if applicable) Morningstar Rating metrics. The PIA Short Term Securities Fund was rated against the following numbers of U.S. domiciled Ultrashort Bond funds over the following time periods: 85 funds in the last three years, 80 funds in the last five years, and 49 funds in the last ten years. With respect to these Ultrashort Bond funds, the PIA Short Term Securities Fund received a Morningstar Rating of 2 stars, 4 stars and 3 stars for the three-, five-, and ten-year periods respectively. Past performance is not a guarantee of future results. Morningstar, Inc., is an independent mutual fund research and rating service. Each Morningstar category represents a universe of funds with similar investment objectives. Rankings for the periods shown are based on fund total returns with dividends and distributions reinvested and do not reflect sales charges. The highest percentile rank is 1 and the lowest is 100. © 2012 Morningstar, Inc. All Rights Reserved. The information contained herein: (1) is proprietary to Morningstar; (2) may not be copied or distributed; and (3) is not warranted to be accurate, complete or timely. Neither Morningstar nor its content providers are responsible for any damages or losses arising from any use of this information.



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## SECTOR ALLOCATION %



## DURATION DISTRIBUTION

Duration	PIA	BofAML 1 YR Note
0-0.5 Year	29%	0%
0.5-1.0 Year	31%	100%
1.0-1.5 Years	18%	0%
1.5-2.0 Years	14%	0%
2.0-2.5 Years	7%	0%
2.5+ Years	1%	0%

## BEST / WORST RETURNS

	BEST	WORST
Three Month	3.24%	-0.28%
<i>ended</i>	9.30.98	6.30.04
One Year	9.39%	0.39%
<i>ended</i>	3.31.01	10.31.11
Three Year	7.47%	1.08%
<i>ended</i>	9.30.98	12.31.11

## QUALITY DISTRIBUTION<sup>1</sup>

Quality	PIA	BofAML 1 YR Note
Government	89%	100%
AAA	0%	0%
AA	2%	0%
A	9%	0%
BBB	0%	0%
Below BBB	0%	0%



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## PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

Characteristic	PIA	BofAML 1 YR Note
Duration	1.0	0.9
Weighted Avg. Life	1.5 yrs	0.9 yrs
30-day SEC Yield (subsidized/ unsubsidized)	0.1 / 0.1%	n/a
No. of Securities	96	1

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**The fund's investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses must be considered carefully before investing. The statutory and summary prospectus contains this and other important information about the investment company, and it may be obtained by calling 800-251-1970 or visiting [www.PIAMutualFunds.com](http://www.PIAMutualFunds.com). Read it carefully before investing.**

*Mutual Fund investing involves risk. Principal loss is possible. Investments in debt securities typically decrease in value when interest rates rise. This risk is usually greater for longer-term debt securities. Investments in Asset Backed and Mortgage Backed Securities include additional risks that investors should be aware of such as credit risk, prepayment risk, possible illiquidity and default, as well as increased susceptibility to adverse economic developments. The fund may also use options, futures contracts, and swaps, which have the risks of unlimited losses of the underlying holdings due to unanticipated market movements and failure to correctly predict the direction of securities prices, interest rates and currency exchange rates. Derivatives involve risks different from, and in certain cases, greater than the risks presented by more traditional investments. These risks are fully disclosed in the Prospectus.*

The BofA Merrill Lynch 1-Year US Treasury Note Index (formerly the Merrill Lynch 1-Year US Treasury Note Index) is comprised of a single issue purchased at the beginning of the month and held for a full month. At the end of the month that issue is sold and rolled into a newly selected issue. The issue selected at each month-end rebalancing is the outstanding Treasury note that matures closest to, but not beyond, one year from the rebalancing date. To qualify for selection, an issue must have settled on or before the month-end rebalancing date. You cannot invest directly in an index.

Duration is a commonly used measure of the potential volatility of the price of a debt security, or the aggregate market value of a portfolio of debt securities, prior to maturity. Securities with a longer duration generally have more volatile prices than securities of comparable quality with a shorter duration.

<sup>1</sup> Quality ratings displayed above use the same rating methodology as the Barclays Index. Securities that are rated by three rating agencies, (Moody's, S&P and Fitch) will receive the middle of the three ratings. Securities that are rated by only two agencies will receive the lower of the two ratings. Securities rated by only one agency will receive that rating while securities not covered by any of the three agencies will receive a non-rated (NR) rating. Bond ratings start at Aaa (denoting the highest investment quality) and usually end at D (meaning payment is in default).

SEC Yield is a standardized yield computed by dividing the net investment income per share earned during the 30-day period prior to quarter-end. The SEC Yield was created to allow for fairer comparisons among bond funds. The SEC yield (subsidized) reflects the effects of the fee waiver in place and the (unsubsidized) yield does not reflect the effects of the fee waiver.

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