# **Income Fund**

#### **Fund information**

Total Net Assets	73.7 (USD in Billions)	
Fund Type	UCITS	
Portfolio Manager	Daniel J. Ivascyn, Alfred Murata, Joshua Anderson	

Class	ISIN				
E	<b>Accumulation</b>	Income			
AUD(H)	_	IE00BD8DFW88			
CHF(H)	IE00BJMZC104	IE00BJMZC096			
CNH(H)	_	IE00B8W6D244			
EUR(H)	IE00B84J9L26	IE00B8N0MW85			
GBP(H)	_	IE00BF01VX72			
HKD(U)	_	IE00B92ZW543			
JPY(H)	IE00BD0B0257	IE000WYGJ8R2			
SGD(H)	_	IE00B9HH6X13			
USD \	IE00B7KFL990	IE00B8K7V925			
ADMIN					
AUD(H)	_	IE00BD971V01			
EUR(H)	IE00BYM81J55	IE00BD971T88			
GBP(H)	_	IE00BD0QBF03			
HKD(U)	_	IE00BD0YVF41			
SGD(H)	_	IE00B91RQ825			
USD	IE00BYM81516	IE00B91X6F72			
HINST					
USD	IE00BFMWWL31	IE00BFMWWM48			
INST					
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CAD(H)	IE00BYP7YQ74	IE00BFXR7J04			
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EUR(H)	IE00B80G9288	IE00B8D0PH41			
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HKD(U)	_	IE00BYXVW909			
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NOK(H)	IE00BD364V48	_			
SGD(H)	IE00BMB3HX34	IE00BSTL7535			
USD	IE00B87KCF77	IE00B8JDQ960			
INVST					
AUD(H)	_	IE00BFMFK297			
CNH(H)	IE00BFFWC988	_			
EUR(H)	IE00BWGCDT37	IE00BWY53M78			
GBP(H)	_	IE00BKDW5N02			
HKD(U)	_	IE00022MD518			
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SGD(H)	IE00BKKL2624	IE00BFMFK305			
USD	IE00BV1VS594	IE00B98CPZ00			
(U) = Unhedged, (H) = Hedged					

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The primary investment objective of the Fund is to seek high current income, consistent with prudent investment management. Long-term capital appreciation is a secondary objective.

#### PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

The Income Fund returned -0.45% (E, Accumulation shares) and -5.41% (E, Accumulation shares net of 5% preliminary charge) in February, outperforming the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index by 0.96%. Year-to-date the Fund has returned 0.06% (E, Accumulation shares) and -4.95% (E, Accumulation shares net of 5% preliminary charge), while the benchmark returned -1.68%.

The GIS Income Fund continued to provide investors with consistent and competitive monthly distributions through February.

The portfolio's duration strategies detracted from performance in February, specifically, the fund's exposure to US duration as rates broadly rose in this market. Meanwhile, holdings of corporate credit and exposure to Treasury inflation-protected securities contributed to performance. The overall performance of residential mortgages was positive, as non-Agency MBS contributed to fund performance during the month.

#### **Contributors**

- Exposure to the cash interest rate in the US, from carry
- Holdings of investment grade and high yield corporate credit, as spreads tightened, and through carry and selection
- Holdings of securitized credit, primarily non-Agency Mortgage Backed Securities
- Long exposure to US Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities ("TIPS"), as breakeven inflation levels rose

#### **Detractors**

- Long exposure to US duration, as yields rose
- Long exposures to the Japanese yen and South African rand, as they depreciated against the US dollar
- Holdings of US Agency Mortgage Backed Securities, as spreads widened

Performance (Net of Fees)	1 Mo.	3 Mos.	6 Mos.	1 Yr.	3 Yrs.	5 Yrs.	10 Yrs.	SI
E, Acc (%) <sup>1</sup>	-0.45	2.84	3.94	6.87	0.19	2.22	3.20	4.00
Net of 5% Preliminary Charge <sup>2</sup>	-5.41	-2.32	-1.27	1.50	-1.50	1.19	2.67	3.53
E, Inc (%) 1	-0.42	2.87	3.98	6.85	0.19	2.22	3.20	4.00
Net of 5% Preliminary Charge <sup>2</sup>	-5.36	-2.24	-1.26	1.48	-1.50	1.17	2.67	3.52
Benchmark (%)	-1.41	2.08	2.35	3.33	-3.16	0.56	1.43	_

Past Performance is not a guarantee or reliable indicator of future results and no guarantee is being made that similar returns will be achieved in the future. The benchmark is the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index. All periods longer than one year are annualised. SI is the performance since inception. <sup>1</sup> Performance shown is on a NAV-to-NAV basis in the denominated currency, excluding the preliminary charge and on the assumption that distributions are reinvested, as applicable. <sup>2</sup> Performance shown is on a NAV-to-NAV basis in the denominated currency, taking into account the preliminary charge and on the assumption that distributions are reinvested, as applicable. A preliminary charge of up to 5% may or may not be deducted from the subscription amount depending on the distributor from whom you had purchased shares, as such this may not represent actual performance returns. Investment returns denominated in non-local currency may be exposed to exchange rate fluctuations.

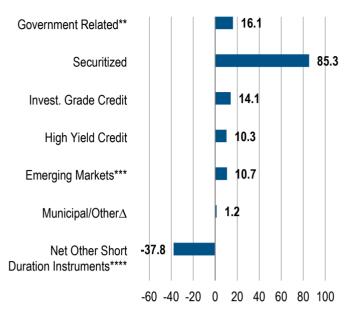
Income inception date: 30 Nov 2012 Accumulation inception date: 30 Nov 2012

#### **MONTH IN REVIEW**

Tech stocks led a broad market rally fueled by advancements in artificial intelligence, while bond indexes faced challenges as yields rose. U.S. credit spreads tightened, and developed sovereign bond yields rose, while the dollar strengthened. In the U.S., the 10-year Treasury rose 34 bps to 4.25% as unexpectedly resilient inflation and strong economic data challenged market expectations of rapid rate cuts. In Germany, the 10-year bund yield rose 25 bps to 2.41%. In the U.K., 10-year Gilt yields rose 33 bps to 4.12%, while 10-year Japanese government bond yields fell 2 bps to 0.71%.

Against this backdrop, performance was negative over the month. Within the higher quality portion of the portfolio, the fund's exposure to US duration detracted from performance as rates rose in this market. The fund's exposure to investment grade corporate credit contributed to performance, while Agency MBS slightly detracted over the month. Within the higher yielding portion of the portfolio, the fund's exposure to high yield corporate credit and non-Agency MBS contributed to performance. Exposure to emerging markets through debt and currencies also moderately contributed to performance.

# **Sector Allocation (% Market Value)**



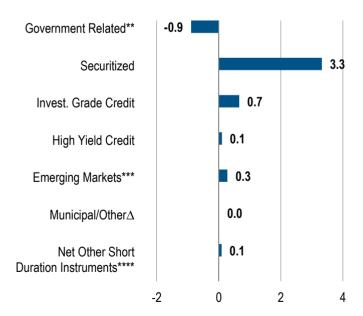
Market Value % may not equal 100 due to rounding.

#### **PORTFOLIO POSITIONING**

The fund can be divided into two broad segments: higher yielding assets, which are expected to benefit when economic growth is robust and higher quality assets, which are expected to perform well in risk-off scenarios. Within the higher quality segment, net portfolio duration was increased over the month as yields rose across the U.S. yield curve. We continue to favor US duration, as nominal rates remain higher relative to other developed countries. Within investment grade corporate credit, we continue to favor systemically important banks given fundamentals and defensive sectors, such as utilities and healthcare. To balance these positions, we maintained our short position to Japanese duration as an advantageous duration hedge.

In the higher yielding segment, we seek to stay diversified across corporate, securitized, and emerging market credit. Within high yield credit, we remain selective and mindful of liquidity conditions favoring senior secured bonds. In securitized credit, we continue to look for opportunities to add senior exposure to asset-backed securities.

# Sector Allocation (Duration in Years)



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#### **OUTLOOK AND STRATEGY**

Further disinflation and the potential for interest rate cuts later this year, in our view, raise the prospects for a soft landing. However, this is not to say that we believe that the path toward a soft landing is the only possible path. It is our view that the tighter-for-longer strategy that central banks have been communicating along with the strong possibility of stagnation in developed market supply and demand

growth leave recession risks elevated.
Within the Income Strategy, we are focused on quality, diversification, and seniority in the capital structure. The strategy has an income-oriented approach that aims to be flexible and resilient in times of market volatility over the longer term.

## **Fund Statistics**

Effective Duration (yrs)	3.58
Benchmark Duration (yrs)	6.22
Estimated Yield to Maturity (%)⊕	7.23
Annualised Distribution Yield (%) <sup>†</sup>	6.28
Effective Maturity (yrs)	5.15
Average Credit Quality	AA-
Unified Management Fee	
Administrative	1.05% p.a.
E	1.45% p.a.
H Institutional	0.72% p.a.
Institutional	0.55% p.a.
Investor	0.90% p.a.

Source: PIMCO, index provider for benchmark data.

"Bend-but-not-break" refers to credits that PIMCO would not expect to default in a credit-stressed environment.

Currency rates may fluctuate significantly over short periods of time and may reduce the returns of a portfolio.

Mortgage-Backed Securities (MBS): Emerging Markets (EM); U.S. Federal Reserve Bank (Fed); Bank of Japan (BOJ)

Carry is the rate of interest earned by holding the respective securities

Mortgage- and asset-backed securities may be sensitive to changes in interest rates, subject to early repayment risk, and while generally supported by a government, government-agency or private guarantor, there is no assurance that the guarantor will meet its obligations.

References to Agency and non-agency mortgage-backed securities refer to mortgages issued in the United States.

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PPIMCO calculates a Fund's Estimated Yield to Maturity by averaging the yield to maturity of each security held in the Fund on a market weighted basis. PIMCO sources the security's yield to maturity from Blomberg. When not available in PIMCO's Portfolio Analytics database, PIMCO will assign a yield to maturity for that security from a PIMCO matrix based on prior dat

\*\*\*Short duration emerging markets instruments includes an emerging market security or other instrument economically tied to an emerging market country by country of risk with an effective duration less than one year and rated investment grade or higher or if unrated, determined to be similar quality by PIMCO. Emerging Markets includes the value of short duration emerging markets instruments previously reported in another category. Performance data shown is the after the effect of fees. All periods longer than one year are annualised.

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Statements concerning financial market trends or portfolio strategies are based on current market conditions, which will fluctuate. There is no guarantee that these investment strategies will work under all market conditions or are suitable for all investors and each investor should evaluate their ability to invest for the long term, especially during periods of downturn in the market. Outlook and strategies are subject to change without

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Benchmark - Unless re

particular for performance comparison purposes.

Where referenced in the prospectus, a benchmark may be used as part of the active management of the Fund including, but not limited to, for duration measurement, as a benchmark which the Fund seeks to outperform, performance comparison purposes and/or relative VaR measurement. Any reference to an index or benchmark in this material, and which is not referenced in the prospectus, is purely for illustrative or informational purposes (such as to provide general financial information or market context) and is not for performance comparison purposes. Please contact your PIMCO representative for further details.

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of the benchmark

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