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## Commentary as of 12/31/23

- The fund posted returns of 7.23% (Institutional shares) and 7.27% (Investor A shares, without sales charge) for the fourth quarter of 2023.
- Security selection and relative-value trades in agency mortgage-backed securities (MBS) contributed to returns during the quarter. Out-of-benchmark allocations to collateralized mortgage obligations (CMOs) also helped performance. Rates-based strategies, including duration (interest rate sensitivity) and rate-volatility trades, detracted.
- The fund favored MBS pass-through exposure in higher coupon pools, and continued to hold out-of-benchmark allocations, such as fixed-rate CMOs and agency mortgage derivatives.

Contributors	Detractors
The largest contributor to performance was an out-of-benchmark allocation to mortgage derivatives and fixed-rate CMOs, which provided stable cash flows. The fund maintained its long position in seasoned high-coupon pools, which was also positive.	Rates-based strategies with long duration positioning were the largest detractors, especially at the beginning of the quarter, after a surprisingly hawkish Federal Reserve meeting in late September. During the last few months of 2023, the fund shifted to a neutral duration position.

## Further insight

At quarter-end, the fund favored seasoned pools over generic collateral, given that seasoning provides a degree of extension protection through higher turnover and home-price appreciation. In out-of-benchmark allocations, we continued to hold fixed-rate CMOs and mortgage derivatives. The fund began the quarter with an overweight duration position, though it gradually reduced this to neutral by the end of the year.

## Portfolio management

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## Top 10 holdings (%)

GNMA II	92.67
GNMA I	10.53
Federal National Mortgage	2.21
Gnma_15-187-C	1.74
Gnma_15-55-A	1.33
Gnma_15-79-My	0.91
Fhlmc_4325-Zx	0.88
Gnma_15-103-B	0.76
Gnma_20-149h-la	0.74
FHLM	0.72

## Investment approach

Invests primarily in securities issued by the Government National Mortgage Association (GNMA) as well as other U.S. government securities. The Fund seeks to maintain an average portfolio duration that is within +/- 1 year of the duration of the benchmark. The fund normally invests at least 80% of its assets in GNMA securities.

## Average annual total returns (%) as of 12/31/23

	4Q23 (not annualized)	YTD (not annualized)	1 Year	3 Year	5 Years	10 Years
<b>Institutional</b>	7.23	5.16	5.16	-3.13	0.17	1.13
<b>Investor A (Without Sales Charge)</b>	7.27	4.89	4.89	-3.34	-0.07	0.86
<b>Investor A (With Sales Charge)</b>	2.98	0.69	0.69	-4.65	-0.88	0.45
<b>Morningstar Intermediate Government Category Avg.</b>	5.92	4.42	4.42	-3.26	0.27	0.96
<b>BBG GNMA MBS<sup>1</sup></b>	7.30	5.40	5.40	-2.50	0.34	1.34

Expenses for Institutional shares: Total **0.72%**; Net, Including Investment Related Expenses (dividend expense, interest expense, acquired fund fees and expenses and certain other fund expenses) **0.55%**. For Investor A shares: Total **0.98%**; Net, Including Investment Related Expenses **0.80%**. Institutional and Investor A shares have contractual waivers with an end date of 06/30/2024 terminable upon 90 days' notice. For certain share classes, BlackRock may voluntarily agree to waive certain fees and expenses in which the adviser may discontinue at any time without notice. Expenses stated as of the fund's most recent prospectus. Data represents past performance and is no guarantee of future results. Investment returns and principal values may fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. All returns assume reinvestment of dividends and capital gains. Current performance may be lower or higher than that shown. Refer to **blackrock.com** for most recent month-end performance. Investment returns reflect total fund operating expenses, net of all fees, waivers and/or expense reimbursements. Index performance is shown for illustrative purposes only. It is not possible to invest directly in an unmanaged index. Share classes have different sales charges, fees and other features. Returns with sales charge reflect deduction of current maximum initial sales charge of 4% for Investor A shares. Institutional shares have no front- or back-end load. Institutional shares have limited availability and may be purchased at various minimums. See prospectus for details. Net Expenses Excluding Investment Related Expenses for Institutional shares: **0.42%**; for Investor A shares: **0.67%**.

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<sup>1</sup> The Bloomberg GNMA MBS Index comprises GNMA mortgage-backed pass-through securities.

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