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# Dimensional — VA Short-Term Fixed Portfolio

## Investment Strategy from investment's prospectus

The investment seeks to achieve a stable real return in excess of the rate of inflation with a minimum of risk. The fund seeks to achieve its investment objective by generally investing in a universe of high quality fixed income securities that typically mature in one year or less. It may, however, take a large position in securities maturing within two years from the date of settlement when higher yields are available. Under normal circumstances, the fund will invest at least 80% of its net assets in fixed income securities and maintain a dollar-weighted average portfolio maturity that will not exceed one year.

## Category Description: Ultrashort Bond

Ultrashort-bond portfolios invest primarily in investment-grade U.S. fixed-income issues and have durations typically of less than one year. This category can include corporate or government ultrashort bond portfolios, but it excludes international, convertible, multisector, and high-yield bond portfolios. Because of their focus on bonds with very short durations, these portfolios offer minimal interest-rate sensitivity and therefore low risk and total return potential.

## Operations

Fund Inception Date	10-03-95
Initial Share Class Inception Date	10-03-95
Advisor	Dimensional Fund Advisors LP
Subadvisor	DFA Australia Limited Dimensional Fund Advisors Ltd

## Fees and Expenses as of 02-28-18

Gross Prospectus Expense Ratio	0.27%
Net Prospectus Expense Ratio	0.27%

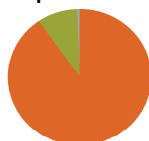
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## Portfolio Manager(s)

David A. Plecha. M.B.A., University of California, 1987. B.S., University of Michigan, 1983. Since 1995.  
 Joseph F. Kolerich. M.B.A., University of Chicago (Booth), 2001. B.S., Northern Illinois University, 1993. Since 2012.

## Portfolio Analysis as of 08-31-18

### Composition as of 08-31-18



	% Assets
U.S. Stocks	0.00
Non-U.S. Stocks	0.00
Bonds	90.30
Cash	9.15
Other	0.54

### Top 20 Holdings as of 08-31-18

	% Assets
United States Treasury Notes 1.88% 12-31-19	1.83
Cooperative Centrale Raiffeisen-Boerenleenbank B.A., New York Branch 2.25% 01-14-19	1.71
Province of Alberta 1.9% 12-06-19	1.46
Kommunekredit Sr Unsecured Regs 08/19 1.125 08-23-19	1.42
Kreditanstalt Fur Wiederaufbau 1.5% 09-09-19	1.39
Quebec (Province Of) 2.63% 07-21-19	1.35
USAA Capital Corp. 2.59% 02-01-19	1.34
Manitoba (Province of) 1.75% 05-30-19	1.32
The Toronto-Dominion Bank 1.95% 01-22-19	1.27
WALMART INC 1.75% 10-09-19	1.22
Westpac Banking Corporation 2.25% 01-17-19	1.21
Council of Europe Development Bank 1.5% 05-17-19	1.10
Svenska Handelsbanken Ab (Publ) 2.5% 01-25-19	1.09
Ontario (Province Of) 4.4% 04-14-20	1.08
Federal Home Loan Banks 2.62% 05-28-20	1.07
Caisse D Amortissement Et De D 1.5% 01-28-19	0.99
European Investment Bank 1.38% 06-15-20	0.97
Roche Holdings, Inc. 2.67% 09-30-19	0.96
Toyota Motor Credit Corporation 2.2% 01-10-20	0.96
Shell International Finance B.V. 2.68% 09-12-19	0.96
Total Number of Stock Holdings	—
Total Number of Bond Holdings	199
Annual Turnover Ratio %	86.00
Total Fund Assets (\$mil)	295.93

## Volatility Analysis

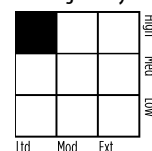
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In the past, this investment has shown a relatively small range of fluctuations relative to other investments. Based on this measure, currently more than two thirds of all investments have shown higher levels of risk. Consequently, this investment may appeal to investors looking for a conservative investment strategy.

## Morningstar Style Box™ as of 08-31-18



Average Effective Duration	0.90
Average Effective Maturity	0.93

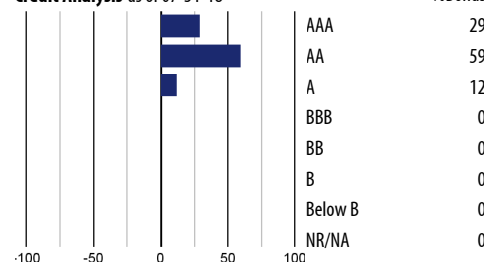
## Risk Measures as of 09-30-18

	Port Avg	BC Aggr	Category
3 Yr Std Dev	0.34	2.66	0.44
3 Yr Sharpe Ratio	-0.14	0.16	1.06
3 Yr Alpha	-0.09	—	0.42
3 Yr Beta	0.09	—	0.04
3 Yr R-squared	51.65	—	18.84

## Morningstar Sectors as of 08-31-18

	%Fund	%Category
Government	45.15	13.64
Corporate	45.64	38.90
Securitized	0.00	25.24
Municipal	0.00	2.14
Cash and Equivalents	9.20	19.92
Other	0.00	0.15

## Credit Analysis as of 07-31-18



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