



## Investment Philosophy and Process

### Invesco U.S. Government Fund

#### Investment Process

##### Universe Definition

Issues of U.S. government and its agencies (80% of total fund assets) that include:

- U.S. Treasury bills, notes and bonds
- Agency debentures
- Agency mortgage-backed securities

##### Fund Design

- The fund may invest in securities of any maturity, but will maintain an average effective portfolio maturity of between three and 10 years.
- The fund is benchmarked to the Barclays Capital U.S. Government Index.

##### Investment Decision Making

**Top-down.** Macroeconomic and market analysis is conducted to formulate independent investment decisions on relevant macro investment factors:

- Duration and yield curve
- Market segments (Gov't., Corp., MBS)
- Sector/subsector selection

**Bottom-up.** Intensive fundamental credit and technical research is performed to arrive at independent investment decisions regarding individual securities. The team analyzes:

- Security structure and underlying collateral
- Credit dynamics and quality
- Relative value opportunities
- Price volatility and liquidity consideration

##### Portfolio Construction

Portfolio management and trading skills used to implement the many investment decisions that affect the fund.

##### Risk management and oversight

Several layers of ongoing oversight:

- Design
- Decisions
- Portfolio construction
- Invesco Fixed Income oversight

#### Investment objective

The fund seeks to achieve total return, comprised of current income and capital appreciation by investing in U.S. government securities.

#### Investment philosophy

We believe increasingly dynamic and complex fixed income markets create investor opportunities that are best captured by independent specialist decision makers interconnected as a global team.

Timely investment decisions, made by specialists, combine with a rigorous portfolio construction process designed to maximize each opportunity. We believe our approach to decision making and portfolio construction sets us apart from other managers. Using this philosophy, we seek to generate total return, composed of current income and capital appreciation, for investors.

#### Universe definition and fund design

We invest primarily in debt securities issued, guaranteed or otherwise backed by the U.S. government or its agencies and instrumentalities. These securities include: U.S. Treasury obligations and obligations issued or guaranteed by U.S. government agencies and instrumentalities and supported by (a) the full faith and credit of the U.S. Treasury, (b) the right of the issuer to borrow from the U.S. Treasury, or (c) the credit of the agency or instrumentality. We may also invest in derivative instruments, such as U.S. Treasury futures and options on U.S. Treasury futures.

#### Investment decision making

Consistent with the belief that markets are increasingly complex, we use a distributed approach to decision making that gives the proven specialists closest to the information the authority to make decisions. Investment decisions are made continuously and shared instantly for timely implementation in our portfolios. This is true for top-down macro decisions and bottom-up security selection decisions, which are all made by specialists.

We track the results of every investment decision to develop a detailed understanding of the quality and skill of our decision makers to enhance quality control.

#### Portfolio construction

We use a dynamic, highly engineered portfolio construction process to create the fund's portfolio. We use a proprietary product design tool that factors in product investment parameters, current market opportunities and realistic decision-making skills to determine the combination and size of active investment decisions. Our goal is to produce attractive total return while seeking to minimize risk.

Portfolio managers leverage this powerful technology to help them implement the many investment decisions that affect the fund. Strategic positioning is periodically returned in an effort to maximize opportunities in the prevailing fixed income investment environment.

#### Risk management and oversight

Our risk management process combines the evaluation of macroeconomic portfolio risks, strong commitment to portfolio construction oversight, and post-performance

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returns and risk oversight. Four key components are essential to the fund's investment risk management process:

- Design. Our disciplined portfolio design process calculates appropriate position sizes for each investment decision.
- Decisions. Every investment decision is recorded, measured and evaluated to improve overall decision-making quality.
- Portfolio construction. Our unique portfolio design approach allows the daily monitoring of portfolio management accuracy relative to recommended investment positions.
- Fund oversight. A global committee of our most senior fixed income investment professionals provides oversight of our investment capabilities and products.

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### **Clear buy-sell disciplines**

Each investment decision is assigned to an individual within the firm. He or she uses an independent, distributed approach to decision making that gives the proven specialists closest to the information the authority to make decisions. Specialists are required to explain the rationale behind every investment decision, thereby enabling the firm to distinguish skill from good fortune.

Each investment decision includes pricing review levels. The upper level is the objective that the trade is expected to reach, and the lower level is the point at which the rationale for maintaining the position must be re-evaluated by the specialist. Specialists receive alerts from our proprietary investment system when the investment decision is approaching or has reached these levels. While specialists are not forced to sell when these levels are reached, the investment decision must be re-evaluated. Pricing levels are monitored continuously by senior management, which is integral to the firm's risk management oversight.

In addition to the realignment of a security's valuation targets, sell decisions may also be based on:

- A conscious decision to alter the fund's macro risk exposure (e.g., duration, yield curve positioning, sector exposure).
- The need to limit or reduce exposure to a particular sector or issuer.
- Degradation of an issuer's credit quality.
- The presentation of a better relative value opportunity.
- The general liquidity needs of the fund.

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## About risk

The fund may use enhanced investment techniques such as derivatives. The principal risk of derivatives is that the fluctuations in their values may not correlate perfectly with the overall securities markets. Derivatives are subject to counterparty risk – the risk that the other party will not complete the transaction with the fund.

Dollar roll transactions involve the risk that the market value and yield of the securities retained by the fund may decline below the price of the mortgage-related securities sold by the fund that it is obligated to repurchase.

Interest rate risk refers to the risk that bond prices generally fall as interest rates rise and vice versa.

The fund may invest a large percentage of its assets in a limited number of securities or other instruments, which could negatively affect the value of the fund.

The investment techniques and risk analysis used by the fund's portfolio managers may not produce the desired results.

The fund may invest in mortgage- and asset-backed securities that are subject to prepayment or call risk, which is the risk that the borrower's payments may be received earlier or later than expected due to changes in prepayment rates on underlying loans. Faster prepayments often happen when interest rates are falling. As a result, the fund may reinvest these early payments at lower interest rates, thereby reducing the fund's income. Conversely, when interest rates rise, prepayments may happen more slowly, causing the security to lengthen in duration. Longer duration securities tend to be more volatile. Securities may be prepaid at a price less than the original purchase value.

Reinvestment risk is the risk that a bond's cash flows (coupon income and principal repayment) will be reinvested at an interest rate below that on the original bond.

The fund may invest in obligations issued by U.S. government agencies and instrumentalities that may receive varying levels of support from the government, which could affect the fund's ability to recover should they default.

Reverse repurchase agreements involve the risk that the market value of securities to be repurchased may decline below the repurchase price or that the other party may default on its obligation, resulting in delays, additional costs or the restriction of proceeds from the sale.

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The Barclays Capital U.S. Government Index is an unmanaged index considered representative of intermediate-term fixed-income obligations issued by the U.S. Treasury, government agencies and quasi-federal corporations. An investment cannot be made directly in an index.