FUND PERFORMANCE

Short Term Investment Fund Return $641,478,912 0.19 % 2.37 % 1.56 % 1.10 %
Index: STIF Allocation 0.90 3.23 2.23 1.53

MARKET OVERVIEW

Risk assets pushed higher this month as economies around the world began reopening and relaxing restrictions. While COVID-19 remains a dominant headline, news of progress in developing a vaccine and signs of a rebound in economic activity bolstered market sentiment.

Over the past month, the US has been hit by a slew of weak economic data: the unemployment rate hit 14.7%, corporate earnings contracted significantly, and the CPI increased 0.3% year-over-year. Despite the bleak data, domestic equities pushed higher – extending their recent rally. The S&P 500 Index increased 4.8% for the month, though it is still down 5% so far this year. Further, small caps benefitted from the wave of risk-on sentiment, with the Russell 2000 Index gaining 6.5% in May.

International and emerging market equities also increased last month, with the MSCI EAFE and MSCI Emerging Markets indexes up 4.4% and 0.8%, respectively. International developed market assets experienced a currency tailwind as the dollar weakened relative to local currencies including the euro, Australian dollar, and Swiss franc.

In rates, global yields ended the month moderately higher. US rates experienced modest curve steepening with 10-year and 30-year Treasury yields increasing two and 18 basis points, respectively.

ASSET ALLOCATION

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DETAILED PERFORMANCE

STIF Total $641,478,912

OPERATING FUNDS ALLOCATION REVIEW

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