

# INVESTMENT GRADE PORTFOLIO

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## OVERVIEW

Benchmark	Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index
Inception Date	Mar. 07, 2011
Ticker	DFAPX
CUSIP	23320G448
Fund Assets Under Management	\$8.0 Billion

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The investment objective of the DFA Investment Grade Portfolio is to seek to maximize total returns from the universe of eligible investments. Total return is comprised of income and capital appreciation.

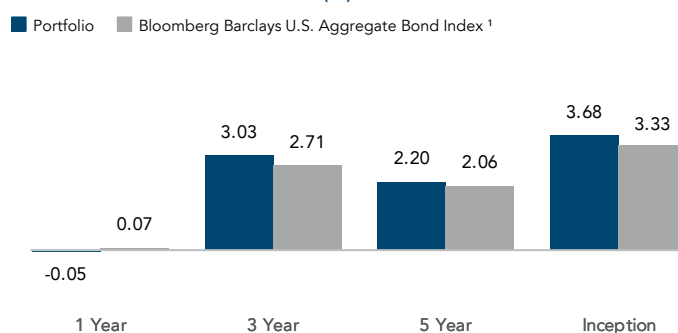
## PRINCIPAL RISKS

Risks include loss of principal and fluctuating value. Fixed income securities are subject to increased loss of principal during periods of rising interest rates and may be subject to various other risks including changes in credit quality, liquidity, prepayments, and other factors. International investing involves special risks such as currency fluctuation and political instability. Sector-specific investments can increase these risks. Bond ratings represent a measure of the quality and safety of a bond, based on the issuer's financial condition. For more detail regarding the risks affecting this Portfolio, please see the Principal Risks section of the prospectus.

## CHARACTERISTICS

Number of Holdings	929
Average Maturity (Years)	6.91
Yield to Maturity	2.71%
30-Day SEC Yield	2.24%
Average Duration (Years)	5.91

## ANNUALIZED PERFORMANCE (%)



## CALENDAR YEAR RETURNS (%)

	PORTFOLIO	BENCHMARK
2016	2.57%	2.65%
2015	1.61%	0.55%
2014	6.23%	5.97%
2013	-2.87%	-2.02%
2012	5.31%	4.21%

Performance for the portfolio is reported net of all advisory fees and includes reinvestment of dividends and other earnings. Performance less than one year is not annualized. Performance data shown represents past performance and is no guarantee of future results. Current performance may be higher or lower than the performance shown. The investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. To obtain performance data current to the most recent month-end, visit [us.dimensional.com](http://us.dimensional.com).

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<sup>1</sup> The Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index measures the performance of the investment grade, U.S. dollar-denominated, fixed-rate taxable bond market. Data provided by Bloomberg. Indices are not available for direct investment.

**MATURITY ALLOCATION**

0 - 3 Months	0.09%
3 - 6 Months	0.21%
6 - 9 Months	0.48%
9 - 12 Months	0.26%
1 - 3 Years	6.46%
3 - 5 Years	19.82%
5 - 7 Years	24.60%
7 - 10 Years	37.09%
10 - 20 Years	10.99%
20 - 30 Years	—
30+ Years	—

**FUND COSTS**

Management Fee	0.20%
Total Operating Expense Ratio	0.22%
Net Expense Ratio (to investor)	0.22%

Certain Portfolios have entered into fee waiver and/or expense assumption arrangements with the Advisor. In these cases, the Advisor has contractually agreed, under certain circumstances, to waive certain fees and/or assume certain expenses of the Portfolio. Unless otherwise stated in the prospectus, the Advisor may amend or discontinue these arrangements at any time, one year from the date of the prospectus. The net expense ratio reflects the total annual fund operating expenses of the Portfolio after taking into account any such fee waiver and/or expense assumption arrangements. Please read the Portfolio's prospectus for details and more information.

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