

# Parametric U.S. Treasury Ladders

**STRATEGY OVERVIEW** | 2024

# **Investment Objective**

Seek predictable income and capital preservation from high-quality U.S. Treasury bonds.

# U.S. Treasury laddered investment approach

U.S. Treasury laddered bond portfolios are constructed with the goal of maintaining principal protection with predictable cash flows — especially during environments of volatile interest rates and credit stress. Professional, customized management can offer important potential benefits to bond investors.

# How does a laddered portfolio work?

A laddered portfolio equally weights Treasuries by maturities. Proceeds of maturing Treasuries are generally reinvested into longer maturities, potentially at higher yields. Yearly portfolios are equally weighted quarterly and Monthly portfolios are equally weighted monthly.

# What are the potential benefits?

The ladder structure may provide the opportunity to increase returns in rising interest rate scenarios. Even maturities provide stable annual income.

May minimize the impact of interest rate risk by systematically reinvesting proceeds of maturing bonds bonds—often at potentially higher yields.

### Why U.S. Treasury Ladders?

#### **Client Customization**

#### **MATURITY RANGE**

- 1-12 months
- 1-24 months
- 1-5 years

#### **Additional Highlights**

Minimum investment of \$100,000

#### **Transition of Existing Portfolios**

- Normal turnover transitions to client-selected laddered portfolio structure and retains inherited bonds that fit the selected parameters.
- No turnover results in no selling of inherited bonds except for credit reasons and transitions to client-selected laddered portfolio structure as cash is available to invest'.

#### **Tools for transition**

#### TRANSITION ANALYSIS REPORT

For clients with existing portfolios, Parametric can provide a detailed analysis of current holdings and how they would be transitioned to a Parametric U.S. Treasury Ladder portfolio.

### **Parametric Difference**



# PERSONALIZED PORTFOLIOS

A wide range of customization options allows for a targeted allocation to match each individual client's risk-andreturn profile.



# ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY

Parametric's proprietary technology efficiently identifies the most attractive securities and optimizes the overall bond investing process.



Ladder portfolio.

#### **TAX EFFICIENCY**

A personalized report detailing the holdings and structure

breakdown of a hypothetical Parametric U.S. Treasury

SAMPLE PORTFOLIO REPORT

We aim for enhanced after-tax returns through our differentiated year-round tax-loss harvesting, which focuses on minimizing transaction costs and cash drag.



# EXCEPTIONAL CLIENT SERVICE

Direct access to the portfolio management team helps keep investors and advisors connected and on top of market insights and recommendations.

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