

DECEMBER 31, 2025

**Investment Strategy**

The Payden Low Duration Fund seeks income and capital appreciation while avoiding the volatility of longer-maturity bond funds. The Fund is primarily comprised of U.S. government securities, investment-grade and high-yield corporate bonds, mortgage- and asset-backed securities. Under normal market conditions, the Fund's maximum average portfolio maturity (on a dollar-weighted basis) is four years. The Fund will hold a minimum of 75% in investment-grade securities.

**Fund Highlights**

- » Invests primarily in short-term, fixed-income securities with a minimum of 75% rated investment grade.
- » Primarily comprised of U.S. government securities, investment-grade and high-yield corporate bonds, mortgage- and asset-backed securities.
- » Incorporates active duration, curve, and currency exposure management.
- » No loads (other fees apply).

**Performance<sup>A</sup>**

MONTHLY	YTD	1 YEAR	3 YEAR	5 YEAR	10 YEAR	SINCE INCEPTION (11-30-23)
PAYDEN LOW DURATION FUND ADVISER CLASS	5.08%	5.08%	-	-	-	5.37%
ICE BOFA 1-3 YEAR U.S. TREASURY INDEX	5.10%	5.10%	-	-	-	4.91%

**Calendar-Year Returns**

2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
5.08%	4.81%	1.29%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

**FUND DESCRIPTION**

CLASS:	Adviser
FUND INCEPTION:	Nov 30, 2023
TICKER:	PYLWX
CUSIP:	70432T826
TOTAL NET ASSETS:	\$817.8 Million
INVESTMENT MINIMUM: <sup>B</sup>	\$5,000
IRA MINIMUM: <sup>B</sup>	\$2,000
DIVIDENDS PAID:	Monthly
DIVIDENDS (LAST 12 MOS):	\$0.358

**FUND STATISTICS**

EFFECTIVE DURATION: <sup>C</sup>	2.2 Years
AVERAGE MATURITY:	2.0 Years
30-DAY SEC YIELD: <sup>D</sup>	2.72%

**EXPENSES**

TOTAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES:	0.82% <sup>E</sup>
WITH EXPENSE CAP:	0.68%

**PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT**

	Years of Experience
Brian W. Matthews, CFA	42
Mary Beth Syal, CFA	40
Nigel Jenkins, ASIP	36
Kerry G. Rapanot, CFA	29
Adam M. Congdon, CFA	14

*Quoted performance data represent past performance, which does not guarantee future results. Investment returns and principal value will fluctuate, so investors' shares, when sold, may be worth more or less than their original cost. For the most recent month-end performance, which may be higher or lower than that quoted, visit our website at [payden.com](http://payden.com) or call 800 572-9336.*

## Role In Portfolio

Appropriate for investors who desire a high average credit quality and potential for returns greater than cash alternatives, with some fluctuation in net asset value (NAV).

## Investment Manager

Payden & Rygel is one of the largest privately-owned global investment firms. Founded in Los Angeles in 1983, we have served the needs of institutional and individual investors for over 40 years. We offer a wide array of investment strategies and vehicles, including fixed-income, equity, and balanced portfolios, which can be accessed through separately managed accounts as well as comingled funds. We are committed to providing investment solutions focused on each client's specific needs and objectives.

**Headquarters:** Los Angeles

**Founded:** 1983

**Assets Under Management:** \$167 billion  
(as of 12/31/25)

## Portfolio Characteristics & Market Commentary

### SECTOR ALLOCATION

Corporates	30%
Government/Gov't Related	30%
Mortgage-Backed	20%
Asset-Backed	17%
Other	3%

### CREDIT ALLOCATION<sup>F</sup>

AAA	22%
AA	36%
A	18%
BBB	14%
BB	4%
Unrated	6%

### DURATION ALLOCATION

0-1 yr	-7%
1-3 yrs	97%
3-5 yrs	10%

## Market

- » The Federal Reserve (Fed) cut rates for the third consecutive time since the summer, lowering the federal funds rate to a range of 3.50%–3.75%. This brings rates 1.75% below their peak reached in July 2023. While the rate cut was widely expected, the outlook for additional easing is less certain. Recent economic data remains clouded by the government shutdown. Committee members were divided on whether to cut rates or leave them unchanged, but all agreed that there would be no interest rate hikes for the foreseeable future.
- » Markets now expect two to three rate cuts in 2026, down from expectations of three to four cuts before the December meeting. We anticipate more than two to three interest rate cuts, as inflation continues to move closer to the Fed's 2% target and the labor market shows signs of deterioration, including a recent increase in the unemployment rate.
- » Securitized and investment-grade corporate markets ended the year on a strong note, with a record amount of new bonds issued across both sectors. Risk premiums, the additional yield investors receive for taking on credit risk, remained low but stable during the quarter. Credit markets provided additional returns from contracting risk premiums and their yield advantage over U.S. Treasuries. We expect continued strength as tailwinds from lower rates, a clearer outlook on tariffs, and a resilient economy provide support for risk assets.

## Outlook

- » With valuations not particularly cheap, we remain selective, focusing on capturing income while controlling downside risk. We continue to allocate more of the portfolio to both higher-quality corporate and securitized bonds as we enter the new year. Our duration positioning remains modestly longer than the benchmark, as softening employment and progress toward lower inflation should allow the Fed to cut rates more than current market expectations.

## FOOTNOTES

<sup>A</sup> Returns less than one year are not annualized. <sup>B</sup> The minimum initial investment may be modified for certain financial intermediaries that submit trades on behalf of underlying investors. Payden Funds' distributor may lower or waive the minimum initial investment for certain categories of investors at their discretion. <sup>C</sup> Effective duration is a measure of the Fund's price sensitivity to changes in interest rates. <sup>D</sup> The 30-day SEC yield represents the dividends and interest earned for a 30-day period, annualized, and divided by the net asset values per share at the end of the period. The SEC yield is computed under a standardized formula which assumes all portfolio securities are held to maturity. This value may differ from the actual distribution rate of the fund. <sup>E</sup> Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses include all direct operating expenses of the Fund and a Rule 12b-1 Distribution Fee of 0.25%. Payden & Rygel has contractually agreed to limit Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses After Fee Waiver or Expense Reimbursement to 0.43%. This agreement has a one-year term ending February 28, 2026. Please note that the 0.68% Expense Cap includes the 0.43% expense and the 0.25% 12b-1 Distribution Fees. <sup>F</sup> Ratings are measured on a scale that generally ranges from AAA (highest) to D (lowest) and are subject to change. Security ratings are assigned using the highest rating of Moody's, S&P, and Fitch.

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