

## Baird Short-Term Bond Fund

Trading Symbol:

BSBSX – Investor Class Shares

BSBIX – Institutional Class Shares

## Summary Prospectus May 1, 2018

View the following for this fund: [Statutory Prospectus](#) | [Statement of Additional Information](#)

Before you invest, you may want to review the Fund's prospectus, which contains more information about the Fund and its risks. You can find the Fund's prospectus and other information about the Fund, including the Fund's statement of additional information and shareholder reports, online at <http://www.bairdassetmanagement.com/baird-funds/funds-and-performance#Literature>. You may also obtain this information at no cost by calling 1-866-442-2473 or by sending an e-mail request to [prospectus@bairdfunds.com](mailto:prospectus@bairdfunds.com). The Fund's prospectus and statement of additional information, both dated May 1, 2018, are incorporated by reference into this Summary Prospectus.

## Investment Objective

The investment objective of the Baird Short-Term Bond Fund (the “Fund”) is to seek an annual rate of total return, before fund expenses, greater than the annual rate of total return of the Bloomberg Barclays 1-3 Year U.S. Government/Credit Bond Index.

## Fees and Expenses of the Fund

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund.

### Shareholder Fees

*(fees paid directly from your investment)*

None

### Annual Fund Operating Expenses

*(expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)*

	<i>Investor Class Shares</i>	<i>Institutional Class Shares</i>
Management Fees	0.25%	0.25%
Distribution and Service (12b-1) Fees	0.25%	None
Other Expenses	0.05%	0.05%
Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses	0.55%	0.30%

## Example

This Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds.

The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated and then redeem all of your shares at the end of those periods. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund’s operating expenses remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Investor Class Shares	\$56	\$176	\$307	\$689
Institutional Class Shares	\$31	\$ 97	\$169	\$381

## Portfolio Turnover

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in total annual fund operating expenses or in the example, affect the Fund’s performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund’s portfolio turnover rate was 55.3% of the average value of its portfolio.

## Principal Investment Strategies

The Fund normally invests at least 80% of its net assets in the following types of U.S. dollar-denominated debt obligations:

- U.S. government and other public-sector entities
- Asset-backed and mortgage-backed obligations of U.S. and foreign issuers
- Corporate debt of U.S. and foreign issuers

The Fund only invests in debt obligations rated investment grade at the time of purchase by at least one major rating agency or, if unrated, determined by Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated (the “Advisor”) to be investment grade. After purchase, a debt obligation may cease to be rated or may have its rating reduced below the minimum rating required by the Fund for purchase. In such cases, the Advisor will consider whether to continue to hold the debt obligation. The Fund may hold debt obligations with a “D” or similar credit rating indicating at least a partial payment default.

The Advisor attempts to keep the duration of the Fund’s portfolio substantially equal to that of its benchmark, the Bloomberg Barclays 1-3 Year U.S. Government/Credit Bond Index. The duration of the Fund’s benchmark as of March 31, 2018 was 1.94 years. The dollar-weighted average portfolio effective maturity of the Fund will normally be more than one year but less than three years during normal market conditions. The Fund may invest in debt obligations of all maturities. The Advisor attempts to diversify the Fund’s portfolio by holding debt obligations of many different issuers and choosing issuers in a variety of sectors.

In determining which debt obligations to buy for the Fund, the Advisor attempts to achieve returns that exceed the Fund’s benchmark primarily in three ways:

- *Yield curve positioning:* The Advisor selects debt obligations with maturities and yields that it believes have the greatest potential for achieving the Fund’s objective, while attempting to match the average duration of the debt obligations in the Fund with the average duration of the debt obligations in the Fund’s benchmark.
- *Sector allocation:* The Advisor invests in debt obligations in those sectors which it believes represent the greatest potential for achieving the Fund’s objective.
- *Security selection:* The Advisor determines which issuers it believes offer the best relative value within each sector and then decides which available debt obligations of that issuer to purchase.

The Fund may invest in foreign debt obligations as well as cash or cash equivalents. The Advisor generally will sell a debt obligation when, on a relative basis and in the Advisor’s opinion, it will no longer help the Fund attain its objective.

## **Principal Risks**

Please be aware that you may lose money by investing in the Fund. The following is a summary description of certain risks of investing in the Fund.

### *Management Risks*

The Advisor may err in its choices of debt obligations or portfolio mixes. Such errors could result in a negative return and a loss to you.

### *Bond Market Risks*

A bond’s market value may be affected significantly by changes in interest rates – generally, when interest rates rise, the bond’s market value declines and when interest rates decline, its market value rises (“interest-rate risk”). Interest rate risk should be low for the Fund because it invests primarily in short-term bonds, whose prices are less sensitive to interest rate changes than are the prices of long-term bonds. Generally, a bond with a longer maturity will entail greater interest rate risk but have a higher yield. Conversely, a bond with a shorter maturity will entail less interest rate risk but have a lower yield (“maturity risk”). A bond’s value may also be affected by changes in its credit quality rating or the issuer’s financial condition (“credit-quality risk”). Bonds are also generally subject to credit risk that an issuer will not make timely payments of principal and interest.

### *Credit Quality Risks*

Debt obligations receiving the lowest investment grade rating may have speculative characteristics and, compared to higher grade debt obligations, may have a weakened capacity to make principal and interest payments due to changes in

economic conditions or other adverse circumstances. Ratings are essentially opinions of the credit quality of an issuer and may prove to be inaccurate.

#### *Mortgage- and Asset-Backed Debt Obligations Risks*

Mortgage- and asset-backed debt obligations are subject to interest rate risk. Modest movements in interest rates (both increases and decreases) may quickly and significantly reduce the value of certain types of these debt obligations. When interest rates fall, mortgage- and asset-backed debt obligations may be subject to prepayment risk, which is the risk that the borrower will prepay some or the entire principal owed to the investor. When interest rates rise, certain types of mortgage- and asset-backed debt obligations are subject to extension risk. Mortgage- and asset-backed debt obligations can also be subject to the risk of default on the underlying residential or commercial mortgage(s) or other assets.

#### *Extension Risk*

Extension risk is the risk that debt obligations, including mortgage- and asset-backed debt obligations, will be paid off by the borrower more slowly than anticipated, increasing the average life of such debt obligations and the sensitivity of the prices of such debt obligations to future interest rate changes.

#### *Government Obligations Risks*

No assurance can be given that the U.S. government will provide financial support to U.S. government-sponsored agencies or instrumentalities where it is not specifically obligated to do so by law, such as the Federal National Mortgage Association (“Fannie Mae”) and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (“Freddie Mac”).

#### *Liquidity Risks*

Certain debt obligations may be difficult or impossible to sell at the time and price that the Advisor would like to sell. The Advisor may have to lower the price, sell other debt obligations or forego an investment opportunity, any of which may have a negative effect on the management or performance of the Fund.

#### *Foreign Securities Risks*

Foreign investments, even those that are U.S. dollar-denominated, may involve additional risks, including political and economic instability, differences in financial reporting standards, less regulated securities markets, and withholding of foreign taxes.

#### *Valuation Risks*

The prices provided by the Fund’s pricing service or independent dealers or the fair value determinations made by the valuation committee of the Advisor may be different from the prices used by other mutual funds or from the prices at which debt obligations are actually bought and sold. The prices of certain debt obligations provided by pricing services may be subject to frequent and significant change, and will vary depending on the information that is available.

#### *Sector Risks*

From time to time, based on market or economic conditions, the Fund may have significant positions in specific sectors of the market. Potential negative market or economic developments affecting one or more of these sectors could have a greater impact on the Fund than on a fund with fewer holdings in that sector.

#### *Recent Market Events*

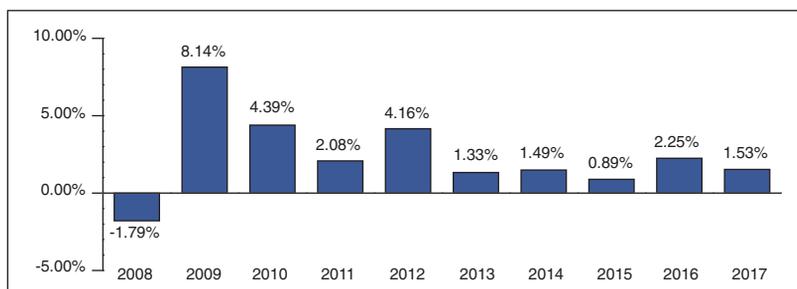
U.S. and international markets have recently experienced a marked pickup in volatility due to a number of economic, political and global macro factors including inflation and wage growth concerns in the U.S., uncertainties regarding how quickly the Federal Reserve will raise the Federal Funds rate, the effects of recently passed legislation including tax reform legislation and trade tensions and the threat of tariffs imposed by the U.S. and other countries. There is uncertainty regarding how the financial markets will react to the foregoing and other developments and there is the potential that these changes could negatively affect financial asset prices and generate higher interest rates, increased market volatility

and reduced value and liquidity of certain securities. As a result, the risk environment remains elevated. The Advisor will monitor developments and seek to manage the Fund in a manner consistent with achieving the Fund's investment objective, but there can be no assurance that it will be successful in doing so.

## Performance

The performance information provides some indication of the risks of investing in the Fund by showing changes in the Fund's performance from year to year and by showing how the Fund's average annual returns for one, five and ten years and since inception compare with those of a broad measure of market performance. Past performance, before and after taxes, is not necessarily an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future. Updated performance information is available on the Fund's website at [www.bairdfunds.com](http://www.bairdfunds.com) or by calling the Fund toll-free at 1-866-442-2473.

Calendar Year Returns for Institutional Class Shares



<b>Best quarter:</b>	2nd quarter 2009	2.94%
<b>Worst quarter:</b>	3rd quarter 2008	-2.11%

### Average Annual Total Returns as of December 31, 2017

	1 Year	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inception (8/31/04)	Since Inception (9/19/12)
<i>Institutional Class</i>					
Return Before Taxes	1.53%	1.50%	2.42%	2.76%	N/A
Return After Taxes on Distributions	0.77%	0.75%	1.41%	1.64%	N/A
Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares	0.86%	0.81%	1.47%	1.70%	N/A
<i>Investor Class</i>					
Return Before Taxes <sup>(1)</sup>	1.28%	1.25%	N/A	N/A	1.32%
<b>Bloomberg Barclays 1-3 Year U.S. Government/Credit Bond Index</b>					
(reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)	0.84%	0.84%	1.85%	2.35%	0.84%

(1) The inception date of the Investor Class shares of the Short-Term Bond Fund was September 19, 2012.

After-tax returns are shown only for the Institutional Class, and the after-tax returns for the Investor Class will vary. After-tax returns are calculated using the highest individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Your actual after-tax returns depend on your tax situation and may differ from those shown. After-tax returns are not relevant if you hold your shares through a tax-deferred account, such as a 401(k) plan or an individual retirement account.

The Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares may be higher than other return figures when a capital loss occurs upon the redemption of Fund shares and provides an assumed tax benefit that increases the after-tax return.

## Investment Advisor

Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated is the Fund's investment advisor.

## Portfolio Managers

<u>Name</u>	<u>Portfolio Manager of the Fund Since</u>	<u>Title</u>
Mary Ellen Stanek, CFA	2004	Chief Investment Officer for Baird Advisors and Managing Director of the Advisor
Gary A. Elfe, CFA	2004	Senior Portfolio Manager and Director of Research, Emeritus for Baird Advisors and Managing Director of the Advisor
Charles B. Groeschell	2004	Senior Portfolio Manager for Baird Advisors and Managing Director of the Advisor
Warren D. Pierson, CFA	2004	Senior Portfolio Manager for Baird Advisors and Managing Director of the Advisor
Daniel A. Tranchita, CFA	2004	Senior Portfolio Manager for Baird Advisors and Managing Director of the Advisor
M. Sharon deGuzman	2004	Senior Portfolio Manager for Baird Advisors and Managing Director of the Advisor

## Purchase and Sale of Fund Shares

You may purchase or redeem shares of the Fund on any day the New York Stock Exchange (the "NYSE") is open by written request via mail (Baird Funds, Inc. c/o U.S. Bancorp Fund Services, LLC, P.O. Box 701, Milwaukee, WI 53201-0701) or overnight delivery (Baird Funds, Inc. c/o U.S. Bancorp Fund Services, LLC, 615 E. Michigan Street, Third Floor, Milwaukee, WI 53202), by wire transfer, by telephone at 1-866-442-2473, or through a financial intermediary. Purchases and redemptions by telephone are only permitted if you previously established these options on your account.

The minimum initial and subsequent investment amounts are shown below, although the Fund may reduce or waive them in some cases in their discretion.

	<i>Initial Purchase</i>	<i>Subsequent Purchases</i>
Investor Class	\$1,000 – Individual Retirement Accounts (Traditional/Roth/SIMPLE/SEP IRAs) and Coverdell Education Savings Account	\$100
	\$2,500 – All Other Accounts	\$100
Institutional Class	\$25,000 – All Account Types	No minimum

## Tax Information

The Fund's distributions may be subject to federal income tax and may be taxed as ordinary income or long-term capital gains.

## **Payments to Broker-Dealers and Other Financial Intermediaries**

If you purchase Fund shares through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), the Fund and its related companies may pay the intermediary for the sale of Fund shares and related services. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the Fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.