

# **Quarterly Update**

# TexPool and TexPool Prime



#### **Investor Goal**

The investor goal for both TexPool and TexPool *Prime* is preservation and safety of principal, liquidity and yield.

#### **Pool Features**

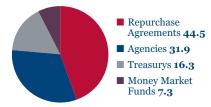
- Administered by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.
- Managed and serviced by Federated Hermes.
- Highest possible ratings from Standard & Poor's underscores the portfolios' high credit quality, daily liquidity and relative safety.
- High asset levels give the benefit of economies of scale.

# Portfolio Overviews as of 9/30/23

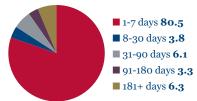
#### **TexPool**

Pool Assets \$28.7 billion

#### **Portfolio Composition (%)**



#### **Effective Maturity Schedule (%)**



#### **Weighted Average Maturity**

28 Days

#### **Credit Rating**

AAAm Standard & Poor's

#### **Portfolio Managers**

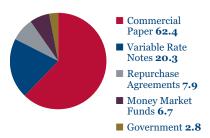
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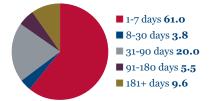
#### TexPool Prime

Pool Assets \$12.4 billion

#### Portfolio Composition (%)



#### **Effective Maturity Schedule (%)**



#### Weighted Average Maturity

46 Days

#### **Credit Rating**

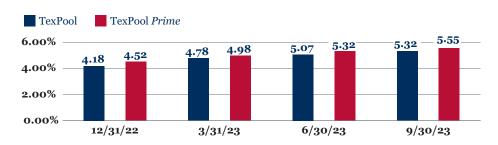
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#### **Portfolio Managers**

Paige Wilhelm

Deborah Cunningham

## Pool Performance: 7-Day Net Yields (%)



Performance data quoted represents past performance which is no guarantee of future results. Investment return will vary. The value of an investment, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than the original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than what is stated.

## Portfolio Manager Commentary

The Federal Reserve pumped the brakes in the third quarter, but indicated it will continue to chase inflation.

In July, the Treasury Dept. continued to issue an immense amount of securities to replenish its coffers following the suspension of the federal debt limit in June. Having met its financial obligations through "extraordinary measures," it had to raise cash quickly to make whole any accounts in which it had redeemed or suspended investments, and to fund government spending. A sizable portion of the issuance has come in the form of Treasury bills, which have exceeded \$1 trillion. This supply helped to normalize the front end of the Treasury yield curve, which had also experienced dislocations due to mistaken market expectations that the Fed might not only end the tightening campaign but cut rates in 2023.

If the 25 basis-point hike at the July Federal Open Market Committee meeting didn't put this speculation to rest, the markets got further clarity from Fed Chair Jerome Powell's speech at the central bank symposium in Jackson Hole, Wyo. He doubled down on the FOMC's commitment to achieving price stability and inflation at 2% in the long run, pushing back on speculation the Fed might accept a higher target because of various structural shifts in the global economy. While policymakers have consistently indicated they would risk impairing the U.S. economy and its labor market, Powell maintained this might not be necessary. In the September policy-setting meeting the Fed once again held rates steady in the 5.25-5.50% range. Powell took the occasion to once more tout the plausibility of a soft landing—in which inflation would inch downward without tanking the economy.

Unfortunately, several headwinds emerged as the reporting period closed, including a potential government shutdown, the United Auto Workers strike and rising energy costs that could upset the delicate balance needed to avert a recession.

At the end of the quarter, yields on 1-, 3-, 6- and 12-month U.S. Treasuries were 5.37%, 5.46%, 5.55% and 5.47%, respectively; the 1-, 3-, 6- and 12-month Bloomberg Short-Term Bank Yield Index rates (BSBY) were 5.39%, 5.56%, 5.75% and 5.94%, respectively.

Portfolio composition is subject to change.

An investment in the Pool is not insured or guaranteed by any government or government agency. Although the manager of the Pool seeks to preserve principal, it is possible to lose money by depositing money in the Pool.

An AAAm rating by Standard & Poor's is obtained after Standard & Poor's evaluates a number of factors, including credit quality, market price exposure and management. Ratings are subject to change, and do not remove market risk. For more information on credit ratings, visit standardandpoors.com.

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