

# Core Plus Fixed Income

## MANAGEMENT TEAM

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## OBJECTIVE

Seeks high total investment return through a combination of current income and capital appreciation within benchmark-aware risk and return objectives

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Portfolio guidelines are broad, offering considerable investment flexibility
- Individual investment ideas are evaluated on the basis of their investment return potential and contribution to portfolio risk
- Top-down macroeconomic analysis combined with bottom-up security selection drives portfolio construction
- Duration is managed in a narrow range to the benchmark
- May invest up to 20% of the portfolio in high yield securities at the time of purchase
- May invest up to 10% in non-US dollar denominated securities
- Allocations to emerging markets debt securities are allowed
- Typical portfolio: approximately 175 to 225 issuers, 300 to 400 issues
- Issuer maximum of 5% or the benchmark weight plus 2% (whichever is greater at the time of purchase), Treasuries and GSEs excluded
- Industry maximum of 25% or the benchmark weight plus 10% (whichever is greater at the time of purchase)
- Investment universe typically includes US Treasuries, agencies, mortgage-backed securities (MBS), asset-backed securities (ABS), commercial mortgage-backed securities (CMBS), investment grade corporate bonds, Yankee bonds, high yield corporate bonds, emerging markets debt and non-US dollar bonds

## BENCHMARK

Bloomberg Barclays US  
Aggregate Index

### FACTS

Strategy inception	1/1/86
Composite inception	1/1/89
Strategy assets	\$25,945.0M
Composite assets	\$8,173.9M

### PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

	Composite	Index
Average maturity	9.04 yrs	8.33 yrs
Average duration	6.26 yrs	6.00 yrs
Average yield	3.95%	3.45%
Average credit quality	A1	AA2
Average number of issues	322	-
Weighted average coupon	3.02%	3.14%
OAS	77 bps	39 bps

## COMPOSITE PERFORMANCE (%)

	CUMULATIVE RETURN		AVERAGE ANNUALIZED RETURN				
	3 MO	YTD	1 YEAR	3 YEAR	5 YEAR	10 YEAR	SINCE INCEPTION
<b>GROSS</b>	0.53	-0.42	0.40	3.93	3.52	6.89	7.30
<b>NET</b>	0.46	-0.63	0.12	3.64	3.25	6.63	7.02
<b>BENCHMARK</b>	0.02	-1.60	-1.22	1.31	2.16	3.77	6.09

## COMPOSITE PERIOD PERFORMANCE (%)

	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
<b>GROSS</b>	5.62	7.29	-2.82	6.91	-0.18	11.58	8.18	11.05	18.67	1.79
<b>NET</b>	5.33	6.99	-3.08	6.66	-0.39	11.34	7.94	10.81	18.42	1.57
<b>BENCHMARK</b>	3.54	2.65	0.55	5.97	-2.02	4.21	7.84	6.54	5.93	5.24

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There is no guarantee that the investment objective will be realized or that the strategy will generate positive or excess return.

Average Yield is Yield to Effective Maturity. Duration and Maturity for equity securities are deemed to be zero.

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SECTOR DISTRIBUTION (%)		
	Composite	Index
Investment Grade Credit	25.5	29.8
Agency MBS	23.6	28.8
US Treasury	18.8	37.9
High Yield Credit	6.1	-
ABS/RMBS	5.3	0.5
Non-US Dollar (ex CAD)	3.6	-
Bank Loans	2.2	-
Emerging Markets Debt	1.6	-
CMBS	1.1	1.2
US Agency Municipals	0.9	1.5
Municipals	-	0.3
Cash & Equivalents	11.4	-

CURRENCY DISTRIBUTION (%)		
	Composite	Index
US Dollar	96.4	100
Developing Countries	3.6	-

COUNTRY DISTRIBUTION (%)		
	Composite	Index
United States	80.3	91.3
Mexico	5.1	0.6
Brazil	2.5	0.1
United Kingdom	1.6	1.3
Thailand	1.2	-
Saudi Arabia	1.1	-
Argentina	0.9	-
United Arab Emirates	0.8	-
Chile	0.7	0.1
Other	5.9	6.7

CREDIT QUALITY (%)		
	Composite	Index
US Treasuries	18.8	37.9
AAA	29.8	34.7
AA	3.2	5.3
A	12.0	12.3
BAA	15.6	9.8
BA	6.3	-
B	2.8	-
CAA & Lower	-	-
Not Rated	0.2	-
Cash & Equivalents	11.4	-

DURATION DISTRIBUTION (%)		
	Composite	Index
Less than 1 Yr.	12.7	1.0
1 to 3 Yrs.	13.7	22.9
3 to 5 Yrs.	14.5	24.8
5 to 7 Yrs.	20.3	29.5
7 to 10 Yrs.	8.9	7.4
10 Yrs. or more	18.5	14.4
Cash & Equivalents	11.4	-

MATURITY DISTRIBUTION (%)		
	Composite	Index
Less than 1 Yr.	7.7	0.5
1 to 3 Yrs.	14.1	21.7
3 to 5 Yrs.	10.3	17.6
5 to 7 Yrs.	12.7	14.6
7 to 10 Yrs.	20.0	29.5
10 Yrs. or more	23.7	16.0
Cash & Equivalents	11.4	-

## KEY RISKS

Credit Risk, Issuer Risk, Interest Rate Risk, Liquidity Risk, Non-US Securities Risk, Currency Risk, Prepayment Risk and Extension Risk. Investing involves risk including possible loss of principal.

*Due to rounding, Sector, Currency, Country, Credit Quality, Duration and Maturity distribution totals may not equal 100%. This portfolio is actively managed and characteristics are subject to change. Credit Quality reflects the highest credit rating assigned to individual holdings of the composite among Moody's, S&P or Fitch; ratings are subject to change. Cash & Equivalents may include unsettled trades, fees and/or derivatives. ABS/RMBS: Asset-Backed Securities/Residential Mortgage-Backed Securities. Agency MBS: Agency Mortgage-Backed Securities. CMBS: Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities. Emerging Markets Debt in the sector distribution is defined as US dollar denominated, non-investment grade bonds, which are from a country on the firm approved Emerging Markets list based on Bloomberg Barclays Emerging Markets Ex-Aggregate Index.*

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