



# Core Plus Fixed Income Fact Sheet

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## OBJECTIVE

Core Plus Fixed Income is a flexible strategy that seeks income and total return opportunities across an array of global income markets with an objective to reduce correlation to other core plus strategies and traditional, investment grade fixed income portfolios. Additionally, the strategy seeks to outperform its peers as well as the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index.

## INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY

- We believe that opportunities to add alpha exist through a relative value approach.
- Income is typically the primary driver of fixed income returns over time
- An awareness of the risk/reward dynamic at work in the marketplace is critical on behalf of today's investors
- Utilizing a wide range of higher cash flow producing asset classes generally leads to return opportunities

## INVESTMENT PROCESS OVERVIEW

"We seek income producing opportunities in the capital structure, in a variety of risk profiles where we find relative value in an effort to reduce correlation to traditional bonds."

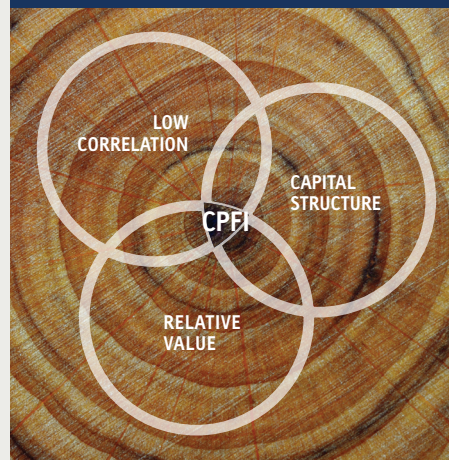
- David Withrow

## RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

- Diversification across income producing asset classes with flexibility to invest outside the U.S.
- Sector ranges
  - Core Fixed Income 50-100%
  - High Yield Debt 0-20%
  - Preferred Securities 0-20%
  - Convertibles 0-10%
- Duration relative to index 0.50x to 1.50x
- Limit 20% below investment grade

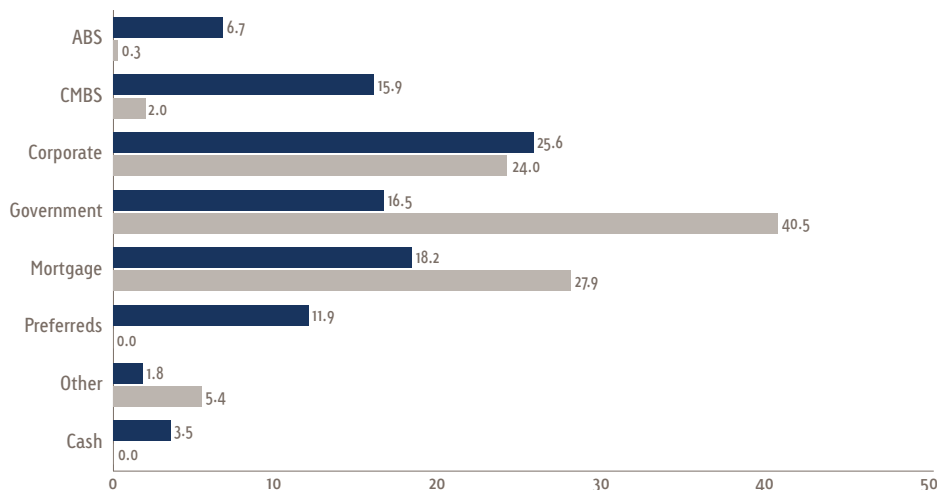
## INVESTMENT APPROACH

- An income portfolio built from a wider opportunity set with different risk characteristics than the benchmark
- Target 70% "Core" U.S. fixed income, with target 30% "Plus" holdings seeking opportunities less correlated to U.S. interest rates
- Analyze fundamental trends in income producing asset classes with total return focus
- Consideration of historic and potential future correlations of global income producing asset classes



## SECTOR DIVERSIFICATION

■ Strategy (%) ■ Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index (%)



Source: Bloomberg, Clearwater Analytics

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## QUALITY RATINGS\* Strategy (%)

AAA	50.7
AA	6.4
A	16.4
BBB	23.9
BB	2.5
B	0.1

## ASSETS

Strategy Assets (\$M)

Composite 90.36

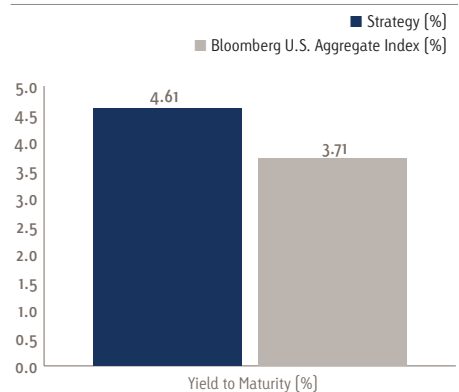
## KEY FACTS

Benchmark	Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index
Business Minimum	\$15 M
Number of Holdings	211

## CHARACTERISTICS

	Strategy	Index
Effective Duration (Years)	5.95	6.41
Average Credit Quality	AA-	AA+

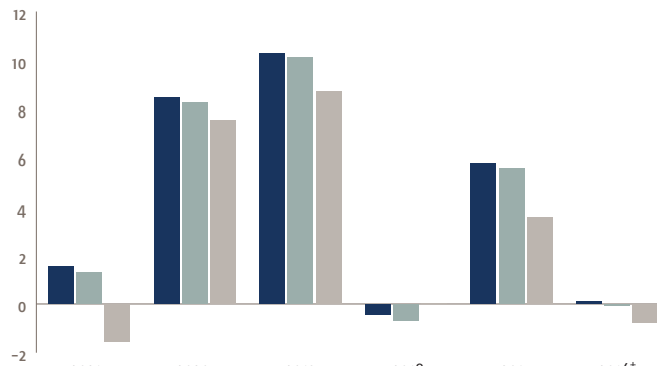
## YIELD\*\*



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## PERFORMANCE



ANNUAL PERFORMANCE (%)	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016†
■ Composite Gross	1.53	8.48	10.28	-0.45	5.78	0.09
■ Composite Net	1.31	8.27	10.12	-0.67	5.55	-0.05
■ Bloomberg U.S. Agg Index	-1.54	7.51	8.72	0.01	3.54	-0.75

	Composite Gross [%]	Composite Net [%]	Index [%]
2Q22	-5.06	-5.11	-4.69
YTD	-10.94	-11.03	-10.35
1 Year	-9.91	-10.12	-10.29
3 Years	0.31	0.12	-0.93
5 Years	1.94	1.74	0.88
ITD†	2.15	1.94	0.95

† Performance calculated from inception date 5/1/2016  
 Periods greater than 12 months are annualized  
 Source: Bloomberg, Clearwater Analytics

## DISCLOSURES

\*The quality ratings are calculated on a market value-weighted basis using the highest credit quality rating given by S&P, Moody's, or Fitch for each security in the strategy. Ratings are measured on a scale that generally ranges from AAA (highest) to D (lowest).

\*\*Yield to maturity calculated using the compound convention of the bond.

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