

Core Fixed Income

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Inception Date

October 1, 2000

Total Strategy Assets¹

\$3.2 billion

Portfolio Managers

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Strategy Vehicles

- Separately Managed Account
- Collective Investment Trust (CIT)

Benchmark²

Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index

Typical Targets³

Government (%)	10 – 70
Investment Grade Credit (%)	10 – 40
Agency MBS (%)	15 – 35
CMBS (%)	0 – 10
ABS/CLOs (%)	0 – 15

OUR STRENGTHS

We believe our key competitive strengths are:

- **Investment Style** — Portfolio Managers, Research Analysts and Traders work together; focused primarily on security selection within a duration neutral portfolio.
- **Size** — Our size helps ensure sufficient diversification at the portfolio level, while being able to source new issue allocations, participate in smaller deals, and remain sufficiently nimble to reposition the portfolio as market opportunities arise.
- **Experience** — Our deep credit experience helps enable us to navigate various market cycles, looking for any market dislocations and exercising an appropriate sell discipline.

PHILOSOPHY AND PROCESS

We believe fixed income markets are efficient with respect to interest rate risk, but regularly misprice securities that are exposed to credit, downgrade and liquidity risks.

We seek to exploit inefficiencies in the market and provide clients with excess returns to the benchmark without incurring undue risk through:

- Conducting proprietary, in-depth fundamental research
- Targeting duration-neutral portfolios
- Constructing portfolios with attractive risk / reward characteristics

ALPHA DRIVERS

- Methodical portfolio construction seeks to exploit inefficiencies across the curve
- Emphasis on specific characteristics of an issuer, industry consolidation, downgrades and upgrades, improving fundamentals, and identifiable potential catalysts
- Little emphasis on macro bets, such as duration and term structure
- Willingness to invest in off-the-run bonds and allow our credit research team to take a deeper dive to identify value
- Belief in the ability to turn the portfolio over to source new ideas at attractive levels and aim to exit positions with rich valuations

1. Stated at estimated fair value (unaudited). Core Fixed Income is a strategy of fixed income assets. Total Strategy Assets for Core Fixed Income include all assets managed by MIM in the Core Fixed Income strategy and may include certain assets that are not included in Composite Assets (as presented in GIPS® Composite Statistics and Performance table) for Core Fixed Income.

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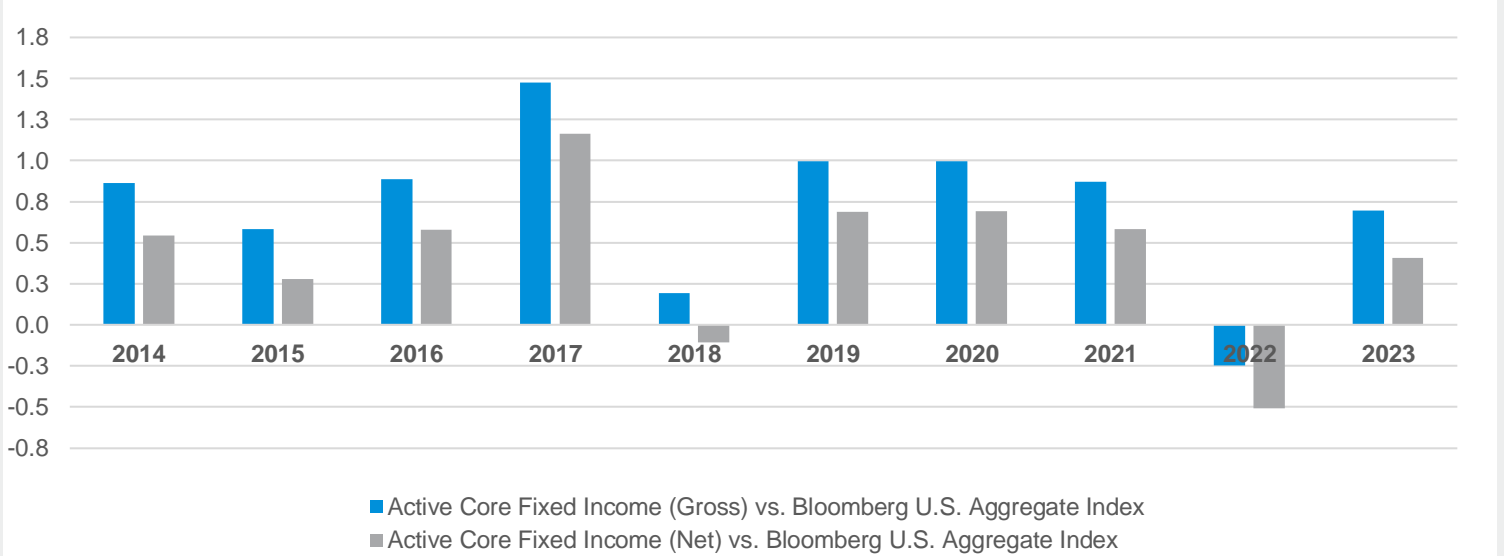
3. Any portfolio targets and/or limits are used to illustrate the Investment Manager's current intentions and may be subject to change without notice.

COMPOSITE PERFORMANCE (%)¹

	1Q2023 to 1Q2024	1Q2022 to 1Q2023	1Q2021 to 1Q2022	1Q2020 to 1Q2021	1Q2019 to 1Q2020	1Q2018 to 1Q2019
Core Fixed Income (Gross of fees)	2.42	-4.83	-3.55	3.53	7.59	4.70
Core Fixed Income (Net of fees)	2.15	-5.12	-3.83	3.24	7.29	4.39
Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index	1.70	-4.78	-4.15	0.71	8.93	4.48

	1Q24	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	7 Years	10 Years	Since Inception
Core Fixed Income (Gross of fees)	-0.58	-0.58	2.42	-2.04	0.93	1.69	2.25	4.22
Core Fixed Income (Net of fees)	-0.64	-0.64	2.15	-2.32	0.64	1.40	1.95	3.91
Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index	-0.78	-0.78	1.70	-2.46	0.36	1.06	1.54	3.80
Tracking Error			0.26	0.44	1.06	0.92	0.80	1.60
Information Ratio			2.82	0.96	0.53	0.69	0.88	0.26

ACTIVE RETURN VS. BENCHMARK (%)²



Source: eVestment

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2. Active return is the percentage gain or loss of an investment relative to the investment's benchmark. For calendar year performance returns as well as additional benchmark disclosure, please see the GIPS® disclosures at the end of this Presentation.

QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE ATTRIBUTION

- The portfolio posted strong relative returns during the first quarter, driven by sector allocation and security selection. Our Treasury holdings were a small drag although our duration/curve positioning partially offset that drag. The rise in treasury yields over January and February were a headwind to relative performance predominantly affecting our Mortgage holdings.
- Within the strategy, corporates accounted for the bulk of outperformance as spreads outperformed rates. Idiosyncratic stories drove the positive security selection across corporates. Favorable positioning within Non-Cyclical Industrials, Technology and Banking boosted performance within their broader sectors. In new issuance, the strategy participated in a handful of well-performed deals.
- Structured products, specifically CMBS and ABS outweighed weakness from our overweight position in Agency Mortgages contributing to the portfolio's relative performance over the quarter. (Include this line for Core Plus: Positioning in High Yield also contributed favorably to relative returns.)
- In the corporate space, the strategy continues to benefit from positioning in GSIB and Yankee banks with a bias to shorter-maturity holdings where the yield pick-up is advantageous given the inverted interest rate curve.
- We also have a favorable view of select issuers with the Brokerage/Asset Manager and Exchanges subsector in addition to Finance Companies and more specifically, air lessor companies.
- Within Industrials, well positioned companies in Non-Cyclicals also supported security selection over the period. Across sub-sectors, Tobacco issuers gained given strong operating performance and bond holder friendly actions while our participation in new-issue deals from the Pharmaceutical space was also helpful. An underweight to Cyclicals overall – particularly in high quality retailers, also aided relative sector allocation.
- Issuer specific challenges and opportunities continue to present themselves within the Communications sector and more specifically within the Media & Entertainment subsector. We remain active within the subsector harvesting gains and reducing positions at favorable executions but believe longer-term stories still have room to run in the space.
- As oil traded up in the quarter, positioning within Energy also benefited. Lastly, Utilities was a slight drag due to our shorter duration holdings.
- In CMBS, high-quality paper, both floaters and fixed rate CMBS were contributors. Down in credit lagged over the period. The underlying commercial real estate market endured another quarter of limited transactions. However, the limited transactions and in effect, limited supply technical has aided the performance of the asset class.
- We continue to remain selective as higher rates play through all sub asset types. ABS was additive to performance with the compression in spreads of off the run/esoteric bonds versus flow paper. We continue to favor non-consumer related rate reduction bonds and up in quality prime credit cards.
- MBS struggled earlier in the quarter as rates climbed on data which signaled a potential higher for longer rate regime. The asset class gave back some of the meaningful outperformance from the fourth quarter. Our overweight is predicated on the attractive Mortgage – IG spread basis despite a recent weakening of the relative value relationship still remains attractive on a relative basis. Within the sector, our overweight is concentrated on production coupons and discount lower coupons.

STRATEGY

Our playbook in core fixed income is largely consistent with previous quarters. Our yield advantage in portfolios continues to be buttressed by high-quality front-end corporates and the shorter duration asset-backed and commercial mortgage-backed securities. Across our corporate holdings, we opportunistically added longer dated exposure during temporary periods of curve steepening, but generically continue to favor the intermediate part of the curve where the breakevens are far more attractive. We continue to upgrade the liquidity of our holdings, taking advantage of a collapse in liquidity premiums which will better position the portfolios for a correction in spreads. These higher quality biases are augmented by select overweights in low BBB credits where the fundamentals are supportive of outsized spread compression. We plan to maintain our overweight to mortgage-backed securities while refining positioning within the coupon stack given our outlook for the economy and yield curve. In ABS, we are comfortable with our current positioning and should valuations screen attractive on a relative basis, we may look to add. Across CMBS, our positioning is predominantly AAA/agency-backed and we remain selective on all sub asset types within commercial real estate on the basis that we prefer to remain patient as higher rates work through extensions and re-financings. Absent a Q4 2023- esque rally, we believe the portfolios are well positioned to continue to generate alpha without taking outsized risks.

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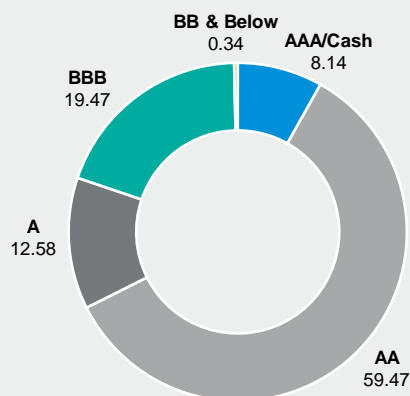
STRATEGY CHARACTERISTICS¹

	Yield To Maturity (%)	Effective Duration (years)	Average Credit Quality
Core Fixed Income	5.15	6.14	Aa2/AA-
Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index	4.84	6.14	Aa2/AA

SECTOR POSITIONING¹

	Market Value (%)		Contribution to Duration (years)	
	Core Fixed Income	Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index	Core Fixed Income	Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index
Investment Grade Corporate	31.3	25.0	1.71	1.77
Financials	15.2	8.2	0.63	0.44
Industrials	12.5	14.5	0.89	1.13
Utilities	3.5	2.3	0.20	0.20
Structured	41.0	28.0	2.03	1.56
Agency MBS	31.6	25.9	1.78	1.48
Non-Agency MBS	1.0	0.0	0.03	0.00
CMBS	4.2	1.6	0.11	0.07
ABS	4.2	0.5	0.10	0.01
CBO/CDO/CLO	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.00
Government Related	0.7	4.0	0.05	0.23
Sovereign/Quasi	0.4	3.4	0.02	0.18
Taxable Municipal	0.3	0.6	0.04	0.05
U.S. Treasuries / Cash	26.8	43.0	2.34	2.58
High Yield	0.2	0.0	0.01	0.00

CREDIT QUALITY DISTRIBUTION (%)¹



	Core Fixed Income	Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index
AAA/Cash	8.14	3.54
AA	59.47	71.99
A	12.58	11.92
BBB	19.47	12.51
BB & Below	0.34	0.03

1. The characteristics displayed are for a representative account for this investment strategy. Actual account characteristics may differ. The benchmark data is that of the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index. All data above is provided for illustrative purposes only. This data is supplemental to the information required in a GIPS® compliant document. Credit ratings reflect the index provider's credit quality methodology. Average quality excludes cash and securities that are not rated. Totals may not foot due to rounding.

COMPOSITE STATISTICS AND PERFORMANCE

Year	Gross-of-fee Return	Net-of-fee Return	Benchmark Return ¹	Number of Portfolios	Dispersion Stdv ²	Composite 3-Year Stdv ³	Benchmark 3-Year Stdv ³	Composite Assets	Total Firm Assets (BB) ⁴
2014	6.83%	6.51%	5.97%	≤ 5	N/A	2.66%	2.63%	\$455,775,914	-
2015	1.13%	0.83%	0.55%	≤ 5	N/A	2.91%	2.88%	\$416,911,671	-
2016	3.54%	3.23%	2.65%	≤ 5	N/A	2.94%	2.98%	\$141,450,179	-
2017	5.02%	4.71%	3.54%	≤ 5	N/A	2.77%	2.78%	\$148,848,112	-
2018	0.21%	-0.09%	0.01%	≤ 5	N/A	2.70%	2.84%	\$1,212,023,116	-
2019	9.71%	9.39%	8.72%	≤ 5	N/A	2.83%	2.87%	\$1,277,602,059	\$600.0
2020	8.50%	8.18%	7.51%	≤ 5	N/A	3.86%	3.36%	\$1,473,256,457	\$659.6
2021	-0.67%	-0.96%	-1.54%	≤ 5	N/A	3.96%	3.35%	\$1,672,541,812	\$669.0
2022	-13.26%	-13.52%	-13.01%	≤ 5	N/A	6.19%	5.77%	\$3,144,915,283	\$579.8
2023	6.23%	5.94%	5.53%	≤ 5	N/A	7.24%	7.14%	\$2,951,636,583	\$600.8
Q1 2024	-0.58%	-0.64%	-0.78%	≤ 5	N/A	7.24%	7.14%	\$2,867,720,813	\$593.7

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1. The performance benchmark for the Core Fixed Income Composite is the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index, which is a broad-based index that measures the investment grade, U.S. dollar-denominated, fixed rate taxable bond market, including Treasuries, government-related and corporate securities, MBS (agency fixed rate and hybrid ARM pass-throughs), ABS, and CMBS. The index does not reflect holdings in all sectors targeted within the Core strategy. It is impossible to invest directly in an unmanaged index. All index returns presented are provided to represent the investment environment existing during the time periods shown and will not be covered by the future report of independent verifiers. For comparison purposes, the index is fully invested and includes the reinvestment of income. The returns for the index do not include any transaction costs, management fees, or other costs.
2. The dispersion of annual returns is measured by the standard deviation among asset-weighted gross-of-fee portfolio returns represented in the composite for the full year. "N/A" is an indication that the information is not statistically meaningful due to an insufficient number of portfolios (five or fewer) in the composite for the entire year. Standard deviation is only presented for accounts managed for a full calendar year.
3. The three-year annualized standard deviation measures the variability of the gross-of-fee composite and the benchmark returns over the preceding 36-month period. The standard deviation is not presented for 2000 through 2010 because it is not required for periods prior to 2011. It is also not presented for quarter-ends.
4. Prior to July 1, 2019, the investment team was part of a prior firm. Therefore, "Total Firm Assets (BB)" is left blank for year ends before the team joined MetLife Investment Management.

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The Core strategy seeks to produce risk adjusted long-term total returns above the broad bond market by investing in a core of high-quality U.S. fixed income securities across the government, corporate and structured markets. Derivatives may make up a part of the Core strategy, as the Firm utilizes futures, forwards, and interest rate swaps to manage risk, rather than for speculative purposes. The Core Fixed Income Composite includes all portfolios managed on a discretionary basis according to the applicable composite strategy except as otherwise excluded herein. The Firm maintains a list of composites and descriptions, a list of limited distribution pooled funds and their descriptions, and a list of broad distribution pooled funds, all of which are available upon request. Policies for valuing investments, calculating performance, and preparing GIPS® reports are available upon request.

The Core Fixed Income Composite had a significant cash flow policy in effect from November 1, 2007, and was first removed on October 1, 2010. It was reinstated as of May 1, 2011, and then removed on May 1, 2013. The Firm chose to remove accounts that had a significant monthly external aggregate cash flow greater than 10%. Aggregate cash flow was defined as additions plus withdrawals over the monthly period. If the significant cash flow was client-directed requiring security liquidation that materially affects account management, the Firm would remove the account the month of security liquidations. The account would be reinstated to the composite once the portfolio manager determined the flow had not impacted the management of the account and the account was invested per the strategy. Additional information regarding the treatment of significant cash flows is available upon request.

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Returns are based on fully discretionary accounts under management and may include terminated accounts. The dispersion of annual returns is measured by the standard deviation among asset-weighted gross-of-fee portfolio returns represented within the composite for the full year. Dispersion is not calculated for composites with five or fewer accounts for the whole period.

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