

Core Plus Bond

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Strategy description

A core plus bond strategy that seeks to deliver current income and capital appreciation through individual securities and actively managed fee-waived mutual funds, which offer diversification into “plus” sectors.

At-a-glance

Benchmark	Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index
Target allocation / Portfolio composition	Broad fixed income market exposure: Managed Accounts Portfolio (MAP) - 40% -Securitized credit -High yield credit -Preferred securities -Emerging markets debt Individual securities - 60% -Investment grade U.S. corporate bonds -U.S. Treasuries and agencies
Account minimum	\$250,000
Duration	+/-20% of benchmark's duration
Quality	Primarily investment grade with modest “plus” sector exposure
Typical exposures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10-25% plus sectors • 15-35% securitized • Up to 20% below investment grade • Up to 15% high yield corporates and loans • Up to 10% preferred securities and CoCos • Up to 7% emerging markets debt

Average annualized total returns (%)

	Inception date	QTD	YTD	1 year	Since inception
Gross	01 Apr 23	2.34	2.34	5.31	4.59
Net	01 Apr 23	2.02	2.02	4.01	3.29
Benchmark		2.78	2.78	4.88	3.28

Performance data shown represents past performance and does not predict or guarantee future results. Performance shown is based on the composite. The value of the portfolio will fluctuate based on the value of the underlying securities. Individual returns may vary based on factors such as the account type, market value, cash flows and fees. Current performance is preliminary and may be higher or lower than the performance shown. Final numbers are available upon request. Total returns for a period of less than one year are cumulative.

Portfolio management

Marie A. Newcome, CFA | 33 years industry experience

Joseph Higgins, CFA | 30 years industry experience

Investment process

Our process emphasizes systematic collaboration to pursue solid risk-adjusted returns over long-term time horizons. The global fixed income investment committee serves as a forum for debating investment views and developing relative value perspectives. The lead portfolio managers are accountable for portfolio construction, risk management and performance outcomes. Specialized teams of sector portfolio managers, analysts and traders cover the global fixed income markets and provide security positioning recommendations according to relative value, conviction, expected interaction with portfolio positions, and the mandate's overall risk posture and investment objectives.

Portfolio statistics

	Portfolio	Benchmark
Number of positions	616	
Duration (years)	5.91	5.92
Average effective maturity (years)	8.25	8.36
Yield to worst (%)	5.44	4.59

Credit quality (%)

	Portfolio	Benchmark
U.S. Tsy/Agcy	29.0	71.2
AAA	6.8	2.7
AA	14.9	2.7
A	17.2	11.3
BBB	20.0	12.1
BB	7.4	0.0
B	3.3	0.0
Below B	0.5	0.0
NR	0.8	0.0

Sector allocation (%)

	Portfolio	Benchmark
Treasury	27.9	44.6
Govt Related	0.2	1.0
IG Corporates	27.9	26.8
Agency MBS	10.6	25.0
Non-Agency MBS	3.5	0.0
ABS	5.0	0.5
CMBS	5.3	1.5
Preferred securities	5.0	0.0
High yield corporates	10.4	0.0
Emerging markets debt	3.0	0.0
Municipals	0.0	0.7
Cash and equivalents	1.2	0.0

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Data source: Nuveen and Bloomberg. Data shown includes cash. All characteristics are based on a representative account deemed appropriate.

Core Plus Bond Advisor Sponsored

Year	Composite total return gross of fees (%)	Composite total return net of fees (%)	Custom benchmark return (%)	Composite 3-year standard deviation (%)	Custom benchmark 3-year standard deviation (%)	Number of accounts	Composite internal dispersion (%)	% Non fee paying portfolios	Composite assets at period end (\$ millions)	Firm assets at period end (\$ billions)
2024	3.28	2.00	1.25	N/A	N/A	</= 5	N/A	5.7	18.7	257.7
2023**	3.50	2.53	5.53	N/A	N/A	</= 5	N/A	5.5	19.1	237.6

Current benchmark: Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index

*"Pure" gross-of-fees returns are supplemental to net returns.

**Partial period starting 01 Apr 2023

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- All returns represent the reinvestment of income.
- The composite internal dispersion is the asset-weighted standard deviation of pure gross annual returns for portfolios in the composite the entire year. The number of accounts represents the number in the composite at year end. Composite dispersion is reported as N/A when information is not statistically meaningful due to an insufficient number of portfolios in the composite for the entire year.
- The Core Plus Bond Advisor Sponsored consists of fully discretionary, fee-paying advisor sponsored accounts. The strategy currently does not contain any retail advisor-sponsored accounts. The strategy seeks total return, primarily through current income. The composite generally invests in at least 60% in individual bonds, typically governments, agencies, and investment-grade corporate bonds. The composite may also invest in managed account portfolios (MAPs), with exposure to preferred securities, high yield, securitized credit, and emerging markets.
- The composite inception date is 01 Apr 2023; the composite creation date is Sept 2023.
- The composite performance has been achieved at Nuveen Asset Management
- The composite is benchmarked against the unmanaged Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index. The Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index represents securities that are SEC-registered, taxable, and dollar-denominated. The index covers the U.S. investment grade fixed bond market, with index components for government and corporate securities, mortgage pass-through securities, and asset-backed securities. These major sectors are subdivided into more specific indices that are calculated and reported on a regular basis. Benchmark returns are not covered by the report of independent verifiers.
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