# **Core Impact Bond**

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#### **Strategy description**

A core bond strategy that seeks to deliver current income and capital appreciation through individual securities that demonstrate environmental, social and governance (ESG) leadership and an actively managed commingled fund that seeks to maximize direct and measurable environmental and social impact.

#### At-a-glance

| Benchmark                                 | Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index   |
|---|---|
| Target allocation / Portfolio composition | Broad fixed income market exposure: Core Impact Bond Managed Accounts Portfolio (MAP) - 40%       |
|   | -Investment grade corporates  |
|   | -Securitized sectors: MBS, CMBS, ABS  |
|   | -Municipal bonds, primarily taxable   |
|   | -High yield corporates  |
|   | -Emerging markets debt  |
|   | Individual securities - 60%   |
|   | -Investment grade U.S. corporates exhibiting ESG leadership<br>-U.S. Treasuries and U.S. agencies |
| Account minimum                           | \$250,000   |
| Duration                                  | +/-15% of benchmark's duration  |
| Quality                                   | Predominantly investment grade  |
| Core Impact Bond Managed Accounts         | • Up to 40% allocation in account   |
| Portfolio (MAP) limitations               | <ul> <li>Up to 10% below investment grade</li> </ul>  |
|   | • Up to 40% in non-U.S. issuers, including up to 10-30% in emerging markets issuers               |

#### **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.

#### Average annualized total returns (%)

|           | Inception date | QTD  | YTD  | 1 year | 3 years | inception |
|-----------|----------------|------|------|--------|---------|-----------|
| Gross     | 01 Sep 20      | 2.61 | 2.61 | 5.07   | 1.17    | -0.61     |
| Net       | 01 Sep 20      | 2.29 | 2.29 | 3.77   | -0.09   | -1.84     |
| Benchmark |                | 2.78 | 2.78 | 4.88   | 0.52    | -1.20     |

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.

### Impact framework

ESG is deeply embedded in the investment process, with an emphasis placed on direct and measurable impact plus ESG leadership. A portion of the portfolio is dedicated to impact investing in public markets with the use of proceeds directly financing environmental or social outcomes or the issuers' commitment and ability to deliver transparent impact reporting with agreeable scope and frequency. Our framework, in place since 2007, is materially aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) which were adopted in 2015.

#### Portfolio management

Marie A. Newcome, CFA | 33 years industry experience

Stephen M. Liberatore, CFA | 31 years industry experience

Jessica Zarzycki, CFA | 18 years industry experience

| Portfolio statistics               |           |           |  |  |  |
|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|--|--|--|
|                                    | Portfolio | Benchmark |  |  |  |
| Duration (years)                   | 5.97      | 5.92      |  |  |  |
| Average effective maturity (years) | 8.33      | 8.36      |  |  |  |
| Yield to worst (%)                 | 4.90      | 4.59      |  |  |  |

|                      | Portfolio | Benchmark |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|
| U.S. Treasury/Agency | 25.0      | 71.2      |
| AAA                  | 7.4       | 2.7       |
| AA                   | 15.9      | 2.7       |
| A                    | 26.6      | 11.3      |
| BBB                  | 16.6      | 12.1      |
| BB                   | 1.9       | 0.0       |
| В                    | 0.2       | 0.0       |
| Other                | 3.5       | 0.0       |
| Cash and equivalents | 2.9       | 0.0       |

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|                             | Portfolio | Benchmark |
| U.S. Treasury               | 22.7      | 44.6      |
| U.S. agencies               | 0.0       | 1.0       |
| Non-US Developed<br>Markets | 2.7       | 2.7       |
| IG Corporates               | 51.2      | 24.1      |
| MBS                         | 6.9       | 25.0      |
| ABS                         | 2.4       | 0.5       |
| CMBS                        | 2.2       | 1.5       |
| Munis                       | 5.0       | 0.7       |
| HY Corporates               | 1.5       | 0.0       |
| EM Debt                     | 1.7       | 0.0       |
| Cash and equivalents        | 3.9       | 0.0       |

**Sector allocation (%)** 

Reflects ratings by Moody's, S&P, and/or Fitch. If there are two ratings for a security the lower rating is used, while if ratings are provided by all three agencies the middle rating is used. Bonds that are not rated by Moody's, S&P, and/or Fitch are assigned an equivalent rating deemed to be appropriate by Nuveen Asset Management. U.S. government securities and agency mortgage-backed securities are included in the U.S. Treasury/Agency category (included only if applicable).

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

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| Year  | Calendar year total<br>return (net of fees)<br>(%) | Calendar year total<br>return ("pure" gross<br>of fees) (%) | Benchmark return<br>(%) | Composite 3-year<br>standard deviation<br>(%) | Benchmark 3-year<br>standard deviation<br>(%) | Number of accounts                                | Composite dispersion (%) | Composite assets at period end (\$ millions) | Firm assets at period end (\$ billions) |
|-------|--|---|-------------------------|---|---|---|--------------------------|--|---|
| 2024  | 1.18   | 2.45  | 1.25                    | 7.21  | 7.72  | = 5</td <td>N/A</td> <td>25.4</td> <td>257.7</td> | N/A                      | 25.4   | 257.7                                   |
| 2023  | 4.71   | 6.02  | 5.53                    | 6.72  | 7.14  | = 5</td <td>N/A</td> <td>0.5</td> <td>237.6</td>  | N/A                      | 0.5  | 237.6                                   |
| 2022  | -13.45   | -12.35  | -13.01                  | N/A   | N/A   | = 5</td <td>N/A</td> <td>0.4</td> <td>247.0</td>  | N/A                      | 0.4  | 247.0                                   |
| 2021  | -2.81  | -1.58   | -1.54                   | N/A   | N/A   | = 5</td <td>N/A</td> <td>0.5</td> <td>296.1</td>  | N/A                      | 0.5  | 296.1                                   |
| 2020* | 0.73   | 1.15  | 0.61                    | N/A   | N/A   | = 5</td <td>N/A</td> <td>0.5</td> <td>239.7</td>  | N/A                      | 0.5  | 239.7                                   |

Current benchmark: Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index

- \* "Pure" gross of fees returns are supplemental to net returns.
- \* Partial period starting 01 Sep 2020
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- 6 For direct-advisory institutional accounts, returns on a pure gross-of -fees basis include the deduction of trading commissions and other transaction costs but not investment management fees. For direct-advisory fee fee-in -lieu accounts and advisor advisor-sponsored accounts, returns on a pure gross-of -fees basis do not include the deduction of trading commissions, other transaction costs or fees.
- 7 All returns represent the reinvestment of income.
- 8 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.
- 9 The composite consists of fully discretionary fee-paying paying accounts managed in a core impact style. The core impact bond strategy seeks to deliver current income and capital appreciation through individual securities that demonstrate environmental, social and governance (ESG) leadership and a commingled fund that prioritizes direct and measurable environmental and social impact. Generally, the target allocations are 40% Core Impact Bond portfolio and 60% individual government and corporate securities.

- The strategy seeks to provide sector, security, and impact diversification with broad fixed income market exposure. Permissible investments included emerging markets debt, CMBS, high yield corporates, ABS, treasuries, and agencies.
- 10 The composite inception and creation date is 01 Sep 2020.
- 11 The current benchmark is Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index.
- 12 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.
- The composite net-of-fees returns are calculated by deducting 1/12th of a model fee of 1.25%, which NAM reasonably believes is the maximum applicable fee, from the monthly "pure" gross-of-fee returns.
- 14 GIPS Firm AUM for 2020 and 2021 was updated from TIAA Investments ("TIAAI") to Nuveen Asset Management, LLC ("NAM").
- 15 Results are calculated in U.S. dollars.
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