

# Four reasons to consider **Nuveen core bond funds**

Actively managed core bond funds can be part of a well-diversified portfolio.¹ Investors should consider funds that have provided consistent outperformance over market cycles while balancing risk.

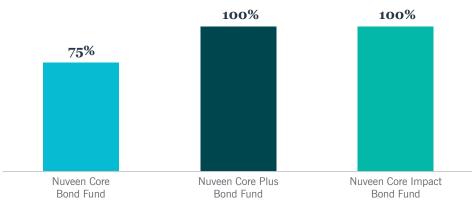
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### **Outperforming peers**

Consistently outperform peers by delivering attractive returns relative to industry benchmarks across diverse market conditions

### Funds' outperformance over the last 10 years

Rolling 5-year returns vs. Morningstar Peers (01 Apr 2015 – 31 Mar 2025)



Data source: Morningstar Direct, 01 Apr 2015 – 31 Mar 2025. **Performance data shown represents past performance and does not predict or guarantee future results.** Fund data shown represents the Class R6 shares. Core Bond and Core Plus Bond Peer Groups consist of all of the funds in the Morningstar Intermediate Core-Plus Bond Category. Core Impact Bond Peer Group consists of all of the funds in the Morningstar Intermediate Core Bond Category. You cannot invest directly in a Morningstar Category.

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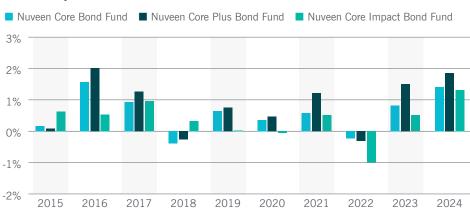
### **Fewer surprises**

Funds have outpaced the index over the past decade



Calendar year periods of outperformance vs. Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index over the last 10 years.

#### Calendar year excess return vs. the index



Data source: Morningstar Direct, YTD period ending 31 Dec 2024. Excess return is difference in performance of an investment against a stated index. The index is the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index. Performance data shown represents past performance and does not predict or guarantee future results. Fund data shown represents the Class R6 shares.

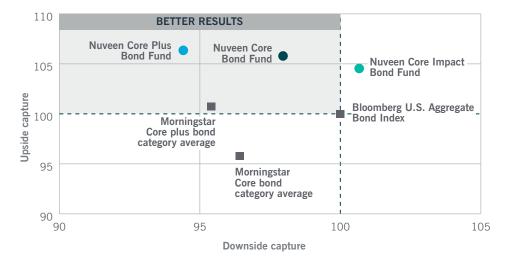
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### Competitive upside/downside capture

Funds have a long history of capturing a significant portion of market gains during rallies while limiting losses during downturns

### Finding growth while managing against declines

*Trailing 10-year return upside/downside capture (01 Apr 2015 – 31 Mar 2025)* 



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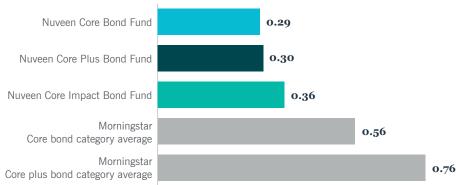
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### Lower expenses versus peers

Among actively managed peers, our core bond funds stand out for being some of the most cost-efficient options in their respective categories

### **Cost-effective investment strategies**

Net expense ratio (%)



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### Overall Morningstar Rating™ (as of 31 Mar 2025) and Morningstar Medalist Rating™ (as of 16 Feb 2024)



### Average annualized total returns (%) as of 31 Mar 2025

				Without sales charge					With sales charge					Expense ratios		day yield
		Tisless	Inception	1	3	5	10	Since	1	3	5	10	Since	•		
		Ticker	date	year	years	years	year	inception	year	years	years	year	inception	Gross	Net	
Nuveen Core Bond Fund		TIBHX	4-Dec-15	5.20	0.96	0.81		2.11	5.20	0.96	0.81		2.11	0.43	0.43	4.58
	Α	TIORX	31-Mar-06	5.00	0.77	0.63	1.69	3.29	1.06	-0.51	-0.13	1.31	3.09	0.59	0.59	4.41
	R6	TIBDX	1-Jul-99	5.35	1.10	0.95	2.00	4.21	5.35	1.10	0.95	2.00	4.21	0.29	0.29	4.73
Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index			4.88	0.52	-0.40	1.46	1.67									
Nuveen Core Plus Bond Fund	<u> </u>	TCBHX	4-Dec-15	5.55	1.27	1.49		2.42	5.55	1.27	1.49		2.42	0.39	0.39	4.81
	Α	TCBPX	31-Mar-06	5.30	1.03	1.26	1.92	3.42	1.35	-0.25	0.49	1.53	3.21	0.63	0.63	4.55
	R6	TIBFX	31-Mar-06	5.76	1.38	1.59	2.24	3.70	5.76	1.38	1.59	2.24	3.70	0.30	0.30	4.88
Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index			4.88	0.52	-0.40	1.46	1.67									
Nuveen Core Impact Bond Fund	I	TSBHX	4-Dec-15	5.31	0.65	0.51		1.89	5.31	0.65	0.51		1.89	0.43	0.43	4.56
	Α	TSBRX	21-Sep-12	4.93	0.39	0.30	1.46	1.96	0.97	-0.86	-0.47	1.07	1.65	0.62	0.62	4.31
	R6	TSBIX	21-Sep-12	5.26	0.71	0.58	1.75	2.26	5.26	0.71	0.58	1.75	2.26	0.36	0.36	4.63
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Returns quoted represent past performance which does not predict or guarantee future results. Investment returns and principal value will fluctuate so that when shares are redeemed, they may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be higher or lower than the performance shown. Returns assume reinvestment of dividends and capital gains. For performance current to the most recent month-end visit nuveen.com or call 800.752.8700. Performance shown for benchmark since inception is as of the Fund's oldest share class. Retail Class shares are available for purchase through certain financial intermediaries or by contacting the Fund directly at 800.752.8700 or nuveen.com.

Expense ratios are based on the Fund's most recent fiscal year end. A contractual arrangement is in place that limits certain fees and/or expenses. Had fees/expenses not been limited ("capped"), currently or in the past, returns would have been lower. Expense Cap Expiration Date: 31 Jul 2025. Please see the prospectus for details.

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