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FORT WASHINGTON STRATEGIC INCOME – 4Q2024

- Flexible investment approach with diversified sources of return
- Premium yield with high quality bias
- High conviction security selection with rigorous bottom-up research
- Lead managers in place since inception

PORTFOLIO COMMENTARY

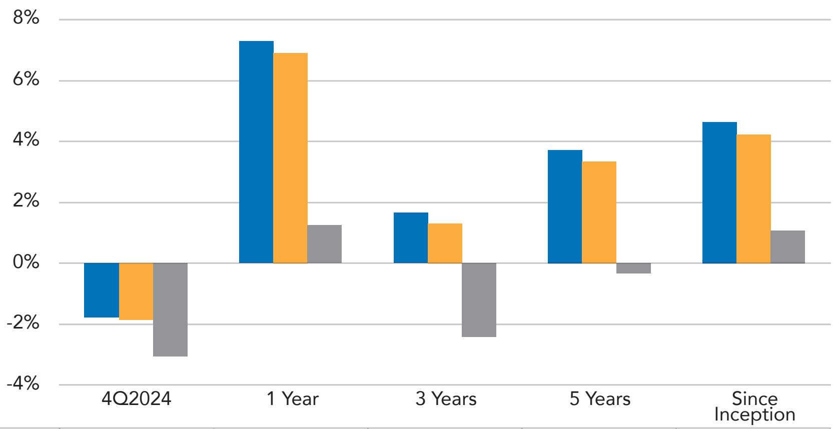
The Strategic Income strategy returned -1.77% gross and -1.86% net for the quarter, compared to -3.06% for the Bloomberg US Aggregate Index.

Security selection was the largest contributor to relative outperformance due to investment grade corporate and securitized sectors. Within investment grade corporates, subordinated positions within high quality banks were the primary driver of outperformance. Within securitized, non-agency CMBS was the largest contributor to outperformance while other non-agency sectors such as CMOs and ABS also outperformed.

Interest rate positioning added to relative performance versus the benchmark. Interest rates increased during the quarter as investors lowered their expectations for future rate cuts. This resulted in outperformance as the strategy was positioned with a shorter duration compared to the benchmark.

The strategy's sector allocation also contributed to outperformance over the quarter. Allocations to high yield corporates and emerging market debt (EMD) were the primary drivers as excess carry and tighter spreads supported both sectors.

Trailing Total Returns (as of December 31, 2024)



	4Q2024	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception
Strategic Income (Gross)	-1.77	7.28	1.66	3.73	4.63
Strategic Income (Net)	-1.86	6.90	1.30	3.35	4.24
Bloomberg US Aggregrate	-3.06	1.25	-2.41	-0.33	1.07

Inception date: 07/01/2017. Source: Fort Washington. Past performance is not indicative of future results. This supplemental information complements the Strategic Income GIPS Report.

Inception Date: 07/01/2017
Total Strategy Assets: $1.2 billion
Total Fixed Income Assets: $59.8 billion
Style: Multi-Sector Bond, Income

Flexibility
Max 50% Non-Investment Grade

Premium Yield
6.1% Yield
A2/A3 Average Credit Quality

Diversified Returns
*0.73 correlation to the Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index since inception**

High Conviction
125 - 175 issuers

Experienced Team
35 Investment Professionals
Lead PMs Average:
24 Years Industry Experience
21 Years With the Firm

*Source: Fort Washington, Nasdaq eVestment. Strategy Inception date is 07/01/2017.

PEER GROUP PERFORMANCE

	Percentile Rank[1]
4Q2024	80
1 Year	30
3 Years	33
5 Years	17
Since Inception	14

Source: Nasdaq eVestment
[1]Peer ranks are percentile rankings versus the eVestment US Multi-Sector Fixed Income Universe based on net performance relative to peer group. Past performance is not indicative of future results.

POSITIONING

Risk budget: The strategy is targeting a modest overweight to risk, representing 30% of the risk budget.

Economic activity has been healthy over the last year despite expectations for a deceleration. Inflation remains above the Fed's 2% target but continues to decline, although recent data has been a bit bumpy. As a result of disinflation and a cooling labor market, the Fed has cut rates by 100 basis points since September. However, interest rates have increased meaningfully over that same period as investors lowered their expectations for future rate cuts. While the consensus is for a continued U.S. economic expansion, there are still macroeconomic risks to that outlook such as geopolitical uncertainty and potentially restrictive financial conditions.

Valuations largely reflect a limited margin of safety with minimal upside. Despite our improved economic outlook, elevated asset prices result in only a modest overweight risk posture within the strategy.

Sectors: Sector positioning reflects generally expensive valuations, relative value, and opportunities within each sector. Allocations were adjusted marginally in the quarter and primary risk exposures include:

- Exposure to Investment Grade Credit was unchanged over the quarter. The strategy continues to favor positions lower in the capital structure within high quality financials and is selectively adding to bottom-up opportunities on attractive relative value, including targeting investments at the front and intermediate part of the curve.
- The strategy's allocation to Securitized Products was largely unchanged over the quarter. The team continues to favor non-agency exposure and is overweight ABS, CLO, and CMBS.
- The strategy maintained its exposure to Emerging Markets Debt which is toward the lower end of its historical range. The sector is primarily invested in what we believe to be compelling bottom-up narratives within the below-investment grade segment. Latin America remains the largest exposure within the sector.
- High Yield exposure remained unchanged during the quarter. High Yield exposure is at the lower end of its historical range as risk/reward is skewed to the downside. The High Yield allocation is broadly diversified by sector, favoring higher quality BBs, as we wait for an opportunity to add risk at more attractive spreads.

Rates: Duration was increased during the quarter from 4.3 to 5.5 years and averaged around a 5.2 year duration over the quarter. We are positioning portfolios within the current range of 5.5 to 5.75 years and favor the intermediate part of the curve. The yield curve continued to steepen during Q4 as longer rates increased while the Fed cut rates. Volatility has been elevated as investors adjust their expectations for future rate cuts and we anticipate that to continue as new economic data is released.

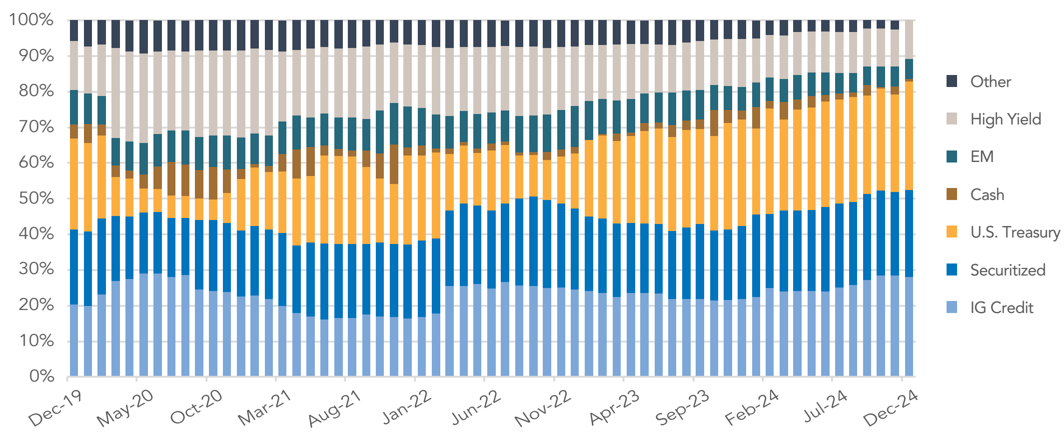
Portfolio Characteristic	
Weighted Average Yield to Worst	6.1%
Effective Duration (years)	5.4
Total Strategy Assets	$1.2 B

Credit Quality (% of Fixed Income)	
AAA	6%
AA	36%
A	5%
BBB	33%
BB	9%
B	7%
CCC and Below	1%
NR/Other	3%
Cash	1%

Sector Allocation	Current	3 Year Average	3 Year High	3 Year Low
Investment Grade Corp	27%	24%	28%	17%
High Yield Corp	10%	15%	19%	11%
U.S. Treasuries	30%	23%	30%	11%
Securitized	24%	22%	25%	19%
ABS	6%	6%	8%	3%
CLO	5%	6%	8%	2%
CMBS	7%	6%	8%	4%
RMBS	6%	4%	5%	0%
Emerging Markets Debt	5%	8%	12%	5%
Other	3%	4%	5%	2%
Cash	1%	2%	7%	0%

Source: Fort Washington and Bloomberg PORT. Past performance is not indicative of future results. Portfolio characteristics subject to change at any time without notice. This supplemental information complements the Strategic Income GIPS Report.

FLEXIBLE APPROACH TO SECTOR ALLOCATIONS INCREASES ALPHA AND REDUCES RISK



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MARKET OVERVIEW

The investment landscape remains shaped by strong domestic growth, changing policy priorities from the newly elected administration, and evolving investor sentiment. Economic growth exceeded expectations from the beginning of the year, underscored by the resilience of both consumers and businesses. However, policy changes concerning trade and regulation have garnered significant attention, potentially impacting the trajectory of the U.S. economy.

Strong consumer spending has been the largest contributor to growth over the last year. While household savings have declined, higher income earners have propelled the economy following a surge in investment and home prices since the pandemic. Higher wages have also supported the broader labor market. Although job creation has slowed over the last year, it is being offset by a lack of job losses, resulting in a largely balanced labor market.

As the economy continues to expand, inflation remains a focus for many investors due to the implications for Fed policy. While inflation still appears to be on a path of disinflation, recent data has been bumpy. Furthermore, several new tariff proposals from the new administration have added to uncertainty. While tariffs are generally considered a one-time price increase rather than inflationary, there is a risk that they could progress into a larger trade war with some of the United States' largest trading partners (China, Mexico, Canada). This possibility has caused investors to increase their short-term inflation outlook while longer-term expectations have remained largely range bound.

At the same time, other policy proposals may provide tailwinds for economic growth into 2025. Deregulation efforts could provide certain industries, particularly energy and banking, with lower amounts of operational restrictions that should improve bottom lines. In addition, lower levels of regulation should enhance M&A activity while the possibility of lower corporate tax rates would lift fundamentals for many small/medium size firms. This positive backdrop for the economy is helping support risk assets as evidenced by historically tight credit spreads and higher equity prices.

The strategy is positioned to perform well in a stable to improving environment for risk assets. We believe a modest overweight to credit sectors is prudent as valuations are tight of historical medians, limiting potential upside. However, the current economic environment should support tighter spreads, and if they persist, the strategy is positioned well to benefit from additional spread relative to the benchmark. However, if economic growth slows materially, the strategy is positioned to add exposure opportunistically as risk assets would likely experience weakness. Additionally, we believe positive security selection can benefit the portfolio in many different market environments and tactical duration management allows the strategy to take advantage of elevated rate volatility.

WHAT DIFFERENTIATES STRATEGIC INCOME?

Premium Yield. Strategic Income has a yield well above the Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index as well as traditional fixed income strategies.[2]

High Conviction Security Selection. Bottom-up security selection in fixed income has proven to be a reliable source of alpha. Strategic Income is a portfolio of 125 – 175 issuers, focusing on the best ideas of our investment teams.

Sector Diversification. Non-traditional fixed income strategies often have large concentrations in a single sector, such as high yield or preferred securities. Strategic Income is broadly diversified by sector, resulting in multiple sources of return potential.

Duration Management. Unconstrained fixed income strategies take large, and sometimes negative, duration positions. Strategic Income uses duration as a risk mitigation tool, and seeks to avoid taking large duration positions due to the difficulty in predicting interest rates.

Quality Bias. Strategic Income has a top quintile yield without taking excessive risks. The average credit quality of the holdings in the strategy is Investment Grade rated, while the average credit quality of most portfolios in the peer group is rated as High Yield.

WHY INVEST IN THE STRATEGY?

Flexibility. Having the flexibility to react to market dislocations in a timely manner can be a benefit of non-traditional fixed income approaches such as Strategic Income.

Enhanced Return. Multi-Sector bond strategies have outperformed traditional strategies over the past 1, 3, 5, and 10 year periods[2] with only a moderate increase in risk.

Higher Yield. For investors looking for increased yield, Strategic Income, on average, is likely to provide a yield in excess of the Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index by 2%,[3] higher than most traditional strategies.

Expanded Opportunity Set. Traditional strategies are largely invested in sectors and securities that are represented in common market indices. Strategic Income goes beyond common market indices into areas that may be less trafficked, providing more opportunities for alpha.

Portfolio Diversification. Traditional strategies are often invested in the major index sectors of Investment Grade Corporates, Securitized, and Government Securities. Strategic Income provides dedicated exposure to diversifying fixed income asset classes with low correlation to traditional fixed income strategies.

[2] Source: eVestment US Multi-Sector Fixed Income Universe and eVestment US Core Plus Fixed Income Universe as of 12/31/2024.
[3] Source: Bloomberg, Fort Washington.

STRATEGIC INCOME COMPOSITE GIPS REPORT

	4Q2024	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017[1]
Strategic Income (Gross)	-1.77%	7.28%	8.64%	-9.86%	3.24%	10.72%	12.84%	0.49%	3.10%
Strategic Income (Net)	-1.86%	6.90%	8.24%	-10.17%	2.84%	10.28%	12.46%	0.09%	2.90%
Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index	-3.06%	1.25%	5.53%	-13.01%	-1.54%	7.51%	8.72%	0.01%	1.24%
Strategic Income 3-Year Annual Standard Deviation[2]	–	7.48%	6.96%	8.41%	6.68%	6.87%	--	--	--
Bloomberg Aggregate 3-Year Annual Standard Deviation[2]	–	7.72%	7.14%	5.77%	3.35%	3.36%	--	--	--
Dispersion[3]	0.13%	1.05%	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Number of Accounts	6	6	≤5	≤5	≤5	≤5	≤5	≤5	≤5
Composite Assets ($ millions)[4]	$1,211.6	$1,211.6	$879.5	$604.8	$1,060.4	$385.6	$285.5	$57.5	$51.1
Total Firm Assets ($ millions)	$81,286	$81,286	$74,613	$66,365	$73,804	$65,086	$59,174	$49,225	$52,774

Composite inception and creation date: 07/01/2017. [1]2017 returns are partial-year returns, reflecting the composite inception date of 07/01/2017. [2]The 3-Year annualized ex-post standard deviation is calculated using monthly gross-of-fee returns to measure the average deviations of returns from its mean. [3]Dispersion is not calculated for years in which the composite contains five portfolios or less. Dispersion is calculated as the equal weighted standard deviation of quarterly gross-of-fee returns for those portfolios held in the composite during the full measurement period. Past performance is not indicative of future results. [4]The change in composite assets from 2021 to 2022 was the result of two accounts dropping below the $100 million strategy minimum. The accounts continued to be managed in the style of the Strategic Income strategy and were returned to the composite in 2023 when their asset values once again exceeded the minimum threshold. The benchmark for this composite is the Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index. The Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index is a market capitalization-weighted index that measures the performance of the U.S. dollar-denominated, fixed-rate, taxable bond market. The index includes investment grade securities such as U.S. Treasuries, government-related and corporate bonds, mortgage-backed securities, asset-backed securities, and commercial mortgage-backed securities. The index accounts for interest payments by incorporating them into the total return calculation. The Strategic Income strategy employs a high conviction, yield oriented investment approach coupled with sector diversification and diligent risk management resulting in attractive risk adjusted returns via high levels of income. The primary objective of Strategic Income is to produce a high level of current income with a secondary objective of capital appreciation. The strategy will invest in public fixed income, private fixed income, common stock and derivatives. The strategy will incorporate the best investment ideas available to Fort Washington, exploiting Fort Washington's core competencies of bottom-up credit and structure analysis. Risk monitoring, performance measurement, and active management is a key component to achieving attractive risk adjusted returns. All fee-paying, fully discretionary portfolios, managed in the Strategic Income style, with a minimum of $100 million under our management, are included in this composite. Effective 10/26/2018, the Strategic Income fee is 0.40% for separate accounts. Portfolios in this composite include cash, cash equivalents, investment securities, interest and dividends. Cash is maintained, within each separately managed account segment, in accordance with our asset allocation ratio. The U.S. dollar is the base currency. 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RISK DISCLOSURE

The Strategic Income strategy invests in fixed-income securities which can experience reduced liquidity during certain market events, lose their value as interest rates rise and are subject to credit risk which is the risk of deterioration in the financial condition of an issuer and/or general economic conditions that can cause the issuer to not make timely payments of principal and interest also causing the securities to decline in value and an investor can lose principal. The strategy invests in non-investment grade debt securities which are considered speculative with respect to the issuers' ability to make timely payments of interest and principal, may lack liquidity and has had more frequent and larger price changes than other debt securities. The strategy invests in mortgage-backed securities and asset-backed securities which are subject to the risks of prepayment, defaults, changing interest rates and at times, the financial condition of the issuer. The strategy invests in equities which are subject to market volatility and loss. The strategy invests in preferred stocks which are relegated below bonds for payment should the issuer be liquidated. The strategy invests in foreign securities which carry the associated risks of economic and political instability, market liquidity, currency volatility and accounting standards that differ from those of U.S. markets and may offer less protection to investors. The strategy invests in derivatives such as futures contracts. Derivatives can be highly volatile, illiquid and difficult to value, subject to counterparty and leverage risks and there is risk that changes in the value of a derivative held by the strategy will not correlate with the strategy's other investments. The strategy invests in mortgage dollar rolls which involve increased risk and volatility, as the securities the strategy is required to repurchase may be worth less than the securities that the strategy originally held.

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