



## FORT WASHINGTON CORE PLUS FIXED INCOME – 3Q2024

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Inception Date: 10/01/2007  
Total Assets: \$2.0 billion  
Objective: 150 bps annualized excess return over benchmark index  
Benchmark: Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index

### VEHICLE AVAILABILITY

- ▶ Separate Account
- ▶ Collective Investment Trust
- ▶ Mutual Fund
- ▶ Commingled Fund

### STRATEGY OVERVIEW

- ▶ Core plus, sector rotating strategy that allocates risk on a relative value basis
- ▶ Supported by team of more than 35 investment professionals
- ▶ 15+ year track record

### PHILOSOPHY

We believe:

- ▶ In explicit measurement of valuation and risk, not forecasting
- ▶ Allocations of risk on a relative value basis with a focus on managing downside exposure will lead to strong long-term results
- ▶ Active monitoring of risk targets versus budgets
- ▶ Bottom-up security selection is driven by fundamental analysis

### ABOUT FORT WASHINGTON

- ▶ Founded in 1990; \$86.3 billion in current total assets under management<sup>1</sup>
- ▶ Organizational hallmarks include: stability of teams, consistency of process, competitive performance, deep resources, and alignment of interests

### PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT TEAM

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*Leveraged Credit*

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*Investment Grade Credit*

**Brendan M. White, CFA**  
Senior Vice President,  
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### FIXED INCOME RESEARCH TEAM

**Investment Grade Credit**  
10 Portfolio Managers & Analysts  
*Average Industry experience / 2001*

**Securitized Products**  
7 Portfolio Managers & Analysts  
*Average Industry experience / 2006*

**Emerging Markets**  
4 Portfolio Managers & Analysts  
*Average Industry experience / 2003*

**Leveraged Credit**  
11 Portfolio Managers & Analysts  
*Average Industry experience / 2003*

#### Credit Quality

|                   | Core Plus | Bloomberg US Aggregate |
|-------------------|-----------|------------------------|
| AAA               | 11%       | 3%                     |
| AA                | 46%       | 73%                    |
| A                 | 11%       | 11%                    |
| BBB               | 28%       | 12%                    |
| BB                | 1%        | 0%                     |
| B                 | 1%        | 0%                     |
| CCC and Below     | 0%        | 0%                     |
| Not Rated / Other | 0%        | 0%                     |
| Cash              | 3%        | 0%                     |

#### Portfolio Characteristics

|                          | Core Plus | Bloomberg US Aggregate |
|--------------------------|-----------|------------------------|
| Yield to Worst           | 4.77      | 4.23                   |
| Option Adjusted Spread   | 74        | 36                     |
| Option Adjusted Duration | 5.95      | 6.20                   |
| BBB Equiv Spread Risk    | 3.75      | 2.06                   |
| Average Quality          | Aa3/A1    | Aa2/Aa3                |
| Number of Issuers        | 220       | 1,402                  |

All data as of 09/30/2024. Source: Fort Washington. This supplemental information complements the Core Plus Fixed Income GIPS Report. Portfolio characteristics are as of the reported date and are subject to change without notice. Past performance is not indicative of future results.

#### Annualized Total Returns (as of September 30, 2024)

| Period                       | Core Plus (gross) | Core Plus (net) | Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate |
|------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| 3Q2024                       | 5.66%             | 5.58%           | 5.20%                    |
| 1 Year                       | 13.29%            | 12.95%          | 11.57%                   |
| 3 Years                      | -0.73%            | -1.03%          | -1.39%                   |
| 5 Years                      | 1.54%             | 1.22%           | 0.33%                    |
| 10 Years                     | 3.00%             | 2.65%           | 1.84%                    |
| Since Inception (10/01/2007) | 4.26%             | 3.90%           | 3.11%                    |

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## CORE PLUS FIXED INCOME COMPOSITE GIPS REPORT

|  | 3Q2024    | 2023      | 2022      | 2021      | 2020      | 2019      | 2018      | 2017      | 2016     | 2015     | 2014     |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Core Plus Fixed Income (Gross)                                       | 5.66%     | 6.74%     | -13.56%   | -0.75%    | 10.31%    | 11.09%    | -0.73%    | -0.73%    | 6.62%    | 6.62%    | 5.26%    |
| Core Plus Fixed Income (Net)   | 5.58%     | 6.42%     | -13.83%   | -1.07%    | 9.97%     | 10.75%    | -1.03%    | -1.03%    | 6.21%    | 6.21%    | 4.85%    |
| Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index                                    | 5.20%     | 5.53%     | -13.01%   | -1.54%    | 7.51%     | 8.72%     | 0.01%     | 0.01%     | 2.65%    | 2.65%    | 5.97%    |
| Core Plus Fixed Income 3-Year Annual Standard Deviation <sup>2</sup> | --        | 7.60%     | 6.96%     | 4.59%     | 4.59%     | 2.76%     | 2.80%     | 2.80%     | 3.03%    | 3.03%    | 2.99%    |
| Bloomberg Aggregate 3-Year Annual Standard Deviation <sup>2</sup>    | --        | 7.14%     | 5.77%     | 3.35%     | 3.36%     | 2.87%     | 2.84%     | 2.84%     | 2.98%    | 2.98%    | 2.63%    |
| Dispersion <sup>3</sup>  | 0.11%     | --        | --        | --        | --        | --        | --        | --        | --       | --       | --       |
| Number of Accounts   | 6         | 5         | ≤5        | ≤5        | ≤5        | ≤5        | ≤5        | ≤5        | ≤5       | ≤5       | ≤5       |
| Composite Assets (\$ millions)                                       | \$1,751.7 | \$1,635.3 | \$1,570.3 | \$1,918.5 | \$1,643.3 | \$1,335.7 | \$1,163.6 | \$1,163.6 | \$607.0  | \$607.0  | \$308.9  |
| Total Firm Assets (\$ millions)                                      | \$81,043  | \$74,613  | \$66,365  | \$73,804  | \$65,086  | \$59,174  | \$49,225  | \$49,225  | \$45,656 | \$45,656 | \$45,002 |

Composite inception date: 10/01/2007 and Composite creation date: 07/01/2015. <sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>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 gross-of-fee returns for those portfolios held in the composite during the entire period. Past performance is not indicative of future results. 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. Fort Washington's Core Plus Fixed Income strategy uses explicit measures of value and risk as a guide to investment decisions. Combined with intensive fundamental research, the portfolio management team believes this provides the best opportunity for excess return. The Core Plus Composite includes all fixed income accounts above \$50MM with the ability to invest in High Yield (at least 30%) and have the unrestricted ability to invest in Investment Grade Securities across all durations relative to the Bloomberg US Aggregate. Accounts within this composite may also have the ability to hold derivatives. 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The Fort Washington Core Plus Fixed 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 derivatives and securities such as forward foreign currency exchange contracts, futures contracts, options and swap agreements. 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 sovereign debt securities which are issued by foreign governments whose respective economies could have an important effect on their ability or willingness to service their debt which could affect the value of the securities.

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