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# FORT WASHINGTON HIGH YIELD FIXED INCOME - 3Q2024

# **GENERAL** INFORMATION

Inception Date: 07/01/1994 Total Assets: \$4.1 billion

Style: High Quality

Benchmark: Bloomberg US Corporate High Yield

# VEHICLE **AVAILABILITY**

- Mutual Fund
- Commingled Fund

# **STRATEGY OVERVIEW**

- Invests in higher-quality, lessvolatile segments
- Top-down manages risk while bottom-up analysis builds a high quality diversified portfolio
- 30 year track record with a focus on steady returns and principal protection

## **PHILOSOPHY**

We believe that the higher quality segments of the high yield market can produce attractive absolute and relative returns, best achieved by:

- Strategically minimizing default risk
- Executing a consistent repeatable process
- Emphasizing risk control via rigorous portfolio analysis, portfolio diversification, position limits, and proactive selling

# **ABOUT** FORT WASHINGTON

- Founded in 1990; \$86.3 billion in current total assets under management1
- Organizational hallmarks include: stability of teams, consistency of process, competitive performance, deep resources, and alignment of interests

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT TEAM

#### Garrick T. Bauer, CFA

Managing Director, Portfolio Manager & Head of Credit

## **CREDIT ANALYSTS AND RESEARCH TEAM**

## Casey A. Basil

AVP, Senior Credit Analyst

Sectors: Chemicals, Gaming, Independent Energy,

Leisure, Lodging, Oil Field Services

#### Patrick L. Burleson, CFA

AVP, Assistant Portfolio Manager

Senior Credit Analyst

Sectors: Cable Satellite, Media Entertainment,

**Telecommunications** 

# Bernard M. Casey, CFA

VP, Portfolio Manager

Sectors: Healthcare, Pharmaceuticals

### Amy W. Eddy

AVP, Senior Credit Analyst

Sectors: Aerospace Defense, Airlines, Automotive,

Construction Machinery, Home Construction

## Matthew J. Jackson, CFA

AVP, Assistant Portfolio Manager Senior Leveraged Credit Trader

High Yield Trading

# Timothy J. Jossart, CFA

Vice President, Portfolio Manager

Sectors: Technology, Transportation

Breen T. Murphy, CFA VP, Portfolio Manager

Senior Credit Analyst

Sectors: Metals & Mining, Packaging, Retailers,

Restaurants, Supermarkets

# Nicholas G. Trivett, CFA

Senior Credit Analyst

Sectors: Building Materials, Consumer Cyclical

Services, Consumer Products, Finance

### Jonathan P. Westerman, CFA

VP, Portfolio Manager

Sectors: Midstream, Electric Utilities

## Brooks K. Wilhelm, CFA

VP, Senior Credit Analyst Sectors: Food & Beverage

| Portfolio Characteristics (as of September 30, 2024) |                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  |  |  |  |  |
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|                                                      | Portfolio                | Benchmark                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |  |  |  |  |  |
| Average Quality                                      | BB-                      | B+                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |  |  |  |  |  |
| Coupon                                               | 5.96                     | 6.34                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yield to Worst                                       | 6.32                     | 6.99                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |  |  |  |  |  |
| Price                                                | 98.47                    | 97.95                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  |  |  |  |  |
| Effective Duration                                   | 2.87                     | 2.93                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |  |  |  |  |  |
| Option Adjusted Spread                               | 232                      | 295                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number of Issuers                                    | 195                      | 895                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |  |  |  |  |  |
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Source: Fort Washington. Portfolio characteristics are as of the reported date and are subject to change without notice. This supplemental information complements the High Yield GIPS Report.

| Annualized Total Returns (as of September 30, 2024) |                    |                  |                           |                                       |  |  |  |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Period                                              | High Yield (gross) | High Yield (net) | Bloomberg US<br>Corporate | Bloomberg US HY BA/B<br>2% Issuer Cap |  |  |  |
| 3Q2024                                              | 4.45%              | 4.36%            | 5.28%                     | 4.36%                                 |  |  |  |
| YTD                                                 | 6.98%              | 6.70%            | 8.00%                     | 6.93%                                 |  |  |  |
| 1 Year                                              | 14.72%             | 14.32%           | 15.74%                    | 14.62%                                |  |  |  |
| 3 Years                                             | 3.17%              | 2.81%            | 3.10%                     | 2.74%                                 |  |  |  |
| 5 Years                                             | 4.13%              | 3.77%            | 4.72%                     | 4.45%                                 |  |  |  |
| 10 Years                                            | 4.58%              | 4.25%            | 5.04%                     | 4.95%                                 |  |  |  |
| Since Inception                                     | 7.21%              | 6.81%            | 6.99%                     | 6.84%                                 |  |  |  |

Source: Fort Washington. Past performance is not indicative of future results. This supplemental information complements the High Yield GIPS Report.

Assets as of 09/30/2024. Includes assets under management by Fort Washington of \$81.0 billion and \$5.3 billion in commitments managed by Fort Washington Capital Partners Group (FW Capital), a division.

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### **COMPOSITE GIPS REPORT**

|                                                                             | 3Q2024    | 2023      | 2022      | 2021      | 2020      | 2019      | 2018      | 2017      | 2016      | 2015      | 2014      |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| High Yield Fixed Income (Gross)                                             | 4.45%     | 13.36%    | -10.02%   | 4.97%     | 4.55%     | 15.30%    | -1.94%    | 7.75%     | 12.84%    | -3.82%    | 2.50%     |
| High Yield Fixed<br>Income (Net)                                            | 4.36%     | 12.97%    | -10.33%   | 4.60%     | 4.19%     | 14.93%    | -2.24%    | 7.44%     | 12.52%    | -4.09%    | 2.23%     |
| ML-Bloomberg<br>Linked Benchmark <sup>2</sup>                               | 5.28%     | 13.44%    | -11.19%   | 5.28%     | 7.11%     | 14.32%    | -2.08%    | 7.50%     | 17.13%    | -4.55%    | 2.45%     |
| High Yield Fixed Income<br>3-Year Annual Standard<br>Deviation <sup>3</sup> |           | 8.73%     | 11.24%    | 8.96%     | 9.11%     | 4.02%     | 4.01%     | 5.32%     | 5.82%     | 5.59%     | 4.53%     |
| ML-Bloomberg Linked<br>3-Year Annual Standard<br>Deviation <sup>3</sup>     |           | 8.24%     | 10.97%    | 9.00%     | 9.24%     | 4.02%     | 4.62%     | 5.59%     | 6.01%     | 5.27%     | 4.42%     |
| Dispersion <sup>4</sup>                                                     | 0.11%     | 0.12%     | 0.23%     | 0.19%     | 0.62%     | 0.13%     | 0.07%     | 0.24%     | 0.40%     | 0.75%     | 0.15%     |
| Number of Accounts                                                          | 8         | 8         | 9         | 9         | 9         | 10        | 11        | 15        | 18        | 20        | 21        |
| Composite Assets (\$ Millions)                                              | \$1,640.3 | \$1,603.6 | \$1,532.8 | \$1,746.8 | \$1,791.3 | \$1,897.5 | \$2,085.3 | \$2,916.2 | \$3,287.2 | \$3,474.8 | \$3,868.0 |
| Total Firm Assets (\$ millions)                                             | \$81,043  | \$74,613  | \$66,365  | \$73,804  | \$65,086  | \$59,174  | \$49,225  | \$52,774  | \$45,656  | \$42,959  | \$45,002  |

Composite inception and creation date: 07/01/1994.¹Effective 01/01/2016. Prior to 01/01/2016, the benchmark for this composite was the Merrill Lynch U.S. Cash Pay High Yield. Given the strong similarity between the benchmarks, the change was made to enhance portfolio analysis capabilities. ²The 3-Year annualized ex-post standard deviation is calculated using monthly gross-of-fee returns for more than 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 Corporate High Yield Index measures the performance of the U.S. dollar-denominated, high yield, fixed-rate corporate bond market. The index accounts for interest payments by incorporating them into the total return calculation. Fort Washington's High Yield strategy seeks to outperform over a full market cycle (typically 3-5 years) by protecting principal in periods of market decline while providing a stable base of income across all periods. The focus is on the higher-quality credits exhibiting lower default risk and mature sectors that can be expected to weather a full market cycle. All fee-paying fully discretionary portfolios managed in the High Yield Fixed Income style, with a minimum of \$20 million under our management, are included 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. The specific securities identified and described do not represent all of the securities purchased, sold, or recommended. Returns are presented gross and net of management fees and include the reinvestment advisory fees and other expenses that may be incurred in the management of the account. Net of fee performance was calculated

## **RISK DISCLOSURES**

The Fort Washington High Yield 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 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.

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