



## FORT WASHINGTON STRATEGIC INCOME – 4Q2024

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Inception Date: 07/01/2017  
 Total Assets: \$1.2 billion<sup>1</sup>  
 Total Fixed Income Assets: \$59.8 billion<sup>2</sup>  
 Style: Multi-Sector Bond, Income  
 Benchmark: Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index

### VEHICLE AVAILABILITY

- ▶ Separate Account
- ▶ Mutual Fund
- ▶ ETF
- ▶ Commingled Fund

### STRATEGY OVERVIEW

- ▶ Invests in diversified sources of income, spanning multiple asset classes
- ▶ Diverse asset class combinations and specialized knowledge in niche sectors
- ▶ High conviction approach to security selection with rigorous bottom-up fundamental research
- ▶ Lead portfolio managers averaging 26 years of experience, supported by 30+ dedicated sector research analysts overseeing \$59.8 billion in fixed income assets

### PHILOSOPHY

- ▶ The state of the economy and valuations drive asset prices
- ▶ Relative value is best assessed through explicit measurement of risk and return
- ▶ Active fixed income security selection adds alpha over time
- ▶ Avoid large exposures that are not supported by strong investment rationale

### ABOUT FORT WASHINGTON

- ▶ Founded in 1990; \$86.4 billion in current total assets under management<sup>3</sup>
- ▶ Organizational hallmarks include: stability of teams, consistency of process, competitive performance, deep resources, and alignment of interests

### PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT TEAM

**Daniel J. Carter, CFA**  
 Managing Director, Senior Portfolio Manager

**Garrick T. Bauer, CFA**  
 Managing Director, Portfolio Manager, Head of Credit  
*Leveraged Credit*

**Scott D. Weston**  
 Managing Director, Senior Portfolio Manager  
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 Managing Director, Senior Portfolio Manager

**Paul A. Tomich, CFA**  
 Vice President, Senior Portfolio Manager  
*Investment Grade Credit*

**Brendan M. White, CFA**  
 Senior Vice President,  
 Co-Chief Investment Officer

- ▶ Supported by 35+ research analysts

#### Portfolio Characteristics

- ▶ Weighted Average YTW 6.1%
- ▶ Effective Duration 5.4
- ▶ Average Credit Quality A2/A3

#### Credit Quality (% of Fixed Income)

AAA	6%
AA	36%
A	5%
BBB	33%
BB	9%
B	7%
CCC and Below	1%
Not Rated	3%

#### Sector Allocation

Investment Grade Corporate	27%
High Yield Corporate	10%
U.S. Treasuries	30%
Securitized	24%
Emerging Markets Debt	5%
Other	3%
Cash	1%

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.

<sup>1</sup>Total strategy assets as of 12/31/2024. <sup>2</sup>Includes assets managed across multiple strategies. <sup>3</sup>Assets as of 12/31/2024. Includes assets under management by Fort Washington of \$81.3 billion and \$5.1 billion in commitments managed by Fort Washington Capital Partners Group (FW Capital), a division.

#### Trailing Total Returns (as of December 31, 2024)

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

Inception date: 07/01/2017. Source: Fort Washington and Nasdaq eVestment. Peer ranks are percentile rankings versus the eVestment US Multi-Sector Fixed Income Universe relative to peer group. Past performance is not indicative of future results. This supplemental information complements the Strategic Income GIPS Report.

## STRATEGIC INCOME COMPOSITE GIPS REPORT

	4Q2024	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017 <sup>1</sup>
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 <sup>2</sup>	-	7.48%	6.96%	8.41%	6.68%	6.87%	-	-	-
Bloomberg Aggregate 3-Year Annual Standard Deviation <sup>2</sup>	-	7.72%	7.14%	5.77%	3.35%	3.36%	-	-	-
Dispersion <sup>3</sup>	0.13%	1.05%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Number of Accounts	6	6	≤5	≤5	≤5	≤5	≤5	≤5	≤5
Composite Assets (\$ millions) <sup>4</sup>	\$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. <sup>1</sup>2017 returns are partial-year returns, reflecting the composite inception date of 07/01/2017. <sup>2</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>3</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 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. <sup>4</sup>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. 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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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