

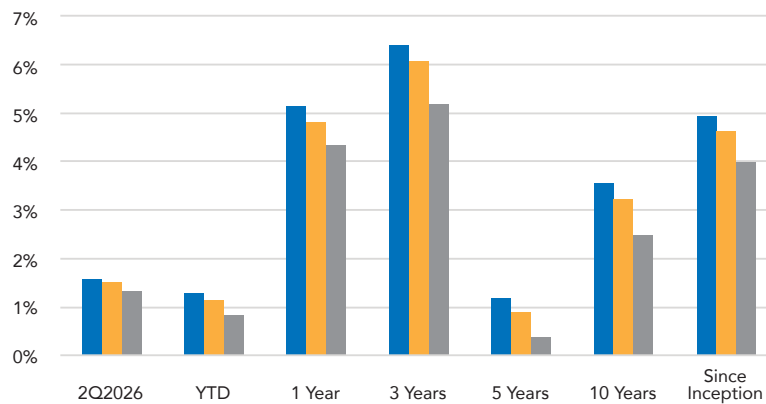


## FORT WASHINGTON ACTIVE CORPORATE FIXED INCOME – 2Q2026

### HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Investment Grade (IG) Credit market, as represented by the Bloomberg US Credit Index, returned 1.33% in the second quarter as credit spreads tightened 14 basis points to +69 bps, while interest rates moved higher, with the 10-year Treasury yield closing the quarter at 4.47%, up 15 bps.
- ▶ The second quarter saw spreads tighten as markets recovered from the commodity price spike driven by the conflict in Iran, followed by the ceasefire in June. Demand from yield-sensitive buyers remained constructive, with all-in yields still well above long-term averages.
- ▶ Primary market issuance totaled \$594 billion during the quarter, compared with \$668 billion in the first quarter, as hyperscalers and semiconductor companies continued to issue debt to fund CAPEX. SpaceX and NVIDIA led the way with \$25 billion issuances, while domestic and Yankee bank issuance remained elevated.
- ▶ The Fort Washington Active Corporate Fixed Income strategy returned 1.58% gross and 1.50% net in the second quarter, outperforming the Bloomberg US Credit Index by 25 bps on a gross basis.
- ▶ Sector allocation effects were positive due to underweights in defensive, high-quality sectors.
- ▶ Security selection was positive, led by bottom-up positioning in Energy, Utilities, and Banks.

### Trailing Total Returns (as of June 30, 2026)



|                                       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|---------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Active Corporate Fixed Income (Gross) | 1.58 | 1.29 | 5.14 | 6.39 | 1.19 | 3.53 | 4.94 |
| Active Corporate Fixed Income (Net)   | 1.50 | 1.14 | 4.83 | 6.07 | 0.88 | 3.22 | 4.62 |
| Bloomberg US Credit Index             | 1.33 | 0.85 | 4.34 | 5.19 | 0.38 | 2.49 | 4.00 |

Inception date: 01/01/2005. Source: Fort Washington. Past Performance is not indicative of future results. This supplemental information complements the Active Corporate Fixed Income GIPS Report.

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| Top Issuer Attribution |         |      | Bottom Issuer Attribution |         |       |
|------------------------|---------|------|---------------------------|---------|-------|
|                        | Rel Wgt | Attr |                           | Rel Wgt | Attr  |
| Textron                | 1.5%    | 0.04 | TIAA Global               | 1.0%    | -0.02 |
| Occidental Petroleum   | 0.8%    | 0.03 | Panama                    | -0.3%   | -0.01 |
| NGPL Pipeco            | 0.9%    | 0.03 | Microsoft                 | 0.5%    | -0.01 |
| NextEra Energy         | -0.3%   | 0.02 | Mexico                    | -0.6%   | -0.01 |
| Dis-Chem Pharmacies    | 0.9%    | 0.02 | Oracle                    | -0.3%   | -0.01 |

Source: Eagle PACE. Past performance is not indicative of future results. The securities identified do not represent all of the securities purchased, sold, or recommended. This is not a recommendation with respect to the purchase or sale of any of these securities. For a complete list of all securities purchased or sold during the previous year, please contact Fort Washington. Fort Washington considers the presentation of attribution as part of the investment management process and not advertised performance.

## MARKET OVERVIEW

The second quarter saw credit spreads recover all of the first quarter's widening as markets digested the impacts of the conflict in Iran and commodity prices fell in June following the ceasefire. The Technology sector continued to lag the broader market after a weak first quarter, driven by two factors: continued heavy issuance to fund AI-related CAPEX and lingering concerns in the Software subsector over disruption risk associated with AI. New issuance was highlighted by a \$25 billion deal from SpaceX immediately following its equity IPO in early June and a \$25 billion bond offering from NVIDIA, its first issuance in more than five years. Outside of Technology, other cyclical sectors tightened as risk markets recovered following the first-quarter selloff. Inflows into IG funds and steady demand from insurance companies and pension investors absorbed heavier-than-normal primary supply. Credit fundamentals and rating trends were largely stable, but M&A activity and share buybacks continued to increase. That said, the percentage of the IG market at risk of downgrade to High Yield remains near its lowest level in the past ten years.

The market's focus remains on developments in the Middle East, as well as policy actions in Washington, including trade policy, Federal Reserve (Fed) independence, and affordability issues, which could have material implications for the Banking and Utilities sectors. With spreads in the tightest decile, the downside relative to the upside is unfavorable if economic growth unexpectedly contracts, disruptive policy actions are implemented, or shareholder-friendly activity becomes too aggressive. Stable fundamentals for nonfinancials, low dollar prices, and supportive technicals should keep spreads tighter than typical recessionary levels should the U.S. enter a recession. Increasing geopolitical risk—particularly in Iran and Russia—will influence commodity markets and could also negatively impact spreads.

Near-term spread performance will depend primarily on avoiding worst-case outcomes in trade policy and commodity prices while maintaining positive economic growth. A slowing pace of CAPEX spending and related borrowing would also provide welcome relief to the Technology sector, which now represents nearly 10% of the IG Index. The relative strength of the U.S. dollar will also heavily influence returns in both equity and fixed income markets.

| Sector Allocation              |             |             |             |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|                                | Portfolio   | Index       | Relative    |
| <b>U.S. Government</b>         | <b>1.7</b>  | -           | <b>+1.7</b> |
| TIPS                           | -           | -           | -           |
| <b>Investment Grade Credit</b> | <b>94.2</b> | <b>95.1</b> | <b>-0.9</b> |
| Basic Industry                 | 1.4         | 1.8         | -0.5        |
| Capital Goods                  | 3.6         | 4.7         | -1.2        |
| Communications                 | 7.9         | 6.6         | +1.3        |
| Consumer Cyclical              | 8.7         | 6.0         | +2.7        |
| Consumer Non-Cyclical          | 11.5        | 12.8        | -1.4        |
| Energy                         | 8.8         | 6.1         | +2.7        |
| Financials                     | 29.4        | 27.8        | +1.6        |
| Other Industrial               | -           | 0.4         | -0.4        |
| Technology                     | 9.2         | 8.9         | +0.2        |
| Transportation                 | 5.6         | 1.7         | +4.0        |
| Utility                        | 8.2         | 8.9         | -0.6        |
| Other                          | 0.0         | 9.3         | -9.3        |
| <b>Securitized</b>             | -           | -           | -           |
| RMBS                           | -           | -           | -           |
| ABS                            | -           | -           | -           |
| CLO                            | -           | -           | -           |
| CMBS                           | -           | -           | -           |
| <b>High Yield</b>              | <b>2.1</b>  | -           | <b>+2.1</b> |
| <b>Emerging Markets Debt</b>   | <b>1.6</b>  | <b>4.9</b>  | <b>-3.3</b> |
| <b>Preferred Stock</b>         | -           | -           | -           |
| <b>Other</b>                   | -           | -           | -           |
| <b>Cash</b>                    | <b>0.3</b>  | -           | <b>+0.3</b> |

Source: Bloomberg PORT. Sector Allocation chart is for illustrative purposes only; this illustrates the portfolio's allocation of dollars and risk compared to the benchmark. Information is subject to change at any time without notice. Index is the Bloomberg US Credit Index. This should not be considered investment advice or a recommendation of any strategy, product, or particular security. See disclosures for important information about derivatives. This supplemental information complements the Active Corporate Fixed Income GIPS Report. Cash within Sector Allocation includes look-through to underlying securities within portfolio investments.

| Portfolio Characteristics |                                  |                        |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|
|                           | Active Corporate<br>Fixed Income | Bloomberg<br>US Credit |
| Yield to Worst (%)        | 5.36                             | 5.14                   |
| Option Adjusted Spread    | 91                               | 70                     |
| Option Adjusted Duration  | 6.55                             | 6.61                   |
| BBB Equiv Spread Risk     | 6.72                             | 5.37                   |
| Average Quality           | A3/Baa1                          | A2/A3                  |
| Number Issuers*           | 116                              | 1,329                  |

Source: Fort Washington \*An Active Corporate Fixed Income Representative Account is being used to illustrate Number of Issuers. Portfolio characteristics and credit quality are as of the reported date and subject to change at any time without notice. This supplemental information complements the Active Corporate Fixed Income GIPS Report.

| Credit Quality    |                                  |                        |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|
|                   | Active Corporate<br>Fixed Income | Bloomberg<br>US Credit |
| AAA               | 1%                               | 7%                     |
| AA                | 11%                              | 11%                    |
| A                 | 33%                              | 41%                    |
| BBB               | 53%                              | 41%                    |
| BB                | 2%                               | 0%                     |
| B                 | 0%                               | 0%                     |
| CCC and Below     | 0%                               | 0%                     |
| Not Rated / Other | 0%                               | 0%                     |
| Cash              | 0%                               | 0%                     |

## PORTFOLIO ACTIVITY

Risk levels were unchanged, with a modest amount of portfolio turnover, as positioning in the Technology sector was modestly increased and several tighter-trading BBB-rated securities were sold. We also added to the Utilities sector as a source of defensive carry with spreads at compressed levels. The portfolio remains overweight several high-carry positions at the front end of the curve, as well as higher-conviction positions farther out the curve. Risk levels could be increased if macro events create renewed spread volatility but could also be decreased if spreads remain in the bottom decile. Excess yield relative to the benchmark remains an important component of expected return, with the portfolio yielding 23 bps more than the benchmark at quarter-end. The overall composition of the strategy remains offensively positioned, targeting additional return relative to the benchmark through relative spread movements.

## ACTIVE CORPORATE FIXED INCOME COMPOSITE GIPS REPORT

|                                                                             | 2Q2026   | 2025     | 2024     | 2023     | 2022     | 2021     | 2020     | 2019     | 2018     | 2017     | 2016     |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Active Corporate Fixed Income (Gross)                                       | 1.58%    | 8.38%    | 3.53%    | 10.17%   | -15.63%  | -0.55%   | 11.70%   | 15.90%   | -2.35%   | 7.38%    | 8.23%    |
| Active Corporate Fixed Income (Net)                                         | 1.50%    | 8.05%    | 3.22%    | 9.84%    | -15.88%  | -0.85%   | 11.35%   | 15.55%   | -2.65%   | 7.06%    | 7.91%    |
| Bloomberg US Credit Index                                                   | 1.33%    | 7.83%    | 2.03%    | 8.18%    | -15.26%  | -1.08%   | 9.35%    | 13.80%   | -2.11%   | 6.18%    | 5.63%    |
| Active Corporate Fixed Income 3-Year Annual Standard Deviation <sup>1</sup> | -        | 6.98%    | 9.77%    | 9.38%    | 10.08%   | 7.72%    | 7.64%    | 3.56%    | 4.01%    | 4.13%    | 4.45%    |
| Bloomberg US Credit Index 3-Year Annual Standard Deviation <sup>1</sup>     | -        | 6.64%    | 9.18%    | 8.75%    | 8.80%    | 6.49%    | 6.41%    | 3.48%    | 3.52%    | 3.72%    | 4.00%    |
| Dispersion <sup>2</sup>                                                     | 0.02%    | 0.07%    | 0.18%    | 0.04%    | 0.14%    | 0.15%    | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        |
| Number of Accounts                                                          | 10       | 10       | 9        | 7        | 7        | 7        | ≤5       | ≤5       | ≤5       | ≤5       | ≤5       |
| Composite Assets (\$ Millions)                                              | \$1,058  | \$1,044  | \$903    | \$862    | \$793    | \$966    | \$886    | \$344    | \$205    | \$192    | \$127    |
| Total Firm Assets (\$ Millions)                                             | \$92,395 | \$89,448 | \$81,286 | \$74,613 | \$66,365 | \$73,804 | \$65,086 | \$59,174 | \$49,225 | \$52,774 | \$45,656 |

Composite inception and creation date: 01/01/2005. Benchmark returns include interest income, but as an unmanaged fixed income index, it does not include transaction fees (brokerage commissions), and no direct comparison is possible. <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 Credit Index. The Bloomberg US Credit Index measures the performance of the investment grade, US dollar-denominated, fixed-rate, taxable corporate, and government related bond markets. 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