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FORT WASHINGTON STRATEGIC INCOME – 1Q2025

- 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

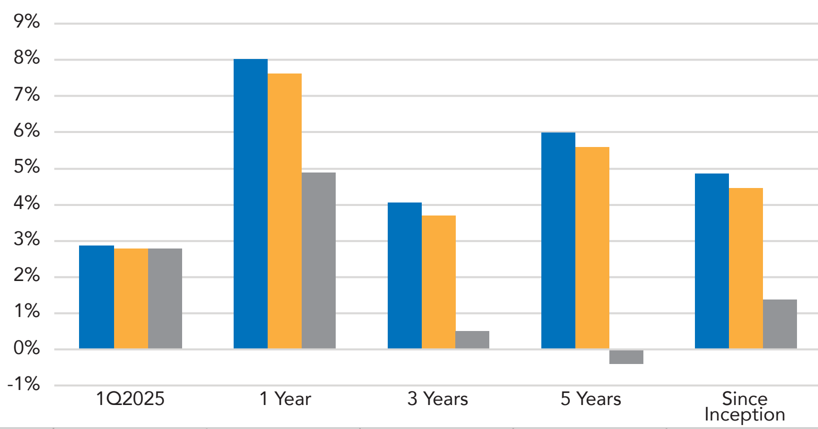
The Strategic Income strategy returned 2.87% gross and 2.78% net for the quarter, compared to 2.78% for the Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index.

Security selection was the largest contributor to relative outperformance due to selection within the investment grade corporate and securitized sectors. Within investment grade corporates, there were multiple sectors that added to relative performance. One of the primary drivers of outperformance was an overweight allocation to finance companies, including subordinated positions within high quality banks. Within securitized, non-agency CMBS was the largest contributor to outperformance, while other non-agency sectors such as CLOs and ABS also outperformed.

The impact of sector allocation to the strategy's relative performance was largely neutral over the quarter. The primary driver of relative performance was an allocation to non-credit sectors, which was offset by an overweight to high yield corporates as spreads widened over the quarter.

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

Trailing Total Returns (as of March 31, 2025)



	1Q2025	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception
Strategic Income (Gross)	2.87	8.02	4.06	5.98	4.86
Strategic Income (Net)	2.78	7.63	3.69	5.59	4.47
Bloomberg US Aggregate	2.78	4.88	0.52	-0.40	1.39

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: $1.3 billion
Total Fixed Income Assets: $61.8 billion
Style: Multi-Sector Bond, Income

Flexibility
Max 50% Non-Investment Grade

Premium Yield
5.7% Yield
A2/A3 Average Credit Quality

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

High Conviction
125 - 175 issuers

Experienced Team
33 Investment Professionals
Lead PMs Average:
21 Years Industry Experience
19 Years With the Firm

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

PEER GROUP PERFORMANCE

	Percentile Rank[1]
1Q2025	12
1 Year	25
3 Years	29
5 Years	25
Since Inception	16

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.

Developing trade policy has created elevated uncertainty around economic growth and inflation. Forecasts for U.S. economic activity have declined in recent weeks amid tariffs and weaker sentiment across businesses and consumers. Investor expectations for inflation are for a meaningful short-term impact but one that is not expected to be persistent. While the Federal Reserve (Fed) paused at their last two meetings, expectations are for multiple cuts in 2025 as downside risks to growth have increased, and uncertainty remains high.

Despite modestly cheaper valuations since the beginning of the year, current levels are still expensive relative to history. Incorporating elevated uncertainty with current valuations, portfolios are positioned with a modest overweight risk posture and an ability to add risk as opportunities arise.

Sectors: Sector positioning reflects current 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 increased marginally over the quarter. We continue to favor positions lower in the capital structure within high quality financials and are selectively adding to bottom-up opportunities on attractive relative value, including targeting investments in the front and intermediate parts 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 the strategy's historical range. The sector is primarily invested in attractive, bottom-up narratives within the below-investment grade segment. Latin America is the largest exposure within the sector.
- High Yield exposure remained unchanged during the quarter and continues to be toward the lower end of its historical range. The High Yield allocation is broadly diversified by sector, favoring quality, as we wait for an opportunity to add risk at more attractive spreads.

Rates: Duration was tactically adjusted during the quarter as rates declined. However, the portfolio began and ended the quarter roughly unchanged at 5.5 years, although averaging a 5.4-year duration for the period. We are positioning portfolios within the current range of 5.5 to 5.75 years. The yield curve steepened marginally during Q1, and the strategy reduced its underweight to the long end of the curve over the period. 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.

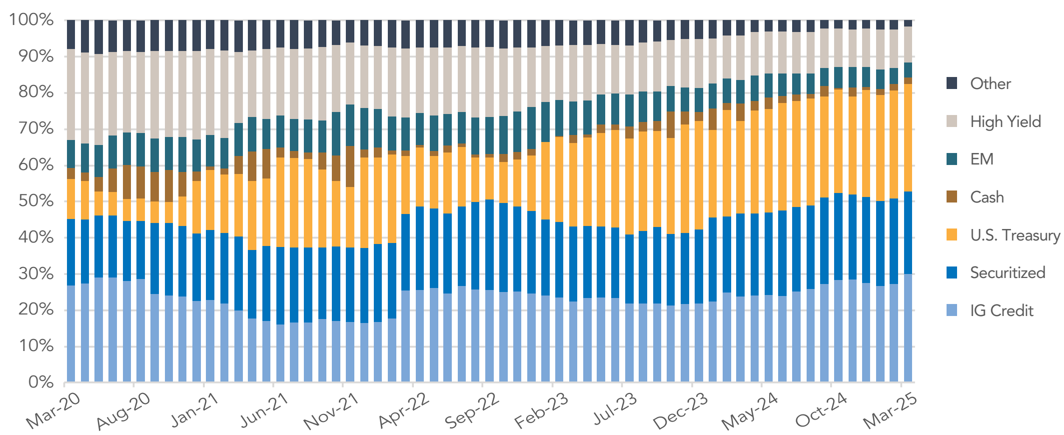
Portfolio Characteristics	
Weighted Average Yield to Worst	5.7%
Effective Duration (years)	5.4
Total Strategy Assets	$1.3 B

Credit Quality (% of Fixed Income)	
AAA	5%
AA	36%
A	6%
BBB	34%
BB	8%
B	6%
CCC and Below	1%
NR/Other	2%
Cash	2%

Sector Allocation	Current	3 Year Average	3 Year High	3 Year Low
Investment Grade Corp	30%	25%	30%	21%
High Yield Corp	10%	14%	19%	10%
U.S. Treasuries	30%	24%	30%	11%
Securitized	23%	22%	25%	19%
ABS	7%	6%	8%	3%
CLO	5%	6%	8%	2%
CMBS	6%	6%	8%	4%
RMBS	5%	4%	5%	2%
Emerging Markets Debt	4%	8%	12%	4%
Other	2%	5%	8%	2%
Cash	2%	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

Uncertainty was the dominant theme in markets during the first quarter, driven largely by shifting policies under the new administration. Evolving trade policies and escalating tensions with key trading partners created an added layer of complexity for businesses, impacting corporate planning and investment decisions. At the same time, consumer sentiment showed signs of softening, with investors reassessing the potential impact of new policies on spending behavior.

This growing lack of clarity, combined with rising inflation concerns, has created uncertainty around the trajectory of U.S. economic growth, prompting economists to revise their 2025 GDP forecasts. However, it's worth emphasizing that much of the deterioration so far has been reflected in soft data—surveys, sentiment indicators, and business confidence—rather than hard economic metrics like GDP or employment.

Looking ahead, key factors to watch include potential shifts in fiscal policy, the Fed's response to evolving macroeconomic conditions, and the extent to which business and consumer sentiment translates into actual spending and business activity. If uncertainty persists or tariffs escalate into larger trade wars, it will likely manifest in weaker hard data. That said, a dovish Fed reaction or a pivot on trade policy could help restore confidence and support domestic growth.

The increased policy uncertainty and renewed growth fears led to a risk-off tone for financial markets as interest rates declined and risk assets underperformed. Equities were volatile as the S&P 500 briefly entered correction territory from mid-February highs and ended the quarter down -4.3%. Credit spreads also moved wider but remain tight relative to historical levels. Amid this risk-off tone, Treasury yields moved lower with the 10-year Treasury ending the quarter at 4.21% compared to 4.57% at the start of the year.

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 03/31/2025.

[3] Source: Bloomberg, Fort Washington.

STRATEGIC INCOME COMPOSITE GIPS REPORT

	1Q2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017[1]
Strategic Income (Gross)	2.87%	7.28%	8.64%	-9.86%	3.24%	10.72%	12.84%	0.49%	3.10%
Strategic Income (Net)	2.78%	6.90%	8.24%	-10.17%	2.84%	10.28%	12.46%	0.09%	2.90%
Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index	2.78%	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]	0.07%	1.05%	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Number of Accounts	6	6	≤5	≤5	≤5	≤5	≤5	≤5	≤5
Composite Assets ($ millions)[4]	$1,300.0	$1,211.6	$879.5	$604.8	$1,060.4	$385.6	$285.5	$57.5	$51.1
Total Firm Assets ($ millions)	$82,871	$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. The strategy's fee schedule 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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