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# FORT WASHINGTON CORE PLUS FIXED INCOME - 3Q2025

# GENERAL INFORMATION

Inception Date: 10/01/2007 Total Assets: \$2.1 billion

Objective: 150 bps annualized excess return over benchmark

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; \$93.3 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**

Daniel J. Carter, CFA

Managing Director, Senior Portfolio Manager

Garrick T. Bauer, CFA

Managing Director, Portfolio Manager, Head of Credit Leveraged Credit

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Managing Director, Senior Portfolio Manager

Securitized Products

## FIXED INCOME RESEARCH TEAM

**Investment Grade Credit** 

9 Portfolio Managers & Analysts Average Industry experience / 2007

**Securitized Products** 

7 Portfolio Managers & Analysts Average Industry experience / 2006 Austin R. Kummer, CFA

Managing Director, Senior Portfolio Manager

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Vice President, Senior Portfolio Manager

Investment Grade Credit

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

### **Emerging Markets**

4 Portfolio Managers & Analysts Average Industry experience / 2003

## **Leveraged Credit**

12 Portfolio Managers & Analysts Average Industry experience / 2004

Credit Quality			Portfoli
	Core Plus	Bloomberg US Aggregate	
AAA	10%	3%	Yield to W
AA	44%	73%	Option Ad
Α	12%	12%	Option Ad
BBB	23%	12%	BBB Equiv
BB	4%	0%	Average (
В	3%	0%	Number c
CCC and Below	0%	0%	
Not Rated / Other	0%	0%	
Cash	3%	0%	

Portfolio Characteristics						
	Core Plus	Bloomberg US Aggregate				
Yield to Worst	4.84	4.37				
Option Adjusted Spread	75	28				
Option Adjusted Duration	6.08	6.04				
BBB Equiv Spread Risk	4.48	1.95				
Average Quality	Aa3/A1	Aa2/Aa3				
Number of Issuers*	416	1,419				

All data as of 09/30/2025. Source: Fort Washington. \*A Core Plus Fixed Income Representative Account is being used to illustrate Number of Issuers. 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.

Trailing Total Returns (as of September 30, 2025)							
Period	Core Plus (Gross)	Core Plus (Net)	Bloomberg US Aggregate				
3Q2025	2.27%	2.18%	2.03%				
1 Year	3.85%	3.48%	2.88%				
3 Years	6.39%	6.02%	4.93%				
5 Years	0.64%	0.29%	-0.45%				
10 Years	3.17%	2.81%	1.84%				
Since Inception	4.24%	3.87%	3.10%				

Inception date: 10/01/2007. Past performance is not indicative of future results. This supplemental information complements the Core Plus Fixed Income GIPS Report.

<sup>1</sup>Assets as of 09/30/2025. Includes assets under management by Fort Washington of \$87.8 billion and \$5.4 billion in commitments managed by Fort Washington Capital Partners Group (FW Capital), a division.

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#### CORE PLUS FIXED INCOME COMPOSITE GIPS REPORT

	3Q2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Core Plus Fixed Income (Gross)	2.27%	2.84%	6.74%	-13.56%	-0.75%	10.31%	11.09%	-0.73%	4.51%	6.62%	1.11%
Core Plus Fixed Income (Net)	2.18%	2.48%	6.37%	-13.87%	-1.10%	9.93%	10.71%	-1.08%	4.15%	6.25%	0.76%
Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index	2.03%	1.25%	5.53%	-13.01%	-1.54%	7.51%	8.72%	0.01%	3.54%	2.65%	0.55%
Core Plus Fixed Income 3-Year Annual Standard Deviation <sup>2</sup>	-	8.17%	7.60%	6.96%	4.59%	4.59%	2.76%	2.80%	2.76%	3.03%	3.06%
Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index 3-Year Annual Standard Deviation <sup>2</sup>	-	7.72%	7.14%	5.77%	3.35%	3.36%	2.87%	2.84%	2.78%	2.98%	2.88%
Dispersion <sup>3</sup>	0.04%	0.22%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Number of Accounts	7	7	5	≤5	≤5	≤5	≤5	≤5	≤5	≤5	≤5
Composite Assets (\$ Millions)	\$1,907.2	\$1,848.7	\$1,635.3	\$1,570.3	\$1,918.5	\$1,643.3	\$1,335.7	\$1,163.6	\$1,101.6	\$607.0	\$310.4
Total Firm Assets (\$ Millions)	\$93,254	\$81,286	\$74,613	\$66,365	\$73,804	\$65,086	\$59,174	\$49,225	\$52,774	\$45,656	\$42,959

Composite inception date: 10/01/2007. Composite creation date: 07/01/2015. 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. 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. The index accounts for interest payments by incorporating them into the total return calculation. Fort Washington's Core Plus Fixed Income accounts alone SoSOMM with the ability to invest in fligh Yield (at least 30%) and have the unestricted ability to invest in link provides the best opportunity or excess return. The Core Plus Composite includes all fixed income accounts above SoSOMM with the ability to invest in fligh Yield (at least 30%) and have the unserticed ability to invest in Inly 19 to Index across all durations relative to the Bloomberg US Aggregate. Accounts within this composite may also have the ability to hold derivatives. These investments, whether traded on an established market or not, include but are not limited to options, notional principal contracts, futures or forward contracts, VIX futures, and options on futures, forward contracts, or debt obligations. Investments made in derivatives are used in line with the portfolio's risk exposure, allowing for the portfolio is reduce its exposure to an existing position or increase exposure within the portfolio's guidelines. Derivati

## **RISK DISCLOSURE**

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, futures contracts, options and swap agreements. The strategy invests in derivatives and before it 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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