



## FORT WASHINGTON STRUCTURED OPPORTUNITIES – 4Q2023

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Inception Date: 10/10/2011  
Strategy Assets: \$544 million  
Style: Securitized Fixed Income  
Benchmark: Bloomberg U.S. MBS Index

### VEHICLE AVAILABILITY

- ▶ ETF
- ▶ Separately Managed Account

### STRATEGY OVERVIEW

- ▶ Focus on moderate to higher risk/return opportunities within securitized products
- ▶ High spread/short spread duration focus reduces volatility
- ▶ Longer holding periods enable realization of yield advantage

### PHILOSOPHY

We believe

- ▶ Securitized products offer an attractive risk/return profile versus competing fixed income assets.
- ▶ Securitized products tend to have complex structures and uncertain cash flows, offering potential for inefficient markets and attractive risk-adjusted returns.
- ▶ Strong front-end due diligence and back-end surveillance processes are necessary to navigate markets and manage risk.
- ▶ Emphasizing the income component of return and focusing on high spread/shorter spread duration securities supports fundamental investing with a longer-term horizon.

### ABOUT FORT WASHINGTON

- ▶ Founded in 1990; \$79.8 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

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### Portfolio Characteristics

	Structured Opportunities	Bloomberg U.S. MBS Index
Quality	BBB+	AA+
YTW	9.20	4.68
OAS	437	47
OA Duration	2.24 yrs	5.89 yrs
OA Convexity	0.16	-0.19
OASD	3.25 yrs	5.58 yrs
Number of Issues	121	938

All data is as of 12/31/2023. Source: Fort Washington. This supplemental information complements the Structured Opportunities GIPS Report. Portfolio characteristics are as of the reported date and are subject to change without notice. See Structured Opportunities GIPS Report on the next page for complete disclosure. Past performance is not indicative of future results.

### Annualized Total Returns

Period	Structured Opportunities (gross)	Structured Opportunities (net)	Bloomberg U.S. MBS Index
4Q2023	3.54%	3.44%	7.48%
YTD	5.07%	4.66%	5.05%
1 Year	5.07%	4.66%	5.05%
3 Years	0.95%	0.55%	-2.86%
5 Years	2.35%	1.93%	0.25%
10 Years	3.92%	3.50%	1.38%
Since Inception	5.65%	5.25%	1.30%

<sup>1</sup>Assets as of 12/31/2023. Includes assets under management by Fort Washington of \$68.8 billion and \$5.5 billion in commitments managed by Fort Washington Capital Partners Group (FW Capital), a division. Past performance is not indicative of future results.

This supplemental information complements the Structured Opportunities GIPS Report.

## STRUCTURED OPPORTUNITIES COMPOSITE PERFORMANCE DISCLOSURES

	4Q2023	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Structured Opportunities (Gross)	3.54%	5.07%	-6.28%	4.47%	2.19%	6.83%	4.72%	6.10%	5.87%	4.46%	6.43%	9.07%
Structured Opportunities (Net)	3.44%	4.65%	-6.65%	4.05%	1.78%	6.36%	4.30%	5.68%	5.44%	4.04%	6.00%	8.62%
Bloomberg U.S. Mortgage Backed Securities Index	7.48%	5.05%	-11.81%	-1.04%	3.87%	6.35%	0.99%	2.47%	1.67%	1.51%	6.08%	-1.41%
Structured Opportunities 3-Year Annual Standard Deviation <sup>3</sup>	--	3.25%	6.27%	6.07%	6.01%	1.31%	1.19%	1.03%	0.91%	1.45%	3.09%	--
Bloomberg U.S. Mortgage Backed Securities Index 3-Year Annual Standard Deviation <sup>3</sup>	--	7.66%	5.62%	1.71%	2.17%	2.15%	2.26%	1.75%	2.11%	2.31%	2.22%	--
Dispersion <sup>4</sup>	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Number of Accounts	≤5	≤5	≤5	≤5	≤5	≤5	≤5	≤5	≤5	≤5	≤5	≤5
Composite Assets (\$ Millions)	\$356.9	\$356.9	\$336.4	\$358.9	\$287.2	\$280.9	\$258.9	\$179.9	\$92.7	\$68.0	\$65.1	\$61.2
Total Firm Assets (\$ Millions)	\$74,613	\$74,613	\$66,365	\$73,804	\$65,086	\$59,174	\$49,225	\$52,774	\$45,656	\$42,959	\$45,002	\$43,671

Composite inception and creation date: 10/01/11. <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>The 3-Year annualized ex-post standard deviation of the index is calculated using monthly 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.

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