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# FORT WASHINGTON SECURITIZED TOTAL RETURN - 4Q2023

# GENERAL INFORMATION

Inception Date: 01/01/2005 Strategy Assets: \$937 million Style: Securitized - Investment

Grade

Benchmark: Bloomberg U.S.

MBS Index

# VEHICLE AVAILABILITY

Separately Managed Account

# STRATEGY OVERVIEW

- Relative value focus emphasizing moderate risk opportunities in non-index sectors
- More stable duration and higher yield than traditional MBSoriented strategies
- Longer holding periods enable realization of yield advantage

# **PHILOSOPHY**

We believe

- Securitized products offer a superior 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 management¹
- 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 |                          |                          |  |  |  |  |  |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
|                           | Securitized Total Return | Bloomberg U.S. MBS Index |  |  |  |  |  |
| Average Quality           | AA                       | AA+                      |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yield to Worst            | 5.85%                    | 4.68%                    |  |  |  |  |  |
| OAS                       | 163                      | 47                       |  |  |  |  |  |
| OA Duration               | 5.87 years               | 5.89 years               |  |  |  |  |  |
| OA Convexity              | 0.38                     | -0.19                    |  |  |  |  |  |
| OASD                      | 5.13 years               | 5.58 years               |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number of Issues          | 265                      | 938                      |  |  |  |  |  |

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

| Annualized Total Returns |                                     |                                   |                             |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Period                   | Securitized Total Return<br>(gross) | Securitized Total Return<br>(net) | Bloomberg U.S. MBS<br>Index |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4Q2023                   | 6.38%                               | 6.29%                             | 7.48%                       |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| YTD                      | 5.85%                               | 5.49%                             | 5.05%                       |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 Year                   | 5.85%                               | 5.49%                             | 5.05%                       |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3 Years                  | -1.21%                              | -1.54%                            | -2.86%                      |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5 Years                  | 1.52%                               | 1.18%                             | 0.25%                       |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10 Years                 | 2.67%                               | 2.29%                             | 1.38%                       |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Since Inception          | 3.87%                               | 3.50%                             | 2.90%                       |  |  |  |  |  |  |

<sup>1</sup>Assets as of 12/31/2023. Includes assets under management by Fort Washington of \$74.6 billion and \$5.2 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 Securitized Total Return GIPS Report.

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## SECURITIZED TOTAL RETURN COMPOSITE PERFORMANCE DISCLOSURES

|  | 4Q2023   | 2023     | 2022     | 2021     | 2020     | 2019     | 2018     | 2017     | 2016     | 2015     | 2014     | 2013     |
|--|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Securitized Total Return (Gross)   | 6.38%    | 5.85%    | -9.28%   | 0.40%    | 4.83%    | 6.71%    | 2.06%    | 3.43%    | 3.24%    | 3.66%    | 6.88%    | -0.28%   |
| Securitized Total Return (Net)   | 6.29%    | 5.49%    | -9.58%   | 0.06%    | 4.49%    | 6.34%    | 1.65%    | 3.02%    | 2.82%    | 3.23%    | 6.42%    | -0.73%   |
| Bloomberg Mortgage   | 7.48%    | 5.05%    | -11.81%  | -1.04%   | 3.87%    | 6.35%    | 0.99%    | 2.47%    | 1.67%    | 1.51%    | 6.08%    | -1.41%   |
| Securitized Total Return<br>3-Year Annual Standard<br>Deviation <sup>1</sup> |          | 5.97%    | 4.81%    | 3.10%    | 3.28%    | 1.94%    | 1.83%    | 1.54%    | 1.90%    | 2.15%    | 2.15%    | 1.94%    |
| Bloomberg Mortgage<br>3-Year Annual Standard<br>Deviation <sup>1</sup>       |          | 7.66%    | 5.62%    | 1.71%    | 2.17%    | 2.15%    | 2.26%    | 1.75%    | 2.11%    | 2.31%    | 2.22%    | 2.05%    |
| Dispersion <sup>2</sup>  |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| Number of Accounts   | ≤5       | ≤5       | ≤5       | ≤5       | ≤5       | ≤5       | ≤5       | ≤5       | ≤5       | ≤5       | ≤5       | ≤5       |
| Composite Assets (\$ Millions)   | \$347.7  | \$347.7  | \$328.4  | \$380.0  | \$367.9  | \$398.3  | \$234.7  | \$230.0  | \$149.5  | \$105.8  | \$102.1  | \$95.6   |
| Total Firm Assets<br>(\$ 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 date: 12/31/04. Composite creation date: 01/01/05. 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.

Fort Washington's Securitized Total Return (formerly known as Mortgage Total Return) strategy seeks to achieve superior return on mortgage-feated investments by investing in both index and non-index securities and employing an active intra-sector relative value framework. Typical securities utilized include agency mortgage-backed securities, private label mortgage-backed securities, asset backed securities, commercial mortgage-backed securities, agency debentures, freasuries and cash securities. Portfolio duration will target +/- 1 year relative to the duration of the Bloomberg Barclay's Mortgage index. Average quality to be investment grade. All fee-paying, fully discretionary, non-restricted portfolios managed in the Securitized Total Return see is 0.30% on the first \$25 million and 0.25% on additional amounts over \$25 million. The benchmark for this composite is the Bloomberg Mortgage Index. This benchmark return includes interest income, but as an unmanaged fixed income index, it does not include transaction fees (brokerage commissions), and no direct comparison is possible. This benchmark is a broad-based measure of the performance of the mortgage-backed pass-through securities of Ginnie Mae (GNMA), Fannie Mae (FNMA) and Freddie Mac (FHLMC) within the Bloomberg Aggregate. Portfolios in this composite include agency mortgage-backed securities, ormercial mortgage-backed securities, agency debentures, Treasuries and cash securities. Cash is maintained, within each separately managed account segment, in accordance with our asset allocation ratio. The US. Jodlar is the specific securities identified and described do not represent all of the securities purchased, sold, or recommended. Returns are presented gross and net of management fees and include the reinvestment of all income. Gross returns will be reduced by investment advisory fees and other expenses that may be incurred in the management of the account. Net of fee performance was calculated using the actual management fees charged. Individual portfolior

## **RISK DISCLOSURES**

The Fort Washington Securitized Total Return strategy invests primarily in securitized asset instruments, including mortgage-backed securities, asset-backed securities and other securities. The market prices of securities may go up or down, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably, due to general market conditions, such as real or perceived adverse economic, political, or regulatory conditions, recessions, inflation, changes in interest or currency rates, lack of liquidity in the bond markets, or adverse investor sentiment. Investments in the strategy are subject to possible loss due to the financial failure of issuers of underlying securities and their inability to meet their debt obligations. When interest rates rise, the prices of fixed-income securities in the strategy will generally rise. The value of mortgage-related and asset backed securities will be influenced by factors affecting the real estate market and the assets underlying those securities. These securities are also subject to prepayment and extension risks and risk of default.

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