

Cash Plus Fixed Income

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Inception Date

April 1, 1996

Total Strategy Assets¹

\$2.2 billion

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Investment Approach

- Utilizing a hybrid approach with a top-down, bottom-up process, we seek to generate excess returns by actively managing sector and yield curve positioning along with bottom-up security selection while managing duration risk
- At a minimum, the average portfolio quality is Aa3 or AA⁻⁵ while the maximum duration of any single investment is three years.
- Risk is continuously evaluated and managed at the portfolio, sector and security levels

Benchmark²

ICE BofA 0-1 Year U.S. Treasury Index

Investment Minimum / Fees

\$25 million

0.15% - amounts up to \$50 million

0.125% - amounts \$50- \$100 million

0.10% - amounts over \$100 million

Investment Strategy³

The Cash Plus strategy seeks to provide a low volatility alternative to institutional investors in search of yields greater than short-term investments such as money market funds and desire a high degree of liquidity. Allowable investments include short-term investment grade securities in the U.S. government, corporate credit, mortgage and asset-backed and municipal bond sectors as well as money markets instruments.

Characteristics³

Characteristics	Cash Plus	ICE BofA 0-1 Year U.S. Treasury Index
Yield (%)	5.60	5.24
Effective Duration (years)	0.60	0.50
Average Quality	Aa2	Govt
Fixed / Floating (%)	83 / 17	N/A

Performance (%)⁴

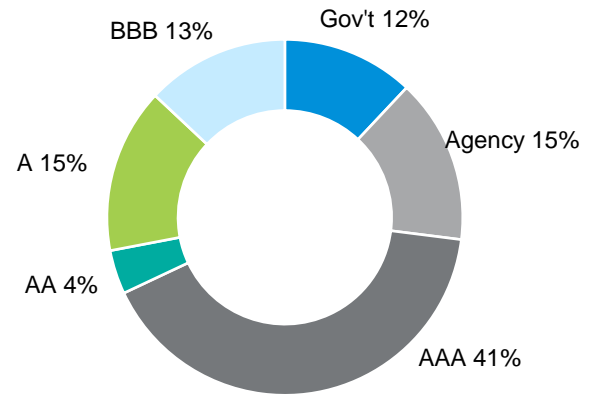
	2Q2023 to 2Q2024	2Q2022 to 2Q2023	2Q2021 to 2Q2022	2Q2020 to 2Q2021	2Q2019 to 2Q2020
Cash Plus (Gross)	6.09	3.85	-0.58	0.88	2.55
Cash Plus (Net)	5.93	3.70	-0.73	0.73	2.39
ICE BofA 0-1 Year Treasury Index	5.33	3.17	-0.30	0.15	1.80

	2Q24	YTD	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	7 Yrs	10 Yrs	Since Int.
Cash Plus (Gross)	1.48	2.87	6.09	3.08	2.53	2.49	2.02	3.17
Cash Plus (Net)	1.45	2.80	5.93	2.93	2.38	2.33	1.87	3.04
ICE BofA 0-1 Year Treasury Index	1.26	2.42	5.33	2.71	2.01	1.97	1.46	2.30

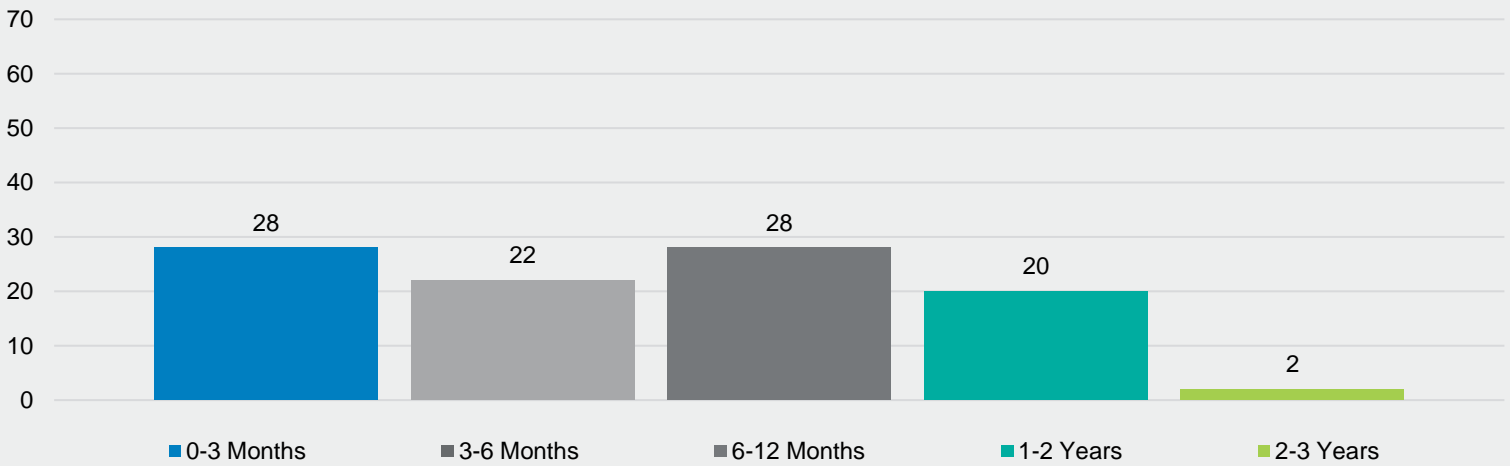
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Sector and Credit Quality Distribution¹

Sector	Allocation
Treasury	13%
Agency	12%
Corporates	30%
RMBS	2%
CMBS	7%
ABS	31%
Municipal	4%
Money Markets	1%



Yield Curve Distribution¹



Outlook²

We continue to position our strategies defensively with an up-in-quality bias and expect to maintain our spread duration towards the low end of our historical range as in our view, with spreads still near historically tight levels, current valuations do not line up with the fundamentals with a number of risks resurfacing in the markets, including mounting geopolitical tensions, simmering concerns over the upcoming U.S. election, increasing volatility, and the yet to be seen effects of how monetary policy will fully affect the U.S. economy.

We believe the Federal Reserve will continue to remain closely attuned to changing conditions and be data dependent in regard to both inflation and the labor market as they sift through evidence to lower their policy rate, most likely starting in September. From a duration standpoint, we moved the portfolios to a neutral duration bias by month-end. We will continue to increase duration modestly on interest rate back-ups and tack back closer to neutral on interest rate declines.

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COMPOSITE STATISTICS AND PERFORMANCE

Year	Gross-of-fee Return	Net-of-fee Return	Benchmark Return ¹	Number of Portfolios	Dispersion Stdv ²	Composite 3-Year Stdv ³	Benchmark 3-Year Stdv ³	Composite Assets	Total Firm Assets (BB) ⁴
04/01/96 (Inception) to 12/31/96	4.52%	4.35%	3.93%	≤ 5	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$21,338,223	-
1997	5.95%	5.69%	5.30%	≤ 5	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$14,656,481	-
1998	5.85%	5.63%	5.16%	≤ 5	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$66,052,306	-
1999	4.97%	4.85%	4.70%	≤ 5	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$60,751,778	-
2000	7.27%	7.17%	5.90%	8	0.12%	N/A	N/A	\$967,478,462	-
2001	6.82%	6.75%	4.40%	≤ 5	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$898,257,803	-
2002	2.91%	2.87%	1.89%	≤ 5	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$1,323,076,399	-
2003	1.78%	1.73%	1.17%	≤ 5	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$1,365,781,049	-
2004	1.37%	1.33%	1.30%	≤ 5	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$917,267,060	-
2005	3.31%	3.26%	2.99%	≤ 5	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$961,432,678	-
2006	5.30%	5.25%	4.67%	≤ 5	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$507,418,585	-
2007	5.66%	5.62%	4.85%	≤ 5	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$548,351,437	-
2008	2.96%	2.91%	2.39%	≤ 5	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$207,232,138	-
2009	5.10%	5.00%	0.47%	≤ 5	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$220,067,528	-
2010	2.21%	2.03%	0.20%	≤ 5	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$219,966,092	-
2011	0.76%	0.61%	0.14%	≤ 5	N/A	0.75%	0.06%	\$520,339,143	-
2012	1.79%	1.64%	0.11%	≤ 5	N/A	0.49%	0.01%	\$452,859,926	-
2013	0.88%	0.73%	0.10%	≤ 5	N/A	0.41%	0.01%	\$224,376,914	-
2014	0.54%	0.39%	0.06%	6	N/A	0.29%	0.01%	\$1,755,137,633	-
2015	0.55%	0.40%	0.10%	≤ 5	N/A	0.20%	0.01%	\$101,067,717	-
2016	1.39%	1.24%	0.40%	≤ 5	N/A	0.21%	0.04%	\$493,965,246	-
2017	1.56%	1.41%	0.88%	≤ 5	N/A	0.19%	0.10%	\$331,961,865	-
2018	2.08%	1.93%	1.91%	≤ 5	N/A	0.17%	0.19%	\$314,722,978	-
2019	3.20%	3.04%	2.38%	≤ 5	N/A	0.26%	0.20%	\$898,718,992	\$600.0
2020	1.86%	1.71%	0.80%	≤ 5	N/A	1.02%	0.23%	\$1,940,492,203	\$659.6
2021	0.34%	0.19%	0.06%	≤ 5	N/A	1.06%	0.30%	\$1,633,921,014	\$669.0
2022	0.66%	0.51%	0.68%	≤ 5	N/A	1.10%	0.36%	\$1,625,643,829	\$579.8
2023	5.70%	5.54%	5.05%	≤ 5	N/A	0.84%	0.74%	\$2,148,938,151	\$600.8
YTD 06/30/24	2.87%	2.80%	2.42%	≤ 5	N/A	0.89%	0.76%	\$490,165,314	\$587.6

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