Multi-Sector Fixed Income

December 31, 2023

Inception Date

October 1, 2006

Total Strategy Assets[1]

$277.4 million

Lead Portfolio Manager

Todd Howard, CFA

Strategy Vehicles

- Separately Managed Account

Benchmark[2]

Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index

Typical Targets[3]

Core (Government, Investment Grade & Structured Products)	50 - 75
Emerging Markets (Corporate, Local & Hard Currency Sovereign Debt)	75 – 100
High Yield	10 – 70
International Fixed Income	10 – 40

OUR STRENGTHS

We seek to construct well diversified portfolios that efficiently allocate capital to maximize risk adjusted returns.

We believe our key competitive strengths are:

Investment Style — Portfolio Managers, research analysts and traders work together; focused primarily on security selection within a duration neutral portfolio.

Size — Our size helps ensure sufficient diversification at the portfolio level, while being able to source new issue allocations, participate in smaller deals, and remain sufficiently nimble to reposition the portfolio as market opportunities arise.

Experience — Our deep credit experience help enable us to navigate various market cycles, looking for any market dislocations and exercising an appropriate ell discipline.

PHILOSOPHY AND PROCESS

We believe fixed income markets are efficient with respect to interest rate risk, but regularly misprice securities that are exposed to credit, downgrade and liquidity risks.

We seek to exploit inefficiencies in the market and provide clients with excess returns to the benchmark without incurring undue risk through:

- Conducting proprietary, in-depth fundamental research
- Targeting duration-neutral portfolios
- Constructing portfolios with attractive risk / reward characteristics

ALPHA DRIVERS

- Focus on global relative value across the credit spectrum
- Generating returns from country, credit, and currency exposure
- Emphasize specific characteristics of an issuer, industry consolidation, downgrades and upgrades, improving fundamentals, and identifiable potential catalysts
- Portfolios are designed to be a diversified allocation of the broad market, and seek to provide excess return to the benchmark through sector level alpha generation
- Portfolios are disaggregated to allow sector-specific oversight by each portfolio management team

1. Stated at estimated fair value (unaudited). Multi-Sector Fixed Income is a strategy of public fixed income assets. Total Strategy Assets for Multi-Sector Fixed Income include all assets managed by MIM in the Multi-Sector Fixed Income strategy and may include certain assets that are not included in Composite Assets (as presented in GIPS® Composite Statistics and Performance table towards the end of this document) for Multi-Sector Fixed Income.
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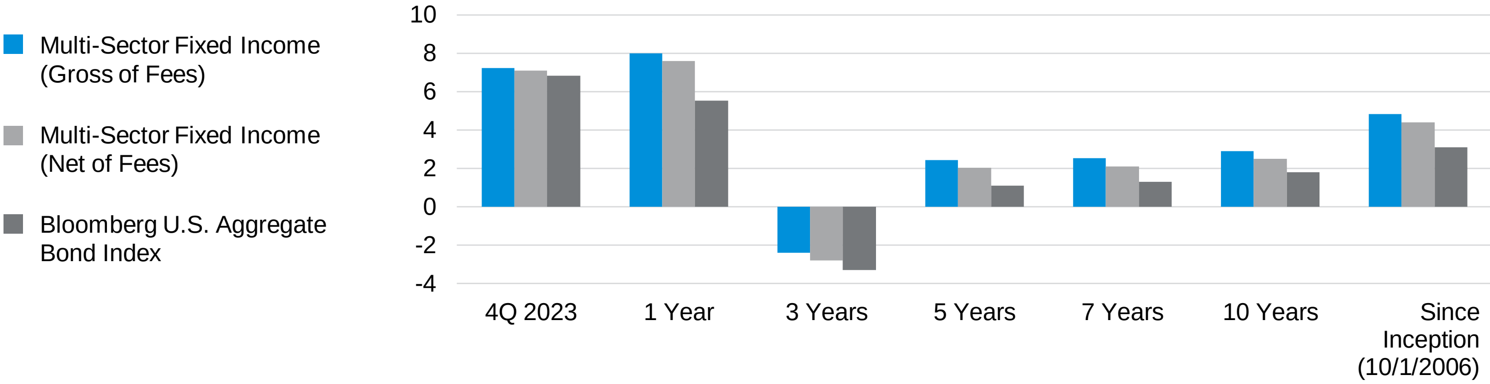
COMPOSITE PERFORMANCE (%)[1]



	4Q23	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	7 Years	10 Years	Since Inception
Multi-Sector FI (Gross of fees)	**7.22**	**8.01**	**-2.39**	**2.44**	**2.52**	**2.91**	**4.84**
Multi-Sector FI (Net of fees)	**7.11**	**7.58**	**-2.78**	**2.03**	**2.11**	**2.51**	**4.39**
Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index	6.82	5.53	-3.31	1.10	1.29	1.81	3.10

RELATIVE PERFORMANCE (GROSS OF FEES)[2]

Universe: eVestment Global Unconstrained Fixed Income

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2. The eVestment Universe ranking is calculated by eVestment using investment performance returns gross of fees and strategy descriptions self-reported by participating investment managers and are not are not verified or guaranteed by eVestment. eVestment defines each Universe and selects the participating managers for the Universe it determines have similar investment strategies. The Universe ranking uses gross performance as manager fees may vary so that returns will be reduced when advisory fees are deducted. Performance returns for periods greater than one year are annualized. Additional information regarding net performance rankings is available upon request. The reports of the Universe percentile ranks were sourced on January 25, 2024, and represent 87% of the reported eVestment Global Unconstrained Fixed Income Universe as of that date. MIM has not verified and cannot verify the information from outside sources.

QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE ATTRIBUTION

	High Yield	Global	Emerging Markets	Combined
Allocation	39.1	22.6	38.3	
Benchmark	*33.3*	*33.3*	*33.3*	
Active Allocation	5.7	-10.7	5.0	
4Q 2023 (Benchmark RTN)	6.76	7.75	8.91	7.80
Portfolio Returns (Net)	**6.39**	**9.30**	**7.31**	**7.39**
			EXCESS	-0.41
Excess Return due to Asset Allocation	-0.06	0.01	0.05	0.00
Security Selection	-0.15	0.35	-0.61	-0.41

Index Returns

Index	4Q23	1 Year	Since Inc
Blended	7.80	8.13	3.74

STRATEGY

- The multi-sector fund underperformed the aggregated benchmark during the fourth quarter, weighed down by security selection within US High Yield and Emerging Markets sectors.
- As EM corporates underperformed sovereigns due to less rate sensitivity and idiosyncratic stories, off-index corporate exposure weighed on relative returns during the quarter.
- Israeli corporates underperformed at the start of the conflict in the Middle East; they were able to see some rebound as repayment concerns lessened, but bonds still weighed on returns.
- An underweight to Argentine assets detracted as bonds performed well after Milei won the election by a larger than anticipated margin.
- As rates rallied aggressively during the second half of the quarter, underweights to rate sensitive sovereigns and exposure to shorter duration corporates detracted.
- Security selection to longer duration exposures in the Middle East and Africa benefited returns.
- Local currencies overall were well supported by Fed actions throughout the quarter and heavy dollar weakness. Exposure to higher beta currencies, and underweights to lower beta Asian currencies, contributed as investors searched for yield.
- Security selection to longer duration Developed Markets currencies proved beneficial as rates rallied.
- A US Media and Entertainment company contributed to performance as the company reported modestly better-than-expected earnings due to successful content spend rationalizations that helped improve cash flow.
- A Consumer Services issuer underperformed after reporting mixed results that showed lower-than-expected EBITDA and revenue.
- In the Cable and Satellite Space, one company detracted from performance after the company reported weaker-than-expected third quarter earnings, while another issuer also underperformed despite reporting in-line earnings.
- Further, the sleeve’s underweight allocation to the Integrated Energy sector detracted from performance, while cash was also a drag.

We enter 2024 with a similar sentiment to one year ago- cautiously optimistic but with a greater desire to add risk into spread weakness. We continue looking for a combination of US inflation slowing and a consistent rebound in China’s economy. We see EM opportunities for differentiation at both the sovereign and corporate levels which could lead to a better flow picture in 2024. Issuance continues to be subdued, principal and interest payments remain high, and non-dedicated investors have low exposure to the asset class, leaving room for future demand and positive price reaction. Importantly, with the belief that the hiking cycle is over, EM provides investors the ability to gain exposure to the combination of both yield and duration outside of Developed Markets in a world where rates are falling. This allows for interest rate exposure closer to the investment grade market while receiving income closer to the high yield opportunity set. We like stronger high yield credits including low-BB sovereigns in the 10-year part of the curve. Our preference is for countries who face low financing needs or have demonstrated ability to tap the market. In the corporate space, we like sectors that generate hard currency revenues or have effective FX liability management. As inflation levels show signs of coming down across the globe, countries should benefit from elevated premiums for local currencies that look attractive relative to DM. Within US HY, we believe a challenging and still relatively uncertain macroeconomic backdrop could lead to increased sectoral dispersion, heightening the importance of detailed security selection. We believe the fundamental defensive positioning of HY issuers has prevented defaults from reaching levels experienced in previous downturns. HY bonds have historically performed well following a Fed rate cut, returning an average of +2.75% in the three months trailing a cut. Overall, we see a clear path to another year of strong returns for high yield.

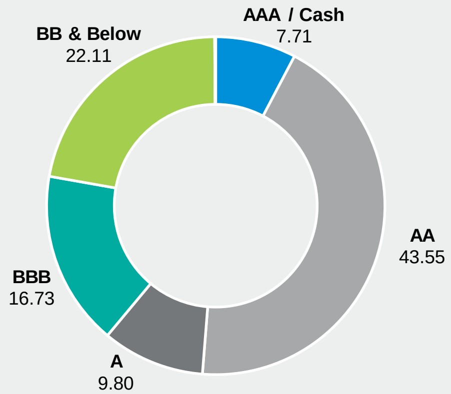
STRATEGY CHARACTERISTICS[1]

	Yield To Maturity (%)	Effective Duration (years)	Average Credit Quality
Multi-Sector Fixed Income Strategy[1]	**5.61**	**5.37**	**A2 / A**
Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index	4.52	6.28	Aa2 / AA

SECTOR POSITIONING[1]

Sector	Multi-Sector Fixed Income	Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index
Non-Dollar	**9.80%**	**0.00%**
Emerging Markets	7.48%	0.00%
Developed Markets	2.33%	0.00%
Emerging Markets	8.02%	2.04%
Sovereign	3.31%	1.69%
Quasi-Sovereign	0.67%	0.07%
IG Corp	1.55%	0.27%
HY Corp	2.49%	0.00%
Developed Markets	**82.18%**	**97.96%**
Sovereign	22.38%	43.13%
Agency Plus	0.44%	1.83%
IG Corp	17.06%	24.28%
HY Corp	14.18%	0.00%
MBS/Covered	19.12%	26.61%
ABS	2.36%	0.49%
CMBS & Project Loans	3.05%	1.63%
Bank Loans	1.26%	0.00%
Cash Securities	2.17%	0.00%
Other	0.16%	0.00%
Total	**100.00%**	**100.00%**

CREDIT QUALITY DISTRIBUTION (%)[1]



	Multi-Sector Fixed Income	Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index
AAA / Cash	**7.71**	3.53
AA	**43.55**	72.26
A	**9.80**	11.72
BBB	**16.73**	12.46
BB & Below	**22.11**	0.00
Other / Not Rated	**0.10**	0.03

1. The characteristics displayed are for a representative account for this investment strategy. Actual account characteristics may differ. The benchmark data is that of the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index. All data above is provided for illustrative purposes only. This data is supplemental to the information required in a GIPS® compliant document. Credit ratings reflect the index provider's credit quality methodology. Average quality excludes cash and securities that are not rated. Totals may not foot due to rounding.

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]
2010	12.48%	11.76%	6.54%	≤ 5	N/A	N/A	N/A	$439,906,661	-
2011	7.06%	6.57%	7.84%	≤ 5	N/A	5.45%	2.82%	$223,854,580	-
2012	13.21%	12.77%	4.21%	≤ 5	N/A	3.95%	2.42%	$258,581,332	-
2013	-0.04%	-0.44%	-2.02%	≤ 5	N/A	4.41%	2.75%	$259,673,689	-
2014	4.59%	4.18%	5.97%	≤ 5	N/A	4.14%	2.63%	$287,339,067	-
2015	-2.06%	-2.45%	0.55%	≤ 5	N/A	4.03%	2.88%	$269,333,525	-
2016	9.35%	8.91%	2.65%	≤ 5	N/A	4.02%	2.98%	$285,540,098	-
2017	7.12%	6.70%	3.54%	≤ 5	N/A	3.62%	2.78%	$314,686,787	-
2018	-1.52%	-1.91%	0.01%	≤ 5	N/A	3.30%	2.84%	$297,001,065	-
2019	11.74%	11.30%	8.72%	≤ 5	N/A	2.72%	2.87%	$119,489,438	$600.0
2020	8.54%	8.11%	7.51%	≤ 5	N/A	5.28%	3.36%	$129,731,131	$659.6
2021	-1.06%	-1.45%	-1.54%	≤ 5	N/A	5.39%	3.35%	$128,323,172	$669.0
2022	-12.97%	-13.32%	-13.01%	≤ 5	N/A	7.62%	5.77%	$111,590,153	$579.8
2023	8.01%	7.58%	5.53%	≤ 5	N/A	7.61%	7.14%	$120,515,915	$600.8

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2. The dispersion of annual returns is measured by the standard deviation among asset-weighted gross-of-fee portfolio returns represented in the composite for the full year. “N/A” is an indication that the information is not statistically meaningful due to an insufficient number of portfolios (five or fewer) in the composite for the entire year. Standard deviation is only presented for accounts managed for a full calendar year.
3. The three-year annualized standard deviation measures the variability of the gross-of-fee composite and the benchmark returns over the preceding 36-month period. The standard deviation is not presented for 2006 through 2010 because it is not required for periods prior to 2011. It is also not presented for quarter-ends.
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