

# Core Fixed Income

March 31, 2025

## Inception Date

October 1, 2000

## Total Strategy Assets<sup>1</sup>

\$6.1 billion

## Portfolio Managers

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## Strategy Vehicles

- Separately Managed Account
- Collective Investment Trust (CIT)

## Benchmark<sup>2</sup>

Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index

## Typical Targets<sup>3</sup>

Government (%)	10 – 70
Investment Grade Credit (%)	10 – 40
Agency MBS (%)	15 – 35
CMBS (%)	0 – 10
ABS/CLOs (%)	0 – 15

## OUR STRENGTHS

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 helps enable us to navigate various market cycles, looking for any market dislocations and exercising an appropriate sell 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

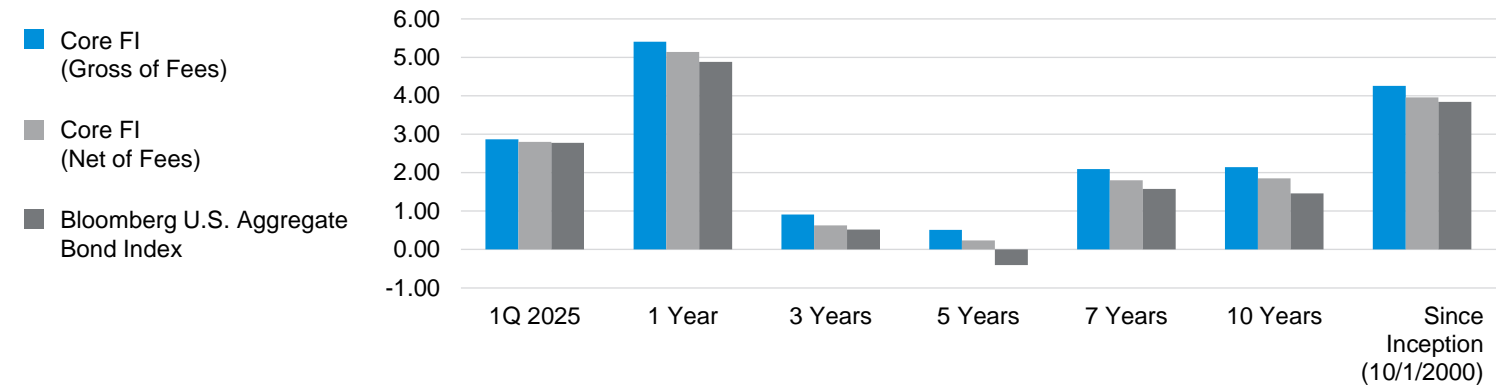
- Methodical portfolio construction seeks to exploit inefficiencies across the curve
- Emphasis on specific characteristics of an issuer, industry consolidation, downgrades and upgrades, improving fundamentals, and identifiable potential catalysts
- Little emphasis on macro bets, such as duration and term structure
- Willingness to invest in off-the-run bonds and allow our credit research team to take a deeper dive to identify value
- Belief in the ability to turn the portfolio over to source new ideas at attractive levels and aim to exit positions with rich valuations

1. Stated at estimated fair value (unaudited). Core Fixed Income is a strategy of fixed income assets. Total Strategy Assets for Core Fixed Income include all assets managed by MIM in the Core Fixed Income strategy and may include certain assets that are not included in Composite Assets (as presented in GIPS® Composite Statistics and Performance table) for Core Fixed Income.

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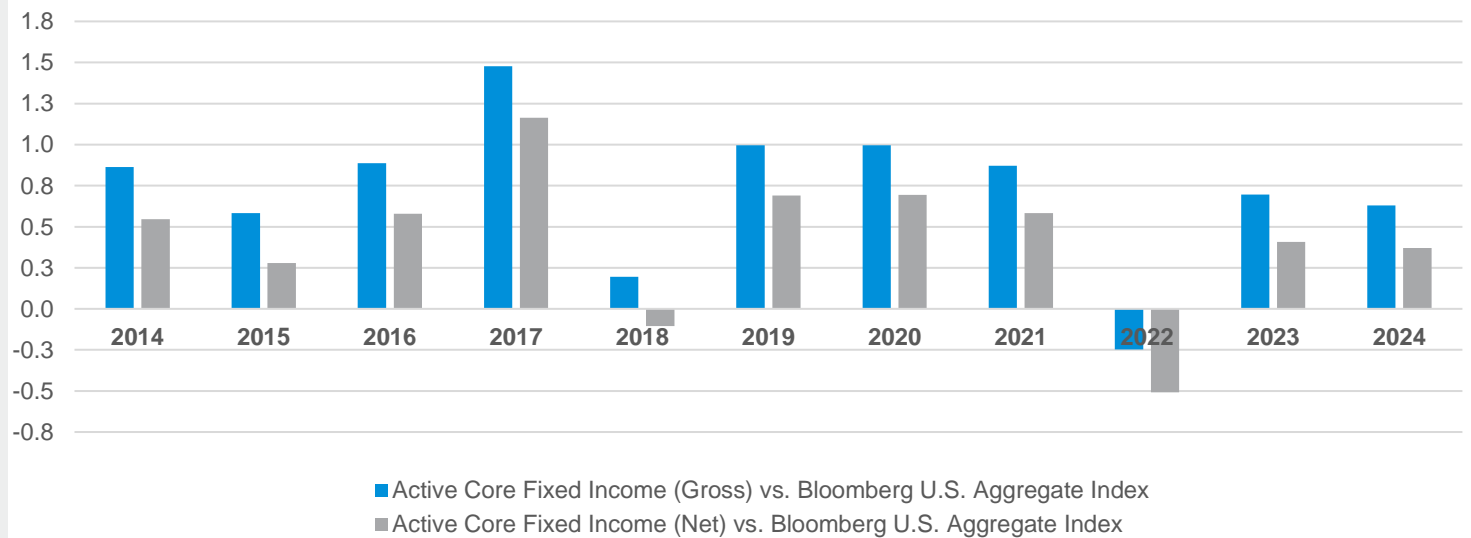
3. Any portfolio targets and/or limits are used to illustrate the Investment Manager's current intentions and may be subject to change without notice.

## COMPOSITE PERFORMANCE (%)<sup>1</sup>



	1Q25	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	7 Years	10 Years	Since Inception
<b>Core Fixed Income (Gross of fees)</b>	<b>2.87</b>	<b>5.41</b>	<b>0.91</b>	<b>0.51</b>	<b>2.09</b>	<b>2.14</b>	<b>4.26</b>
<b>Core Fixed Income (Net of fees)</b>	<b>2.80</b>	<b>5.14</b>	<b>0.63</b>	<b>0.24</b>	<b>1.80</b>	<b>1.85</b>	<b>3.96</b>
Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index	2.78	4.88	0.52	-0.40	1.58	1.46	3.84
Tracking Error		<b>0.20</b>	<b>0.40</b>	<b>0.60</b>	<b>0.92</b>	<b>0.80</b>	<b>1.57</b>
Information Ratio		<b>2.69</b>	<b>0.97</b>	<b>1.52</b>	<b>0.56</b>	<b>0.85</b>	<b>0.27</b>

## ACTIVE RETURN VS. BENCHMARK (%)<sup>2</sup>



1. Past performance is not indicative of future results. Net of fee returns reflect the deduction of investment advisory fees and are calculated in the same manner as gross of fee returns. Net of fee returns are calculated using the highest fee rate disclosed in the Form ADV. Fees for separate accounts may be negotiable depending upon asset size and type of account. For additional benchmark disclosure, please see the GIPS® disclosures towards the end of this document. Tracking error is calculated by subtracting the return of a specified benchmark from the manager's return for each period and then calculating the standard deviation of those differences. Information ratio is the return of the portfolio minus the return of the benchmark divided by tracking error.

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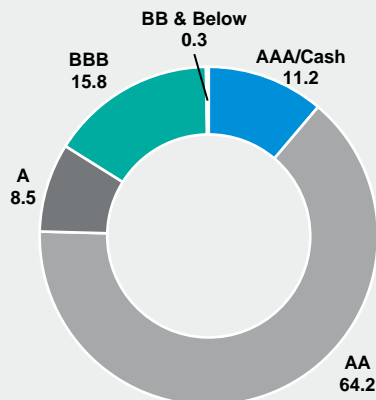
## STRATEGY CHARACTERISTICS<sup>1</sup>

	Yield To Maturity (%)	Effective Duration (years)	Average Credit Quality
<b>Core Fixed Income</b>	<b>4.83</b>	<b>5.96</b>	<b>Aa2 / AA-</b>
Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index	4.61	5.91	Aa2 / AA

## SECTOR POSITIONING<sup>1</sup>

	Market Value (%)		Contribution to Duration (years)	
	Core Fixed Income	Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index	Core Fixed Income	Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index
<b>Investment Grade Corporate</b>	<b>24.6</b>	<b>24.1</b>	<b>1.61</b>	<b>1.64</b>
Financials	9.5	8.1	0.47	0.42
Industrials	11.2	13.7	0.86	1.03
Utilities	3.9	2.3	0.27	0.19
<b>Structured Products</b>	<b>41.1</b>	<b>26.8</b>	<b>1.94</b>	<b>1.40</b>
Agency MBS	30.8	24.9	1.67	1.33
Non-Agency MBS	1.9	0.0	0.05	0.00
CMBS	3.6	1.5	0.12	0.06
ABS	4.7	0.4	0.10	0.01
<b>Government Related</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>0.01</b>	<b>0.21</b>
Sovereign/Quasi	0.0	3.2	0.00	0.16
Taxable Municipal	0.1	0.5	0.01	0.04
<b>U.S. Treasuries / Cash &amp; Equivalents</b>	<b>33.9</b>	<b>45.4</b>	<b>2.39</b>	<b>2.65</b>
<b>High Yield</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.01</b>	<b>0.01</b>

## CREDIT QUALITY DISTRIBUTION (%)<sup>1</sup>



	Core Fixed Income	Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index
AAA/Cash	<b>11.19</b>	3.28
AA	<b>64.23</b>	73.34
A	<b>8.50</b>	11.30
BBB	<b>15.82</b>	12.04
BB & Below	<b>0.26</b>	0.04

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 <sup>1</sup>	Number of Portfolios	Dispersion Stdv <sup>2</sup>	Composite 3-Year Stdv <sup>3</sup>	Benchmark 3-Year Stdv <sup>3</sup>	Composite Assets	Total Firm Assets (BB) <sup>4</sup>
2014	6.83%	6.51%	5.97%	≤ 5	N/A	2.66%	2.63%	\$455,775,914	-
2015	1.13%	0.83%	0.55%	≤ 5	N/A	2.91%	2.88%	\$416,911,671	-
2016	3.54%	3.23%	2.65%	≤ 5	N/A	2.94%	2.98%	\$141,450,179	-
2017	5.02%	4.71%	3.54%	≤ 5	N/A	2.77%	2.78%	\$148,848,112	-
2018	0.21%	-0.09%	0.01%	≤ 5	N/A	2.70%	2.84%	\$1,212,023,116	-
2019	9.71%	9.39%	8.72%	≤ 5	N/A	2.83%	2.87%	\$1,277,602,059	\$600.0
2020	8.50%	8.18%	7.51%	≤ 5	N/A	3.86%	3.36%	\$1,473,256,457	\$659.6
2021	-0.67%	-0.96%	-1.54%	≤ 5	N/A	3.96%	3.35%	\$1,672,541,812	\$669.0
2022	-13.26%	-13.52%	-13.01%	≤ 5	N/A	6.19%	5.77%	\$3,144,915,283	\$579.8
2023	6.23%	5.94%	5.53%	≤ 5	N/A	7.24%	7.14%	\$2,951,636,583	\$600.8
2024	1.88%	1.62%	1.25%	≤ 5	N/A	7.83%	7.72%	\$4,310,911,947	\$596.9
YTD through 3/31/25	2.87%	2.80%	2.78%	≤ 5	N/A	7.67%	7.56%	\$4,543,761,902	\$616.9

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1. The performance benchmark for the Core Fixed Income Composite is the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index, which is a broad-based index that measures the investment grade, U.S. dollar-denominated, fixed rate taxable bond market, including Treasuries, government-related and corporate securities, MBS (agency fixed rate and hybrid ARM pass-throughs), ABS, and CMBS. The index does not reflect holdings in all sectors targeted within the Core strategy. It is impossible to invest directly in an unmanaged index. All index returns presented are provided to represent the investment environment existing during the time periods shown and will not be covered by the future report of independent verifiers. For comparison purposes, the index is fully invested and includes the reinvestment of income. The returns for the index do not include any transaction costs, management fees, or other costs.
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 2000 through 2010 because it is not required for periods prior to 2011. It is also not presented for quarter-ends.
4. Prior to July 1, 2019, the investment team was part of a prior firm. Therefore, "Total Firm Assets (BB)" is left blank for year ends before the team joined MetLife Investment Management.

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The Core strategy seeks to produce risk adjusted long-term total returns above the broad bond market by investing in a core of high-quality U.S. fixed income securities across the government, corporate and structured markets. Derivatives may make up a part of the Core strategy, as the Firm utilizes futures, forwards, and interest rate swaps to manage risk, rather than for speculative purposes. The Core Fixed Income Composite includes all portfolios managed on a discretionary basis according to the applicable composite strategy except as otherwise excluded herein. The Firm maintains a list of composites and descriptions, a list of limited distribution pooled funds and their descriptions, and a list of broad distribution pooled funds, all of which are available upon request. Policies for valuing investments, calculating performance, and preparing GIPS® reports are available upon request.

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Returns are based on fully discretionary accounts under management and may include terminated accounts. The dispersion of annual returns is measured by the standard deviation among asset-weighted gross-of-fee portfolio returns represented within the composite for the full year. Dispersion is not calculated for composites with five or fewer accounts for the whole period.

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