# Voya Core Fixed Income Strategy

#### Strategy-at-a-glance

Objective <sup>1</sup>	To outperform the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index over a full credit cycle
Value Added Sources	Sector Allocation: 40-60% Security Selection: 40-60% Interest Rate/ Curve Position: 10-20%
Inception Date	02/01/98
Strategy Assets <sup>2</sup>	\$1.1 billion
Benchmark	Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index
Available Vehicles	Separate Account

<sup>1</sup> There is no guarantee that this objective will be achieved.

<sup>2</sup> AUM as of 12/31/24

Performance

## Strategy overview

The Core Fixed Income strategy seeks to maximize total return over a full market cycle via a broadly diversified and well-balanced multi-sector approach focused exclusively on investment grade debt securities.

## Investment philosophy

We believe that intensive security level research paired with a broadly informed awareness of the economic and credit cycles are critical to identifying superior investment opportunities and managing downside risk.

The following key beliefs underpin our investment philosophy:

- Security selection is a significant driver of risk and returns
- Nimble sector and sub-sector allocations capture relative value
- Risk management is critical throughout the entire investment process

These three key beliefs frame an integrated strategy that incorporates a dynamic blend of top-down and bottom-up approaches.

## Investment process

Supported by a seasoned team of fixed income professionals, our three-step process leverages the collective insights from across Voya's Fixed Income platform, incorporating both top-down and bottom-up research insights. First, the Investment Committee establishes the macro view and assesses the current risk regime. This assessment includes an estimate of "achievable alpha", which in turn influences the team's recommended risk posture. Next, the Multi-Sector Portfolio Management team discusses the investment themes and target risk profile to construct a model portfolio incorporating the strategy's guidelines and objectives. Finally, individual sector teams are then responsible for identifying and trading specific bonds.



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Past performance does not guarantee future results. Performance numbers for time periods greater than one year are annualized. The Composite represents the investment results of a group of fully discretionary portfolios managed according to the strategy. Returns include the reinvestment of income. Gross-of-fees returns are presented before management and custodial fees but after all trading expenses. Net-of-fees returns are calculated by deducting a hypothetical management fee from the gross return on a monthly basis and geometrically linking the results to produce returns shown. The hypothetical management fee is equal to or greater than the asset-weighted average of each accounts' fee schedule in the composite. The model fee used will result in a net return that is equal to or lower than a net return using actual fees. For a description of advisory fees, please see Form ADV, Part II. Gross returns should be used as Supplemental Information only.

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# Portfolio highlights

Returns-Based Characteristics (5 years ending 03/31/25)	Composite	Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index
Standard Deviation (%)	6.43	6.33
Tracking Error (%)	0.62	-
Information Ratio	1.80	-
Alpha (annualized %)	1.15	-
Beta	1.01	1.00
R-Squared	0.99	1.00
Sharpe Ratio	-0.31	-0.49

Credit Quality (%)	Portfolio	Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index
Treasuries/Cash AAA	24.63	44.67
	20.07	3.30
AA	31.90	28.57
A	9.11	11.33
BBB	14.28	12.10
BB	0.00	0.00
В	0.00	0.00
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Not Rated	0.00	0.04

Top Ten Credit Exposures (%)	Portfolio
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BANK OF AMERICA CORP	0.96
JPMORGAN CHASE & CO	0.72
MORGAN STANLEY	0.58
HCA INC	0.51
GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP INC/THE	0.38
BROADCOM INC	0.36
ORACLE CORP	0.35
HYUNDAI CAPITAL AMERICA	0.32
META PLATFORMS INC	0.31
AES CORPORATION (THE)	0.31



	Portfolio	Index
Agency Mortgages	26.92	24.87
US Treasury & Cash	24.64	44.78
IG Corporates	23.16	23.78
Asset-Backed Securities	14.40	0.45
Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities	7.44	1.51
Non-Agency RMBS and SF CRT	2.59	0.00
Emerging Markets	0.79	1.35
Government Related	0.05	3.25
HY Corporates	0.00	0.01

## Up / Down Capture Ratio (5 years ending 03/31/25)



Credit quality is generally based on third-party agency ratings, ranging from AAA (highest) to D (lowest). If ratings are available from each of S&P, Moody's and Fitch, the security is assigned the median rating. If ratings are available from only two of these agencies, the lower rating is assigned. If a rating is available from only one of these three agencies, then that rating is used. If ratings are not available from any of these three agencies, then we may either assign the security an internal rating or mark it as Not Rated (NR). Ratings may not accurately reflect risk and are subject to change. Past performance does not guarantee future results. The returns-based characteristics presented are based on the gross-of-fee composite returns. Characteristics are based on a representative account in the composite that we believe best represents the portfolio management style of the composite. Characteristics may be adjusted to exclude securities for which data is not available or for extreme data outliers via commonly used trimming methodologies. Holdings are subject to change. The information shown is supplemental only. Totals may not equal due to rounding.

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## Portfolio managers

#### Sean Banai, CFA

Head of Multi-Sector Fixed Income Years of experience: 26 Years with firm: 26

#### **Dave Goodson**

Head of Securitized Years of experience: 29 Years with firm: 23

#### Randy Parrish, CFA

Head of Public Credit Years of experience: 35 Years with firm: 24

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The Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index is a broad-based flagship benchmark that measures the investment grade, US dollar-denominated, fixed-rate taxable bond market. The index includes treasuries, government-related and corporate securities, fixed-rate agency MBS, ABS and CMBS (agency and non-agency).

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