

# Voya Core Plus 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	01/01/99
Strategy Assets <sup>2</sup>	\$16.4 billion
Benchmark	Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index
Available Vehicles	Separate Account Collective Trust Mutual Fund

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

<sup>2</sup> AUM as of 12/31/23

## Strategy overview

The Core Plus Fixed Income strategy U.S. seeks to maximize total return over a full market cycle via a broadly diversified and well-balanced, multi-sector approach that employs the full spectrum of the fixed income universe, including up to 20% of total portfolio allocation to below investment grade debt.

## 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

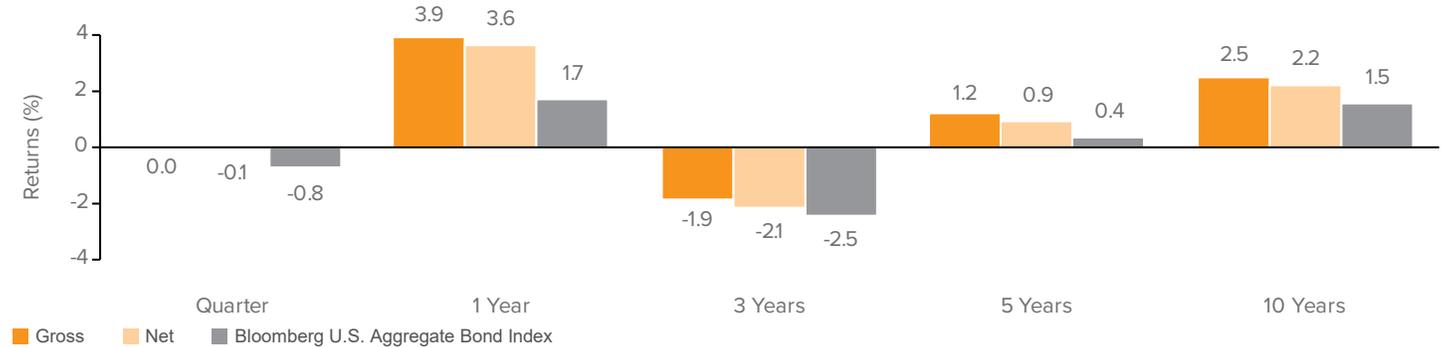
These three key beliefs frame an integrated strategy that incorporates a dynamic blend of top-down and bottom-up approaches.

## 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, our asset allocation committee deliberates and prioritizes investment themes impacting fixed income markets, offers unencumbered views regarding sectors and overall risk posturing. Next, the Head of Global Rates & Macro, the Head of Fixed Income Research, and the Head of Multi-Sector Portfolio Management then builds a model portfolio, incorporating client guidelines and objectives. Finally, individual sector teams are then responsible for identifying and trading specific bonds.

## Performance

Voya Core Plus Fixed Income Composite



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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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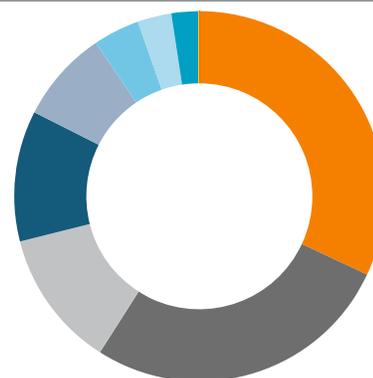
### Portfolio highlights

Returns-Based Characteristics (5 years ending 03/31/24)	Composite	Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index
Standard Deviation (%)	6.77	6.08
Tracking Error (%)	2.32	—
Information Ratio	0.35	—
Alpha (annualized %)	0.89	—
Beta	1.05	1.00
R-Squared	0.88	1.00
Sharpe Ratio	-0.13	-0.28

Credit Quality (%)	Portfolio	Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index
Treasuries/Cash	11.46	42.08
AAA	9.28	3.55
AA	35.56	29.84
A	16.29	11.95
BBB	18.24	12.55
BB	5.41	0.00
B	2.31	0.00
<B	0.37	0.00
Not Rated	1.08	0.04

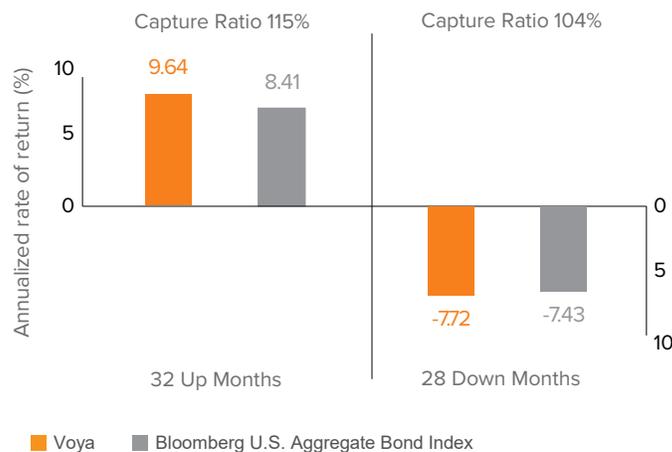
Top Ten Credit Exposures (%)	Portfolio
BANK OF AMERICA CORP	0.90
MORGAN STANLEY	0.85
JPMORGAN CHASE & CO	0.70
ABBVIE INC	0.44
HCA INC	0.37
CENTENE CORPORATION	0.34
PFIZER INVESTMENT ENTERPRISES PTE.	0.32
DUKE ENERGY FLORIDA LLC	0.29
HSBC HOLDINGS PLC	0.29
VOLKSWAGEN GROUP OF AMERICA FINANC	0.28

Top Sector Allocation (%)



	Portfolio	Index
Agency Mortgages	31.95	25.86
IG Corporates	27.06	24.76
Asset-Backed Securities	12.04	0.50
US Treasury & Cash	11.46	42.12
Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities	8.04	1.63
Non-Agency RMBS and SF CRT	4.07	0.00
HY Corporates	2.96	0.01
Emerging Markets	2.37	1.35
Government Related	0.03	3.77
Other	0.02	0.00

Up / Down Capture Ratio



**Credit Quality** is calculated based on S&P, Moody's and Fitch ratings. If the ratings from all 3 rating agencies are available, securities will be assigned the median rating based on the numerical equivalents. If the ratings are available from only two of the agencies, the more conservative of the ratings will be assigned to the security. If the rating is available from only one agency, then that rating will be used. Any security is not rated by S&P, Moody's, or Fitch is placed in the NR (Not Rated) category. Internal ratings will not be used for any security. Ratings are subject to change. Ratings are a measure of quality and safety of a bond based on the financial condition of the issuer. Generally accepted, AAA is the highest grade (best) to D which is the lowest (worst).

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## Portfolio managers

### Matt Toms, CFA

#### Chief Executive Officer

Years of experience: 30

Years with firm: 15

### Sean Banai, CFA

#### Head of Portfolio Management

Years of experience: 25

Years with firm: 25

### Dave Goodson

#### Head of Securitized

Years of experience: 28

Years with firm: 22

### Randy Parrish, CFA

#### Head of Public Credit

Years of experience: 34

Years with firm: 23

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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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