

# Voya Unconstrained Fixed Income Strategy

## Strategy-at-a-glance

Objective <sup>1</sup>	Seeks total return through income and capital appreciation through all market cycles.
Value Added Sources	Sector Allocation: 20-50% Security Selection: 20-50% Duration/Curve & FX: 20-50%
Inception Date	01/01/13
Strategy Assets <sup>2</sup>	\$2.4 billion
Benchmark	ICE BofA USD 3M Deposit Offered Rate Constant Maturity Index
Available Vehicles	Separate Account Mutual Fund

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

<sup>2</sup> AUM as of 09/30/23

## Strategy overview

The Unconstrained Fixed Income strategy seeks to provide stability and resiliency over a full market cycle via a broadly diversified, multi-sector approach rooted in flexible portfolio construction that adheres to absolute risk parameters. Sector allocation and security selection are primary drivers of performance with duration used for volatility management.

## Investment philosophy

We believe an unconstrained fixed income strategy should provide a more stable and resilient long-term investor experience. This can be achieved through flexible portfolio construction with a constrained absolute risk target and a careful use of duration to decrease overall portfolio risk.

The following key beliefs underpin our investment philosophy:

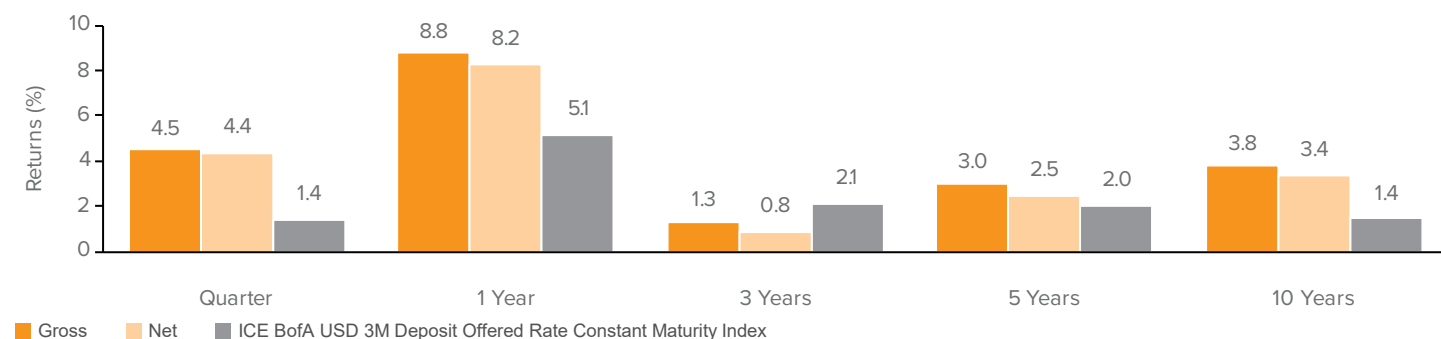
- Unconstrained should not mean unconstrained risk
- Traditional fixed income often leaves investors unprotected from prevailing market risks
- Duration can decrease overall risk
- Predicting interest rate movements is a low Sharpe Ratio bet

## 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 multi-sector team 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 Unconstrained 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 12/31/23)	Composite
Standard Deviation (%)	6.21
Tracking Error (%)	6.13
Information Ratio	0.16
Alpha (annualized %)	0.84
Beta	2.13
R-Squared	0.03
Sharpe Ratio	0.17

Credit Quality (%)	Portfolio
Treasuries/Cash	5.02
AAA	9.35
AA	26.41
A	11.84
BBB	13.80
BB	15.19
B	12.97
<B	3.12
Not Rated	2.30

Top Ten Credit Exposures (%)	Portfolio
LLOYDS BANKING GROUP PLC	0.46
MORGAN STANLEY	0.42
PNC FINANCIAL SERVICES GROUP INC (	0.38
ECOPETROL SA	0.35
BANK OF AMERICA CORP (FXD-FRN)	0.25
DOMINION ENERGY INC	0.22
CCO HOLDINGS LLC/CCO HOLDINGS CAPI	0.22
NATIONAL RURAL UTILITIES COOP FINA	0.21
WELLS FARGO & COMPANY	0.20
SOUTHERN COMPANY (THE)	0.20

Top Sector Allocation (%)



	Voya
Agency Mortgages	19.41
Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities	17.84
Non-Agency RMBS and SF CRT	17.30
Asset-Backed Securities	11.83
HY Corporates	11.59
Bank Loans	7.48
Emerging Markets	5.86
US Treasury & Cash	5.05
IG Corporates	3.58
Other	0.05

**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

### Brian Timberlake, PhD, CFA

#### Head of Fixed Income Research

Years of experience: 21

Years with firm: 21

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The strategy employs a quantitative investment process. The process is based on a collection of proprietary computer programs, or models, that calculate expected return rankings based on variables such as earnings growth prospects, valuation, and relative strength.

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The ICE Bank of America U.S. Dollar Three-Month Deposit Offered Rate Constant Maturity Index is designed to track the performance of a synthetic asset paying ICE Term SOFR to a stated maturity. The index is based on the assumed purchase at par of a synthetic instrument having exactly its stated maturity and with a coupon equal to that day's fixing rate. That issue is assumed to be sold the following business day (priced at a yield equal to the current day rate) and rolled into a new instrument. Effective October 1, 2022 the underlying reference rate for this index was replaced from USD LIBOR to ICE Term SOFR. Index returns do not reflect fees, brokerage commissions, taxes or other expenses of investing. **Investors cannot invest directly in an index.**

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