

# Core Bond Composite

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## Philosophy and Process Highlights

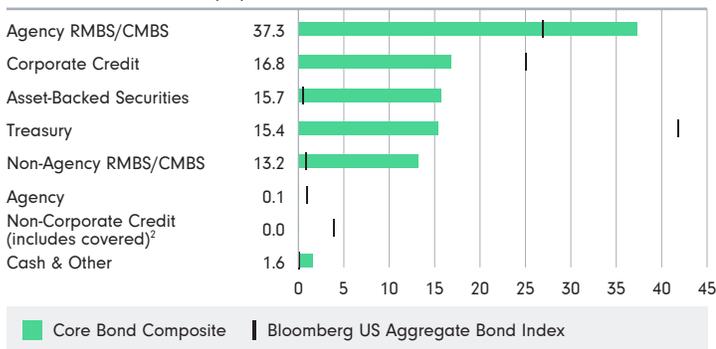
We believe successful, long-term fixed income investing starts with small, individual security decisions.

- We look for undervalued securities and spread sectors that offer incremental yield and total return relative to the index.
- With a focus on securitized products, we have the potential to achieve higher credit quality while maintaining a yield advantage over government or corporate credit-focused strategies.
- We regularly look outside the benchmark for value-add opportunities.

## Portfolio Guidelines

The portfolio generally invests at least 80% of its assets in a diversified portfolio of investment grade, fixed income securities and may invest a significant portion or all of its assets in mortgage-related and mortgage-backed securities. The portfolio will typically maintain an average portfolio duration within 20% of the duration of the Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index.

## Sector Allocation (%)<sup>1</sup>



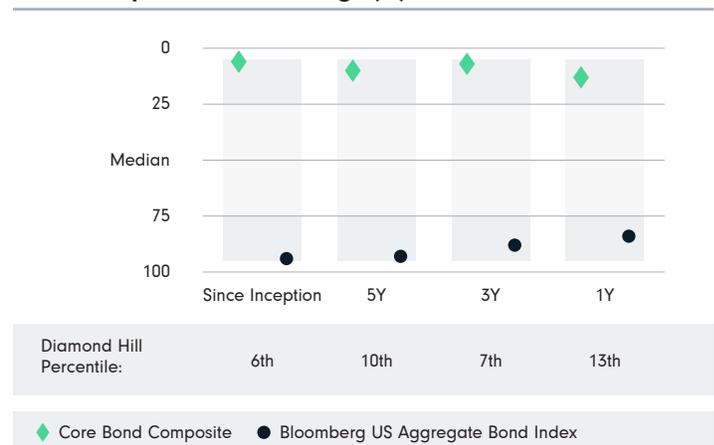
## Credit Quality Rating<sup>3</sup>

Credit Quality Rating	% of Portfolio
AAA	7.5
AA	58.9
A	14.6
BBB	16.1
BB	0.1
B	0.0
CCC & Below	0.0
Not Rated	2.9

## Duration Breakdown (%)

Duration	Core Bond Composite (%)	Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index (%)
Less than one	15.7	1.6
1-3	18.6	24.6
3-5	18.6	23.6
5-7	16.3	25.0
7-10	13.3	9.1
10-20	17.3	16.1
20+	0.3	0.0

## Peer Group Quartile Rankings (%)<sup>4</sup>



## Key Rate Duration (%)

Key Rate	Core Bond Composite (%)	Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index (%)
1Y	0.10	0.11
2Y	0.16	0.24
3Y	0.35	0.48
5Y	0.94	1.23
10Y	1.79	1.32
20Y	1.83	1.52
30Y	0.59	1.09

<sup>1</sup> Cash & Other may include cash and money market funds. RMBS: Residential Mortgage-Backed Securities, CMBS: Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities.

<sup>2</sup> Portfolio weight is 0.007%.

<sup>3</sup> Security quality ratings are derived from underlying portfolio securities by using the middle rating of Standard & Poor's, Moody's and Fitch. If only two of Standard & Poor's, Moody's and Fitch rates a security the higher of the two is selected. If only one of Standard & Poor's, Moody's and Fitch rates a security the available rating is used. For securities that are not rated by Standard & Poor's, Moody's or Fitch a rating from a secondary Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organization ("NRSRO") may be used. Ratings by any agency represent an opinion only, not a recommendation to buy or sell. Securities that are not rated by any agencies are reflected as Not Rated "NR."

<sup>4</sup> Source: eVestment. Ranking within eVestment US Core Fixed Income universe based on monthly returns gross of fees. Ranking data calculated on 18 April 2024 (as of 31 March 2024) and is subject to change as additional firms within the category submit data. Diamond Hill pays an annual fee to eVestment to access their platform and to use their data, including peer group rankings, in marketing materials. Diamond Hill does not pay for the ranking.

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Portfolio Characteristics	Core Bond Composite	Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index	Five-Year Risk Statistics <sup>5</sup>	Core Bond Composite	Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index
Number of holdings	1,362	13,530	Beta (%)	0.91	N/A
Yield to Maturity (%)	6.35	4.85	R-squared (%)	94.52	N/A
Yield to Worst (%)	6.34	4.85	Information Ratio	0.81	N/A
Effective Duration	5.81	6.21	Standard Deviation (%)	5.74	6.14
Weighted Average Life (years)	7.62	8.44	Sharpe Ratio	-0.09	-0.28
Convexity	0.35	0.58	<sup>5</sup> Relative to the Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index.		
Option-Adjusted Spread	178	39			

Period and Annualized Total Returns (%)	Since Inception (31 Jul 2016)	5Y	3Y	1Y	YTD	1Q24
Gross of Fees	1.92	1.54	-0.97	3.73	0.16	0.16
Net of Fees	1.62	1.25	-1.26	3.43	0.09	0.09
Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index	0.65	0.36	-2.46	1.70	-0.78	-0.78

Calendar Year Returns (%)	31 Jul 2016 - 31 Dec 2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Gross of Fees	-2.44	4.64	2.06	8.56	8.34	-0.55	-11.47	7.06
Net of Fees	-2.56	4.33	1.77	8.24	8.03	-0.84	-11.73	6.75
Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index	-3.14	3.54	0.01	8.72	7.51	-1.54	-13.01	5.53

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