

As of June 30, 2025

## STRATEGY HIGHLIGHTS

**Objective<sup>1</sup>** To maximize excess returns versus the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index over the long term.

|                                        |                                       |     |
|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----|
| <b>Target Sources of Excess Return</b> | • Market / Sector Allocation          | 50% |
|                                        | • Security Selection                  | 40% |
|                                        | • Duration / Interest Rate / Currency | 10% |

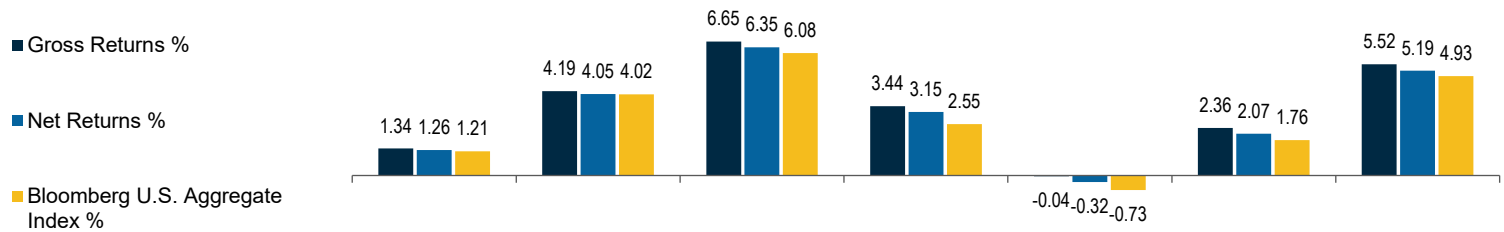
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| <b>Inception Date</b>  | January 01, 1991                    |
| <b>Strategy Assets</b> | \$45.51 billion as of June 30, 2025 |
| <b>Benchmark</b>       | Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index      |

## INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY & PROCESS

- Core Fixed Income portfolios can invest in all sectors included in the managed benchmark, or similar broad market fixed income index.
- The Strategy is predominantly investment grade focused but, if individual client guidelines permit, also can allocate modestly to non-benchmark high yield bond and emerging markets debt sectors.
  - The universe of sectors included in the investment grade portion of the Strategy are index-specific—typically U.S. Treasuries, government agencies, corporate bonds, mortgage-backed securities, CMBS, and asset-backed securities—with the remaining assets dispersed among other ABS, senior secured loans, municipal bonds, non-dollar global bonds, and currencies.
- The Strategy generates excess return over the benchmark primarily from sector allocation and subsector security selection decisions. Duration and yield curve positioning are considered when strong market opportunities dictate, but historically have not been the primary sources of return.
- Our portfolios take an actively-managed, relative-value driven approach to security selection.
  - We analyze various security relationships in the market in order to exploit temporary market inefficiencies.
  - Each trade is intended to capture relative value, with the sum of all security selection expected to contribute a meaningful portion of expected excess return over time.
  - The Strategy is expected to perform best in markets with excess spread dislocations that it can capitalize on through relative value trading.
  - In contrast, a low volatility interest rate environment with little spread or interest rate movements would most likely lead to more stable security-to-security relationships and, in turn, make it more difficult to outperform.
- We believe that diversified portfolios, built through the integration of credit research, quantitative research, and risk management, can achieve consistent excess returns for clients with a high information ratio.



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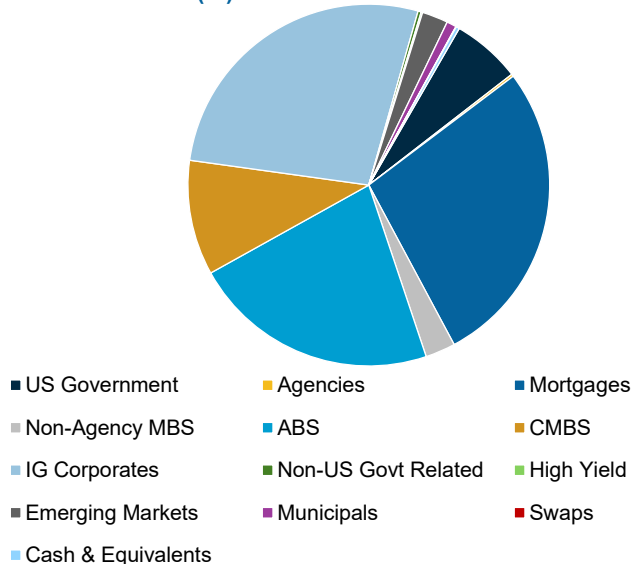
PERFORMANCE<sup>1</sup> | PERIODS ENDING JUNE 30, 2025

|                                     | QTD | YTD | 1 Year | 3 Year | 5 Year | 10 Year | Since Inception (01 Jan 1991) |
|-------------------------------------|-----|-----|--------|--------|--------|---------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Excess Returns - Gross (bps)</b> | +13 | +17 | +58    | +89    | +69    | +60     | +58                           |
| <b>Excess Returns - Net (bps)</b>   | +6  | +3  | +28    | +60    | +41    | +31     | +26                           |
| <b>Tracking Error (%)</b>           | NM  | NM  | NM     | 0.48   | 0.58   | 1.13    | 1.12                          |
| <b>Information Ratio (Gross)</b>    | NM  | NM  | NM     | 1.99   | 1.27   | 0.57    | 0.54                          |
| <b>Information Ratio (Net)</b>      | NM  | NM  | NM     | 1.40   | 0.79   | 0.33    | 0.27                          |

Excess Returns may reflect rounding differences. Information ratio and tracking error are not meaningful (NM) for periods less than 3 years. Data is presented on both a gross and net basis, where applicable. Gross metrics do not reflect the deduction of fees and other expenses to be borne by accounts using the Strategy, which will reduce returns and, in the aggregate, may be substantial. Additional performance information is available upon request. Please visit [www.pgimfixedincome.com](http://www.pgimfixedincome.com) for contact information.

PORTFOLIO HIGHLIGHTS<sup>2</sup>

## Sector Allocation (%)



## Representative Characteristics (%)

|                                  | Portfolio | Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index |
|----------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Effective Duration (yrs)</b>  | 5.85      | 5.90                           |
| <b>Effective Yield (%)</b>       | 5.06      | 4.54                           |
| <b>Spread (bps)</b>              | 76        | 34                             |
| <b>Average Coupon (%)</b>        | 3.84      | 3.56                           |
| <b>Average Quality (Moody's)</b> | Aa3       | Aa2                            |
| <b>Number of Issuers</b>         | 356       | 1831                           |

## Corporate Industry Allocation (%)

|                   | Portfolio | Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index |
|-------------------|-----------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Finance</b>    | 11.2      | 8.1                            |
| <b>Industrial</b> | 13.8      | 13.3                           |
| <b>Utility</b>    | 2.6       | 2.3                            |
| <b>Non Credit</b> | 2.4       | 3.2                            |

## Top 10 Industries (%)

|                                 |     |     |
|---------------------------------|-----|-----|
| <b>Banking</b>                  | 8.0 | 5.5 |
| <b>Non-US Govt Related</b>      | 2.4 | 3.2 |
| <b>Electric &amp; Water</b>     | 2.3 | 2.1 |
| <b>Energy - Midstream</b>       | 1.9 | 0.9 |
| <b>Telecom</b>                  | 1.6 | 1.0 |
| <b>Automotive</b>               | 1.5 | 0.6 |
| <b>Health Care &amp; Pharma</b> | 1.3 | 2.0 |
| <b>REIT</b>                     | 1.2 | 0.7 |
| <b>Technology</b>               | 1.1 | 2.3 |
| <b>Property &amp; Casualty</b>  | 0.9 | 0.5 |

Rating Distribution<sup>3,4</sup>(%)

|                  | Portfolio | Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index |
|------------------|-----------|--------------------------------|
| <b>AAA</b>       | 33.6      | 2.9                            |
| <b>AA</b>        | 35.3      | 73.7                           |
| <b>A</b>         | 12.3      | 11.4                           |
| <b>BBB</b>       | 17.7      | 11.9                           |
| <b>BB</b>        | 0.5       | 0.0                            |
| <b>B</b>         | 0.2       | 0.0                            |
| <b>Not Rated</b> | 0.2       | 0.0                            |

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## INVESTMENT COMMENTARY

### Markets

In Q2, the bull market for fixed income continued, mostly fueled by the simple accrual of yield itself as well as the incremental returns on spread products. Although geopolitical and U.S. policy dynamics have led to marked volatility, fixed income assets posted the best performance so far in 2025.

While the U.S. economy remains resilient, an airgap exists between the U.S. inflation prints of around 2.5% and the 2% target. Moreover, U.S. tariffs pose risks to the inflation outlook, with our base case assuming U.S. inflation will rise further above the target. As such, the Fed is expected to remain on hold for now, with two more 25 bps cuts over the next 12 months as the most likely outcome—slightly more hawkish than current market pricing.

Looking ahead, we expect to see intermittent bouts of volatility in credit spreads as events unfold. Nonetheless, the underlying durability of fundamentals, along with the favorable supply/demand balance in credit markets, suggest that spreads in the quarters ahead may remain towards the bottom end of their historical ranges, allowing further, albeit more modest outperformance by credit products. Thus, we remain focused on less cyclically sensitive segments such as high-quality structured products and carry-related instruments.

### Portfolio

Overall sector allocation contributed to performance during the period, with overweights to the AAA CLO and non-agency CMBS AAA sectors contributing the most. This was partially offset by an underweight to the U.S. investment grade corporate sector, which detracted.

Overall security selection detracted from performance, with selection in MBS and U.S. investment grade corporates detracting the most. Within credit, positioning in technology was the largest detractor from performance.

During the quarter, the Fund's yield curve positioning contributed to performance as the U.S. Treasury curve steepened. The Fund's duration positioning detracted.

## PORTFOLIO MANAGERS



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