# Global Total Return Strategy



## As of June 30, 2025

STRATEGY HIGHLIGHTS  Objective¹  To maximize excess returns versus the Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index over the long term.			
Target Sources of Excess Return	Security Selection     Market / Sector Allocation     Duration / Interest Rate / Currency	45% 35% 20%	

Inception Date	November 01, 2002
Strategy Assets	\$12.25 billion as of June 30, 2025
Benchmark	Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index

# **INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY & PROCESS**

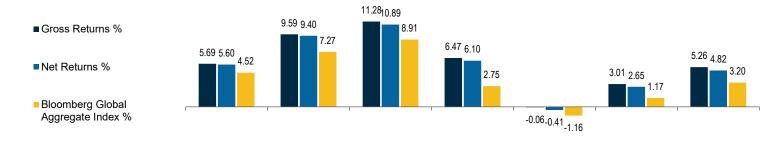
- The Strategy seeks highly diversified, sustainable sources of excess return across global fixed income sectors and currencies with an emphasis on managing downside risk. The Strategy's approach focuses on relative-value based country and sector allocation, research-based subsector and security selection, and duration, yield curve, and currency management. The Strategy favors the credit-oriented sectors, reflecting the Firm's significant research expertise.
- The Strategy invests in debt securities of developed and emerging foreign corporations and governments (including supranational organizations, semi-governmental entities, or government agencies); in investment-grade developed market mortgages and mortgage-related securities; and in developed and emerging short-term and long-term bank debt securities or bank deposits. We look mostly for investment-grade securities denominated in U.S. dollars or foreign currencies but may also invest a portion of assets in non-investment grade, high yield bonds. The Strategy may invest in derivatives to generate alpha and hedge risk exposures.
- The Strategy's philosophy is 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. This same research-based, relative-value oriented process is implemented across all multi-sector fixed income strategies managed by PGIM Fixed Income.
- The Strategy represents a culmination of our best ideas throughout the firm.
- We seek to capture several market inefficiencies when investing across the global fixed income markets.
  - We seek to anticipate both positive and negative economic and credit-related events before others do, through our large internal research staff.
  - To do so, we organize our macroeconomic, portfolio management and research teams by region/sector/ industry, fostering an in-depth knowledge of trends and individual companies, including ones not always followed closely by Wall Street.
  - We also seek to capitalize on currency dislocations and aberrations in yield curves using proprietary modeling.
  - We seek to capture inefficiencies driven by supply/demand and other technical factors, such
    as dislocations in spreads across different countries, sectors, industries, and even different
    maturity bonds, or bonds and loans, of the same issuer.

#### Top Down Risk Allocation

- Assess global appetite for risk to determine portfolio risk profile, leveraging firm's resources
- Asset Allocation Global Rates, FX, & Spread Sector Allocation
  - Determine country/ term structure, currency, and sector positioning
  - Ideas from sector specialists are emphasized
- 3 Security Selection & Relative Value
  - Bottom-up research-based approach
  - Sector specialists and research analysts aligned by sector/ industry
- Risk Management
  - Employ a rigorous process to tightly monitor risk at all levels
  - Use proprietary tools to verify performance achieved is appropriate for risk taken

Your capital is at risk and the value of investments can go down as well as up. No investment strategy or management technique can guarantee returns or eliminate risk in any market environment. Where overseas investments are held the rate of currency may cause the value of investments to fluctuate. Investments in emerging markets are by their nature higher risk and potentially more volatile than those inherent in some established markets. Non-USD securities are converted to USD using a spot rate conversion. ¹Gross target excess returns do not reflect the deduction of investment advisory fees and other expenses, which will reduce returns and may be substantial. Net target excess returns reflect the deduction of a model fee equal to the highest fee borne by a portfolio utilizing the strategy. Targets are shown for illustrative purposes only, are subject to change and are current as of the date of this presentation only. Targets are objectives and should not be construed as providing any assurance or guarantee as to the results that may be realized in the future from investments in any asset or asset class described herein. If any of the assumptions used do not prove to be true, results may vary substantially. Available for professional and institutional investors only. Please see the Notice for additional important disclosures regarding the information contained herein.

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



	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since Inception (01 Nov 2002)
Excess Returns - Gross (bps)	+118	+232	+237	+373	+110	+184	+205
Excess Returns - Net (bps)	+108	+213	+199	+336	+75	+148	+162
Tracking Error (%)	NM	NM	NM	1.57	2.66	3.35	3.86
Information Ratio (Gross)	NM	NM	NM	2.31	0.46	0.58	0.55
Information Ratio (Net)	NM	NM	NM	2.09	0.33	0.48	0.44

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 for contact information.

## PORTFOLIO HIGHLIGHTS<sup>2</sup>

# **Sector Allocation (%)** Non US Government ■ US Government Agencies Mortgages Non-Agency MBS ABS Non-US Govt Related CMBS ■ IG Corporates ■ High Yield ■ Bank Loan ■ Emerging Markets Municipals Swaps Other Cash & Equivalents

	Portfolio	Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index
US Government	4.4	18.3
Non US Government	9.8	26.6
Agencies	0.8	0.3
Mortgages	0.0	9.9
Non-Agency MBS	2.5	0.0
ABS	8.7	0.2
CMBS	4.8	0.6
IG Corporates	21.2	19.6
Non-US Govt Related	9.1	8.1
High Yield	7.2	0.1
Bank Loan	0.2	0.0
Emerging Markets	30.3	16.0
Municipals	0.0	0.3
Swaps	-1.4	0.0
Other	0.4	0.0
Cash & Equivalents	2.1	0.0
Total	100.0	100.0

# **Representative Characteristics (%)**

	Portfolio	Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index
Effective Duration (yrs)	6.47	6.38
Effective Yield (%)	4.60	3.50
Spread (bps)	145	34
Average Coupon (%)	3.70	2.91
Average Quality (Moody's)	A3	Aa3
Number of Issuers	411	3448

#### **Top 10 Country Allocation (%)**

	Portfolio	Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index
United States	34.2	39.8
European Union	5.3	0.0
United Kingdom	5.2	4.4
France	4.7	5.3
Greece	3.6	0.2
Italy	3.6	3.3
China	3.4	10.0
Mexico	3.0	0.5
Spain	3.0	2.4
Colombia	2.7	0.0

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

	Portfolio	Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index
AAA	10.9	12.0
AA	16.5	42.5
Α	20.0	26.7
BBB	27.9	14.1
BB	12.6	0.0
В	4.6	0.0
CCC & Below	0.8	0.0
Not Rated	4.6	4.7

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# INVESTMENT COMMENTARY Markets

The bull market for fixed income continued through Q2 2025. In contrast to the typical bull market where the dominant driver of returns consists of a wholesale drop in yields, this bull market continues to be mostly fueled by the simple accrual of yield itself as well as the incremental returns on spread products. Indeed, credit products have posted the best performance so far in 2025, with the riskier sectors, such as high yield and emerging market hard currency, posting the highest returns. Maturity has been another critical factor as longer maturities have underperformed, with U.S. and German T-bills producing the highest returns and the 10+ year maturity Treasury and bund markets delivering negative returns with high volatility.

Looking ahead, geopolitical risks and trade tensions are likely to remain high. Nonetheless, moderate growth and slowing inflation in major developed markets look set to continue, with Western central banks generally expected to hold or cut rates in the quarters ahead. In turn, this is likely to keep overall rate levels stable to lower, albeit with the potential for further yield curve steepening. On net, this backdrop of stable to falling rates should support the bond market overall.

Despite this benign outlook, 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.

### **Portfolio**

From a market perspective, having more risk, on average, over the period than the relevant benchmark contributed to results. The Fund's yield curve and duration positioning contributed to performance as the U.S. Treasury curve steepened.

Overall security selection contributed to performance, with selection in emerging market high yield, U.S. Treasuries, and emerging market investment grade bonds contributing the most. Overall sector allocation also contributed to performance, with overweights to the U.S. high yield corporate, and AAA CLO sectors, along with an underweight to the MBS sector, contributing the most.

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SUMMARY OF CERTAIN RISKS: High yield ("junk") bonds (up to 35%) are subject to greater credit and market risks; asset-backed securities are subject to greater credit risks; mortgage-related securities are subject to prepayment risks; short sales involve costs and the risk of potentially unlimited losses; leveraging techniques may magnify losses; derivative securities may carry market, credit, and liquidity risks; Fixed income investments are subject to interest rate risk, and their value will decline as interest rates rise. Diversification does not assure a profit or protect against loss in declining markets.

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