Strategic Bond Strategy

PGIM

As of December 31, 2025

STRATEGY HIGHLIGHTS

Objective[1]	To maximize excess returns versus the Bloomberg Intermediate U.S. Aggregate Index over the long term.	
Target Sources of Excess Return	• Market / Sector Allocation	50%
	• Security Selection	40%
	• Duration / Interest Rate / Currency	10%

Inception Date	September 01, 2015
Strategy Assets	$1.40 billion as of September 30, 2025
Benchmark	Bloomberg U.S. Intermediate Aggregate Index

INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY & PROCESS

- The Strategic Bond Strategy is an actively managed strategy that seeks to achieve positive returns by investing across a broad range of fixed income sectors, securities and derivatives.
- The Strategy combines "best ideas" from macro top-down and credit bottom-up teams across PGIM opportunistically using asset class and sector ideas to find alpha generating trades.
- Portfolio positioning at any given time is based on where we believe the most attractive risk-adjusted values lie across the investable universe.
- The Strategy is designed to provide flexibility to respond to changing market opportunities to both generate alpha and to mitigate downside risk, diversifying across individual issuers, industries and country positions.
- As for security selection, the Strategy takes take an actively-managed, relative-value driven approach. Within our corporate bond allocation, for example, we continually analyze various security relationships 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.
- As such, 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 our philosophy for managing Strategic Bond portfolios will be successful in the future because it is diversified—relying on several proven strategies rather than a single interest rate, term structure, or credit decision.
  - Two of these strategies—subsector rotation and fundamental security selection—are strategies that we believe are equally appropriate in strong and weak markets, although naturally the subsectors and securities chosen will vary given the economic and market environment.

1 Senior investment team assesses global market environment

- Economic Research
- Sector Analysis

2 Senior portfolio managers construct portfolio with sector specialist and analysts

Risk Budgeting

- Establish risk targets within client's risk budget
- Capture thresholds for systematic and idiosyncratic risks

Asset Allocation

- Determine risk, sector, and term structure positioning
- Incorporate themes given current market dynamics
- Ideas from sector specialists are emphasized

Security Selection

- Sector specialists and research analysts aligned by industry determine individual securities
- Research-based approach

3 Senior portfolio managers and risk manager oversee risk positions

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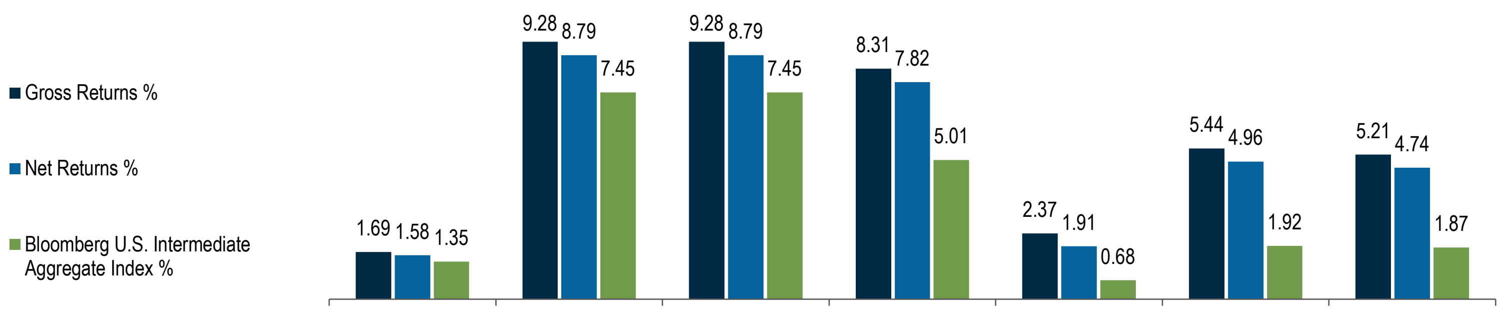
PERFORMANCE[1] | PERIODS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025

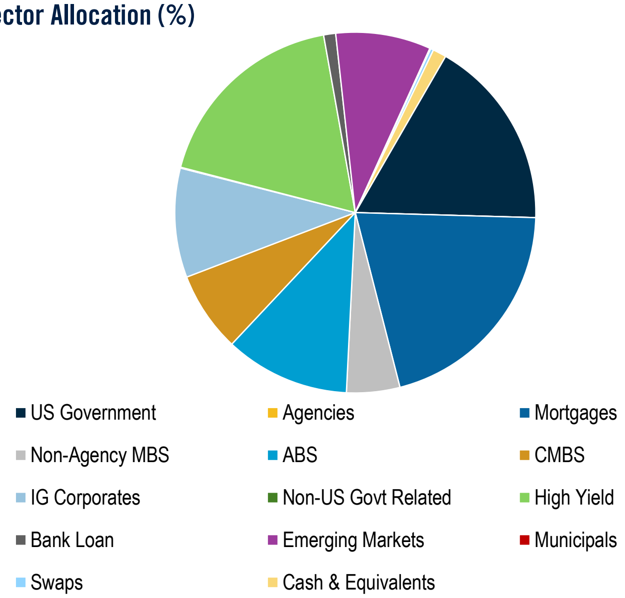


	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since Inception (01 Sep 2015)
Excess Returns - Gross (bps)	+34	+183	+183	+329	+169	+352	+334
Excess Returns - Net (bps)	+23	+134	+134	+280	+123	+304	+287
Tracking Error (%)	NM	NM	NM	1.42	2.37	5.03	5.03
Information Ratio (Gross)	NM	NM	NM	2.19	0.72	0.71	0.67
Information Ratio (Net)	NM	NM	NM	1.87	0.53	0.62	0.58

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.pgim.com for contact information.

PORTFOLIO HIGHLIGHTS[2]

Sector Allocation (%)



	Portfolio
US Government	17.1
Agencies	0.0
Mortgages	20.6
Non-Agency MBS	4.8
ABS	11.2
CMBS	7.2
IG Corporates	9.8
Non-US Govt Related	0.1
High Yield	18.1
Bank Loan	1.1
Emerging Markets	8.5
Municipals	0.1
Swaps	0.3
Cash & Equivalents	1.2
Total	**100.0**

Representative Characteristics (%)

	Portfolio
Effective Duration (yrs)	4.40
Effective Yield (%)	5.83
Spread (bps)	152
Average Coupon (%)	4.58
Average Quality (Moody's)	A2
Number of Issuers	384

Corporate Industry Allocation (%)

	Portfolio
Finance	8.2
Industrial	19.6
Utility	2.4
Non Credit	6.1
Top 10 Industries (%)	
Non-US Govt Related	6.1
Banking	5.8
Electric & Water	2.4
Telecom	2.1
Health Care & Pharma.	2.0
Retailers & Restaurants	1.6
Building Materials & Home Cons	1.6
Energy - Midstream	1.5
Gaming & Lodging & Leis.	1.5
Metals	1.2

Rating Distribution[3,4] (%)

	Portfolio
AAA	1.3
AA	46.7
A	6.5
BBB	10.6
BB	15.3
B	8.3
CCC & Below	2.5
Not Rated	7.5

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INVESTMENT COMMENTARY

Markets

Ongoing economic expansion, with moderate growth and inflation, kept yields generally high and range bound, and broad market benchmarks wrapped up their third calendar year of solid returns. In addition, U.S. Treasuries outperformed cash last year, partly due to a yield curve that steepened and turned positive.

On the monetary policy front, the Fed, torn between the conflicting signals of its dual mandate, will likely chart a patient path to the estimated neutral range of monetary policy (i.e., 3.0-3.25%) in 2026. While not our base case, the potential exists for the policy rate to decline towards a sub-neutral range of 2.0-2.5% in the second half of 2026.

With 2026 underway, a few factors are readily apparent across fixed income markets: the slow-going bull market remains in the sweet spot; attractive yield levels should continue to accrue into solid returns over the intermediate to longer term; and the unusual geopolitical backdrop and asynchronous central bank cycles should continue to create opportunities to add value through active management.

Portfolio

Overall security selection was the largest contributor to performance during the period, with selection in U.S. investment grade corporates, U.S. high yield corporates, and non-agency MBS contributing the most. This was partially offset by selection in emerging-market high yield bonds, GBP high yield corporates, and non-agency CMBS AA-and-below, which detracted the most.

Overall sector allocation also contributed, with overweights to the emerging-market high yield, and CLO AA, sectors, along with an underweight to the U.S. investment grade corporate sector contributing the most. This was partially offset by overweights to the U.S. high yield corporate and GBP high yield corporate sectors, along with an underweight to the MBS sector, which detracted.

Within credit, positioning in media & entertainment, gaming/lodging/leisure, and healthcare & pharmaceuticals, contributed the most to results. Positioning in telecom and cable & satellite detracted.

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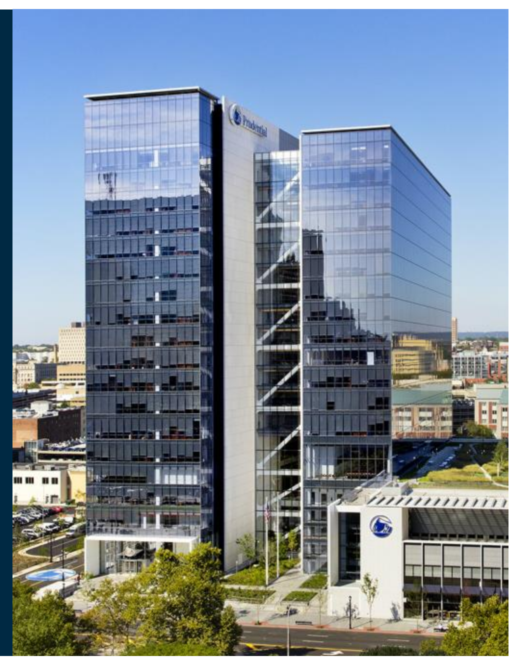

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