# **CORE PLUS INCOME FUND**

A flexible fixed income portfolio with a history of strong relative performance, designed to thrive in any environment.

### Overall Morningstar Rating<sup>™</sup>

★★★★★ Morningstar rated WCPBX 5, 5 and 5 stars, among 546, 505 and 357 Intermediate Core Plus-Bond funds for the 3-, 5- and 10-year periods

ended 9/30/2024, respectively.

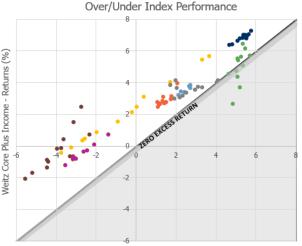


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### Strong Performance History

### **Differentiated Returns vs. the Index**

The Fund's active, flexible approach to fixed income investing has resulted in consistently differentiated returns versus the index. Since 2017, the Fund's monthly rolling 3-year performance has outperformed the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index (the Agg) **93.1% of the time.** 



Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond - Returns (%)

#### • 2017 • 2018 • 2019 • 2020 • 2021 • 2022 • 2023 • 2024

#### ■ Core Plus Income Fund-Institutional (WCPBX) Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index 20 11.98 11.57 10 3.48 2.77 1.84 0.71 0.33 0 -1.39 -10 1-Year 3-Year 5-Year 10-Year Morningstar Intermediate Core-Plus 72% (431/606) 3% (10/546) 2% (4/505) 3% (5/357) Bond Category Ranking Expense Ratio: 0.45% (net) / 0.52% (gross)

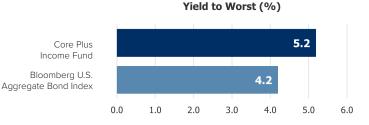
Distribution Yield: 5.25% | 30-Day SEC Yield: 5.06% (Subsidized) / 4.97% (Unsubsidized)

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### Favorable Yield to Worst (YTW) Profile

The Fund's YTW is well above that of the Agg.

A bond's YTW is a measure that helps investors assess the lowest potential yield they could receive from a bond and provides insight into potential downside risks. A bond fund's YTW is the weighted average YTW of the underlying bonds in the portfolio.

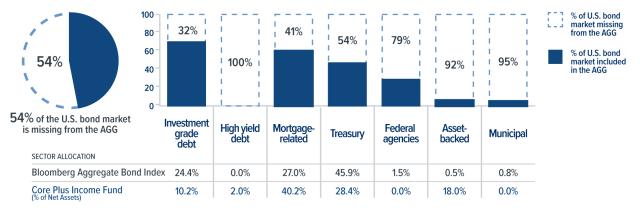


Average Annual Total Returns (%)

# Actively Managed & Flexible

### **Actively Opportunistic**

About half of the U.S. bond market is not represented by the Agg, and structured credit is notably underexplored. We search for opportunities across the *full* spectrum of the U.S. bond market, including areas outside the Agg (such as asset-backed securities) that we believe offer attractive relative value.

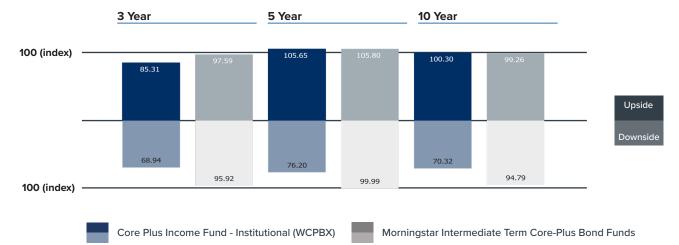


Source: SIFMA, Bloomberg. Market value of U.S. bond market relative to the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index is as of 09/30/2023. Fund and Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index sector allocation is as of 9/30/2024. \*High Yield Debt includes High Yield Corporates, Corporate Convertible Bonds and Non-Convertible Preferred Stocks. The Funds total high yield exposure as of 9/30/2024 is 4.0%.

### Durable in Up and Down Markets, Focus on Risk Management

#### Strong upside/downside capture

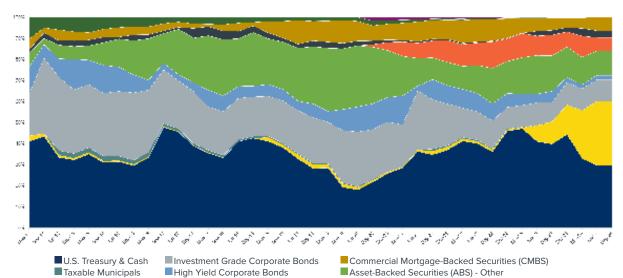
The Fund's upside capture and downside capture ratios have been strong compared to its peers, indicating favorable relative performance in both up and down markets. (An upside capture ratio over 100 occurs when the Fund has outperformed the index during periods of positive index returns, and a downside capture of less than 100 occurs when the Fund has outperformed the index during periods of negative index returns.)



Relative to the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index.

#### Adapts to any market environment

Fixed income markets can be inefficient. The Fund is built with the ability to advantageously move in and out of sectors more nimbly than its larger peers, and to take advantage of opportunities within high-yield investments. The chart below illustrates changes in the Fund's sector allocation over time.

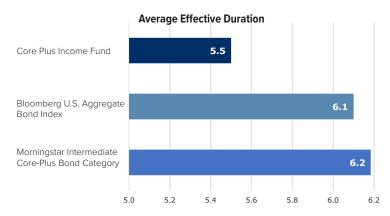


#### Fund Sector Allocation Over Time



Preferred Stocks

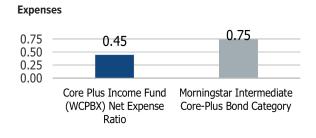
The Fund's lower duration positioning compared to both the Agg and the peer group category means it is less sensitive to shifts in interest rates. (By definition, a lower duration means less sensitivity to changes in interest rates, either up or down.)



#### **Lower Fees**

Non-Agency Mortgage Backed (RMBS) Corporate Collateralized Loan Obligations (CLOs)

With a net expense ratio below its Morningstar average, the Fund can offer benefits in environments where total returns are challenged.



The Fund's expense ratio is as of the most recent prospectus. Morningstar Category is as of 9/30/2024.

## Experienced Hands at the Wheel

Tom Carney, CFA, is an industry veteran with four decades of experience. He has been managing fixed income portfolios at Weitz since 1996, giving him a deep background in managing through multiple full market cycles. He has co-managed the Fund with Nolan Anderson since its inception in 2014.

Nolan Anderson's industry experience dates back to 2004, having previously served in the Wells Fargo Financial Sponsors Group and as a commercial real estate analyst for WoodmenLife. He has been part of the Weitz fixed income team since 2011.



Tom Carney, CFA

Nolan Anderson

#### Why Weitz Core Plus Income Fund?

- Active, flexible, high-conviction investment approach
- Diversified portfolio of high-quality bonds with an average duration of 3.5 to 7 years
- · Benchmark agnostic, casting a wider net in search of the best risk/reward opportunities
- LSEG Lipper Fund Awards US 2024 Winner, Best Core Plus Bond Fund Over 3 & 5 Years

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This material must be preceded or accompanied by a prospectus or summary prospectus.

Fund expenses, as stated in the most recent Prospectus. Investment results reflect applicable fees and expenses and assume all distributions are reinvested but do not reflect the deduction of taxes an investor would pay on distributions or share redemptions. The Fund has entered into a fee waiver and/or expense reimbursement arrangement with the Investment Advisor by which the Advisor has contractually agreed to waive a portion of the Advisor's fee and reimburse certain expenses (excluding taxes, interest, brokerage costs, acquired fund fees and expenses and extraordinary expenses) to limit the total annual fund operating expenses of the Fund's average daily net assets through 7/31/2025.

The gross expense ratio reflects the total annual operating expenses of the fund, before any fee waivers or reimbursements. The net expense ratio reflects the total annual operating expenses of the fund after taking into account any fee waiver and/or expense reimbursement. The net expense ratio represents what investors are ultimately charged to be invested in a mutual fund.

Holdings are subject to change and may not be representative of the Fund's current or future investments. Totals may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

Index performance is hypothetical and is shown for illustrative purposes only. You cannot invest directly in an index. The **Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index** is a broad-based benchmark that measures the investment grade, U.S. dollar-denominated, fixed-rate taxable bond market. The **Morningstar Intermediate Core-Plus Bond Category** portfolios invest primarily in investment-grade U.S. fixed-income issues including government, corporate, and securitized debt, but generally have greater flexibility than core offerings to hold non-core sectors such as corporate high yield, bank loan, emerging-markets debt, and non-U.S. currency exposures. Their durations (a measure of interest-rate sensitivity) typically range between 75% and 125% of the three-year average of the effective duration of the Morningstar Core Bond Index.

Definitions: Investment Grade Bonds are those securities rated at least BBB-. Non-Investment Grade Bonds are those securities (commonly referred to as "high yield" or "junk" bonds) rated BB+ and below. **30-Day SEC Yield** represents net investment income earned by a fund over a 30-day period, expressed as an annual percentage rate based on the fund's share price at the end of the 30-day period. Subsidized yield reflects fee waivers and/or expense reimbursements during the period. Without such fee waivers and/or expense reimbursements, if any; yields would have been lower. Unsubsidized yield does not adjust for any fee waivers and/or expense reimbursements in effect. Distribution Yield is the measurement of cash flow paid by a fund over a year. This rate does not represent the total return of a fund. Distributions may include income, short-term capital gains and long-term capital gains. The distribution is based on distributions made in the past and is therefore not reflective of the fund's current portfolio. Average Effective Duration provides a measure of a fund's interest-rate sensitivity. The longer a fund's duration, the more sensitive the fund is to shifts in interest rates. Upside Capture Ratio measures performance in up markets relative to the benchmark. Sharpe Ratio is a risk-adjusted performance statistic that measures reward per unit of risk. The higher the Sharpe ratio, the better a fund's risk adjusted performance. Yield to Worst (YTW) is the lowest potential yield that can be received on a bond portfolio without the issuers actually defaulting.

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Investors should consider carefully the investment objectives, risks, and charges and expenses of a fund before investing. This and other important information is contained in the prospectus and summary prospectus, which may be obtained at weitzinvestments.com or from a financial advisor. Please read the prospectus carefully before investing.