# **CORE PLUS INCOME FUND**

# Weitz | INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT

### LSEG Lipper Fund Awards

2024 Winner United States OVER 3 & 5 YEARS CORE PLUS BOND FUNDS CATEGORY

#### OVERALL MORNINGSTAR RATING™

Institutional Class



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Out of 561 Intermediate Core-Plus Bond funds based on risk adjusted returns.

#### **FUND OVERVIEW**

The primary investment objectives of the Core Plus Income Fund are current income and capital preservation. A secondary investment objective is long-term capital appreciation.

- Flexible, high-conviction portfolio
- Bottom-up driven, top-down aware
- Emphasis on downside risk management

#### MANAGEMENT TEAM

| Tom ( | Carney, | CFA® |
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Vice President, Co-Head of Fixed Income, Portfolio Manager

Joined Weitz in 1995 Fund Mgmt since 2014

#### Nolan Anderson

Vice President, Co-Head of Fixed Income, Portfolio Manager

Joined Weitz in 2011 Fund Mgmt since 2014

#### **FUND ASSETS**

\$2.1 Billion

#### **DIVIDEND/CAPITAL GAIN FREQUENCY**

Declared Daily/ Paid Monthly

#### **FUND FACTS**

#### INSTITUTIONAL CLASS

 Ticker:
 WCPBX

 CUSIP:
 94904P831

 Inception Date:
 July 31, 2014

 Expense Ratio:
 0.52% (gross)

 0.45% (net)

#### **INVESTOR CLASS**

 Ticker:
 WCPNX

 CUSIP:
 94904P823

 Inception Date:
 July 31, 2014

 Expense Ratio:
 0.79% (gross)

 0.65% (net)

| ASSET ALLOCATION (% of net assets) |      |
|------------------------------------|------|
| Bonds                              | 98.0 |
| Cash Equivalent/Other              | 2.0  |

#### FIXED INCOME BREAKDOWN (% of net assets) Bloomberg U.S. Agg Bond Fund Mortgage-Backed 30.3 25.7 Securities U.S. Treasury / Government /Government Related 28.9 47.0 Asset-Backed Securities 20.7 0.5 Corporate Bonds 12.8 24.6 Commercial Mortgage-5.2 1.6 **Backed Securities** Corporate Convertible 0.1 0.0 Municipal Bonds 0.0 0.8

| CHARACTERISTICS               |      |                                     |
|-------------------------------|------|-------------------------------------|
|                               | Fund | Bloomberg<br>U.S. Agg Bond<br>Index |
| Avg. Effective Maturity (yrs) | 9.5  | 8.4                                 |
| Avg. Effective Duration (yrs) | 5.6  | 6.1                                 |
| Yield to Maturity (%)         | 5.9  | 5.0                                 |
| Yield to Worst (%)            | 5.9  | 5.0                                 |
| Average Coupon (%)            | 5.3  | 3.3                                 |
| No. of Fixed Income Issuers   | 229  | 13,530                              |
| Annual Turnover (%)           | 11   | -                                   |

| FIVE LARGEST CORPORATE BOND ISSUERS |     |
|-------------------------------------|-----|
| (% of net assets)                   |     |
| STORE Capital Corp.                 | 0.7 |
| Owl Rock Core Income Corp.          | 0.6 |
| Agree, LP                           | 0.5 |
| Essential Properties LP             | 0.4 |
| EPR Properties                      | 0.4 |

| CREDIT QUALITY (% of portfolio) |      |                                     |
|---------------------------------|------|-------------------------------------|
|                                 | Fund | Bloomberg<br>U.S. Agg Bond<br>Index |
| U.S. Treasury                   | 29.3 | 43.0                                |
| U.S. Government Agency<br>MBS   | 26.7 | 23.7                                |
| AAA                             | 7.3  | 3.3                                 |
| AA                              | 6.3  | 3.5                                 |
| A                               | 10.4 | 11.5                                |
| BBB                             | 15.6 | 11.8                                |
| BB                              | 2.7  | 0.6                                 |
| В                               | 0.9  | 0.0                                 |
| CCC                             | 0.1  | 0.0                                 |
| Not Rated                       | 0.1  | 2.8                                 |
| Cash Equivalents                | 0.7  | 0.0                                 |

| DURATION DISTRIBUTION (% of portfolio) |      |
|--|------|
| 0 - 1 Years                            | 18.4 |
| 1 - 3 Years                            | 12.3 |
| 3 - 5 Years                            | 31.6 |
| 5 - 7 Years                            | 12.9 |
| 7 - 10 Years                           | 2.5  |
| 10 Years or more                       | 22.4 |

| MATURITY DISTRIBUTION (% of portfolio) |      |
|--|------|
| Cash Equivalents                       | 0.7  |
| Less than 1 Year                       | 5.6  |
| 1-3 Years                              | 7.3  |
| 3 - 5 Years                            | 12.3 |
| 5 - 7 Years                            | 8.8  |
| 7 - 10 Years                           | 32.8 |
| 10 Years or more                       | 32.4 |

#### All data is as of 6/30/2024 unless otherwise indicated.

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

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.

Credit ratings are assigned to underlying securities utilizing ratings from a Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organization (NRSRO) such as Moody's and Fitch, or other rating agencies and applying the following hierarchy: security is determined to be Investment Grade if it has been rated at least BBB- by one credit rating agency; once determined to be Investment Grade (BBB- and above) or Non-Investment Grade (BBB- and below) where multiple ratings are available, then the lowest rating is assigned. Mortgage-related securities issued and guaranteed by government-sponsored agencies such as Fannie Mae and Freedie Mac are generally not rated by rating agencies. Securities that are not rated do not necessarily indicate low quality. Ratings are shown in the Fitch scale (e.g., AAA). Ratings and portfolio credit quality may change over time. The Fund itself has not been rated by a credit rating agency.

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.

## **CORE PLUS INCOME FUND**



| RETURNS (%)                   |               |       |      |       |       |      |                    |
|-------------------------------|---------------|-------|------|-------|-------|------|--------------------|
|                               | TOTAL RETURNS |       |      |       |       |      | Since<br>Inception |
|                               | QTR           | YTD   | 1-YR | 3-YR  | 5-YR  | 7-YR | (7/31/2014)        |
| WCPBX Institutional Class     | 0.66          | 0.94  | 4.31 | -0.79 | 2.23  | 2.70 | 3.00               |
| WCPNX Investor Class          | 0.64          | 0.91  | 4.22 | -0.84 | 2.14  | 2.57 | 2.85               |
| Bloomberg U.S. Agg Bond Index | 0.07          | -0.71 | 2.63 | -3.02 | -0.23 | 0.86 | 1.38               |

| YIELDS (9 | 6)         |              |              |
|-----------|------------|--------------|--------------|
|           | 30-DAY     | SEC YIELD    | Distribution |
|           | Subsidized | Unsubsidized | Yield        |
| WCPBX     | 5.52       | 5.44         | 5.39         |
| WCPNX     | 5.42       | 5.27         | 5.29         |

| ROWTH OF \$10,000 SINCE FUND INCEPT  WCPBX Institutional Class \$13,403 | Bloomberg U.S. Agg Bond Index \$11,460 |       |
|---|--|-------|
|   | s                                      | 16,00 |
|   |  | 14,0  |
|   |  | 12,0  |
|   | s                                      | 10,0  |
| 01/15 01/16 01/17 01/18   | 01/19 01/20 01/21 01/22 01/23 01/24 s  | 8,00  |

| VOLATILITY MEASURES (5-Year %)            |        |
|---|--------|
| WCPBX (vs. Bloomberg U.S. Agg Bond Index) |        |
| R-Squared                                 | 73.54  |
| Beta                                      | 0.83   |
| Alpha                                     | 2.44   |
| Upside Capture Ratio                      | 105.81 |
| Downside Capture Ratio                    | 76.03  |
| Standard Deviation                        | 6.02   |
| Sharpe Ratio                              | 0.03   |
|   |        |

| CALENDAR YEAR RETURNS (%)     |      |        |       |       |      |      |      |      |      |                         |
|-------------------------------|------|--------|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|-------------------------|
|                               | 2023 | 2022   | 2021  | 2020  | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | <b>2014</b> (7/31/2014) |
| WCPBX Institutional Class     | 7.05 | -9.84  | 1.68  | 10.32 | 7.58 | 1.68 | 3.03 | 7.32 | 0.21 | 1.17                    |
| WCPNX Investor Class          | 6.95 | -9.93  | 1.60  | 10.19 | 7.39 | 1.48 | 2.83 | 7.11 | 0.01 | 1.08                    |
| Bloomberg U.S. Agg Bond Index | 5.53 | -13.01 | -1.54 | 7.51  | 8.72 | 0.01 | 3.54 | 2.65 | 0.55 | 0.09                    |

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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. Results also include the effect of a fee waiver and/or expense reimbursement arrangement. If this arrangement had not been in place, the performance results would have been lower.

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.

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 yield is calculated by dividing the sum of all distributions paid by the fund over the trailing 12 months by the fund's NAV as of the date of the period presented. This calculation 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. Average Effective Maturity is a measure of maturity that takes into account the possibility that a bond might be called back by the issuer. Yield to Maturity (YTM) is the total return anticipated on a bond portfolio without the issuers actually defaulting. Average Coupon is the weighted average coupon rate of each bond in the portfolio. R-Squared is a measure that represents the percentage of a portfolio's movements that can be explained by movements in a benchmark. Beta measures volatility in relation to the fund's benchmark. Alpha measures that represents the percentage of portfolio's portfolio of risk as measure by beta. Upside Capture Ratio measures perform

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