

#### A DISCIPLINED VALUE ORIENTED APPROACH TO CAPITAL PRESERVATION

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# **Inception Date**

July 1, 2005

# **Strategy Statistics**

As of 12.31.2024

Benchmark	Bloomberg U.S. Agg. Index
Range of Holdings (Issuers)	70-85
Annualized Turnover	22.8%
Firm Assets	\$12.3B
Product Assets	\$424M
Source: Chartwell	

## Investment Philosophy

Chartwell's approach to investing is grounded in fundamental research. We believe we can provide excess returns by investing in credits we have thoroughly researched and understand. As bond investors, we think there are three risks when investing in credit: business risk, liquidity risk, and covenant risk. Our goal is to fully understand these risks and then apply relative value screens as well as a top-down macro-overlay to identify favorable investment opportunities.

#### Strategy Overview

- The Core Plus strategy's benchmark is the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index.
- This strategy invests across a number of asset classes including, but not limited to: High-Grade and High Yield Corporate Credit, Mortgage-Backed Securities (MBS), Asset Backed Securities (ABS), Commercial Mortgage Backed Securities (CMBS), Agencies, Treasuries, and Treasury Inflation Protected Securities (TIPS).
- Asset allocation is active and asset class exposures can vary over intermediate time periods.
- Duration will reside between 60%-120% of the U.S. Aggregate Index.

#### **INVESTMENT PROCESS**

#### Credit Research

On average, each of our analysts are actively following 30-40 credits. This pool of companies is where we draw corporate credit exposure from and how we believe we can generate much of our alpha.

#### Where do we see value?

The team analyzes different asset classes to discern where relative value lies. Within these asset classes, the team reviews individual securities and compares them to similar securities to uncover the optimal relative value.

# Where Are We in the Economic Cycle?

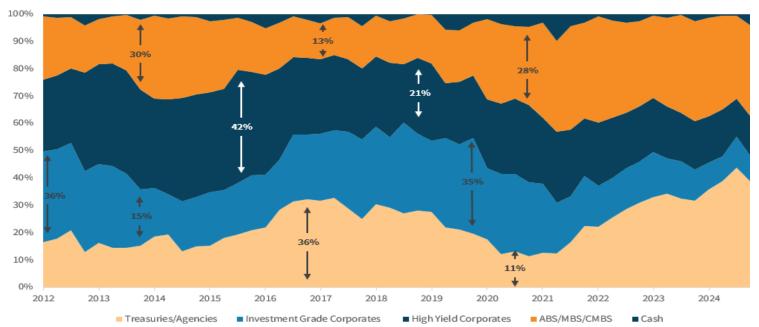
The purchase of a certain asset class or security must make sense within the context of our economic outlook. Understanding where we are in the economic cycle helps guide our asset allocation as well as the duration exposure for the portfolio.

#### **Risk Analysis**

A constant question we ask ourselves is, "Where are we wrong?" This applies to individual credits, but also to asset class exposure, duration, convexity, as well as certain quality metrics. Limiting downside exposure is a key factor in our decision-making process and is a large reason why we have maintained a beta below 1.0 while historically producing excess returns against the Index.

#### Historical Sector Breakdown

As of 12.31.2024

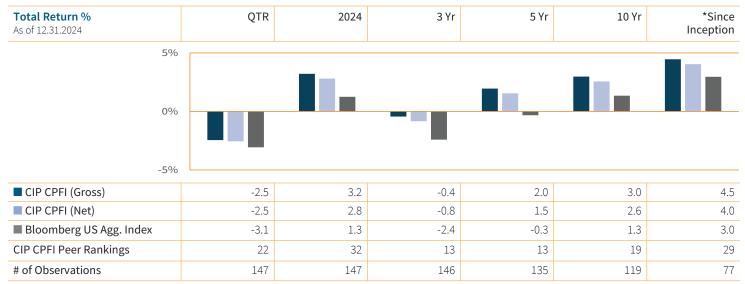


Source: Chartwell, Bloomberg

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#### Performance



\*The Chartwell Core Plus Fixed Income Strategy incepted on July 1, 2005. Returns 1 year + annualized.
Past performance is not a guarantee of future results. The calculation of the performance data includes reinvestment of all income and gains and is depicted on a time-weighted and size-weighted average for the entire period. Calculations include reinvestment of all income and gains. Performance is shown before (gross) and after (net) the deduction of both management fees and transaction costs. The net returns reflect the application of the highest institutional account management fee of 0.40% annum.
Universe: eVestment US Core Plus Fixed Income

Source: Chartwell, eVestment Alliance Ranking within eVestment US Core Plus Fixed Income universe based on monthly returns gross of fees. Ranking data calculated on 01.28.2025 (as of 12.31.2024) and is subject to change as additional firms within the category submit data. Chartwell pays an annual fee to eVestment to access their platform and to use their data, including peer group rankings, in marketing materials. Chartwell does not pay for the ranking. Bloomberg Fixed Income Indices (the "Indices") are trademarks or service marks of Bloomberg Finance L.P. Bloomberg Finance L.P. and its affiliates, including Bloomberg Index Services Limited, the administrator of the Indices (collectively, "Bloomberg") or Bloomberg's licensors own all proprietary rights in the Indices. Bloomberg does not guarantee the timeliness, accuracy or completeness of any data or information relating to the Indices.

# **Holdings-Based Statistics**

As of 12.31.2024

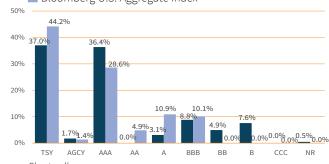
	Chartwell CPFI	Bloomberg Agg
Average Coupon	3.65%	3.40%
Current Yield	4.06%	3.78%
Yield to Worst	5.55%	4.90%
Average Maturity	8.69 yrs.	8.31 yrs.
Effective Duration	6.48 yrs.	6.02 yrs.
Average Quality	Aa3	Aa2
Carrage Classification		

Source: Chartwell

# **Quality Comparison**

As of 12.31.2024

Chartwell Core Plus Fixed Income ■ Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index



Source: Chartwell Chart shows percentage owned in quality of bond investments.

# Beta and Annualized Alpha

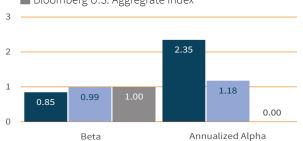
5 Years as of 12.31.2024

Source: eVestment

Chartwell Core Plus Fixed Income

eVestment U.S. Core Plus Fixed Income - Median

■ Bloomberg U.S. Aggregrate Index



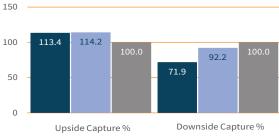
# Upmarket / Downmarket Performance

5 Years as of 12.31.2024

■ Chartwell Core Plus Fixed Income

eVestment U.S. Core Plus Fixed Income - Median

■ Bloomberg U.S. Aggregrate Index



Source: eVestment



#### Calendar Year Total Return %

As of 12.31.2024	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Gross Return	3.2	8.1	-11.5	2.8	8.6	11.2	0.0	4.4	6.4	-1.6
Net Return	2.8	7.6	-11.9	2.3	8.2	10.8	-0.4	4.0	6.0	-1.9
Bloomberg Agg. Index	1.3	5.5	-13.0	-1.5	7.5	8.7	0.0	3.5	2.6	0.5

Source: Chartwell

### Outperformed Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index

3 Year Rolling 01.01.2010 - 12.31.2024			
Gross	Net		
46 out of 49 times	43 out of 49 times		

5 Year Rolling 01.01.2010 - 12.31.2024			
Gross	Net		
39 out of 41 times	39 out of 41 times		

Source: eVestment Alliance through annual subscription Chartwell compensates eVestment Alliance in connection with obtaining or using the third-party rating.
Universe: eVestment US Core Plus Fixed Income Peer ranking is calculated using 49 peer observations for 3-year rolling and 41 peer observations for 5-year rolling performance over a 15-year time period.

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Risk Considerations: Historically, bonds have indeed provided less volatility and less risk of loss of capital than has equity investing. However, there are many factors which may affect the risk and return profile of a fixedincome portfolio. The two most prominent factors are interest-rate movements and the creditworthiness of the bond issuer. Generally, when interest rates rise, bond prices fall and when interest rates fall, bond prices generally rise. The risk of a change in the market value of the investment due to changes in interest rates is known as interest-rate risk. Interest-rate risk is subject to many variables but may be analyzed based on various data (e.g., effective duration). The risk that the issuer may default on interest and/ or principal payments is often referred to as credit risk. Credit risk is typically measured by ratings issued by ratings agencies such as Moody's and Standard & Poor's. A credit rating of a security is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold the security and may be subject to review, revision, suspension, reduction or withdrawal at any time by the assigning Rating Agency. Ratings and insurance do not remove market risk since they do not guarantee the market value of the bond. Bonds issued by the U.S. Government have significantly less risk of default than those issued by corporations and municipalities. However, the overall return on Government bonds tends to be less than these other types of fixed-income securities. Finally, reinvestment risk is the possibility that the proceeds of a maturing investment must be invested in a lower yielding security, all other things held constant, due to changes in the interest-rate environment. Investors should pay careful attention to the types of fixed-income securities which comprise their portfolio, and remember that, as with all investments, there is the risk of the loss of capital. Mortgage-backed securities is of scheduled and unscheduled principal payments as homeowners pay down or dollars to invest at lower rates.

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