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Objective

Seeks to consistently outperform the Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index while maintaining a comparable level of risk

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Benchmark

Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index

Strategy Inception

January 1, 2009

Strategy Assets

\$ 1,493.4M

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Core Plus Fixed Income

Highlights

- Invests primarily in US dollar-denominated investment grade securities including corporate bonds, mortgage-backed securities (MBS), US Treasuries, asset-backed securities (ABS), and to a lesser extent, below investment grade corporate bonds and sovereigns
- Focuses primarily on sector selection and security selection, and to a lesser extent, yield curve structure
- Typically invests in investment grade securities (BBB- and above); however, the strategy has flexibility to invest up to 20% in below investment grade securities at the time of purchase
- Targets a duration typically less than +/- 0.5 year of the Index

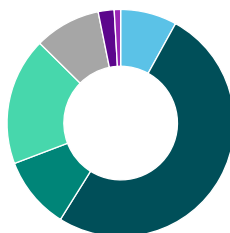
Performance (%)	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since Inception
Composite (Gross)	1.71	4.36	7.01	4.30	0.66	3.05	5.64
Composite (Net)	1.63	4.21	6.69	3.99	0.36	2.75	5.32
Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index	1.21	4.02	6.08	2.55	-0.73	1.76	2.75
Excess Return vs. Benchmark (Gross)	+0.50	+0.34	+0.94	+1.76	+1.38	+1.30	+2.89

Risk Characteristics

Alpha (%)	1.17	1.67	1.44	1.26	2.79
Information Ratio	1.09	2.22	1.39	0.78	1.23
Sharpe Ratio	0.45	-0.06	-0.33	0.19	0.87

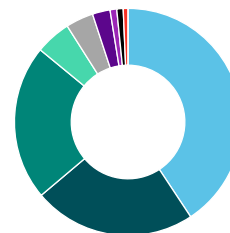
Returns greater than one year are annualized. Inception: January 1, 2009. Please refer to the following page for additional results, notes and fee information, which are integral parts of this performance presentation. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. See section 5 on page 2 for a full benchmark description. Risk Characteristics based on gross performance. Calculated without the deduction of fees and expenses. Investments involve varying degrees of risk and may lose value.

Credit Quality (%)



	Portfolio	Benchmark
AAA	8.03	3.31
AA	50.86	73.16
A	10.33	11.40
BBB	18.17	12.14
BB	9.43	0.00
B	2.27	0.00
Cash	0.91	0.00

Sector Positioning (%)



	Portfolio	Benchmark
Corporate	40.71	24.06
Agency RMBS	23.13	24.49
US Treasuries	22.11	45.23
ABS	5.06	0.45
Bank Loans	3.93	0.00
Non-Agency CMBS	2.52	0.74
Non-Agency RMBS	0.95	0.00
Cash	0.91	0.00
US Agency	0.68	0.63
Other	0.00	4.40

Portfolio Characteristics

	Portfolio	Benchmark
Number of Issuers	219	2,242
Average Rating (Moody's/S&P)	A1/A+	Aa2/AA
Effective Duration (years)	5.89	5.90
OAS (bps)	88	34
Yield to Worst (%)	5.20	4.54

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2. Firm Definition

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3. Description and Inclusion/Exclusion Policy of the Composite

The Core Plus Fixed Income Composite includes all segregated and pooled portfolios that have an investment objective to maximize total return through positions in US dollar-denominated investment grade corporate bonds with broad flexibility to invest in other security types including high yield debt securities, government securities, ABS, CMBS, MBS, corporate loans, preferred stocks and credit derivatives. In addition, portfolios can include non-US securities. Portfolios may use derivatives for hedging and non-hedging purposes, without limitation. Composite creation and inception dates were 1 Jan 2009.

4. Calculation Methodology

The Core Plus Fixed Income Composite results are time-weighted rates of return net of commissions and transactions costs, and have been presented both gross and net of investment advisory fees. The reporting currency is the US dollar. All rates of return presented are calculated gross of foreign withholding tax. PPM consistently values all portfolios each day on a trade-date basis and recognizes

income on an accrual basis. Monthly returns are calculated by linking the daily returns through compounded multiplication. Monthly composite returns are calculated by weighting each portfolio's monthly return by its beginning market value as a percent of the total composite beginning market value. Quarterly composite returns are calculated by linking the monthly composite returns through compounded multiplication. Annual returns are calculated by linking the monthly returns through compounded multiplication. Cumulative rates of return for multiyear periods are calculated by compounding the annual rates of return within such periods. The annualized rate of return is equivalent to the annual rate of return, which if earned in each year of the indicated multiyear period, would produce the actual cumulative rate of return over the time period. Gross monthly composite returns are calculated excluding all management, administrative, and incentive fees. Net monthly returns are calculated by subtracting the highest monthly advisory fee rate, as reflected in the Model Fee Schedule on note 6, from the gross monthly composite return. Quarterly and annual net composite returns are calculated by linking the monthly net of fee returns as described previously. Fee rates used in the net of fee calculation may not represent actual fees incurred by all accounts in the composite. Standard deviation is a measure of variability, which is often used in the investment industry as an indicator of risk. The asset-weighted standard deviation of annual account gross returns within the composite is calculated from the measurements of variance from the asset-weighted mean annual account gross return. Assuming "normal" distribution of returns, plus or minus one standard deviation from the weighted mean return would encompass 68% of all possible outcomes. Only portfolios that have been managed for the full year are included in the standard deviation calculation for that year. The three-year annualized ex-post standard deviation measures the variability of the composite (using gross returns) and the benchmark returns over the preceding 36-month period. It is not required to be presented for annual periods prior to 2011 or when 36 monthly composite returns are not yet available. The internal dispersion of annual returns is measured by the asset-weighted deviation of the annual gross returns of those accounts in the composite for a full year. Policies for valuing investments, calculating performance, and preparing GIPS Reports are available upon request.

5. Comparison with Market Index

The Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index provides a broad measure of US investment grade, US dollar-denominated fixed rate bonds. It includes Treasuries, government-rated issues, corporate bonds, MBS, CMBS and ABS securities. Benchmark returns are not covered by the report of independent verifiers. The returns for this unmanaged index do not include any transaction costs, management fees, or other costs.

6. Other

No alteration of the composite as presented has occurred because of changes in personnel or other related reasons at any time. Leverage has not been used in the portfolios included within the composite. No non-fee paying portfolios are included in the composite. There has been no linkage with simulated portfolios. Net of fees returns are calculated using the Model Fee Schedule below. In May 2023, the model fee was revised to 0.30% and net of fees returns were recalculated since inception to reflect this fee schedule. Additional information is available upon request. GIPS® is a registered trademark of CFA Institute. CFA Institute does not endorse or promote this organization, nor does it warrant the accuracy or quality of the content contained herein.

Model Fee Schedule for Core Plus Fixed Income Accounts:

All Accounts 0.30%

Fees may be negotiated in lieu of the model fee schedule.

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
PPM America Rate of Return (%; Gross)	2.88	7.52	-13.39	-0.37	10.71	10.95	-0.45	5.10	6.51	-0.32
PPM America Rate of Return (%; Net)	2.57	7.19	-13.65	-0.67	10.37	10.61	-0.75	4.78	6.19	-0.62
Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index (%)	1.25	5.53	-13.01	-1.54	7.51	8.72	0.01	3.54	2.65	0.55
Composite Standard Deviation (%; 3Y Ann.)	8.16	7.62	6.65	4.08	4.00	2.58	2.69	2.88	3.26	3.45
Benchmark Standard Deviation (%; 3Y Ann.)	7.72	7.14	5.77	3.35	3.36	2.87	2.84	2.78	2.98	2.88
Number of Portfolios	5/Fewer	5/Fewer	5/Fewer	5/Fewer	5/Fewer	5/Fewer	5/Fewer	5/Fewer	5/Fewer	5/Fewer
Asset WTD Standard Deviation										
Composite Assets (\$M)	1,558.9	1,821.9	1,451.0	2,130.6	2,163.3	1,613.3	1,326.9	1,318.5	1,186.5	1,094.4
Total Firm Assets (\$M)	61,510.7	59,846.3	58,553.9	66,885.4	92,580.1	115,467.0	104,649.3	99,963.3	97,924.0	96,842.2