# Voya Core Plus Fixed Income SMA

## Strategy-at-a-glance

| Objective <sup>1</sup> | Seeks to outperform the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index |
|------------------------|--|
| Inception Date         | 07/01/20   |
| Benchmark              | Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index                    |

<sup>1</sup> There is no guarantee that this objective will be achieved.

## Strategy overview

A total return approach, investing across full spectrum of the fixed income market including up to 20% in below investment grade securities.

## Investment philosophy

We believe market complexity, investor segmentation and the inefficiencies of fixed income markets create a rich opportunity set to invest across a broad fixed income universe to generate outperformance.

The following key beliefs underpin our investment philosophy:

- Security selection is a significant driver of risk and returns
- Nimble sector and sub-sector allocations capture relative value
- Risk management is critical throughout the entire investment process

## Investment process

Supported by a seasoned team of fixed income professionals, our three-step process leverages the collective insights from across Voya's Fixed Income platform, incorporating both top-down and bottom-up research insights. First, our asset allocation committee deliberates and prioritizes investment themes impacting fixed income markets, resulting in unencumbered sector views and overall risk posturing. Next, the Head of Global Rates & Macro, the Head of Fixed Income Research, and the Head of Multi-Sector Portfolio Management then builds a model portfolio, incorporating client guidelines and objectives. Finally, individual sector teams are then responsible for identifying and trading specific bonds.

## Portfolio details

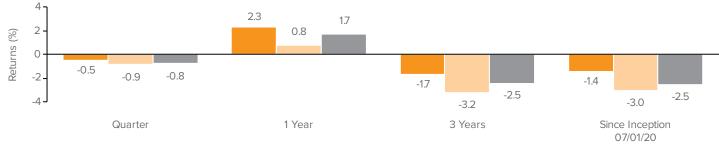
The strategy invests across primarily U.S. fixed income universe via individual securities and completion vehicles. Sectors include investment grade corporates, U.S. Treasuries and agencies, senior bank loans, securitized credit, agency mortgages, and emerging market debt.

- Typical number of bonds: 10-40
- Individual bonds: BBB- at time of purchase
- Maximum 50% total allocation to completion vehicles; typically used to gain diversified exposure to less accessible sectors, including senior loans, emerging markets debt, and securitized assets
- Maximum 20% total allocation to below investment grade corporates



## Performance

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Gross Net Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index

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#### https://institutional.voya.com/document/product/gips.pptx.

Past performance does not guarantee future results. "Gross Returns" are presented before the deduction of transaction costs and should be used as Supplemental Information only. "Net Returns" are calculated by subtracting a hypothetical maximum total wrap fee (estimated at 1.50% per annum) from the monthly "pure" gross-of-fee returns. For periods from January 2007 to June 2021 the hypothetical maximum fee was 2.00% per annum. The total wrap fee includes transaction costs, portfolio management, investment advisory, custodial and other administrative costs. Wrap fees vary amongst brokerage firms and may be negotiated based on account size and other factors. The hypothetical maximum total wrap fee used is deemed to be the maximum fee charged to any composite account but we cannot guarantee accuracy. More information about fees can be found in the Form ADV Part II of Voya Investment Management Co.

# Portfolio highlights

Not Rated

| Returns-Based Characteristics (3 years ending 03/31/24) | Composite | Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate<br>Bond Index |
|---|-----------|--|
| Standard Deviation (%)                                  | 6.89      | 7.14                                   |
| Tracking Error (%)                                      | 0.83      | -                                      |
| Information Ratio                                       | 0.94      | —                                      |
| Alpha (annualized %)                                    | 0.57      | -                                      |
| Beta  | 0.96      | 1.00                                   |
| R-Squared   | 0.99      | 1.00                                   |
| Sharpe Ratio  | -0.64     | -0.72                                  |

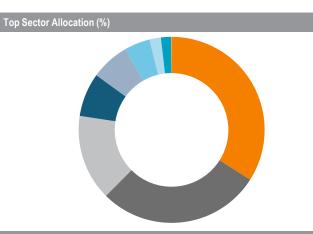
| Portfolio Characteristics         | Portfolio | Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate<br>Bond Index |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|--|
| Average Coupon                    | 2.59      | 3.28                                   |
| Effective Duration (Yrs.)         | 6.02      | 6.05                                   |
| Modified Duration-to-Worst (Yrs.) | 6.14      | 6.11                                   |
| Average Quality                   | A+        | AA                                     |
| Yield-to-Maturity (%)             | 5.53      | 4.85                                   |
| Current Yield (%)                 | 3.28      | _                                      |

| Credit Quality (%)                        | Portfolio | Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate<br>Bond Index |
|---|-----------|--|
| Treasuries/Cash                           | 28.47     | 42.08                                  |
| AAA                                       | 3.98      | 3.55                                   |
| AA  | 23.50     | 29.84                                  |
| A   | 20.30     | 11.95                                  |
| BBB                                       | 13.66     | 12.55                                  |
| BB  | 4.00      | 0.00                                   |
| В   | 3.97      | 0.00                                   |
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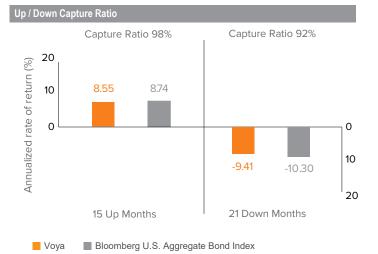
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| Top Ten Credit Exposures (%)       | Portfolio |
|------------------------------------|-----------|
| PFIZER INVESTMENT ENTERPRISES PTE. | 2.12      |
| COMCAST CORPORATION                | 2.12      |
| MCDONALD S CORP                    | 2.09      |
| WALMART INC                        | 2.08      |
| CITIGROUP INC                      | 1.99      |
| ORACLE CORP                        | 1.98      |
| VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC         | 1.92      |
| MICROSOFT CORP                     | 1.90      |
| EXXON MOBIL CORP                   | 1.90      |
| CVS HEALTH CORP                    | 1.88      |



|                                       | Portfolio | Index |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|-------|
| IG Corporates                         | 33.99     | 24.76 |
| US Treasury & Cash                    | 28.47     | 42.12 |
| Other                                 | 14.95     | 0.00  |
| Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities | 7.59      | 1.63  |
| Non-Agency RMBS and SF CRT            | 6.67      | 0.00  |
| Asset-Backed Securities               | 4.50      | 0.50  |
| Emerging Markets                      | 1.97      | 1.35  |
| HY Corporates                         | 1.78      | 0.01  |
| Bank Loans                            | 0.06      | 0.00  |
| Agency Mortgages                      | 0.00      | 25.86 |



Current Yield is income earned over the previous 12 months divided by the current market price.

Credit Quality is calculated based on S&P, Moody's and Fitch ratings. If the ratings from all 3 rating agencies are available, securities will be assigned the median rating based on the numerical equivalents. If the ratings are available from only two of the agencies, the more conservative of the ratings will be assigned to the security. If the rating is available from only one agency, then that rating will be used. Any security is not rated by S&P, Moody's, or Fitch is placed in the NR (Not Rated) category. Internal ratings will not be used for any security. Ratings are subject to change. Ratings are a measure of quality and safety of a bond based on the financial condition of the issuer. Generally accepted, AAA is the highest grade (best) to D which is the lowest (worst).

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# Portfolio managers

## Rajen Jadav, CFA

Portfolio Manager Years of experience: 27 Years with firm: 5

## Sean Banai, CFA

Head of Portfolio Management Years of experience: 25 Years with firm: 25

## Dave Goodson

Head of Securitized Years of experience: 28 Years with firm: 22

## Randy Parrish, CFA

Head of Public Credit Years of experience: 34 Years with firm: 23

## Matt Toms, CFA

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