

# WESTERN ASSET CORE PLUS BOND FUND

## Investment overview

Seeks to maximize total return from a high-quality, U.S. domestic core fixed-income portfolio that can be enhanced by allocations to sectors such as high-yield, non-U.S. and emerging market debt

Uses the global breadth of Western Asset's investment platform, fundamental value-oriented investment philosophy and a process that combines top down macro economic views with bottom up fundamental research

May be appropriate for investors looking for a core bond holding

## Morningstar Rating™

Overall Rating as of December 31, 2017



As of 12/31/17, Class I and C shares rated 5 and 4 stars, respectively, among 847 Intermediate-Term Bond funds, based upon risk-adjusted returns derived from a weighted average of the performance figures associated with 3-, 5- and 10-year (if applicable) Morningstar Ratings metrics.†

## Average annual total returns & fund expenses<sup>A</sup> (%) as of Dec. 31, 2017

	Without sales charges					With maximum sales charges					Expenses		30-day SEC yield	Inception date
	1-Yr	3-Yr	5-Yr	10-Yr	Inception	1-Yr	3-Yr	5-Yr	10-Yr	Inception	Gross	Net		
Class A	6.57	3.89	3.50	—	3.94	2.01	2.39	2.60	—	3.16	0.82	0.82	2.34	04/30/12
Class C	5.82	3.19	2.76	—	3.22	4.82	3.19	2.76	—	3.22	1.52	1.52	1.74	04/30/12
Class FI	6.65	3.93	3.53	5.65	5.71	6.65	3.93	3.53	5.65	5.71	0.83	0.83	2.42	01/08/02
Class I	6.96	4.32	3.88	5.96	6.19	6.96	4.32	3.88	5.96	6.19	0.52	0.45	2.82	07/08/98
Class IS	6.99	4.32	3.91	—	7.01	6.99	4.32	3.91	—	7.01	0.42	0.42	2.83	08/04/08
Benchmark	3.54	2.24	2.10	4.01	—	3.54	2.24	2.10	4.01	—				

## Cumulative total returns (%) as of Dec. 31, 2017 (without sales charges)

	3 Mo	YTD	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Class A	0.46	6.57	6.57	4.42	0.76	7.36	-1.34	—	—	—	—
Class C	0.20	5.82	5.82	3.59	0.22	6.53	-2.09	—	—	—	—
Class FI	0.45	6.65	6.65	4.21	0.99	7.35	-1.32	8.25	6.37	11.80	25.78
Class I	0.47	6.96	6.96	4.79	1.29	7.68	-1.07	8.44	6.72	11.97	26.20
Class IS	0.47	6.99	6.99	4.73	1.32	7.75	-0.98	8.57	6.65	12.10	26.11
Benchmark	0.39	3.54	3.54	2.65	0.55	5.97	-2.02	4.21	7.84	6.54	5.93

**Performance shown represents past performance and is no guarantee of future results.** Current performance may be higher or lower than the performance shown. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate, so shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than the original cost. Class A shares have a maximum front-end sales charge of 4.25%. Class C shares have a one-year CDSC of 1.0%. If sales charges were included, performance shown would be lower. Performance for other share classes will vary due to differences in sales charge structure and class expenses. Total returns assume the reinvestment of all distributions at net asset value and the deduction of all Fund expenses. Total return figures are based on the NAV per share applied to shareholder subscriptions and redemptions, which may differ from the NAV per share disclosed in Fund shareholder reports. Performance would have been lower if fees had not been waived in various periods. Absent reimbursements and/or fee waivers, the Fund's 30-day SEC yield for Class A, C, FI, I and IS, respectively, would have been 2.24%, 1.74%, 2.42%, 2.70% and 2.83%. Numbers may be the same due to rounding. To obtain the most recent month-end information, please visit [www.leggmasonfunds.com](http://www.leggmasonfunds.com).

Effective June 1, 2017, the Fund changed its security pricing methodology to now use the mean value of the bid and ask prices (of underlying fund holdings) to calculate the NAV. Funds may show a one-time increase of the NAV, which is due to this change in pricing methodology.

## Sector allocation (%) as of Dec. 31, 2017

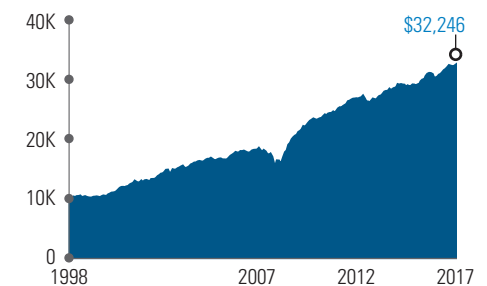
Mortgage-Backed Securities	33.5
Government	23.6
Investment Grade Corporate Bonds	21.2
Emerging Market	7.5
Bank Loans	5.8
Inflation-Linked	3.6
Asset-Backed Securities	2.6
High Yield Corporate Bonds	2.4

## Detail of mortgage-backed security allocation (%)

FHLMC	5.9
FNMA	12.8
GNMA	4.8
CMBS	4.4
Non-Agency MBS	5.6

## Growth of \$10,000

Class I shares - Inception through Dec. 31, 2017  
Excluding the effects of sales charges



## Share class codes

	Symbol	CUSIP		Symbol	CUSIP
A	WAPAX	957663461	I	WACPX	957663503
C	WAPCX	957663453	IS	WAPSX	957663669
C1	LWCPX	957663156	R	WAPRX	957663446
FI	WACIX	957663602			

## Benchmark (BM)

Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Index

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Percentages are based on total portfolio as of quarter-end and are subject to change at any time. For informational purposes only and not to be considered a recommendation to purchase or sell any security. Negative allocations and allocations in excess of 100% are primarily due to the Fund's unsettled trade activity.

<sup>A</sup>Gross expenses are the Fund's total annual operating expenses for the share class(es) shown. Net expenses for Class(es) A, C, C1, FI, I, IS & R reflect contractual fee waivers and/or reimbursements, where these reductions reduce the Fund's gross expenses, which cannot be terminated prior to Dec 31, 2018 without Board consent.

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## Credit quality allocation (%) as of Dec. 31, 2017

AAA	54.9
AA	2.9
A	14.5
BBB	11.8
Below BBB	14.8
Not Rated	1.0

## Currency exposure (%) as of Dec. 31, 2017

US Dollar	90.3	Argentine Peso	0.2
Mexican Peso	3.4	British Pound	0.2
Canadian Dollar	3.2	Japanese Yen	-0.1
Euro	2.0	Australian Dollar	-0.4
Brazilian Real	1.9	China Offshore	
Russian Ruble	0.8	Renminbi	-0.6
Indonesian Rupiah	0.7	Philippine Peso	-0.9
Indian Rupee	0.6	Chinese Yuan	
		Renminbi	-1.1

## Risk statistics as of Dec. 31, 2017

Measures based on a trailing 10-year period	
Class I shares	
	<b>Fund</b>
Beta	1.14
R-squared	0.42
Sharpe ratio	1.00
Standard deviation(%)	5.64

## Emerging Markets Debt (EMD) sectors (%) as of Dec. 31, 2017

Sovereign Debt Local Currency	3.7
Sovereign Debt External Currency	2.3
Corporates External Currency	1.4

## Fund facts as of Dec. 31, 2017

Dividend frequency, if any	Daily, paid monthly
Morningstar category	Intermediate-Term Bond
Lipper category	Core Plus Bond Funds
Turnover (fiscal yr)	97%

## Statistics as of Dec. 31, 2017

Net assets	\$22.1B
30-day SEC yield – Class I	2.82%
Effective duration	6.6 yrs
Weighted avg life	12.7 yrs

## Portfolio management

Western Asset Management is one of the world's leading fixed-income managers. With a focus on long-term fundamental value investing that employs a top-down and bottom-up approach, the firm has nine offices around the globe and deep experience across the range of fixed-income sectors. Founded in 1971, Western Asset has been recognized for an approach emphasizing team management and intensive proprietary research, supported by robust risk management.

Legg Mason's unique structure provides you with access to this specialized expertise. We offer a powerful portfolio of solutions through our independent investment management firms.

## What should I know before investing?

Fixed-income securities involve interest rate, credit, inflation, and reinvestment risks; and possible loss of principal. As interest rates rise, the value of fixed-income securities falls. High yield bonds are subject to greater price volatility, illiquidity, and possibility of default. Derivatives, such as options and futures, can be illiquid, may disproportionately increase losses, and have a potentially large impact on Fund performance. International investments are subject to special risks, including currency fluctuations and social, economic and political uncertainties, which could increase volatility. These risks are magnified in emerging markets. Asset-backed, mortgage-backed or mortgage-related securities are subject to prepayment and extension risks. Potential active and frequent trading may result in higher transaction costs and increased investor liability. Active management does not ensure gains or protect against market declines.

## Where can I find more information?

You'll find the most current performance data, commentary, prospectus and more information on each of our managers and products at [www.leggmasonfunds.com](http://www.leggmasonfunds.com).

<sup>†</sup> Morningstar proprietary ratings are as of December 31, 2017 and are subject to change every month. Current monthly ratings can be found at [leggmason.com](http://leggmason.com). A 4- or 5-star rating does not necessarily imply that a fund achieved positive results for the period. For each fund with at least a three-year history, Morningstar calculates a Morningstar Rating based on a Morningstar Risk-Adjusted Return measure that accounts for variation in a fund's monthly excess performance, placing more emphasis on downward variations and rewarding consistent performance. Mutual funds and exchange traded funds are considered a single population for comparative purposes. Ratings do not account for the effects of sales charges. The top 10% of products in each product category receive 5 stars, the next 22.5% receive 4 stars, the next 35% receive 3 stars, the next 22.5% receive 2 stars, and the bottom 10% receive 1 star. Class I and C shares of the Fund were rated against 847, 778, and 554 Intermediate-Term Bond funds over the 3-, 5- and 10-year periods, respectively. With respect to these funds, Class I and C shares of the Fund received Morningstar Ratings of 5, 5, and 5; 5, 4, and n/a stars for the 3-, 5- and 10-year periods, respectively. Ratings shown are for the highest and lowest rated share classes only, when available. Other share classes have different expense structures and performance characteristics. Classes have a common portfolio.

**Credit quality** is a measure of a bond issuer's ability to repay interest and principal in a timely manner. The credit ratings shown are based on each portfolio security's rating as provided by Standard and Poor's, Moody's Investors Service and/or Fitch Ratings, Ltd. and typically range from AAA (highest) to D (lowest), or an equivalent and/or similar rating. For this purpose, if two or more of the agencies have assigned differing ratings to a security, the highest rating is used. Securities that are unrated by all three agencies are reflected as such. The credit quality of the investments in the Fund's portfolio does not apply to the stability or safety of the Fund. These ratings are updated monthly and may change over time. **Please note, the Fund itself has not been rated by an independent rating agency.**

**Beta** measures the sensitivity of an investment to the movement of its benchmark. A beta higher than 1.0 indicates the investment has been more volatile than the benchmark and a beta of less than 1.0 indicates that the investment has been less volatile than the benchmark. **R-squared** measures the strength of the linear relationship between the Fund and its benchmark. R Squared at 1 implies perfect linear relationship and zero implies no relationship exists. **Sharpe ratio** refers to a risk-adjusted measure calculated using standard deviation and excess returns to determine reward per unit of risk. The higher the ratio, the greater the risk-adjusted performance. **Standard deviation** indicates the percentage by which a fund's performance has varied from its average performance in any given month during the period indicated. The higher the standard deviation, the greater the range of performance, indicating greater volatility. **Turnover** is a measure of the Fund's trading activity which represents the portion of the Fund's holdings that has changed over a year. There is no assurance that the Fund will maintain its current level of turnover.

**Effective Duration** is a duration calculation for bonds with embedded options. Effective duration takes into account that expected cash flows will fluctuate as interest rates change. **Duration** measures the sensitivity of price (the value of principal) of a fixed-income investment to a change in interest rates. The higher the duration number, the more sensitive a fixed-income investment will be to interest rate changes.

The **30-day SEC yield**, calculated pursuant to the standard SEC formula, is based on a Fund's investments over an annualized trailing 30-day period and not on the distributions paid by the Fund, which may differ.

The **Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index** is an unmanaged index that measures the performance of the investment-grade universe of bonds issued in the United States. The index includes institutionally traded U.S. Treasury, government sponsored, mortgage and corporate securities. Investors cannot invest directly in an index and unmanaged index returns do not reflect any fees, expenses or sales charges.

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