

# WESTERN ASSET INTERMEDIATE CORPORATE PORTFOLIOS

## Investment overview

The Western Asset Intermediate Corporate Portfolios invest primarily in securities within the Bloomberg Barclays Intermediate Corporate Bond Index, focusing predominantly on investment-grade corporate bonds with maturities of 10 years or less.

## Investment objective

The strategy seeks to provide income, preserve principal and outperform passive strategies through a diversified portfolio of approximately 35-50 corporate bond positions with a duration ranging generally from 3.5-5 years.

## Investment philosophy

### Long-term

- Seeks out the greatest long-term value by thoroughly analyzing and identifying sectors within the corporate market.

### Value-oriented

- Identify and favor individual issues that are undervalued or out of favor in the market.

### Diversified strategies<sup>1</sup>

- Seeks to limit the impact of a single adverse market or issuer event through a diversified set of holdings.
- Strives to add incremental value over time and potentially reduce volatility.
- Seeks to ensure portfolio possesses prudent industry issuer risks by applying integrated analytics and risk management.

## Key differentiators

### Team-managed approach

- Utilizes a team of sector specialists

### Leverage Western Asset Management resources

- Institutional-caliber buying power and trading expertise
- Access to proprietary credit research team
- Exclusive focus on fixed income management

## Management team

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

### Western Asset team-managed approach

- Team unites groups of specialists dedicated to different market sectors.
- Each group of sector specialists utilizes their expertise in bottom-up analysis of each portfolio sector.

There is no guarantee that investment objectives will be met.

**Risks:** All investments involve risk, including loss of principal and there is no guarantee that investment objectives will be met.

Fixed income securities are subject to interest rate and credit risk, which is a possibility that the issuer of a security will be unable to make interest payments and repay the principal on its debt. As interest rates rise, the price of fixed income securities falls.

Foreign securities, where permitted, are subject to the additional risks of fluctuations in foreign exchange rates, changes in political and economic conditions, foreign taxation, and differences in auditing and financial standards. These risks are magnified in the case of investments in emerging markets.

U.S. Treasuries are direct debt obligations issued and backed by the "full faith and credit" of the U.S. government. The U.S. government guarantees the principal and interest payments on U.S. Treasuries when the securities are held to maturity. Unlike U.S. Treasuries, debt securities issued by the federal agencies and instrumentalities and related investments may or may not be backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government. Even when the U.S. government guarantees principal and interest payments on securities, this guarantee does not apply to losses resulting from declines in the market value of these securities.

Tapering of the Federal Reserve Board's quantitative easing program and a general rise in interest rates may lead to increased portfolio volatility.

<sup>1</sup> Diversification does not assure a profit or protect against market loss.

## Investment process

### STEP 1

#### Interest rate exposure/duration weighting

Western Asset's investment team comprehensively analyzes a variety of domestic and international macroeconomic factors to establish a duration target.

### STEP 2

#### Term structure weighting

The Firm carefully employs strategies in an attempt to take advantage of changes in the credit curve and the relationship between short and medium term corporate securities.

### STEP 3

#### Sector allocation

Western Asset believes that value can be added to a portfolio by actively rotating among and within the different sectors of the corporate bond market. The investment team studies the fundamental factors that influence sector spread relationships.

### STEP 4

#### Issue selection

Using a bottom-up process, the firm seeks to identify companies with changing credit characteristics and securities that are undervalued and out of favor due to unusual circumstances.

## Performance

### Annualized rates of return - gross and net of fees (%) as of December 31, 2018 - PRELIMINARY

	Dec '18	Q4 '18	YTD	1-year	3-year	5-year
Intermed Corp (gross)	1.10	0.52	-0.24	-0.24	2.53	2.25
Intermed Corp (net)	0.98	0.15	-1.72	-1.72	1.02	0.74
Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Int. Corp. Index	1.05	0.58	-0.23	-0.23	2.56	2.61

### Calendar-year total returns - gross and net of fees (%) ending December 31

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Intermed Corp (gross)	-0.24	3.64	4.25	-0.08	3.78
Intermed Corp (net)	-1.72	2.12	2.71	-1.56	2.25
Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Int. Corp. Index	-0.23	3.92	4.04	1.08	4.33

**The strategy returns shown are preliminary composite returns, subject to future revision (downward or upward). Please visit [www.leggmason.com](http://www.leggmason.com) for the latest performance figures. YTD numbers are not annualized. Investors cannot invest directly in an index, and unmanaged index returns do not reflect any fees, expenses or sales charges.**

**Fees:** Gross performance shown does not reflect the deduction of investment management fees and certain transaction costs, which will reduce portfolio performance. Net performance includes the deduction of a 1.5% annual wrap fee, which is the maximum anticipated wrap fee for fixed income portfolios. Actual fees may vary. For fee schedules, contact your financial professional, or if you enter into an agreement directly with Legg Mason Private Portfolio Group ("LMPPG"), refer to LMPPG's Form ADV disclosure document. Returns reflect the reinvestment of dividends and other earnings.

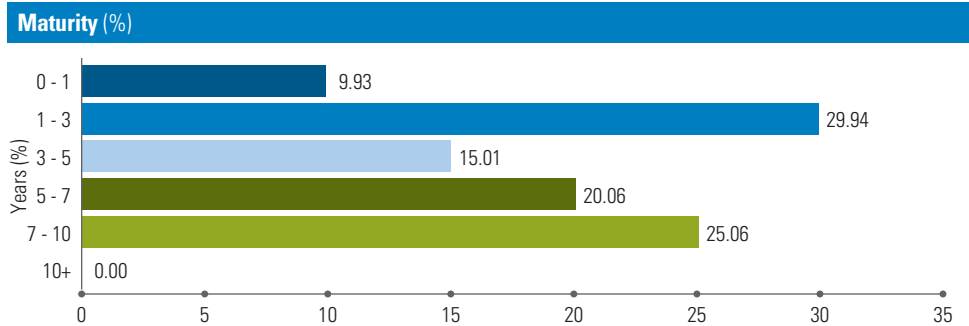
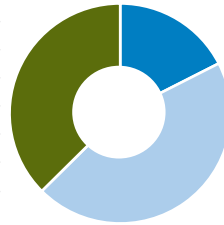
The investment process may change over time. The characteristics set forth above are intended as a general illustration of some of the criteria the strategy team considers in selecting securities for client portfolios. There is no guarantee that investment objectives will be achieved.

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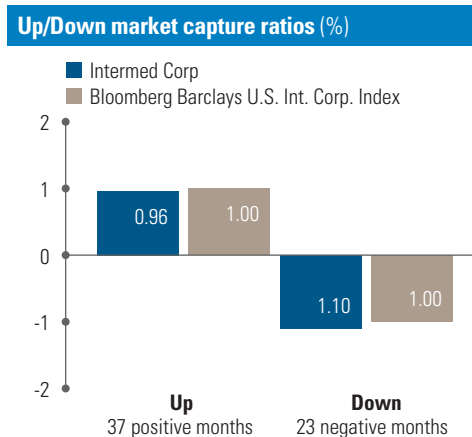
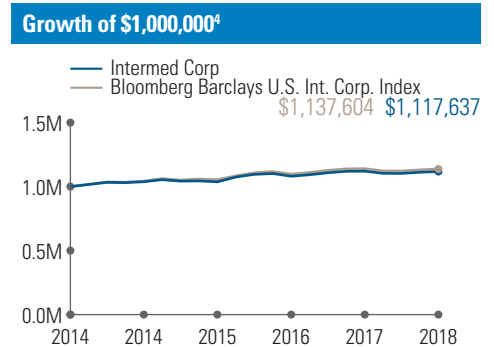
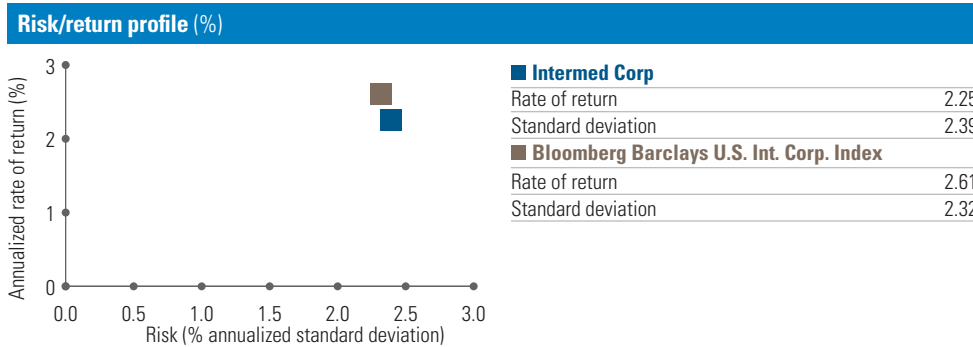
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## Portfolio information<sup>1</sup> as of December 31, 2018

Characteristics		Credit Quality (%) <sup>2</sup>	
Effective Duration (Years)	3.85	AAA	0.00
Average Maturity (Years)	4.37	AA	17.49
Average Coupon Rate (%)	3.33	A	45.05
Yield to Worst (%)	3.65	BBB	37.46
		Below BBB	0.00
		Not Rated	0.00
		Other	0.00



## Performance statistics (gross of fees)<sup>3</sup> – Preliminary (based on 5-year period ended December 31, 2018)



### Modern portfolio statistics

Alpha	-0.33
Beta	0.99
Sharpe ratio	0.69
R-Squared	0.93

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<sup>1</sup> Source: BondEdge. Portfolio characteristics and sector weightings are based on a composite and are subject to change at any time. Portfolio characteristics and sector weightings of individual client portfolios in the program may differ, sometimes significantly, from those shown above. This information does not constitute, and should not be construed as, investment advice or recommendations with respect to the sectors listed and should not be used as a sole basis to make any investment decisions.

<sup>2</sup> 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 the following Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organizations ("NRSRO"): Standard and Poor's ("S&P"), Moody's Investors Service ("Moody's"), Fitch Ratings, Ltd. In the event a portfolio security is rated by more than one NRSRO, the higher rating is shown. In the case where a security is not rated by an NRSRO, these are listed as "Non Rated". The credit quality of the investments in the Portfolio does not apply to the stability or safety of the Portfolio. These ratings may change over time. The Portfolio itself has not been rated by an NRSRO.

<sup>3</sup> Source: Legg Mason.

<sup>4</sup> For illustrative purposes only. Assumes no withdrawals or contributions. These statistics are based on gross-of-fees quarterly composite returns, were calculated assuming reinvestment of dividends and income, and take into account both realized and unrealized capital gains and losses.

**Western Asset Intermediate Corporate GIPS® Endnotes - December 31**

Year	Net total return (%)	"Pure" <sup>1</sup> gross total return (%)	Benchmark total return (%)	Gross total 3 Yr. St. Dev. (%)	Benchmark total 3 Yr. St. Dev. (%)	Number of portfolios	Bundled fee portfolios (%)	Internal dispersion (%)	Composite Assets (\$ mm)	Firm assets (%)
2013 <sup>2</sup>	1.16	1.66	1.78	-n/a-	-n/a-	2	100	-n/a-	2	0.00
2014	2.25	3.78	4.33	-n/a-	-n/a-	2	100	-n/a-	2	0.00
2015	-1.56	-0.08	1.08	-n/a-	-n/a-	2	100	-n/a-	2	0.00
2016	2.71	4.25	4.04	2.70	2.62	3	100	-n/a-	2	0.00
2017	2.12	3.64	3.92	2.55	2.44	3	100	-n/a-	2	0.00

<sup>2</sup>Partial Period return (September 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013).

Western Asset claims compliance with the Global Investment Performance Standards (GIPS®) and has prepared and presented this report in compliance with the GIPS standards. Western Asset has been independently verified for the periods from January 1, 1993 to December 31, 2017. The verification report is available upon request.

Verification assesses whether (1) the firm has complied with all the composite construction requirements of the GIPS standards on a firm-wide basis and (2) the firm's policies and procedures are designed to calculate and present performance in compliance with the GIPS standards. The verification does not ensure the accuracy of any specific composite presentation.

For GIPS® purposes, the Firm is defined as Western Asset, a primarily fixed-income investment manager comprised of Western Asset Management Company, Western Asset Management Company Limited, Western Asset Management Company Pte. Ltd., Western Asset Management Company Ltd, Western Asset Management Company Pty Ltd, and Western Asset Management Company Distribuidora de Títulos e Valores Mobiliários (DTVM) Limitada, with offices in Pasadena, New York, London, Singapore, Tokyo, Melbourne, São Paulo, Hong Kong, and Dubai. Each Western Asset company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Legg Mason, Inc. ("Legg Mason") but operates autonomously, and Western Asset, as a firm, is held out to the public as a separate entity. Western Asset Management Company was founded in 1971. The Firm is comprised of several entities as a result of various historical acquisitions made by Western Asset and their respective performance has been integrated into the Firm in line with the portability requirements set forth by GIPS.

Western Asset – Intermediate Corporate portfolios are discretionary fixed-income portfolios that seek to produce total returns over complete market cycles that exceed appropriate benchmark returns and preserve principal by investing primarily in intermediate-term, investment grade (at the time of purchase) corporate bonds with varying maturities. Intermediate Corporate Bond accounts may also include investments in U.S. federal agency securities, U.S. Treasury securities and U.S. dollar-denominated fixed income securities (issued in the United States) of non-U.S. corporate issuers. The composite is comprised of accounts that are separately managed accounts (SMAs) managed in accordance with the strategy with an account minimum of US \$80,000. The composite employs a 10% significant cash flow policy. The composite was created on September 1, 2013.

For comparison purposes, composite returns are shown against returns of the Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Intermediate Corporate Bond Index. An investor cannot invest directly in an index.

<sup>1</sup>"Pure" gross returns are presented as supplemental information to the net returns. The current fee schedule is 1.50% on all assets. Net returns are calculated by deducting the anticipated maximum annual bundled fee applied on a monthly basis from the "pure" gross monthly return. The bundled fee includes all charges for trading costs, portfolio management, custody, and other administrative fees. Bundled fees may vary across different financial firms and across different accounts based upon account size and other factors. Returns and market values are expressed in USD.

Dispersion is calculated using the asset-weighted standard deviation of annual returns of those portfolios that were included in the composite for the entire year (equal-weighted prior to 2014). Periods with five or fewer accounts are not statistically representative and are not presented. The three-year annualized ex-post standard deviation measures the variability of the composite and the benchmark returns over the preceding 36-month period. Standard deviation is not presented for periods where 36 monthly returns are not available for the composite or the benchmark.

Past investment results are not indicative of future investment results.

Western Asset's list of composite descriptions and policies for valuing portfolios, calculating performance, and preparing compliant presentations are available upon request. Please contact Ellen Cammer at 212-601-6064 or Ellen.Cammer@westernasset.com.

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**Index/Terms and definitions:**

**Maturity** is the date at which a debt instrument is due and payable. A bond due to mature on January 1, 2010, will return the bondholder's principal and final interest payment when it reaches maturity on that date. Bond yields are frequently calculated on a yield-to-maturity basis.

**Duration** is the measure of the price sensitivity of a fixed-income security to an interest rate change of 100 basis points. Calculation is based on the weighted average of the present values for all cash flows.

**Yield to worst (YTW)** is based on a portfolio's current holdings on one specific day, is gross of all portfolio expenses, and is calculated based on assumptions that prepayment occurs if the bond has call or put provisions and the issuer can offer a lower coupon rate based on current market rates. If market rates are higher than the current yield of a bond, the YTW calculation will assume no prepayments are made, and YTW will equal the yield to maturity. The YTW will be the lowest of yield to maturity or yield to call (if the bond has prepayment provisions). The YTW of a bond portfolio is the market-weighted average of the YTWs of all the bonds in the portfolio.

**Standard deviation** measures the risk or volatility of an investment's return over a particular time period; the greater the number, the greater the risk.

The **up capture ratio** measures the manager's overall performance to the benchmark's overall performance, considering only quarters that are positive in the benchmark. An Up Capture Ratio of more than 1.0 indicates a manager who outperforms the relative benchmark in the benchmark's positive quarters.

The **down capture ratio** is the ratio of the manager's overall performance to the benchmark's overall performance, considering only quarters that are negative in the benchmark. A Down Capture Ratio of less than 1.0 indicates a manager who outperforms the relative benchmark in the benchmark's negative quarters and protects more of a portfolio's value during down markets.

**Alpha** is a measure of performance vs. a benchmark on a risk-adjusted basis. A positive alpha of 1.0 means the portfolio has outperformed its benchmark index by 1%. Correspondingly, a similar negative alpha would indicate an underperformance of 1%. Alpha is a measure of the difference between actual returns and expected performance measuring sensitivity to index movements.

**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.

**Sharpe ratio** is a risk-adjusted measure, calculated using standard deviation and excess return to determine reward per unit of risk. The higher the Sharpe ratio, the better the portfolio's historical risk-adjusted performance.

**R-squared** measures the strength of the linear relationship between the fund and its benchmark. R-squared at 100 implies perfect linear relationship and zero implies no relationship exists.

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