

# CORE FIXED INCOME STRATEGY

As of December 31, 2023

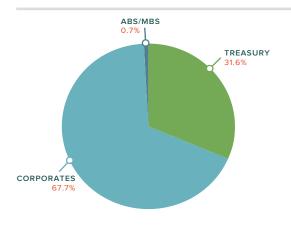
# Investment PHILOSOPHY

The philosophy behind FCI's fixed income investment strategy is the belief that bond portfolios represent the more stable portion of an overall investment allocation and are primarily utilized to offset the volatility of riskier assets such as equities. It is not our approach, therefore, to squeeze out the last bit of return from some of the less liquid or riskier corners of the bond market. Instead, our philosophy is to employ a time-tested disciplined investment process to construct a high-quality portfolio which is suitable for the given set of market conditions.

# Investment OBJECTIVE

FCI's fixed income investment strategy seeks to deliver superior returns relative to the Bloomberg U.S. Government/Credit Index over a market cycle, while limiting the risk incurred by maintaining a high credit profile. We strive to consistently move the portfolio in the direction of best opportunities while reducing the potential of a significantly negative credit event.

## SECTOR ALLOCATIONS



#### **TOP TEN CREDIT POSITIONS\***

Verizon Communications, Inc.	4.125	03/16/2027
AbbVie, Inc.	4.250	11/14/2028
Citigroup, Inc.	3.520	10/27/2028
Meta Platforms Inc.	3.850	08/15/2032
Merck & Co. Inc.	1.700	06/10/2027
Amgen, Inc.	3.350	02/22/2032
Broadcom, Ltd.	4.110	09/15/2028
Starbucks, Inc.	3.000	02/14/2032
Morgan Stanley	3.875	01/27/2026
Huntington Bancshares, Inc.	2.550	02/04/2030

<sup>\*</sup>Investments listed in descending order based on market value.

#### **ABOUT FCI ADVISORS**

FCI Advisors (FCI) strives to be recognized as a premier provider of investment management, risk management and advisory services. FCI was founded in 1966 and is a SEC Registered Investment Advisory (RIA) firm. The firm manages portfolios and provides investment solutions for a broad array of investors that include corporate, public and union pension plans, bank trust departments, insurance companies, mutual funds, endowments, foundations, charities and individuals nationwide. FCI is owned by MTC Holding Corporation. Our Midwestern fiduciary culture means that caring about clients' interests is at the heart of every decision we make. Our professionals average over 20 years of experience.

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#### STRATEGY CHARACTERISTICS

Characteristic	FCI Core Fixed Income	Bloomberg U.S. Gov/Credit Index
Yield To Maturity	4.60%	4.45%
Average Coupon	3.27%	3.09%
Current Yield	3.55%	3.35%
Average Maturity (years)	8.13	8.93
Effective Duration (years)	6.25	6.47

#### **PORTFOLIO MANAGERS**

Gary Cloud, CFA Co-CIO Peter Greig, CFA Co-CIO Stuart Berkley, CFA James Braunsdorf, CFA James Fields, CFA

# STRATEGY ASSETS UNDER MANAGEMENT

FCI manages **\$268.1 million** in the Core Fixed Income Strategy.

#### **DISCLOSURES**

Factual materials obtained from sources believed to be reliable but cannot be guaranteed. Strategy weightings and holdings are as of the reporting date and are subject to change.

## Organization

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## Performance Results

The Core Fixed Income composite consists of all discretionary accounts including those accounts no longer with the firm, over \$5 Million actively managed against the Bloomberg U.S. Government/Credit Index. Accounts not managed to this index should not expect similar results. All of the assets that contributed to past performance may not be available in the future due to maturities, calls etc.

All total return performance results include the reinvestment of income/distributions of the assets and reflect the deduction of transaction costs. A time-weighted rate of return formula is used to calculate

performance of the accounts. The net of fee performance was calculated using actual fees and may include more than management fees if the custodian bundles account fees. Advisory fees vary, all of the clients in the composite have negotiated fees which are all below our published fee schedule and this strategy is typically used for institutional fixed income mandates. This return comparison is not intended for private clients. Balanced accounts will pay a higher fee. Performance shown is past performance and does not guarantee or predict future results. Investing in securities includes the potential for loss. Individual account performance may differ materially. Performance may also be impacted by adverse market conditions. The index used is the Bloomberg U.S. Government/Credit Index. The index has some characteristics in common with the strategy such as investing in government and corporate bonds but the strategy will have far fewer bonds and will likely overweight credit. Securities in composite accounts will differ from securities in the index. Index returns presented assume reinvestment of all distributions and exclude the effect of taxes and fees (if expenses and taxes were deducted, the actual returns of the index would be lower).

Dispersion of annual returns is measured by the composite standard deviation around the asset weighted composite returns. Dispersion includes only those accounts that have been included in the composite for the entire year.