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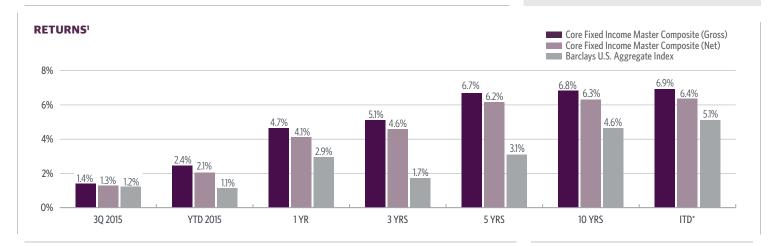
# Core Plus Fixed Income Strategy

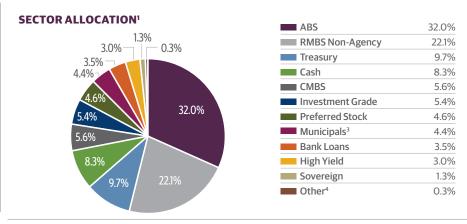
# **Strategy Overview**

The Core Plus Fixed Income strategy employs a total-return approach focused on achieving attractive risk-adjusted excess returns versus the Barclays U.S. Aggregate Index. The strategy is designed to use the collective insight of our 160+ member fixed income investment team and invests across the full spectrum of the fixed income market, including ABS, RMBS, CMBS, investment grade corporates, high yield, bank loans, preferreds, municipals and Treasury and agency securities. After rigorous security research, portfolios are constructed from the bottom up and positioned to reflect Guggenheim's macroeconomic analysis and themes.

<b>RETURN AND RISK STATISTICS</b> <sup>1</sup> (SINCE INCEPTION)		
	Core Fixed Income Master Composite (Gross)	Barclays U.S. Aggregate Index
Annualized Return	6.9%	5.1%
Standard Deviation	4.8%	3.5%

STRATEGY AT-A-GLANCE <sup>1</sup>	
Inception Date	01.01.1999
Benchmark	Barclays U.S. Aggregate Index
Total AUM	\$95.7 bn
Effective Duration	3.8 years
Average Coupon	2.7%
Average Market Price	\$95.02
Average YTM	4.0%
Average YTW	4.0%
Average Quality <sup>2</sup>	BBB+
WAL	6.75 years





AAA <sup>5</sup>	17.3%
AA	10.8%
A	16.4%
BBB	16.2%
ВВ	11.0%
В	8.3%
CCC and Below	10.2%
Not Rated <sup>6</sup>	1.6%

\*Inception to date. Source: RIMES. \*Inception, benchmark, and total AUM are for the Core Fixed Income Master Composite ("Composite"). Characteristics are based on a representative account of the Core Plus Fixed Income strategy as of 09.30.2015 and includes cash and excludes leverage. The representative account was chosen since, in our view, it is the account within the composite which, generally and over time, most closely reflects the portfolio management style of the composite; Totals may not equal 100% due to rounding: Past performance does not guarantee future returns. \*Average Credit Quality is for fixed-income assets only; ratings based on Barclays' rating methodology. Barclays uses the middle rating of Moody's, S&P, and Fitch. If only two of the agencies rate a security, the lower rating is used and if only one agency rates a security, that rating is used. \*Includes Taxable and Tax-Exempt Municipals. \*Other incudes Private Placements, RMBS Agency, Common Stock and Agency. \*AAA is comprised of AAA rated securities and Government & Agency. \*Not Rated includes ABS, High Yield and RMBS. The value of any investment may rise or fall over time. Principal is not guaranteed, and investors may receive less than the full amount of principal invested at the time of redemption if asset values have declined. Individual account performance may be greater than or less than the performance presented for this composite of this composite. Gross-of-fee ("Gross") returns are presented not of non-reclaimable foreign withholding taxes applicable to U.S. investors and includes the reinvestment of income. Net returns are calculated by reducing gross returns with a model fee that includes 1) the preater of a) the highest management fee charged to an account in the composite or b) the highest tier of the current management fee schedule, and 2) estimated performance numbers for time periods greater than one year are annualized. All performance is expressed in U.S. dollars. For comparison purposes the Composite is measured against t

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