

# Global Investment-Grade Sovereign Fixed Income

## Objective

We strive to capture interest income and additionally generate principal growth through capital appreciation when market conditions permit. Our goal is to outperform the investment benchmark by 1% (net of fees), on an average annual basis, over rolling five-year periods.

## Universe

The investible universe focuses exclusively on sovereign debt and currencies of countries in the FTSE World Government Bond Index (WGBI), non-WGBI markets rated A- or better by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization, and select emerging market debt and currencies that adhere to these quality guidelines.

## Investment Process Summary

We apply a top-down, value-driven process when structuring Global Fixed Income portfolios. Real (inflation-adjusted) yield is our primary measure of bond value. Currency valuation is also important, as the real yield must be captured in the investor's local currency (dollars for U.S. investors and euros for many of those in Europe, for example). We focus on appreciating, undervalued currencies and we hedge overvalued currencies we believe may decline. Inflation trends, political risks, monetary trends, and business cycle and liquidity measures are also considered. We typically concentrate investments in 10-20 countries that appear to offer the best total return potential.

## Duration Management

We concentrate investments where we believe value is greatest; as a result, our portfolios tend to have an intermediate- to long-duration bias when real interest rates are high. Greater interest rate exposure is assumed in countries with more value and positions are established along the yield curve where we find the best risk/reward profile. Portfolio duration generally ranges from 1 to 10 years.

## Country Rotation

We believe that concentrating investments in the markets that we consider to have the highest potential returns—that is, taking above-average country risk—actually reduces overall risk. Secular trends, political and monetary conditions, and business cycle risks are considered in determining the likelihood that we can capture the value we see in real interest rates and currencies. Each factor contributes to our country weighting decisions.

## Currency

Currency and country decisions are intertwined. We seek to invest in bonds with high real yields that are denominated in appreciating currencies. We hedge our currency exposure in countries with high real rates but overvalued currencies.

## Issue Selection

Within the desired country and currency, security selection is made on the basis of yield-curve analysis and desired duration.

## Our Competitive Advantage

The strategy employs a top-down, value-based, and benchmark-agnostic approach for managing global fixed income assets. Backed by a rigorous macroeconomic research process designed to anticipate risk and uncover value, the strategy targets sovereigns with an attractive combination of high real yields and durable fundamentals.



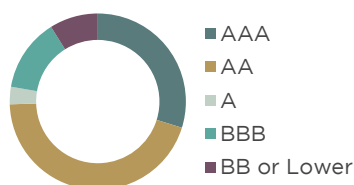
## At a Glance

- Primary Benchmark: FTSE World Government Bond Index (unhedged) or other global sovereign bond benchmark, as specified by client direction
- Real yield is our primary measure of value, followed closely by currency valuation. Inflation, monetary trends, political risks, the business cycle, and liquidity measures are also considered
- Efficient duration management and country rotation (driven primarily by currency considerations) add incremental value
- Investments are typically concentrated in 10-20 countries deemed to have the best total return potential

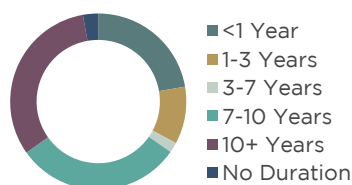
## Characteristics<sup>1,2</sup>

	Strategy	Benchmark
Avg. Quality <sup>3</sup>	AA-	AA
Avg. Maturity (Yrs.)	14.22	9.70
Avg. Eff. Duration (Yrs.)	8.67	7.43
Avg. Coupon (%)	4.64	2.23
Current Yield (%)	5.10	-
Avg. Yield-to-Maturity (%)	6.36	3.18
Number of Issues	27	1,247

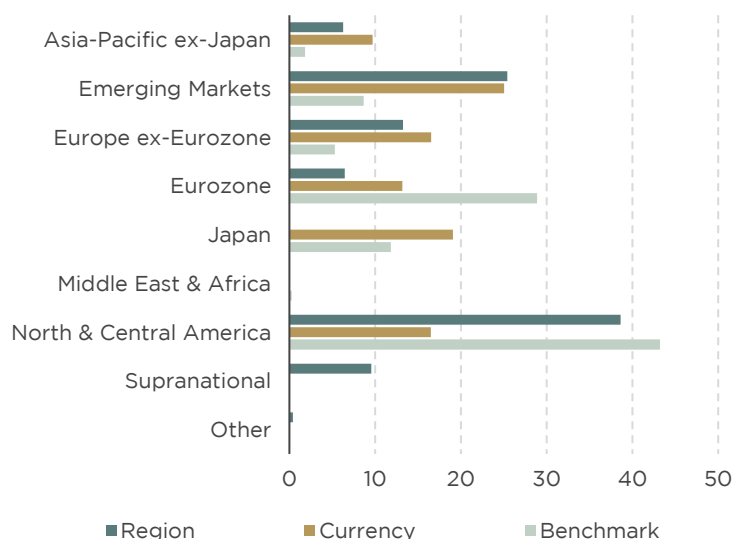
## Quality Ratings<sup>1,2</sup> (%)



## Duration Allocation<sup>1,2</sup> (%)



## Region & Currency Allocations<sup>1,2</sup> (%)



## Assets Under Management (M) (Shown in USD)

Brandywine Global, Firmwide	59,468
Fixed Income Product Group	46,600
Global Investment-Grade Sovereign Fixed Income	166

## Calendar Year Returns<sup>2</sup> (%) (Results shown in USD)

	Gross	Net	WGBI	JPGGBI
2023	5.82	5.35	5.19	4.02
2022	-15.19	-15.57	-18.26	-17.31
2021	-6.45	-6.88	-6.97	-6.50
2020	6.36	5.88	10.11	9.68
2019	8.69	8.21	5.90	6.02
2018	-4.06	-4.49	-0.84	-0.66
2017	11.78	11.29	7.49	6.83
2016	4.17	3.70	1.60	1.57
2015	-8.10	-8.52	-3.57	-2.61
2014	4.63	4.16	-0.48	0.67
2013	-2.77	-3.21	-4.00	-4.50

## Risk Characteristics<sup>2</sup> (Composite Net of Fees) (Since Inception)

Sharpe Ratio	0.05
Sortino Ratio	0.07
Information Ratio	0.17

## Portfolio Managers



**Anujeet Saren, CFA**  
Portfolio Manager  
29 Years of Experience



**Jack P. McIntyre, CFA**  
Portfolio Manager  
36 Years of Experience



**Carol Lye**  
Portfolio Manager & Sr. Research Analyst  
17 Years of Experience



**David F. Hoffman, CFA**  
Managing Director & Portfolio Manager  
48 Years of Experience



## Annualized Returns (%) (Results shown in USD)

	Gross	Net	WGBI	JPGGBI
QTD	12.24	12.12	8.08	7.80
YTD	5.82	5.35	5.19	4.02
1 Year	5.82	5.35	5.19	4.02
3 Year	-5.66	-6.09	-7.18	-7.00
5 Year	-0.60	-1.04	-1.39	-1.33
7 Year	0.57	0.12	-0.09	-0.11
10 Year	0.42	-0.03	-0.31	-0.12
Since Inception	1.86	1.41	0.50	0.62

Inception Date: 7/1/2010

## GIPS Information (%) (Results shown in USD)

Year or YTD	Gross	Net	WGBI	JPGGBI	# of Accounts	Market Value (M)	Total Firm Assets (M)	Composite Dispersion	Composite Rolling 3Y SD	WGBI Rolling 3Y SD	JPGGBI Rolling 3Y SD
2023	5.82	5.35	5.19	4.02	1	153	59,468	-	12.58	8.90	8.58
2022	-15.19	-15.57	-18.26	-17.31	1	172	52,601	-	11.57	7.53	7.24
2021	-6.45	-6.88	-6.97	-6.50	1	236	67,356	-	8.84	4.80	4.67
2020	6.36	5.88	10.11	9.68	3	800	63,872	-	9.68	4.48	4.37
2019	8.69	8.21	5.90	6.02	3	1,268	74,024	-	6.97	4.20	4.12
2018	-4.06	-4.49	-0.84	-0.66	3	1,444	70,070	-	8.06	5.82	5.56
2017	11.78	11.29	7.49	6.83	3	1,608	74,382	-	7.15	5.75	5.45
2016	4.17	3.70	1.60	1.57	3	1,309	65,498	-	7.13	5.89	5.61
2015	-8.10	-8.52	-3.57	-2.61	3	1,582	68,819	-	5.48	4.39	4.21
2014	4.63	4.16	-0.48	0.67	2	1,564	63,375	-	5.33	4.28	4.14
2013	-2.77	-3.21	-4.00	-4.50	2	1,466	50,050	-	5.42	4.60	4.43

Data as of December 31, 2023. WGBI = FTSE WGBI (USD). JPGGBI = JP Morgan Global Govt Bond Index. Organization: Brandywine Global Investment Management, LLC (the "Firm") is a wholly owned, independently operated, subsidiary of Franklin Resources, Inc. Brandywine Global Investment Management, LLC claims compliance with the Global Investment Performance Standards (GIPS®) and has prepared and presented this report in compliance with the GIPS standards. Brandywine Global Investment Management, LLC has been independently verified for the periods January 1, 1993 through June 30, 2022. A firm that claims compliance with the GIPS standards must establish policies and procedures for complying with all the applicable requirements of the GIPS standards. 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Primary Benchmark Description: The FTSE World Government Bond Index measures the performance of developed countries' global fixed income markets invested in debt issues of U.S. and non-U.S. governmental entities. Secondary Benchmark Description: The J.P. Morgan Government Bond Index is the most widely-used measure of performance of leading government bond markets. The indices measure the total, principal, and interest returns in each market and can be reported in 18 different currencies. Performance Calculation: Preliminary data, if so noted, reflects unreconciled data for the most recent reporting period. Portfolios are valued daily on a trade date basis and include dividends and interest as well as all realized and unrealized capital gains and losses. Return calculations at the portfolio level are time-weighted to account for periodic contributions and withdrawals. Performance results are calculated on a before tax, total return basis. The Composite returns consist of size-weighted portfolio returns using beginning of period values to weight the portfolio returns. Monthly linking of interim performance results is used to calculate quarterly and annual returns. Composite's valuations and returns are computed in U.S. Dollars ("USD"). The results are presented in USD or in other currencies (to accommodate overseas investors), the latter by converting monthly USD returns into other currency returns using the appropriate currency exchange rate returns. Gross returns reflect the deduction of trading expenses. Net-of-fees returns is calculated using a model approach whereby we use the current highest tier of the appropriate strategy's fee schedule as disclosed in the Form ADV. Composite dispersion is calculated using the asset-weighted standard deviation method for all portfolios that were in the Composite for the entire year. Composite dispersion is not presented for periods with five or fewer portfolios. The number of accounts and market values are as of the end of the period. The three-year annualized standard deviation, calculated using gross-of-fee returns, measures the variability of the composite and the benchmark returns over the preceding 36-month period. Gross-of-fees returns are used to calculate the presented risk measures. A complete list of composites, and limited distribution pooled funds descriptions as well as a list of broad distribution pooled funds is available upon request. Fee Schedule: Institutional Client Separate Account Management Fee Schedule (minimum initial investment: \$50 million): 0.450% on the first \$50 million; 0.400% on the next \$50 million, and 0.350% on any portion of assets in excess of \$100 million. Additional information on the Firm's fee schedule can be found in Form ADV Part 2A which is available upon request. **Past performance is no guarantee of future results.**

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Benchmark = WGBI

WGBI = FTSE World Government Bond Index (Unhedged) JPGGBI = JP Morgan Global Govt Bond Index

\* Limits for allocation ranges for selected countries and currencies are based on market values.

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2 Supplemental Information to the attached Global Investment-Grade Sovereign Fixed Income GIPS report.

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