4Q 2023 | STRATEGY PROFILE

# Global Opportunistic Fixed Income



## Objective

We strive to capture interest income and additionally generate principal growth through capital appreciation by 1.5% (net of fees), on an average annual basis, over rolling five-year periods.

## Universe

Our investible universe is comprised of the 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 emerging market debt rated BB- or higher. In addition, we may tactically invest in investment grade and high yield corporate debt and mortgage-backed securities.

## **Investment Process Summary**

We apply a top-down, value-driven process when structuring Global Opportunistic Fixed Income portfolios. Real (inflationadjusted) 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 with 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 based on yield-curve analysis, desired duration, and the wideness of credit spreads relative to government issues. Allocations to high yield issues and emerging markets are made on a tactical basis.

#### Our Competitive Advantage

The strategy employs a topdown, 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 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
- We strive for efficient duration management and country rotation (driven primarily by currency considerations) to add incremental value
- Investments typically are concentrated in 10-20 countries that we believe have the best total return potential

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

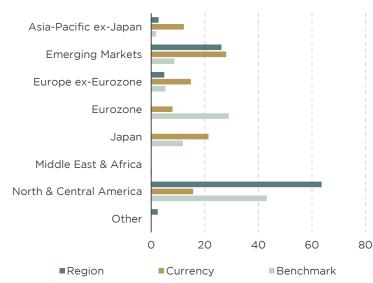
	Strategy	Benchmark
Avg. Quality <sup>3</sup>	AA-	AA
Avg. Maturity (Yrs.)	20.49	9.70
Avg. Eff. Duration (Yrs.)	8.36	7.43
Avg. Coupon (%)	5.46	2.23
Current Yield (%)	5.22	-
Avg. Yield-to-Maturity (%)	5.49	3.18
Number of Issues	40	1,247

#### 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 Opportunistic Fixed Income	15,820

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

	Gross	Net	WGBI	BGA
2023	8.08	7.60	5.19	5.72
2022	-15.53	-15.92	-18.26	-16.25
2021	-4.78	-5.21	-6.97	-4.71
2020	12.39	11.89	10.11	9.20
2019	9.77	9.28	5.90	6.84
2018	-4.61	-5.04	-0.84	-1.20
2017	13.28	12.78	7.49	7.39
2016	5.73	5.26	1.60	2.09
2015	-8.04	-8.46	-3.57	-3.15
2014	6.84	6.36	-0.48	0.59
2013	-3.23	-3.67	-4.00	-2.60

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

Sharpe Ratio	0.41
Sortino Ratio	0.62
Information Ratio	0.43

#### **Portfolio Managers**



Anujeet Sareen, CFA Portfolio Manager 29 Years of Experience



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



**Brian L. Kloss, JD, CPA** Portfolio Manager 27 Years of Experience



**Tracy Chen, CFA, CAIA** Portfolio Manager 21 Years of Experience



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David F. Hoffman, CFA

Managing Director & Portfolio Manager 48 Years of Experience

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

	Gross	Net	WGBI	BGA
QTD	12.42	12.30	8.08	8.10
YTD	8.08	7.60	5.19	5.72
1 Year	8.08	7.60	5.19	5.72
3 Year	-4.56	-4.99	-7.18	-5.51
5 Year	1.41	0.95	-1.39	-0.32
7 Year	2.13	1.67	-0.09	0.62
10 Year	1.87	1.41	-0.31	0.38
Since Inception	6.12	5.61	3.11	3.39

Inception Date: 1/1/1998

#### GIPS Information (%, unless otherwise noted) (Results shown in USD)

Year or YTD	Gross	Net	WGBI	BGA	# of Accounts	Market Value (M)	Total Firm Assets (M)	Composite Dispersion	Composite Rolling 3Y SD	WGBI Rolling 3Y SD	BGA Rolling 3Y SD
2023	8.08	7.60	5.19	5.72	14	5,648	59,468	0.31	12.65	8.90	8.65
2022	-15.53	-15.92	-18.26	-16.25	17	6,038	52,601	0.49	11.98	7.53	7.38
2021	-4.78	-5.21	-6.97	-4.71	17	8,987	67,356	0.31	9.41	4.80	4.39
2020	12.39	11.89	10.11	9.20	17	10,071	63,872	0.70	10.28	4.48	4.17
2019	9.77	9.28	5.90	6.84	21	10,767	74,024	0.19	7.13	4.20	3.53
2018	-4.61	-5.04	-0.84	-1.20	24	10,821	70,070	O.11	8.32	5.82	4.90
2017	13.28	12.78	7.49	7.39	25	11,370	74,382	0.38	7.44	5.75	4.82
2016	5.73	5.26	1.60	2.09	27	10,337	65,498	0.27	7.53	5.89	4.97
2015	-8.04	-8.46	-3.57	-3.15	28	11,427	68,819	0.18	6.19	4.39	3.90
2014	6.84	6.36	-0.48	0.59	25	11,888	63,375	0.26	6.66	4.28	3.93
2013	-3.23	-3.67	-4.00	-2.60	27	10,079	50,050	0.18	6.83	4.60	4.36

Data as of December 31, 2023 WGBI = FTSE WGBI (USD) BGA = Bloomberg Global Aggregate Organization: Brandywine Global Investment Management, LLC (the "Firm") is a wholly (GIPSA®) and has prepared and presented this report in compliance with the GIPS standards. Brandywine Global Investment Management, LLC claims compliance with the Global investment Performance Standards (GIPSA®) and has prepared and presented this report in compliance with the GIPS standards. 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. Verification provides assurance on whether the firm's policies and procedures related to composite and pooled fund maintenance, as well as the calculation, presentation, and distribution of performance, have been designed in compliance with the GIPS standards and have been implemented on a firm-wide basis. 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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. Prior to July 1, 2007, portfolios were included in the Composite beginning with the first full quarter of performance through the last full quarter of performance. After July 1, 2007, portfolios are included in the Composite beginning of period values to weight the portfolio returns. Composite returns are reported on quarterly 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 portfolios that were in the Composite for the entire year. 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Benchmark = WGBI

WGBI = FTSE World Government Bond Index (Unhedged) BGA = Bloomberg Global Aggregate Bond Index

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