

# **Johnson Core Plus Bond Fund**

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# OVERALL MORNINGSTAR RATINGS BY CLASS

NOT YET RATED

#### **KEY FACTS**

 Ticker:
 JCPLX

 CUSIP:
 479164782

 Share Class
 11/17/2021

Launch Date:

Expense Ratio: 0.45%

### **FUND PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS**

Fund Benchmark:

Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index

Average Credit Quality:

SEC Yield:
4.18%

Effective Duration:
6.56 years

Weighted Average Life:
7.63 years

Portfolio Turnover:
30.56%
(12-mo.)

Number of Holdings
60

# ANNUALIZED PERFORMANCE

	JCPLX	Benchmark
1 YEAR:	-4.67%	-4.78%
3 YEAR:	-	-
5 YEAR:	-	-
10 YEAR:	-	-

### **FUND DESCRIPTION**

Johnson Core Plus Bond Fund is a domestic fixed income portfolio that aims to maximize outperformance over the market index, with comparable volatility. The Fund's stated objective is a high level of income over the long term consistent with the preservation of capital.

### **FUND HIGHLIGHTS**

- · Flexibility to use non-investment grade securities to enhance yield and total return
- 100% US Dollar denominated
- · Proprietary Quality Yield approach

### **INVESTMENT STRATEGY**

- Flexibility to invest up to 40% of the Fund's net assets in securities rated below investment grade
- Yield enhancement focused on non-cyclical BB and B rated credits
- Duration between 80% and 120% of benchmark
- · Diversification by sector, issuer, and maturity
- · Utilize longer duration government securities as a credit hedge and for liquidity
- · Treasury futures to help manage duration and yield curve structure
- Emphasis on intermediate maturity to capture roll return and "off the run" premium

#### INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY

The Fund's portfolio management team's philosophy is built on the belief that fixed income plays two crucial roles within a portfolio. First and foremost, we believe fixed income should serve as the anchor of a portfolio — providing stability and protection especially during periods of market volatility. Second, fixed income should be a consistent and reliable source of compounding income. Therefore, the team focuses exclusively on high-quality, non-cyclical securities.

The team seeks to build portfolios that maximize yield and total return in normal environments, while never sacrificing our high-quality discipline that aims to provide reliable downside protection during periods of economic and market stress. To accomplish this, the Fund is often positioned overweight corporate bonds relative to its benchmark as a way to maximize current income. Additionally, the Fund has the flexibility to invest in securities rated below Investment Grade as a way to further enhance its long-term yield and total return. Typically, the team seeks to find BB and B rated securities with meaningfully lower spread volatility than the High Yield index. In order to help limit the Fund's overall spread sensitivity, the Fund generally strives for a shorter spread duration than the Index. Furthermore, balancing the Fund's tilt toward corporate bonds with longer duration government bonds provides an additional hedge to the portfolio and further provides stability to relative performance. While the fund seeks to provide downside protection, it may not always be able to do so.

Unique to our industry, this Quality Yield approach aims to provide a high degree of both outperformance and consistency during strong and weak environments. When yield spreads are tightening in the market and credit performs well, we believe the portfolio's overweight to the sector may help performance. When spreads are widening and corporate bonds lag in the market, we believe the portfolio's quality emphasis and shorter spread duration should lead to solid attribution from security selection

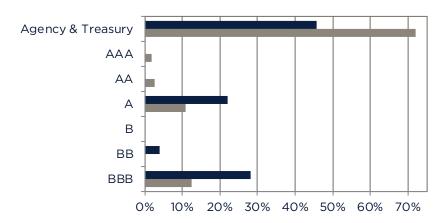
# CALENDAR YEAR PERFORMANCE

	1st QTR 2023	YTD	2022
JCPLX	3.46%	3.46%	-13.71%
BENCHMARK	2.96%	2.96%	-13.01%

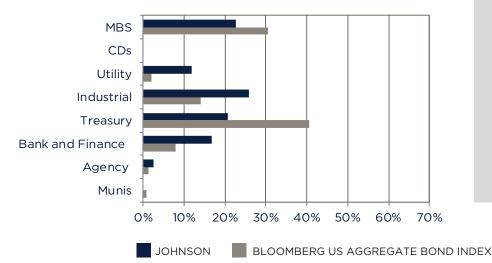
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# **QUALITY WEIGHTINGS:**



# **SECTOR WEIGHTINGS:**



# FIXED INCOME PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT TEAM:

# Jason Jackman, CFA

- Chief Executive Officer
- 30 Years Industry Experience

# Michael Leisring, CFA

- Chief Investment Officer Fixed Income
   & Portfolio Manager
- 25 Years Industry Experience

### Brandon Zureick, CFA

- Managing Director & Portfolio Manager
- 15 Years Industry Experience

# David Theobald, CFA

- Senior Portfolio Manager
- 16 Years Industry Experience

# Ryan Martin, CFA

- Portfolio Manager
- 10 Years Industry Experience

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