

Core Bond Strategy

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2024

OBJECTIVE

The **New Century Advisors Core Bond Strategy** seeks to maximize total return, consistent with preservation of capital and disciplined risk management. This strategy seeks to exceed benchmark returns over a market cycle by balancing risks across a diversified opportunity set and limiting risk from any one factor.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Benchmark: Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index
- Strategy AUM: \$1,882 mm
- Minimum Account: \$25mm
- Inception: August 2006
- Portfolio Manager: Eric Patlovich, CFA
 - 20 Years of industry experience
- Chief Investment Officer: Ellen Safir, CFA

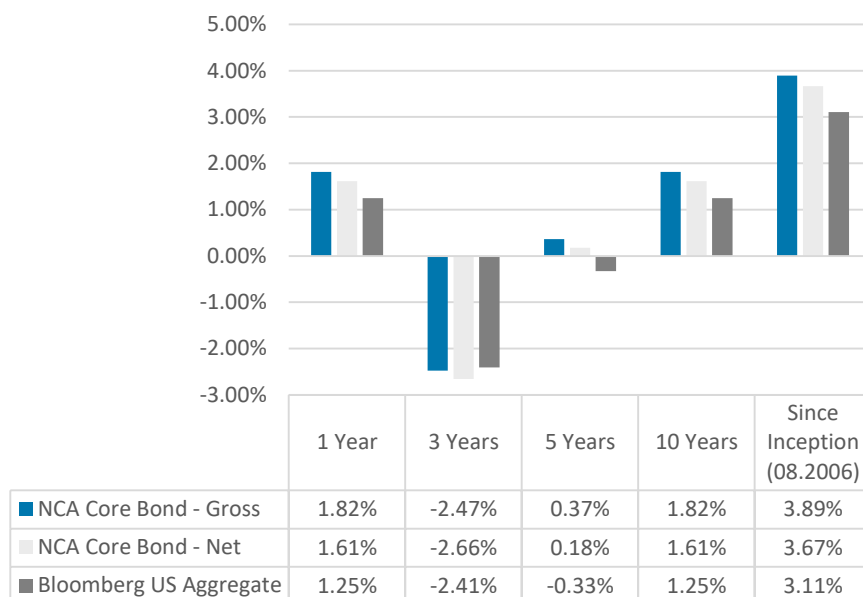
PHILOSOPHY

- Consistent outperformance can arise from the use of multiple, diversifying, active exposures that are carefully sized in accordance with rigorous risk management.
- Focus on a broad opportunity set in order to limit downside risk.

INVESTMENT APPROACH

- Driven by top-down and bottom-up analysis.
- Process is informed by technical factors including investor positioning, global flows and issuance trends.
- Idea generation from multiple internal and external resources, research and models.
- In-house fundamental and relative value analysis across sectors including rates, sovereign, curve, credit, currency, inflation, commodities and structured products.
- Diversified opportunity set includes:
 - Yield curve positioning
 - Sector selection
 - Security selection
 - Duration management
 - Country/currency selection
- Portfolios constructed with keen eye on risk management as team screens for diversifying ideas and runs scenario and stress analyses.

TRAILING RETURNS



CHARACTERISTICS & METRICS*

	NCA Core Bond	Index
Modified Duration	6.47	6.08
Yield to Maturity	5.18%	4.91%
Holdings	281	13,703
Avg. Quality	AA	AA

*Characteristics reflect a representative account within the composite.

RISK METRICS**

(SINCE INCEPTION ANNUALIZED)

	NCA Core Bond	Index
Standard Deviation	4.70%	4.55%
Sharpe Ratio	0.51	0.36
Annualized TE	0.74%	n/a
Information Ratio	1.05	n/a
Upside Capture	113.21	n/a
Downside Capture	95.55	n/a

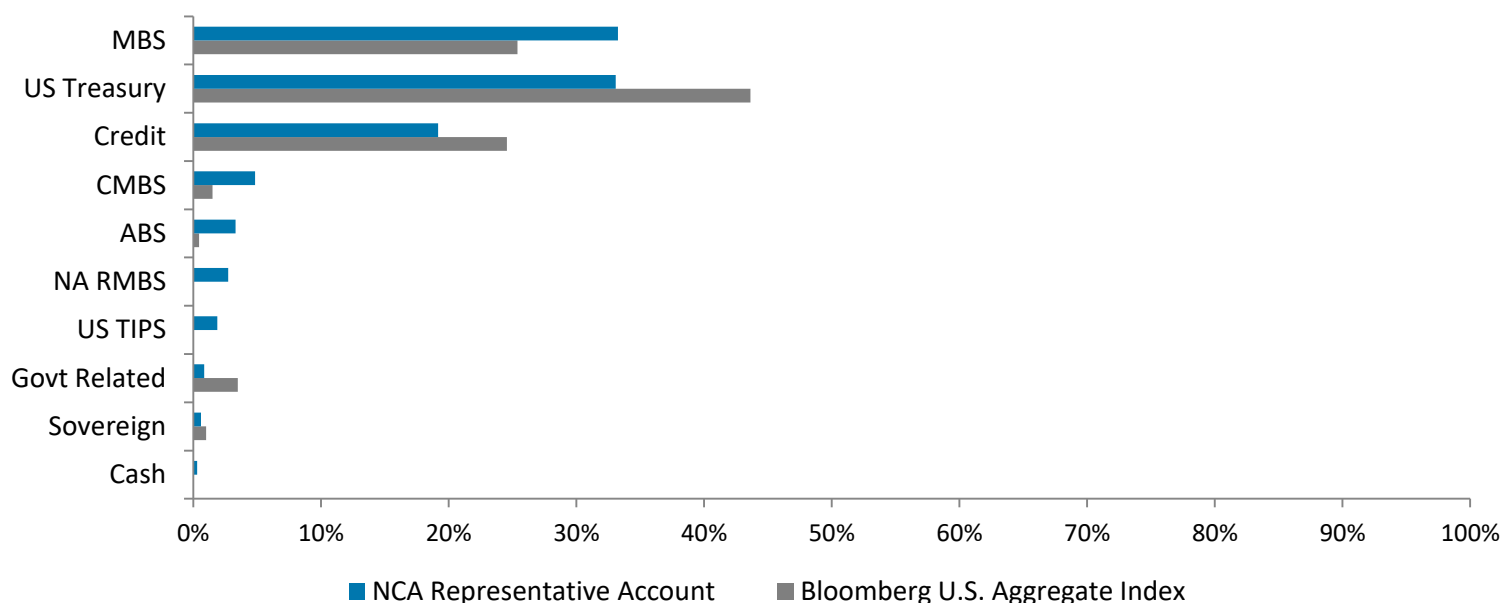
**Characteristics are gross of fees and calculated quarterly with the calculation time period beginning October 2006.
Source: Evestment

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SECTOR ALLOCATION

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IMPORTANT DISCLOSURES: Core Bond Composite - The Core Bond Composite includes six institutional portfolios invested in a diversified portfolio of U.S. Treasuries, Government Sponsored Entities, Corporates, Asset Backed Securities, Mortgage Backed Securities, and Commercial Mortgage Backed Securities. The principal investment objective is to exceed the return of the Barclays Aggregate Bond Index over a market cycle. The Core Bond strategy seeks to add value via duration management, yield curve management, sector allocation and specific selection, volatility management, inflation expectation management and non U.S. exposures. The strategy allows investment in exchange-traded derivative contracts (including, but not limited to, options, futures, and forward currency contracts) for the purposes of risk, volatility, and currency exposure management. Inherent in derivative instrument investments is the risk of counterparty default. Management of risks of active exposures is performed via a proprietary risk system. **CLIENTS MUST BE PREPARED TO BEAR THE RISK OF A TOTAL LOSS OF THEIR INVESTMENT.**

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