

Principal Core Fixed Income Fund

First quarter 2025

Fund overview

The Fund seeks to provide a high level of current income consistent with preservation of capital.

Morningstar overall rating:



Overall Morningstar RatingTM as of 03/31/2025 among 422 Intermediate Core Bond Funds

Morningstar ratings may vary between share classes, are based on historical risk-adjusted total returns and are subject to change.

Ticker

Class I: PIOIX Class R6: PICNX
Class A: CMPIX

Portfolio management

John R. Friedl, CFA

27 years of experience

Scott J. Peterson, CFA

36 years of experience

Michael Goosay

34 years of experience

Fund information

	Fund	Index
Fund AUM	\$10.7B	—
Number of holdings	496	13,783
Dividend frequency	Monthly	—
Average effective duration	6.0	6.0
Weighted average life to worst ¹	8.2	8.3
Average yield to maturity ¹	4.8%	4.6%
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Source: Aladdin[®] by BlackRock[®]

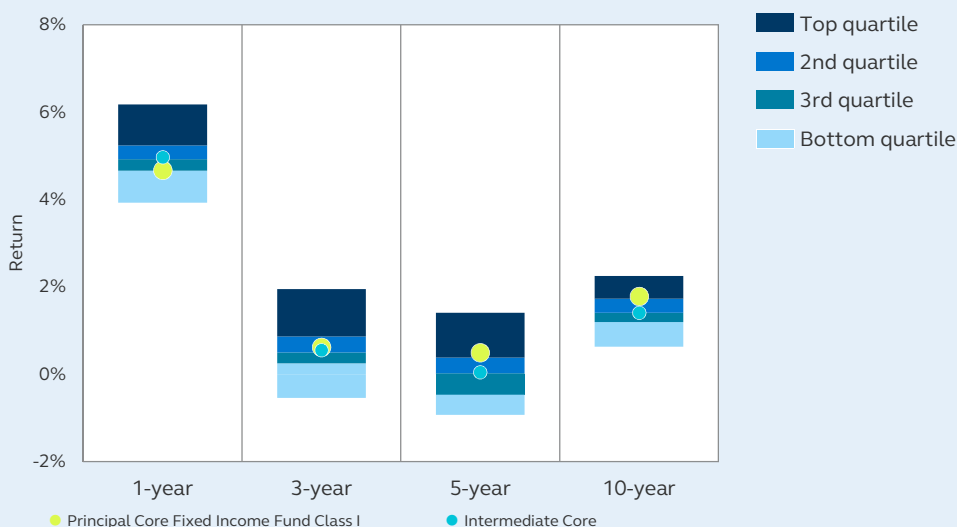
¹ Weighted average of the underlying securities in the portfolio.

Duration: The sensitivity of a fixed-income investment's principal value to interest rate changes. **Weighted average life:** The average number of years for which each dollar of unpaid principal on a fixed-income security remains outstanding. **Yield to worst:** The lowest potential yield that can be received on a bond without the issuer defaulting. **Yield to maturity:** Rate of return anticipated on a bond if held until maturity.

A high-conviction, long-term approach to core bond investing

- Long-term investment horizon allows a value approach to capture total return over a full market cycle.
- A research-driven, low-turnover strategy focused on bonds with a margin of safety.²
- Preference for bonds with asymmetric risk profiles.

Fund total return relative to the Morningstar Intermediate Core category

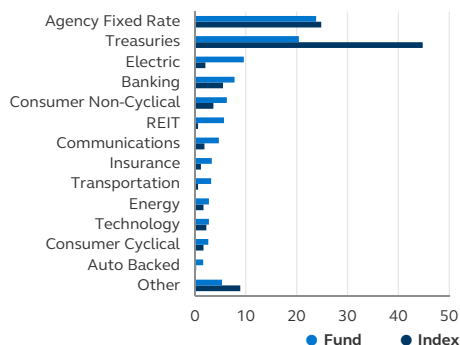


Why allocate to a portfolio:

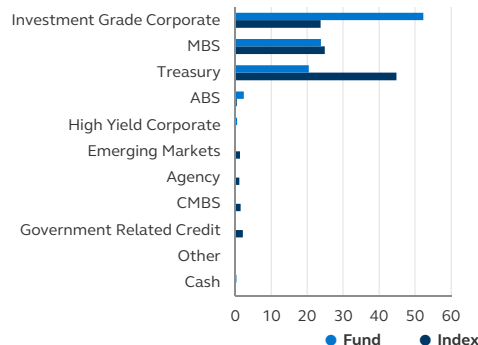
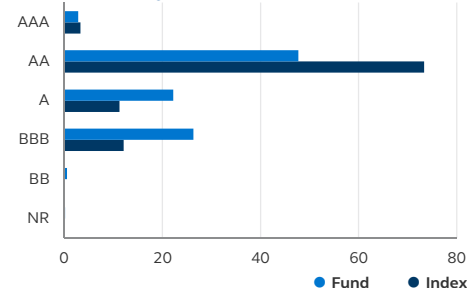
- Core bonds provide an important portfolio diversifier to potentially reduce volatility and provide steady income.
- Compelling fixed income exposure in asset allocations as a stand-alone or complementary core bond manager.
- Demonstrated strong historical long-term performance by tenured portfolio management team.
- Independent credit research with a strategic bias toward corporate bonds, which have less interest rate sensitivity than Treasuries.

² Biased towards issuers with stable cash flows, hard assets, limited ongoing capital needs, and that benefit from demographic trends.

Past performance does not guarantee future results. Asset allocation and diversification do not ensure a profit or protect against a loss.

Sector allocation (%)³

³ Source: Aladdin® by BlackRock®. Fund holdings and allocations shown are unaudited and may not be representative of current or future investments. Percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding and/or inclusion or exclusion of cash.

Investment blend (%)³Credit quality allocation (%)^{3,4}

⁴ Represents the middle rating of Moody's, S&P, and Fitch. When only two agencies rate a bond, the lower is used. When only one agency rates a bond, that rating is used. The ratings are an indication of an issuer's creditworthiness and typically range from AAA or Aaa (highest) to D (lowest). The NR category consists of rateable securities that have not been rated by a Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organization.

Performance, rankings, & ratings

	Average annual total returns (%)							Yields (%) ¹²			
	3-month	1-year	3-year	5-year	10-year	Since inception ¹⁰ (03/23/1998)	Expense ratio ¹¹ (net/gross)	Expense limit expiration date	30-Day SEC (Unsubsidized/ subsidized)	12-month distribution	
Class I ⁵	2.55	4.67	0.62	0.49	1.78	6.64	0.43/0.46	02/28/2026	4.20/4.20	3.50	
Bloomberg Aggregate Bond Index ^{6,7}	2.78	4.88	0.52	-0.40	1.46	-	-	-	-	-	
Morningstar Category Average	2.65	4.97	0.55	0.05	1.41	-	-	-	-	-	
Morningstar rankings and ratings	3-month	1-year	3-year	5-year	10-year	Overall					
Category and number of funds in category: Intermediate Core Bond	474	462	422	380	276	422					
Class I percentile rankings ⁸	-	75	40	22	21	-					
Class I ratings ⁹	-	-	***	*****	*****	*****					
Calendar year returns (%)		2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Class I ⁵		-0.96	5.47	4.60	-0.06	9.04	8.16	-1.87	-12.82	5.87	1.49
Bloomberg Aggregate Bond Index ^{6,7}		0.55	2.65	3.54	0.01	8.72	7.51	-1.54	-13.01	5.53	1.25
Morningstar Category Average		-0.26	3.23	3.71	-0.50	8.06	7.52	-1.48	-13.32	5.59	1.68

Morningstar percentile rankings are based on total returns. Morningstar ratings are based on risk-adjusted returns.

Returns represent past performance and do not guarantee future results. Share price, principal value, and return will vary and you may have a gain or loss when shares are sold. Current performance may be lower or higher than quoted. For the most recent month-end performance, visit www.PrincipalAM.com/mutual.

⁵ Performance assumes reinvestment of all dividends and capital gains.

⁶ Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index represents securities that are domestic, taxable, and dollar denominated. The index covers the U.S. investment-grade fixed rate bond market, with index components for government and corporate securities, mortgage pass-through securities, and asset-backed securities.

⁷ Index performance information reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes. Indices are unmanaged and individuals cannot invest directly in an index.

⁸ Morningstar percentile rankings are based on total returns and do not reflect the inclusion of sales charges. If sales charges were reflected, rankings could be lower.

⁹ The Morningstar Rating™ for funds, or "star rating," is calculated for managed products (including mutual funds, variable annuity and variable life subaccounts, exchange-traded funds, closed-end funds, and separate accounts) with at least a three-year history. Exchange traded funds and open-ended mutual funds are considered a single population for comparative purposes. It is calculated based on a Morningstar Risk-Adjusted Return measure that accounts for variation in a managed product's monthly excess performance, placing more emphasis on downward variations and rewarding consistent performance. The top 10% of products in each product category receive 5 stars, the next 22.5% receive 4 stars, the next 35% receive 3 stars, the next 22.5% receive 2 stars, and the bottom 10% receive 1 star. The Overall Morningstar Rating for a managed product is derived from a weighted average of the performance figures associated with its three-, five-, and 10-year (if applicable) Morningstar Rating metrics. The weights are: 100% three-year rating for 36-59 months of total returns, 60% five-year rating/40% three-year rating for 60-119 months of total returns, and 50% 10-year rating/30% five-year rating/20% three-year rating for 120 or more months of total returns. While the 10-year overall star rating formula seems to give the most weight to the 10-year period, the most recent three-year period actually has the greatest impact because it is included in all three rating periods. Morningstar ratings do not reflect the inclusion of sales charges. If sales charges were reflected, ratings could be lower.

¹⁰ Class I shares were first sold 03/23/1998. Returns for Class I shares prior to 03/23/1998, including since inception performance, are based on performance of A shares adjusted to reflect the fees and expense of the Class I shares. Class A shares were first sold on 12/15/1975.

¹¹ The net expense ratio reflects contractual expense limits, if any, which may lower net expenses and cause the gross and net expense ratios to differ. In such cases a date is listed through which expense limits are expected to apply; however, Principal Funds and the investment adviser may mutually agree to terminate the expense limits prior to the end of the period. Returns displayed are based on net total investment expense.

¹² 30-Day SEC yield represents net investment income earned by a fund over a 30-day period, stated as an annual percentage. Unsubsidized yield reflects the SEC yield when some fund expenses are not waived. Subsidized yield reflects a fund's yield when all expense waivers are included. 12-month yield is based on actual distributions paid over a trailing 12-month period, stated as an annual percentage.

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