

# Goldman Sachs Collective Trust Core Plus Fixed Income Fund

**US Aggregate Strategy SEPTEMBER 2024** 

### **Overview**

Despite inflation setbacks earlier this year, solid growth, robust corporate credit fundamentals, and strong demand for historically high yields continue to bolster fixed income markets. In addition, diverging central bank policy paths will likely continue to support cross-market interest rate opportunities.

As anticipated, the Federal Reserves Bank (the Fed) left the federal funds rate unchanged at 5.25-5.5%. However, recent disinflation progress, as evident in US CPI, signaled to market participants to expect a rate cut at the September meeting. Interestingly, the June meeting struck a slightly hawkish tone considering the median staff projection saw one cut in 2024 compared to three cuts projected in March. We think that US disinflation progress over the past year, driven by rebalancing of the labor market, goods, and rental markets alongside moderating wage growth sets the stage for the Fed to begin its cutting cycle this fall, though we note uncertainty still exists due to the US elections and upcoming economic data.

Due to the backdrop of high all-in yields, relatively solid growth, and sound fundamentals, we believe that spreads can remain "tighter for longer". Our strategy is to be selective, focusing on attractive income and being ready to seize risk premiums to generate total return as opportunities arise.

### PERFORMANCE ATTRIBUTION

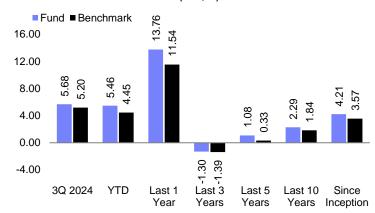
#### Contributors

Our Cross-Sector positioning was the primary driver of performance over the period due to overweight allocations to corporate credit and securitized credit. namely Commercial Mortgage Backed Securities and Non-Agency MBS. Our Duration strategy also contributed to returns due to our positioning for a steeper yield curve in the US and Europe. Within our Country strategy, our long US and New Zealand rates vs short Japan rates positions positively impacted performance.

### **Detractors**

In Corporate Selection, our specific name selection in high yield industrial credits detracted from performance. Additionally, our down-in-quality bias was a headwind to returns as BBB-rated credits underperformed their higher quality counterparts. Within the Currency strategy, our long exposure to the New Zealand Dollar and the Swedish Krona detracted from returns..

## CLASS I PERFORMANCE AT NAV (NET, %) AS OF 30 SEPTEMBER 2024



#### ASSET CLASS COMPOSITION (MARKET VALUE, %) AS OF 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

Corporate-Inv.Grade	33%	Non-Agency RMBS	6%
Agency RMBS	31%	Corporate - High Yield	5%
Asset-Backed Securities (ABS)	15%	Emerging Market Debt	2%
Commercial Mortgages (CMBS)	8%	Derivatives	0%
Gov't/Quasi-Gov	7%	Cash	-6%

#### **CLASS I SUMMARY STATISTICS** AS OF 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

AUM (\$MM, All Share Classes)

235

	Portfolio	Benchmark
Average Rating	AA	AA+
Yield to Worst (%)	4.59	4.23
Duration	5.74	6.1

Hawkish is a term used to describe the expectation for less accommodative monetary policy. Data as of September 30, 2024
Source: Goldman Sachs Asset Management. Inception date: 2002-01-31. Benchmark: Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond (Total Return, Unhedged, USD).
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# Macro Strategies

# **Interest Rate Exposure – US**

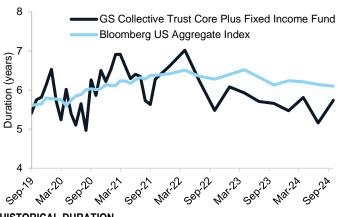
- Sovereign rates rallied over the quarter as market focus remained on central bank easing. Most notably, the Fed cut interest rates by 50bps, settling the 25bps versus 50bps debate that followed a slightly weaker-thanexpected August labor market report.
- We remained biased for the forward US yield curve to steepen although have since reduced our position following the significant amount of steepening over the quarter. Our option adjusted duration positioning is currently long relative to the benchmark.

# **Interest Rate Exposure – Global**

- Elsewhere, the European Central Bank (ECB) cut rates by 25bps to 3.50%, as many European countries are displaying evidence of significant economic slowdown. Germany inflation fell to 1.8%, below the ECB's 2% target, and other Eurozone countries such as Spain, France and Italy also saw September inflation fall sparking a rally in rates. Markets have been increasingly pricing an October rate cut on signs of labor market softening. Elsewhere, both Sweden and Switzerland implementing
- Conversely, The Bank of England (BoE) maintained the Bank Rate at 5% at its September meeting following a 25bps cut in August, signaling a gradual approach to removing policy restraint, absent a significant shift in the macro backdrop.
- The Bank of Japan also maintained its policy rate at 0.25% and kept its assessment of economic activity and prices largely unchanged from the July Outlook Report. We continue to expect the market is underestimating Japan's potential for further rate normalization.

#### Currency

We modestly decreased our US dollar exposure over the period as the given risks stemming from a dovish Fed, the US Presidential election, and China stimulus. We are positioned for more USD volatility via options. We remain conscious that if US economic data weakens and geopolitical tensions fade, the US exceptionalism theme is likely to diminish, negatively impacting the dollar.



#### HISTORICAL DURATION

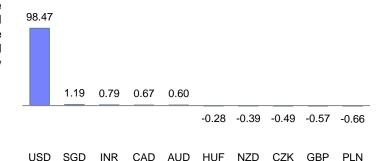
Quarter-End Date	Portfolio	Benchmark	Difference
30-Sep-24	5.74	6.10	-0.36
30-Jun-24	5.16	6.14	-0.98
31-Mar-24	5.81	6.21	-0.40
31-Dec-23	5.47	6.24	-0.77

#### **KEY THEMES**

Long U.S and European rates vs. Japan

Long Canada and Norway rates vs. New Zealand and Swiss rates

#### **CURRENCY EXPOSURE (%)**



Source: Goldman Sachs Asset Management. All data above as September 30, 2024.

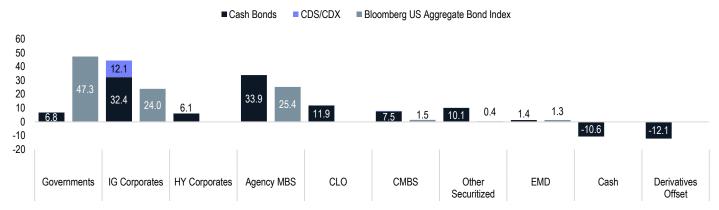
- The total average duration is a mathematical weighted average duration of the Fund's total holdings, option-adjusted, and is a measure of the sensitivity of a Fund's price to interest-rate changes. The option-adjusted measure of duration takes into account the fact that yield changes may change the expected cash flows of the Fund's underlying securities because of the presence of an embedded option, such as a call or put.
- Hawkish is a term used to describe the expectation for less accommodative monetary policy; opposite of dovish.

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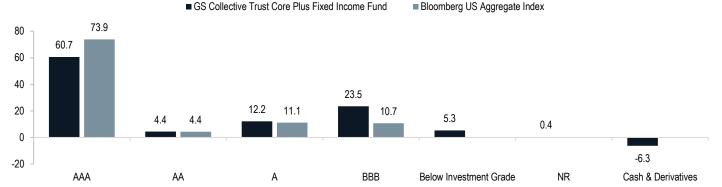
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# Portfolio Allocation

### ASSET ALLOCATION (%, NOTIONAL VALUE) AS OF 30 SEPTEMBER 2024



### CREDIT QUALITY ALLOCATION (%, MARKET VALUE) AS OF 30 SEPTEMBER 2024



### **Asset Allocation Summary**

### A. Government/Swaps

We are tactically managing our curve exposure and interest rate volatility positioning given the uncertainty surrounding central bank policy.

## B. Securitized

- · We are overweight Agency MBS given solid fundamentals and supply-side technical dynamics.
- We remain overweight to Ginnie Mae versus conventional MBS, as the production coupon Ginnie/Fannie swap has depressed relative to dollar price. Furthermore, the outlook for overseas demand is more favorable with attractive all-in yields.
- We are overweight securitized credit sectors, with a preference for AAA CLOs.

#### C. Corporate

- We remain modestly overweight Investment Grade (IG) credit given solid corporate fundamentals and attractive yield levels. Corporate balance sheets entered the current cycle from a position of strength. Earnings (EBITDA) and balance sheet liquidity are near year-end 2019 levels and debt-to-EV has improved as equity markets recover from the 2022 lows.
- We maintain our overweight to the short- and intermediate-maturity portion of the corporate credit curve and are positioned for curves to steepen, as well as harvesting carry-and-roll.
- We maintain a selective down in quality bias and are overweight BBB rated bonds and have modest exposure to HY corporates.

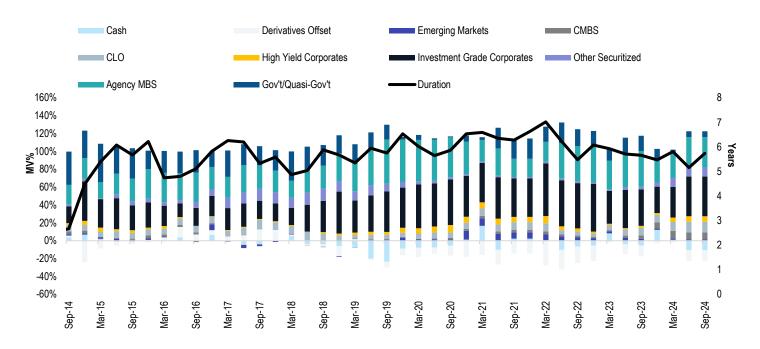
## D. Emerging Market Debt

We are slightly overweight Emerging Market (EM) debt and remain mindful of idiosyncratic pockets of weakness.

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# Positioning & Attribution Summary

## HISTORICAL ASSET ALLOCATION (NOTIONAL VALUE %) AS OF 30 SEPTEMBER 2024



### ATTRIBUTION BY STRATEGY (GROSS RETURNS, BASIS POINTS)<sup>1,2</sup> AS OF 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

	3Q 2024	2024 YTD	Last 1 Year	Last 3 Years	Last 5 Years	Last 10 Years
TOTAL PORTFOLIO (GROSS)2	50	107	229	14	79	49
ASSET ALLOCATION	32	60	101	7	66	35
Cross-Sector	32	60	101	7	66	35
SECURITY SELECTION	-4	23	59	25	27	31
Corporate	-7	14	33	17	11	14
Securitized	-1	-1	-2	-12	-6	5
Gov't / Swaps	7	12	26	22	21	17
Emerging Markets Debt	-2	-3	2	-2	1	-6
MACRO	19	12	10	20	19	-4
Duration	24	17	9	10	14	-2
Country	0	0	0	0	0	0
Currency	-5	-5	1	10	5	-2
CrossMacro	0	0	0	0	0	0

The returns presented herein are gross and do not reflect the deduction of investment advisory fees, which will reduce returns. Past performance does not predict future returns and does not guarantee future results, which may vary.

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# Correlation and Volatility

#### **CORRELATIONS TO MARKET INDICES** AS OF 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

	10 Year Annualized Volatility	1 Year Correlations to GS Core Plus Collective Trust Fund	3 Year Correlations to GS Core Plus Collective Trust Fund	5 Year Correlations to GS Core Plus Collective Trust Fund	10 Year Correlations to GS Core Plus Collective Trust Fund
GOLDMAN SACHS COLLECTIVE TRUST CORE PLUS FIXED INCOME FUND (I-SHARES)	5.06	-	-	-	-
U.S. FIXED INCOME					
Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index	4.7%	0.99	0.99	0.95	0.94
INVESTMENT GRADE CORPORATE FIXED INCOME					
Bloomberg US Corporate Investment Grade Index	5.9%	0.97	0.97	0.94	0.94
HIGH YIELD FIXED INCOME					
Bloomberg US Corporate High Yield Bond Index	5.2%	0.66	0.56	0.48	0.41
SECURITIZED FIXED INCOME					
Bloomberg US Securitized Index	4.5%	0.98	0.96	0.88	0.88
EMERGING MARKETS FIXED INCOME					
J.P. Morgan Corporate Emerging Markets Bond Index	3.1%	0.82	0.66	0.62	0.58
EQUITIES					
S&P 500 Index	17.8%	0.24	0.24	0.13	0.09

#### GS COLLECTIVE TRUST CORE PLUS FIXED INCOME FUND FEE SCHEDULE

		Institutional Series			Premier Series		
Share Class	Class I	Class 1	Class 2	Class 1	Class 2		
Investment Minimum	\$20M	\$10M	\$10M	\$5M	\$5M		
Trust Management Fees	Negotiated	0.17%	0.17%	0.24%	0.24%		
Normal Operating Expenses							
Transfer Agency Services	0.02%	0.02%	0.02%	0.02%	0.02%		
Operating Expenses	0.02%	0.02%	0.02%	0.02%	0.02%		
Plan Service Provider Fees	0.00%	0.00%	0.10%	0.00%	0.10%		
Total Expense Ratio	0.04%	0.21%	0.31%	0.28%	0.38%		
Plan Level Minimum if Investment Minimum Can't be Reached	\$200M	\$100M	\$100M	\$50M	\$50M		

Source: Goldman Sachs Asset Management. All data above as of September 30, 2024. Past correlations are not indicative of future correlations, which may vary.

Annualized volatility and correlations calculated using daily returns. Please note the Fund is priced daily at 4:00 PM EST which may differ from the time other market indices or Funds are priced, particularly those based within Asian and European markets. These differences, amongst other considerations, may influence the correlation statistics generated.

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Period	Gross Return	Net Return	Differential	
1 year	6.17%	5.54%	0.63%	
2 years	12.72	11.38	1.34	
10 years	81.94	71.39	10.55	

The Fund's benchmark index is the Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index. The Index represents an unmanaged diversified portfolio of fixed income securities, including U.S. Treasuries, investment-grade corporate bonds, and mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities.

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