Monthly Fund Commentary



Hartford Total Return Bond Fund

Tickers: A: ITBAX C: HABCX F: ITBFX I: ITBIX R3: ITBRX R4: ITBUX R5: ITBTX R6: ITBVX Y: HABYX

What Happened?

- Renewed inflation worries driven by tariffs, along with Germany's fiscal announcement, sent long-duration developed-sovereign yields sharply higher. Most spread sectors produced negative total returns and underperformed government bonds.
- The US Treasury yield curve steepened as front-end yields rallied, and longdated yields sold off.
- The Federal Reserve kept rates on hold but slowed the pace of its balance sheet runoff, while the European Central Bank and the Swiss National Bank each cut rates by 25 basis points (0.25%).

Performance Highlights

Contributors

- An underweight to investment-grade corporate bonds represented the top positive contributor to relative results as spreads widened.
- Positioning in agency MBS helped relative returns. MBS spreads moved wider over the month amid a broader risk-off sentiment as markets considered potential impacts from tariffs, renewed inflation concerns, and weaker economic growth prospects.

Detractors

- Duration positioning detracted from relative performance. Inflation is likely to spike in the short term and remain more volatile over the medium term, limiting the Fed's ability to cut policy rates.
- Positioning in high-yield corporate bonds hurt relative returns as spreads widened. Strong earnings and interest coverage provide ample cushion in the event of deterioration, in our view; more challenged issuers are at greater risk of liability-management exercises.

Month End Performance (%) (I-Share) as of 3/31/25



Overall Morningstar Rating™ (I-Share)*

★★★ 530 Products

Intermediate Core-Plus Bond Category Based on Risk-Adjusted Returns as of 3/31/25

Portfolio managers from Wellington Management and years of experience

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Duration is a measure of the sensitivity of an investment's price to nominal interest-rate movement.

Spreads are the difference in yields between two fixed-income securities with the same maturity, but originating from different investment sectors.

Yield curve is a line that plots interest rates of bonds having equal credit quality but differing maturity dates; its slope is used to forecast the state of the economy and interest-rate changes.

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Current Insight and Positioning From Wellington Management

- Credit spreads haven't yet widened to levels that compensate for risks to diminished growth prospects. Corporate fundamentals are likely to deteriorate, but from a healthy starting point across most sectors.
- We maintain an underweight to IG credit due to better observed opportunities in various out-of-benchmark sectors, including high-quality securitized credit (residential housing benefits from low supply and embedded home price appreciation), BB high yield (more insulated from default risk than CCCs), and select emerging markets (we limit exposure to high-conviction turnaround stories).
- We believe there will be upside potential from taking advantage of credit market dislocations as they arise.

Sector Exposure (%) as of 3/31/25	
Mortgage Backed Securities	39
United States Government	29
Investment Grade Credit	18
Asset Backed Securities	7
Commercial Mortgage Backed	5
Securities	5
High Yield Credit	5
Developed Government and Related	1
(Non-US \$)	ı
Emerging Market Debt	1
Bank Loans	0
Other	0
Cash, Cash Equivalents and Cash	4
Offsets	-4

Characteristics are subject to change. Percentages may be rounded.

Credit Exposure ¹ (%) as of 3/31	/25
Aaa/AAA	9
Aa/AA	65
A	9
Baa/BBB	12
Ba/BB	7
В	1
Caa/CCC or lower	0
Not Rated	2
Cash & Cash Offsets	-4

'Credit exposure is the credit ratings for the underlying securities of the Fund as provided by Standard and Poor's (S&P), Moody's Investors Service, or Fitch and typically range from AAA/Aaa (highest) to C/D (lowest). If S&P, Moody's, and Fitch assign different ratings, the median rating is used. If only two agencies assign ratings, the lower rating is used. Securities that are not rated by any of the three agencies are listed as "Not Rated." Ratings do not apply to the Fund itself or to Fund shares. Ratings may change.

Net Assets	\$4.4 billion	
# of Holdings	1,659	
# of Issuers	387	
Dividend Frequency	Monthly	
Holdings Characteristics		
Effective Duration	5.61 yrs.	

Average Annual Total Returns (%) as of 3/31/25

Class								Expenses ¹	
	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	SI	Gross	Net
A	2.57	2.57	4.63	0.84	0.60	1.73	4.09	0.68%	0.68%
A with 4.5% Max Sales Charge	_	_	-0.08	-0.69	-0.32	1.26	3.93	_	_
F	2.57	2.57	4.96	1.17	0.96	2.08	4.32	0.32%	0.32%
1	2.66	2.66	4.95	1.14	0.91	2.01	4.29	0.41%	0.38%
R3	2.44	2.44	4.23	0.46	0.25	1.39	4.07	1.04%	1.04%
R4	2.65	2.65	4.73	0.86	0.61	1.72	4.27	0.74%	0.74%
R5	2.61	2.61	4.87	1.09	0.85	2.02	4.46	0.44%	0.44%
R6	2.55	2.55	4.95	1.17	0.95	2.09	4.52	0.32%	0.32%
Υ	2.64	2.64	5.05	1.15	0.91	2.08	4.51	0.38%	0.38%
Benchmark	2.78	2.78	4.88	0.52	-0.40	1.46	_	_	_
Morningstar Category	2.61	2.61	5.27	0.92	0.99	1.77	_	_	_

Morningstar® Category Intermediate Core-Plus Bond

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Share Class Inception: A, Y - 7/22/96; F - 2/28/17; I - 8/31/06; R3, R4, R5 - 12/22/06; R6 - 11/7/14. Performance shown prior to the inception of a class reflects performance and operating expenses of another class(es) (excluding sales charges, if applicable). Had fees and expenses of a class been reflected for the periods prior to the inception of that class, performance would be different. Since inception (SI) performance is from 7/22/96. Performance and expenses for other share classes will vary. Additional information is in the prospectus. Only Class A assesses a sales charge. Performance for periods of less than one year is not annualized.

Benchmark: Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index is composed of securities that cover the US investment grade fixed rate bond market, with index components for government and corporate securities, mortgage pass-through securities, and asset-backed securities. Indices are unmanaged and not available for direct investment.

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Effective as of the close of business on 3/29/19, Class C of the Fund closed to new investors, except as disclosed in the prospectus.

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