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# Nationwide BNY Mellon Core Plus Bond ESG Fund

Q2 2024

AS OF 06/30/24

**Objective:** Seeks maximum long-term total return, consistent with reasonable risk to principal, by investing primarily in investment grade debt securities of varying maturities

**Class A:** NWCPX  
**Inst Svc:** NWCSX

**Asset class:** Taxable Bond  
**Morningstar category:** Intermediate Core-Plus Bond

## ESG integration

A global leader in managing environmental, social, and governance-related investment risks in fixed income as ESG factors are fully integrated into the investment process

## Diversification

Offers multiple sources of return by dynamically investing across various sectors to help decrease correlations and portfolio volatility

## Fixed income expertise

Provides access to a seasoned, stable portfolio management team with deep experience investing in multi-sector portfolios

## Portfolio Characteristics

Total Net Assets (all classes)	\$563M
Total Number of holdings	340
Average maturity	10.13
Effective duration	5.61
SEC 30-day yield	4.14%
SEC 30-day yield w/o waiver	4.10%
Standard deviation*	7.89
Turnover	44%

Portfolio characteristics are based on Class A shares.

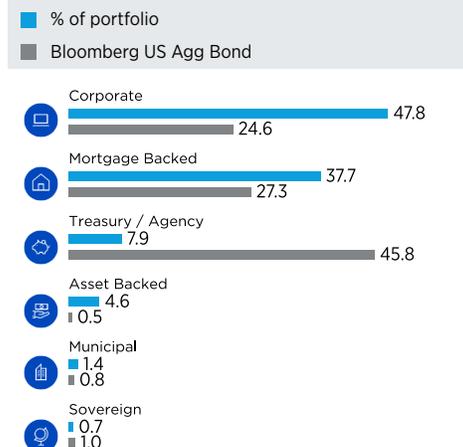
\*Rolling 36 months

## Credit Quality (%)<sup>1</sup>

AAA	5.1
AA	41.2
A	15.6
BBB	29.0
Below BBB	9.1



## Top Sectors



## Average Annual Total Returns (%)

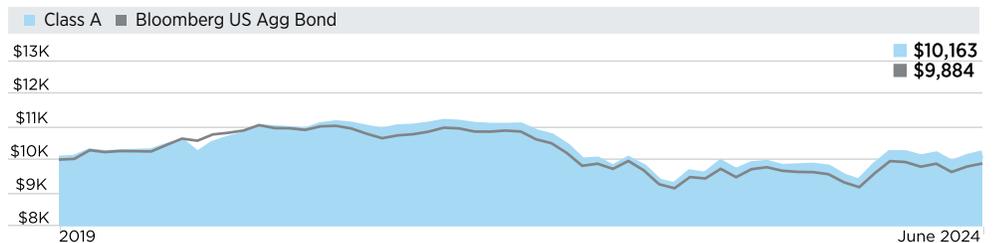
Share class	QTD	YTD	1-year	3-year	5-year	10-year
Class A (without sales charge)	0.36	-0.02	4.02	-2.67	0.32	1.61
<b>Class A (with 4.25% max sales charge)</b>	<b>-3.91</b>	<b>-4.27</b>	<b>-0.40</b>	<b>-4.07</b>	<b>-0.54</b>	<b>1.17</b>
Institutional Service Class	0.43	0.12	4.30	-2.41	0.59	1.89
Bloomberg US Agg Bond Index	0.07	-0.71	2.63	-3.02	-0.23	1.35
Category	0.31	0.11	3.83	-2.81	0.20	1.49

Performance returns assume the reinvestment of all distributions. Returns for periods less than one year are not annualized. Total returns reflect a contractual expense limitation for direct annual Fund expenses for all classes for certain periods since inception, without which returns would have been lower.

Share class	Expense ratios		Inception date
	Gross (%)	Net (%)	
Class A	0.86	0.83	04/24/2013
Institutional Service Class	0.63	0.60	04/24/2013

The 12b-1 fees listed below are already included in the gross and net fees. The maximum sales charge would be paid directly from your investment. **Sales charges and 12b-1 Fees:** Class A - max front end sales charge of 4.25%, 0.25% 12b-1 fee (investment size may reduce or eliminate front-end sales charge). Institutional Service Class - no sales charge, no 12b-1 fee. The expense ratios are as shown in the most recent prospectus. The difference between gross and net operating expenses reflects contractual fee waivers and/or expense reimbursements in place through 02/28/2025. Please see the Fund's prospectus for more details.

## Growth of \$10k (07/01/19-06/30/24)



The results shown represent past performance; past performance does not guarantee future results. Current performance may be lower or higher than the past performance shown. Share price, principal value, and return will vary, and you may have a gain or a loss when you sell your shares. To obtain the most recent month-end performance, go to [nationwide.com/mutualfunds](http://nationwide.com/mutualfunds) or call 800-848-0920.

<sup>1</sup>Credit Quality specifies the percentages of the Fund's underlying holdings that are rated by Standard & Poor's Ratings Services (Standard & Poor's) to indicate the issuer's creditworthiness. Standard & Poor's bond credit ratings typically range from AAA (highest) to D (lowest). These ratings are not absolute standards of quality and do not provide assurance against default or other loss of principal value. Securities that are not rated by either agency are listed as "Not Rated." Ratings do not apply to the Fund itself or to Fund shares. Ratings may change.

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## Top Holdings

	% of portfolio
Government Of The United States Of America 1.875% 15-feb-2041	2.8
Verizon Communications Inc. 1.5% 18-sep-2030	1.9
Government Of The United States Of America 4.5% 15-feb-2044	1.5
Fhlmc 30yr Pool#ra9992 6.000% 01-oct-2053	1.2
CEDAR FUNDING VII CLO LTD 2018-7A A1 FLOATING	1.2

Holdings are provided for informational purposes and should not be deemed as a recommendation to buy or sell the securities.

## Calendar Year Returns (%) (without sales charge)



## Portfolio Management

Insight Investment, Subadviser  
**Scott Zaleski, CFA**, Fund tenure since 2024  
**Brendan Murphy, CFA**, Fund tenure since 2024  
**James DiChiaro**, Fund tenure since 2022



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**DEFINITIONS:** **Average annual total returns** are the annual compounded returns that would have produced the cumulative total return if fund performance had been constant during the given period. **Average maturity** is the weighted average time period for which the debt securities remain outstanding. Changes in interest rates have greater impact on funds with longer average maturity. **Effective duration** is an estimate of bond price sensitivity to changes in interest rates. The higher the duration, the greater the change (i.e., higher risk) in relation to interest-rate movements. **SEC 30-day yield** takes into account a fund's expense reduction, and reflects an estimated "yield to maturity" for a fund's entire portfolio. It should be regarded as an estimate of the fund's rate of investment income, and it may not equal the fund's actual income distribution rate, which reflects a fund's past dividends paid to shareholders. The calculation is in accordance with SEC standards. **SEC 30-day yield w/o waiver** does not take into account a fund's expense reduction, and reflects an estimated "yield to maturity" for a fund's entire portfolio. **Standard deviation** measures performance fluctuation, may not be indicative of future risk and is not a predictor of returns. **Turnover** measures how frequently investments are bought and sold within a fund during a 12 month period. The portfolio turnover rate is as of the fund's fiscal year end and is usually expressed as a percentage of the total value of a fund.

**Call 800-848-0920 to request a summary prospectus and/or a prospectus, or download prospectuses at nationwide.com/mutual-funds-prospectuses.jsp. These prospectuses outline investment objectives, risks, fees, charges and expenses, and other information that you should read and consider carefully before investing.**

**KEY RISKS:** The Fund is subject to the risks of investing in fixed-income securities (including high-yield bonds), and including default risk and interest rate risk. Funds that invest in high-yield securities are subject to greater default risk, liquidity risk, and price fluctuations than funds that invest in higher-quality securities. The prices of high-yield bonds tend to be more sensitive to adverse economic and business conditions than are higher-rated corporate bonds. Increased volatility may reduce the market value of high-yield bonds. They are also subject to the claims-paying ability of the issuing company. The Fund also has the risk that because of using an ESG investment strategy, certain securities may be selected or avoided due to other non-investment criteria; and performance may vary from other funds that do not use an ESG strategy. Please refer to the most recent prospectus for a more detailed explanation of the Fund's principal risks.

**ESG**  
 • Investment type: The application and overall influence of ESG approaches may differ, potentially materially, across asset classes, geographies, sectors, specific investments or portfolios due to the nature of the specific securities and instruments available, the wide range of ESG factors which may be applied, and ESG industry practices applicable in a particular investable universe. • Integration: The integration of ESG factors refers to the inclusion of ESG risk factors alongside financial risk factors in investment analysis and research to judge the fair value of a particular investment and may also include the monitoring and reporting of such risks within a portfolio. Integrating ESG factors in this way will not typically restrict the potential investable universe, but rather aims to ensure that what we believe to be relevant and material ESG risks are taken into account by analysts and/or portfolio managers in their decision-making, alongside other relevant and material financial risks. • Ratings: The use and influence of our ESG ratings in specific investment strategies will vary, potentially significantly, depending on a number of factors including the nature of the asset class and the structure of the investment mandate involved. For an investment portfolio with a financial objective, and without specific ESG or sustainability objectives, a high or low ESG rating may not automatically lead to a buy or sell decision; the rating will be one factor among others that may help a portfolio manager in evaluating potential investments consistently. • Engagement activity: The applicability of Insight firm level ESG engagement activity and the outcomes of this activity relating to buy, hold and sell decisions made within specific investment strategies will vary, potentially significantly, depending on the nature of the asset class and the structure of the investment mandate involved. • Reporting: The ESG approach shown is indicative and there is no guarantee that the specific approach will be applied across the whole portfolio. • Performance/quality: The influence of ESG criteria on the overall risk and return characteristics of a portfolio is likely to vary over time depending on the investment universe, investment strategy and objective, and the influence of ESG factors directly applicable on valuations which will vary over time. • Costs: The costs described will have an impact on the amount of the investment and expected returns. • Forward-looking commitments and related targets: Where we are required to provide details of forward-looking targets in line with commitments to external organizations, e.g., Net Zero Asset Managers Initiative, these goals are aspirational and defined to the extent that we are able and in accordance with the third-party guidance provided. As such we do not guarantee that we will meet them in whole or in part or that the guidance will not evolve over time. Assumptions will vary but include whether the investable universe evolves to make suitable investments available to us over time and the approval of our clients to allow us to align their assets with goals in the context of the implications for their investments and issues such as their fiduciary duty to beneficiaries. Insight applies a wide range of customized ESG criteria to mandates which are tailored to reflect individual client requirements. Individual investor experience will vary depending on the investment strategy, investment objectives and the specific ESG criteria applicable to a Fund or portfolio. Please refer to the investment management agreement or offering documents such as the prospectus, Key Investor Information Document (KIID) or the latest Report and Accounts which can be found at insightinvestment.com and, where applicable, information in the following link for mandates in scope of certain EU sustainability regulations: <https://www.insightinvestment.com/regulatory-home/sustainability-regulations>; alternatively, speak to your main point of contact in order to obtain details of specific ESG parameters applicable to your investment.

**Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index:** An unmanaged, market value-weighted index of U.S. dollar-denominated, investment-grade, fixed-rate, taxable debt issues, which includes Treasuries, government-related and corporate securities, mortgage-backed securities (agency fixed-rate and hybrid adjustable-rate mortgage pass-throughs), asset-backed securities and commercial mortgage-backed securities (agency and non-agency). Bloomberg® and its indexes are service marks of Bloomberg Finance L.P. and its affiliates including Bloomberg Index Services Limited, the administrator of the index, and have been licensed for use for certain purposes by Nationwide. Bloomberg is not affiliated with Nationwide, and Bloomberg does not approve, endorse, review or recommend this product. Bloomberg does not guarantee the timeliness, accuracy, or completeness of any data or information relating to this product. Market index performance is provided by a third-party source Nationwide Fund Advisors deems to be reliable (Morningstar and U.S. Bank). Indexes are unmanaged and have been provided for comparison purposes only. No fees or expenses have been reflected. Individuals cannot invest directly in an index.

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