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Overall Morningstar Ranking (Class I)

★★★

EXCIX received a 3-Star Overall Rating out of 414 Intermediate Core Bond funds, based on risk adjusted returns derived from a weighted average of the Fund's 3-, 5- and 10-year Morningstar metrics.

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Investment Objective

To provide long-term total return.

Investment Strategy

Top-down guidelines and bottom-up security analysis are used to build a diversified portfolio of individual securities. Positioning is based on the current environment, so exposures shift as conditions and perceived sources of value shift.

- No maturity or duration limits; expected duration: 3 to 8 years
- 100% investment-grade securities (at time of purchase)
- U.S. dollar-denominated securities only

Portfolio Managers

Name	Experience
Marc Bushallow, CFA®	23 years industry 19 years Firm
Keith Harwood	27 years industry 27 years Firm
Brad Cronister, CFA®	13 years industry 13 years Firm

Credit Quality Distribution

	Series	BAB Index
AAA	67.96%	72.50%
AA	1.03%	2.29%
A	12.02%	11.07%
BBB	11.06%	11.90%
Below BBB	--	0.48%
NR/Not Available	7.94%	1.75%

Effective Duration Breakdown

	Series	BAB Index
<1 Year	4.32%	0.51%
1-3 Years	8.70%	26.60%
3-5 Years	34.56%	21.87%
5-7 Years	28.32%	18.86%
7-10 Years	8.97%	15.49%
10+ Years	13.49%	16.66%

Fund Information

	Ticker	Cusip	Inception	Minimum Investment	Gross Expenses	Net Expenses [§]
Class Z	MCBZX	56382R233	03/01/2019	\$1M*	0.38%	0.30%
Class I	EXCIX	56382R720	08/03/2015	\$1M*	0.48%	0.45%
Class S	EXCRX	563821404	04/21/2005	\$2,000**	0.67% ^{§§}	--

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[§]Reflects the Advisor's contractual agreement to limit its fees and reimburse certain expenses. The contractual waiver may not be amended or terminated without the prior approval of the Fund's Board of Directors. Class Z shares do not make payments to financial intermediaries.

^{§§}Class S includes a 12b-1 fee of 0.25%, of which up to 0.25% is available as a shareholder servicing fee.

Annualized Performance

	QTD	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y	Inception (04/21/2005)*
Class Z	4.75%	4.67%	11.68%	-1.28%	0.73%	1.72%	3.47%
Class I	4.69%	4.45%	11.43%	-1.41%	0.60%	1.72%	3.47%
Class S	4.66%	4.35%	11.34%	-1.63%	0.37%	1.51%	3.36%
BAB Index	5.20%	4.45%	11.57%	-1.39%	0.33%	1.84%	0.37%

Performance data quoted represents past performance and does not guarantee future results. Performance for periods greater than one year is annualized. The investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate, so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be higher or lower than that quoted; investors can obtain the most recent month-end performance at www.manning-napier.com or by calling (800) 466-3863.

*Class Z and Class I since inception performance is based on the Core Bond Series Class S inception of 04/21/2005. For periods through 03/01/2019 (the inception date of the Class Z shares), and 08/03/2015 (the inception date of the Class I shares), performance for the Class Z and Class I shares is based on the historical performance of the Class S shares. Because the Class Z and Class I shares invest in the same portfolio of securities as the Class S shares, performance will be different only to the extent that the Class S shares have a higher expense ratio.

30-Day SEC Yield (as of 09/30/2024)

	Yield
Class I	3.84%

If fees had not been waived, the 30-day SEC Yield (as of 09/30/2024) would have been 3.70% for Class I.

Sector Allocation

Sector	Series	BAB Index	Relative Weighting
Mortgage	19.01%	25.46%	
Corporate Credit	21.29%	24.47%	
Non-U.S. Gov't & Supranational Credit	--	2.72%	
Municipal	0.09%	0.52%	
Securitized Credit	18.29%	1.99%	
U.S. Agency	--	1.36%	
U.S. Treasury	37.14%	43.47%	
TIPS	3.04%	--	
Cash	1.14%	--	
Other	--	--	

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Fund Characteristics

	Series	BAB Index
Average Effective Duration	6.2y	6.2y
Average Effective Maturity	13.6y	8.3y
Fund Assets	\$720M	--
Number of Holdings	190	--
Annual Turnover	73%	--
5Y Turnover	84%	--

What You Should Know About Investing

All investments involve risks, including possible loss of principal. Because the fund invests in both stocks and bonds, the value of your investment will fluctuate in response to stock market movements and changes in interest rates. Investing in the fund will also involve a number of other risks, including issuer-specific risk, foreign investment risk, and small-cap/mid-cap risk. Investments in options and futures, like all derivatives, can be highly volatile and involve risks in addition to the risks of the underlying instrument on which the derivative is based, such as counterparty, correlation and liquidity risk. Also, the use of leverage increases exposure to the market and may magnify potential losses.

Fund Commentary

Financial markets continued to push higher as they largely shrugged off a gradually slowing economy with the help of the Federal Reserve officially pivoting to rate cuts and the expectation for those cuts to continue. We saw the beginnings of a rotation and broadening out of the equity market away from the dominance of mega-capitalization tech companies that has defined the past year and a half. Within bond markets, the start of the rate cut cycle led broadly to rates falling across the yield curve and prices rising, with long bonds being the most impacted.

The Core Bond Series posted positive absolute returns for the quarter but underperformed on a relative basis. Underperformance was largely driven by selection within the mortgage-backed sector. Specifically, we are overweight higher coupon mortgages which underperformed those with lower coupons for the quarter given higher negative convexity (convexity refers to the relationship between bond prices and bond yields). As yields fall, duration decreases on mortgages as prepayment speeds increase, causing prices to rise less than on other types of securities.

During the quarter, we modestly reduced duration as interest rates fell across the curve, making the long-end less attractive from a risk/reward perspective. In terms of sector positioning, it was relatively unchanged for the quarter.

Securitized debt (i.e., asset-backed, collateralized mortgage obligations, commercial mortgage-backed securities) remains our largest overweight position as we view them as relatively attractive and focus on securities with seniority in the capital structure that are backed by asset classes with high-quality fundamentals and low credit risk. Alternatively, we are more cautious on corporate credit as valuations remain elevated.

Our view for markets is that while risks appear broadly balanced to the upside and downside, we are expecting volatility moving forward. While the economy's resilience through a period of disinflation and interest rate normalization has likely decreased the odds of a recessionary outcome soon, we continue to believe that risks to both the economy and markets remain in place with an election on the horizon, a cooling job market, rising geopolitical conflict around the world, and elevated security valuations.

Definitions

Duration: A measure of the sensitivity of a fixed income security's price to changes in interest rates. It indicates the expected life of the security and how much its price will change with a 1% change in interest rates. Securities with shorter durations are generally less affected by interest rate changes than those with longer durations. **Credit quality ratings:** are measured on a scale that generally ranges from AAA (highest) to D (lowest). Not Rated (NR) is used to classify securities for which a rating is not available. Credit quality ratings reflect the median of Moody's Investors Services and Standard & Poor's ratings. Data obtained from Bloomberg.

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