

## Four Principles of Core Fixed Income

As of June 30, 2017

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The DoubleLine Core Fixed Income Fund (“the Fund”) is an open-end intermediate-term bond fund that invests in different sectors of the fixed income universe, including corporate securities, bank debt, collateralized loan obligations, emerging markets debt, municipal bonds and Treasuries as well as mortgage-backed securities (MBS). The Fund has over \$8.9 billion in assets as of June 30, 2017. The Fund has posted annualized returns of 5.66%, outperforming its benchmark, the Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index (“ the Agg”), by 228 basis points (bps) on an annualized basis, since its inception on 6/1/2010. The DoubleLine Core Fixed Income Fund (DBLFX) had a percentile rank by Morningstar (based on total return) of 25% for the 1-year out of 990, 8% for the 3-year out of 936, 13% for the 5-year out of 901 and 2% for Since Inception out of 857 U.S. Open Ended Intermediate Term Bond Funds, for the period ending June 30, 2017.

The Fund seeks to deliver better risk-adjusted returns versus the Agg by actively managing the exposures in the portfolio. This involves two distinct management decisions: 1) The mix of government securities and credit sensitive securities 2) The duration of the portfolio, which is managed to be less than that of the Agg to lower interest rate sensitivity. The mix between government and credit varies depending on the market environment. It’s thoughtful active management that combines these two security types, building a barbell portfolio with potentially offsetting risks.

We attribute the Fund’s success to this thoughtful approach of management, in addition to four main principles: the stability of our team, active management, a longer-term investment horizon and no use of leverage or derivatives.

Core Fixed Income Fund	Jun 2017	2Q2017	Year-to-Date	1 Year	3 Year Annualized	5 Year Annualized	Since Inception Annualized (6-1-10 to 6-30-17)
Quarterly Returns - As of June 30, 2017							
I-share (DBLFX)	-0.02%	1.67%	3.03%	1.78%	3.14%	3.43%	5.66%
N-share (DLFNX)	-0.04%	1.60%	2.91%	1.53%	2.86%	3.16%	5.40%
Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Index	-0.10%	1.45%	2.27%	-0.31%	2.48%	2.21%	3.38%

	Duration		I-Share	N-Share
Core Fixed Income Fund	4.96	Gross SEC 30-Day Yield	3.01%	2.76%
Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Index	6.01	Net SEC 30-Day Yield	2.96%	2.71%

Gross Expense Ratio: I-Share: 0.48%, N-Share: 0.73%

*Performance data quoted represents past performance; past performance does not guarantee future results. 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 the original cost. Current performance of the fund may be lower or higher than the performance quoted. Performance data current to the most recent month-end may be obtained by calling 213-633-8200 or by visiting [www.doublelinefunds.com](http://www.doublelinefunds.com).*

**1. Stability of Our Team**

Asset allocation decisions within the Fund are made by DoubleLine’s Fixed Income Asset Allocation Committee (“FIAA Committee”), which is led by Jeffrey Gundlach and includes senior portfolio managers from each asset class. The team meets monthly and has worked together for over 16 years on average.

**2. Active Management**

The FIAA Committee adjusts asset weightings based on the analysis of fundamentals, relative valuation and risk management. This analysis leads to underweighting overvalued sectors with deteriorating fundamentals and overweighting undervalued sectors with improving fundamentals. This gradual sector rotation allows us to actively manage risk and find the best opportunities within the fixed income universe. Security selection is made by specialized teams, who focus on specific asset classes and incorporate their deep experience and research.

**3. Longer-Term Investment Horizon**

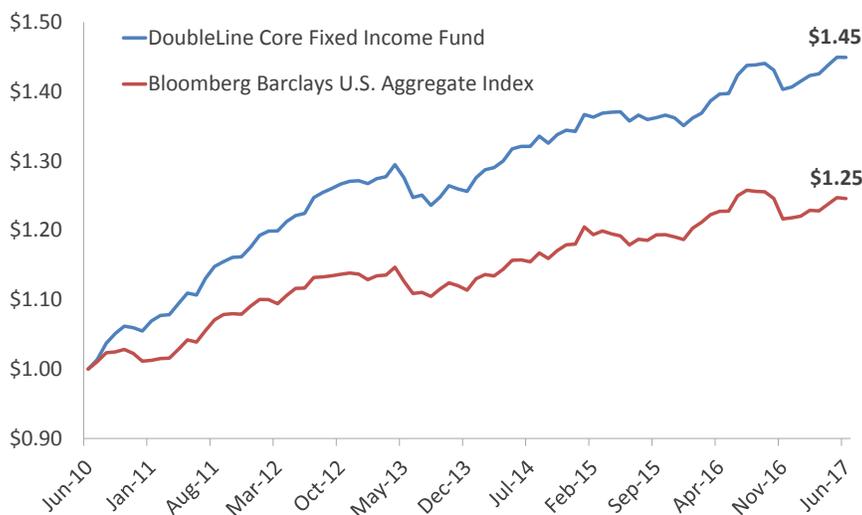
The FIAA Committee uses a longer time horizon when making investment decisions, typically between 18 and 24 months. We believe a longer term horizon can increase the chances of success within the fund and differentiates DoubleLine from competing firms that have become increasingly near sighted. It also reduces portfolio turnover which helps to manage potential liquidity risks.

**4. No Leverage, No Derivatives**

Generally speaking, the Fund does not use derivatives such as no futures, swaps, etc. We only purchase assets with a CUSIP. This is unlike many of the Funds larger competitors in the Intermediate-term bond category, who are forced to use derivatives due to size. They add unnecessary counterparty exposure to their portfolios.

For more information about the DoubleLine Core Fixed Income Strategy please visit the fund website at [www.doublelinefunds.com](http://www.doublelinefunds.com).

**Figure 1: DoubleLine Core Fixed Income Fund  
As of June 30, 2017**



*Note: DoubleLine Core Fixed Income Fund inception date was June 1, 2010. Zephyr does not calculate partial months and therefore the start date of the chart above is July 2010. This chart illustrates the performance of a hypothetical \$1 investment made in the Fund. Assumes reinvestment of dividends and capital gains, but does not reflect the effect of any applicable sale charge or redemption fees. This chart does not imply any future performance.*

Source: Zephyr Style Advisor

**Past performance is no guarantee of future results.**

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**Basis points (bps)** is a unit that is equal to 1/100th of 1%, and is used to denote the change in a financial instrument.

**Duration** is a measure of the sensitivity of the price of a fixed income investment to a change in interest rates, expressed as a number of years.

One cannot invest directly in an index.

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