

Anchor your menu with diversified core-plus

Simplified retirement plan menus with broader investment strategies can help 1) improve participant outcomes 2) streamline the governance process for plan sponsors and 3) enable deeper due diligence.

American Funds Strategic Bond Fund (SBF) may fit this approach:

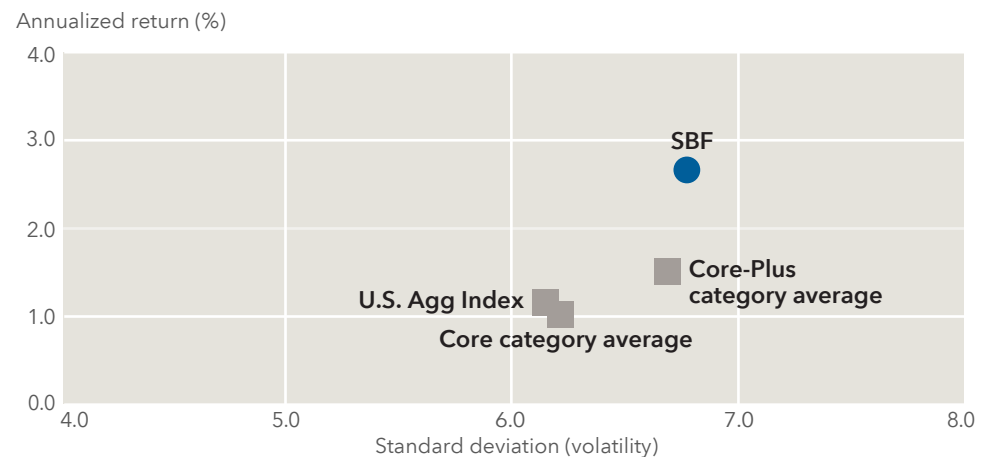
- The fund strives to generate core-plus returns across a diversified range of sub-asset classes while providing low correlation to equities.
- The fund takes a measured approach to credit risk compared to peers – relying more on rates and duration positioning.
- Portfolio managers adjust positioning as opportunities develop and valuations change, always mindful of risk-return tradeoffs.

Unless otherwise indicated, all figures shown are past results for Class R-6 shares as of December 31, 2023, and are not predictive of results in future periods. Current and future results may be lower or higher than those shown. Prices and returns will vary, so investors may lose money. Investing for short periods makes losses more likely. For current information and month-end results, visit americanfundsretirement.com.

Funds in the Morningstar Intermediate Core-Plus Bond category invest primarily in investment-grade U.S. fixed income issues including government, corporate and securitized debt, but generally have greater flexibility than core offerings to hold non-core sectors such as corporate high yield, bank loan, emerging markets debt and non-U.S. currency exposures. Their durations (a measure of interest-rate sensitivity) typically range between 75% and 125% of the five-year average of the effective duration of the Morningstar Core Bond Index.

Strategic Bond Fund has delivered strong returns

Five-year annualized return and standard deviation



Source: Morningstar. Core reflects the **Morningstar Intermediate Core** category average. Core-Plus reflects the **Morningstar Intermediate Core-Plus** category average, the fund's Morningstar category. U.S. Agg Index refers to Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index, the fund's benchmark. Annualized standard deviation (based on monthly returns at net asset value) is a common measure of absolute volatility that represents how returns over time have varied from the mean. A lower number signifies lower volatility.

Investments are not FDIC-insured, nor are they deposits of or guaranteed by a bank or any other entity, so they may lose value.

If used after March 31, 2024, this literature must be accompanied by the most recent American Funds quarterly statistical update.

Fixed income at Capital Group

\$498B in fixed income assets

- \$2.5 trillion assets under management in total
- Managed fixed income assets since 1973
- Privately held company

Team of 242 professionals

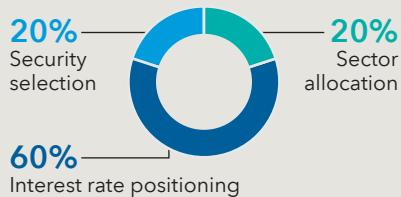
Includes:

- 34 portfolio managers
- 57 dedicated research analysts
- 42 trading professionals
- Portfolio managers average 26 years of industry experience

Capital Group manages equity assets through three investment groups. These groups make investment and proxy voting decisions independently. Fixed income investment professionals provide fixed income research and investment management across the Capital organization; however, for securities with equity characteristics, they act solely on behalf of one of the three equity investment groups. Assets under management totals may not reconcile due to rounding. Fixed income assets managed by Capital Fixed Income Investors as of 12/31/23. Total assets under management by Capital Group as of 12/31/23.

The fund that "majors in rates, minors in credit."

Potential sources of excess return



*Source: Morningstar. As of 12/31/23, SBF's average high-yield exposure (net of credit default swaps) was 0.52% versus 9.94% for the core-plus category since that category became effective May 2019 (first data point available was March 2019).

SBF has demonstrated resilience in equity corrections compared to strategies that had a greater focus on credit

Average cumulative excess return



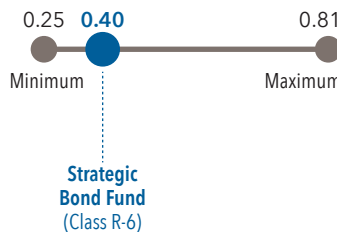
Sources: Capital Group, Morningstar. As of 12/31/23. Averages were calculated by using the cumulative returns of the fund versus Morningstar categories shown during the five equity market correction periods since 2016. Corrections are based on price declines of 10% or more (without dividends reinvested) in the unmanaged S&P 500 with at least 75% recovery. The cumulative returns are based on total returns. Ranges of returns for the equity corrections measured: American Funds Strategic Bond Fund: -14.39% to 3.06%; Morningstar Intermediate Core-Plus category: -14.73% to 0.62%; Morningstar Multisector Bond category: -14.08% to -1.08%; S&P 500 Index: -33.79% to -9.94%. There have been periods when the fund has lagged the categories and the index, such as in rising equity markets

A distinctive approach to diversification

Historically strong results, with low equity correlation

Low correlation to equities:

Category 5-year correlation with S&P 500



Morningstar percentile rankings:

SBF (Intermediate Core-Plus)

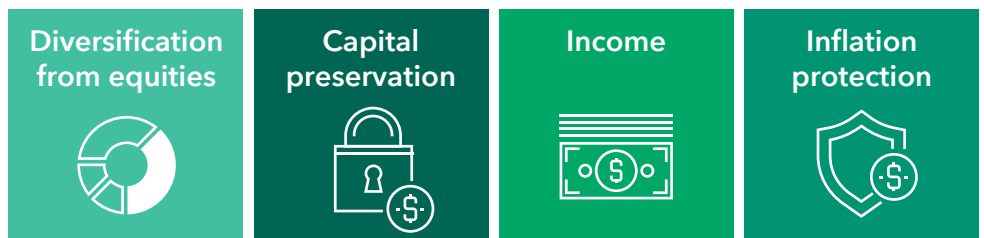
As of December 31, 2023	Percentile rank for average annual return	Funds in category
1 year	99	632
3 years	86	568
5 years	7	536
Since inception (3/18/16)	12	531

● 1st quartile ● 2nd quartile ● 3rd quartile ● 4th quartile

Source: Morningstar. Ranks are based on average annual returns within the applicable Morningstar category (Intermediate Core-Plus Bond). Results do not reflect sales charges, account fees or taxes. Past results are not predictive of results in future periods.

Participants need balance in their DC plan

We believe fixed income should serve four key roles in a DC plan.



- American Funds Strategic Bond Fund's True Core approach seeks to provide balance, discipline and consistency to meet the four key roles of fixed income.
- The fund has generated strong results without relying on high yield, as many of its peers do.* Instead, it invests in credit and other higher yielding sectors more opportunistically.
- The result has been a quality-oriented fund that can help diversify equity exposure.

About American Funds Strategic Bond Fund

Ticker symbol (R-6 shares): RANGX

Began operations: March 18, 2016

Benchmark: Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index

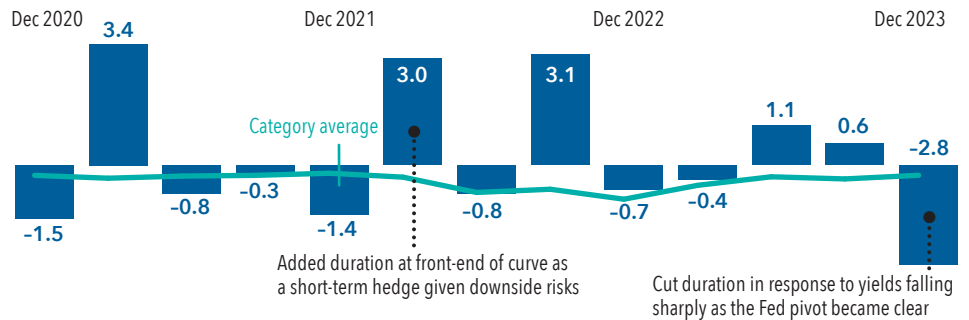
Peer group: Morningstar Intermediate Core-Plus Bond

Objective: Provide maximum total return consistent with preservation of capital

The fund uses a broad and diverse toolkit to pursue strong results

Portfolio managers focus more on active interest rate positioning (duration, yield curve, inflation) than many peers. Although important, credit is expected to be a less prominent driver of returns.

SBF duration relative to Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index (years)

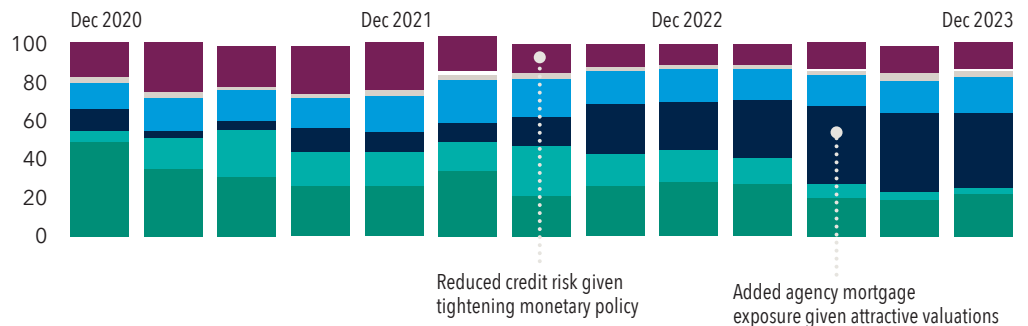


Sources: Capital Group, Bloomberg Index Services Ltd., Morningstar. As of 12/31/23.

Portfolio composition (%) on a quarterly basis

Sectors

- Extended sectors (inc. High-yield and Emerging Markets Debt)
- Non-corporate credit
- Corporate
- Securitized
- Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities
- Treasuries/Rates/Cash



Source: Capital Group. As of 12/31/23. Green shades indicate securities that have typically been highly liquid.

DC Focus Funds that can help enhance and simplify the core menu

QDIA: Foundational†	U.S. equity: Streamline	International equity: Broaden	U.S. fixed income: Anchor
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> American Funds Target Date Retirement Series® American Balanced Fund® 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AMCAP Fund® The Growth Fund of America® Washington Mutual Investors Fund 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EuroPacific Growth Fund® New Perspective Fund® 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Bond Fund of America® American Funds Strategic Bond Fund

To learn more about our proposed menu framework, our Defined Contribution Focus Funds and our recordkeeping solutions, please visit capitalgroup.com/advisor/retirement-plans/investments.html.

†Plan sponsors should consult a financial professional before selecting an investment option other than a target date series as a qualified default investment alternative (QDIA).

Correlation is a statistical measure of how a security and an index move in relation to each other. A correlation ranges from -1 to 1. A positive correlation close to 1 implies that as one moves, either up or down, the other will move in "lockstep," in the same direction. A negative correlation close to -1 indicates the two have moved in the opposite direction.

The peer group expense ratio median was calculated based on funds in the Morningstar Intermediate Core-Plus Bond category.

Competitive fees

	Expense ratio*
American Funds Strategic Bond Fund	0.33%
Morningstar fee-level peer median	0.42%

Important information – Investment results (%)

As of December 31, 2023	Average annual total returns					30-day SEC yield as of 2/29/24	Gross expense ratio (%)
	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Lifetime (since 3/18/16)		
American Funds Strategic Bond Fund (Class R-6)	1.93	-3.94	2.62	–	2.47	5.37	0.33
Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index	5.53	-3.31	1.10	1.81	1.19	–	–
Morningstar Intermediate Core Bond category average	5.59	-3.27	1.05	1.66	–	–	–
Morningstar Intermediate Core-Plus Bond category average	6.22	-2.99	1.48	1.93	–	–	–

Investors should carefully consider investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses. This and other important information is contained in the fund prospectuses and summary prospectuses, which can be obtained from a financial professional and should be read carefully before investing.

* The expense ratio for the Morningstar fee-level peer median is as of 12/31/23. The expense ratio for American Funds Strategic Bond Fund is as of the most recent prospectus at the time of publication.

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