

# American Funds® Strategic Bond Fund

Income

Class R-3 shares

**RANCX**

Q3 fund fact sheet

Data as of September 30, 2024, unless otherwise noted



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## Key information

### Objective:

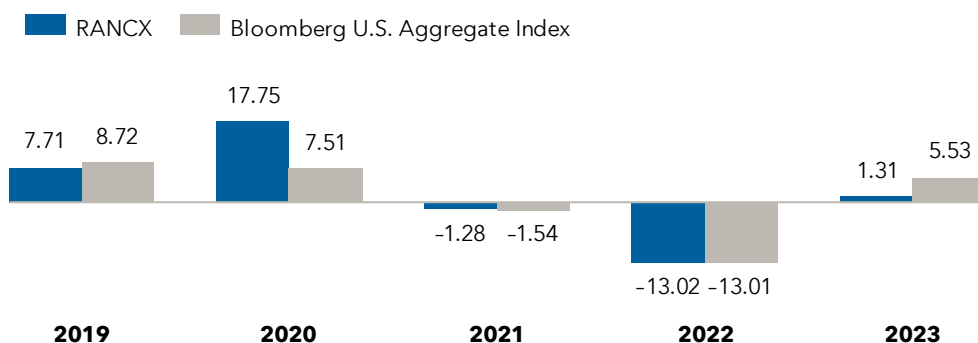
The fund's investment objective is to provide maximum total return consistent with preservation of capital.

### Distinguishing characteristics:

This differentiated core plus fund seeks higher returns than core bond funds while maintaining a low equity correlation. This fund aims to drive returns primarily through interest rate, yield curve and inflation positioning, generally resulting in liquid investments with high credit quality. With the flexibility to hold a broad range of debt securities, it can invest in emerging markets, high-yield bonds and non-U.S. dollar markets on an opportunistic basis.

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## Calendar-year total returns (%)



## Investment results

Data for periods ended 09/30/2024 (%)	Cumulative total returns <sup>7,8</sup>			Average annual total returns <sup>7,9</sup>			
	3M	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y	Lifetime
<b>RANCX at net asset value (NAV)</b>	5.80	3.74	9.49	-3.25	1.38	-	2.15
Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index	5.20	4.45	11.57	-1.39	0.33	-	1.60
Morningstar Intermediate Core-Plus Bond Category Average	5.13	5.27	12.41	-1.16	0.83	-	2.15

Fund's annualized 30-day SEC yield: 4.60 (at NAV as of 09/30/2024)

## Key facts

Inception date	03/18/2016
CUSIP	02631E 83 9
Assets (millions)	\$20,109.90
12-month distribution rate <sup>1</sup>	2.75%
Morningstar category	Intermediate Core-Plus Bond

## Key statistics

Companies/Issuers	881
Yield to worst	3.87%
Effective duration (years)	4.52

## Expenses (%)

Expense ratio (gross) <sup>2</sup>	0.95
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## Fixed income sector breakdown (%)

Government	12.8
U.S. Treasuries and agencies	11.7
Inflation linked	1.9
Swaps & futures	-0.4
Non-USD government	1.1
Inflation linked	0.0
Swaps & futures	0.0
Credit	17.0
Corporate	23.0
Financial	7.8
Industrial	13.4
Utilities	1.8
Credit CDX & TRS <sup>3</sup>	-8.0
Non-corporate credit	2.0
Securitized	41.4
MBS	32.0
Agency MBS	31.2
Non-agency MBS	0.8
ABS	4.7
Credit card	0.2
Auto loan	1.5
Other <sup>4</sup>	3.0
CMBS	4.7
Agency CMBS	0.5
Non-agency CMBS	4.2
Emerging markets	6.7
High yield	-23.6
High yield CDX & TRS <sup>3</sup>	-32.2
Other <sup>4</sup>	0.2
Cash & equivalents <sup>5</sup>	5.4
CDX & TRS offset <sup>6</sup>	40.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

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. This material must be preceded or accompanied by a prospectus or summary prospectus for the fund(s) being offered.

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The return of principal for bond portfolios and for portfolios with significant underlying bond holdings is not guaranteed. Investments are subject to the same interest rate, inflation and credit risks associated with the underlying bond holdings.

Frequent and active trading of American Funds Strategic Bond Fund's portfolio securities may occur, which may involve correspondingly greater transaction costs, adversely affecting the results.

Rating exposure (%)	
Fixed income	94.6
AAA/Aaa	46.9
AA/Aa	5.2
A	13.8
BBB/Baa	13.5
BB/Ba	7.1
B	3.6
CCC/Caa & below	1.0
Unrated	3.5
Other <sup>11</sup>	-0.0
Cash & equivalents <sup>12</sup>	5.4

Bond ratings, which typically range from AAA/Aaa (highest) to D (lowest), are assigned by credit rating agencies such as Standard & Poor's, Moody's and/or Fitch, as an indication of an issuer's creditworthiness. For most funds, unless otherwise noted below, if agency ratings differ, a security will be considered to have received the highest of those ratings, consistent with applicable investment policies. Securities in the Unrated category have not been rated by a rating agency; however, the investment adviser performs its own credit analysis and assigns comparable ratings that are used for compliance with applicable investment policies.

Top fixed income issuers (%) <sup>10</sup>	
Fannie Mae	15.3
U.S. Treasury	11.7
Federal Home Loan Mortgage	10.8
UMBS	3.5
Israel, State of	1.2
Brazil, Federal Government of	1.0
Mexico (United Mexican States) (Government)	0.9
Ginnie Mae II	0.8
Amgen	0.7
JPMorgan Chase	0.6

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Totals may not reconcile due to rounding.

Investment results assume all distributions are reinvested and reflect applicable fees and expenses.

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- The distribution rate reflects the fund's past dividends paid to shareholders and may differ from the fund's SEC yield which reflects the rate at which the fund is earning income on its current portfolio of securities. The distribution rate reflects fee waivers and/or expense reimbursements in effect during the period. Without waivers and/or reimbursements, it would be reduced. A portion of the fund's distribution may be classified as a return of capital. Please refer to the fund's Annual Report for details.
- Expense ratios are as of each fund's prospectus/characteristics statement available at the time of publication.
- Portfolio market value reflect risk notional values. Risk notional is the value of the underlying asset at the current market price for a derivatives trade.
- Sector breakdown "Other" may include equities, rights, warrants, preferreds, convertibles, forwards and FX (foreign exchange) options.
- Includes cash, short-term securities, other assets less liabilities, and may include accrued income. It may also include investments in money market or similar funds managed by the investment adviser or its affiliates that are not offered to the public.
- The offset represents positions within the portfolio used to offset risk and is -1 multiplied by the total of all notional values.
- When applicable, returns for less than one year are not annualized, but calculated as cumulative total returns.
- YTD (year-to-date return): For the period from January 1 of the current year to the date shown or from inception date if first offered after January 1 of the current year.
- Index and/or average lifetime is based on inception date of the fund.
- The information shown does not include cash and cash equivalents. This includes shares of money market or similar funds managed by the investment adviser or its affiliates that are not offered to the public.
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