

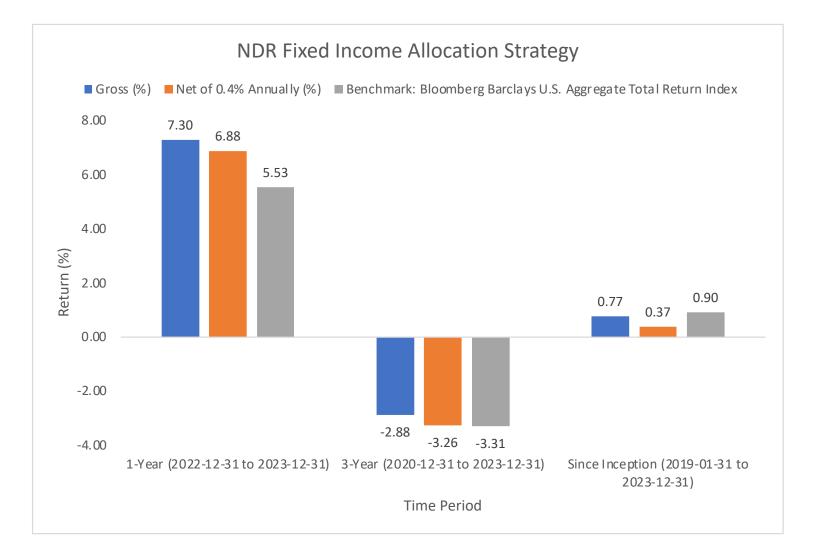
Fixed Income Allocation Strategy

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Strategy Strengths:

- 1. Adapts to changing market conditions
- 2. Ability to reduce duration and credit risk in bearish environments
- Each fixed income sector uses unique indicators that have demonstrated favorable risk/reward characteristics over time

Disciplined Framework Strategy asset classes Drives objective decision U.S. Treasurys International Treasurys Emerging Markets U.S. Corporate Credit U.S. High Yield Treasury Inflation Protected Securities (TIPS) Mortgage Backed Securities (MBS) Price-based indicators Macro indicators gauge measure the <u>health</u> of the expectations and risks for Floating Rate Notes fixed income sectors the fixed income sectors Cash





Ned Davis Research, Inc. (NDR) Fixed Income Allocation Strategy Composite

February 1, 2019 through December 31, 2023

Year	Composite Net Return (%)	Benchmark Return (%)	Composite Gross 3-Yr St Dev (%)	Benchmark 3-Yr St Dev (%)	Number of Portfolios	Internal Dispersion (%)	Composite Assets (\$)	Firm Assets (\$)
2019*	8.22	7.57	n/a	n/a	1	n/a	54,101.63	175,343.13
2020	3.94	7.51	n/a	n/a	1	n/a	56,231.98	200,823.86
2021	0.48	-1.54	n/a	n/a	1	n/a	56,500.04	235,155.95
2022	-15.70	-13.01	6.83	5.85	1	n/a	47,627.19	192,617.61
2023	6.88	5.53	7.86	7.24	1	n/a	37,749.95	222,166.84

*Returns are for the period February 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.

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- 2. Policies for valuing investments, calculating performance, and preparing GIPS reports are available upon request.
- 3. The NDR Fixed Income Allocation strategy distributes assets across a maximum of nine liquid fixed income ETFs based on an objective, weight-of-the-evidence model designed to

produce long-term capital appreciation. The strategy allocates across the following areas within fixed income: U.S. Investment Grade Corporate, U.S. Long-Term Treasury, U.S. Mortgage-Backed Securities, International Investment Grade, U.S. Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities, U.S. High Yield Bonds, Emerging Market Bonds, U.S. Floating Rate Notes, and U.S. Cash. Each month within each fixed income sector, the model combines unique macroeconomic and technical indicators to evaluate the relative attractiveness of nine fixed income ETFs across sectors and geographies, reallocate assets from sectors/geographies with unfavorable characteristics to areas providing the greatest opportunities, and protect capital by lowering duration and reducing credit risk during weak economic environments. The composite includes one wrap account since inception.

- 4. The account minimum for the composite is \$25 thousand.
- 5. The strategy's benchmark is the Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Total Return Index.
- 6. Valuations are computed and performance is reported in U.S. dollars.
- Net fees are calculated by deducting a model wrap fee and are presented after management fees as well as trading expenses. One quarter of the annual wrap fee of 40 basis points (0.10%) is deducted from the first month's return of each quarter.
- The Fixed Income Allocation Strategy Composite ("Composite") incepted on February 1, 2019 and was created in November 2019. A list of composite descriptions is available upon request.
- 9. Since the composite consists of less than five accounts, no measure of internal dispersion is shown.
- 10. The three-year annualized standard deviation measures the variability of the composite gross returns and the benchmark returns over the preceding 36-month period.
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