

# WESTERN ASSET CORE PLUS BOND CIF R3a

## Investment objective

The Western Asset Core Plus Bond CIF seeks to maximize total return, consistent with prudent investment management and liquidity needs, by investing to obtain an average duration of within 30% of the duration of the domestic bond market as a whole. There is no guarantee or assurance the CIF will achieve its objective.

## Average annual total returns & fund expenses<sup>^</sup> (%) as of Dec. 31, 2018

	3 Mo	YTD	1-Yr	3-Yr	5-Yr	10-Yr	Inception	Expenses		Inception date
								Gross	Net	
Class R3a	0.91	-1.89	-1.89	3.44	3.68	5.76	4.86	0.39	0.37	05/06/08
Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Index	1.64	0.01	0.01	2.06	2.52	3.48	3.59			

Inception date shown above reflects the performance inception date of the predecessor collective investment fund, Legg Mason Collective Trust – Western Asset Core Plus Bond CIF.

An investor making a \$1,000 investment would pay \$3.70/year based on the net expense ratio or \$3.90/year based on the gross expense ratio shown above. The expense ratio includes 10 bps service fees payable to the plan's service providers.

**Because this unit class of the CIF has not yet commenced operations, performance shown above reflects the performance of Class R1 of the CIF, which commenced operations on January 2, 2014, restated to reflect the fees and expenses of this unit class, as shown in the table above. Performance shown includes periods prior to the CIF's inception date, reflecting performance of a predecessor collective investment fund, Legg Mason Collective Trust – Western Asset Core Plus Bond CIF (Legg Mason CIF). The Legg Mason CIF terminated operations and was liquidated effective as of the close of business on December 31, 2013, at which time the Legg Mason CIF's investors transferred the assets they received upon liquidation into this CIF, which commenced operation on January 2, 2014. Prior thereto, the Legg Mason CIF was managed by Western Asset Management Company, LLC (Western Asset) as a Sub-Adviser retained by Legg Mason Investment Counsel & Trust Company, N.A., the trustee of the Legg Mason CIF (LMIC&T), in accordance with investment objective, policies and strategies substantially similar to those of the CIF, which is also managed by Western Asset as a Sub-Adviser retained by Hand Benefits & Trust Company, the CIF's trustee (Trustee). LMIC&T waived and/or reimbursed operating expenses of the Legg Mason CIF so that the Legg Mason CIF's annual net expenses did not exceed 0.35%. The Trustee has agreed to waive and/or reimburse operating expenses of the CIF so that the CIF's annual net expenses do not exceed 0.37%. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.**

The performance data quoted represents past performance and does not guarantee future results. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted. The investment return and unit value of the CIF will fluctuate, and units may be worth more or less than their original cost when redeemed. Returns for periods less than one year are cumulative. Performance would have been lower if fees and expenses had not been waived in various periods. Total returns assume the reinvestment of all distributions at net asset value and deduction of all CIF expenses. Performance for other unit classes will vary due to differences in class expenses.

<sup>^</sup>Expenses consist of the annual management fee and ordinary operating expenses for this particular unit class of the CIF. Gross expenses are the CIF's total annual operating expenses for the unit class indicated. Net expenses are the CIF's total annual operating expenses for the unit class indicated and reflect fee waivers and/or reimbursements, where these reductions reduce the CIF's gross expenses. Hand Benefits & Trust Company, the CIF's Trustee, has agreed to waive fees and/or reimburse operating expenses so that the CIF's annual net expenses do not exceed the value shown above. These waivers and/or reimbursements may be reduced or terminated at any time.

**This information is provided for informational purposes only and should not be construed as a recommendation to purchase or sell any security. Risks are summarized on the next page.**

The CIF is not a mutual fund. Its shares are not deposits of Hand Benefits & Trust Company, a Benefit Plans Administrative Services, Inc. (BPAS) company, or Western Asset, and are not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other agency. The CIF is a security which has not been registered under the Securities Act of 1933 and is exempt from investment company registration under the Investment Act of 1940. The CIF is newly organized and does not have a long-term operating history. As market conditions fluctuate, the investment return and principal value of any investment will change. Diversification may not protect against market risk. There are risks involved with investing, including possible loss of principal. Before investing in any investment portfolio, the client and the financial professional should carefully consider client investment objectives, time horizon, risk tolerance, and fees. For a more complete description of the investment strategy and principal risk factors, please consult the CIF's Investment Policy Statement, which is available upon request by calling Legg Mason Shareholder Services at 1-866-807-0886.

## Investment strategy

**Team management and intensive proprietary research**  
 Western Asset's approach emphasizes team management and intensive proprietary research to identify undervalued securities with the potential to outperform over the long term. The teams employ multiple investment strategies in an effort to manage risk and create diversified portfolios, including sector rotation, issue selection and duration management.

## Hand Composite Employee Benefit Trust

The Western Asset Core Plus Bond CIF is a collective investment fund created by the Hand Composite Employee Benefit Trust and sponsored by Hand Benefits & Trust Company, a BPAS company (Trustee), that invest in strategies of Western Asset which serves as the Sub-Adviser to the CIF. The Trustee has appointed Western Asset to serve as the investment Sub-Adviser for the CIF, subject to the supervision and oversight of the Trustee. Neither the CIF nor the Trust are registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, and their units are not registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or applicable securities laws of any state or other jurisdiction. As described in the Trust's governing documents, the CIF is only available for investment by eligible plan investors. The CIF is not insured by the Trustee or Western Asset, or any of their respective affiliates, the FDIC or any other person.

## Benchmark (BM)

Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Index

## Statistics as of Dec. 31, 2018

Net assets (\$ millions)	\$396.1M
Number of holdings	975
Effective duration	6.1 yrs
Weighted average life	10.6 yrs
Yield to worst (%)	4.10
Turnover	N/A
Morningstar category	Intermediate Term Bond

## Credit quality allocation (%) as of Dec. 31, 2018

AAA	57.7
AA	5.5
A	16.2
BBB	14.0
Below BBB	7.8
Not Rated	-1.2

Percentages are based on total portfolio as of quarter-end, are unaudited and are subject to change at any time. For informational purposes only and not to be considered a recommendation to purchase or sell any security.

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**Sector allocation (%) as of Dec. 31, 2018**

Mortgage-Backed Securities	37.2
Investment Grade Corporate Bonds	26.3
Government	19.4
Emerging Market	9.0
Bank Loans	2.4
Asset-Backed Securities	2.3
High Yield Corporate Bonds	2.0
Inflation-Linked	1.7
Cash & Other Securities	-0.3

**Detail of mortgage-backed security allocation (%)**

FHLMC	6.0
FNMA	14.1
GNMA	7.0
CMBS	4.0
Agency Hybrids	0.1
Non-Agency MBS	5.9

**Currency exposure (%) as of Dec. 31, 2018**

US Dollar	88.1
Mexican Peso	4.1
Brazilian Real	2.9
Canadian Dollar	2.5
Indonesian Rupiah	1.7
Russian Ruble	1.3
British Pound	0.8
Indian Rupee	0.6
Japanese Yen	0.4
South African Rand	0.2
Argentine Peso	0.2
Swiss Franc	0.2
Australian Dollar	0.1
Colombian Peso	-0.0
Chinese Yuan Renminbi	-0.6
Euro	-0.8
South Korean Won	-0.8
Philippine Peso	-0.8

**Emerging Markets Debt (EMD) sectors (%) as of Dec. 31, 2018**

Sovereign Debt Local Currency	4.2
Sovereign Debt External Currency	3.0
Corporates External Currency	1.8

**Top 10 holdings (%) as of Dec. 31, 2018**

FNMA 4% TBA MBS 30yr	2.5
US TSY N/B 3% 08/15/48	1.6
US TSY N 2.750% 06/25	1.6
US TREASURY N/B	1.5
GNMA II TBA JAN 30 JUMBOS	1.4
U.S. Treasury Bonds	1.3
GNMA 5% TBA MBS 30yr	1.3
US TREASURY N/B	1.3
US TREASURY N/B 06/24 2	1.2
FNMA 3.5% TBA MBS 15yr	1.2

**Credit quality** is a measure of a bond issuer's ability to repay interest and principal in a timely manner. The credit ratings shown are based on each portfolio security's rating as provided by Standard and Poor's, Moody's Investors Service and/or Fitch Ratings, Ltd. and typically range from AAA (highest) to D (lowest), or an equivalent and/or similar rating. For this purpose, if two or more of the agencies have assigned differing ratings to a security, the highest rating is used. Securities that are unrated by all three agencies are reflected as such. The credit quality of the investments in the Fund's portfolio does not apply to the stability or safety of the Fund. These ratings are updated monthly and may change over time. **Please note, the Fund itself has not been rated by an independent rating agency.**

**Effective Duration** is a duration calculation for bonds with embedded options. Effective duration takes into account that expected cash flows will fluctuate as interest rates change. **Duration** measures the sensitivity of price (the value of principal) of a fixed-income investment to a change in interest rates. The higher the duration number, the more sensitive a fixed-income investment will be to interest rate changes.

**Yield to worst (YTW)** is based on a portfolio's current holdings on one specific day, is gross of all fund expenses, and calculated based on assumption that prepayment occurs if the bond has call or put provisions and the issuer can offer a lower coupon rate based on current market rates. If market rates are higher than the current yield of a bond, the YTW calculation will assume no prepayments are made, and YTW will equal the yield to maturity. The YTW will be the lowest of yield to maturity or yield to call (if the bond has prepayment provisions). The YTW of a bond fund is the market-weighted average of the YTWs of all the bonds in the portfolio.

The **Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index** is an unmanaged index that measures the performance of the investment-grade universe of bonds issued in the United States. The index includes institutionally traded U.S. Treasury, government sponsored, mortgage and corporate securities. Investors cannot invest directly in an index and unmanaged index returns do not reflect any fees, expenses or sales charges.

**Western Asset**

Western Asset Management Company, LLC (Western Asset), a subsidiary of Legg Mason, Inc., acts as the sub-advisor to the Western Asset Core Plus Bond CIF (CIF) and uses a team-based approach. One of the world's leading fixed-income managers, Western Asset has focused exclusively on fixed income since its founding in 1971. They offer investors a broad range of core and specialized bond portfolios from across the fixed-income universe, all managed using a long-term, value-oriented investment process.

**Principal investment risks**

Investments in fixed-income securities involve interest rate, credit, inflation and reinvestment risks; and possible loss of principal. An increase in interest rates will reduce the value of fixed income securities. The CIF may use derivatives, such as options and futures, which can be illiquid, may disproportionately increase losses, and have a potentially large impact on CIF performance. International investments are subject to special risks including currency fluctuations, social, economic and political uncertainties, which could increase volatility. These risks are magnified in emerging markets. Asset-backed, mortgage-backed or mortgage-related securities are subject to prepayment and extension risks. Risks of high-yield securities include greater price volatility, illiquidity and possibility of default. Potential active and frequent trading may result in higher transaction costs and increased investor liability. Diversification does not assure a profit or protect against market loss. Plans and their participants could lose money by investing in the CIF.

**A more complete description of the principal risks of investing in the CIF can be found in the CIF's Investment Policy Statement, which is available upon request by calling Legg Mason Shareholder Services at 1-866-807-0886.**

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