Model portfolios Investor fact sheet

John Hancock Fixed Income Model Portfolio

Strategy

Actively managed
The portfolio targets consistent alpha generation through active credit and sector positioning

Multimanager approach
Underlying strategies are managed by a diverse set of asset managers, each with specialized expertise

Active/passive implementation
Positions consist of ETFs and active mutual funds to mitigate cost and allow for alpha generation

Integrating asset allocation and manager research

For more than 30 years, our Multi-Asset Solutions Team has combined asset allocation with manager research and oversight to seek better outcomes for investors.

Multi-Asset Solutions Team

- Portfolio managers/strategists
- Model portfolio construction and delivery

61 **investment professionals**

- 34 CFA charterholders
- 3 Ph.D.s

Manager research team

Investment manager due diligence and oversight

26 **investment professionals**

- 30 CFA charterholders
- 16 Ph.D.s

Managed by

Manulife Investment Management

Established asset manager with global resources and expertise extending across equity, fixed-income, and alternative investments as well as asset allocation strategies

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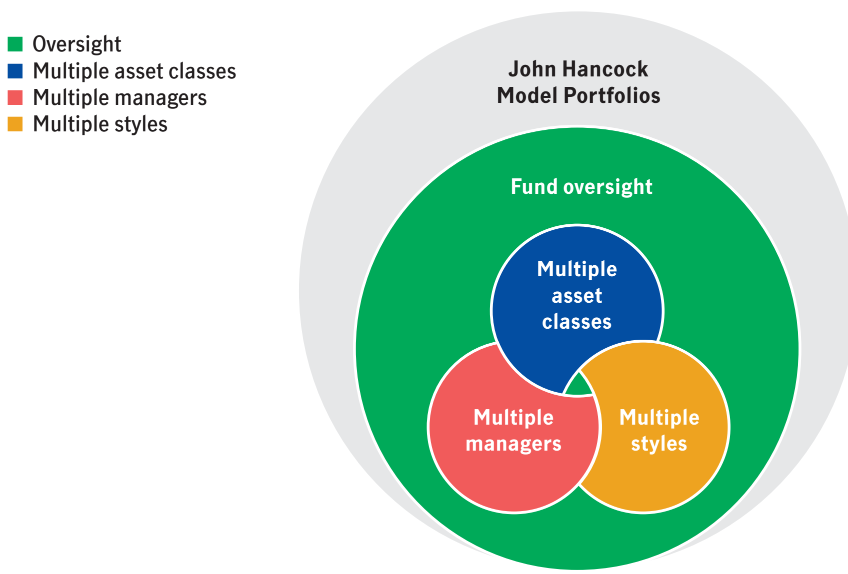
Blending complementary managers from around the world

Our method delivers layers of diversification for investors in our asset allocation portfolios.



A leader in asset allocation

Multimanager approach since 1988 and model portfolios since 2011

1988
Firm introduces multimanager approach to investing

1995
Multimanager asset allocation portfolios for retirement plans

2005
Target-risk portfolios for individuals

2009
Alternative Asset Allocation Fund

2011
Asset allocation model portfolios

2016
U.S. sector rotation portfolios

2019
Over $100 billion in multi-asset portfolios under management

2022
Building block model portfolios

Quarterly commentary

Highlights

- Fixed income fell in the fourth quarter.
- The portfolio generated negative total returns but led its benchmark.

Market review and outlook

U.S. bonds declined in the final quarter of 2024, ending the year on a down note. Bond yields rose sharply despite two interest-rate cuts by the U.S. Federal Reserve (Fed). The Fed's November and December rate cuts lowered the federal funds target rate from 5% to 4.5%, its lowest level since March 2023. However, stronger-than-expected U.S. economic data, geopolitical upheaval elsewhere in the world, and anticipated economic policy changes by the new presidential administration led to lowered expectations for more Fed rate cuts in 2025. These factors combined to drive bond yields higher, leading to lower bond prices.

For the quarter, intermediate-term bond yields rose the most, while yields on securities maturing in less than one year fell slightly, reflecting the Fed's rate cuts. On a sector basis, U.S. government agency residential mortgage-backed securities and U.S. Treasury securities declined the most, while asset-backed securities and high-yield corporate bonds posted modest gains.

Portfolio review

The portfolio posted negative absolute returns but led its benchmark. From an asset allocation perspective, an overweight in emerging-market bonds was the largest contributor to performance, while an overweight in mortgages hurt relative performance.

From a manager selection perspective, John Hancock Emerging Markets Debt Fund (JMKIX) contributed positively to relative returns as did John Hancock Corporate Bond ETF (JHCB).

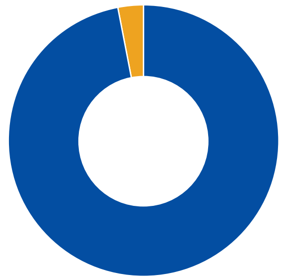
Portfolio changes

In November, the investment team increased their allocation to John Hancock Mortgage Backed Securities ETF (JHMB) and iShares MBS ETF (MBB) while lowering exposure to John Hancock Corporate Bond ETF (JHCB). Mortgage bonds continue to offer a favorable risk-adjusted return relative to corporate bonds given tight corporate bond spreads and improved mortgage bond yields. This trade left the portfolio overweight in securitized bonds and emerging-market bonds with an underweight in government and corporate bonds.

Distinguishing features

- Broadly diversified fixed-income exposure primarily allocated to U.S. investment-grade corporate, government, and agency securities
- Flexibility to seek opportunities in non-benchmark fixed-income securities, including, but not limited to, high-yield and emerging-market bonds

Strategy allocation (%)



Manager	Underlying fund	Ticker	Current quarter
Fixed income			
BlackRock Fund Advisors	iShares US Treasury Bond ETF	GOVT	35.11
Manulife Investment Management	John Hancock Mortgage-Backed Securities ETF	JHMB	31.25
Manulife Investment Management	John Hancock Corporate Bond ETF	JHCB	16.56
BlackRock Fund Advisors	iShares MBS ETF	MBB	10.97
Manulife Investment Management	John Hancock Emerging Markets Debt Fund	JMKIX	3.15
Total fixed income			**97.05**
Cash			**2.95**
Total underlying expenses[1]			0.22

See the conflicts disclosure on the last page for further information.

1 Morningstar, as of the date of the material. Weighted average annual net expense ratio is provided based on aggregation of the underlying fund fees. Share classes used for calculation may not be available to all investors, and expense ratios charged may vary.

Average annual total returns (%)	**QTD**	**YTD**	**1 year**	**3 year**	**5 year**	**10 year**	**Inception 1/1/23**
Core Plus Fixed Income Model Composite, gross of fees	-2.07	3.13	3.13	—	—	—	4.90
Core Plus Fixed Income Model Composite, net of fees	-2.44	1.60	1.60	—	—	—	3.33
Blended benchmark[2]	-2.98	1.34	1.34	—	—	—	3.41

All data is from Manulife Investment Management (a Manulife company) as of the date shown on page 1, unless otherwise indicated.

2 A custom blended benchmark reflects the portfolio's asset allocation under normal conditions. This custom blended benchmark comprises 98% Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index and 2% FTSE 3-Month U.S. Treasury Bill Index. It is not possible to invest directly in an index.

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