

# Reams Asset Management Unconstrained Fixed Income

## Investment Philosophy

Reams defines risk as permanent loss of principal or the inability to meet investment objectives. This is distinct from other investors who may define risk as volatility or tracking error versus a benchmark. Another differentiating feature is that Reams focuses on reacting to relative value opportunities and taking advantage of volatility, rather than relying on economic forecasting and predicting market movements. These guiding beliefs lead the team to:

- Focus on long-term value and total return
- Employ both top-down macro and bottom-up strategies to uncover unique opportunities
- React opportunistically to valuation discrepancies and volatility in the bond market
- Create diversified bond portfolios in an attempt to outperform over a full market cycle
- Seek opportunities to add value in niche parts of the market overlooked by larger managers

## Strategy Overview

- Not managed against a traditional fixed income index. Seeks to outperform the ICE® BofA US 3-Month Treasury Index over a full market cycle, while also seeking to minimize the probability of a negative absolute return in any calendar year.
- Seeks to maximize risk-adjusted total return by systematically pursuing relative value opportunities throughout all sectors of the fixed income market including investment-grade and high yield credit, governments, agencies, mortgage-backed, asset-backed and non-dollar.
- Actively manage overall portfolio duration based on market conditions, normally within a range of -3 to 8 years.
- May use derivative instruments such as futures, options and credit default swaps in order to gain exposure and manage risk.

## Investment Process

### Step One: Duration and Yield-Curve Decision

**Goal: Determine whether the bond market is cheap or expensive**

- Emphasize real interest rates and formulate a long-term view
- Take advantage of yield curve opportunities

### Step Two: Sector Decision and Bond Selection

**Goal: Identify bonds with the highest risk-adjusted returns**

- Focus on over/underweight sectors based on relative value and select bonds expected to perform well in dynamic interest rate and credit environments
- Focus on senior positions within the capital structure and use stress testing/scenario analysis to evaluate potential outcomes

### Step Three: Risk Analysis and Control

**Goal: Continually measure and control exposure to key risk factors**

- Employ external and proprietary analytical tools to manage and control risk at security, sector and portfolio levels
- Avoid backward looking risk measures and “risk budgeting” approaches to portfolio construction

## Total Strategy Assets

\$7,634.2 million

## Portfolio Management Team

### Mark Egan, CFA

Lead Portfolio Manager

- Joined Reams Asset Management in 1990
- 38 years of investment experience

### Todd Thompson, CFA

Co-Portfolio Manager

- Joined Reams Asset Management in 2001
- 30 years of investment experience

### Clark Holland, CFA

Co-Portfolio Manager

- Joined Reams Asset Management in 2002
- 30 years of investment experience

### Jason Hoyer, CFA

Co-Portfolio Manager

- Joined Reams Asset Management in 2015
- 21 years of investment experience

### Dimitri Silva, CFA

Co-Portfolio Manager

- Joined Reams Asset Management in 2021
- 17 years of investment experience

### Neil Aggarwal

Co-Portfolio Manager

- Joined Reams Asset Management in 2022
- 21 years of investment experience

## Performance Summary

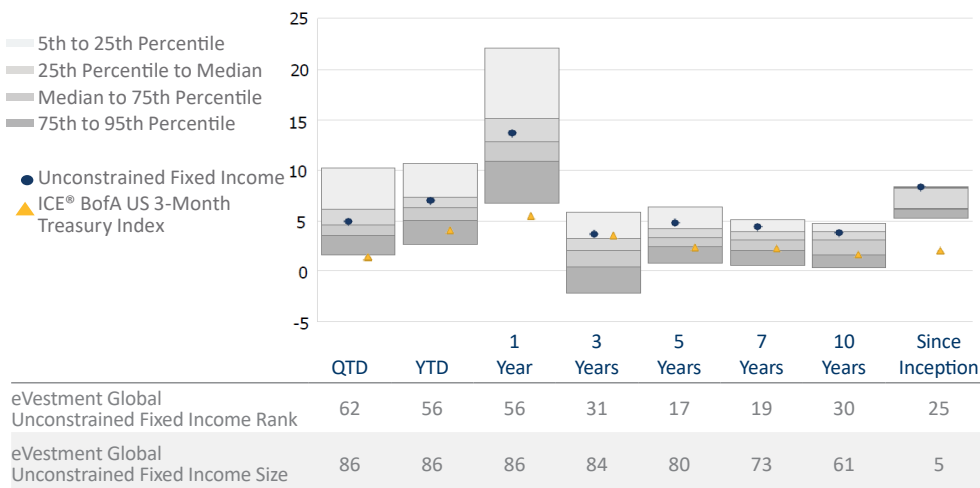
### Trailing Period Performance (annualized for periods greater than 1 year)

	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	7 Years	10 Years	Since Inception
Unconstrained Fixed Income (gross)	-2.16%	4.63%	4.63%	2.94%	4.11%	4.02%	3.73%	8.17%
Unconstrained Fixed Income (net)	-2.25%	4.21%	4.21%	2.53%	3.70%	3.61%	3.32%	7.75%
ICE® BofA US 3-Month Treasury Index	1.17%	5.25%	5.25%	3.89%	2.46%	2.35%	1.77%	2.07%
Excess Return (net)	-3.42%	-1.04%	-1.04%	-1.36%	1.24%	1.26%	1.55%	5.68%

Inception Date: August 1, 1998

### Unconstrained Fixed Income vs. eVestment Global Unconstrained Fixed Income Universe<sup>†</sup>

#### Trailing Period Returns (as of Dec. 31, 2024)



Source: Nasdaq eVestment

Ranking within eVestment Global Unconstrained Fixed Income universe based on monthly returns gross of fees. Ranking data calculated on Jan. 23, 2025 (as of Dec. 31, 2024) and is subject to change as additional firms within the category submit data. Reams Asset Management pays an annual fee to eVestment to access their platform and to use their data, including peer group rankings, in marketing materials. Reams Asset Management does not pay for the ranking.

### Performance Attribution<sup>†</sup>

Q4 2024 (gross of fees)

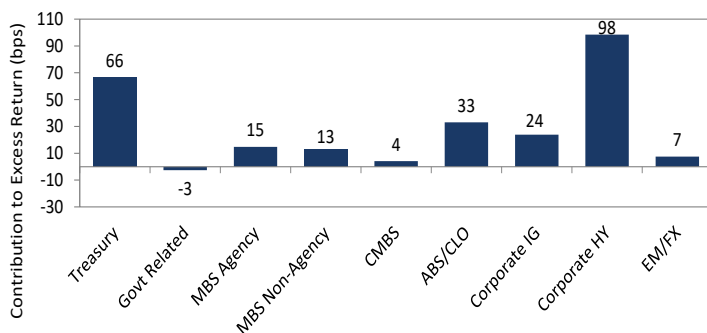
Source	Impact %
ABS	0.09
CMBS	0.05
High Yield (HY)	0.00
Investment Grade (IG)	-0.09
Government Related	0.00
MBS	-0.37
MBS Non-Agency	-0.25
Non-U.S. Dollar	0.00
U.S. Tips	-0.68
U.S. Treasury	-0.89
<b>Total Selection</b>	<b>-2.16</b>
Fees	-0.10%

### Contributors / Detractors

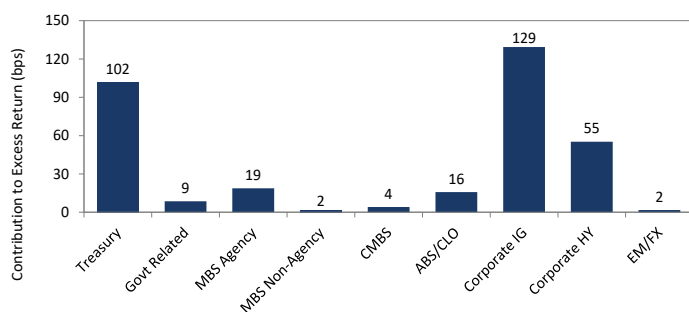
- Elevated duration negatively impacted performance, but this was slightly offset by the portfolio's steepening bias.
- Non-U.S. dollar exposure was a headwind during the quarter as concerns regarding fiscal discipline abated and contributed to a stronger U.S. dollar.
- Mortgage-backed securities (MBS) detracted as rising interest rate volatility negatively affected mortgage performance.
- Exposure to investment-grade (IG) corporates detracted as the backup in risk-free rates outweighed modest spread compression.
- The exposure to asset-backed securities (ABS) contributed as spreads rallied.
- Limited exposure to commercial mortgage-backed securities (CMBS) provided a marginal benefit during the quarter.
- The focus on higher-coupon agency MBS contributed, prevailing over lower-coupon securities.
- The defensive focus in utilities contributed to performance.
- Securities within ABS that have attractive embedded options also continued yielding positive results.

### Contribution to Excess Returns (Basis Points)

#### Trailing 3-Year Period (net of fees, annualized)



#### Trailing 10-Year Period (net of fees, annualized)



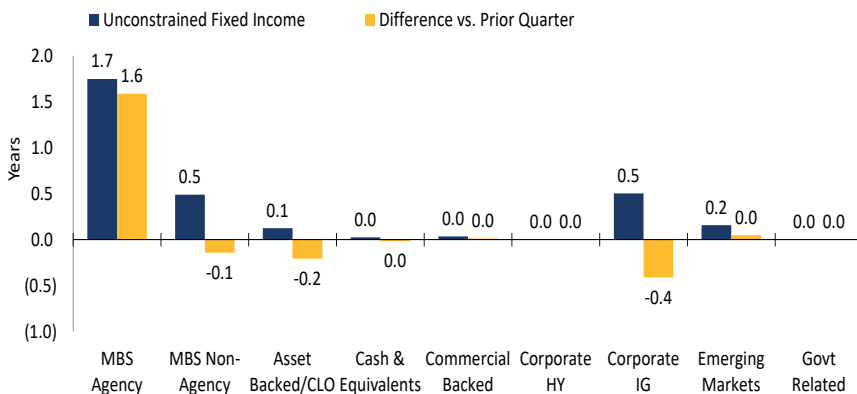
Performance data quoted represents past performance. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Performance figures are stated as gross and net, which is calculated using the highest management fee of 0.40% for this strategy. The firm's management fees are detailed in its Form ADV Part 2A. Please see the Disclosures for further information. Totals may not equal due to rounding. Please see the back page for further information

<sup>†</sup>Based on Gross of Fee Performance

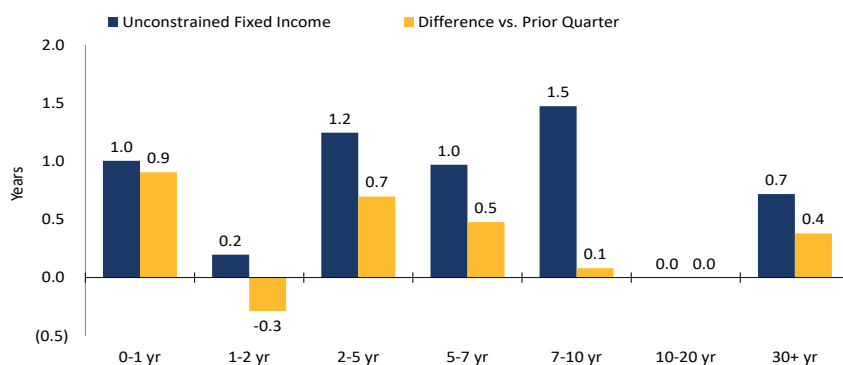
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## Portfolio Summary

### Contribution to Spread Duration (Years)



### Contribution to Interest Rate Duration (Years)



### Portfolio Characteristics

	Unconstrained Fixed Income	Difference vs. Prior Quarter
Wtd. Avg. Duration	5.6 years	2.2 years
Wtd. Avg. Convexity	-0.24	-0.30
Wtd. Avg. Yield to Worst	6.1%	1.0%
Wtd. Avg. Maturity	7.0 years	2.6 years
Wtd. Avg. Quality	Aa2	Aa2

### Sector Allocation (%)<sup>(1)</sup>

	Unconstrained Fixed Income	Difference vs. Prior Quarter
Treasury	20.0	-13.9
Govt Related	0.1	-0.1
MBS Agency	41.1	33.8
MBS Non-Agency	9.8	-1.5
Commercial Backed	1.2	-0.3
Asset Backed/CLO	5.0	-9.5
Corporate IG	13.4	-6.1
Corporate HY	0.0	0.0
Emerging Markets	6.5	0.9
Cash & Equivalents	3.6	-2.8
Total	100.8	0.6

### Quality Allocation (%)<sup>(1)(2)</sup>

	Unconstrained Fixed Income	Difference vs. Prior Quarter
AAA	16.1	-11.3
AA	62.5	19.2
A	7.6	-5.5
BBB	4.5	0.0
Below Investment Grade	6.5	0.9
Cash & Equivalents	3.6	-2.8
Total	100.8	0.6

## Positioning and Rationale

- The allocation to agency residential mortgage-backed securities (RMBS) rose while exposure to non-agency RMBS fell by a modest amount.
- The allocation to IG corporates moved lower, particularly in the financials sector.
- ABS exposure also fell during the quarter as spreads tightened.
- The weight in CMBS declined, ending the quarter at a low absolute exposure.
- The exposure to non-U.S. dollar bonds increased slightly, and the allocation to non-U.S. dollar currencies declined.
- The weight in U.S. Treasuries, including Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities (TIPS) declined during the quarter.
- Portfolio duration rose and ended the quarter above the neutral range, reflecting real rates that are attractive on a long-term basis.
- Yield curve exposure was broadly distributed, with a slight concentration in the 2- to 5-year, 5- to 7-year, and 7- to 10-year duration segments.

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The Contribution to Duration chart displays the Strategy's overall duration and the contribution to overall duration by each security type within the portfolio for the past three years.

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## Firm Overview

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Reams Asset Management, founded in 1981, is a fixed income investment management firm whose mission is to provide high-quality investment expertise and unmatched client service. We apply our consistent investment process across a range of strategies, seeking to take advantage of volatility and react opportunistically to price and valuation dislocation in the bond market. Reams offers clients customized solutions that seek to maximize risk-adjusted total returns over a full market cycle and across a range of fixed income strategies.

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## Product Overview

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### Investment Strategies

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Core	Low Duration
Core Plus	Real Return
Intermediate	Ultra Low Duration
Long Duration	Unconstrained

### Investment Vehicles

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Separate Accounts  
Commingled Funds  
Mutual Funds

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Disclosure

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The strategy employs an unconstrained investment approach which creates considerable exposure to certain types of securities that present significant volatility in the performance, particularly over short periods of time.

Historically, bonds have provided less volatility and less risk of loss of capital than has equity investing. However, there are many factors which may affect the risk and return profile of a fixed income portfolio. The two most prominent factors are interest-rate movements and the creditworthiness of the bond issuer. Investors should pay careful attention to the types of fixed-income securities which comprise their portfolio, and remember that, as with all investments, there is the risk of the loss of capital.

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Fee Schedule -

Vehicle	Management Fee	Expense Ratio
Separate Account	.40% on first \$150M .30% on next \$50M Fees negotiable over \$300M	.N/A
Limited Distribution Pooled Fund: Columbus Unconstrained Bond Fund	.40% on first \$150M .30% on next \$150M Fees negotiable over \$300M	All expenses of the fund, other than management fees, are borne by the manager. The annual expense ratio is 0.21% and is equal to the sum of quarterly management fees divided by prior quarter-end AUM.
Limited Distribution Pooled Fund: Raymond James Funds Reams Unconstrained Bond	The management fees for the fund vary by share class and are outlined in the prospectus.	The total expense ratios vary by share class and are outlined in the prospectus.

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