# Performance and Risk Disclosures December 31, 2022

Rolling 1-Year Performance Returns Period Ending:	31 Dec 22	31 Dec 21	31 Dec 20	31 Dec 19	31 Dec 18
US Core Composite (gross of fees)	-16.31%	-1.35%	9.58%	11.06%	-0.29%
US Core Composite (net of fees)	-16.57%	-1.65%	9.26%	10.73%	-0.59%
Bloomberg US Aggregate Index	-13.01%	-1.54%	7.51%	8.72%	0.01%

Base Currency: USD

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**Counterparties:** The strategy may suffer losses if the parties that it trades with cannot meet their financial obligations.

**Credit:** The risk that a issuer will be unable to pay principal and interest when due.

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Interest Rates: Changes in interest rates may negatively affect the value of the strategy. Typically as interest rates rise, bond values fall.

**Liquidity:** In certain circumstances it may be difficult to sell the strategy's investments because there may not be enough demand for them in the markets, in which case the strategy may not be able to minimise a loss on such investments.

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#### US Core Composite\*

Composite Inception Date: 04/01/1974 | Composite Creation Date: 01/01/2000

	No. of Accts	Gross Total Return	Net Total Return	Benchmark Total Return	Gross Total 3-Yr St Dev	Benchmark Total 3-Yr St Dev	Internal Dispersion	Mkt. Value USD Mil	Percentage of Firm Assets	Firm Assets USD Mil
2012	21	7.26%	6.94%	4.21%	2.42%	2.38%	0.69%	10,586	2.29%	461,891
2013	17	-1.45%	-1.74%	-2.02%	2.72%	2.71%	0.45%	7,138	1.58%	451,632
2014	18	7.39%	7.07%	5.97%	2.81%	2.63%	0.62%	8,346	1.79%	466,036
2015	18	1.21%	0.91%	0.55%	2.97%	2.88%	0.64%	8,719	2.01%	433,747
2016	21	4.46%	4.14%	2.65%	3.11%	2.98%	0.28%	14,119	3.37%	419,207
2017	21	5.51%	5.19%	3.54%	2.89%	2.78%	0.42%	16,954	3.89%	436,309
2018	19	-0.29%	-0.59%	0.01%	3.02%	2.84%	0.19%	16,107	3.80%	424,136
2019	20	11.06%	10.73%	8.72%	2.89%	2.87%	0.30%	22,976	5.05%	455,276
2020	18	9.58%	9.26%	7.51%	4.15%	3.36%	0.25%	28,627	5.97%	479,810
2021	21	-1.35%	-1.65%	-1.54%	4.26%	3.35%	0.12%	31,224	6.39%	488,490

**Description**: The Western Asset US Core strategy is a US broad market strategy that aims to maximize total return and add value through duration and curve positioning, sector allocation, and security selection, while approximating benchmark risk. The strategy invests in a diversified portfolio using all major investment-grade fixed-income sectors with a bias toward non-Treasuries, especially corporate, mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities. The portfolios may have the ability to use futures and options. **Benchmark Description**: The current benchmark is the Bloomberg US Aggregate USD Unhedged Index.

Base Currency: USD | Composite Minimum: No minimum size requirement as of 1/1/2020 (previously \$25 million).

Current Fee Schedule: The investment management fee schedule for the separate account is .30 of 1% on the first \$100 million, .20 of 1% on amounts over \$100 million. The investment management fee schedule for the Western Asset US Core Bond L.L.C., which is a member of the composite, is .30 of 1%. The total expense ratio as of December 31, 2020 for the Western Asset Core Bond L.L.C. was .36 of 1%.

Effective 1 January 2020, the US Core Composite has been redefined to exclude accounts with significant restrictions on the major sector of the broad fixed income market, duration flexibility or credit quality.

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Composite returns are measured against a benchmark, when applicable. The benchmark is unmanaged and provided to represent the investment environment in existence during the time periods shown. For comparison purposes, its performance has been linked in the same manner as the Composite. The benchmark presented was obtained from third party sources deemed reliable but not guaranteed for accuracy or completeness. Benchmark returns and benchmark three-year annualized ex-post standard deviation are not covered by the report of independent verifiers.

Internal dispersion is calculated using the asset-weighted standard deviation of annual gross returns of those portfolios that were included in the Composite for the entire year. Periods with five or fewer accounts are not statistically representative and are not presented. The three-year annualized ex-post standard deviation measures the variability of the composite and the benchmark returns over the preceding 36-month period.

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US Core Plus Composite (gross of fees)	-17.49%	-1.32%	9.90%	12.51%	-0.97%
US Core Plus Composite (net of fees)	-17.74%	-1.61%	9.57%	12.18%	-1.26%
Bloomberg US Aggregate Index	-13.01%	-1.54%	7.51%	8.72%	0.01%

Base Currency: USD

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**Credit:** The risk that a issuer will be unable to pay principal and interest when due.

**Currency:** Changes in exchange rates between the currencies of investments held by the strategy and the strategy's base currency may negatively affect the value of an investment and any income received from it.

**Derivatives:** The strategy makes significant use of derivatives. The use of derivatives can result in greater fluctuations of the portfolio's value.

**Emerging Markets:** The strategy may invest in the markets of countries which are smaller, less developed and regulated, and more volatile than the markets of more developed countries.

**Hedging:** The strategy may use derivatives to reduce the risk of movements in exchange rates between the currency of the investments held by the strategy and base currency of the portfolio itself (hedging). However, hedging transactions can also expose the portfolio to additional risks, such as the risk that the counterparty to the transaction may not be able to make its payments, which may result in loss to the strategy.

**Inflation:** The value of bonds held by the strategy that are intended to protect against inflation may be negatively affected by changes in interest rates.

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**Liquidity:** In certain circumstances it may be difficult to sell the strategy's investments because there may not be enough demand for them in the markets, in which case the strategy may not be able to minimise a loss on such investments.

Low-rated Bonds: The strategy may invest in lower rated or unrated bonds of similar quality, which carry a higher degree of risk than higher rated bonds.

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#### **US Core Plus Composite\***

Composite Inception Date: 02/01/1993 | Composite Creation Date: 01/01/1994

	No. of Accts	Gross Total Return	Net Total Return	Benchmark Total Return	Gross Total 3-Yr St Dev	Benchmark Total 3-Yr St Dev	Internal Dispersion	Mkt. Value USD Mil	Percentage of Firm Assets	Firm Assets USD Mil
2012	121	8.97%	8.65%	4.21%	2.61%	2.38%	1.05%	54,299	11.76%	461,891
2013	105	-0.79%	-1.09%	-2.02%	2.92%	2.71%	0.31%	46,789	10.36%	451,632
2014	92	7.70%	7.38%	5.97%	2.98%	2.63%	0.59%	50,341	10.80%	466,036
2015	91	1.19%	0.89%	0.55%	3.19%	2.88%	0.60%	50,759	11.70%	433,747
2016	94	5.33%	5.02%	2.65%	3.31%	2.98%	0.45%	56,003	13.36%	419,207
2017	94	6.77%	6.45%	3.54%	3.11%	2.78%	0.69%	61,753	14.15%	436,309
2018	98	-0.97%	-1.26%	0.01%	3.34%	2.84%	0.35%	63,414	14.95%	424,136
2019	99	12.51%	12.18%	8.72%	3.26%	2.87%	0.66%	75,291	16.54%	455,276
2020	104	9.90%	9.57%	7.51%	5.23%	3.36%	0.69%	91,333	19.04%	479,810
2021	97	-1.32%	-1.61%	-1.54%	5.26%	3.35%	0.26%	91,679	18.77%	488,490

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