

5 Things you Need to Know About: Bond Investing

People looking to invest in bonds should consider several key factors before making a commitment.

1. ACCESSING BONDS

There are many different ways for investors to access the \$130 trillion global bond market.

Invest directly into individual bonds	
VIA AN EXCHANGE Some exchanges offer bonds	VIA A BROKER The majority of bonds are sold over-the-counter via brokers

Invest in a range of bonds through a fund	
IN AN ACTIVE FUND A portfolio of bonds actively managed by a fund manager according to a set strategy	IN A PASSIVE FUND A portfolio of bonds that passively tracks an index

2. THE RISKS OF INVESTING

INTEREST RATE RISK

The risk that a bond's price will fall when interest rates rise.

INFLATION RISK

The risk that a bond's future purchasing power will be eroded by the increasing cost of goods and services.

DEFAULT RISK

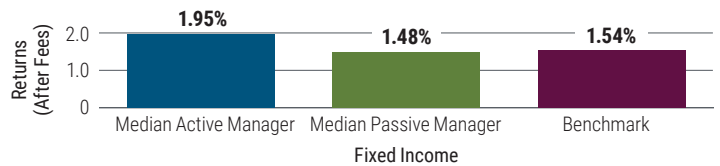
The risk that the issuer of the bond cannot pay the coupons or the value of the bond at maturity.

REINVESTMENT RISK

The risk of reinvesting money from mature bonds into new bonds with lower interest rates.

3. ACTIVE VS. PASSIVE INVESTMENT

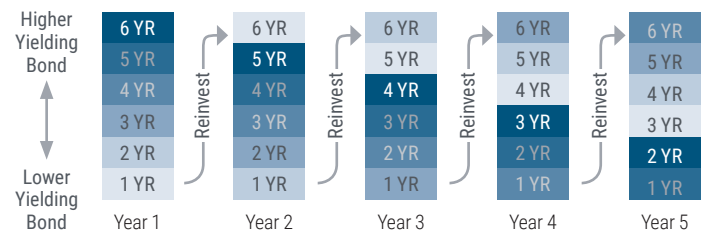
Active managers use their expertise to manage risks and select investments. As the chart below shows, active fixed income managers outperformed passive managers and the benchmark index over the 10-year period ended 30 June 2023.



Source: Morningstar Based on Morningstar U.S. Fund Intermediate Core and Intermediate Core-Plus categories. Institutional share class. Benchmarks: Fixed Income = Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index. **Past performance is not a guarantee or a reliable indicator of future results.**

4. BOND LADDERS

Bond ladders may be used by investors to help manage interest rate and reinvestment risk. By investing in a range of bonds with different maturity dates, the investor can reinvest the proceeds from their maturing bonds into potentially higher-yielding securities.



5. COMPARING BONDS

Three key things to consider when choosing to invest in bonds or bond funds include:



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