

Core Plus Total Return ETF Strategy

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Firm Overview



About RBA

RBA Overview	Distribution and Partners	RBA Difference
 Utilize a unique top-down, macro approach to investing that focuses on profits, liquidity, and sentiment Offer long-only Multi-Asset, Global Equity, and Fixed Income strategies AUM of over \$17.5 billion (as of 9/30/2025 including assets-under-advisement) Attractive risk-adjusted returns over longer time horizons Founded in 2009, RBA has over a 10-year track record 	 ▶ RBA Multi-Asset, Global Equity and Fixed Income Retail SMAs, and Institutional Accounts ▶ First Trust Income-Oriented & Thematic Equity Unit Trusts, US Equity SMA, and Thematic ETFs ▶ iM Global Partner UCITS Funds, and Global Distribution Support 	 Transparency Provide frequent portfolio updates and offer regular direct access to senior investment team Daily Liquidity Highly liquid portfolios that have no lockups/gates Competitive Fees Offer attractive and competitive fee



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Experienced Investment Committee



Richard Bernstein, CEO and CIO
Industry experience: 44 years. RBA experience: 16 years.
Formerly Chief Investment Strategist at BofA Merrill Lynch.
BA, Hamilton College, MBA, New York University.



Michael Contopoulos, Deputy CIO
Industry experience: 26 years. RBA experience: 5 years.
Formerly Chief Investment Strategist at Anchorage Capital & Head of Leveraged Finance Strategy at BofA Merrill Lynch.
BA, Columbia University, MBA, New York University.



Risk ManagementIndustry experience: 36 years. RBA experience: 15 years.
Formerly Portfolio Manager at State Street Global Advisors.

BS, Carnegie Mellon University.

Henry Timmons, CFA, Director of ETFs

Matthew Griswold, CFA, Director of Investments and



Lisa Kirschner, Director of Research and Chairperson of Investment Committee
Industry experience: 32 years. RBA experience: 15 years.
Formerly Senior Director at BofA Merrill Lynch.
Indiana University.



Industry experience: 22 years. RBA experience: 14 years.
Formerly Portfolio Manager and Quantitative Analyst at GMO LLC.
BS and MEng, Cornell University. MBA, Cornell University's SC
Johnson College of Business.



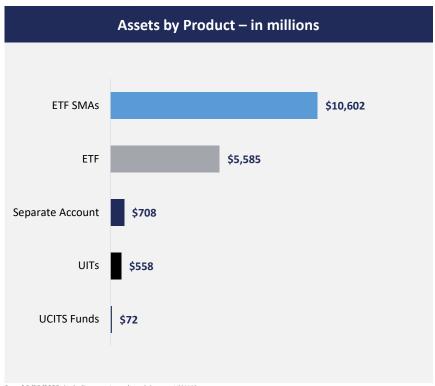
Matt Poterba, CFA, Senior Analyst Industry experience: 13 years. RBA experience: 11 years. Formerly Associate Analyst at NERA Economic Consulting. BA, Hamilton College.



Malvika Dhingra, Portfolio Analyst
Industry experience: 3 years. RBA experience: 3 years.
Formerly Analyst at PricewaterhouseCoopers.
BA, University of Delhi, MS, Duke University's Fuqua School of Business.

Average Industry Experience: 25 Years Average RBA Experience: 11 Years

RBA AUM/AUA*

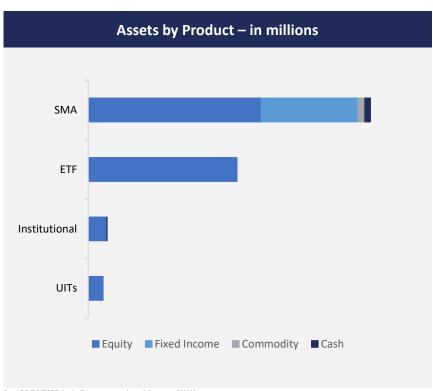






^{*}as of 9/30/2025, including assets under advisement (AUA).

RBA manages nearly \$3.6 Billion in Fixed Income Assets*







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RBA Digital Presence

Insights and Webinars

RBA market analysis and commentary includes

- ► Monthly Insights, Quick Insights, Fixed Income Insights, Research Insights & ETF Insights
- ► Quarterly Webinars







Quarterly webinars draw 2K+ Investment Professionals



*as of 9/30/2025.



RBA's Unique Multi-Asset Investment Strategy

Investment Approach Investment Process ▶ RBA has unparalleled experience in equity, fixed income and asset Profit Cycles, Not Economic Cycles, Drive Financial Markets allocation. ▶ Utilize in-house macro research to PEAK assess profits, liquidity, and sentiment. **FAVOR FAVOR** - Small-caps - Large-caps - Value RISING ► RBA drives alpha through asset - Stable growth - Cyclical sectors - Defensive sectors **PROFIT CYCLE** selection, size, style, sector, rating, - Lower quality - Higher quality - Discounted dividend duration and geography, and not - Secure dividend yield and bond vield through individual stock selection. - Low beta - High beta - Developed markets - Emerging markets TROUGH ► History of positioning shows RBA's thinking is non-consensus. ► Conservative risk-balanced Stock / Bond Selection approach to total returns. Style Geography Commodities Size Sector Duration ▶ All mandates are global go-anywhere.

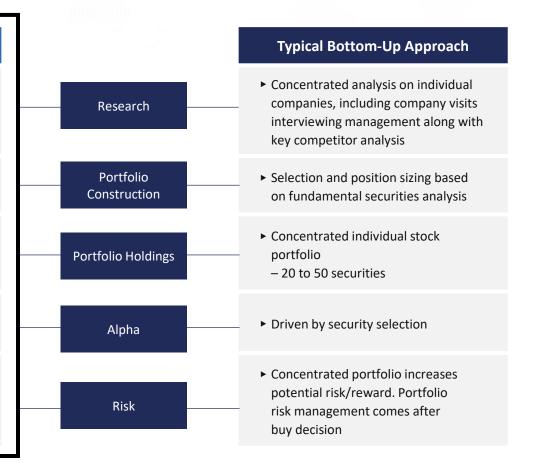


RBA Top Down - vs. - Typical Bottom Up

RBA's Top-Down Approach

- ► Extensive array of macro, sentiment, profit, and valuation indicators that have been developed and honed over 30 years
- Quantitative selection process used to gain customized exposures
- Utilize optimizer to build a large and diversified risk-weighted portfolio: 200 to 450 securities (5-30 ETFs)
- ► Driven by macro themes, size, style, sector and geographic allocations
- Large portfolio minimizes individual stock selection risk. Optimization incorporates risk management into buy decisions

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Separately Managed Account ETF Portfolios



Go Anywhere SMAs

Core Plus Total Return SMA Portfolio Highlights

- "Go-anywhere" ETF based fixed income allocation strategies that invest across fixed income market segments
- Prioritization is total return with a secondary mandate of generating income
- Managing within risk parameters will be a focus of our approach
- ► Over time, and under normal market conditions, the portfolios should consistently be invested in a mix of quality/maturity/asset classes to pursue our objective
- Strategic policy guidelines are in place to provide an additional layer of risk-management

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Flexible Asset Allocations

Cash

- ▶ Fixed Income
 - Domestic
 - Foreign
 - Investment grade
 - High-yield
 - Corporate
 - Government
 - Municipal
 - Agency
 - Inflation-linked
 - Mortgage-backed
 - Interest rate hedging



Investment Process

Top-Down Macro Assessment

Risk Assessment

Strategic Policy Guidelines

▶ Fundamentals

- Proprietary default and expected loss analysis
- Cash flow and Earnings
- Leverage/Coverage

► Liquidity:

- Central bank analysis
- Issuance trends
- Lending standards/Market access

► Sentiment/Valuation:

- Structural long-term sentiment
- Valuation of market segments
- Relative upside/downside

- Diversification is based on correlation of assets within the portfolio, rather than the number of assets
 - Review risk of opportunistic asset allocation targets within different interest rate and default scenarios
- ► Capital Market Assumptions
 - Utilize duration, convexity, rating and relative pricing datasets

- ► Guidelines provide an additional layer of risk management
 - Normal tactical deviations will be within 30% of Bloomberg U.S.
 Aggregate Bond Index
 - <= 50% non-U.S.

Asset Allocation Decisions

Emerging vs. Developed

High Quality vs. Low Quality

Maturity

Sovereign vs. Corporate Bonds

Long vs. Short Duration

Investment grade vs. High Yield



ETF Selection & Implementation Process

ETF Portfolio Selection & Construction

Quantitative screening with qualitative review (>200 ETF universe)

- ► Prefer AUM > \$1 billion
- ► Prefer trading history > 1 year
- ▶ Liquidity: ETF share volume + underlying basket volume
- ► Bid/Ask spread
- ► Legal structure

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Construction methodology

- Discount / premium to NAV
- Sponsor reputation and transparency
- Exposure: fit to targeted market segments: region, style, sector, credit quality, duration, etc.
- ► Minimize fees relative to market-segment peers
- ► Minimize tracking error relative to market-segment peers

Resulting In

ETF Portfolios

- ► Typically 5-30 ETFs
- Maximize contribution from topdown macro-economic views
- Minimize portfolio risk through asset class portfolio risk measurement
- Minimize credit-specific risk through usage of ETFs



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RBA Core Plus Total Return ETF Strategy



Fixed Income Core Plus Portfolio Construction

Portfolio Construction

- ► Strategic and Tactical Top down and bottom-up research process to determine strategic and tactical direction of risk
- ► Cyclical vs Defensive High quality vs low quality, credit vs. rate risk
- ► **Duration** Relative and absolute duration targeting based on macro indicators, liquidity and rate cycles
- ► Sector/Region Fundamental and macro models to determine optimal asset class and region allocations
- ► Yield Curve Rich/Cheap analysis across maturities and asset classes based on fundamental and historical relative value analysis
- ► Valuation Quantitative techniques and scenario analysis to determine upside/downside



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Strategic Policy Guidelines

▶ Benchmark: Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index

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- ▶ Exposure guardrails are +/- 30% of benchmark weights for fixed income sectors: Corporates, Treasuries, Mortgages, Municipals
- ▶ Allocation Ranges: US Fixed Income 0%-100%, Non-US Fixed Income 0%-50%, Cash 0%-30%

Asset Class	Long-Term "Neutral" Asset Allocation	Allocation Ranges	Current Allocation as of 9/30/2025
Total Fixed Income	100%	100%	97.8%
US Fixed Income		20% - 100%	97.8%
Non-US Fixed Income		0% - 50%	0.0%
Total Cash/Other (Commodities, Currencies, etc.)	0%	0% - 30%	2.2%
Cash		0% - 30%	2.2%

Source: Richard Bernstein Advisors LLC, Bloomberg. Percent of total net assets. Allocations are subject to change due to active management. Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding.



Portfolio Snapshot: Asset Allocation

Asset Allocation as of 9/30/2025

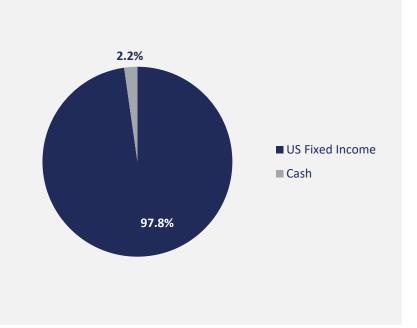
Fixed Income (97.8% = Underweight)*

- Overweight
 - Short-Term Nominal Treasuries, Securitized/Mortgages, Municipals
- Underweight

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- Investment Grade Corporates, Non-US Sovereign Debt

Cash & Equivalents (2.2% = Overweight)*



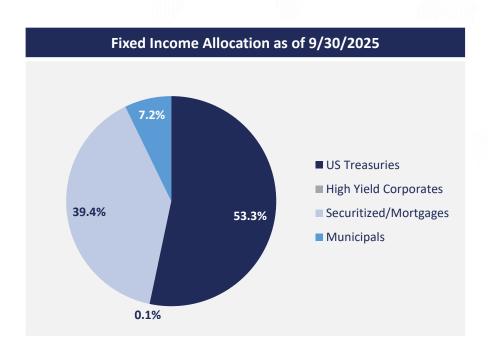


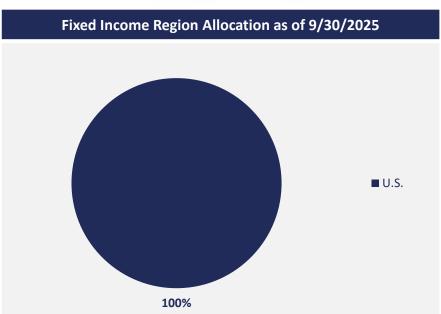
^{*}Overweight, equalweight and underweight are in comparison to our long-term strategic allocation policy.

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Portfolio Snapshot: Fixed Income & Region Allocation



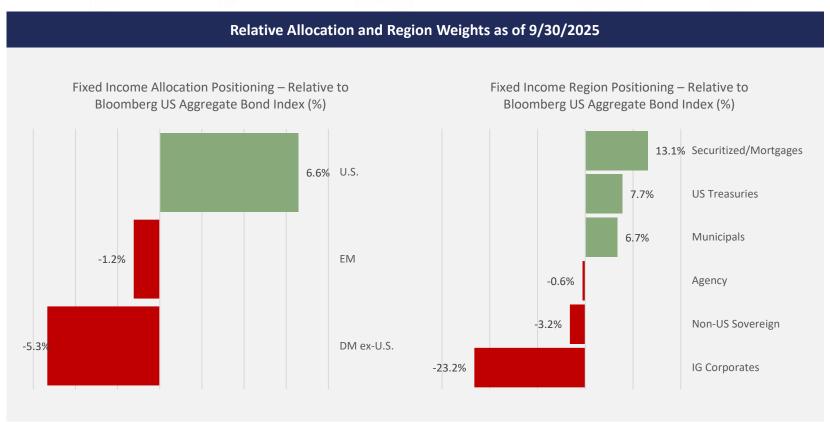


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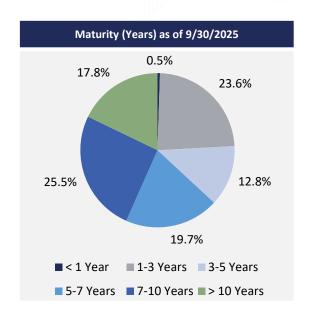


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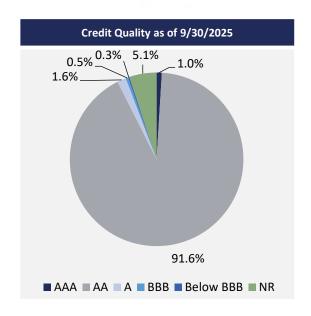
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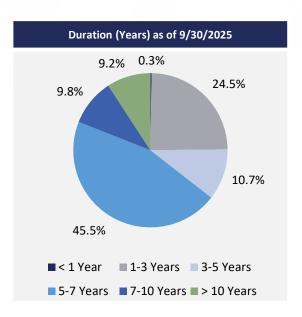


Portfolio Snapshot: Maturity, Credit Quality and Duration



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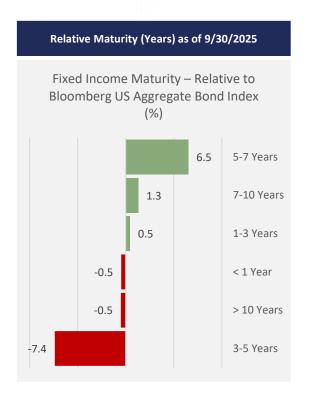


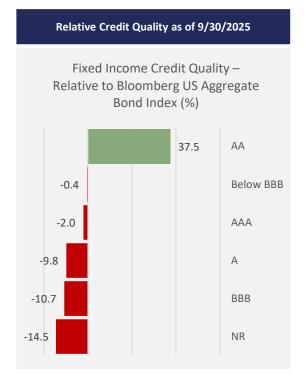


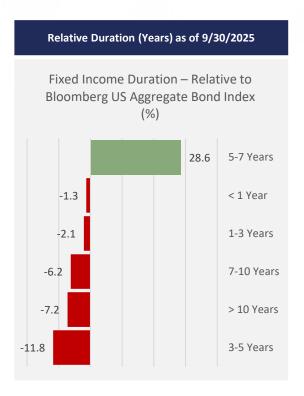
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Portfolio ETF Holdings

Holdings as of 9/30/2025					
ETF Nam	ie	Ticker	Portfolio Weight %		
Janus Henderson Mortgage-Bacl	ced Securities ETF	JMBS	38.6		
SPDR Portfolio Short Term	Treasury ETF	SPTS	23.7		
SPDR Portfolio Intermediate Te	rm Treasury ETF	SPTI	19.5		
iShares 10-20 Year Treasury Bond ETF		TLH	9.0		
Invesco National AMT-Free Municipal Bond ETF		PZA	7.2		
SPDR Bloomberg 1-3 Mont	h T-Bill ETF	BIL	2.0		



Allocations are subject to change due to active management.

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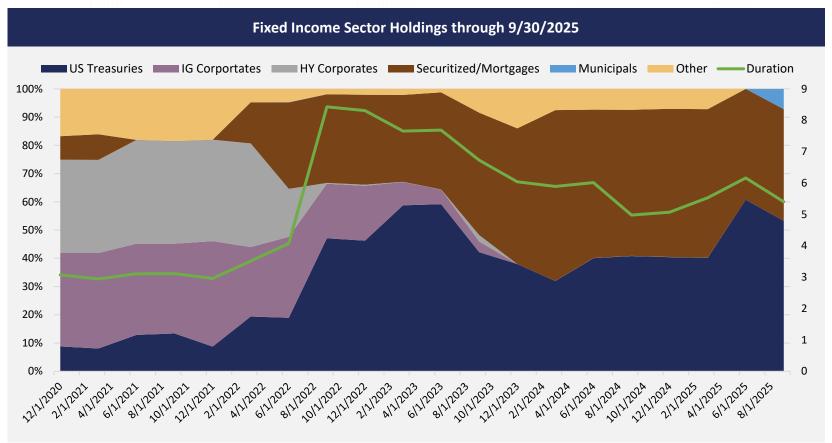
Fixed Income Characteristics

Characteristics as of 9/30/2025			
Characteristics	Allocation	Benchmark	
Effective Duration (Years)	5.7	6.0	
Average Maturity (Years)	7.5	8.2	
Average Coupon Rate (%)	3.6	3.6	
Yield to Maturity (%)	4.4	4.4	

Source: Richard Bernstein Advisors LLC, Bloomberg,. Percent of total net assets. Allocations are subject to change due to active management. Benchmark: Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index.



Historical Fixed Income Sector Holdings



Source: Richard Bernstein Advisors LLC, Bloomberg. Weightings are calculated on a fixed-income only basis. Allocations are subject to change due to active management.

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Annual Returns	2024	2023	2022	2021
RBA Core Plus Total Return ETF Strategy (Gross)	2.09%	4.85%	-13.80%	0.73%
RBA Core Plus Total Return ETF Strategy (Net)*	-0.92%	1.76%	-16.38%	-2.25%
Benchmark**	1.25%	5.53%	-13.01%	-1.54%

Based on monthly data. Source: Richard Bernstein Advisors LLC, Morningstar. Inception December 23, 2020. For investment minimums, please contact your financial advisor. See "Index Descriptions" at end of document.

¹Returns greater than 1 year are annualized.



^{*}Net performance reflects the deduction of an assumed 3.00% annual fee. See performance disclosure for further information.

^{**}Benchmark 100% Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

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The Strategy has an inception date of December 23, 2020. The Strategy seeks to generate superior risk-adjusted returns as compared to the aggregate bond universe over a full market cycle by employing a top-down style to construct a global tactical asset allocation portfolio. Accounts in this Strategy obtain desired exposure via ETF vehicles.

The Strategy benchmark is 100% Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index. The benchmark is rebalanced daily.

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Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Performance is shown in USD and includes reinvestment of dividends and other earnings. Results are shown on a "gross" and "net" basis. Gross-of-fee returns are reduced by actual trading costs incurred and platform fees but are before deduction of any advisory or other fees. Net performance reflects the deduction of an assumed 3.00% annual fee rate which is intended to equal or exceed the combined maximum advisory program fees and maximum investment management fees charged to advisory platform clients. Returns are calculated by applying the assumed annual fee rate to the gross monthly returns. This combined fee will normally include all charges for trading costs, portfolio management fees, custody and other administrative fees. Actual fees may vary depending on the individual sponsor's fee. Investment management fees are negotiated directly with advisory program sponsors. Fees are negotiable where circumstances warrant. Taxes have not been deducted.

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US Fixed Income: Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index: An unmanaged index that tracks domestic investment-grade bonds, including corporate, government, and mortgage-backed securities.

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