



# Enhanced Core Fixed Income

## Highlights

- The JAG Enhanced Core Fixed Income (ECFI) portfolio returned -0.49% net of model fee and -0.62% net of wrap fee in Q1, compared with -0.02% for the Bloomberg Intermediate Gov/Credit Index. Gross of fees, the ECFI portfolio fell by 0.25%.
- Bonds rallied through February before taking a sharp turn lower in March, amid a surge in global crude oil prices stemming from the US-Iran military conflict. Yields rose as the market adjusted to new uncertainty surrounding inflation and the timing of future Federal Reserve (Fed) rate cuts.
- Corporate bonds underperformed Treasuries in Q1, with spreads finishing wider on the quarter after peaking in mid-March. As of mid-April (Q2 QTD), spreads had already recovered near to year-end levels.
- ECFI modestly underperformed the index during the quarter, with results driven largely by the lagging performance of our position in Kyndryl Holdings, Inc. (KD).

## Portfolio Review

- ECFI modestly underperformed the index during the quarter, driven in large part by one holding, Kyndryl Holdings, Inc. (KD). Results elsewhere in the portfolio were generally reflective of the index and consistent with broader Q1 themes. Periods characterized by risk-off sentiment and Treasury outperformance typically represent a relative headwind for our strategies.
- Our model-owned KD issue declined 7.9% in Q1, translating to a ~12 bps drag (net of fees) on model portfolio performance. We maintained our position in KD through quarter-end and saw a positive inflection in price entering April.
- By sector, our industrial and financial holdings underperformed the respective index sectors, while our utilities performed roughly in line. Positive selection of utility issues was offset by an underweight allocation to the sector.
- Holdings with less than one year of duration (typically excluded from the index) contributed positively to both our absolute and relative results. This cohort benefited from its price stability amid the broader market decline.
- Notably, by rating cohort, our below-investment grade holdings contributed positively to ECFI's quarterly result, in contrast to broader market dynamics which saw lower-rated credits broadly underperform.
- Our posture in Q1 was patient, and trading activity remained fairly normal despite the elevated volatility. While such conditions can present opportunities, the broad and correlated nature of market moves in Q1 offered limited incremental value as we evaluated potential trades.

## Market Outlook

- Recent events in Iran differ meaningfully in both nature and scope from the tariff-driven selloff one year ago. Nevertheless, it is worth noting that the credit market reaction in Q1 was far less severe than in Q2 2025. Corporate bond spreads peaked at 93 bps in March, compared to 119 bps last April.
- At the time of this writing, the US has not finalized a peace agreement with Iran, yet the market has largely recovered (as of mid-April). Even among issuers that are relatively exposed to oil, we do not see meaningful dislocation (positive or negative) lingering from the moves in March.
- One change from Q1 that has persisted is a shift in consensus regarding monetary policy. Implied rates now indicate the Fed will hold rates steady for the remainder of the year. At the end of Q4, two rate cuts were priced in by December 2026.
- Inflation is back in focus as the key variable shaping policy expectations. Recent inflation data remain sticky. While the Fed will attempt to look through any short-term impacts of the oil price shock, core inflation made limited progress towards 2% in recent months, even before the conflict began. Employment data, conversely, have been generally positive.
- Spreads have returned to a historically tight range, and fundamentals continue to lend support. We believe our selectivity—our focus on issuers with strong or improving fundamentals—positions us to strategically navigate across a full credit cycle. In the event of renewed volatility, particularly if market moves are broad and highly correlated, opportunities for incremental positioning may remain limited. We remain prepared to act as more durable and differentiated opportunities emerge.

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## Composite Performance (%) as of 3/31/2026

Performance*	Q1	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Inception
Pure Gross	-0.25%	4.81%	5.13%	2.10%	2.84%	4.79%
Model Net	-0.49%	3.78%	4.09%	1.09%	1.83%	3.75%
Wrap Net	-0.62%	3.25%	3.71%	0.80%	1.53%	3.76%
BIGC	-0.02%	4.41%	4.24%	1.33%	2.04%	3.84%

\* Periods greater than one year have been annualized. Returns are presented pure gross and net of fees and include the reinvestment of all income. Past performance should not be indicative of future performance. Model net fee returns reflect the highest fee (1.0%) relevant to the intended audience. They were calculated by reducing the gross returns by the highest tier of the composite's fee schedule on a monthly basis. Pure gross returns are shown as supplemental information, as wrap fee accounts are stated gross of all fees. Wrap net returns were calculated using the highest applicable annual wrap fee (1.50%), applied monthly. Wrap fees include all charges, transaction costs, portfolio management fees, custody fees, and other administrative fees. The wrap net highest annual wrap fee used for performance calculations may differ from fees listed due to the fee schedule of the independent sponsoring firm. They are available upon request, respectively.

## Highlighted Contributors

**Verisign Inc (VRSN) 4.75% due 7/15/2027 (Baa3/BBB)** benefited from its relatively low duration in a quarter when bond prices declined, while the company's highly recurring revenue base and strong cash generation continued to support investor demand. Verisign reported solid revenue growth, higher operating income, stronger operating cash flow, and continued growth in the .com and .net domain base, reinforcing the stability of its credit profile.

**Celanese US Holdings LLC (CE) 7.05% due 11/15/2030 (Ba2/BB)** benefited from improving sentiment toward cyclical industrial credits, as well as continued balance-sheet repair. In Q1, Celanese completed the divestiture of its Micromax business for approximately \$500 million in cash to support deleveraging, even as management continued to navigate soft demand in several key end markets.

**Griffon Corporation (GFF) 5.75% due 3/1/2028 (B1/B+)** outperformed as investors continued to favor higher-carry credits in a relatively stable spread environment. Griffon reported solid fiscal first-quarter results in February, including modest revenue growth, improved adjusted earnings, approximately \$99 million of free cash flow, and further debt reduction, all of which supported bond performance during the quarter.

## Highlighted Detractors

**Kyndryl Holdings Inc (KD) 3.15% due 10/15/2031 (Baa2/BBB-)** underperformed sharply in Q1 following several material developments in February. While the company reported third-quarter fiscal 2026 results that showed continued growth in Kyndryl Consult, rising hyperscaler-related revenue, and positive adjusted pretax income, management also cut full-year guidance, delayed its Form 10-Q, announced leadership changes including an interim CFO, and later disclosed material weaknesses in internal controls tied to disclosure processes and vendor-payment practices, albeit with no restatement of prior financial statements.

**D.R. Horton Inc (DHI) 5.50% due 10/15/2035 (A3/BBB+)** underperformed in Q1 as longer-duration housing-related credits lagged in a weaker rate environment. D.R. Horton's January results were operationally solid, with orders up 3%, strong cash generation, low leverage, and reiterated full-year guidance, but the bond remained more exposed to the quarter's rise in yields than some shorter and higher-carry alternatives.

**Block Inc (XYZ) 6.50% due 5/15/2032 (Ba1/BB+)** underperformed in Q1 as fintech-related credits saw less support than other areas of the market. During the quarter, Block posted its Q4 2025 results in late February, and investors were also digesting a February workforce reduction announced in its annual report, a move management framed as aligning the organization with its operating model and strategic priorities.

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**Portfolio Characteristics<sup>1</sup>**

	JAG ECFI	BIGC
Yield-to-Worst	4.54%	4.20%
Average Coupon	4.13%	3.68%
Average Maturity (yrs)	4.81	4.28
Average Modified Duration (yrs)	3.80	3.82
Average Effective Duration (yrs)	3.81	3.74

**Quality Distribution<sup>1</sup>**

Rating	%
Aaa	1.7%
Aa	45.4%
A	18.1%
Baa	25.0%
Below IG	8.5%
Unrated	1.3%

**Sector Distribution<sup>1</sup>**

Sector	%
Treasury	44.0%
Industrial	27.9%
Financial	23.6%
Utility	2.8%
Cash	1.7%

**Effective Duration Distribution<sup>1</sup>**

Years	%
0 – 1 yrs	7.3%
1 – 3 yrs	33.0%
3 – 5 yrs	28.3%
5 – 7 yrs	19.8%
7 – 10 yrs	11.6%

<sup>1</sup> As of 3/31/26. Statistics provided are weighted averages and calculated by JAG. Due to rounding, percentages may not sum to 100%. Characteristics are, for the model portfolio, calculated using closing market values on the stated date, including cash and cash equivalents; for the benchmark index, reported by Bloomberg. Credit quality is Moody's ratings. This data is subject to change.

**JAG Capital Management, LLC Enhanced Core Fixed Income Composite GIPS® Report**

Year End	Composite Assets				Annual Performance Results					3-Year Standard Deviation	
	Total Firm Assets (millions)	US Dollars (millions)	Number of Accounts	% of Wrap Fee	Model Fee Net	Wrap Fee Net	Pure Gross	BIGC	Dispersion %	JAG Pure Gross %	BIGC %
2025	1,902	353	121	60	6.39%	5.85%	7.45%	6.97%	0.10	2.86	3.77
2024	1,696	322	110	61	3.20%	2.86%	4.23%	3.00%	0.07	4.51	5.00
2023	1,552	299	105	72	5.14%	4.98%	6.19%	5.24%	0.40	4.30	4.58
2022	1,573	211	82	75	-8.87%	-9.02%	-7.96%	-8.23%	0.17	5.51	3.82
2021	2,148	247	91	72	-0.72%	-0.98%	0.28%	-1.44%	0.25	4.45	2.34
2020	1,963	268	100	98	5.29%	5.03%	6.35%	6.43%	0.64	4.46	2.31
2019	1,516	266	103	96	7.90%	7.63%	8.95%	6.80%	0.29	1.90	2.04
2018	1,070	249	95	97	-1.58%	-1.83%	-0.58%	0.88%	0.23	1.84	2.09
2017	1,181	287	116	95	2.19%	1.78%	3.20%	2.14%	0.24	1.88	2.11
2016	1,051	268	112	95	2.84%	2.46%	3.86%	2.08%	0.74	2.18	2.22
3 Yr Ann.					4.90%	4.55%	5.95%	5.06%			
5 Yr Ann.					0.87%	0.59%	1.88%	0.96%			
10 Yr Ann.					2.07%	1.77%	3.09%	2.29%			
Information for period(s) ending March 31, 2026											
1st Qtr. '26	1,805	346	130	60	-0.49%	-0.62%	-0.25%	-0.02%	0.04		
Since Inc. Ann.					3.75%	3.76%	4.79%	3.84%			

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The Enhanced Core Fixed Income Composite (formerly called Intermediate Fixed Income Composite) is comprised of intermediate-maturity fixed income securities with average S&P rating typically of single A. As of 3/31/06, the Composite's name was changed. Minimum account size for the composite is \$500,000. Prior to 3/31/07, the Firm maintained an Enhanced Core Fixed Income Composite and a Taxable Fixed Income Composite. These were combined at 3/31/07 with history on the Enhanced Core Fixed Income Composite displayed here. The composite now contains taxable and non-taxable fixed income accounts.

The index comparison is appropriate for the following reason: the Bloomberg Intermediate Govt/ Credit Bond Index is an unmanaged index that represents securities that are US dollar-denominated US Treasury bonds, government-related bonds (i.e., US and non-US agencies, sovereign, supranational

and local authority debt) and investment-grade US corporate bonds that have a remaining maturity of greater than one year and less than ten years. Prior to November 1, 2008, this index was published by Lehman Brothers. This index is used for comparison purposes only and is not meant to be indicative of a portfolio's performance, asset composition, or volatility. The performance of the Composite may differ markedly from that of compared indices due to varying degrees of diversification and/or other factors. Return calculations for the Composite are provided by Advent APX and calculated by JAG. Individuals cannot invest directly in an index.

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The annual and quarterly composite dispersion is calculated through the use of an equal-weighted standard deviation for the accounts returns on a pure gross of fees basis included in the composite for the entire year or quarter, respectively.

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