# **MetWest Total Return Bond Fund**

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**SYMBOL** I Share: MWTIX I-2 Share: MWTTX M Share: MWTRX P Share: MWTSX **TOTAL AUM** \$56.2 billion

**MORNINGSTAR CATEGORY** Intermediate Core-Plus Bond

BENCHMARK Bloomberg U.S. **Aggregate Bond Index** 

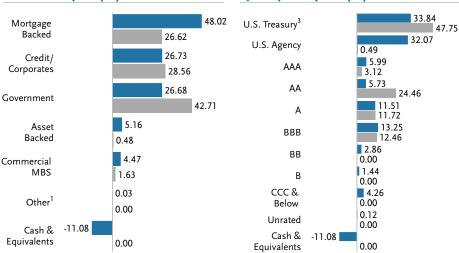
**INCEPTION DATE** I Share: 3/31/2000 I-2 Share: 3/6/2020 M Share: 3/31/1997 P Share: 7/29/2011

I Share: 592905509

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## Sector Analysis (%)

## Quality Analysis<sup>2</sup> (%)



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May not total 100% due to rounding. See important Sector and Quality Analysis Disclosures on next page.

### **Fund Performance**

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(%)	4Q 2023	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since Inception⁴
I Share	7.46	6.00	-3.70	1.23	1.84	4.80
I-2 Share⁵	7.44	5.92	-3.78	_	_	-2.06
M Share	7.53	5.76	-3.87	1.03	1.61	5.02
P Share	7.54	6.07	-3.64	1.31	1.91	2.56
Index <sup>7</sup>	6.82	5.53	-3.31	1.10	1.81	3.99-l; -2.19-l2; 4.29-M; 1.89-P

### **Calendar Year Returns**

(%)	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
I Share	6.00	-14.79	-1.13	9.12	9.09	0.16	3.43	2.46	0.29	5.99	0.50
I-2 Share <sup>5</sup>	5.92	-14.86	-1.21	3.68 <sup>6</sup>	_	-	-	-	-	-	-
M Share	5.76	-14.87	-1.34	8.78	8.94	-0.06	3.10	2.32	-0.06	5.82	0.20
P Share	6.07	-14.69	-1.11	9.17	9.23	0.29	3.49	2.55	0.25	6.15	0.43
Index <sup>7</sup>	5.53	-13.01	-1.54	7.51	8.72	0.01	3.54	2.65	0.55	5.97	-2.02

- 4 The annualized since inception return for the index reflects the inception date of the MetWest Class I, Class I-2, Class M and Class P Share Funds, respectively. For period 3/31/2000-12/31/2023; 3/6/2020-12/31/2023; 3/31/1997-12/31/2023; 7/29/2011-12/31/2023.
- 5 I-2 Share Class is only available through select financial intermediary platforms.
- 6 For period 3/6/2020-12/31/2020.
- 7 Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index A market capitalization-weighted index of investment-grade, fixed-rate debt issues, including government, corporate, asset-backed, and mortgage-backed securities, with maturities of at least one year. The index is not available for direct investment; therefore its performance does not reflect a reduction for fees or expenses incurred in managing a portfolio. The securities in the index may be substantially different from those in the Fund.

## **Expense Ratio**

(%)	I Share	I-2 Share	M Share	P Share
Gross	0.45	0.52	0.67	0.37

Annual fund operating expenses as stated in the Prospectus dated July 29, 2023.

Source: TCW, BNY Mellon

## **Investment Objective**

The Total Return Bond Fund seeks to maximize longterm total return.

The Fund will maintain an average duration between 2 and 8 years. Investments can include government backed securities, money market instruments, and derivatives. The Fund can invest up to 20% of net assets in securities below investment grade.

There is no assurance that the objectives and/or trends will come to pass or be maintained.

## Morningstar Medalist Rating™



I. I-2. M. & P Share: Rated 11/8/2023 Analyst-Driven: 100%; Data Coverage: 100%

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## **Portfolio Managers**

Bryan T. Whalen, CFA Stephen M. Kane, CFA Jerry Cudzil Ruben Hovhannisyan, CFA

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### **Fund Information**

	I Share	I-2 Share	M Share	P Share
12/31/2023 NAV	\$9.19	\$9.19	\$9.20	\$8.62
Minimum Investment	\$3 million	\$3 million	\$5,000	\$25 million
Distributions	Monthly	Monthly	Monthly	Monthly
Portfolio Turnover (1 Year Ended 12/31/2023)	493%	493%	493%	493%
SEC Yield* (30 Day Current Yield Ended 12/31/202	3) 4.37%	4.28%	4.17%	4.45%

	Fund	Index
Number of Securities	1,847	13,334
Effective Duration	6.90 Years	6.24 Years
Average Maturity	7.97 Years	8.43 Years

<sup>\*</sup> The SEC yield is the average annualized net investment income per share for the 30-day period ended on the last day of the monthy.

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#### **Sector and Quality Analysis Disclosure**

- 1 Other can include Futures, Options or Swaps, if applicable.
- 2 The credit quality of the investments in the portfolio does not apply to the stability or safety of the Fund. MetWest receives credit quality ratings on the underlying securities held by the fund from Moody's, Standard & Poor's and Fitch. MetWest created the "Quality Distribution" breakdown by taking the highest rating of the three agencies when two or three of the agencies rate a security. If only one agency rated a security, MetWest will use that rating. Quality Distribution UST/AGY % includes mortgage- and asset-backed securities that are issued by the U.S. Government and government agencies. Gradations of creditworthiness are indicated by rating symbols with each symbol representing a group in which the credit characteristics are broadly the same. Credit quality ratings may be expressed in Standard & Poor's or Fitch's nomenclature, which range from AAA (extremely strong capacity to meet its financial commitments; highest rating) to D (payment default on financial commitments); or may be expressed in Moody's nomenclature, which range from Aaa (highest) to C (lowest). The Unrated category contains bonds that are not rated by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization. Credit quality ratings are subject to change and pertain to the underlying holdings of the Fund and not the Fund itself.
- 3 U.S. Treasury bucket include all securities backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government.

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#### **Glossary of Terms**

Asset-Backed Securities - A financial security backed by a loan, lease or receivables against assets other than real estate and mortgage-backed securities. CMBS (Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities) - A debt obligation that represents claims to the cash flows from pools of mortgage loans on commercial property. Derivative Instruments - Any type of financial securities that depend on the performance of some type of underlying security in order to have any value. Duration - A measure of the sensitivity of the price (the value of principal) of a fixed-income investment to a change in interest rates. Duration is expressed as a number of years. Rising interest rates mean falling bond prices, while declining interest rates mean rising bond prices. Floating Rate - Any interest rate that changes on a periodic basis. The change is usually tied to movement of an outside indicator, such as the prime interest rate. Futures -A legally binding agreement to buy or sell a commodity or financial instrument in a designated future month at a price agreed upon at the initiation of the contract by the buyer and seller. Futures contracts are standardized according to the quality, quantity, and delivery time and location for each commodity or financial instrument. Investment Grade - A bond that is rated Baa3/BBB- or higher by Moody's, Standard & Poors and Fitch. Mortgage-Backed Securities (MBS) - A type of asset-backed security that is secured by a mortgage or collection of mortgages. These securities must also be grouped in one of the top two ratings as determined by an accredited credit rating agency, and usually pay periodic payments that are similar to coupon payments. Furthermore, the mortgage must have originated from a regulated and authorized financial institution. Non-Agency MBS - Mortgage backed securities sponsored by private companies other than government sponsored enterprises such as Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac. Options – A contract that, in exchange for the option price, gives the option buyer the right, but not the obligation, to buy (or sell) a financial asset at the exercise price from (or to) the option seller within a specified time period, or on a specified date (expiration date).

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