

# FPA Flexible Fixed Income Fund

## 3Q 2025 Portfolio Review



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### Average Annual Total Returns (%)

As of September 30, 2025	Since Inception*	5 Yr	3 Yr	1 Yr	YTD	QTD
FPA Flexible Fixed Income (PPFIX)	4.05	4.04	6.95	4.88	5.93	1.70
Bloomberg U.S. Universal	2.29	0.08	5.60	3.40	6.31	2.13
CPI + 200	5.85	6.63	5.12	5.10	3.67	1.40

\*Inception date was December 31, 2018. Index data source: Morningstar

Past performance is no guarantee of future results and current performance may be higher or lower than the performance shown. This data represents past performance and investors should understand that investment returns and principal values fluctuate, so that when you redeem your investment it may be worth more or less than its original cost. Current month-end performance data, which may be higher or lower than the performance data quoted, may be obtained at [fpa.com](http://fpa.com) or by calling toll-free, 1-800-982-4372. As of its most recent prospectus, the Fund's total expense ratio is 0.62% for the Institutional Class, 0.65% for the Advisor Class, and 0.80% for the Investor Class and net expense ratio is 0.55% for the Institutional Class, 0.60% for the Advisor Class, and 0.65% for the Investor Class.

The FPA Flexible Fixed Income Fund ("Fund") performance reflects the Institutional Class and is calculated on a total return basis which includes reinvestment of all distributions and is net of all fees and expenses. Fund returns do not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on Fund distributions or the redemption of Fund shares, which would lower these figures. Comparison to any index is for illustrative purposes only. The Fund does not include outperformance of any index or benchmark in its investment objectives. An investor cannot invest directly in an index.

**The Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses before reimbursement is 0.62% for the Institutional Class, 0.65% for the Advisor Class, and 0.80% for the Investor Class (as of most recent prospectus).** First Pacific Advisors, LP (the "Adviser" or "FPA"), the Fund's investment adviser, has contractually agreed to reimburse the Fund for Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses (excluding interest, taxes, brokerage fees and commissions payable by the Fund in connection with the purchase or sale of portfolio securities, redemption liquidity service expenses, and extraordinary expenses, including litigation expenses not incurred in the Fund's ordinary course of business) in excess of 0.554% of the average net assets of the Fund attributable to the Institutional Class, 0.604% of the average net assets of the Fund attributable to the Advisor Class, and 0.654% of the average net assets of the Fund attributable to the Investor Class for the one-year period ending June 30, 2026. Any expenses reimbursed to the Fund by FPA during any of the previous 36 months may be recouped by FPA, provided the Fund's Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses do not exceed 0.64% of the average net assets of the Fund attributable to the Institutional Class, 0.74% of the average net assets of the Fund attributable to the Advisor Class, and 0.79% of the average net assets of the Fund attributable to the Investor Class for any subsequent calendar year, regardless of whether there is a then-effective higher expense limit. This agreement may only be terminated earlier by the Fund's Board of Trustees (the "Board") or upon termination of the Advisory Agreement.

*Please see additional important disclosures at the end of this Portfolio Review.*

## Observations

During the third quarter of 2025, the US economy was characterized by Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell as having two-sided risks: despite softening in the job market, inflation remained elevated. Against this backdrop, after leaving the Fed Funds rate unchanged on July 30, the Federal Reserve eased monetary policy on September 17 with a quarter-point rate cut, describing the new policy stance as "modestly restrictive". Following the September 17 rate cut, most Federal Reserve policymakers advocated for a cautious approach to further easing, expressing concern that inflation remains above the Fed's 2% target.<sup>1</sup> Treasury yields decreased during the quarter while spreads on investment grade and high yield debt continued to compress. Aside from one investment during the quarter, we did not generally view Credit (investments rated BBB or lower) as attractively priced. We seek to opportunistically invest in Credit when we believe that prices adequately compensate for the risk of permanent impairment of capital and near-term mark-to-market risk. Due to low spreads, we focused most of our investment activity during the quarter on buying longer-duration, High Quality bonds (rated single-A or higher) that we believe will enhance the Fund's long-term returns and the Fund's short-term upside-versus-downside return profile.

## 3Q 2025 Top and Bottom Contributors<sup>2</sup>

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	Notable drivers of performance
Agency mortgage pools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Price increase due to lower benchmark yields; interest income; and amortization of principal</li> </ul>
Treasuries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interest income and price increase due to lower benchmark yields</li> </ul>
Corporates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Price appreciation of Echostar convertible bonds<sup>3</sup>, with some additional benefit from income and price appreciation of other bonds, loans and common stock</li> </ul>

### ▼ Bottom contributors

Although certain individual bonds detracted from performance during the quarter, there were no meaningful detractors at the sector level.

<sup>1</sup> This cautious consensus was countered by newly appointed governor Stephen Miran's lone dissenting view that interest rates should be lowered aggressively because current monetary policy is "well into restrictive territory". Miran's view is that the neutral rate – the interest rate that is neither stimulating nor restricting economic growth – has been pushed significantly lower by recent nonmonetary factors including shifts in border, tax, trade, and regulatory policies. See: [https://www.federalreserve.gov/news\\_events/speech/miran20250922a.htm](https://www.federalreserve.gov/news_events/speech/miran20250922a.htm)

<sup>2</sup> This information is not a recommendation for a specific security or sector and these securities/sectors may not be in the Fund at the time you receive this report. The information provided does not reflect all positions purchased, sold or recommended by FPA during the quarter or calendar year. The portfolio holdings as of the most recent quarter-end may be obtained at [fpa.com](http://fpa.com).

<sup>3</sup> Convertible bonds issued by Echostar Corporation represented 0.16% of the portfolio, on average, during the quarter.

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## Portfolio Highlights<sup>4</sup>

The table below shows the portfolio's exposures as of September 30, 2025 and June 30, 2025:

	9/30/2025	6/30/2025
<b>Sector Exposure (% of portfolio)</b>		
ABS	18.9	20.5
CLO	2.3	3.3
Corporate	3.4	4.0
Agency CMBS	9.0	10.0
Non-Agency CMBS	4.7	5.3
Agency RMBS	23.4	24.0
Non-Agency RMBS	7.3	7.6
Stripped Mortgage-backed	0.0	0.1
U.S. Treasury	22.0	19.6
Cash and equivalents	9.0	5.6
Total	100.0	100.0
<b>Characteristics</b>	9/30/2025	6/30/2025
Yield-to-worst <sup>5</sup>	4.27%	4.63%
Effective Duration	3.51 years	3.52 years
Spread Duration	2.47 years	2.69 years
Average Life	3.93 years	4.02 years

### Note regarding Tricolor and First Brands

The Fund does not nor has it ever directly owned the debt of Tricolor or First Brands. The Fund has also never made an investment in another entity with the intent of getting exposure to Tricolor or First Brands. It is possible that the Fund has investments in entities that have exposure to Tricolor or First Brands but, if they do, we do not believe those exposures are material to our investments.

Investments carry risks and investors may lose principal value. Please see Important Information.

<sup>4</sup> Portfolio composition will change due to ongoing management of the Fund.

<sup>5</sup> As of September 30, 2025, the Fund's subsidized/unsubsidized 30-day SEC standardized yield ("SEC Yield") was 3.51%/3.44% respectively. The SEC Yield calculation is an annualized measure of the Fund's dividend and interest payments for the last 30 days, less the Fund expenses. Subsidized yield reflects fee waivers and/or expense reimbursements during the period. Without waivers and/or reimbursements, yields would be reduced. Unsubsidized yield does not adjust for any fee waivers and/or expense reimbursements in effect. The SEC Yield calculation shows investors what they would earn in yield over the course of a 12-month period if the Fund continued earning the same rate for the rest of the year.

Yield-to-worst ("YTW") is presented gross of fees and reflects the lowest potential yield that can be received on a debt investment without the issuer defaulting. YTW considers the impact of expected prepayments, calls and/or sinking funds, among other things. Average YTW is based on the weighted average YTW of the investments held in the Fund's portfolio. YTW may not represent the yield an investor should expect to receive.

## Investment Activity<sup>6</sup>

- Extended duration of Treasury holdings.
- Bought High Quality bonds with a weighted average life and duration of 5.1 years and 4.5 years, respectively, including:
  - Treasuries
  - Agency mortgage pools
  - Utility cost recovery bonds
  - Agency collateralized mortgage obligations (CMO)
  - Non-agency residential mortgage-backed securities (RMBS)
  - Asset-backed securities (ABS) backed by equipment
  - Non-agency commercial mortgage-backed securities (CMBS)
- Bought a high yield bond.
- We did not sell any investments during the quarter.

## FPA Flexible Fixed Income Fund Exposure Summary (% of portfolio)<sup>7</sup>

	9/30/2025	6/30/2025
High Quality	94.2	92.5
Cash & Equivalents	9.0	5.6
Treasury	22.0	19.6
ABS	18.8	20.4
RMBS	30.7	31.6
CMBS	13.6	15.2
Corporate	0.1	0.1
Credit	5.8	7.5
Corporate	3.3	3.9
ABS	2.3	3.4
RMBS	0.0	0.0
CMBS	0.1	0.1

<sup>6</sup> Investment activity reflects activity during Q3 2025. Average life and duration based on September 30, 2025 metrics. Source: Factset. This information does not include all of the purchases or sales executed during the period; however, it includes all significant activities during the period.

<sup>7</sup> As of September 30, 2025. Portfolio composition will change due to ongoing management of the Fund. Sum of individual items may not equal totals due to rounding.

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### Important Information

This update is for informational and discussion purposes only and does not constitute, and should not be construed as, an offer or solicitation for the purchase or sale of any securities, products or services discussed, and neither does it provide investment advice. Any such offer or solicitation shall only be made pursuant to the Fund's Prospectus which supersedes the information contained herein in its entirety.

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Abhijeet Patwardhan has been portfolio manager for the Fund since inception. Thomas Atteberry co-managed the Fund since inception through June 2022. Effective July 1, 2022, Mr. Atteberry transitioned to a Senior Advisory role. There were no material changes to the investment process due to this transition. Effective September 30, 2023, Mr. Atteberry no longer acts as a Senior Advisor to the investment team, but he remains as Senior Advisor to FPA.

Portfolio composition will change due to ongoing management of the Fund. References to individual securities or sectors are for informational purposes only and should not be construed as recommendations by the Fund, the portfolio managers, the Adviser, or the distributor. It should not be assumed that future investments will be profitable or will equal the performance of the security or sector examples discussed. The portfolio holdings as of the most recent quarter-end may be obtained at [fpa.com](http://fpa.com).

The statements made herein may be forward-looking and/or based on current expectations, projections, and/or information currently available. Actual results may differ from those anticipated. The portfolio managers and/or FPA cannot assure future results and disclaims any obligation to update or alter any statistical data and/or references thereto, as well as any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise. Such statements may or may not be accurate over the long-term.

Investments carry risks and investors may lose principal value. Capital markets are volatile and can decline significantly in response to adverse issuer, political, regulatory, market, or economic developments. The Fund may purchase foreign securities, including American Depository Receipts (ADRs) and other depository receipts, which are subject to interest rate, currency exchange rate, economic and political risks; this may be enhanced when investing in emerging markets. Foreign investments, especially those of companies in emerging markets, can be riskier, less liquid, harder to value, and more volatile than investments in the United States. The securities of smaller, less well-known companies can be more volatile than those of larger companies.

The return of principal in a bond fund is not guaranteed. Bond funds have the same issuer, interest rate, inflation and credit risks. Lower rated bonds, convertible securities and other types of debt obligations typically involve greater risks than higher rated bonds. Interest rate risk is the risk that when interest rates go up, the value of fixed income securities, such as bonds, typically go down and investors may lose principal value. Credit risk is the risk of loss of principal due to the issuer's failure to repay a loan. Generally, the lower the quality rating of a security, the greater the risk that the issuer will fail to pay interest fully and return principal in a timely manner. If an issuer defaults the security may lose some or all of its value.

Mortgage-related and other asset-backed securities represent interests in "pools" of mortgages or other assets such as consumer loans or receivables held in trust and often involve risks that are different from or possibly more acute than risks associated with other types of debt instruments. Mortgage-related and asset-backed securities are subject to prepayment risk and can be highly sensitive to changes in interest rates. Mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities, and in particular those not backed by a government guarantee, are subject to credit risk/risk of default on the underlying mortgages or other assets. Asset-backed are also subject to additional risks associated with the nature of the assets and the servicing of those assets.

Collateralized debt obligations ("CDOs"), which include collateralized loan obligations ("CLOs"), collateralized bond obligations ("CBOs"), and other similarly structured securities, carry additional risks in addition to interest rate risk and default risk. This includes, but is not limited to: (i) distributions from the underlying collateral may not be adequate to make interest or other payments; (ii) the quality of the collateral may decline in value or default; and (iii) the complex structure of the security may not be fully understood at the time of investment and may produce disputes with the issuer or unexpected investment results. Investments in CDOs are also more difficult to value than other investments.

Value style investing presents the risk that the holdings or securities may never reach their full market value because the market fails to recognize what the portfolio management team considers the true business value or because the portfolio management team has misjudged those values. In addition, value style investing may fall out of favor and underperform growth or other styles of investing during given periods.

The ratings agencies that provide ratings are Standard and Poor's ("S&P"), Fitch, Moody's, Kroll, DBRS and any other nationally recognized statistical rating organization ("NRSRO"). Credit ratings range from AAA (highest) to D (lowest). Bonds rated BBB or above are considered investment grade. Credit ratings of BB and below are lower-rated securities (junk bonds). High-yielding, non-investment grade bonds (junk bonds) involve higher risks than investment grade bonds. Bonds with credit ratings of CCC or below have high default risk.

Please refer to the **Fund's Prospectus** for a complete overview of the primary risks associated with the Fund.

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### Index Definitions

Comparison to any index is for illustrative purposes only and should not be relied upon as a fully accurate measure of comparison. The Fund will be less diversified than the indices noted herein and may hold non-index securities or securities that are not comparable to those contained in an index. Indices will hold positions that are not within the Fund's investment strategy. Indices are unmanaged, do not reflect any commissions, fees or expenses which would be incurred by an investor purchasing the underlying securities. The Fund does not include outperformance of any index or benchmark in its investment objectives. An investor cannot invest directly in an index.

**Bloomberg U.S. Universal Bond Index** represents the union of the following Bloomberg indices: U.S. Aggregate Index, the U.S. Corporate High-Yield Index, the 144A Index, the Eurodollar Index, the Emerging Markets Index, and the non-ERISA portion of the CMBS Index. Municipal debt, private placements, and non-dollar-denominated issues are excluded from the Universal Index. The only constituent of the index that includes floating-rate debt is the Emerging Markets Index.

**Consumer Price Index (CPI)** is an unmanaged index representing the rate of the inflation of the U.S. consumer prices as determined by the U.S. Department of Labor Statistics. This index reflects non-seasonally adjusted returns. There can be no guarantee that the CPI or other indices will reflect the exact level of inflation at any given time.

**CPI + 200 Basis Points Index** is created by adding 2% to the annual percentage change in the Consumer Price Index ("CPI").

**Glossary of Terms**

**ABS (Asset Backed Securities)** are financial securities backed by a loan, lease or receivables against assets other than real estate and mortgage-backed securities.

**Average Life (years)** is the average length of time that each dollar of unpaid principal on a loan, a mortgage or an amortizing bond remains outstanding.

**Basis Point (bps)** is equal to one hundredth of one percent, or 0.01%. 100 basis points = 1%.

**CLO (Collateralized Loan Obligation)** is a single security backed by a pool of debt.

**CMBS (Commercial Mortgage Backed Security)** is a mortgage-backed security backed by commercial mortgages rather than residential mortgages.

**Credit** is defined as investments rated BBB or lower, including non-rated investments.

**Credit spread** is the difference between the yield of a security and the yield of a benchmark rate, such as a cash interest rate or government bond yield.

**Effective Duration** is the duration calculation for bonds with embedded options. Effective duration takes into account that expected cash flows will fluctuate as interest rates change.

**A fixed rate bond** is a bond that pays the same level of interest over its entire term.

**Floating-rate security**, also known as a “floater”, is an investment with interest payments that float or adjust periodically based upon a predetermined benchmark.

**High Quality** is defined as investments rated A or higher, Treasuries, and cash and equivalents.

**Risk-free rate of return** is the theoretical rate of return of an investment with zero risk. The risk-free rate represents the interest an investor would expect from an absolutely risk-free investment over a specified period of time.

**RMBS (Residential Mortgage Backed Securities)** are mortgage-backed securities backed by residential mortgages.

**Spread Duration** is the sensitivity of the price of a security to changes in its credit spread. The credit spread is the difference between the yield of a security and the yield of a benchmark rate, such as a cash interest rate or government bond yield.

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