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Overall Morningstar Ranking (Class I)

★★★★★
MCDIX received a 5-Star Overall Rating out of 417 Intermediate Core Bond funds, based on risk adjusted returns derived from a weighted average of the Fund's 3-year and 5-year Morningstar metrics.

See next page for additional details.

Investment Objective

To provide long-term total return.

Investment Strategy

Under normal circumstances, at least 80% of the Series' assets will be invested in U.S. dollar denominated credit-related instruments and other financial instruments, principally derivative instruments and exchange-traded funds (ETFs), with economic characteristics similar to credit-related instruments. The Series will principally invest in investment grade securities, and is not subject to maturity or duration restrictions.

Portfolio Managers

Name	Experience
Marc Bushallow, CFA®	23 years industry 18 years firm
Keith Harwood	27 years industry 27 years firm
Brad Cronister, CFA®	13 years industry 13 years firm

Credit Quality Distribution

	Series	Bloomberg Aggregate
AAA	10.16%	2.62%
AA	27.25%	73.47%
A	19.97%	10.94%
BBB	19.29%	11.07%
BB	1.58%	0.39%
NR	21.75%	1.51%

Effective Duration Breakdown

	Series	Bloomberg Aggregate
Cash and Equivalents	3.94%	--
<1 Year	12.41%	0.65%
1 - 3 Years	15.68%	28.23%
3 - 5 Years	30.47%	22.98%
5 - 7 Years	20.56%	18.37%
7 - 10 Years	13.58%	13.33%
10 + Years	0.49%	16.43%

Fund Information

	Ticker	Cusip	Inception	Minimum Investment	Gross Expenses	Net Expenses
Class I	MCDIX	56382R183	09/23/2024	\$1,000,000	0.50%	0.50%
Class S	MCDXS	56382R175	09/23/2024	\$2,000	0.67%	0.67%

Minimum investment for Class I may be waived for certain qualified retirement plans and discretionary investment accounts of the Advisor. Minimum investment for Class S may be waived for certain qualified retirement plans, participants in an automatic investment program, and discretionary investment accounts of the Advisor.
Class S net expenses include a 12b-1 fee of 0.25%, of which up to 0.25% is available as a shareholder servicing fee.

Annualized Performance

	QTR	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y	Inception (04/14/2020)
Class I	0.22%	0.22%	5.01%	5.16%	1.58%	--	2.27%
Class S	0.18%	0.18%	4.87%	4.94%	1.35%	--	2.04%
Bloomberg U.S. Intermediate Credit	-0.17%	-0.17%	5.25%	5.34%	1.93%	--	2.26%
Bloomberg Aggregate	-0.05%	-0.05%	4.35%	3.63%	0.31%	--	--

Performance data quoted represents past performance and does not guarantee future results. Performance for periods greater than one year is annualized. The investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate, so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be higher or lower than that quoted; investors can obtain the most recent month-end performance at www.manning-napier.com or by calling (800) 466-3863.

Class S and Class I performance is based on the Credit Series Class W inception of 04/14/2020. For periods through 09/23/2024 (the inception date of the Class S and I shares), performance for the Class S and Class I shares is hypothetical and is based on the historical performance of the Class W shares adjusted for the Class S and Class I shares' charges and expenses.

30-Day SEC Yield (as of 03/31/2026)

	Yield
Class I	4.43%

If fees had not been waived, the 30-day SEC Yield (as of 03/31/2026) would have been 4.43% for Class I.

Sector Allocation

Sector	Series	Bloomberg Aggregate	Relative Weighting
Mortgages	30.24%	23.85%	█
Corporate Credit	34.81%	23.91%	█
Non-US Govt & Supranational Credit	--	2.36%	
Municipals	1.99%	0.72%	
Securitized Credit	27.97%	1.87%	█
US Agency	--	1.18%	
US Treasury	--	46.10%	█
Preferred	--	--	
Cash and Equivalents	3.94%	--	
Other	1.05%	--	

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Fund Characteristics

	Series	Bloomberg Aggregate
Average Effective Duration	4.23y	5.88y
Average Effective Maturity	5.67y	8.14y
Fund Assets (\$M)	\$296M	--
Number of Holdings	158	--

A Word About Risk

All investments involve risks, including possible loss of principal. There is an inverse relationship between bond prices and interest rates; as interest rates rise, bond prices (and therefore the value of bond funds) fall. Likewise, as interest rates fall, bond prices and the value of bond funds rise. Investments in derivatives can be highly volatile and involve risks in addition to the risks of the underlying instrument on which the derivative is based, such as counterparty, correlation and liquidity risk. Also, the use of leverage increases exposure to the market and may magnify potential losses.

Fund Commentary

2026 has begun on a challenging note, with markets shaped by three dominant narratives: concerns around AI-driven disruption and the durability of growth in certain sectors, increasing scrutiny on the health of private credit, and, most notably, the escalation of conflict in Iran. Taken together, these dynamics have fostered a broadly risk-off environment as investors grapple with heightened uncertainty.

While such conditions would typically support fixed income, the broad market posted slightly negative returns for the quarter as rates rose across the curve amid shifting expectations for monetary policy, inflation, and growth, including a move away from pricing in multiple rate cuts toward a more uncertain outlook shaped by the duration of the war.

Within fixed income, shorter-term bonds and securitized credit were among the strongest performers, while longer-term bonds and corporate credit, both investment grade and high yield, lagged, pressured by rising rates and widening credit spreads.

The Credit Series generated positive absolute returns during the quarter and outperformed the broad fixed income market, as measured by the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index. Outperformance was driven by a variety of factors including: a lower overall duration, a higher allocation to securitized credit (i.e., asset-backed and commercial mortgage-backed securities), and mortgages, and positive selection within those sectors.

Taking a look at the portfolio, we continue to view securitized debt as relatively attractive and focus on securities with seniority in the capital structure that are backed by asset classes with high-quality fundamentals and low credit risk (student loans, data centers, etc.). Within mortgages, we continue to find value in private residential mortgage-backed securities, which trade at a discount similar to agency mortgage-backed securities. Furthermore, we focus on bonds with lower convexity risk (i.e., lower risk of increased prepayment speeds should yields fall or decreased speeds should yields rise). Finally, within corporate credit, we have a generally shorter duration profile and are focused on securities that generate stable cash flows as valuations remain elevated on a historical basis.

Looking ahead, we expect continued near-term volatility as markets navigate the evolving impact of both domestic and global policy decisions, alongside still elevated valuations across many segments. In this environment, our approach remains firmly anchored in capital preservation and risk management, while selectively pursuing opportunities where valuations are more compelling and fundamentals are supportive.

We remain confident that our disciplined, active investment approach positions us well to navigate an increasingly complex and dynamic market landscape.

Definitions

Duration: A measure of the sensitivity of a fixed income security's price to changes in interest rates. It indicates the expected life of the security and how much its price will change with a 1% change in interest rates. Securities with shorter durations are generally less affected by interest rate changes than those with longer durations.

Credit quality ratings: are measured on a scale that generally ranges from AAA (highest) to D (lowest). Not Rated (NR) is used to classify securities for which a rating is not available. Credit quality ratings reflect the median of Moody's Investors Services and Standard & Poor's ratings. Data obtained from Bloomberg.

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Investments will change over time. The "Other" category contains securities such as ETFs and others that cannot otherwise be classified.

Manning & Napier Fund, Inc. Credit Series I was rated against Intermediate Core Bond funds and had a 5 star rating for the three year, a 5 star rating for the five year, and a 5 star rating overall, as of 03/31/2026, out of 417, 377, and 417 funds respectively. Ratings for other share classes may differ. The Morningstar Rating™ for funds, or "star rating", is calculated for managed products (including mutual funds, variable annuity and variable life subaccounts, exchange-traded funds, closed-end funds, and separate accounts) with at least a three-year history. Exchange-traded funds and open-ended mutual funds are considered a single population for comparative purposes. It is calculated based on a Morningstar Risk-Adjusted Return measure that accounts for variation in a managed product's monthly excess performance, placing more emphasis on downward variations and rewarding consistent performance. The top 10% of products in each product category receive 5 stars, the next 22.5% receive 4 stars, the next 35% receive 3 stars, the next 22.5% receive 2 stars and the bottom 10% receive 1 star. The Overall Morningstar Rating™ for a managed product is derived from a weighted average of the performance figures associated with its three-, five- and ten-year (if applicable) Morningstar Rating™ metrics. The weights are: 100% three-year rating for 36 - 59 months of total returns, 60% five-year rating/40% three-year rating for 60 - 119 months of total returns, and 50% 10-year rating/30% five-year rating/20% three-year rating for 120 or more months of total returns. While the 10-year overall star rating formula seems to give the most weight to the 10-year period, the most recent three-year period actually has the greatest impact because it is included in all three rating periods. Morningstar, Inc. is a global investment research firm providing data, information, and analysis of stocks and mutual funds. ©2026 Morningstar, Inc. All rights reserved. The information contained herein: (1) is proprietary to Morningstar and/or its content providers; (2) may not be copied, adapted or distributed; and (3) is not warranted to be accurate, complete or timely. Neither Morningstar nor its content providers are responsible for any damages or losses arising from any use of this information, except where such damages or losses cannot be limited or excluded by law in your jurisdiction. Past financial performance is no guarantee of future results.

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The Bloomberg U.S. Intermediate Credit Index measures the investment grade, US dollar-denominated, fixed-rate, taxable corporate and government-related bond markets with a maturity greater than 1 year and less than 10 years. It is composed of the US Corporate Index and a non-corporate component that includes non-US agencies, sovereigns, supranationals and local authorities constrained by maturity. Index returns provided by Intercontinental Exchange (ICE).

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