

Share Class  
Symbol

A  
COSIX

Advisor  
CMNRX

C  
CLSCX

Institutional  
LSIZX

Institutional 2  
CTIVX

Institutional 3  
CPHUX

R  
CSNRX

## Overall Morningstar Rating™



Class A



Institutional Class

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### Income focus

The fund diversifies sources of return across sectors and global markets with a goal to provide attractive income in all market environments.

### Flexible mandate

Our flexible approach focuses on capturing returns in all phases of the economic and financial cycle. Unhindered by sector restrictions, proactive allocation shifts are made in an effort to optimize performance and reduce downside risk exposure.

### Global reach

Using bottom-up fundamental research, the fund reflects the best ideas of the dedicated team of more than 180 fixed-income professionals around the globe.

### Expense ratio<sup>1</sup>

Share class	No waiver (gross)	With waiver (net)
Institutional	0.68%	0.68%
A	0.93%	0.93%

# Columbia Strategic Income Fund

## Fund performance

- Columbia Strategic Income Fund Institutional Class shares returned 4.92% for the three months ending December 31, 2020.
- The fund's benchmark, the Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index, returned 0.67% for the same period.
- For monthly performance information, please check online at [columbiathreadneedle.com](http://columbiathreadneedle.com).

## Market overview

Risk appetite was generally robust in the fourth quarter despite rapidly rising COVID-19 case counts and hospitalizations around the globe including the U.S. and Europe. Early in the period, continued U.S. economic expansion was led by the housing sector and a shift in consumer spending away from services and toward goods. Contentious negotiations on a second U.S. stimulus package led to bouts of volatility in rates markets but did little to disturb the rally in credit. As November progressed, a clear resolution to the U.S. presidential election and headlines around the development of a pair of COVID-19 vaccines further buoyed markets. Both vaccines received emergency use authorization from the FDA in December, and countries around the world began vaccinating frontline workers, raising the prospect of a return to relative normalcy in the coming months. As 2020 drew to a close, the U.S. Congress passed additional stimulus including direct payments to households, extended unemployment benefits and small business support. Longer term U.S. Treasury yields finished the quarter higher, with the yield on the 10-year note rising from 0.69% to 0.93%.

### Average annual total returns (%) for period ending December 31, 2020

Columbia Strategic Income Fund	3-mon.	1-year	3-year	5-year	10-year
Institutional Class	4.92	7.43	5.55	6.21	5.35
Class A without sales charge	4.90	7.12	5.34	5.93	5.09
Class A with 4.75% maximum sales charge	-0.07	2.07	3.64	4.91	4.58
Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index	0.67	7.51	5.34	4.44	3.84
ICE Bank of America Merrill Lynch U.S. High Yield Cash-Pay Constrained Index	6.44	6.10	5.86	8.39	6.60
FTSE Non-USD World Government Bond Index	4.82	10.78	4.63	5.17	1.88
JP Morgan Emerging Market Bond Index - Global	5.49	5.88	4.94	6.84	5.97

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**Credit Quality (%)  
as of December 31, 2020**

**Columbia Strategic Income Fund**

Agency	10.4
AAA	0.2
AA	4.3
A	4.0
BBB	21.8
BB	24.6
B	19.7
CCC	4.8
D	0.1
Cash and Equivalents	-1.3
Other	0.2
Non-rated	11.1

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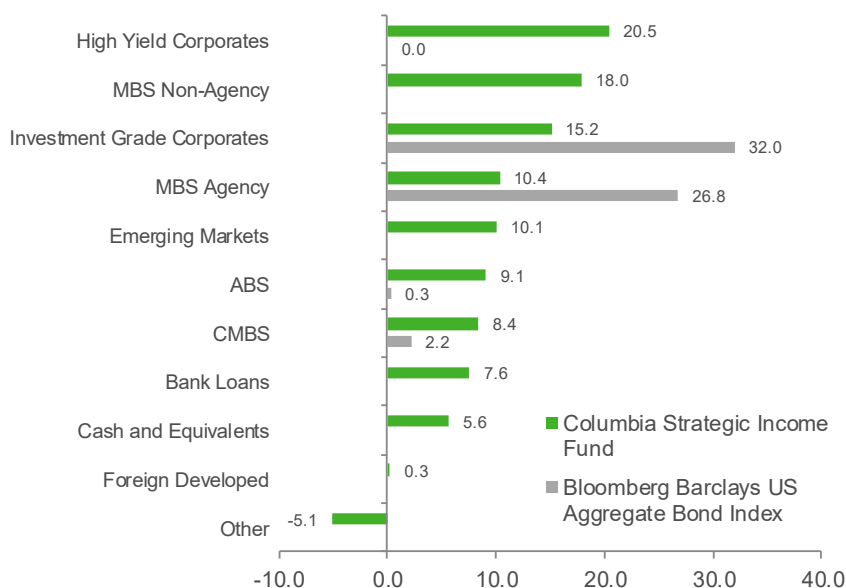
Due to rounding, percentages may not add up to 100.

As gauged by the Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index, the broad U.S. investment-grade taxable bond market returned 0.67% for the quarter. Many of the prior quarter's trends carried over, with U.S. Treasury returns (-0.83%) again lagging given the generally risk-on tone and rising yields. Corporate bonds (3.05%) led performance within the investment-grade market, supported by the stable Federal Reserve policy outlook and continued investor demand for yield. Securitized assets (0.31%) outperformed Treasuries given their lower interest rate sensitivity, with more credit-sensitive commercial mortgage-backed securities leading performance within the sector. Performance for high-yield corporate bonds (6.45%) continued to notably exceed that of their investment-grade counterparts, as investors were willing to assume credit risk in exchange for yield, and a continued firming in oil prices supported issuers within the energy sector. Returns for similarly credit-sensitive floating rate bank loans (3.64%) were also firmly in positive territory. Emerging market bonds (5.49%) continued to benefit from low U.S. interest rates, a weaker dollar and higher oil prices, while foreign currency strength bolstered returns on developed overseas government bond markets (4.82%).

**Portfolio attribution by risk factor**

- **Duration:** Interest rate risk detracted from performance, though to a lesser extent than had the fund held a longer, benchmark-like duration posture. (Duration is a measure of a bond's price sensitivity with regard to changes in interest rates.)
- **Credit:** Credit risk continued to carry portfolio performance, with corporate credit across the quality spectrum driving the largest gains. Allocations to emerging markets, commercial mortgages and residential mortgages also contributed.
- **Currency:** Currency risk had no impact on performance during the quarter.
- **Inflation:** Inflation risk had no impact on performance during the quarter.

**Top sector weights (%): fund vs. benchmark  
as of December 31, 2020**



Source: BlackRock

## Outlook and positioning

The economic shock experienced during 2020 resulting from the coronavirus pandemic was nothing short of unprecedented — both in terms of the speed of the downturn and subsequent recovery. Despite those gains, today's levels of employment and output remain on par with some of worst recessions since World War II. Both monetary and fiscal policy makers will likely spend 2021 wrestling with the question of how much additional support may be needed to propel further economic progress. With democratic control of the U.S. Senate now solidified, odds of yet another round of fiscal stimulus coming to fruition have increased materially. This, coupled with broader rollout of two new COVID-19 vaccines, should keep the recovery on track. However, it remains to be seen how either will translate into the Fed's two main areas of focus: unemployment and inflation.

As it stands today, both remain well short of goal. The Fed has committed to keeping front-end rates at zero until inflation recovers above 2%, which represents a high hurdle that could take years to achieve. This in turn should anchor short maturity Treasury yields and provide little opportunity for income or price appreciation. Additionally, the Fed has signaled a willingness to continue asset purchases until the economy has more fully healed. Simply put, monetary policy is likely to remain highly accommodative even as the economy continues to recover. This introduces the potential for conflicting forces to influence longer maturity Treasury yields.

On the one hand, the easy monetary policy environment should exert downward pressure on interest rates. On the other, the rebound in economic activity and inflation should force them higher. This tug-of-war is likely to introduce a lower ceiling that prevents yields from rising by a significant magnitude. However, the value proposition in duration risk appears asymmetric to the downside given that low yields fail to protect against even modestly higher rates. As a result, we have positioned the strategy with a shorter than average duration posture and continue to focus exposures on more credit-centric areas of the bond market.

The same factors that may limit return potential from duration risk continue to support opportunities in credit. More specifically, the Fed's efforts to depress high-quality government yields creates a powerful source of demand for credit assets by forcing investors further out the risk spectrum to source income. Additionally, many of the tail risks that existed earlier in the pandemic have been mitigated by the ability of corporations to access low-cost financing, the preservation of strong household balance sheets and the forthcoming rollout of several promising COVID-19 vaccines. These developments, coupled with the prospect of continued economic progress, support a broadly positive outlook for risk assets.

However, much of this good news is already reflected in prices, and risk compensation is currently below long-term average across most fixed-income sectors. This isn't a deterrent to owning credit risk but does necessitate a change in how we approach it. During the final three quarters of 2020, fixed-income investors could own any variety of risky asset and watch prices climb by 20% or more. Going forward, we expect gains to be far more muted with greater differentiation between the pandemic economy's winners and losers. Rather than passively owning market risk, we are relying heavily on security selection to avoid the potential downside scenarios that can significantly impair already constrained income and total return opportunities.

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<sup>1</sup>The fund's expense ratio is from the most recent prospectus.

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The **ICE BofA ML U.S. High Yield Cash-Pay Constrained Index** tracks the performance of U.S. dollar denominated below investment grade corporate debt, currently in a coupon paying period, that is publicly issued in the U.S. domestic market.

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