

Share Class  
Symbol

A  
COSIX

Advisor  
CMNRX

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CLSCX

Institutional  
LSIZX

Institutional 2  
CTIVX

Institutional 3  
CPHUX

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CSNRX

## Overall Morningstar Rating™



Class A



Institutional Class

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## Fund strategy

- Diversifies sources of return across sectors and global markets to pursue reliable income
- Strives for returns in all phases of the economic cycle and lower downside risk by proactively shifting allocations, unhindered by sector restrictions
- Reflects the best ideas of more than 140 fixed-income professionals around the globe, grounded in bottom-up fundamental research

## Expense ratio<sup>†</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 -0.15% for the three months ending September 30, 2021.
- The fund's benchmark, the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index, returned 0.05% for the same period.
- For monthly performance information, please check online at [columbiathreadneedle.com](http://columbiathreadneedle.com).

## Market overview

July saw the start of some mild crosscurrents to the ongoing economic recovery, most notably the emergence of the Delta variant of the COVID-19 virus, which slowed progress in the return to normal. As the summer wore into August and market sentiment calmed, credit and risk assets resumed their steady climb upward. The corporate earnings season showed continued fundamental improvement, which helped propel performance despite disruption from the latest COVID-19 wave. The Federal Reserve moved ever closer to announcing a tapering of its bond purchases, but its commentary pointed toward very gradual policy normalization. In September, markets watched China intently to assess whether the death throes of overly indebted property developer Evergrande would present a systematic risk for global markets. What instead became the main source of volatility into the end of September was a more hawkish turn by the Fed. In its latest collection of economic projections, it raised inflation forecasts, and the median member anticipated hiking interest rates in 2022 — earlier than previously expected. This triggered an abrupt sell-off that saw the yield on the 10-year U.S. Treasury rise by 18 basis points (bps) over

## Average annual total returns (%) for period ending September 30, 2021

Columbia Strategic Income Fund	3-mon.	1-year	3-year	5-year	10-year
Institutional Class	-0.15	7.08	6.10	4.95	5.38
Class A without sales charge	-0.16	6.85	5.89	4.67	5.12
Class A with 4.75% maximum sales charge	-4.91	1.80	4.21	3.65	4.62
Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index	0.05	-0.90	5.36	2.94	3.01
ICE BofA U.S. High Yield Cash-Pay Constrained Index	0.94	11.30	6.57	6.31	7.25
FTSE Non-USD World Government Bond Index	-1.97	-3.41	2.89	0.76	0.50
JP Morgan Emerging Market Bond Index - Global	-0.53	3.88	5.64	3.57	5.48

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**Credit Quality (%)  
as of September 30, 2021**

**Columbia Strategic Income Fund**

Agency	6.1
AA	4.1
A	5.3
BBB	17.0
BB	30.0
B	20.8
CCC	4.7
Cash and Equivalents	-1.1
Other	0.1
Non-rated	13.0

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

six trading days. (A basis point is 1/100 of a percent.) Nonetheless, longer maturity yields ended the quarter roughly in line with where they began.

As gauged by the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index return of 0.05%, performance for the broad U.S. investment-grade taxable bond market was muted. High-grade corporate bonds (0.00%)<sup>1</sup> were flat, as the category softened late in the quarter on rising Treasury yields and reduced investor appetite for risk. Returns also hovered around zero for longer term Treasuries (-0.01%)<sup>2</sup> and securitized assets (0.09%)<sup>3</sup> including commercial mortgage-backed securities (CMBS), residential mortgage-backed securities (RMBS) and asset-backed securities (ABS). Performance for high-yield corporate bonds (0.89%)<sup>4</sup>, which is primarily driven by credit sentiment rather than the direction of interest rates, was in modest positive territory. Similarly credit-sensitive floating rate bank loans (1.13%)<sup>5</sup> also posted materially positive returns. Performance for developed market overseas government bonds (-1.97%)<sup>6</sup> and emerging market bonds (-0.53%)<sup>7</sup> was constrained by a rising U.S. dollar, as the Fed signaled it was moving to normalize interest rates.

Return numbers in prior paragraph are sourced as follows: 1) Bloomberg U.S. Corp Bond Index, 2) Bloomberg U.S. Treasury 7-10 Year Index, 3) Bloomberg U.S. Securitized Index, 4) Bloomberg U.S. Corporate High Yield Index, 5) Credit Suisse Leveraged Loan Index, 6) FTSE Non-U.S. World Govt Bond Index, 7) JP Morgan EM Bond Index Global

**Portfolio attribution by risk factor**

- **Duration:** Interest rate risk detracted due to curve positioning. The fund held its duration exposure in the belly of the curve where yields rose, while those on the long end of the maturity spectrum declined. (Duration is a measure of a bond's price sensitivity with regard to changes in interest rates.)
- **Credit:** For the sixth consecutive quarter, credit risk outperformed duration. Allocations to high-yield corporates and both residential and CMBS generated the largest contributions.

Top ten sector weights (%): as of September 30, 2021



Source: BlackRock

- Currency: Currency risk had no impact on performance during the quarter.
- Inflation: The fund expressed a view that inflation expectations, as gauged by breakeven inflation rates, had overshot and could decline. This detracted from performance, as break-evens ground modestly higher.

### Outlook and positioning

As the previous quarter ended, some of the exuberance in the market gave way to uncertainty and modestly higher volatility. More question marks slipped into the outlook, whether from the Chinese property market, the Delta variant or stubbornly persistent supply chain bottlenecks, as the U.S. economy moved past the “peak everything” of the early summer. Taking a wider view of what this means for the end of 2021 and 2022, a few things become clear. First, we believe the growth outlook is still better than it was in 2018 or 2019 — but there is more uncertainty about growth than there was three to six months ago. Second, most fixed-income credit risk does not offer enough yield to compensate for these uncertainties. U.S. investment-grade and high-yield corporates, for example, began October with tighter spreads than their 2018 tights.

It is unrealistic to expect that market beta will continue to deliver excess returns as it has for the last 18 months, so our credit risk profile remains somewhat conservative. Amid a wide range of dull, mediocre investment opportunities, there still are a few brighter prospects within credit to which we are willing to devote larger allocations: rising star candidates and high-quality consumer-focused structured products. With a clear path toward investment-grade ratings in the next 12 to 18 months, these rising stars have used the last 18 months to build resilient balance sheets and offer good risk-adjusted return potential. For the consumer, household finances and home prices continue to be a tailwind for the non-agency RMBS and ABS markets. Valuations in these markets are not self-evidently cheap but are less vulnerable to market corrections than many corporate opportunities.

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†The fund's expense ratio is from the most recent prospectus.

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The **ICE BofA 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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