

Share Class Symbol A COSIX Advisor CMNRX

C Institutional LSIZX

Institutional 2
CTIVX

Institutional 3

R CSNRX

### Overall Morningstar Rating<sup>TM</sup>





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**

Share class	No waiver (gross)	With waiver (net)
Institutional	0.69%	0.68%
A	0.94%	0.93%

From the fund's most recent prospectus. The investment manager and certain of its affiliates have contractually (for at least one year from the prospectus date) agreed to waive certain fees and/or to reimburse certain fund expenses.

## Columbia Strategic Income Fund

### **Fund performance**

- Columbia Strategic Income Fund Institutional Class shares returned 7.03% for the three months ending December 31, 2023, outperforming the benchmark.
- The fund's benchmark, the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index, returned 6.82% for the same period.
- For monthly performance information, please check online at columbiathreadneedleus.com.

### **Market overview**

After a weak October, the broad bond market rallied over the final two months of 2023. Gains were driven by a shift in expectations with respect to U.S. Federal Reserve interest rate policy from a higher-for-longer scenario to more rate cuts in 2024 amid signs of cooling inflation. In addition, market participants celebrated the Fed's ability to bring down generationally high inflation with no apparent damage to growth or the labor market. Against this backdrop, U.S. Treasury bond yields saw steep declines, and positive credit sentiment drove risk premiums tighter. During the quarter, the yields on two-year and 10-year U.S. Treasuries fell approximately 100 basis points from their respective peaks. (A basis point is 1/100 of a percent.)

As gauged by the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index, the broad U.S. investment-grade taxable bond market returned 6.82% for the quarter. Performance was led by corporate bonds, which returned 8.50%, per the Bloomberg Corporate Bond Index, reflecting both the downward move in interest rates and favorable sentiment toward risk-

### Average annual total returns (%) for period ending December 31, 2023

Columbia Strategic Income Fund	3-mon.	1-year	3-year	5-year	10-year
Institutional Class	7.03	10.13	-0.11	3.38	3.46
Class A without sales charge	6.97	9.86	-0.37	3.14	3.20
Class A with 4.75% maximum sales charge	1.90	4.66	-1.97	2.13	2.70
Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index	6.82	5.53	-3.31	1.10	1.81
ICE BofA U.S. High Yield Cash-Pay Constrained Index	7.09	13.41	2.01	5.20	4.50
FTSE Non-USD World Government Bond Index	9.91	5.83	-9.35	-2.77	-1.26
JP Morgan Emerging Market Bond Index - Global	9.26	10.45	-3.14	1.94	3.06

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# Credit Quality (%) as of December 31, 2023

### Columbia Strategic Income Fund

Treasury	0.2
Agency	32.3
AAA	1.2
AA	1.8
A	10.3
BBB	18.6
BB	18.1
В	17.9
CCC	3.2
Cash and Equivalents	-9.0
Other	0.4
Non-rated	4.9

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

taking. The Bloomberg U.S. Treasury Index returned 5.66%, with longer maturity bonds notably outperforming. Securitized assets overall posted a 7.28% return based on the Bloomberg U.S. Securitized Index, with returns for residential mortgage-backed securities supported by the easier monetary policy outlook. High-yield corporate bond returns slightly lagged that of their investment-grade counterparts, given their relative lack of interest rate sensitivity.

Top ten sector weights (%) as of December 31, 2023



Source: BlackRock

### Portfolio attribution by risk factor

Columbia Strategic Income Fund Institutional Class shares returned 7.03% during the quarter. Contributors and detractors from performance included:

Duration: Interest rate risk contributed to returns, as yields fell dramatically across the U.S. Treasury curve.

Credit: Credit risk contributed favorably to performance, with the largest gains driven by high-yield corporates, residential mortgage-backed securities and investment-grade corporate bonds.

Currency: Currency risk contributed very modestly to returns.

Inflation: Inflation risk had no impact on performance during the quarter.



### **Outlook and positioning**

The end of 2023 brought with it a wholesale reevaluation of the economic and market environment. The realization by markets and the Fed that inflation is quickly reverting toward the 2% target without sacrificing growth in any meaningful way understandably caused a melt up in asset prices across the risk spectrum.

While this evaluation of inflation and growth is quite reasonable, many credit sectors are fully pricing in this optimistic outcome. Treasury yield valuations are less unattractive and market expectations imply that the Fed will need to keep interest rates nearly 2% higher than during the pre-pandemic era to contain inflation. As we enter 2024, we are shifting portfolios to align with this valuation paradigm by lowering credit risk and maintaining moderate long-duration risk.

Within credit, the fundamentals remain quite strong. Both corporate and household balance sheets are strong as a result of prudent management and long-term, fixed-rate debt taken out during the pandemic period. Income and earnings trends are also quite healthy, though moderating. For households, incomes are still growing faster than in the 2010s, but some measures of labor market health are showing some early signs of potential weakness.

Risk compensation in credit sectors is relatively unattractive. Investment-grade industrial spreads, for instance, are tighter than 97% of history. High yield is only slightly less rich. These valuations give very little cushion to investors for fundamental deterioration, while offering only marginal upside. We have therefore reduced spread risk following this rapid rally.

The Fed has telegraphed that it will be cutting interest rates in 2024 and is targeting a constant real fed funds rate. This translates to cuts in proportion to the fall in core inflation. While core PCE (personal consumption expenditure prices excluding food and energy) inflation is currently at 3.2%, the annualized rate over the last six months is below the Fed's 2% target. Disinflationary trends are intact and should continue in early 2024. Four to six 25 basis point cuts are quite possible in 2024, which is more than the Fed currently forecasts. For longer maturity Treasury yields, valuations are quite attractive, even after the late-2023 rally and taking into account the higher growth and fiscal deficits being experienced post-pandemic.

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