# Quarterly Performance Attribution

# BROAD MARKET CORE COMPOSITE

FIRST QUARTER 2025

#### INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE<sup>1</sup>

as of March 31, 2025

	1Q'25	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr
Broad Market Core (before fees)	3.00	5.54	1.09	0.47	2.10
Broad Market Core (after fees)	2.94	5.28	0.84	0.21	1.81
Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index	2.78	4.88	0.52	(0.40)	1.46
Value Added (before fees)	+0.22	+0.66	+0.57	+0.87	+0.63

#### PERFORMANCE RECAP

Galliard's Broad Market Core Composite (composite) outperformed its benchmark, the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index (index), during the first quarter (Q1). The composite returned 3.00% versus the index return of 2.78%. An allocation to Other U.S. Government securitizations along with security selection in Corporates drove excess returns.

## PERFORMANCE ATTRIBUTION (before fees)<sup>1</sup>

as of March 31, 2025

	Attribution (basis points)	
Sector Allocation	+11	
Security Selection	+16	
Yield Curve/Duration	-4	
Residual Impact <sup>4</sup>	-1	
Total Attribution	+22	

#### COMMENTARY ON ATTRIBUTION

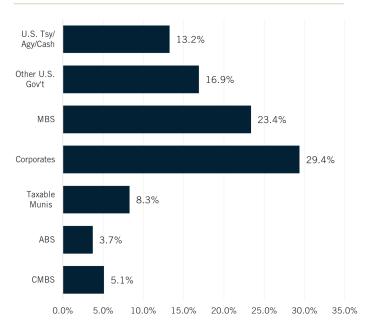
- Overweight positioning in Other U.S. Governments added to returns
- Security selection in Corporates benefited performance
- Yield curve positioning, with an overweight to intermediate maturities, was a modest drag on performance

# COMPOSITE CHARACTERISTICS (before fees)<sup>2</sup> as of March 31, 2025

	Composite	Bloomberg U.S. Agg. Bond Index
Weighted Average Quality <sup>3</sup>	AA	AA
Yield to Maturity	4.89%	4.60%
Effective Duration	5.89 Yrs	6.06 Yrs

#### SECTOR ALLOCATION

as of March 31, 2025



#### CURRENT STRATEGY & OUTLOOK

- Portfolios are fully invested, for the most part, and we generally remain comfortable with overall positioning
- Uncertainty has pushed credit spreads wider year-to-date, creating select investment opportunities, but prudence remains paramount as volatility is expected to continue over the near term
- We remain mindful of downside risks and overall positioning will continue to be more defensive and selective

1: For comparative purposes, Galliard Composite excess returns are shown gross of investment management fees and include all income, realized and unrealized gains and losses and all transactional costs. Value added before investment management fees; may not add due to rounding. See further disclosures on the following page. 2: Characteristics shown are before fees. 3: The Weighted Average Quality shown has NOT been assessed by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization. The Weighted Average Quality shown represents the individual holding's composite ratings, as rated by S&P, Moody's, and Fitch all provide a credit rating, the composite rating is the median of the three agency ratings. If only two agencies provide ratings, the composite is the more conservative rating. If only one agency provides a rating, the composite rating reflects that agency's rating. 4: Includes trading, cash flows and other residual impacts.

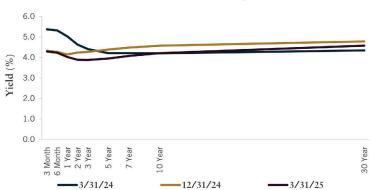




Interest Rates Fell Across the Curve; Credit Spreads Widened on Fiscal Policy Uncertainty

#### CHANGES IN U.S. TREASURY RATES

Treasury Yields Declined on Revised Growth Expectations

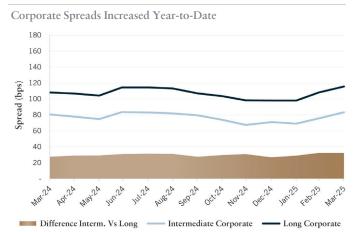


Source: Bloomberg

### QUARTERLY MARKET COMMENTARY

- 4Q GDP growth measured 2.4% q/q annualized, bringing 2024 GDP growth to ~2.5% for the year. 1Q GDP growth forecasts vary widely among the estimates we track, ranging from -1.8% to 2.3% q/q annualized.
- The yield curve rallied with the 2-year Treasury decreasing by 36 bps and the 10-year Treasury decreasing by 37 bps, resulting in no change to the shape of the curve. We would characterize the rally in rates as a "flight to quality" rally. With increased volatility and equities resetting lower, investors looking for insurance are happy to buy Treasury yields that are still healthy.
- The FOMC stayed on hold at its meeting in March. Notably, the Fed is slowing the runoff of its balance sheet by reducing the monthly cap on Treasuries. The post-meeting statement highlighted patience in the face of uncertainty. The median dot plot indicates only two cuts in 2025, unchanged from December.
- Inflation remains above the Fed's target, with most measures of inflation bottoming out and perhaps even trending higher since last fall. Short-term inflation expectations have catapulted to ~3.30%. Long-term inflation expectations have increased only slightly with 5-year and 10-year breakeven rates registering 2.63% and 2.37%, respectively.
- The labor market remained healthy despite the general tone of market uncertainty during the quarter. While January and February payrolls were more muted, March saw an overall solid employment report. Manufacturing and business orders weakened following a brief rebound, and services also dipped lower.

#### CORPORATE CREDIT SPREADS



Source: Bloomberg

#### STRUCTURED PRODUCT

Securitized Sectors Underperformed Over the Quarter



Source: Bloomberg

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