

Manning & Napier Fund, Inc.

Unconstrained Bond Series



September 30, 2025

Overall Morningstar Ranking (Class I)

★★★

MNCPX received a 3-Star Overall Rating out of 235 nontraditional bond funds, based on risk adjusted returns derived from a weighted average of the Fund's 3-, 5- and 10-year Morningstar metrics.

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Investment Objective

To provide long-term total return, with a secondary objective of providing preservation of capital.

Investment Strategy

The portfolio is built around actively managing risk and seeking higher return potential only when the risk/reward trade-off is favorable. Top-down guidelines and bottom-up security analysis are used to build a diversified portfolio of individual securities. Positioning is constructed based on the current environment, so exposures shift as conditions and perceived sources of value shift.

- No maturity or duration limits; expected duration: 0 to 5 years
- 50% - 100% investment-grade securities
- 0% - 50% high yield securities
- 0% - 50% non-U.S. dollar-denominated securities, including securities issued in emerging markets
- May use derivative instruments such as futures, options, swaps, and forwards to manage risk

Portfolio Managers

Name	Experience
Marc Bushallow, CFA®	23 years industry 19 years Firm
Keith Harwood	27 years industry 27 years Firm
Brad Cronister, CFA®	13 years industry 13 years Firm

Risk Statistics (Since Inception)

	Class I	Bloomberg Aggregate
Alpha	2.26%	--
Beta	0.60	--
Standard Deviation	3.83%	4.22%
Sharpe Ratio	0.65	0.35
Up Mkt Capture	86.79%	--
Down Mkt Capture	54.59%	--

Credit Quality Distribution

	Series	Bloomberg Aggregate
AAA	12.18%	2.73%
AA	33.84%	72.46%
A	5.93%	10.96%
BBB	3.99%	11.25%
BB	2.93%	0.43%
B	3.24%	--
CCC	0.37%	--
CC	0.09%	--
NR	37.43%	2.17%

Fund Information

	Ticker	Cusip	Inception	Minimum Investment	Gross Expenses	Net Expenses
Class I	MNCPX	56382P112	08/01/2013	\$1,000,000	0.47%	0.47%
Class S	EXCPX	563821206	04/21/2005	\$2,000	0.78%	0.76%

Class I investment minimum may be waived for certain qualified retirement plans and discretionary investment accounts of the Advisor. Class S investment minimum may be waived for certain qualified retirement plans, participants in an automatic investment program, and discretionary investment accounts of the Advisor.

Class S 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 (04/21/2005)
Class I	1.17%	5.01%	4.26%	5.62%	2.91%	3.21%	4.20%
Class S	1.17%	4.85%	4.00%	5.40%	2.67%	2.96%	4.05%
ICE BofA 3m Treasury	1.08%	3.17%	4.38%	4.77%	2.98%	2.08%	--
Bloomberg Aggregate	2.03%	6.13%	2.88%	4.93%	-0.45%	1.84%	1.72%

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 I since inception performance is based on the Unconstrained Bond Series Class S inception of 04/21/2005. For periods through 08/01/2013 (the inception date of the Class I shares), performance for the Class I shares is based on the historical performance of the Class S shares. Because the Class I shares invest in the same portfolio of securities as the Class S shares, performance will be different only to the extent that the Class S shares have a higher expense ratio.

30-Day SEC Yield (as of 09/30/2025)

	Yield
Class I	4.67%

If fees had not been waived, the 30-day SEC Yield (as of 09/30/2025) would have been 4.67% for Class I.

Effective Duration Breakdown

	Series	Bloomberg Aggregate
Cash (<0)	1.35%	--
<1 Year	30.99%	0.66%
1 - 3 Years	37.79%	27.03%
3 - 5 Years	19.90%	22.77%
5 - 7 Years	8.19%	17.03%
7 - 10 Years	1.76%	16.10%
10 + Years	--	16.41%

Currencies

	Series	Bloomberg Aggregate
US Dollar	99.48%	100.00%
Non-US Dollar	0.52%	--

What You Should Know About Investing

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 higher- yielding, lower-rated securities involve additional risks, including a higher risk of default and loss of principal. Funds that invest in foreign countries may be subject to the risks of adverse changes in foreign economic, political, regulatory and other conditions as well as risks related to the use of different financial standards. Investments in emerging markets may be more volatile than investments in more developed markets. 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.

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Fund Characteristics

	Series	Bloomberg Aggregate
Average Effective Duration	2.43y	6.04y
Average Effective Maturity	3.35y	8.22y
Fund Assets (\$M)	\$816M	--
Number of Holdings	205	--
Annual Turnover	51%	--
5 Yr Avg Turnover	64%	--

Sector Allocation

	Series	Bloomberg Aggregate
Mortgages	21.49%	24.35%
Corporate Credit	21.34%	23.95%
Non-US Govt & Supranational Credit	--	2.38%
Municipals	--	0.70%
Securitized Credit	31.24%	1.88%
US Agency	--	1.20%
US Treasury	24.58%	45.53%
Preferred	--	--
Cash and Equivalents	1.35%	--
Other	--	--

Fund Commentary

The U.S. economy remained resilient this quarter, as strong consumer spending and an AI-driven capex boom offset labor market softness, tariff impact uncertainty, and sticky inflation. Job growth slowed sharply, with hiring plans at multi-year lows, prompting the Federal Reserve to cut rates in September and signal further easing ahead.

During the quarter, Treasury yields declined across the curve while credit spreads tightened, resulting in modest gains for bond markets overall. In this environment, longer-duration securities and corporate bonds emerged as the top performers. Furthermore, high yield securities outperformed their investment-grade counterparts during the period. As for the U.S. dollar, following significant volatility earlier in the year, it stabilized against a broad basket of currencies. This stabilization was supported by Federal Reserve rate cuts and a modest easing of trade tensions.

The Unconstrained Bond Series generated positive absolute returns during the quarter but underperformed the broad fixed income market (as represented by the Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index). On a relative basis, underperformance was primarily due to the strategy's lower duration as rates fell over the period.

During the quarter, we decreased duration, selling some of our longer-dated Treasury exposure, as we believe that rates are relatively fairly valued and view risks for yields as more balanced.

The Series continues to have a notable allocation to securitized credit (data center asset-backed securities, high quality student loans, etc.), as well as a sizeable allocation to U.S. Treasuries. Alternatively, we are more cautious on corporate credit as valuations are elevated. High yield exposure is ~15% and is largely the result of idiosyncratic opportunities we are finding. In terms of non-dollar positions, we maintain small positions in non-U.S. dollar currency futures (~5%) as we see a case for a weaker U.S. dollar. Specifically, we own a Euro future and a Japanese Yen future. Other notable positions within the portfolio include a 2s/10s US steepener where we are long 2-year futures and short 10-year futures, allowing us to take advantage of higher yield differentials along the yield curve.

Looking ahead, we believe the outlook for interest rates remains uncertain as markets contend with stickier inflation, a weakening labor market, and implications of both domestic and foreign policies. In our view, elevated market volatility is likely to persist for the foreseeable future.

Furthermore, given the asymmetric return profile of credit and today's elevated valuations, we believe investors are not being adequately compensated for taking on additional risk. In this environment, our active approach to fixed income management enables us to focus on risk mitigation while selectively pursuing compelling investment opportunities.

We remain confident that our disciplined investment process equips us with the tools necessary to navigate a challenging and dynamic market landscape.

Definitions

Alpha: A measure of an investment's performance relative to a benchmark index. It represents the excess return of an investment compared to the return of the benchmark.

Beta: A measure of an investment's volatility relative to the overall market.

Standard Deviation: A statistical measure of the dispersion of returns for a given investment. It quantifies the amount of variation or volatility from the average return.

Sharpe Ratio: A measure of risk-adjusted return, calculated by subtracting the risk-free rate from the investment's return and then dividing by its standard deviation.

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.

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