A: NAMFX, C: NCMFX, I: VMFIX, R6: VMFRX



# MORNINGSTAR RATINGS AND RANKINGS as of 12/31/23 I shares (VMFIX) rated within Multisector Bond category

|          | Overall Rating | (Out o     | f 322 Funds) |
|----------|----------------|------------|--------------|
| Time Per | iod            | # of Stars | # of Funds   |
| 3 Year   |                | ***        | 322          |
| 5 Year   |                | ***        | 267          |
| 10 Year  |                | ***        | 163          |
|          |                |            |              |

| Time Period | Percentile Ranking | Ranking/# of Peers |
|-------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 3 Year      | 45th               | 115/322            |
| 5 Year      | 34th               | 83/267             |
| 10 Year     | 32nd               | 59/163             |

Morningstar ratings are based on risk-adjusted returns. Rankings are based on fund share class total return and do not include the effect of the fund's sales load, if applicable. Each fund is ranked within a universe of funds similar in portfolio characteristics and capitalization. Strong ratings are not indicative of positive fund performance.

### **History of Multi-Sector Investing**

As pioneers in full universe multi-sector investing since 1993, Newfleet offers portfolios with diversified exposure across the full fixed income universe.

### **Longevity and Continuity**

Key members of Newfleet's team and essential aspects of the process have been in place for more than 30 years.

### **Consistent Long-Term Results**

The Fund (I Shares) has consistently been among the top multisector bond funds since inception of the share class in 2009.



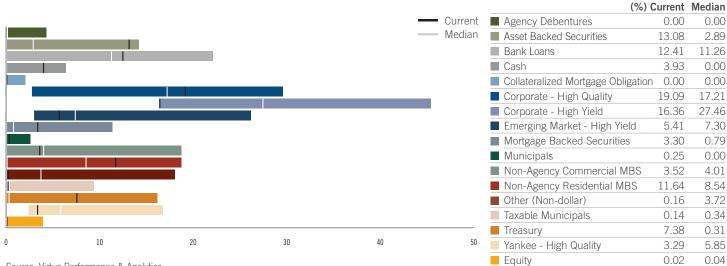
"As opportunistic value investors, Newfleet searches for relative value across the fixed income market. The ability to allocate tactically among sectors and maneuver quickly as conditions change has been a key contributor to the success of our multi-sector approach."

David L. Albrycht, CFA
President and Chief Investment Officer

### Flexible, Multi-Sector Approach

Newfleet rotates across 14 major bond segments, including ex-U.S. (Yankees and corporate bonds, and non-U.S. dollar bonds in both developed and emerging markets), in order to benefit from opportunity—and manage risk.

SECTOR WEIGHTING RANGES AND CURRENT POSITIONING as of 12/31/23



Source: Virtus Performance & Analytics.

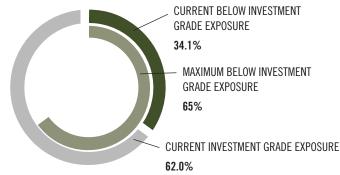
Bars represent sector weight ranges since 9/30/20 with median and current weights highlighted. Sector weightings are subject to change.

### **Optimal Flexibility**

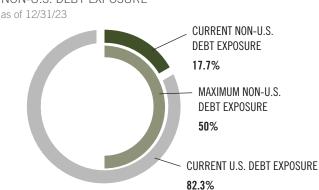
The Fund can opportunistically invest in below-investment grade and non-U.S. debt.

## BELOW INVESTMENT GRADE EXPOSURE

as of 12/31/23



NON-U.S. DEBT EXPOSURE



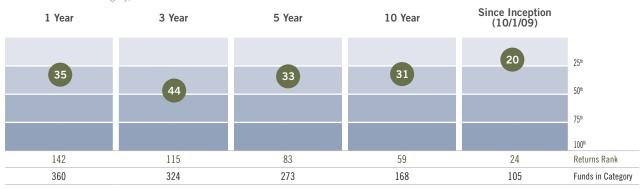
Excludes cash.

# **Historical Outperformance vs. Morningstar Peers**

Since the 2009 inception of Class I shares, Newfleet has outperformed multisector peers.

#### MORNINGSTAR PERCENTILE RANKING FOR RETURNS (I SHARES)

Multi-Sector Bond Category, Based on Total Returns as of 12/31/23



# **Top Quartile Sharpe Ratio**

Opportunistic, relative value approach with strong risk-adjusted returns since inception of Class I shares.

#### MORNINGSTAR PERCENTILE RANKINGS FOR SHARPE RATIO

Multisector Bond Category Based on Total Returns as of 12/31/23

#### Since Inception





| 1<br>Year | 5<br>Year | 10<br>Year | Since<br>Inception |                   |
|-----------|-----------|------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| 118       | 83        | 54         | 14                 | Sharpe Ratio Rank |
| 360       | 273       | 168        | 105                | Funds in Category |

#### **Attractive Yield Potential**

Flexibility to invest in lower-rated debt provides opportunity to generate high current income and total return.

| CHARACTERISTICS                              | Fund Class I |
|--|--------------|
| Yield to Worst                               | 6.68         |
| Average Price                                | 95.66        |
| Effective Duration                           | 4.03         |
| Weighted Average Maturity                    | 6.31         |
| 30-day SEC Yield <sup>1</sup>                | 5.93         |
| 30-day SEC Yield (unsubsidized) <sup>2</sup> | 5.89         |

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 1}$  30-day SEC Yield is a standardized yield calculated according to a formula set by the SEC, and is subject to change.

 $<sup>^2</sup>$  30-day SEC Yield (unsubsidized) is the 30-day SEC yield without the effect of applicable expense waivers.



# Solid Long-Term Track Record

AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (%) as of 12/31/23

|  | QTD  | YTD  | 1 Year | 3 Year | 5 Year | 10 Year | Since Inception |
|--|------|------|--------|--------|--------|---------|-----------------|
| Class I                                | 5.90 | 9.15 | 9.15   | 0.24   | 3.57   | 3.20    | 4.84            |
| Bloomberg U.S.<br>Aggregate Bond Index | 6.82 | 5.53 | 5.53   | -3.31  | 1.10   | 1.81    | 2.40            |

Performance data quoted represents past performance. Past performance does not guarantee future results. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate so that shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted. Please visit virtus.com for performance data current to the most recent month end. This share class has no sales charges and is not available to all investors. Other share classes have sales charges. See virtus.com for details.

The fund class gross expense ratio is 0.84%. The net expense ratio is 0.74%, which reflects a contractual expense reimbursement in effect through 1/31/2024.

Average annual total return is the annual compound return for the indicated period and reflects the change in share price and the reinvestment of all dividends and capital gains. Returns for periods of one year or less are cumulative returns.



10/09 12/10 12/11 12/12 12/13 12/14 12/15 12/16 12/17 12/18 12/19 12/20 12/21 12/22 12/23 This chart assumes an initial investment of \$10,000 made on 10/01/09. As of 12/31/23 the fund value would have been \$19,621.67. Fund performance assumes reinvestment of dividends and capital gain distributions. This growth reflects no front-end sales charges.

#### RATINGS DISTRIBUTION % Fund

| Aaa              | Aa             | А                |
|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| 24.87            | 4.65           | 10.71            |
| Ваа              | Ва             | В                |
| 21.75            | 14.53          | 15.13            |
|                  |                |                  |
| Caa              | Ca             | С                |
| <b>C</b> aa 2.85 | <b>Ca</b> 0.20 | <b>c</b><br>0.10 |
|                  |                |                  |

| TOP TEN HOLDINGS  | % Fund |
|---|--------|
| United States Treasury Note/Bond, 4.0000% 11/15/2052      | 2.96   |
| United States Treasury Note/Bond, 1.8750% 02/15/2032      | 1.65   |
| United States Treasury Note/Bond, 3.6250% 05/15/2053      | 0.97   |
| Fannie Mae Pool, 6.0000%                                  | 0.96   |
| United States Treasury Note/Bond, 3.3750% 05/15/2033      | 0.96   |
| Freddie Mac Pool, 6.0000%                                 | 0.83   |
| Angel Oak Mortgage Trust 2022-5, 4.5000%                  | 0.70   |
| Angel Oak Mortgage Trust 2023-1, 4.7500%                  | 0.58   |
| United States Treasury Note/Bond, 1.8750% 11/15/2051      | 0.56   |
| Dominican Republic International Bond, 4.8750% 09/23/2032 | 0.52   |

Holdings are subject to change.

| INCOME DISTRI<br>Month | NAV at<br>Month-End |      |
|------------------------|---------------------|------|
| October 2023           | \$0.041083          | 8.62 |
| November 2023          | \$0.042500          | 8.91 |
| December 2023          | \$0.048929          | 9.14 |

| RISK STATISTICS (3 Year) | Fund Class I | Index |
|--------------------------|--------------|-------|
| Alpha                    | 1.95         | n/a   |
| Beta                     | 0.71         | n/a   |
| R <sup>2</sup>           | 0.82         | n/a   |
| Sharpe Ratio             | -0.36        | -0.78 |
| Standard Deviation       | 5.60         | 7.14  |

### **Multi-Sector Investment Professionals**

| High Yield Bank Loans<br>Francesco Ossino<br>Kyle Jennings, CFA | Corporate High Yield<br>Eric Hess, CFA  | Corporate<br>Investment Grade<br>Ryan Jungk, CFA           |
|---|---|--|
| Commercial Mortgage-<br>Backed Securities<br>Nicodemus Rinaldi  | Multi-Sector Fixed<br>Income Strategies<br>David L. Albrycht, CFA<br>Chief Investment Officer | Asset-Backed<br>Securities<br>Nicodemus Rinaldi            |
| Emerging Markets<br>Peter Lannigan, CFA<br>Daniel Senecal, CFA  | Residential Mortgage-<br>Backed Securities<br>Andrew Szabo, CFA                               | Agency Mortgage-<br>Backed Securities<br>Andrew Szabo, CFA |
| Tax-Exempt and Taxable Municipals Dusty Self*                   | <b>Developed ex-U.S.</b> Peter Lannigan, CFA Daniel Senecal, CFA                              |  |

| AUM (\$ millions)    | 478.5                            |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| Number of Holdings   | 679                              |
| Dividends            | Daily                            |
| Morningstar Category | Multisector Bond                 |
| Investment Adviser   | Virtus Investment Advisers, Inc. |
|                      |                                  |

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#### IMPORTANT RISK CONSIDERATIONS

Credit & Interest: Debt instruments are subject to various risks, including credit and interest rate risk. The issuer of a debt security may fail to make interest and/or principal payments. Values of debt instruments may rise or fall in response to changes in interest rates, and this risk may be enhanced with longer-term maturities. High Yield Fixed Income Securities: There is a greater risk of issuer default, less liquidity, and increased price volatility related to high yield securities than investment grade securities. Bank Loans: Bank loans may be unsecured or not fully collateralized, may be subject to restrictions on resale, may be less liquid and may trade infrequently on the secondary market. Bank loans settle on a delayed basis; thus, sale proceeds may not be available to meet redemptions for a substantial period of time after the sale of the loan. Foreign & Emerging Markets: Investing in foreign securities, especially in emerging markets, subjects the portfolio to additional risks such as increased volatility, currency fluctuations, less liquidity, and political, regulatory, economic, and market risk. ABS/MBS: Changes in interest rates can cause both extension and prepayment risks for asset- and mortgage-backed securities. These securities are also subject to risks associated with the non-repayment of underlying collateral, including losses to the portfolio. Market Volatility: The value of the securities in the portfolio may go up or down in response to the prospects of individual companies and/or general economic conditions. Local, regional, or global events such as war or military conflict, terrorism, pandemic, or recession could impact the portfolio, including hampering the ability of the portfolio's manager(s) to invest its assets as intended. Prospectus: For additional information on risks, please see the fund's prospectus.

#### GLOSSARY

Effective Duration: The change in the value of a fixed income security that will result from a 1% change in interest rates while taking into account the way changes in rates will affect the expected cash flows of any bond with an embedded option such as call or prepayment option. This measure assigns a probability to the exercise of a call option, where applicable, based on specified shifts in the yield curve. Duration is expressed as a number of years, and generally, the larger the duration, the greater the interest rate risk or reward for a portfolio's underlying bond prices. Effective Duration represents the interest rate sensitivity of a fixed income fund. For example, if a fund's effective duration is five years, a 1% increase in interest rates would result in a 5% decline in the fund's price. Similarly, a 1% decline in interest rates would result in a 5% gain in the fund's price. Weighted Average Maturity: The length of time until the average security in a fund will mature, be redeemed by its issuer, or paid down over time, which is the case with most securitized assets. Alpha: A risk-adjusted measure of an investment's excess return relative to a benchmark. Beta: A quantitative measure of the volatility, or systematic risk, of a security or a portfolio in comparison to the market as a whole. R2: A measure that represents the percentage of a fund or security's movements that can be explained by movements in a benchmark index. Sharpe Ratio: A risk-adjusted measure calculated using standard deviation and excess return to determine reward per unit of risk. Standard Deviation: Measures variability of returns around the average return for an investment portfolio. Higher standard deviation suggests greater risk. Yield to worst is a measure of the lowest possible yield

that can be received on a bond that fully operates within the terms of its contract without defaulting. It is a type of yield that is referenced when a bond has provisions that would allow the issuer to close it out before it matures.

#### INDEX DEFINITION

Index: The Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index measures the U.S. investment grade fixed rate bond market. The index is calculated on a total return basis. The index is unmanaged, its returns do not reflect any fees, expenses, or sales charges, and is not available for direct investment.

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