

## Hartford Strategic Income Fund

**Tickers:** A: HSNAX C: HSNCX F: HSNFX I: HSNIX R3: HSNRX R4: HSNSX R5: HSNTX R6: HSNVX Y: HSNYX

### What Happened?

- Global sovereign yields declined amid softer growth signals and heightened geopolitical and trade policy uncertainty. Most fixed income sectors delivered negative excess returns as credit spreads widened
- US Treasury yields declined across the curve amid mixed inflation readings and intermittent flight-to-quality flows
- Most central banks left their policy rates unchanged during the month, with the exception of the Reserve Bank of Australia, which hiked by 25 basis points

### Overall Morningstar Rating™ (I-Share)\*

★★★★

332 Products

Multisector Bond Category Based on Risk-Adjusted Returns as of 2/28/26

### Portfolio managers from Wellington Management and years of experience

Campe Goodman, CFA, 29 years  
Robert D. Burn, CFA, 28 years  
Joseph F. Marvan, CFA, 38 years

### Performance Highlights

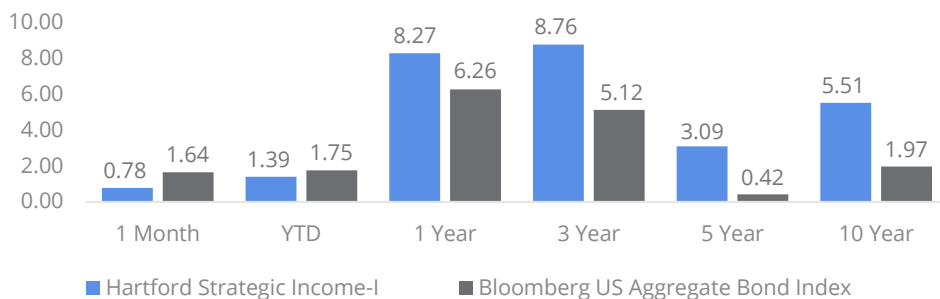
#### Contributors

- Positioning in developed-marked government bonds represented the top contributor to returns following the decline in yields
- Exposure to non-agency residential mortgage-based securities (RMBS) had a positive impact on performance. Low inventory, record homeowner equity, conservative underwriting standards, and the absence of “affordability” mortgage products underpin our structurally positive view on housing fundamentals.

#### Detractors

- Bank-loan positioning hurt returns as concerns about software exposure and private-credit contagion weighed on the sector. Bank loans offer attractive carry relative to default loss expectations, in our view.
- Emerging-market (EM) corporates detracted from results. Fundamentals are still at historically strong levels, despite early signs of increasing leverage and select recent distressed credit events.

Month End Performance (%) (I-Share) as of 2/28/26



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**Duration** is a measure of the sensitivity of an investment's price to nominal interest-rate movement.

**Yield curve** is a line that plots the yields or interest rates of bonds that have equal credit quality but different maturity dates. The slope of the yield curve predicts the direction of interest rates and the economic expansion or contraction that could result.

**Spreads** are the difference in yields between two fixed-income securities with the same maturity but originating from different investment sectors.

## Current Insight and Positioning From Wellington Management

- We are positioned with a modestly defensive credit-risk posture due to relatively tight credit spreads. We remain disciplined and focused on securities with resilient fundamentals and attractive risk/reward profiles.
- We are finding some of the most compelling opportunities in securitized credit, EM corporates, convertibles, and European high yield
- We are focused on selectively adding exposure across credit where valuations have adjusted faster than fundamentals, while preserving flexibility in a volatile backdrop

### Sector Exposure (%) as of 2/28/26

Emerging Market Debt	19
United States Government	18
High Yield Credit	12
Asset Backed Securities	10
Mortgage Backed Securities	9
Bank Loans	8
Cash, Cash Equivalents and Cash Offsets	8
Other	8
Commercial Mortgage Backed Securities	5
Investment Grade Credit	2
Developed Government and Related (Non-US \$)	0

Characteristics are subject to change. Percentages may be rounded.

### Credit Exposure (%) as of 2/28/26

Aaa/AAA	5
Aa/AA	21
A	2
Baa/BBB	7
Ba/BB	15
B	21
Caa/CCC or lower	6
Not Rated	15
Cash & Cash Offsets	8

Credit exposure is the credit ratings for the underlying securities of the Fund as provided by S&P, Moody's, or Fitch and typically range from AAA/Aaa (highest) to C/D (lowest). If S&P, Moody's, and Fitch assign different ratings, the median rating is used. If only two agencies assign ratings, the lower rating is used. If only one agency has rated the security, that rating will be used. Securities that are not rated by any of the three agencies are listed as "Not Rated." Ratings do not apply to the Fund itself or to Fund shares. Ratings may change.

Net Assets	\$4.7 billion
# of Holdings	1,361
# of Issuers	756
Dividend Frequency	Monthly

### Holdings Characteristics

Effective Duration	4.97 yrs.
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## Average Annual Total Returns (%) as of 12/31/25

Class	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	SI	Expenses <sup>1</sup>	
								Gross	Net
A	1.38	9.28	9.28	8.86	2.32	5.01	4.45	0.90%	0.90%
A with 4.5% Max Sales Charge	—	—	4.36	7.20	1.38	4.53	4.19	—	—
F	1.49	9.72	9.72	9.30	2.69	5.38	4.78	0.53%	0.53%
I	1.46	9.58	9.58	9.17	2.60	5.29	4.74	0.63%	0.63%
R3	1.40	8.98	8.98	8.49	1.98	4.68	4.42	1.25%	1.25%
R4	1.38	9.34	9.34	8.86	2.30	5.01	4.67	0.94%	0.94%
R5	1.46	9.63	9.63	9.16	2.61	5.32	4.92	0.63%	0.63%
R6	1.50	9.75	9.75	9.28	2.72	5.42	4.99	0.53%	0.53%
Y	1.47	9.65	9.65	9.19	2.59	5.34	4.94	0.64%	0.64%
Benchmark	1.10	7.30	7.30	4.66	-0.36	2.01	—	—	—
Morningstar Category	1.29	7.75	7.75	7.40	2.89	4.07	—	—	—

## Morningstar® Category Multisector Bond

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Share Class Inception: A, I - 5/31/07; F - 2/28/17; R3, R4, R5 - 9/30/11; R6 - 11/7/14; Y - 8/31/07. Performance shown prior to the inception of a class reflects performance and operating expenses of another class(es) (excluding sales charges, if applicable). Had fees and expenses of a class been reflected for the periods prior to the inception of that class, performance would be different. Since inception (SI) performance for A, F, I is from 5/31/07; R3, R4, R5, R6, and Y is from 8/31/07. Performance and expenses for other share classes will vary. Additional information is in the prospectus. Only Class A assesses a sales charge. Performance for periods of less than one year is not annualized.

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