

# Increased Fixed Income Diversification Plus Currency Management

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Overall Morningstar Rating™ (Class I) out of 261 World Bond funds based on risk-adjusted returns as of 9/30/18<sup>1</sup>

Dreyfus International Bond Fund offers investors access to quality fixed-income investments outside the U.S. with the added dimension of currency management. As part of a diversified fixed-income portfolio, the fund can help investors better manage today's investment risks while providing a more diversified income stream.

## WHAT SETS THE FUND APART

### 1. Global Opportunity Set

The fund's international exposure offers the potential to deliver higher yields, improved performance, diversification benefits and a better risk/return profile when combined with a U.S. bond portfolio.

### 2. Active Currency Management

The portfolio managers use currency as a separate asset class in an effort to mitigate portfolio risk and add incremental returns.

### 3. Agility and Investment Conviction

The fund manager's global expertise and the fund's size enable it to invest with conviction and potentially capture meaningful exposures where other bond funds may be limited.

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## GLOBAL OPPORTUNITY SET FOR IMPROVED RISK/RETURN POTENTIAL

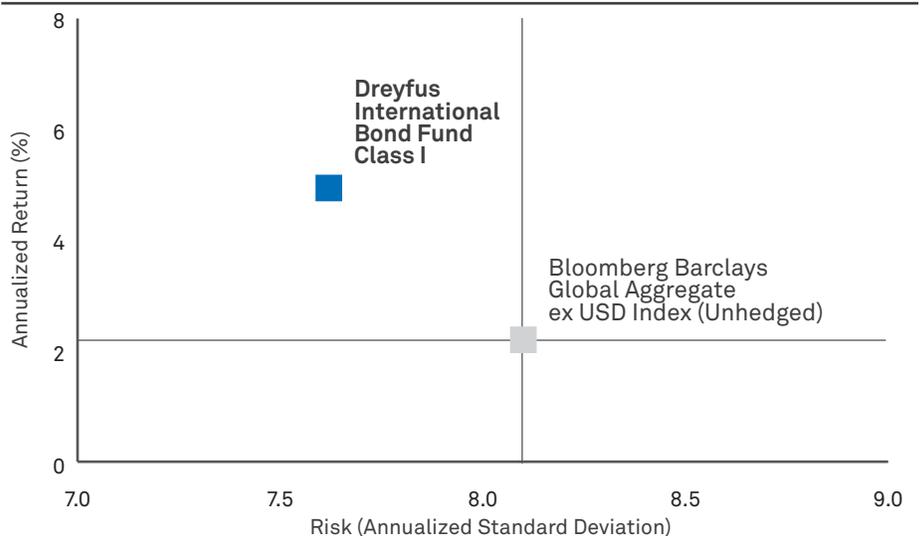
### Broadening the Opportunity Set:

1. Diversified exposure to multiple economies, interest rates and yield curves
2. Exposure to a greater range of fixed-income investment opportunities, including potentially higher-performing markets outside the U.S.
3. The potential to benefit from a decline in the value of the U.S. dollar
4. Improved diversification potential due to beneficial correlation against other major asset classes

Source: FactSet. The performance data quoted represent past performance, which is no guarantee of future results. Share price and investment return fluctuate and an investor's shares may be worth more or less than original cost upon redemption. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance quoted. Go to [dreyfus.com](http://dreyfus.com) for the fund's most recent month-end returns. Please see page 3 for additional fund performance. Diversification does not ensure a profit or protect against loss.

### Historically, the Fund Has Provided Higher Returns Than the Index, With Less Risk

(10 Years Ended 9/30/18)



### Lower Standard Deviation Than the Benchmark

	10-Year Standard Deviation
Fund	7.62%
Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate ex-USD Index (Unhedged)	8.10%

For the 10-year period ended 9/30/18. Standard deviation is a statistical measure of the degree to which an individual portfolio return tends to vary from the mean, based on the entire population. The greater the degree of dispersion, the greater the degree of risk. The Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate ex-USD Index (Unhedged) is a flagship measure of global investment-grade debt from 24 local currency markets, excluding U.S. dollar-denominated bonds. This multi-currency benchmark includes treasury, government-related, corporate and securitized fixed-rate bonds from both developed and emerging market issuers.

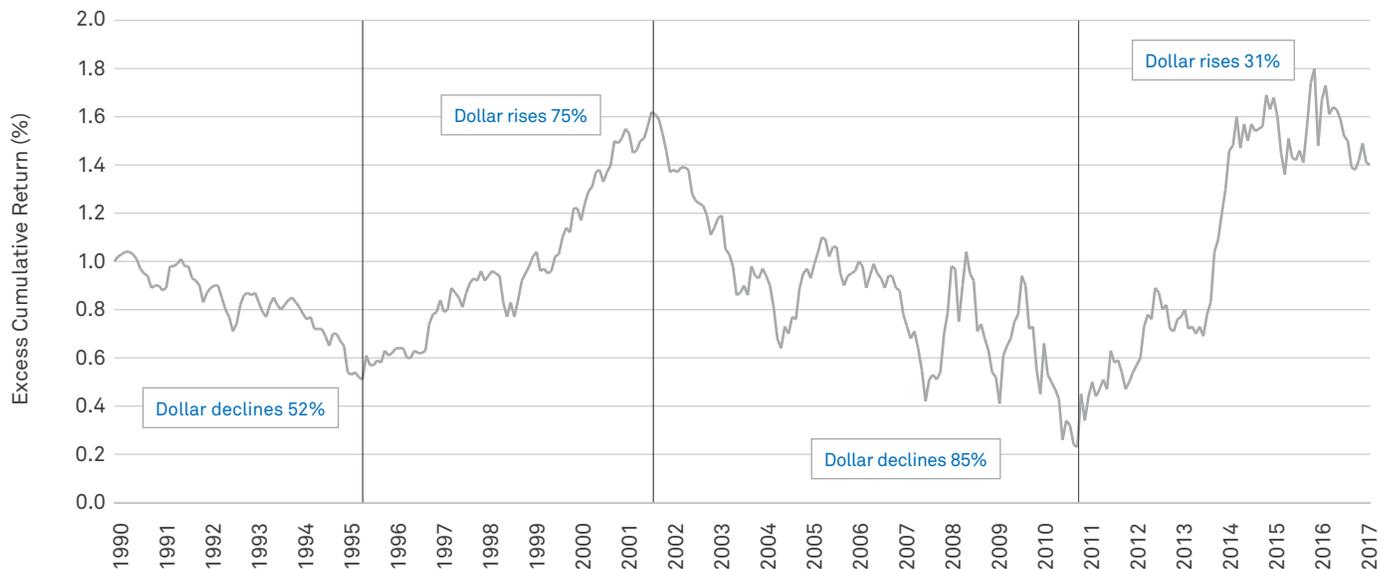
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## ACTIVE CURRENCY MANAGEMENT

Movements in foreign currencies can provide alpha opportunities as well as offer investors diversification away from U.S. dollar-based assets. Currency management provides active investment managers with the opportunity to benefit from rising foreign currencies in a weak-dollar environment and the potential to hedge currency exposure in periods of dollar strength.

### Currency Fluctuations Can Impact Foreign Bond Returns

Excess Cumulative Returns of Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate ex-USD (hedged vs. unhedged) 2/90–12/17



Source: FactSet, February 1990–December 2017. This example measures the return differential of investing in the hedged and unhedged versions of the Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate ex-USD Index to determine the impact of currency on index returns. This example is for illustrative purposes only. **Past performance is no guarantee of future results.**

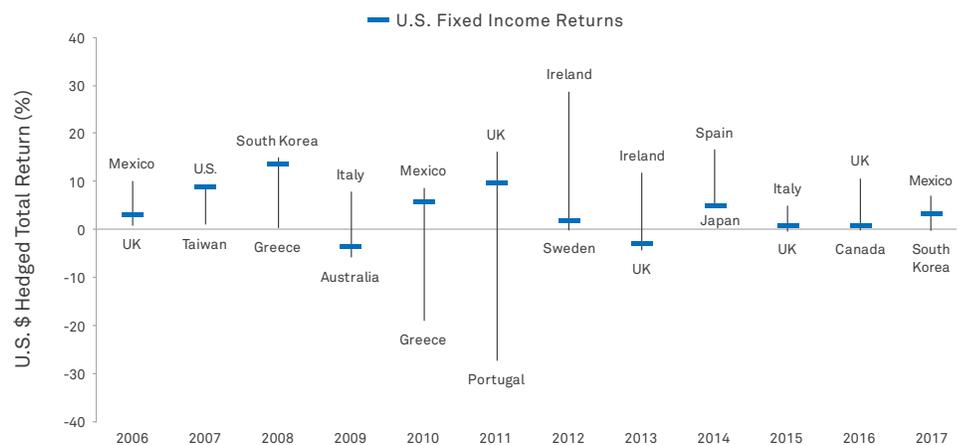
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## AGILITY AND INVESTMENT CONVICTION

Accessing international bond markets increases opportunities for security selection across a broad range of security types and allows positioning that could benefit from local economic conditions and global competitive advantages.

With the U.S. rarely among the top performers historically in fixed income, investors should consider an international fixed-income allocation for increased return potential and diversification from core fixed-income portfolios.

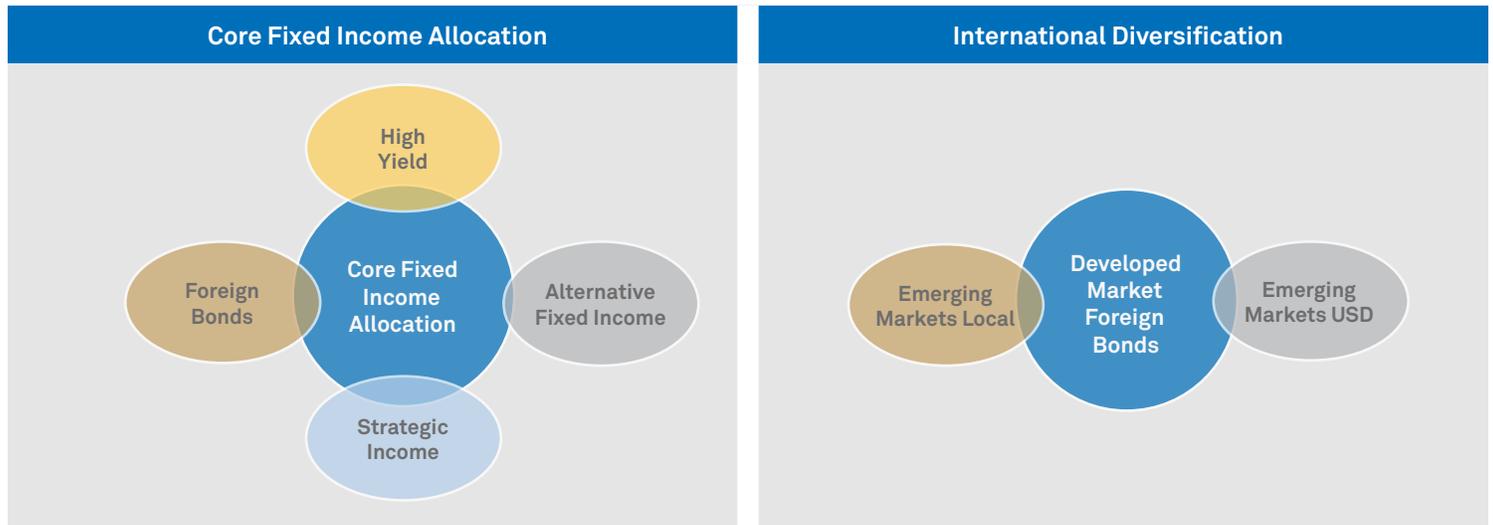
### On the Global Bond Stage, the U.S. Is Rarely the Leading Performing Country



Source: Bloomberg Barclays as of December 31, 2017. Best- and worst-performing bond markets in U.S. dollars, based on largest 20 countries in the Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Index. **Past performance is no guarantee of future results.** This example is for illustrative purposes only. It is intended to illustrate the changing country leadership in terms of bond market performance over time, the divergence in performance from year to year, and the potential benefits of a diversified investment approach. It is not intended to promote investment in any single country or market. Returns from emerging-market countries have been historically more volatile than those of the U.S. and other developed countries. Actual results will vary.

## How Could the Fund Be Used in Your Portfolio?

Depending on an investor's objectives, the fund can be incorporated into portfolios as either a component of a diversified fixed-income allocation, or alternatively, investors may look to the fund as the centerpiece of an international bond allocation.

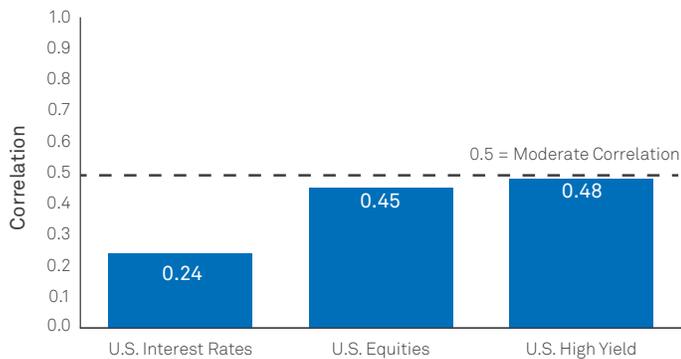


Because of the fund's historically low correlation to other traditional asset classes, including U.S. equities and U.S. high yield, and a history of low exposure to U.S. interest-rate sensitivity, the fund has a number of potential diversification benefits:

- Diversifying U.S.-centric risks such as rising domestic rates
- Hedging against the volatility in higher-risk asset classes, including equities
- Diversification away from concentration in U.S. dollar assets because of the fund's historically low correlation to domestic security markets

## How Might This Fund Perform in Different Markets?

Bonds denominated in foreign currencies offer investors diversification away from the U.S. dollar risk, but they also tend to be more volatile because of currency fluctuations. While the fund has the ability to dynamically hedge, it would not expect to hedge all non-dollar exposure and therefore may underperform strategies with less foreign-currency exposure in periods of U.S. dollar strength.



Source: FactSet, for the 10 years ended 9/30/18.

Correlation measures the degree to which the performance of a given asset class moves in relation to another, on a scale of -1 to 1. Negative 1 indicates a perfectly inverse relationship, 0 indicates no relationship and 1 indicates a perfectly positive relationship. See back page for index definitions.

## Average Annual Total Returns (as of 9/30/18)

	1 YR	3 YR	5 YR	10 YR
Class I	-3.32%	2.57%	1.33%	4.94%
Class A (4.50% max. load)	-8.00%	0.51%	-0.02%	4.09%
Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate ex-USD Index (Unhedged)	-1.45%	2.41%	-0.33%	2.20%

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## RISKS

**Bonds** are subject to interest-rate, credit, liquidity, call and market risks, to varying degrees. Generally, all other factors being equal, bond prices are inversely related to interest-rate changes and rate increases can cause price declines. Investing in **foreign-denominated and/or domiciled securities** involves special risks, including changes in currency exchange rates, political, economic, and social instability, limited company information, differing auditing and legal standards, and less market liquidity. These risks generally are greater with emerging-market countries.

**High yield bonds** involve increased credit and liquidity risk than higher-rated bonds and are considered speculative in terms of the issuer's ability to pay interest and repay principal on a timely basis. The use of **derivatives** involves risks different from, or possibly greater than, the risks associated with investing directly in the underlying assets. Derivatives can be highly volatile, illiquid, and difficult to value and there is the risk that changes in the value of a derivative held by the portfolio will not correlate with the underlying instruments or the portfolio's other investments.

**Currencies** are subject to the risk that those currencies will decline in value relative to a local currency, or, in the case of hedged positions, that the local currency will decline relative to the currency being hedged. Each of these risks could increase the fund's volatility.

The investment adviser for the fund is The Dreyfus Corporation. BNY Mellon Asset Management North America Corporation investment professionals manage the fund pursuant to a dual-employee arrangement, under Dreyfus' supervision, and apply their firm's proprietary investment process in managing the fund.

<sup>1</sup> Morningstar Rating™ as of 9/30/18 for the I class shares; other share classes may have different performance characteristics. Overall rating for the World Bond category. Fund ratings are out of 5 Stars: Overall 4 Stars (261 funds rated); 3 Yrs. 3 Stars (261 funds rated); 5 Yrs. 3 Stars (246 funds rated); 10 Yrs. 4 Stars (137 funds rated). The Morningstar Rating™ for funds, or "star rating," is calculated for managed products with at least a 3-year history. It is calculated based on a Morningstar Risk-Adjusted Return measure that accounts for variation in a managed product's monthly excess performance (not including the effects of sales charges, loads and redemption fees if applicable), placing more emphasis on downward variations and rewarding consistent performance. Managed products, including open-end mutual funds, closed-end funds and exchange-traded funds, are considered a single population for comparative purposes. The top 10% of products in each product category receive 5 stars, the next 22.5% receive 4 stars, the next 35% receive 3 stars, the next 22.5% receive 2 stars, and the bottom 10% receive 1 star. The Overall Morningstar Rating for a managed product is derived from a weighted average of the performance figures associated with its 3-, 5-, and 10-year (if applicable) Morningstar Rating metrics. © 2018 Morningstar, Inc. All rights reserved. The information contained herein: (1) is proprietary to Morningstar and/or its content providers; (2) may not be copied or distributed; and (3) is not warranted to be accurate, complete, or timely. Neither Morningstar nor its content providers are responsible for any damages or losses arising from any use of this information. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. The fund represents a single portfolio with multiple share classes that have different expense structures. Other share classes may have achieved different results.

U.S. equities: the Standard & Poor's 500 Composite Stock Price Index, a widely accepted unmanaged index of U.S. stock market performance. U.S. high yield: the Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Corporate High Yield Index, which measures the U.S. dollar-denominated, high yield, fixed-rate corporate bond market. Securities are classified as high yield if the middle rating of Moody's, Fitch and S&P is Ba1/BB+/BB+ or below. U.S. interest rates: the Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Treasury Bellwether (10 Yr) Index, a universe of Treasury bonds used as a benchmark against the market for long-term maturity fixed-income securities. An investor cannot invest directly in any index.

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