

# **Product Key Facts** Legg Mason Global Funds Plc -Legg Mason Western Asset US Core Plus Bond Fund

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- This statement provides you with key information about Legg Mason Western Asset US Core Plus Bond Fund.
- This statement is a part of the offering document.
- You should not invest in this product based on this statement alone.

## **QUICK FACTS**

Manager: Franklin Templeton International Services S.à r.l. Investment Manager (internal delegation): Western Asset

Management Company Limited (located in the UK)

Sub-Investment Manager (internal delegation): Western Asset Management Company, LLC (located in the USA) and Western Asset

Management Company Ltd (located in Japan)

Depositary: The Bank of New York Mellon SA/NV, Dublin Branch

Base Currency: USD

Financial Year End of this Fund: Last day of February

Dealing Frequency: Daily

Ongoing Charges over a Year#:

Class A US\$ Accumulating: 1.39%1

Class A US\$ Distributing (M) Plus: 1.39%1

Class A EUR Accumulating (Hedged): 1.42%1

Class A EUR Distributing (M) (Hedged) Plus: 1.42% (estimated)<sup>2</sup>

Class A AUD Accumulating (Hedged): 1.42% (estimated)<sup>2</sup>

Class A AUD Distributing (M) (Hedged) Plus: 1.42%1

Class A HKD Accumulating: 1.39% (estimated)<sup>2</sup>

Class A HKD Distributing (M) Plus: 1.39% (estimated)<sup>2</sup>

Class A NZD Distributing (M) (Hedged) Plus: 1.42% (estimated)<sup>2</sup>

Class A GBP Distributing (M) (Hedged) Plus: 1.42% (estimated)<sup>2</sup>

Class A CAD Distributing (M) (Hedged) Plus: 1.42% (estimated)<sup>2</sup>

# The ongoing charges figure is expressed as a percentage of the expenses

over the average net asset value of the share class for the corresponding period as described below. This figure may vary from year to year.

This figure is based on the expenses for the 12 month period from 1 September 2020 to 31 August 2021 and the average net asset value of the

share class for the corresponding period.

<sup>2</sup> This figure is the Investment Manager's best estimate of the expenses and the average net asset value of the share class over a 12 month period based on information available on another active share class of the Fund with similar fee structure, as this share class is newly established or is yet to be launched.

#### **Dividend Policy:**

For Class A Distributing (M) Share Classes\* – any dividends will be declared and paid monthly

No distributions will be made for Class A Accumulating Share Classes

\* Distributing Plus Share Classes available within this Fund may, at the discretion of the Directors of Legg Mason Global Funds Plc, pay dividends out of capital. Such distribution will result in a corresponding immediate decrease in the net asset value per share of the Distributing Plus Share Classes

# **Minimum Investment:**

Class A US\$ - US\$ 1.000 (Initial)

Class A EUR - EUR 1,000 (Initial)

Class A AUD - AUD 1,000 (Initial)

Class A HKD - HKD 8,000 (Initial)

Class A NZD - NZD 1,000 (Initial)

Class A GBP - GBP 1,000 (Initial)

Class A CAD - CAD 1,000 (Initial)

There is no minimum for subsequent investment.

#### WHAT IS THIS PRODUCT?

Legg Mason Western Asset US Core Plus Bond Fund (the "Fund") is a sub-fund of Legg Mason Global Funds Plc, which is constituted in the form of a mutual fund. It is domiciled in Ireland and its home regulator is Central Bank of Ireland.



#### **OBJECTIVE AND INVESTMENT STRATEGY**

Objective: The Fund seeks to maximise total return, consisting of capital appreciation and income.

**Strategy:** The Fund invests at least 70% of its net asset value in debt securities listed or traded on regulated markets in the United States that are rated Investment Grade or if unrated, deemed by the Investment Manager and Sub-Investment Managers (collectively, "Western Asset") to be of comparable credit quality, and which are issued by US issuers.

The types of debt securities in which the Fund may invest include: debt securities issued or guaranteed by the US government or other national governments; debt securities of supranational organisations; corporate debt securities; non-convertible notes; credit-linked notes, commercial paper, certificates of deposits and bankers acceptances; and mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities structured as debt securities. The Fund may have exposure of up to 75% of its net asset value to mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities and credit-linked notes. The mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities and credit-linked notes in which the Fund invests may contain embedded derivatives and/or leverage, and the Fund may be leveraged as a result, subject to the overall leverage limits set forth below.

The Fund may also invest in convertible debt securities, preferred shares or other equity securities, warrants, other collective investment schemes, non-publicly traded securities, Rule 144A securities, zero coupon securities (excluding securities issued by the US government and its agencies), money market instruments and debt securities of non-US issuers, unsecuritised participations in or assignments of floating rate mortgages or other commercial loans and other investments.

The average portfolio duration will vary based on Western Asset's forecast for interest rates. Subject to the above limitations, at any given time, the Fund may be entirely or partially invested in a particular type of fixed income security.

The Fund may invest up to 30% of its net asset value in (i) Additional Tier 1 capital, Tier 2 capital and senior non-preferred debt instruments; (ii) contingent convertible securities and (iii) bail-in bonds that have contingent write down or loss absorption features. The Fund may have exposure to reverse repurchase agreements for efficient portfolio management purposes and subject to the requirements of the Central Bank.

The Fund may use financial derivative instruments (FDIs) (including options, futures and options on futures, swaps (including total return swaps) and options on swaps, and forward currency exchange contracts) for hedging, investment and other non-hedging purposes. The Fund may be leveraged to up to 100% of its net asset value (as calculated using the commitment approach) as a result of its use of FDIs. The Fund may have long positions (including derivatives) up to 200% of its net asset value, and the Fund may have short derivative positions of up to 100% of its net asset value, as calculated using the commitment approach. Subject to these limits, the Fund is expected to be net long. The Fund may take long and short derivative positions on individual debt securities, indices (which meet the eligibility requirements of the Central Bank) comprised of the assets described in this strategy, currencies and interest rates. However, the Fund will not take direct short positions on individual securities. The commitment approach calculates leverage by measuring the market value of the underlying exposures of derivatives relative to the Fund's net asset value, taking into account netting and hedging arrangement when calculating exposure.

The Fund does not employ any specific strategy in relation to the use of FDIs.

## **USE OF DERIVATIVES/ INVESTMENT IN DERIVATIVES:**

The Fund's net derivative exposure<sup>1</sup> may be more than 50% but up to 100% of the Fund's net asset value.

<sup>1</sup> Please refer to the offering document for details regarding the calculation methodology of net derivative exposure.

#### WHAT ARE THE KEY RISKS?

Investment involves risks. Please refer to the offering document for details including the risk factors.

• **Debt Securities Risk:** Investments in debt securities are subject to risks such as credit risk, market risk, liquidity risk, interest rate risk, valuation risk and pricing volatility, which may cause substantial losses to the Fund. The prices of debt securities fluctuate in response to perceptions of the issuer's creditworthiness and also tend to vary inversely with market interest rates. Generally, and in the absence of hedging measures, the longer the average weighted duration of a fund, the greater the



sensitivity to interest rates. Investment Grade securities may be subject to the risk of being downgraded to below Investment Grade. Debt securities rated below Investment Grade are deemed by rating agencies to be predominantly speculative with respect to the issuer's capacity to pay interest and repay principal and may involve major risk of exposure to adverse conditions.

- Risk of Government Securities: Government-issued debt securities are sensitive to changes in macro policy and
  associated interest rate trends, political and economic instability, social unrest and potentially default. Not all government
  debt securities are backed by the full faith and credit of the relevant government. Some are backed only by the credit of the
  issuing agency, instrumentality or sponsored entity, although they may be implicitly guaranteed by the relevant
  government. There is a chance of default on all government securities, particularly those not backed by the full faith and
  credit of the relevant government.
- Risk of Rated and Unrated Securities: Unrated debt securities are not necessarily of lower quality than rated securities, however, they may not be attractive to as many buyers hence may be less liquid and with higher risks.
- Interest Rate Risk: The value of debt securities is likely to decline in times of rising interest rates. Conversely, when rates fall, the value of these investments is likely to rise. The longer the time to maturity the greater are such variations.
- Credit Risk: The Fund's investment in debt securities expose the Fund to credit risk, i.e. the risk that an issuer of securities will be unable to pay principal and interest when due, or that the value of the security will suffer because investors believe the issuer is less able to pay. Ratings are only the opinions of the agencies issuing them. Such ratings are relative and subjective, and are not absolute standards of quality. The credit rating agency may change their ratings on particular debt securities held by the Fund, and downgrades are likely to adversely affect the price hence the Fund may suffer a substantial loss.
- Liquidity Risk: In certain circumstances it may be difficult to sell the Fund's investments because there may not be enough demand for them in the markets, in which case the Fund may not be able to sell or liquidate such investments or to sell them at a significant discount to the purchase price hence the Fund may suffer a substantial loss.
- Concentration Risk: This Fund may select fewer securities, countries or regions in which to invest and this concentration carries more risk than funds investing in a larger number of securities, countries or regions. This can increase the volatility of the Fund than that of a fund having a more diverse portfolio of investments and risk of loss to the Fund.
- Custody and Settlement Risks: The Fund may invest in markets where custodial and/or settlement systems are not fully developed. Such investments may be subject to additional risks with respect to the safe keeping of assets and making of investments, hence the Fund may suffer a substantial loss.
- Mortgage-Backed Securities and Asset-Backed Securities Risk: The Fund invests in mortgaged-backed securities
   (including collateralized debt obligations) and asset-backed securities which may be highly illiquid and prone to substantial
   price volatility. These instruments may be subject to greater credit, liquidity and interest rate risk compared to other debt
   securities. They are often exposed to extension and prepayment risks and risks that the payment obligations relating to the
   underlying assets are not met, which may adversely impact the returns of the securities.
- Inflation-Protected Securities Risk: The Fund may invest in inflation-protected securities, whose value generally fluctuates in response to changes to interest rates. If real interest rates rise (i.e. if interest rates rise for reasons other than inflation), the value of the inflation-protected securities in the Fund's portfolio will decline. Moreover, because the principal amount of inflation-protected securities would be adjusted downward during a period of deflation, the Fund will be subject to deflation risk with respect to its investments in these securities. The market for these securities may also be less developed or liquid, and more volatile, than certain other securities markets.
- **Derivatives Risks:** This Fund may use certain types of financial derivative instruments (FDIs). These instruments may involve a higher degree of risk including but not limited to counterparty, volatility, liquidity, leverage and valuation risks, and the Fund may suffer a substantial loss. There is no guarantee that the performance of FDIs will result in a positive effect to the Fund.



- **Counterparty Risk:** The use of FDIs involves the risk of loss due to default by a counterparty to make required payments or otherwise comply with the terms of the contract.
- Volatility and Leverage Risks: Some FDIs create leveraged positions and carry a greater pricing volatility. The use of FDIs may therefore magnify or otherwise increase investment losses to the Fund.
- **Liquidity Risk:** A liquid secondary market may not always exist for the Fund's derivative positions at any time, and therefore the Fund may be unable to terminate or sell derivative positions when desired.
- · **Valuation Risk:** The use of FDIs involves the risk of mispricing or improper valuation and the risk that changes in the value of the derivative may not correlate perfectly with the underlying asset.
- **US Markets Risk:** This Fund invests primarily in the United States, which means that it is more sensitive to local economic, market, political or regulatory events in the United States, and will be more affected by these events than other funds that invest in a broader range of regions.
- Currency Risk: Fluctuations in exchange rates between the currency of the underlying securities and the Fund's base currency may adversely affect the value of an investment and any income derived from it. In addition, the value of your investment may fall due to changes in the exchange rate between the currency of your share class and the base currency of the Fund. With respect to any share class with "(Hedged)" in its name, the Fund will attempt to hedge the currency risk between the base currency of the Fund and the currency of the share class, although there can be no guarantee that it will be successful in doing so. The use of share class hedging strategies may substantially limit shareholders in the relevant Hedged Share Class from benefiting if the currency of the Hedged Share Class falls against the base currency and/or the currencies that are significant to the Fund's investment strategy, as applicable. Any hedging transactions, while potentially reducing the currency risks to which the Fund would otherwise be exposed, may involve certain other risks, including the risk of a default by a counterparty, and the risk that the Fund's forecast with respect to currency movements is incorrect. If the abovementioned hedging transactions become ineffective, the Fund may suffer a substantial loss.
- Risk of Investing in Distributing Plus Share Classes: Distributing Plus share classes may pay dividends out of capital. The payment of dividends out of capital effectively amounts to a return or withdrawal of an investor's original capital investment or of capital gains attributable to that original investment. Such distribution will result in a corresponding immediate decrease in the net asset value per share of the Share Classes. There is also an increased risk that on a redemption, you may not receive back the full amount invested. The distribution amount and net asset value of the Distributing (Hedged) Plus Share Class may be adversely affected by differences in the interest rates of the reference currency of the Distributing (Hedged) Plus Share Class and the Fund's base currency, resulting in an increase in the amount of distribution that is paid out of capital and hence a greater erosion of capital than other Share Classes.
- **Investment Risk:** The value of investments in the Fund and the income from them can go down as well as up, and investors may not get back the amount originally invested and may suffer a substantial loss to their investments. Past performance is no guide to future returns and may not be repeated. There is no guarantee of the repayment of principal.
- Risk of investing in instruments with loss-absorption features: The Fund may invest in debt instruments that have contingent write down or loss absorption features. Such instruments may be written-off fully or partially or converted to common stock on the occurrence of a trigger event. These instruments generally absorb losses in a trigger event, for example, where the issuer's capital falls below a certain level, and may be compulsorily redeemed as a result which may be out of the issuer's control. Such trigger events are complex and hard to predict, and may potentially lead to losses to the Fund. The Fund may invest in contingent convertible debt securities, commonly known as CoCos, which are highly complex and are of high risk.

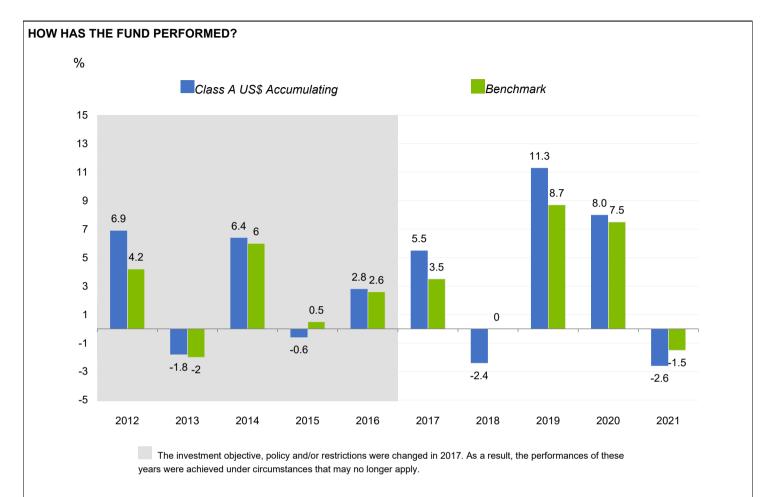
  Upon the occurrence of the trigger event, CoCos may be converted into shares of the issuer (potentially at a discounted price), or may be subject to the permanent write-down to zero. Coupon payments on CoCos are discretionary and may be cancelled by the issuer at any point, for any reason, and for any length of time. The Fund may also invest in senior non-preferred debts.

  While these instruments are generally senior to subordinated debts, they may be subject to write-down upon the occurrence of



a trigger event and will no longer fall under the creditor ranking hierarchy of the issuer. This may result in total loss of principal invested.





- Past performance information is not indicative of future performance. Investors may not get back the full amount invested.
- The computation basis of the performance is based on the calendar year end, NAV-To-NAV, with dividend reinvested.
- These figures show by how much the Class A US\$ Accumulating\* increased or decreased in value during the calendar year being shown. Performance data has been calculated in USD including ongoing charges and excluding subscription fee and redemption fee you might have to pay.
- Fund launch date: 2007.
- Class A US\$ Accumulating\* launch date: 2007.
- The benchmark of the Fund is Bloomberg US Aggregate Index (formerly known as Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate Index / Barclays US Aggregate Index).
- \* This share class is a representative share class of the Fund as it represents the total return on the Fund's investment strategy and is the most widely available share class in Hong Kong.

# IS THERE ANY GUARANTEE?

The Fund does not have any guarantees. You may not get back the full amount of money you invest.



#### WHAT ARE THE FEES AND CHARGES?

# Charges which may be payable by you

You may have to pay the following fees when dealing in the shares of the Fund:

Fees in respect of each Class A Share Class	What you pay
Subscription Fee (Initial Sales Charge)	Up to 5.00% of the amount you subscribed
Switching Fee	Not applicable
Redemption Fee	Not applicable

### Ongoing fees payable by the Fund

The following expenses will be paid out of the Fund. They affect you because they reduce the return you get on your investments:

Expenses in respect of each Class A Share Class*	Annual rate (as a % of the Fund's NAV)
Management Fee	Up to 1.15%
Combined Administration and Depositary Fee	Up to 0.15%
Performance Fee	Not applicable
Shareholder Servicing Fee	Up to 0.15%

<sup>\*</sup> For Hedged Share Classes, (i) the Currency Administrator is entitled to receive fees for hedging administration services (currently charged at 0.04% per annum of the value of the hedging transactions), which shall be borne exclusively by the relevant Hedged Share Class; and (ii) the Collateral Manager is entitled to receive fees for its collateral management services in relation to currency hedging (such fees not exceeding GBP 340 per month for the Fund), which shall be charged only to the relevant Hedged Share Classes.

## Other fees

You may have to pay other fees when dealing in the shares of the Fund.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- You generally buy and redeem shares at the Fund's next-determined net asset value (NAV) after the authorised dealer or sub-distributor receives your request in good order on or before 4:00 p.m. in New York (EST) on any relevant dealing day. Certain dealer or sub-distributors may impose a deadline for receipt of orders that is earlier than this.
- The NAV of this Fund is calculated on each dealing day and published no later than the second business day immediately succeeding each dealing day on <a href="https://www.leggmason.com.hk">www.leggmason.com.hk</a>.
- In respect of Distributing Plus Share Classes, the composition of dividend payouts (i.e. the relative amounts paid out of (i) net distributable income and (ii) capital) for the last 12 months will be available from the Hong Kong Representative on request and on our website, www.leggmason.com.hk.
- Investors may obtain the past performance information of other share classes offered to Hong Kong investors from our website, www.leggmason.com.hk.

# **IMPORTANT**

If you are in doubt, you should seek professional advice.

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