

3Q 2020 Update William Blair Income Fund

OBJECTIVE

Current Income

CHARACTERISTICS

The Fund seeks to invest primarily in fixed income securities rated A- or higher, including up to 10% in securities rated BBB. The Fund's duration tends to be consistent with a short-term bond fund.

WHY CONSIDER THIS FUND?

- Seeks to provide competitive returns while maintaining a short-term duration and emphasizing higher-quality instruments (90% of the portfolio is comprised of securities rated "BBB" or higher)
- Seeks diversified alpha sources, which include corporate, mortgage-backed, asset-backed, and Treasury securities
- Focuses on outperforming its benchmark through a security selection process that adheres to a time-tested, disciplined approach
- Managed by an experienced, tenured team

INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE % (as of 09/30/20)

	QTR	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	Since Incep.
Class R6 (SI: 05/02/19)	0.87	4.15	4.70	—	—	5.21
Bloomberg Barclays Intermediate Govt./Credit Bond Index ¹	0.61	5.92	6.32	—	—	7.23
Morningstar Short-Term Bond Category ²	0.99	2.71	3.30	—	—	—

CALENDAR YEAR PERFORMANCE %

	2019†
Class R6 (SI: 05/02/19)	3.12
Bloomberg Barclays Intermediate Govt./Credit Bond Index ²	4.24

† Since Inception of Class R6 shares on 5/2/2019 through 12/31/2019.

Performance cited represents past performance. Past performance does not guarantee future results and current performance may be lower or higher than the data quoted. Returns shown assume reinvestment of dividends and capital gains. Investment returns and principal will fluctuate with market and economic conditions and you may have a gain or loss when you sell shares. For the most current month-end performance information, please call +1 800 742 7272, or visit our Web site at www.williamblairfunds.com. Class R6 shares are available only to investors who meet certain eligibility requirements.

EXPENSE RATIOS (%)

	Gross Expense	Net Expense
Class R6	0.71	0.65

Expenses shown are as of the most recent prospectus. The Fund's Adviser has contractually agreed to waive fees and/or reimburse expenses to limit fund operating expenses until 4/30/21.

FUND FACTS AND STATISTICS

Total Net Assets (\$MM)	\$71
Number of Holdings	117
Trailing 1-Year Turnover (%)**	35.7
Cash (%)***	0.2
Average Maturity (Years)	4.4
Duration	3.8

** Portfolio turnover excludes investments in cash securities, such as commercial paper and repurchase agreements, and derivative instruments, including mortgage to-be-announced (TBA) securities and credit default swap index transactions.

*** Cash represents cash and any short-term or overnight investments held by the Fund.

30-DAY SEC YIELDS % (as of 09/30/20)⁷

	Subsidized	Unsubsidized
Class R6	0.99	0.98

TOP TEN HOLDINGS (%)^{3,4}

Company	Coupon/Maturity	% of Fund
Fannie Mae Pool	4.00% due 05/01/35	7.1
Fannie Mae Pool	4.00% due 02/01/29	5.6
Fannie Mae Pool	5.50% due 12/01/41	5.5
Fannie Mae Pool	5.50% due 12/01/48	3.0
United States Treasury Note/Bond	1.13% due 02/28/27	2.8
Fannie Mae Pool	6.00% due 01/01/38	2.7
United States Treasury Inflation Indexed Bonds	3.88% due 04/15/29	2.4
Freddie Mac Gold Pool	6.00% due 04/01/40	2.3
Fannie Mae Pool	6.00% due 01/01/42	2.3
Fannie Mae Pool	6.00% due 01/01/42	2.2
Total Top 10		35.9

SECTOR DIVERSIFICATION (%)^{3,4,6}

Sector Type	Fund	Index ¹
U.S. Agency Mortgage-Backed Pass Through	50.6	0.0
Developed Markets Credit	31.8	38.5
U.S. Treasury	10.5	57.5
Asset-Backed Securities	4.7	0.0
Emerging Markets	2.2	1.4
Cash	0.2	0.0
U.S. Agency Debentures	0.0	2.6

QUALITY DISTRIBUTION (%)^{3,4,5}

Credit Quality	Fund	Index ¹
U.S. Treasury	10.5	57.5
U.S. Agency	50.6	2.7
Cash	0.2	0.0
AAA	2.8	4.1
AA	7.0	5.6
A	19.9	16.0
BBB	9.3	14.1
BB	-0.3	0.0

PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT



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Source: William Blair, Blackrock Solutions

- The Bloomberg Barclays Intermediate Government/Credit Bond Index indicates broad intermediate government/corporate bond market performance. It is not possible to directly invest in an unmanaged index.
- The Morningstar Short-Term Bond Category represents the average annual composite performance of all mutual funds listed in the Short-Term Bond Category by Morningstar.
- Top ten holdings are shown as % of total net assets. Investment type and credit quality diversification are shown as % of total investments which includes cash equivalents.
- Information about the Fund's holdings should not be considered investment advice. There is no guarantee that the Fund will continue to hold any one particular security or stay invested in any one particular sector. Holdings are subject to change at any time.
- The credit quality of securities in the Fund's portfolio and Index are derived from Fitch Ratings, Moody's Investors Service, Inc. and Standard & Poor's, a division of The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc. In cases where the credit rating agencies have assigned different credit ratings to the same security, the higher rating is used. In cases where only one rating agency has assigned a credit rating to a security, that rating is used. Credit quality designations range from high (AAA to AA) to medium (A to BBB) to low (BB, B, CCC, CC to C). The lower the rating, the higher the probability of default. Securities rated D are in default.
- Credit is a sector categorization used by Bloomberg Barclays. The sector is comprised of SEC-registered, fixed-rate, investment-grade, U.S. dollar-denominated securities that meet the inclusion criteria of the U.S. Aggregate Index set forth by Bloomberg Barclays. The sector has two main components: Corporate and Non-Corporate. The corporate sectors are Industrial, Utility, and Finance, which include both U.S. and non-U.S. corporations. The non-corporate sectors are Sovereign, Supranational, Foreign Agency, and Foreign Local Government. All of the Fund's holdings are corporate holdings. Over 75% of the Credit sector's composition are corporate sector bonds. The Developed Market Credit category is comprised of securities issued by issuers domiciled outside the emerging markets.
- The 30-Day SEC Yield is an annualized yield based on the most recent 30 day period. Subsidized yields reflect fee waivers in effect. Unsubsidized yields reflect what the yield would have been if no fee waiver had been in effect.

Risks: The Fund's returns will vary, and you could lose money by investing in the Fund. As interest rates rise, bond prices will fall and bond funds become more volatile. The Fund is subject to credit risk. The Fund's net asset value and total return may be adversely affected by the inability of the issuers of the Fund's securities to make interest payments or payment at maturity. The Fund's investments in obligations issued or guaranteed by U.S. Government agencies or instrumentalities may not be backed by the full faith and credit of the United States and may differ in the degree of support provided by the U.S. Government. The Fund is also subject to interest rate and foreign investments risk. Foreign investments often involve additional risks, including political instability, differences in financial reporting standards and less stringent regulation of securities markets. Rule 144A securities are not registered for resale in the general securities market and may be classified as illiquid. It may not be possible to sell or otherwise dispose of illiquid securities both at the price and within a time period deemed desirable by the Fund. Investments with longer maturities, which typically provide higher yields than securities with shorter maturities, may subject the Fund to increased price changes resulting from market yield fluctuations. The Fund's investments in collateralized mortgage obligations are subject to prepayment and extension risk. Prepayment of high interest rate mortgage-backed securities during times of declining interest rates will tend to lower the return of the Fund and may even result in losses to the Fund if the prepaid securities were acquired at a premium. Slower prepayments during periods of rising interest rates may increase the duration of the Fund's mortgage-backed securities and asset-backed securities and reduce their value.

Please carefully consider the Fund's investment objectives, risks, charges, and expenses before investing. This and other information is contained in the Fund's prospectus and summary prospectus, which you may obtain by calling +1 800 742 7272. Read the prospectus and summary prospectus carefully before investing. Investing includes the risk of loss.

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