

# Western Asset Global Bond MPS

## *Manager Profile*

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### Manager Overview

Western Asset Management Company Pty Ltd ('Western Asset') is the investment manager of Western Asset Global Bond MPS Fund. Western Asset is one of the world's leading investment management firms. Its primary business is managing fixed-income portfolios, an activity the Firm has pursued for 50 years, since its inception in 1971.

Headquartered in Pasadena, California, but with offices in Australia and around the world, the Firm manages client portfolios ranging across a wide variety of mandates, from money markets to emerging markets. Western Asset's client base totals 404, representing 34 countries, and US\$485 billion in assets under management<sup>1</sup>.

### Investment Philosophy and Style

The investment philosophy of Western Asset focusses on long-term fundamental value investing, using multiple diversified strategies. Western Asset's investment philosophy has not changed since its founding and the firm has sought to consistently implement this across all of its investment strategies. Western Asset's investment decision-making process and organisation are both intended to align with, and give support to, this philosophy.

### Investment Process

The strategic goal at Western Asset is to add value to client portfolios while seeking to adhere to the firm's disciplined risk control process. Western Asset's investment philosophy combines traditional analysis with innovative technology applied to a range of regions and sectors of the market. Western Asset believes inefficiencies may exist in the fixed income markets and attempts to add incremental value by aiming to exploit these inefficiencies across eligible range of market countries and sectors.

The investment process begins with a global investment outlook where regional and sector heads set long term strategic views and expected returns for the key alpha generators in global portfolios.

Western Asset's global portfolios team then undertakes a thorough global relative value analysis to build what it considers to be an optimum portfolio utilising the following return drivers:

- Interest rate duration
- Yield curve positions
- Country positions
- Currency
- Sector and subsector allocation
- Issuer selection

Western Asset deploys a number of diversified strategies that it believes benefit in different environments. Therefore, it is intended that no single strategy dominates performance which, in turn, aims to assist in dampening volatility and improving risk return characteristics.



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