



# AVE MARIA BOND FUND

## Q4 2024 FACT SHEET

### Fund Information

Symbol	AVEFX
Inception Date	5/1/03
Net Assets	\$676.5 Million
Sales Load	None
Prospectus Expense Ratio	0.42%
Category	Intermediate Term Bond

### Portfolio Managers



**Brandon S. Scheitler**  
Lead Manager



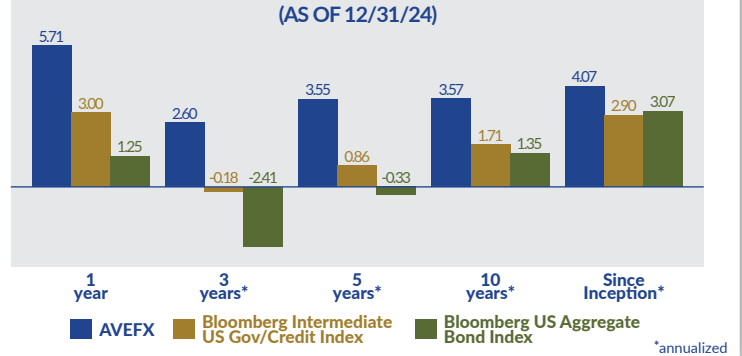
**George P. Schwartz, CFA**  
Co-Manager



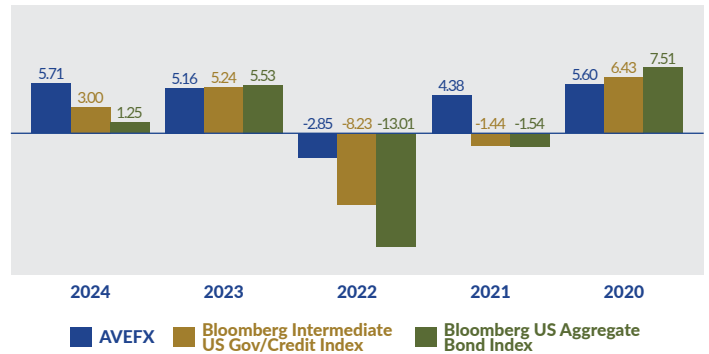
**James T. Peregoy, CFA**  
Co-Manager

### AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (%)

(AS OF 12/31/24)



### LAST 5 CALENDAR YEAR RETURNS (%)



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### Morningstar Rating (AS OF 12/31/24)

Overall Rating out of 135 funds



3 Year Rating out of 135 funds



5 Year Rating out of 131 funds



10 Year Rating out of 101 funds



### Lipper Awards



**LSEG Lipper Fund Awards**  
2024 Winner  
United States

**#1**  
3-YEAR

**#1**  
5-YEAR

**#1**  
10-YEAR

**LIPPER CORPORATE DEBT A-RATED FUNDS CATEGORY**  
Consistent Returns for the periods ended 11/30/23

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Ave Maria Bond Fund invests in investment-grade debt of domestic corporations, U.S. Treasuries and Agencies. Up to 20% of the Fund may be invested in dividend-paying common stocks. The goal is preservation of principal with a reasonable level of current income.

## Top 10 Holdings<sup>1</sup> (AS OF 12/31/24)

15.4% of Net Assets

1. Coca-Cola Europacific Partners	1.7%
2. Watsco, Inc.	1.7%
3. Illinois Tool Works, Inc. 2.65% due 11/15/26	1.5%
4. U.S. Treasury Note 4.625% due 09/30/30	1.5%
5. U.S. Treasury Note 4.50% due 11/15/25	1.5%
6. U.S. Treasury Note 4.125% due 09/30/27	1.5%
7. U.S. Treasury Note 4.0% due 02/29/28	1.5%
8. U.S. Treasury Note 1.375% due 01/31/25	1.5%
9. U.S. Treasury Note 4.50% due 11/15/33	1.5%
10. U.S. Treasury Note 4.125% due 07/31/31	1.5%

## Asset Allocation

Government Bonds	27.1%
Corporate Bonds	53.4%
Equities	16.1%
Cash Equivalents	3.4%

## Portfolio Statistics

Average Duration	3.7 Years
Weighted Average Maturity	4.0 Years
Average Credit Quality (S&P)	A+

## Investment Philosophy

The Fund invests primarily in U.S. Treasury and agency securities and investment-grade bonds of domestic corporations that do not violate core values and teachings of the Roman Catholic Church. The goal is preservation of principal with a reasonable level of income.

## Moral Screens

Our moral screens eliminate companies engaged in:



ABORTION



PORNOGRAPHY



EMBRYONIC  
STEM CELL RESEARCH



POLICIES UNDERMINING THE  
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

## Buy Discipline

Adviser strongly considers the following factors:

- All securities regardless of maturity
- Issuer's credit strength
- Securities effective duration and yield

## Sell Discipline

Securities are sold when:

- They no longer meet criteria for investment
- More attractive opportunities available
- Company becomes a violator of any moral screen established by the Catholic Advisory Board



AVE MARIA  
MUTUAL FUNDS

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<sup>1</sup> Fund holdings are for illustrative purposes, subject to change and should not be considered a recommendation to buy or sell securities. Current and future portfolio holdings are subject to risk.

Average duration measures a fixed income portfolio's price sensitivity to interest changes. Weighted average maturity is the weighted average time (in years) until the securities in a fixed income portfolio will mature. Average credit quality provides investors with an idea as to a fund's credit quality. It also helps to identify the overall risk with a bond portfolio. A lower weighted average credit weighting means a bond fund is more risky than one with a higher rating.

Adviser invests only in securities that meet the Fund's investment and religious requirements. Returns may be lower or higher than if decisions were based solely on investment considerations. The method of security selection may or may not be successful and the Fund may underperform or outperform the stock market as a whole. All mutual funds are subject to market risk, including possible loss of principal. The Fund's investments in small- and mid-capitalization companies could experience greater volatility than investments in large-capitalization companies. The Fund invests primarily in fixed income securities and as a result the Fund is also subject to the following risks: interest rate risk, credit risk, credit rating risk and liquidity risk. Investment performance assumes reinvestment of dividends and capital gains distributions. Performance data reflects certain fee waivers and reimbursements. Without such waivers, performance would have been lower. Bloomberg Intermediate US Gov/Credit Index is the benchmark index used for comparative purposes for this fund. The Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index is a broad-based benchmark that measures the investment grade, US dollar-denominated, fixed-rate taxable bond market. The index includes Treasuries, government-related and corporate securities, fixed-rate agency MBS, ABS and CMBS (agency and non-agency). Indexes do not incur fees and it is not possible to invest directly in an index.

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