# **Key Investor Information**

This document provides you with key investor information about this fund. It is not marketing material. The information is required by law to help you understand the nature and the risks of investing in this fund. You are advised to read it so you can make an informed decision about whether to invest



# Legg Mason Western Asset US Core Plus Bond Fund

Class A US\$ Accumulating ISIN: IE00B19Z7Y58

A sub-fund of: Legg Mason Global Funds plc

Managed by: Franklin Templeton International Services S.à r.l., part of the Franklin Templeton group of companies.

## **Objectives and Investment Policy**

### **Objective**

The fund's goal is to achieve income and growth of the fund's value.

#### **Investment Policy**

- The fund will invest in different kinds of higher rated US bonds issued by corporations and governments.
- The fund may invest up to 75% of its assets in asset-backed securities, which are bonds that provide the bondholder with regular payments dependent on the cash-flow arising from a specified pool of assets such as interest and capital from mortgages or car loans.
- The fund may invest in derivatives (financial instruments whose value is derived from the value of other assets), to help try to achieve the fund's objective as well as to reduce risk or cost or to generate additional growth or income for the fund.
- The fund many invest up to 10% in contingent convertible bonds (bonds that can convert into equity upon a specified event taking place).

Benchmark: Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Index

Manager's Discretion: The fund is actively managed, and the investment manager is not constrained by the benchmark. The investment manager has discretion in selecting investments within the fund's objective and investment policies. The benchmark is used for performance comparison purposes and by the investment manager in measuring and managing

investment risk. The benchmark is also used by the Investment Manager to compare the weighted average of carbon emissions intensity of securities held within the Fund's portfolio and to compare alignment with UNSDGs. The fund's investments will include components of the benchmark, although the weightings of the fund's holdings may differ materially from those of the benchmark and will normally include instruments not included in the benchmark. The investment manager may overweight such investments in the benchmark and include other nonbenchmark instruments which it considers to offer more attractive risk/reward characteristics and may underweight or not invest at all in other benchmark investments which the investment manager considers less attractive.

Fund's Base Currency: US Dollar Share Class Currency: US Dollar

**Transaction Costs:** The fund bears costs in buying and selling investments, which may have a material impact on the fund's performance.

**Dealing Frequency:** You can buy, sell and switch your shares on each day that the New York Stock Exchange is open for business.

**Minimum Initial Investment:** For this share class the minimum initial investment is USD 1,000.

**Treatment of Income:** Income and gains from the fund's investments are not paid but instead are reflected in the fund's share price.

## **Risk and Reward Profile**



The indicator is based on the volatility of the returns (past performance) of the reported share class (calculated on a 5 year rolling return basis). Where a share class is inactive / has less than 5 years of returns, the returns of a representative benchmark are used.

There is no guarantee that the fund will remain in the indicator category shown above and the categorisation of the fund may shift over time. Historical data, which is used in calculating the indicator, may not be a reliable indicator of the future risk profile of this fund.

The lowest category does not mean a risk-free investment.

The fund does not offer any capital guarantee or protection and you may not get back the amount invested.

The fund is in its risk/reward category because investments in US higher rated bonds and asset-backed securities have historically been subject to relatively small fluctuations in value.

The fund is subject to the following risks which are materially relevant but may not be adequately captured by the indicator:

**Sustainability:** The fund's integration of sustainability risks in the investment decision process may have the effect of excluding profitable investments from the investment universe of the fund and may also cause the fund to sell investments that will continue to perform well. A sustainability risk could materialise due to an environmental, social or governance event or condition which may impact the fund's investments and negatively affect the returns of the fund.

**Bonds:** There is a risk that issuers of bonds held by the fund may not be able to repay the investment or pay the interest due on it, leading to losses for the fund. Bond values are affected by the market's view of the above risk, and by changes in interest rates and inflation.

**Liquidity:** 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 minimise a loss on such investments.

**Geographical focus:** 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.

Asset-backed securities: The timing and size of the cash-flow from asset-backed securities is not fully assured and could result in loss for the fund. These types of investments may also be difficult for the fund to sell quickly.

**Interest rates:** Changes in interest rates may negatively affect the value of the fund. Typically as interest rates rise, bond values fall.

**Derivatives:** The use of derivatives can result in greater fluctuations of the fund's value and may cause the fund to lose as much as or more than the amount invested.

**Fund counterparties:** The fund may suffer losses if the parties that it trades with cannot meet their financial obligations.

Convertible Securities: The value of convertible securities tends to decline as interest rates increase and increase as interest rates decline as well as be more volatile than non-convertible debt securities due to its relationship with the underling equity. They are also generally not as senior as non-convertible debt securities and typically have lower ratings. Contingent convertible securities have additional risks to this due to more difficult valuation and discretionary coupon payments. There are no assurances of capital repayment.

**Fund operations:** The fund is subject to the risk of loss resulting from inadequate or failed internal processes, people or systems or those of third parties such as those responsible for the custody of its assets.

For further explanation on the risks associated with an investment in the fund, please refer to the section entitled "Risk Factors" in the base prospectus and "Primary Risks" in the fund supplement.

## **Charges**

One-off charges taken before or after you invest	
Entry charge	5.00%
Exit charge	none
This is the maximum that might be taken out of your money before it is invested (entry charge) and before the proceeds of your investment are paid out (exit charge).	
Charges taken from the fund over a year	
Ongoing charge	1.30%
Charges taken from the fund under certain specific conditions	
Performance fee: none	

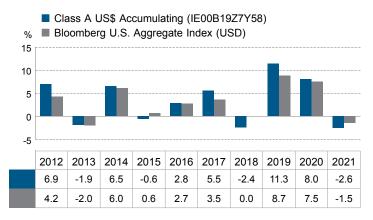
The charges you pay are used to pay the costs of running the fund, including the costs of marketing and distributing it. These charges reduce the potential growth of your investment.

Entry and exit charges shown are the maximum that might be taken out of your money. In some cases, you might pay less and you should speak to your financial adviser about this.

The ongoing charge is based on expenses for the 12 month period ending December 2021. This figure may vary over time.

For more information about charges, please see the "Fees and Expenses" sections of the base prospectus and fund supplement.

## **Past Performance**



The fund was launched on 20 April 2007 and the share class began issuing shares on 20 April 2007.

Past performance has been calculated in USD.

The performance reflects all fees and charges payable by the fund but does not reflect any entry or exit charge that might be payable.

Past performance is no guide to future returns and may not be repeated.

Further information on the fund's performance is available at www. franklinresources.com/all-sites.

## **Practical Information**

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

Further Information: Additional information about the fund (including the prospectus, supplement, reports and accounts and the remuneration policy) may be obtained in English. The prospectus, supplement, and the reports and accounts are also available in French, German, Italian and Spanish. The documents are available free of charge upon request to the Administrator: BNY Mellon Fund Services (Ireland) Designated Activity Company, One Dockland Central, Guild Street, International Financial Services Centre, Dublin 1, Ireland and at www.franklinresources.com/all-sites.

Environmental, social and governance (ESG) criteria are one of the components of management but their weight in the final decision is not defined in advance.

**Price Publication:** The latest share price is published at www.franklinresources.com/all-sites.

**Tax Legislation:** The fund is subject to the tax law and regulation of Ireland. Depending on your own country of residence, this might have an impact on your investment. For further details, please speak to your financial adviser

**Liability Statement:** Franklin Templeton International Services S.à r.l. may be held liable solely on the basis of any statement contained in this document that is misleading, inaccurate or inconsistent with the relevant parts of the prospectus for the fund.

**Structure:** Legg Mason Global Funds plc has a number of different subfunds. The assets and liabilities of each sub-fund are segregated by law from the assets and liabilities of each other sub-fund. The prospectus and the periodic reports are prepared for Legg Mason Global Funds plc as a whole.

Switching Between Funds: You may apply for shares in this fund to be exchanged for another class within the same fund or to another class in other funds of Legg Mason Global Funds plc, subject to certain conditions (see "Exchanges of Shares" in the prospectus). The fund itself does not charge a switching fee for the exchange of shares of one fund for the same class of shares of another fund or for shares of a different share class of the same fund. Certain dealers, however, may charge a switching fee – please ask your dealer.

Legg Mason Global Funds plc is authorised in Ireland and regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland. Franklin Templeton International Services S.à r.l. is authorised in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and regulated by the Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier.

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