

Western Asset Enhanced Cash SMA Portfolios

Commentary | as of June 30, 2025

Key Takeaways

- **Markets:** The fixed income market experienced periods of volatility, but posted a modest gain during the second quarter. Investor sentiment was impacted by several factors, including persistent trade uncertainty, signs of global economic strains, questions over future Federal Reserve's (Fed) monetary policy, mounting fiscal concerns, and hostilities between Israel and Iran.
- **Contributors:** Duration positioning and an overweight to investment-grade bonds.
- **Detractors:** An underweight to securities rated BBB.
- **Outlook:** Global growth is expected to slow given heightened unpredictability, but should remain positive. Overall monetary policy remains restrictive and we believe that central banks will continue to cut rates. The Fed remains well positioned to provide support if the U.S. economy falters. While fundamentals remain positive, spreads are at the tight end of historical ranges in some sectors and warrant caution.

Portfolio Characteristics

Effective Duration

Portfolio

1.79 Years

Sector Allocation (% of Total)

Sector	Portfolio
Credit	79.50
Agency	13.41
Asset-Backed Securities	2.53
Residential Mortgage-Backed Securities	0.82
Other Cash	3.75

Performance Review

- A duration that was long versus the benchmark contributed returns.
- An overweight to investment-grade corporate bonds was additive for performance.
- Security selection was a modest detractor from results, driven by an underweight to securities rated BBB.
- Yield curve positioning did not meaningfully impact returns.

Outlook

- U.S. government policy has caused severe volatility in fixed-income markets over the last several months. Global growth is expected to slow given heightened unpredictability, but should remain positive. U.S. growth is downshifting due to a myriad of factors, including tariff uncertainty, waning benefits from immigration, and reduced government spending in recent years. A significant fiscal boost from European defense and German infrastructure spending should support eurozone growth and provide relief from tariff-related uncertainty. Deflationary pressures in China persist and confidence is weak amid property market concerns, but sentiment is improving with fiscal stimulus and policy easing.
- Overall monetary policy remains restrictive and we believe that central banks will continue to cut rates. The Fed remains well positioned to provide support if the U.S. economy falters. Public debt levels continue to rise and yield curves may steepen further given concerns over fiscal policies.
- While fundamentals remain positive, spreads are at the tight end of historical ranges in some sectors and warrant caution. We will continue to look for further periods of volatility to add to spread products.

Average annual total returns (%) - as of June 30, 2025-PRELIMINARY

Product	3-Mo*	6-Mo*	YTD*	1-Yr	3-Yr	5-Yr	10-Yr	15-Yr	20-Yr	25-Yr	Inception	Inception Date
Net of Fees	1.03	2.38	2.38	4.24	2.88	0.80	0.67	0.39	0.89	1.19	1.26	12/31/1999
Pure Gross of Fees	1.40	3.14	3.14	5.80	4.42	2.31	2.18	1.89	2.40	2.70	2.77	12/31/1999
Benchmark	1.15	2.52	2.52	5.30	4.10	2.11	1.81	1.36	1.89	2.23	2.30	—

*Cumulative total returns

Benchmark(s)

Benchmark =50% 3 Month T-Bill / 50% LB 1-3 Govt

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