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Pimco, Loomis Sayles Attract Most Loyalty Among Big Pension Funds

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Two big names in bond funds, Pimco and Loomis Sayles, attracted the most loyalty from managers of big pension funds, endowments and foundations, according to a new survey by Cogent Research. The firm asked 590 institutional investors about their preferences.

Pimco and Loomis Sayles came out as the most preferred in terms of investment performance and philosophy, the study found. Pimco runs the world's biggest bond mutual fund, the Pimco Total Return Bond Fund ([PTTRX](#)). Loomis Sayles is home of the popular Loomis Sayles Bond Fund ([LSBRX](#)).

Vanguard was picked by more big institutional investors as best in terms of fee structures while State Street's ([STT](#)) Global Advisors unit led in taking care of customers, or "relationship management," says Cogent.