

# SMA High Yield Bonds Strategy

Q3 2018



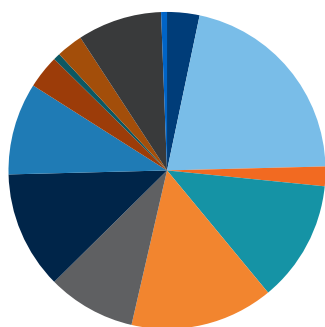
## Strategy Objectives

Seeks to generate high levels of taxable income and modest capital appreciation by investing in intermediate-term bonds that are rated as non-investment grade (below BBB or Baa) by the major bond rating agencies.

## Strategy Highlights

- Produces higher return with less interest rate risk.
- Primary focus on safety of principal and issuer's ability to meet all obligations across varying market conditions.
- Analysis of balance sheet and cash flow, with consideration of industry competitive dynamics, uncovers undervalued securities in a replicable manner.
- Boutique size enables our ability to purchase smaller issues unavailable to larger firms.

## Sector Allocation



- Communication Services, 3.3%
- Consumer Discretionary, 21.3%
- Consumer Staples, 2%
- Energy, 12.4%
- Financials, 14.6%
- Health Care, 9%
- Industrials, 12%
- Information Technology, 9.4%
- Materials, 3.4%
- Real Estate, 0.7%
- Utilities, 2.7%
- Other, 8.6%
- Cash & Equivalents, 0.6%

## Top Ten Bond Holdings\*\*

- MALLINCKRODT
- LEXMARK INTL
- CONNS INC
- QUAD GRAPHICS
- OPPENHEIMER HOLDINGS
- MAGNACHIP
- TRIUMPH GROUP
- CLEARWATER PAPER CORP
- RANGE RESOURCES
- CARDTRONICS INC

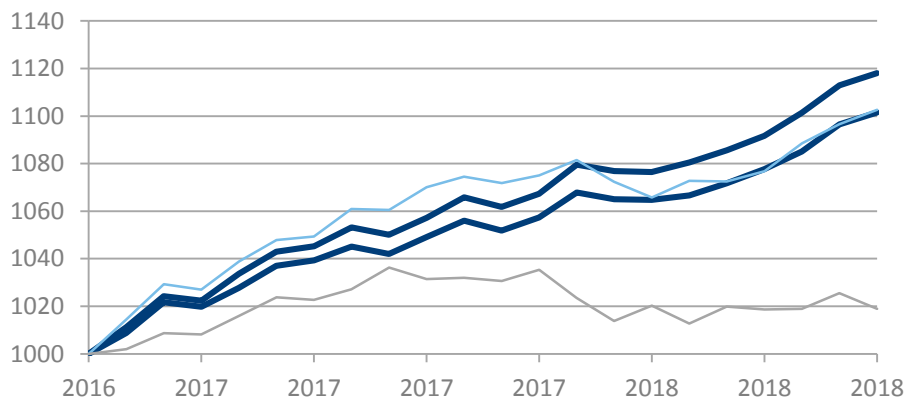
\*\* Non-individual bond holdings held in some accounts of the composite have been excluded.

## Characteristics\*\*\*

	L&S Advisors	Barclays High Yield
Number of Holdings	122	1977
Yield to Maturity	6.62%	6.47%
Yield to Worst	6.45%	6.22%
Convexity to Maturity	0.17	0.32
Modified Duration	2.84	3.73
Current Yield	6.05%	6.43%
Average Credit Quality	B1	B1

\*\*\* Characteristics exclude non-fixed income and non-individual securities held in some accounts of composite.

## Growth of a \$1,000 Investment



- L&S Advisors (Gross)
- L&S Advisors (Net)
- Barclays High Yield Bond
- Barclays Cap Aggregate Bond Index

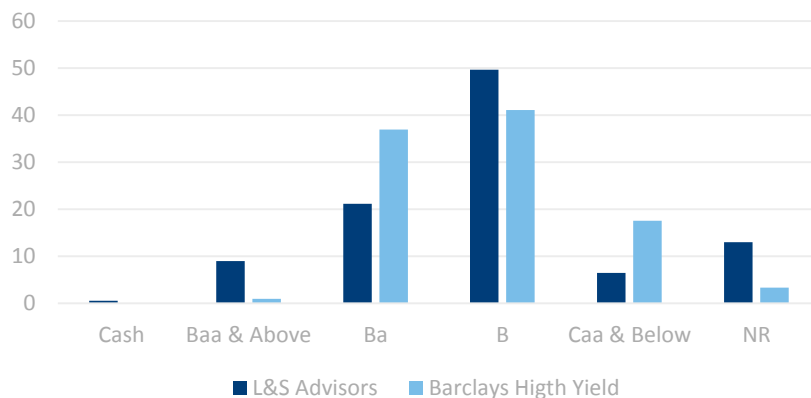
## Performance

	L&S Advisors		Barclays High Yield	Barclays Agg. Bond
	Gross	Net		
Q3	2.42%	2.21%	2.40%	0.02%
YTD	4.76%	4.17%	2.57%	-1.68%
12 Mos.	5.75%	4.99%	3.05%	-1.28%
3 yr. *	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
ITD *	6.59%	5.68%	5.74%	1.07%
ITD	11.81%	10.15%	10.27%	1.89%

\* annualized

Please note all information is as of September 30, 2018.

## Quality Allocation (%)



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## Monthly Returns (net of fees)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD	BARC High Yield
2017	0.87	1.29	-0.19	0.79	0.90	0.23	0.56	-0.29	0.69	0.64	-0.39	0.52	5.74	7.50
2018	0.99	-0.26	-0.03	0.18	0.48	0.55	0.68	1.05	0.46				4.17	2.57

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High Yield Bonds Strategy Composite seeks to invest in bonds that are rated as below investment grade by the major bond rating agencies (below BBB or Baa). High yield bonds are typically issued by companies with above average debt levels on their balance sheet. High yield bonds may also include bonds of companies that have been downgraded by rating agencies. High yield bonds are rarely issued with maturities longer than 10 years, so a high yield portfolio is likely to have an average maturity of intermediate duration. High yield bonds provide significantly higher income for investors than do government bonds or investment grade corporate bonds. This high level of income, combined with the shorter average maturities, tends to help these bonds perform well in rising interest rate environments. Individual high yield issues will be selected by a thorough analysis of a company's ability to meet its obligations. In general, high yield portfolios will attempt to be well-diversified to reduce the risk of any singular credit event. This strategy is particularly attractive for investors seeking a higher level of income than that available in most other assets. Portfolios of high yielding bonds carry a higher credit risk than do investment-grade bond portfolios, but this higher risk tends to be compensated for with a significantly higher level of income. For comparison purposes the composite is measured against the Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Corporate High Yield Bond Index. The Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Corporate High Yield Bond Index measures the USD-denominated, high yield fixed-rate corporate bond market. Securities are classified as high yield if the middle rating of Moody's Fitch and S&P is Ba1/BB+/BB+ or below. Bonds from issuers with an emerging markets country of risk, based on Barclays EM country definition, are excluded. The benchmark is compounded on a monthly basis and returns are geometrically linked to calculate an annual return. The High Yield Bonds Strategy Composite was created on February 27, 2017. L&S Advisors, Inc. ("LSA") claims compliance with the Global Investment Performance Standards (GIPS®) and has prepared and presented this report in compliance with the GIPS standards. LSA has been independently verified for the periods November 1, 2005 through December 31, 2016. The verification report(s) is/are available upon request. Verification assesses whether (1) the firm has complied with all the composite construction requirements of the GIPS standards on a firm-wide basis and (2) the firm's policies and procedures are designed to calculate and present performance in compliance with the GIPS standards. Verification does not ensure the accuracy of any specific composite presentation. Results are based on fully discretionary accounts under management, including those accounts no longer with the firm. Composite performance is presented gross of foreign withholding taxes on dividends, interest income, and capital gains. Past performance is not indicative of future results. The U.S. Dollar is the currency used to express performance. Returns are presented gross and net of management fees and include the reinvestment of all income. Net-of-fee performance was calculated using actual management fees. Policies for valuing portfolios, calculating performance, and preparing compliant presentations are available upon request. The investment management fee schedule for the composite is 1.50% on the first \$3 million, 1.25% on \$2 million to \$5.9 million, and 0.75% on \$6 million plus. Actual investment advisory fees incurred by clients may vary.

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