# SMA Investment Grade Short Duration Strategy

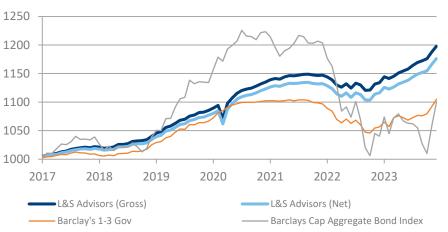
Q4 2023

## **Strategy Objective**

Seeks to generate taxable income, combined with relative portfolio stability, for clients with a need or desire for long-term capital stability.

# **Strategy Highlights**

- Targeting bonds with shorter maturities provides outperformance in a rising interest rate environment. No bonds held with stated maturity beyond 5 years.
- Ability to produce higher return with less interest rate risk. <sup>1050</sup>
- 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 uncovers undervalued securities in a replicable manner.
- Boutique size enables the purchase of smaller issues unavailable to larger firms.



### Performance

#### Please note all Characteristics, Performance, Allocation and Holding information as of December 31, 2023

Growth of a \$1,000 Investment

Annualized Returns										
	Q4	YTD	12 Mos.	3 Yr.	5 Yr.	7 Yr.	ITD			
L&S Advisors (Gross)	2.17%	5.65%	5.65%	1.82%	2.87%	2.58%	2.58%			
L&S Advisors (Net)	2.11%	5.38%	5.38%	1.55%	2.61%	2.32%	2.32%			
Barclays 1-3 Year Gov Index	2.69%	4.61%	4.61%	0.09%	1.51%	1.43%	1.42%			
Barclays Cap Agg Bnd Index	7.17%	5.81%	5.81%	-3.46%	1.16%	1.36%	1.36%			

Calendar Year Returns											
	YTD	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016 (Partial)			
L&S Advisors (Gross)	5.65%	-1.16%	1.07%	4.55%	4.40%	1.77%	1.96%	0.21%			
L&S Advisors (Net)	5.38%	-1.42%	0.81%	4.29%	4.13%	1.50%	1.67%	0.21%			
Barclays 1-3 Year Gov Index	4.61%	-3.69%	-0.47%	3.33%	4.03%	1.60%	0.84%	0.06%			
Barclays Cap Agg Bond Index	5.81%	-13.59%	7.86%	7.86%	9.16%	0.01%	3.73%	0.15%			

### **Characteristics\***

	L&S Advisors	BARC 1-3 GOV		
Number of Holdings	94	1996		
Yield to Maturity	6.03%	4.55%		
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Modified Duration	1.02	1.79		
Current Yield	4.84%	2.73%		
Average Credit Quality	BBB+/BBB	AA/AA-		
Alpha **	1.36			
Beta **	0.67	1		
Sharpe Ratio **	1.36	0.89		
Std. Deviation**	1.69	1.60		
* Characteristics exclude non-fixed income and n	on-individual securities h	eld in some accounts		

## **Top Allocations**

Top Bond	l Hol	dings	**	*
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Allocation	%	Holding%	%
inancials	37.70%	GOLDMAN SACHS GRP	7.92%
nformation Technology	14.80%	JPMORGAN CHASE FIN	4.04%
ndustrials	10.80%	SCHWAB VLE MNY FND	3.89%
Consumer Discretionary	9.70%	GOLDMAN SHS GR INC	2.90%
Energy	6.80%	BANK OF MONTREAL	2.80%
Health Care	4.90%		2.46%
Cash & Equivalents	4.10%		
Communication Services	3.30%	TORONTO-DOMIN BNK	2.45%
Real Estate	3.20%	HCA INC	2.04%
Utilities	3.10%	CDW LLC	1.94%
Materials	1.70%	HEXCEL CORP	1.90%
	100%		32.34

\* Characteristics exclude non-fixed income and non-individual securities held in some account of composite. \*\* Characteristics are based on net-of-fee returns from inception to date.

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

# **Investment Grade Short Duration**

#### **Investment Team**

Ken Malamed Portfolio Manager & Sr. MD 51 years experience 6 years with strategy

Matthew Nussbaum, CFA Portfolio Manager &

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6 years experience

4 years with strategy

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#### Strategy Philosophy

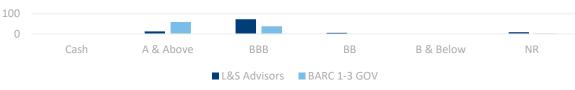
Most investors like to think about the traditional our ability to exploit market inefficiencies. style box when it comes to investing. For fixed These core investment principles have been the set beyond our benchmark which in turn enhances

income investors, this means analyzing interest-rate focus of the strategy since inception. We believe by sensitivity (duration) on one axis and credit quality pursuing companies who are improving their on the other. We believe that through rigorous, balance sheet, we can seek to provide significant bottom-up research, we can expand our opportunity alpha while limiting risk over a full market cycle (5 years).

#### Net Monthly Performance (Net)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD	BARC 1-3 GOV
2016												0.21	0.21	0.06
2017	0.19	0.24	0.12	0.09	0.28	0.12	0.24	0.15	0.12	0.04	-0.09	0.17	1.67	0.84
2018	-0.12	-0.20	0.08	0.05	0.44	0.00	0.08	0.38	0.08	0.00	0.17	0.54	1.50	1.60
2019	0.51	0.23	0.69	0.19	0.44	0.49	0.10	0.52	0.17	0.33	0.08	0.29	4.13	4.03
2020	0.30	0.42	-2.12	2.45	0.86	0.74	0.37	0.22	0.13	0.24	0.36	0.29	4.29	3.33
2021	0.29	0.20	-0.10	0.27	0.20	-0.02	0.03	0.11	0.03	-0.18	-0.08	0.05	0.81	-0.47
2022	-0.32	-0.45	-0.81	-0.38	0.53	-0.68	0.71	-0.27	0.86	0.00	0.92	0.21	-1.42	-3.69
2023	0.86	-0.28	0.34	0.46	0.28	0.29	0.50	0.42	0.28	0.24	0.98	0.89	5.38	4.61

# **Quality Allocation (%)**



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