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# **Investment Grade Short Duration Strategy**

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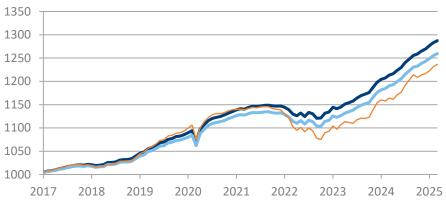
## **Strategy Objective**

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.
- ullet Ability to produce higher return with less interest rate risk. 1100
- 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.

## Growth of a \$1,000 Investment



L&S Advisors (Gross) L&S Advisors (Net) ——ICE BOFA 1–3 year US Corp Index

#### **Performance**

Please note all Characteristics, Performance, Allocation and Holding information as of March 31, 2025

Annualized Returns										
Q1 YTD 12 Mos. 3 Yr. 5 Yr. 7 Yr. ITD										
L&S Advisors (Gross)	1.41%	1.41%	6.10%	4.45%	3.75%	3.38%	3.08%			
L&S Advisors (Net)	1.34%	1.34%	5.80%	4.17%	3.48%	3.11%	2.81%			
ICE 1-3 Yr Gov/Corp	1.64%	1.64%	6.23%	3.88%	2.83%	2.83%	2.58%			

Calendar Year Returns										
2025 2024 2023 2022 2021 2020 2019 2018 2017										
L&S Advisors (Gross)	1.41%	5.98%	5.65%	-1.16%	1.07%	4.55%	4.40%	1.77%	1.96%	
L&S Advisors (Net)	1.34%	5.67%	5.38%	-1.42%	0.81%	4.29%	4.13%	1.50%	1.67%	
ICE 1-3 Yr Gov/Corp	1.64%	5.40%	5.61%	-4.05%	-0.01%	4.16%	5.43%	1.62%	1.91%	

#### Characteristics\*

	L&S Advisors	ICE BOFA 1-3 Yr							
Number of Holdings	137	2246							
Yield to Maturity	5.32%	4.68%							
Yield to Worst	5.28%	4.59%							
Convexity to Maturity	0.03	0.05							
Modified Duration	1.16	1.84							
Current Yield	5.12%	4.61%							
Average Credit Quality	BBB/BBB-	A3							
Alpha **	1.00								
Beta **	0.69	1							
Sharpe Ratio **	1.73	1.16							
Std. Deviation**	1.61	2.21							
* Characteristics exclude non-fixed income and non-individual securities held in some accounts of composite. ** Characteristics are based on net-of-fee returns from incention to date									

#### **Top Allocations**

10p Allocations	
Allocation	%
Financials	26.80%
Energy	11.20%
Information Technology	10.80%
Industrials	10.40%
Consumer Discretionary	10.10%
Utilities	5.90%
Communication Services	5.80%
Health Care	5.20%
Materials	4.10%
Cash & Equivalents	1.40%
Consumer Staples	1.00%
	100%

# Top Bond Holdings\*\*\*

TOP BOTTA TTOTAL	62
Holding%	%
IIP OPERATION PART	3.56%
VERISIGN INC	2.37%
VALERO	2.36%
MGM GRWTH/MGM FI	2.25%
CONCENTRIX CORP	2.20%
ARES CAPITAL CORP	1.94%
NEW MT FINANCE COR	1.77%
PARAMOUNT GLOBAL	1.70%
CARNIVAL CORP	1.69%
HF SINCLAIR CORP	1.62%
	21.46%

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

#### **Investment Team**

Matthew Nussbaum, CFA Portfolio Manager & Dir. of Research 8 years experience

#### **Rick Scott**

Portfolio Manager & CIO 45 years experience

#### **Heather Liu**

Sr. Analyst 15 years experience

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## Strategy Philosophy

Most investors like to think about the traditional our ability to exploit market inefficiencies. set beyond our benchmark which in turn enhances

style box when it comes to investing. For fixed These core investment principles have been the 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

## **Net Monthly Performance (Net)**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD	ICE 1-3
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
2024	0.47	0.23	0.52	0.19	0.58	0.50	0.79	0.63	0.61	0.17	0.47	0.38	5.67	5.40
2025	0.47	0.52	0.34										1.34	1.64

#### **Disclosure**

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For comparison purposes the Short-Duration Investment Grade Fixed Income Strategy Composite is measured against the ICE BOFA 1–3 year US Corporate Index. The ICE BOFA 1–3 year US Corporate Index is a subset of the ICE BofA US Corporate Master Index tracking the performance of US dollar denominated investment grade rated corporate debt publicly issued in the US domestic market. This subset includes all securities with a remaining term to maturity of less than 3 years. Prior to 1/1/2024, the strategy was benchmarked to a different index. Indexes are not available for direct investment.

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