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High Yield Short Duration Strategy

Q3 2026

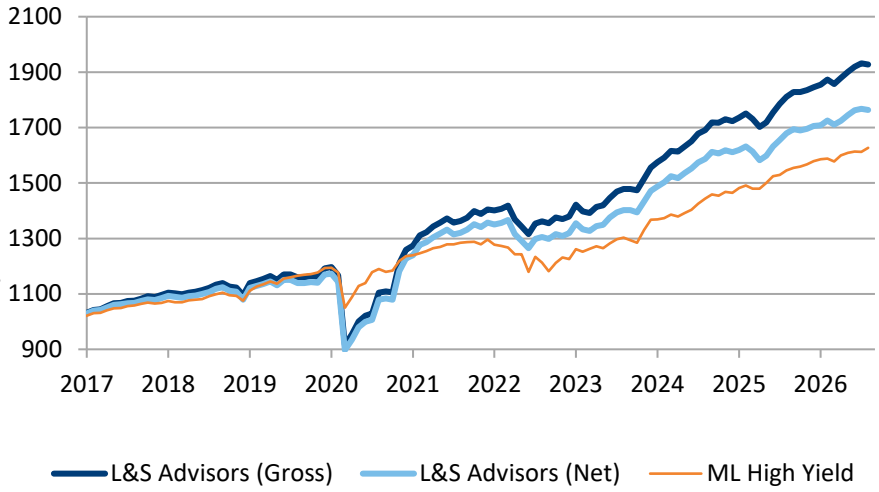
Strategy Objective

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

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.
- 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



Performance

Please note all Characteristics, Performance, Allocation and Holding information as of September 30, 2026

Annualized Returns	Q3	YTD	1 Yr.	3 Yr.	5 Yr.	7 Yr.	ITD
L&S Advisors (Gross)	-0.25%	3.70%	4.72%	8.99%	6.85%	7.43%	6.83%
L&S Advisors (Net)	-0.59%	2.71%	3.40%	7.69%	5.64%	6.34%	5.87%
ML High Yield	-0.95%	1.26%	2.78%	7.30%	4.43%	4.56%	4.88%

Calendar Year Returns	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
L&S Advisors (Gross)	3.70%	7.15%	10.73%	12.78%	-1.81%	11.62%	5.58%	8.86%	-0.07%
L&S Advisors (Net)	2.71%	5.83%	9.48%	11.60%	-2.81%	10.52%	4.97%	8.37%	-0.53%
ML High Yield	1.26%	7.82%	7.08%	11.57%	-5.45%	4.88%	3.56%	10.98%	0.69%

Characteristics*

	L&S Advisors	ML High Yield
Number of Holdings *	59	1043
Yield to Maturity	7.90%	6.47%
Yield to Worst	7.83%	7.43%
Convexity to Maturity	0.06	-0.12
Modified Duration	1.78	2.57
Current Yield	6.76%	7.34%
Average Credit Quality	BB-/B+	BB3
Alpha **	-0.31	--
Beta **	1.31	1
Sharpe Ratio **	0.68	0.87
Std.Deviation **	9.10	5.70

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

Top Allocations

Allocation	%
Energy	22.80%
Financials	20.60%
Industrials	14.10%
Information Technology	13.80%
Consumer Discretionary	8.00%
Communication Services	5.90%
Materials	5.30%
Real Estate	3.60%
Health Care	2.90%
Cash & Equivalents	2.50%
Utilities	0.20%
Other	0.30%
	100%

Top Bond Holdings***

Holding	%
TRANSOCEAN INC	6.03%
CRESCENT ENRGY FIN	5.81%
ICAHN ENT/FIN	5.56%
CITRIX SYSTEMS INC	5.49%
PETROLEOS MEXI	4.95%
GLOBAL MARINE INC	4.43%
ICAHN ENTERPRISES	4.41%
MURPHY OIL USA INC	4.20%
SASOL FIN USA LLC	4.08%
BELO CORP	3.91%
	48.87%

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

See important disclosures on next page.

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Strategy Philosophy

Most investors like to think about the traditional style box when it comes to investing. For fixed income investors, this means analyzing interest-rate sensitivity (duration) on one axis and credit quality on the other. We believe that through rigorous, bottom-up research, we can expand our opportunity set beyond our benchmark which in turn enhances our ability to exploit market inefficiencies. These core investment principles have been the focus of the strategy since inception. We believe by pursuing companies who are improving their balance sheet, we can seek to provide significant 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	*ML HY*
2016												1.95	1.95	*1.35*
2017	0.93	1.07	0.17	0.91	0.88	0.19	0.36	0.13	0.59	0.59	-0.23	0.67	6.44	*5.36*
2018	0.69	-0.25	-0.35	0.52	0.21	0.52	0.65	1.07	0.47	-1.12	-0.33	-2.54	-0.07	*0.69*
2019	3.90	0.58	0.70	0.77	-1.17	1.67	0.03	-1.03	0.00	0.35	-0.22	2.58	8.37	*10.98*
2020	0.28	-2.51	-21.56	4.21	4.74	2.11	0.70	7.15	0.44	-0.42	9.50	3.93	4.97	*3.56*
2021	0.98	2.91	0.88	1.30	1.05	1.11	-1.34	0.47	0.82	1.49	-0.73	1.18	10.52	*4.88*
2022	-0.50	0.41	0.81	-3.75	-1.83	-2.06	2.64	0.58	-0.55	1.30	-0.46	0.74	-2.81	*-5.45*
2023	2.76	-1.64	-0.45	1.31	0.38	1.95	1.30	0.59	0.04	-0.59	2.79	2.70	11.60	*11.57*
2024	1.04	1.03	1.48	-0.46	1.18	1.12	1.38	0.79	1.65	-0.41	0.73	-0.40	9.48	*7.08*
2025	0.47	0.83	-1.13	-1.95	1.00	2.07	1.45	1.43	0.91	-0.26	0.37	0.55	5.83	*7.82*
2026	0.19	0.98	-0.87	0.83	1.18	0.97	0.33	-0.24	-0.67				2.71	*1.26*

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Disclosure

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For comparison purposes the composite is measured against The Bank of America/Merrill Lynch 1-5 Year Cash Pay High Yield Index. The Bank of America/Merrill Lynch 1-5 Year Cash Pay High Yield Index measures the USD denominated, high yield, fixed rate corporate bond market with maturities less than 5 years. Securities are classified as high yield if the middle rating of Moody's, Fitch and S&P is Ba1/BB+/BB+ or below.