

HIGH QUALITY INTERMEDIATE



STRATEGY HIGHLIGHTS

The strategy takes a risk-controlled approach that seeks to add value through security selection and yield curve management. We favor traditional low-volatility mortgage and asset-backed securities because of their historical substantial yield premium versus Treasury and agency notes. Credit quality is limited to "A" or better.

Key Stats

Asset Class:	US Fixed Income
Inception Date:	January 1, 1992
Average Credit Quality:	AAA
Non-AAA Exposure	0.7%
Yield to Maturity:	4.5%
Modified Duration (years):	4.2
Average Maturity (years):	4.9
Duration Target:	+5% -20%

**CORRELATION
TO STOCKS**

Low

**SECTOR
EMPHASIS**

**Securitized Bonds
Underweight Credit**

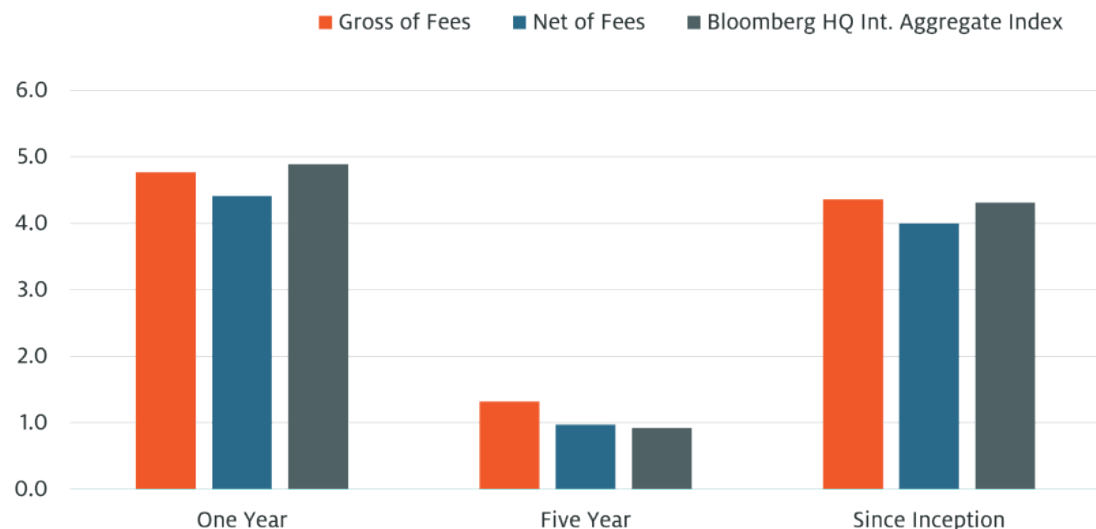
**ULTRA HIGH
CREDIT
QUALITY**

99%
'AAA' & Government

PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

Investment Performance (%)

as of December 31, 2023



High Quality Intermediate (Gross)	4.68	4.77	-1.42	1.32	1.64	4.36
High Quality Intermediate (Net)	4.59	4.41	-1.77	0.97	1.29	4.00
Bloomberg HQ Int. Aggregate Index	5.42	4.89	-2.16	0.92	1.46	4.31

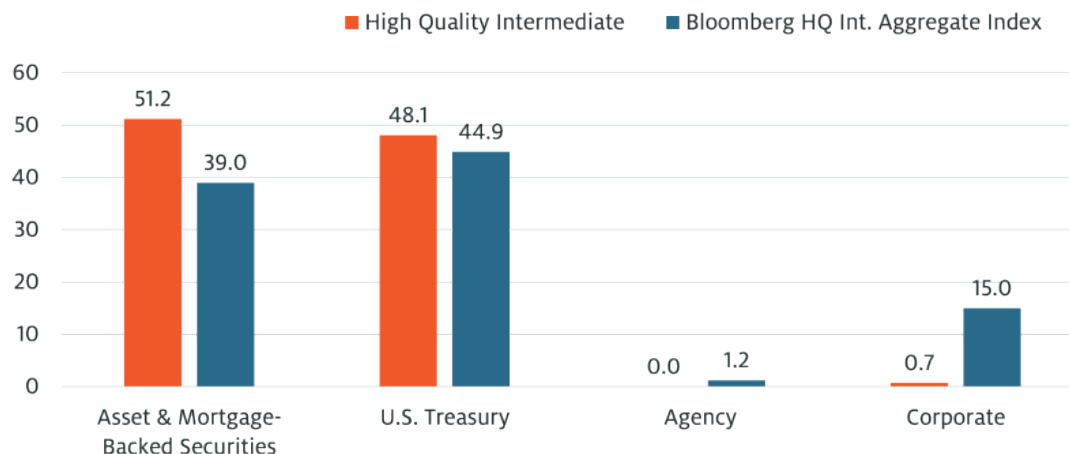
Periods greater than one year are annualized. Inception date is 1/1/92.

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EMPHASIS ON SECURITIZED SECTORS

Sector Allocation (%)

as of December 31, 2023



Cash allocation included in U.S. Treasury. Percentages based on weighted average of composite portfolios.

PORTFOLIO CORRELATION

Correlations to S&P 500

as of December 31, 2023

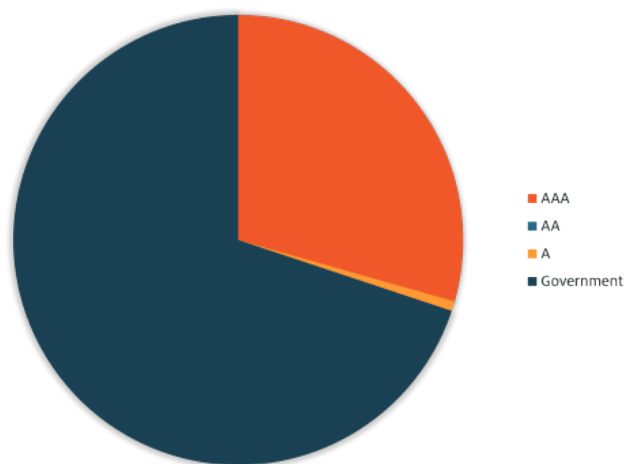
3-Year	0.67	0.76	0.79	0.79	0.81	0.88
5-Year	0.24	0.46	0.65	0.76	0.88	0.95
7-Year	0.16	0.39	0.55	0.72	0.82	0.94
10-Year	0.12	0.34	0.45	0.65	0.76	0.87
15-Year	-0.01	0.19	0.43	0.53	0.65	0.75
20-Year	-0.16	0.07	0.28	0.43	0.64	0.79
Since Inception	-0.17	-0.02	0.12	0.28	0.56	0.71

Correlation describes the strength and direction of the relationship between two sets of returns. Ranging from +1 to -1, positive correlation indicates that compared returns tend to move in the same direction, negative correlation indicates that compared returns tend to move in the opposite direction. Asset classes represented by: Broad Market – Bloomberg Aggregate Index (US investment grade fixed rate debt); Global – Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index (global investment grade fixed income markets); Credit – Bloomberg Credit Index (publicly-issued US corporate and specified foreign debentures); Emerging Market – Bloomberg (USD denominated debt from sovereign, quasi-sovereign and corporate EM issuers); High Yield – Bloomberg US High Yield Index (fixed rate, non-investment grade debt).

EMPHASIS ON HIGHEST QUALITY ISSUES

Credit Quality*

as of December 31, 2023



Investment Background

- 25+ years managing high-quality bonds
- \$214 million in Intermediate strategy assets
- Focus on securitized debt instruments
- Custom portfolio tailored to investment needs

PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT



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*Source: Aladdin. Percentages may not sum to 100 due to rounding. Cash allocation included in Government weighting, which includes government debentures and mortgage securities. Percentages based on weighted average of composite portfolios.

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