# Intermediate Credit Disciplined Alpha

### **Management Team**

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# **Objective**

Seeks to outperform the Bloomberg US Intermediate Credit Index consistently over time with a comparable level of risk

#### **Benchmark**

Bloomberg US Intermediate Credit Index

# **Highlights**

- We believe in intense focus on fundamental research-based, relative value investing:
  - Seeks to add value primarily through security selection, aiming to gain an edge through better research and use of market information
  - Seeks to harvest value through continuous rotation to our best opportunities
- Risk management is fundamental to the strategy. We believe:
  - Security selection decisions should be made in a risk-adjusted framework
  - Disciplined duration and curve positioning focuses the investment process
- Sources of excess return are primarily from security selection
- Investment universe consists of investment grade credit, US Treasurys, agencies, interest rate futures, CDX, as well as other investments up to 10% in aggregate
- Duration, curve and sector risk are typically managed within a tight range
- Typical portfolio: 200 to 350 issues
- Industry maximum: 25%
- Currency: US dollar only

| Facts               |          |
|---------------------|----------|
| Strategy inception  | 10/1/22  |
| Composite inception | 10/1/22  |
| Strategy assets     | \$525.1M |
| Composite assets    | \$525.1M |
|                     |          |

| Portfolio Characteristics Average maturity | Composite<br>4.80 yrs | Index<br>4.56 yrs |
|--|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Average duration                           | 3.99 yrs              | 3.88 yrs          |
| Average yield                              | 5.23%                 | 5.15%             |
| Average credit quality                     | A3                    | A3                |
| Weighted average coupon                    | 4.81%                 | 3.76%             |
| OAS  | 84 bps                | 72 bps            |

#### **Composite Performance (%)**

| CUMULATIVE RETURN |      |      | AVERAGE ANNUALIZED RETURN |        |        |         |                    |
|-------------------|------|------|---------------------------|--------|--------|---------|--------------------|
|                   | 3 MO | YTD  | 1 YEAR                    | 3 YEAR | 5 YEAR | 10 YEAR | SINCE<br>INCEPTION |
| GROSS             | 0.43 | 0.43 | 5.27                      | -      | -      | -       | 7.59               |
| NET               | 0.36 | 0.36 | 4.95                      | -      | -      | -       | 7.28               |
| BENCHMARK         | 0.20 | 0.20 | 4.56                      | -      | -      | -       | 6.46               |

## **Composite Period Performance (%)**

|           | 2023 | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 |
|-----------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| GROSS     | 8.09 | 2.80 | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    |
| NET       | 7.77 | 2.74 | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    |
| BENCHMARK | 6.94 | 2.52 | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    |

2022: since composite inception 10/1/2022

Performance data shown represents past performance and is no guarantee of future results. Current performance may be lower or higher than quoted. Returns are shown in US dollars and are annualized for one and multi-year periods. Gross returns are net of trading costs. Net returns are gross returns less effective management fees.

There is no guarantee that the investment objective will be realized or that the strategy will generate positive or excess return.

Average Yield is Yield to Effective Maturity. Duration and Maturity for equity securities are deemed to be zero.

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| SECTOR DISTRIBUTION (%) |           |       |  |  |
|-------------------------|-----------|-------|--|--|
|                         | Composite | Index |  |  |
| US Treasury             | 7.8       | -     |  |  |
| MBS                     | -         | -     |  |  |
| Credit                  | 85.6      | 99.6  |  |  |
| ABS                     | 3.8       | -     |  |  |
| CMBS                    | 0.5       | -     |  |  |
| Agency                  | -         | -     |  |  |
| MBS (Agency)            | -         | -     |  |  |
| MBS                     |           |       |  |  |
| (Non-Agency)            | 2.5       | -     |  |  |
| Cash &<br>Equivalents   | -0.1      | 0.4   |  |  |
| Equitatents             | 0.1       | 0.1   |  |  |

|                    | Composite | Index |
|--------------------|-----------|-------|
| US Treasurys       | 7.8       | -     |
| AAA                | 6.1       | 10.3  |
| AA                 | 9.8       | 15.0  |
| A                  | 34.8      | 38.5  |
| BAA                | 40.2      | 35.7  |
| BA & Lower         | 0.3       | -     |
| NR                 | 1.1       | -     |
| Cash & Equivalents | -0.1      | 0.4   |

| KEY RATE DURATION (%) |           |       |  |  |
|-----------------------|-----------|-------|--|--|
|                       | Composite | Index |  |  |
| 6 months              | 1.8       | 2.1   |  |  |
| 2 years               | 18.3      | 19.0  |  |  |
| 5 years               | 47.8      | 48.4  |  |  |
| 10 years              | 31.9      | 30.6  |  |  |
| 20 years              | 0.3       | -     |  |  |
| 30 years              | -         | _     |  |  |

| CURRENCY DISTRIBUTION (%) |           |       |  |  |
|---------------------------|-----------|-------|--|--|
|                           | Composite | Index |  |  |
| US Dollar                 | 100       | 100   |  |  |

## **KEY RISKS**

Credit Risk, Issuer Risk, Interest Rate Risk, Liquidity Risk, Prepayment Risk and Extension Risk. Investing involves risk including possible loss of principal.

Due to rounding, **Sector, Currency, Credit Quality** and **Duration** distribution totals may not equal 100%. This portfolio is actively managed and characteristics are subject to change. **Credit Quality** reflects the highest credit rating assigned to individual holdings of the composite among Moody's, S&P or Fitch; ratings are subject to change. **Cash & Equivalents** reflects unsettled trades, fees and derivatives. Negative Cash & Equivalents reflect the market value of future trade commitments for the portfolio. Cash exposure for the Index represents accrued income provided by Bloomberg. **ABS**: Asset-Backed Securities. **MBS**: Mortgage-Backed Securities. **CMBS**: Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities.

The Composite includes all discretionary accounts with market values greater than \$40 million managed by Loomis Sayles with a focus on security selection, seeking to gain an edge through analysis, market information and minimizing duration, curve, and large sector mismatches. The investment universe is primarily investment grade corporate bonds, with a bias for liquidity, and may allow up to 5% in securities below investment grade. Portfolio duration is tightly constrained and normally managed within 10% of the benchmark. The Composite inception date is October 1, 2022. The Composite was created in 2022. For additional information on this and other Loomis Sayles strategies, please visit our web site at www.loomissayles.com.

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