



# Core Disciplined Alpha

## Management Team

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## Objective

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

## Benchmark

Bloomberg US Aggregate 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 and sector allocation within benchmark components
- Investment universe consists of agencies, asset-backed securities, commercial mortgage-backed securities, investment grade credit, mortgage-backed securities, US Treasuries as well as other investments up to 5% in aggregate
- Duration is typically managed within a tight range
- Typical portfolio: 150 to 250 issuers; 350 to 500 issues
- Industry maximum: 25%
- Currency: US dollar only

### Facts

Strategy inception	7/28/10
Composite inception	9/1/10
Strategy assets	\$16,511.6M
Composite assets	\$9,149.8M

### Portfolio Characteristics<sup>^</sup>

	Composite	Index
Average maturity	8.36 yrs	8.17 yrs
Average duration	6.03 yrs	5.98 yrs
Average yield	4.54%	4.37%
Average credit quality	AA3	AA3
Weighted average coupon	4.24%	3.60%
OAS	41 bps	28 bps

## Composite Performance (%) as of September 30, 2025

	CUMULATIVE RETURN		ANNUALIZED TOTAL RETURN				
	3 MO	YTD	1 YEAR	3 YEAR	5 YEAR	10 YEAR	SINCE INCEPTION
<b>GROSS</b>	2.16	6.31	3.21	5.38	-0.03	2.40	3.00
<b>NET</b>	2.09	6.08	2.91	5.09	-0.28	2.17	2.79
<b>BENCHMARK</b>	2.03	6.13	2.88	4.93	-0.45	1.84	2.25

## Calendar Year Performance (%)

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
<b>GROSS</b>	1.80	6.13	-12.91	-1.14	9.29	9.17	0.18	3.93	3.68	1.12
<b>NET</b>	1.50	5.83	-13.09	-1.34	9.07	8.95	-0.02	3.71	3.46	0.93
<b>BENCHMARK</b>	1.25	5.53	-13.01	-1.54	7.51	8.72	0.01	3.54	2.65	0.55

<sup>^</sup>Performance and risk metrics are calculated on a gross-of-fee basis and do not reflect the deduction of fees and expenses. Please see the Composite trailing returns for standard gross and net performance.

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

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Performance data shown represents past performance and is no guarantee of future results. Current performance may be lower or higher than quoted. Returns for multi-year periods are annualized. Gross returns are net of trading costs. Net returns are gross returns less effective management fees. Returns may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations.

**Indices are unmanaged and do not incur fees. It is not possible to invest directly in an index.**

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



## SECTOR DISTRIBUTION (%)

	Composite	Index
US Treasury	30.6	45.3
Credit	30.9	27.6
ABS	7.7	0.4
CMBS	1.5	1.5
Agency	0.5	0.6
MBS (Agency)	26.6	24.2
MBS (Non-Agency)	2.5	-
Cash & Equivalents	-0.3	0.5

## CREDIT QUALITY (%)

	Composite	Index
US Treasuries	30.6	45.3
AAA	11.3	3.6
AA	32.7	29.6
A	11.2	11.2
BAA	13.1	9.8
BA & Lower	0.2	-
NR	1.2	-
Cash & Equivalents	-0.3	0.5

## KEY RATE DURATION (%)

	Composite	Index
6 months	1.5	1.4
2 years	9.6	9.9
5 years	21.7	21.6
10 years	21.9	21.7
20 years	27.6	28.0
30 years	17.7	17.5

## 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. Commodity, interest, and derivative trading involves substantial risk of loss.

*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 of at least \$40 million managed by Loomis Sayles that seek to add value for clients primarily through security selection, intending to gain an edge through analysis and market information and minimizing duration, curve, and large sector mismatches with the following additional considerations. The investment universe is primarily investment grade bonds, with a bias for liquidity. Accounts may allow up to 5% in securities below investment grade. Portfolio duration is tightly constrained and normally managed within 10% of the benchmark. Prior to May 1, 2018 the Composite minimum account size requirement was \$30 million. The Composite inception date is September 1, 2010. The Composite was created in September 2010. For additional information on this and other Loomis Sayles strategies, please visit our web site at [www.loomissayles.com](http://www.loomissayles.com).*

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