High Quality High Yield Fixed Income Strategy

Characteristics and Commentary

1st Quarter 2026

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Market Environment

- Markets began the quarter focused on AI disruption and private credit risks, but the escalation in Iran quickly shifted attention to surging energy prices and higher rates driven by near-term inflation concerns.
- Fixed income markets have largely interpreted the shock as a near-term, supply-driven inflation event. Yields moved higher and curves flattened as expectations for Fed easing were pushed out of 2026.
- Most investment grade markets delivered flat total returns in Q1, as higher yields were offset by strong income carry. Credit modestly underperformed amid risk-off sentiment and supply pressures, while higher-quality sectors outperformed, including agency MBS.

Outlook

- From an investment standpoint, yields have moved too aggressively toward pricing hikes, creating an attractive window to add duration. Higher yields have also improved forward return expectations for core fixed income through stronger carry.
- Inflation is rising, but with limited pressure from rents and wages, we expect inflation to fade quickly if tensions with Iran ease. We continue to center our expectations around one to two cuts, given slower growth, a weakening labor market, limited core inflation pressure, and a more dovish incoming Fed chair.
- Credit remains a balance between spreads that are still too tight and yield levels that are attractive and supportive of continued inflows.

Quarterly Performance

The High Quality High Yield Fixed Income Composite returned -0.81% (gross) / -0.91% (net) vs. -0.42% for the Bloomberg Ba US HY 2pct Issuer Cap.

Attribution:

- Curve/Duration: -6 bps
- Sector/Selection: -33 bps (-3 bps/ -30 bps)

Primary contributors to relative performance:

- Industries: Consumer Cyclicals, Electric Utilities & Technology

Primary detractors to relative performance:

- Curve Positioning
- Industries: Finance Companies, Energy & Capital Goods

Positioning

- We continue to favor a low tracking-error posture, reduced credit risk, and a focus on quality. Recent rate volatility, curve flattening, and spread widening have created opportunities for selective repositioning, including adding interest rate sensitivity.
- Within our sector allocation, we balance still-tight credit spreads against attractive yields by maintaining full exposure to harvest income while positioning defensively through selective issuer and sector exposure that avoids private credit risk and AI-related disruption.
- Within sectors, we continue to favor financials, healthcare, and industrials.

Performance attribution and commentary is in reference to the composite. Performance is preliminary as of 3/31/26.

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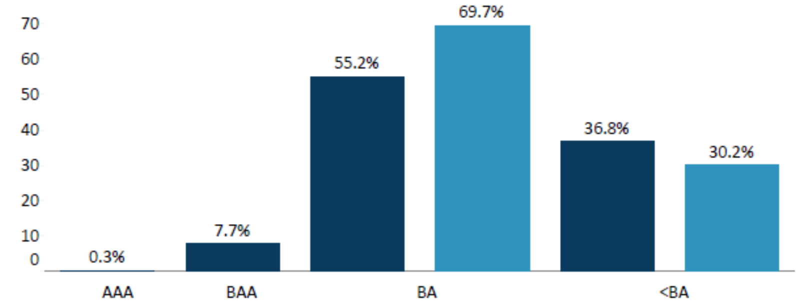
PORTFOLIO SUMMARY

As of Date	March 31, 2026
Portfolio Market Value	Composite
Benchmark	Bloomberg Ba US HY 2pct Issuer Cap

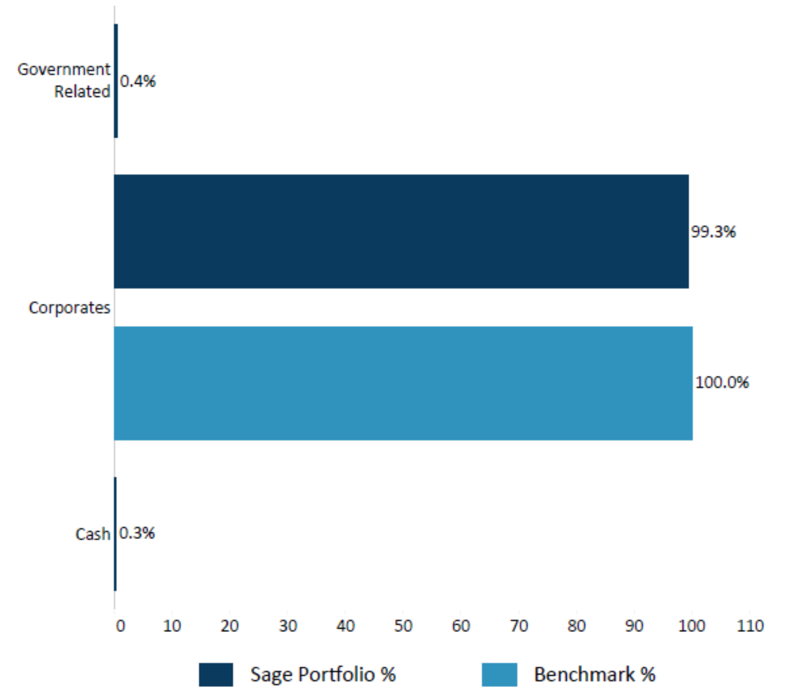
CREDIT RATING ALLOCATION



PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

	Portfolio	Benchmark
Yield to Worst	7.06%	6.74%
Coupon	6.92%	6.46%
Effective Maturity	4.61	4.14
Effective Duration	3.54	3.18
Average Credit Rating	Ba	BB-

SECTOR ALLOCATION



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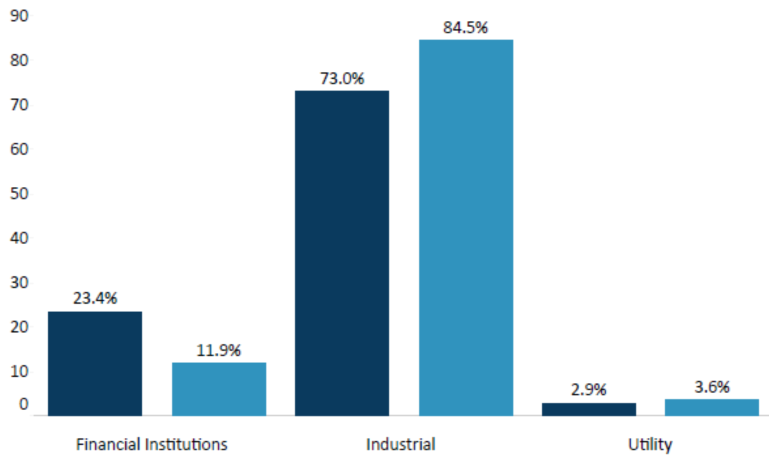
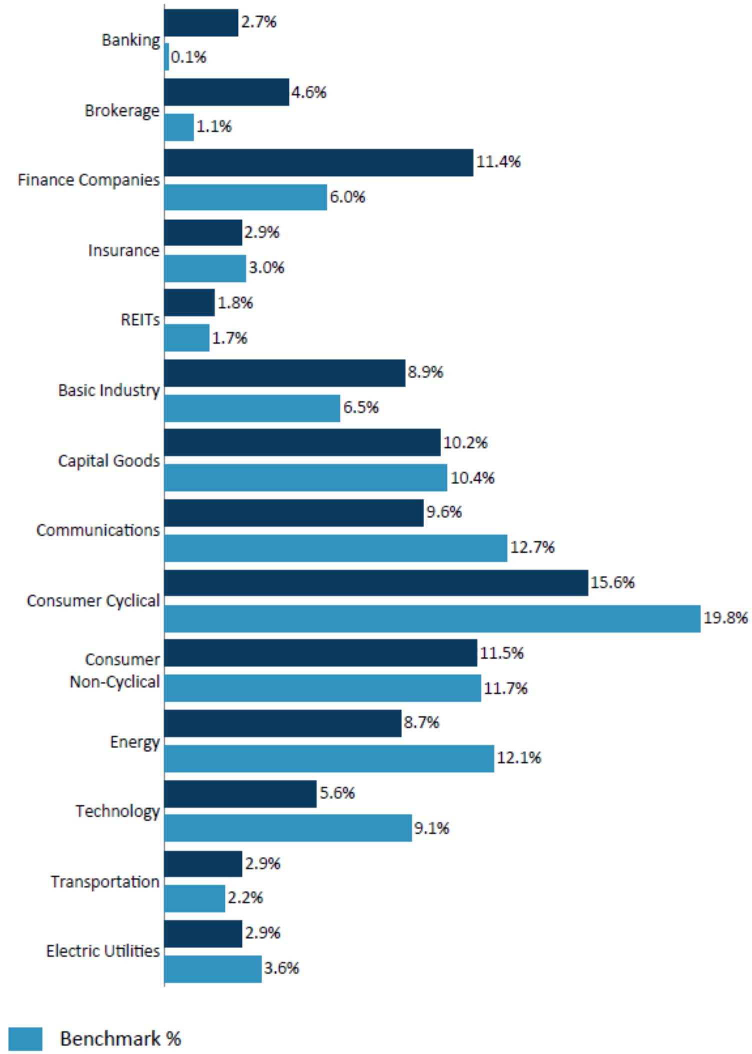
CORPORATE SECTOR ALLOCATION



SECURITIZED SECTOR ALLOCATION

CORPORATE INDUSTRY ALLOCATION



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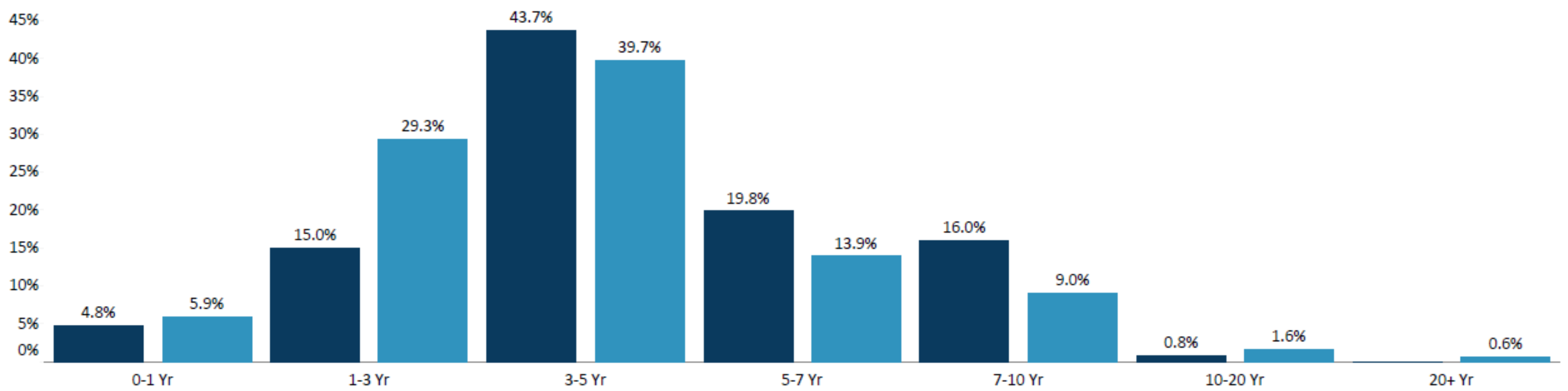
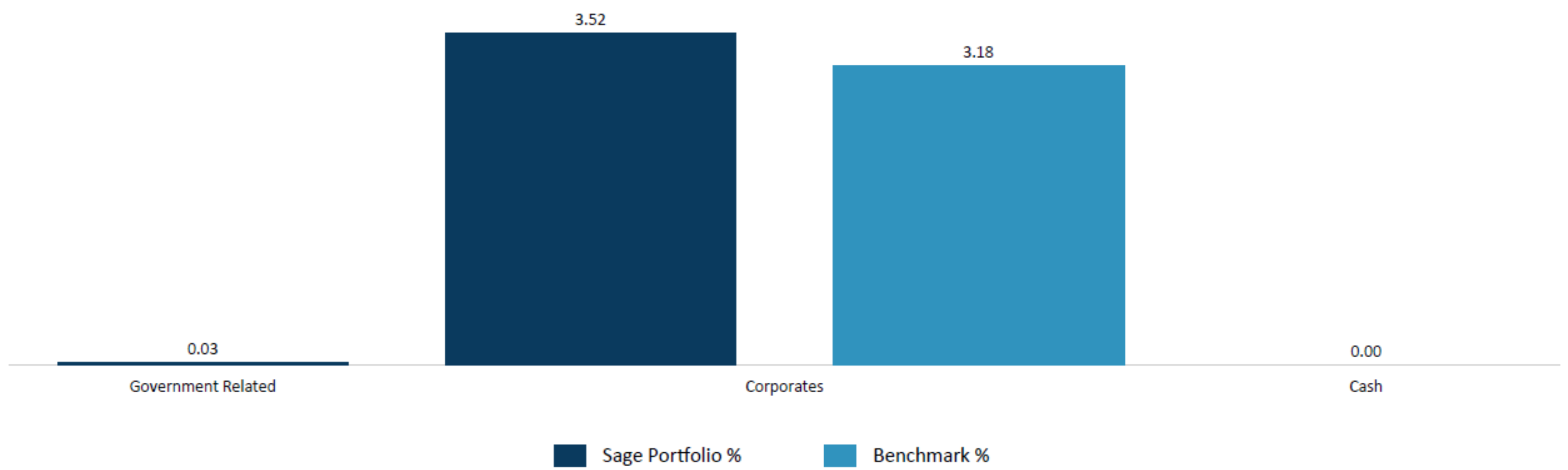


CONTRIBUTION TO DURATION DISTRIBUTION BY SECTOR



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High Quality High Yield Fixed Income Composite

Year	Gross Return (%)	Net Return (%)	Benchmark Return (%)	Number of Portfolios	3 Yr Composite Deviation (%)	3 Yr Benchmark Deviation (%)	Internal Dispersion	Total Composite Assets ($MM)	Total Firm Assets (AUM) ($MM)	Advisory Only Assets* ($MM)	Total Firm Assets (AUA)* ($MM)
2023**	6.35	6.21	5.85	1				76	22,640	1,986	24,626
2024	7.77	7.34	6.77	2				271	24,912	1,881	26,793
2025	9.76	9.33	8.78	5				307	28,347	1,859	30,206

	1 Yr	Since Inception
Gross Return (%)	9.76	10.35
Net Return (%)	9.33	9.91
Benchmark Return (%)	8.78	9.26

As of December 31, 2025

Returns for periods less than one year are not annualized.
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