

High Quality High Yield Fixed Income Strategy

Characteristics and Commentary

4th Quarter 2025

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Market Environment

- Markets faced multiple challenges during the quarter, including a record-breaking government shutdown, weak job data, and rising AI valuation concerns.
- Ultimately, markets recovered and investors gained policy clarity on a few fronts, including Fed cuts, and economic data showed overall resilience with a robust 4Q GDP number.
- Credit had positive performance as spreads remained historically tight, while MBS showed strength during the quarter as valuations in that space began to normalize on policy support.

Quarterly Performance

The High Quality High Yield Fixed Income Composite returned +2.09% (gross) / +1.99% (net) vs. +1.53% for the Bloomberg Ba US HY 2pct Issuer Cap.

Attribution:

- Curve/Duration: +1 bps
- Sector/Selection: +55 bps (+7 bps/ +49 bps)

Primary contributors to relative performance:

- Industries: Basic Industry, Finance Companies & Communications

Primary detractors to relative performance:

- Industries: Consumer Cyclical & Brokerage/Asset Managers/Exchanges

Outlook

- The setup for fixed income in 2026 appears positive and similar to 2025 with decent yield carry and accommodative fiscal and monetary policies, albeit with less rate cuts than last year.
- This suggests fixed income investors should stay positioned for lower rates overall but more neutral early in the year, especially during peak midterm election campaign season.
- Consensus on spreads seems to be that they will “hold the line,” and there is a historical precedent (2003-2006) for spreads remaining tight if fundamentals stay firm.

Positioning

- In the first quarter of 2026 we are neutral duration as we believe duration opportunities are likely to present themselves later in the year.
- Our credit risk is more neutral vs the benchmark, but we continue to outyield by leaning on security selection and using volatility for alpha opportunities.
- Within sectors, we continue to favor financials, healthcare, and natural gas-centered energy businesses.

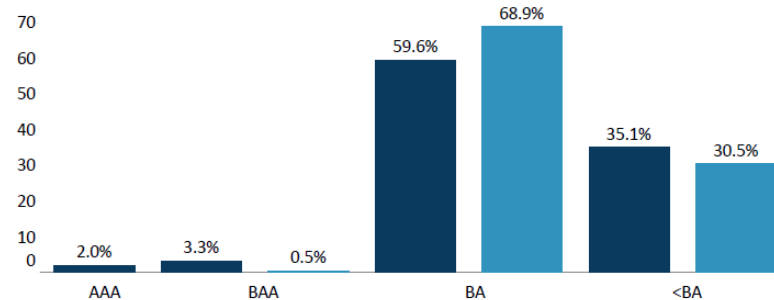
PORTFOLIO SUMMARY

As of Date	December 31, 2025
Portfolio Market Value	Composite
Benchmark	Bloomberg Ba US HY 2pct Issuer Cap

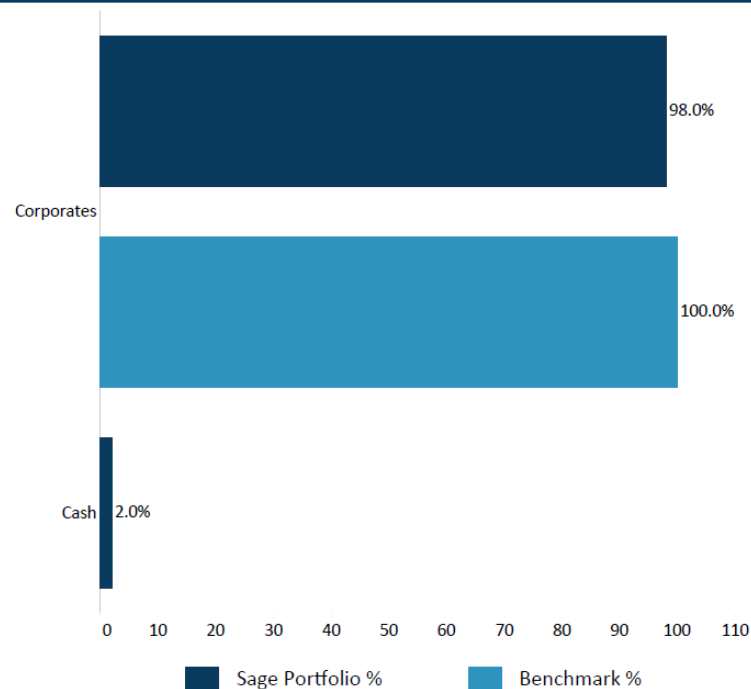
PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

	Portfolio	Benchmark
Yield to Worst	6.04%	5.97%
Coupon	6.82%	6.41%
Effective Maturity	3.67	3.58
Effective Duration	3.10	2.88
Average Credit Rating	Ba	BB-

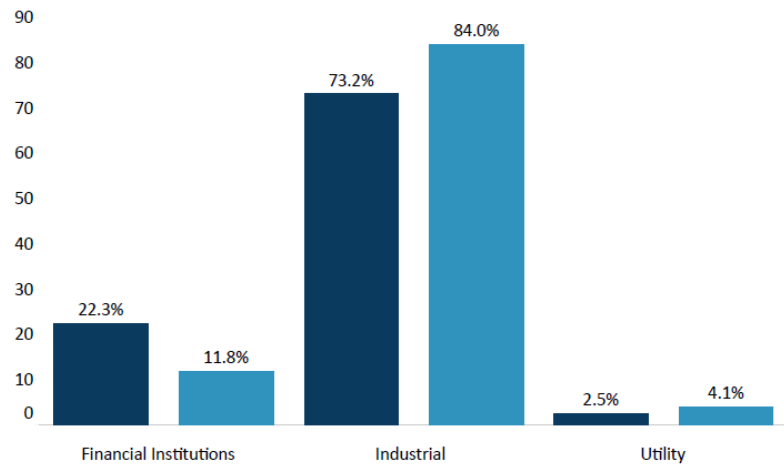
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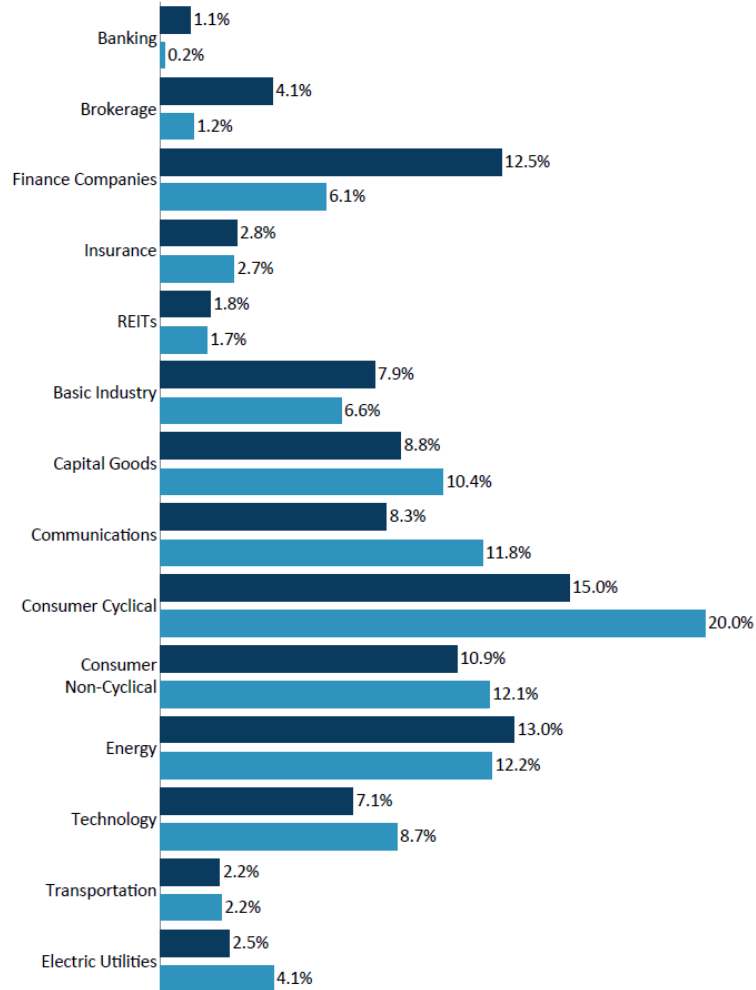
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CORPORATE SECTOR ALLOCATION

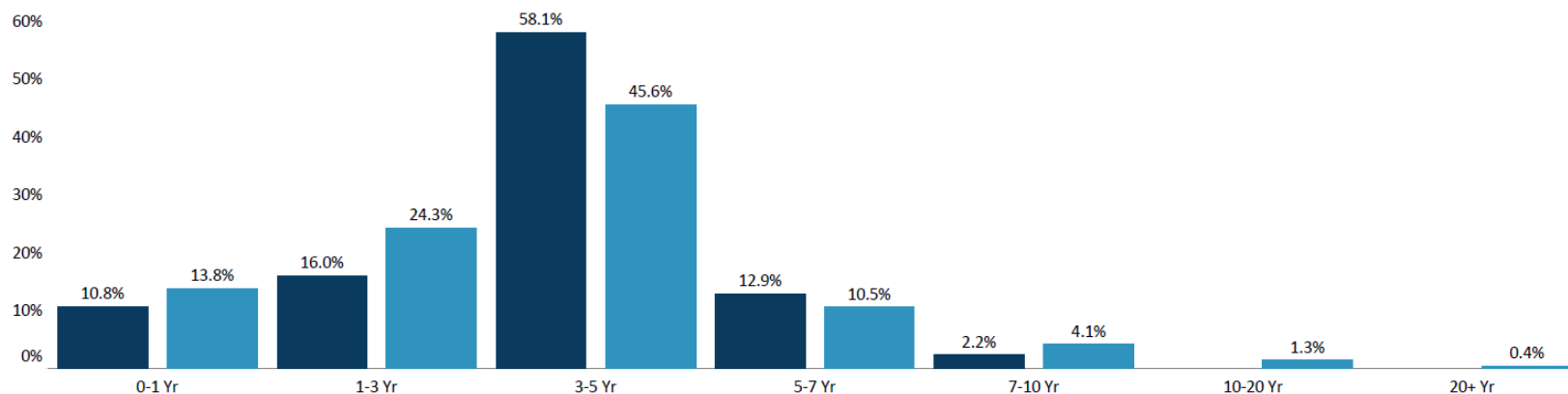


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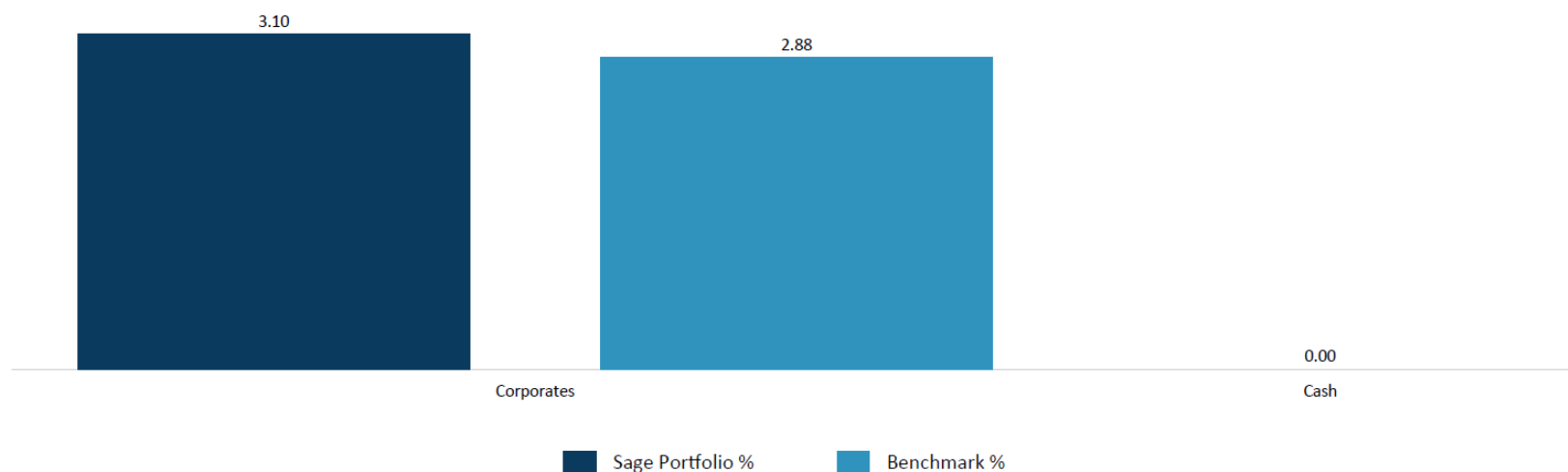


 Sage Portfolio %
  Benchmark %

MARKET VALUE DISTRIBUTION BY MATURITY



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.

*Assets Under Advisement (AUA) includes Advisory Only Assets where Sage provides investment recommendations but has no control over implementation of investment decisions and no trading authority.

**Partial period returns beginning on inception date through year end.

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