

Intermediate Corporate Fixed Income Strategy

Characteristics and Commentary

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Market Environment

- Bonds drew support from Fed easing, prompted by softer labor data, while inflation remained subdued. Longer-term yields held firm, as increased T-bill issuance helped limit the supply of long Treasury debt.
- Core fixed income delivered gains across all major sectors, driven by falling front-end yields and modestly higher spreads. Yields ended flat in the 30y segment and lower across the rest of the curve by between 6 to 11 basis points.
- In core markets, spread sectors outperformed; both MBS and credit gained relative to intermediate Treasuries for the quarter.
- For credit, strong demand and solid earnings pushed spreads modestly tighter from already historically low levels, and for MBS, falling yields and diminishing rate volatility boosted returns.

Quarterly Performance

The Intermediate Corporate Strategy returned +2.07% (gross) / +1.99% (net) vs. +1.98% for the Bloomberg Intermediate Credit Index.

Attribution:

- Curve/Duration: +1 bps
- Sector/Selection: +8 bps (+6bps/+2 bps)

Primary contributors to relative performance:

- Duration: Positioning relative to the benchmark
- Sector: Overweight Corporate Credit & Structured Finance
- Subsector: CMBS
- Industries: Banking, REITs & Electric

Primary detractors to relative performance:

- Subsector: Underweight Municipals
- Industries: Consumer Cyclical, Consumer Non-Cyclical & Communications

Performance attribution and commentary is in reference to the composite. Performance is as of 9/30/25.

Outlook

- While the labor market has shown pronounced evidence of weakness, the US economy continues to outperform overall. Inflation risks persist, but so far, the impact from goods inflation has been modest, and labor market weakness appears to be a greater concern than stagflation.
- These conditions support further Fed easing, but at a measured pace. We believe that there will be one to two more rate cuts in Q4 followed by quarterly cuts, with the fed funds rate landing near 3%.
- Within the fixed income allocation, we are positioned for further economic expansion and accommodative policy, while mindful of full valuations. We carry a spread sector overweight to drive yield, but it is more tilted toward agency MBS than credit.

Positioning

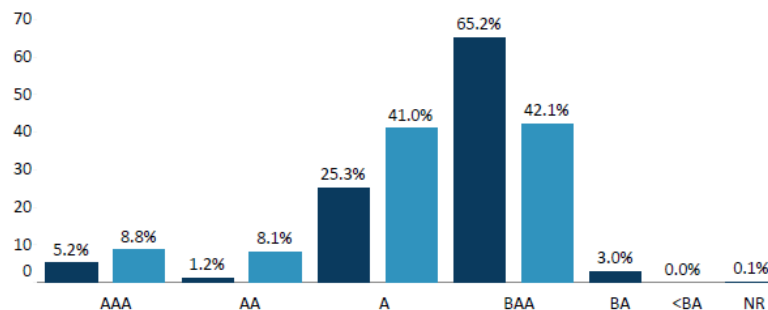
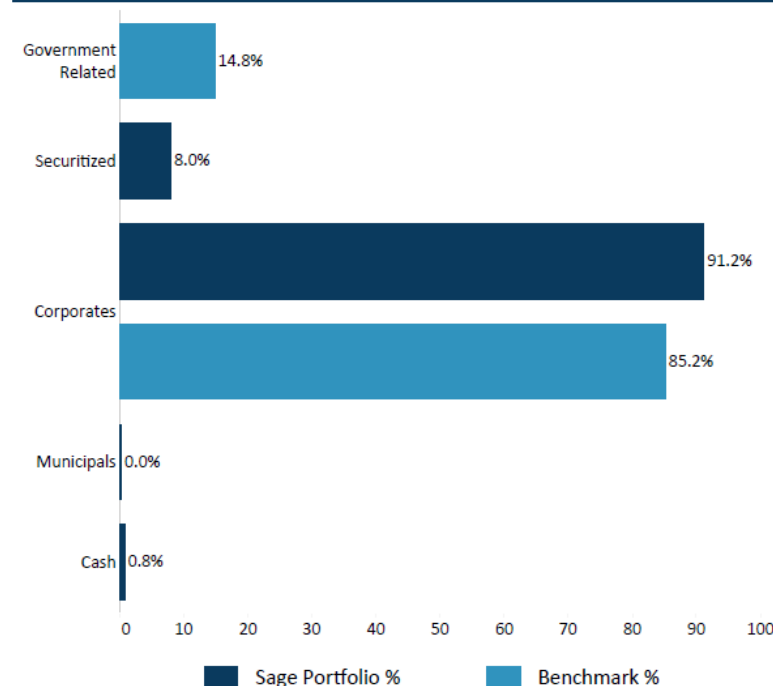
- We remain focused on generating excess yield through relative value opportunities and security selection, while keeping overall portfolio risk muted.
- The strategy has a slightly long-duration posture to be in a position to reap price gains from an easing Fed.
- Within our core credit allocations, we are prioritizing sectors with short-term tailwinds and minimal regulatory risk. Specifically, we favor large banks that are well-positioned to navigate uncertainty, regulated utilities benefiting from AI-driven power demand, and natural gas-centered energy businesses that are also receiving increased demand.

**PORTFOLIO SUMMARY**

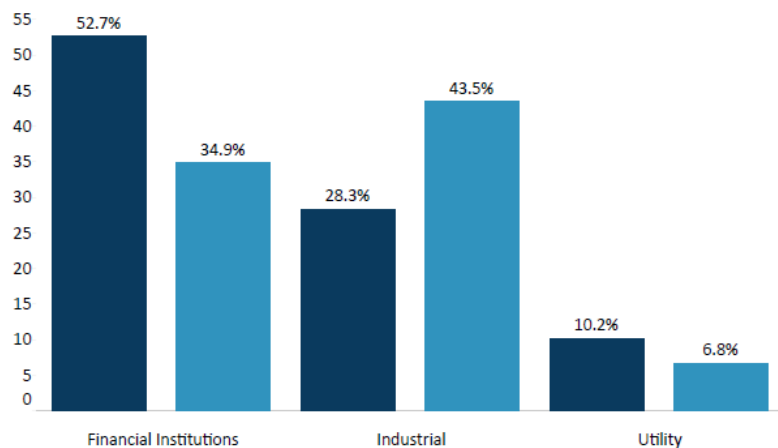
As of Date	September 30, 2025
Portfolio Market Value	Composite
Benchmark	Bloomberg Intermediate Credit

PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

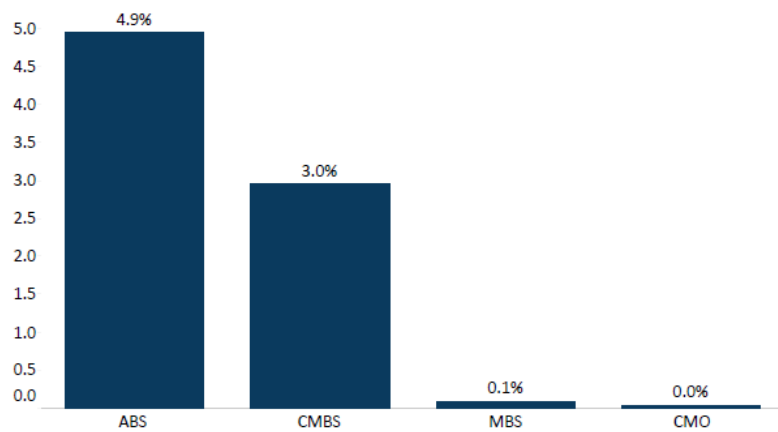
	Portfolio	Benchmark
Yield to Worst	4.63%	4.40%
Coupon	4.64%	4.28%
Effective Maturity	4.90	4.74
Effective Duration	4.13	4.06
Average Credit Rating	Baa	A-

CREDIT RATING ALLOCATION**SECTOR ALLOCATION**

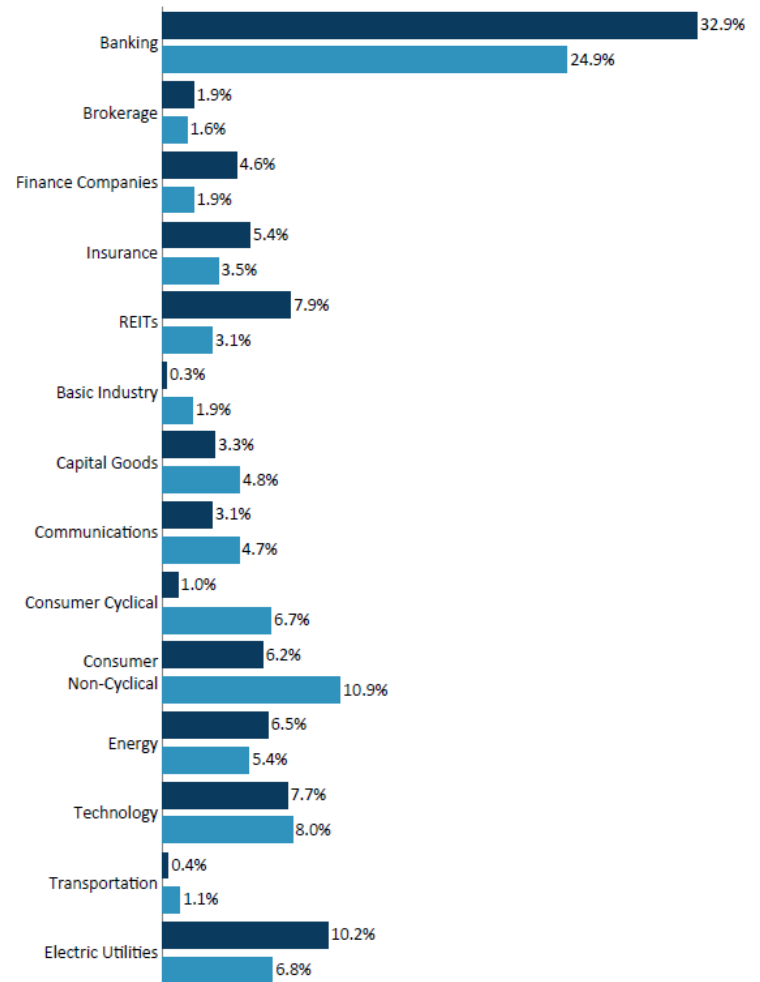
CORPORATE SECTOR ALLOCATION



SECURITIZED SECTOR ALLOCATION

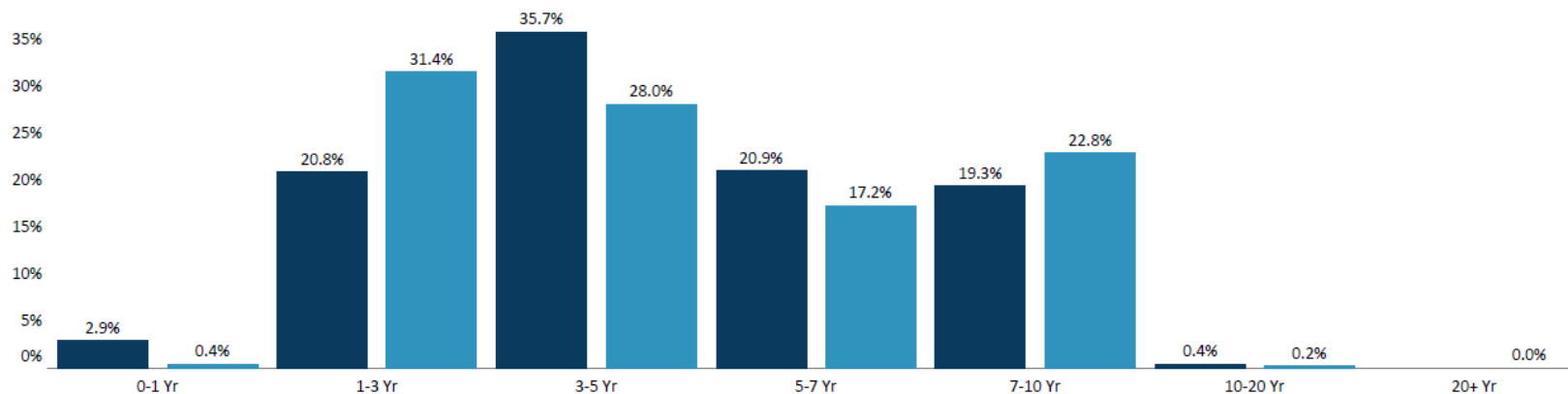


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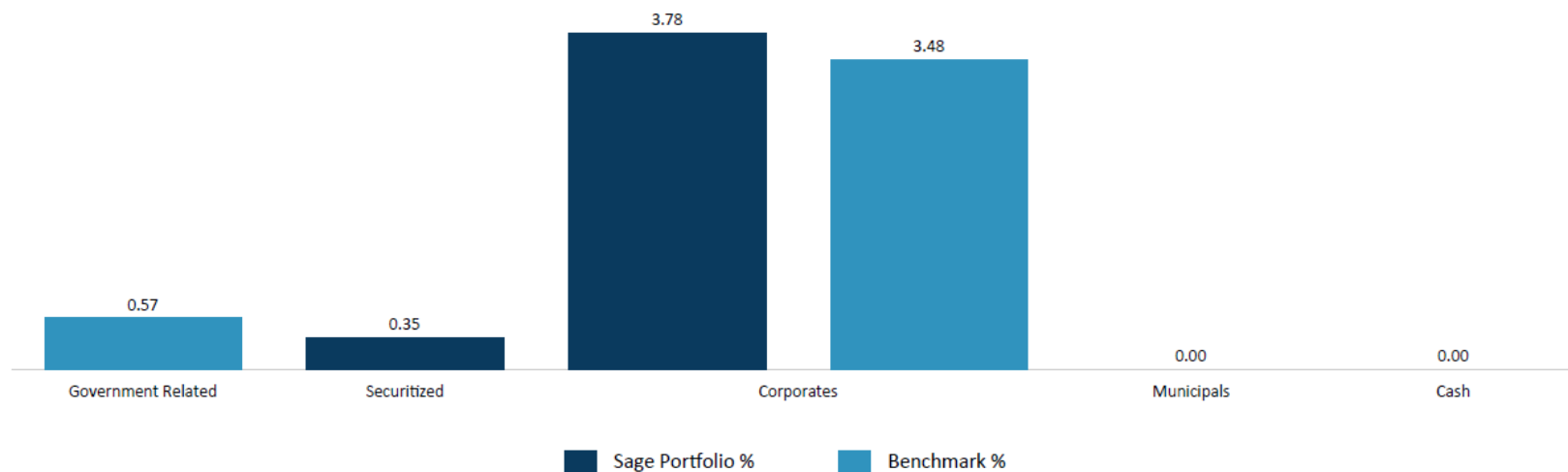


 Sage Portfolio %
  Benchmark %

MARKET VALUE DISTRIBUTION BY MATURITY



CONTRIBUTION TO DURATION DISTRIBUTION BY SECTOR





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Intermediate Corporate 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)
2015	1.09	0.74	0.90	8	2.44	2.58	0.04	130	9,411	2,412	11,823
2016	3.44	3.08	3.68	10	2.38	2.47	0.06	180	10,183	1,809	11,992
2017	3.93	3.56	3.67	10	2.22	2.29	0.04	217	10,808	1,904	12,712
2018	-0.16	-0.51	0.01	11	2.10	2.19	0.05	250	11,062	1,677	12,739
2019	10.47	10.09	9.52	7	2.20	2.16	0.07	370	12,798	1,823	14,621
2020	8.59	8.22	7.08	5	5.17	4.23		484	13,731	1,961	15,691
2021	-0.52	-0.87	-1.03	9	5.21	4.27		494	15,053	2,491	17,544
2022	-8.59	-8.91	-9.10	6	6.51	5.72		610	15,286	2,036	17,322
2023	7.59	7.22	6.94	6	5.59	5.48		811	22,640	1,986	24,626
2024	4.92	4.55	4.01	9	5.97	5.86		1,484	24,912	1,881	26,793

	1 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr
Gross Return (%)	4.92	2.20	2.94
Net Return (%)	4.55	1.84	2.58
Benchmark Return (%)	4.01	1.39	2.44

As of December 31, 2024

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.

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