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Sage Core Plus Fixed Income

Strategy Overview

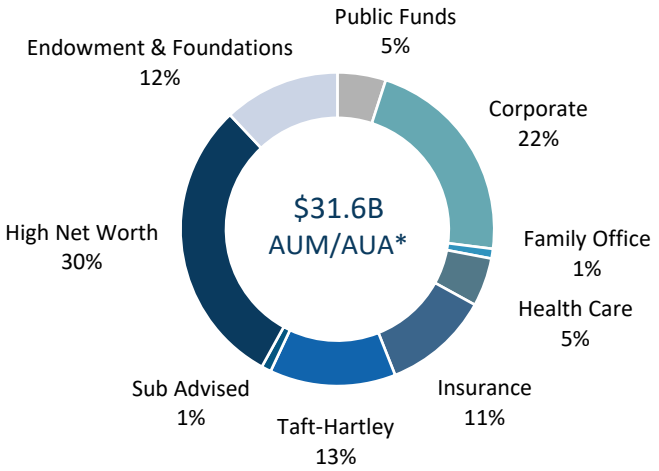
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Who We Are

- Founded in 1996 — Based in Austin, Texas
- 100% employee operated
- 17-member investment team has an average industry experience of 18 years
- Deliver fixed income SMAs across the yield curve

Who We Serve



Why Sage

Agility

Our size and independence as an employee-controlled firm enable us to take a nimble approach.

Alignment

We customize the investment experience to align with each client's unique objectives and needs.

Consistency

We have a tenured investment team and proven process that enable us to deliver expected results.

Culture

We are committed to cultivating a culture of service and trust among our clients, our employees, and our community.

*AUM/AUA as of 9/30/2026. ** "Who We Serve" is client type by AUM/AUA.

Strategy Overview

Strategy Objective

A yield-focused strategy that seeks to meet investors' income needs and deliver above-market total returns over a full market cycle by investing across the broader fixed income universe.

Investment Process

Focus is on maximizing income through a risk-managed, value-driven approach centered on delivering a portfolio that is diversified across multiple sectors, risk factors, and investment horizons.

Primary Benchmark

Bloomberg US Aggregate Index

Investable Universe

Includes investment grade credit, US Treasuries & agencies, securitized debt, high yield credit, preferred stock, non-dollar debt, EM debt

Investment Philosophy

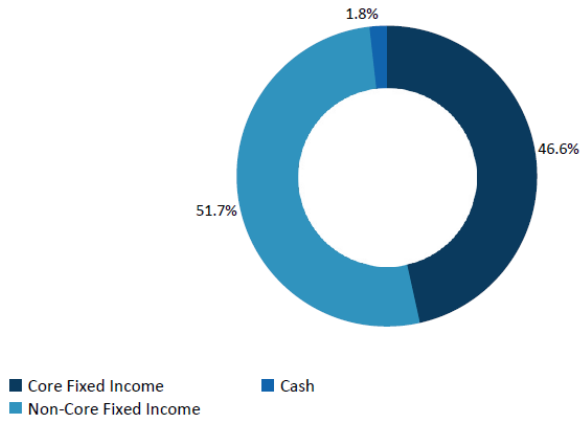
Generate Income	Capture Value	Manage Risk
Generate a consistent income advantage by harvesting a diversified set of risk premiums: duration, credit, structure and liquidity.	Capture value opportunities by taking advantage of market dislocations due to unexpected volatility or market inefficiencies.	Actively manage portfolio-level risk to ensure alignment with investment outlook and client objectives.

Core Plus Fixed Income Strategy

PORTFOLIO SUMMARY

As of Date	October 31, 2026
Benchmark	Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate

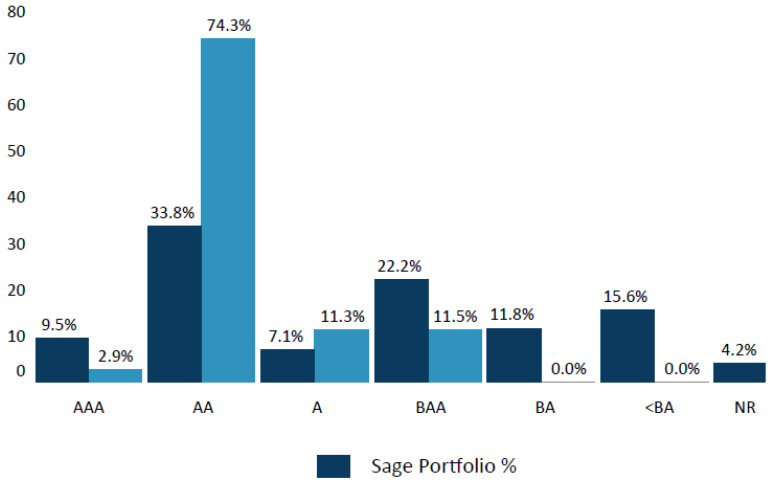
ASSET ALLOCATION



PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

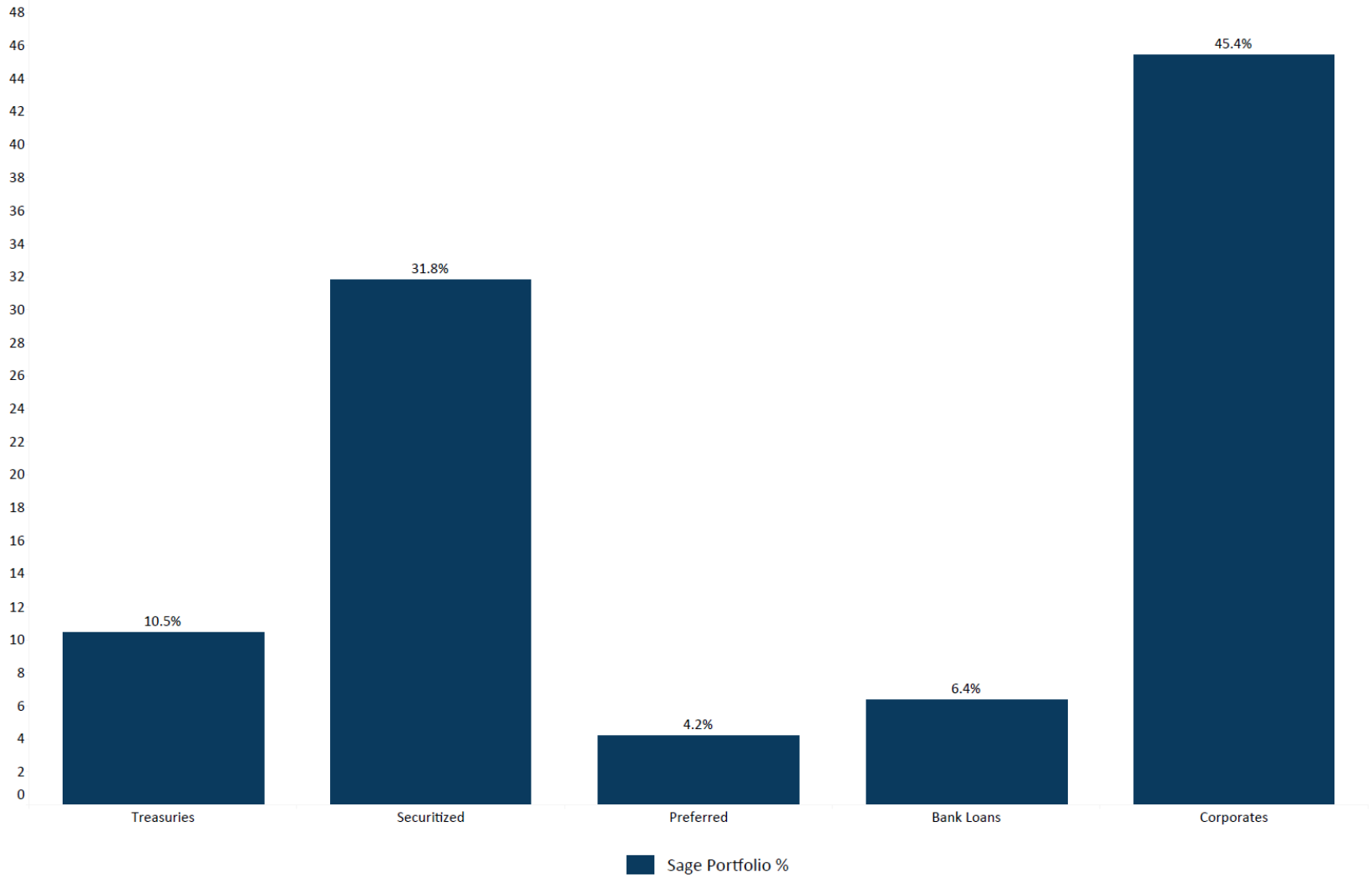
	Portfolio	Benchmark
Yield	6.40%	5.24%
Coupon	5.19%	3.84%
Effective Maturity	9.67	8.21
Effective Duration	5.38	5.72
Average Credit Rating	A	AA

CREDIT RATING ALLOCATION



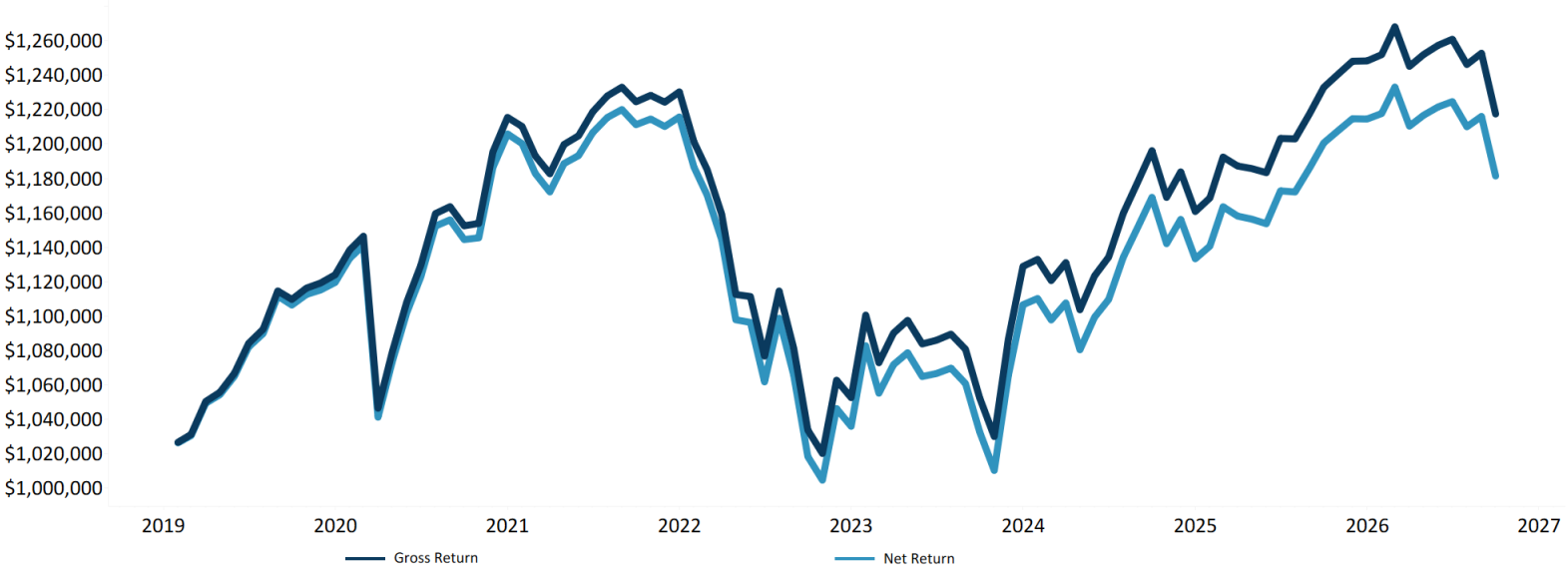
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SECTOR ALLOCATION



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INVESTMENT GROWTH



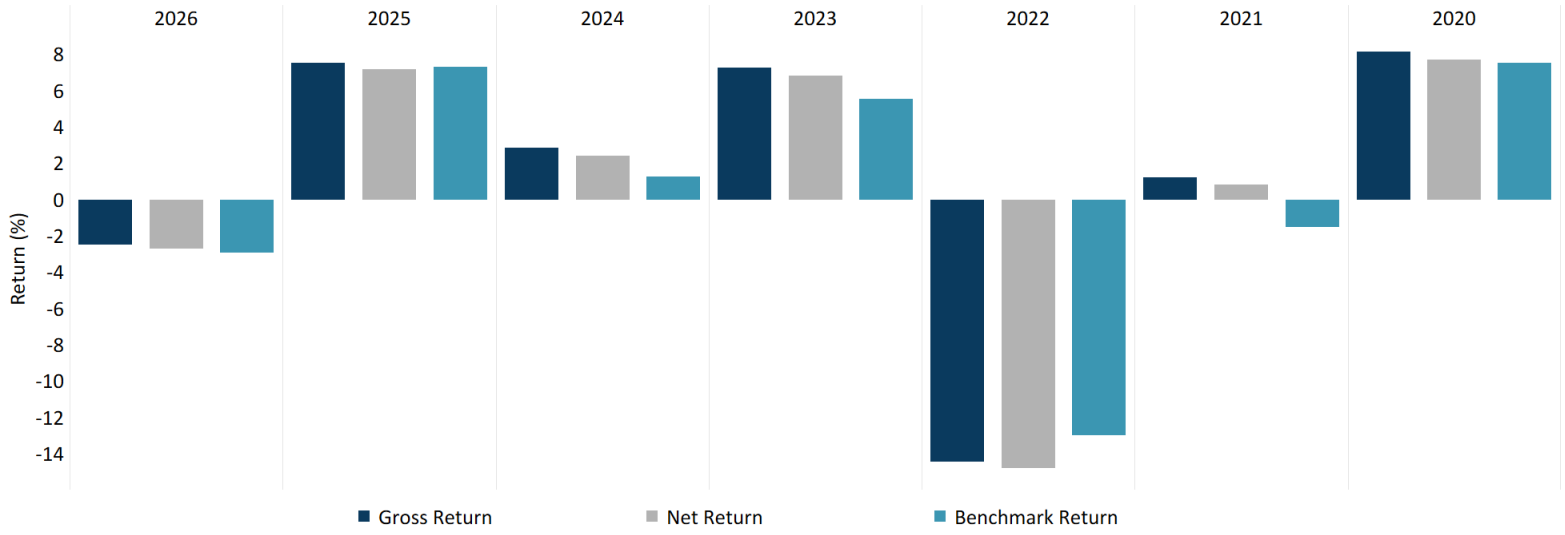
ANNUALIZED RETURNS

As of Date: 9/30/2026. Inception Date: 1/1/2019

	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inception
Core Plus Fixed Income Composite (Gross)	-2.47%	-1.26%	4.98%	-0.12%		2.57%
Core Plus Fixed Income Composite (Net)	-2.73%	-1.60%	4.59%	-0.50%		2.17%
Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate	-2.91%	-1.84%	4.06%	-0.64%		1.41%

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CALENDAR YEAR RETURNS



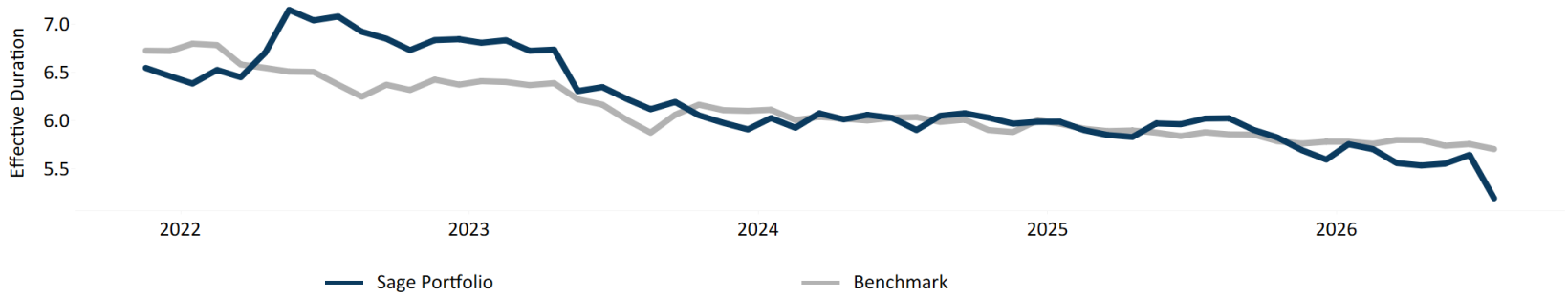
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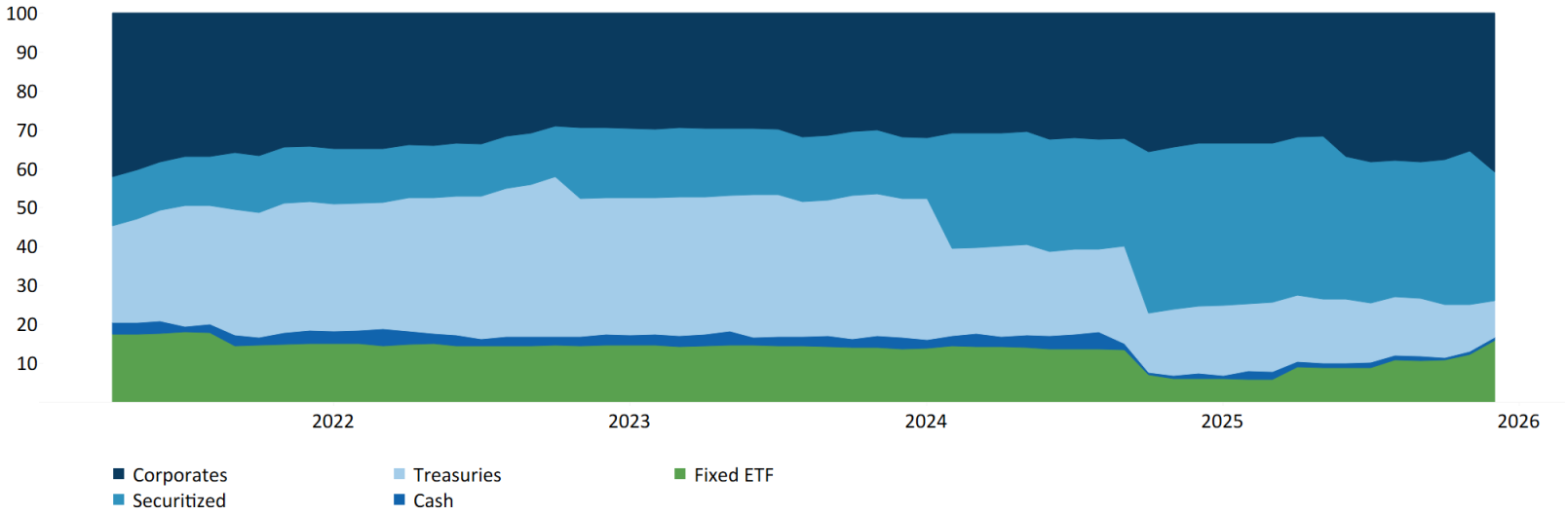
	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Gross Return	-2.47%	7.54%	2.83%	7.25%	-14.45%	1.22%	8.14%
Net Return	-2.73%	7.17%	2.42%	6.83%	-14.80%	0.82%	7.71%
Benchmark Return	-2.91%	7.30%	1.25%	5.53%	-13.01%	-1.54%	7.51%

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HISTORICAL DURATION



SECTOR BREAKDOWN



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Core Plus 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)
2019	12.40	11.95	8.72	4				2.96	12,798	1,823	14,621
2020	8.14	7.71	7.51	5				3.28	13,731	1,961	15,691
2021	1.22	0.82	-1.54	8	6.80	3.35		5.66	15,053	2,491	17,544
2022	-14.45	-14.80	-13.01	3	8.74	5.77		1.72	15,286	2,036	17,322
2023	7.25	6.83	5.53	3	8.07	7.14		1.80	22,640	1,986	24,626
2024	2.83	2.42	1.25	1	8.57	7.72		0.25	24,912	1,881	26,793
2025	7.54	7.17	7.30	2	6.45	5.98		13.08	28,347	1,859	30,206

	1 Yr	5 Yr	Since Inception
Gross Return (%)	7.54	0.53	3.22
Net Return (%)	7.17	0.14	2.82
Benchmark Return (%)	7.30	-0.36	1.99

As of December 31, 2025

Returns for periods less than one year are not annualized.
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Composite Characteristics: The Core Plus Fixed Income Composite (the "Composite") consists of all non-wrap program discretionary, fee-paying, stand-alone accounts that are managed for a full month according to this style. The Composite contains accounts investing in individual bonds, fixed income ETFs, as well as high-dividend hybrid ETFs (any references herein to ETFs may include other exchange-traded products (ETPs), such as, but not limited to, Exchange Traded Notes (ETNs)). The Composite creation and inception date is January 1, 2019. Not every client's account in the Composite will have the identical characteristics. The actual characteristics with respect to any particular client account may vary based on a number of factors, including but not limited to: (i) the size of the account; (ii) the investment restrictions applicable to the account, if any; and (iii) the market conditions at the time of investment.

Composite Fee: The gross investment results for the Composite presented herein represent historical gross performance with no deduction for investment management fees but net of all trading expenses. Net returns are net of all trading expenses and are calculated by deducting 1/12th of the highest management fee on a monthly basis from the monthly gross composite return. The model fee is 0.35%. The fee schedule for the Composite is as follows: 0.35% for the first $10 million; 0.25% for the next $15 million; and 0.20% for the balance over $25 million. Prior to 1/1/2025, the model fee is 0.40% and the fee schedule for the Composite was as follows: 0.40% for the first $10 million; 0.35% for the next $15 million; and 0.25% for the balance over $25 million. Actual fees may vary depending on, among other things, the applicable fee schedule and portfolio size. Please see Sage's Form ADV Part 2A for a full disclosure of Sage's fee schedules. The Composite strategy invests in ETFs and an investor in the Composite strategy will indirectly bear the operating expenses of the ETFs in which it invests. As of December 31, 2025, the underlying ETF expense ratio of the Composite was 0.03%.

Composite Benchmark: Sage has reviewed the relevant universe of indices and has determined the Bloomberg Aggregate Bond Market Index (BC Agg) most closely resembles the Composite managed by Sage (the "Composite Benchmark"). The BC Agg is an unmanaged index that represents securities that are U.S. Treasuries, U.S. Agencies, U.S. Corporates, mortgage pass-through securities, asset backed securities, and secured notes having at least one year to final maturity.

Calculation Methodology: All valuations, gross, and net returns are based in U.S. Dollars and are computed using a time-weighted total rate of return. Periodic returns have been geometrically linked and annualized for all time periods longer than one year. Portfolio performance results include, and reflect, as applicable, the reinvestment of all interest, accrued income, cash, cash equivalents, realized and unrealized gains and losses. Policies for valuing investments, calculating performance, and preparing GIPS Reports are available upon request. Internal dispersion is the asset-weighted standard deviation of annual gross returns of those accounts included in the Composite for the entire year. If there are years whereby there are 5 or fewer accounts, the dispersion is N/A. The 3-year ex-post standard deviation measures the variability of the composite gross returns and the benchmark returns over the preceding 36-month period. If there are years whereby there are fewer than 36 monthly returns available, the 3-year annualized ex-post standard deviation of this composite and its benchmark is N/A.

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