

Sage High Quality High Yield Fixed Income

Strategy Overview



September 2026

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

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.

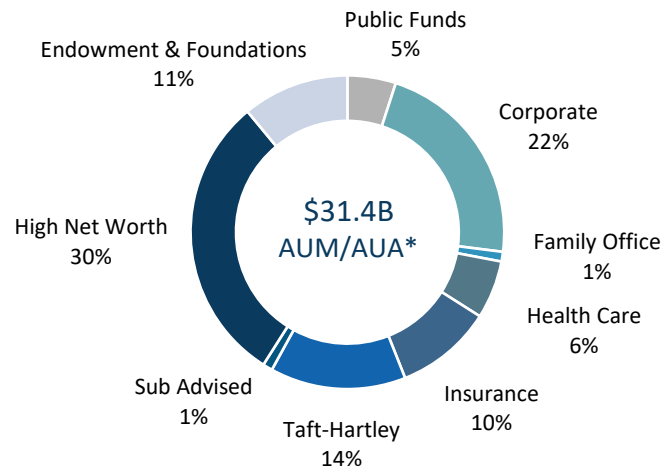
Consistency

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.

Who We Serve



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Strategy Objective

Seeks consistent risk-adjusted returns relative to the benchmark through a combination of high current income and capital appreciation. The strategy will primarily invest in the higher quality tiers of the high yield market.

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 High Yield Ba/B 2%
Issuer Cap Index

Investable Universe

Includes high yield credit,
investment grade credit, US
Treasuries, and US agencies

Investment Philosophy

Generate Income

Generate a consistent income advantage by harvesting a diversified set of risk premiums: duration, credit, structure and liquidity.

Capture Value

Capture value opportunities by taking advantage of market dislocations due to unexpected volatility or market inefficiencies.

Manage Risk

Actively manage portfolio-level risk to ensure alignment with investment outlook and client objectives.

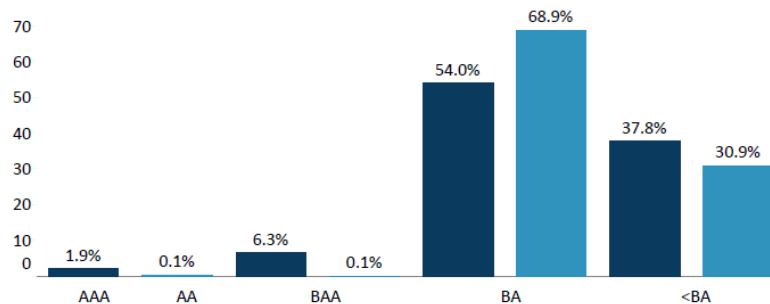
PORTFOLIO SUMMARY

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

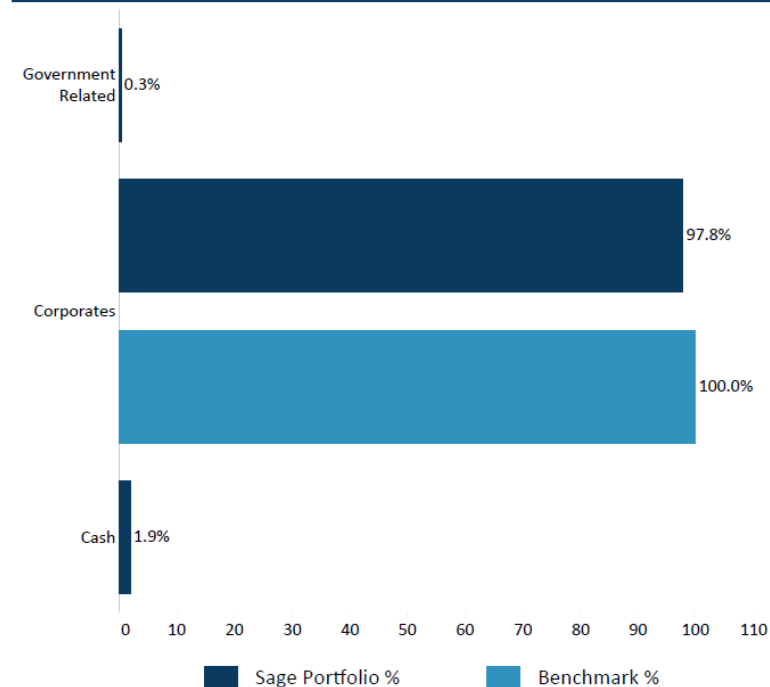
PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

	Portfolio	Benchmark
Yield to Worst	6.83%	6.57%
Coupon	6.99%	6.55%
Effective Maturity	4.45	3.84
Effective Duration	3.45	3.04
Average Credit Rating	Ba	BB-

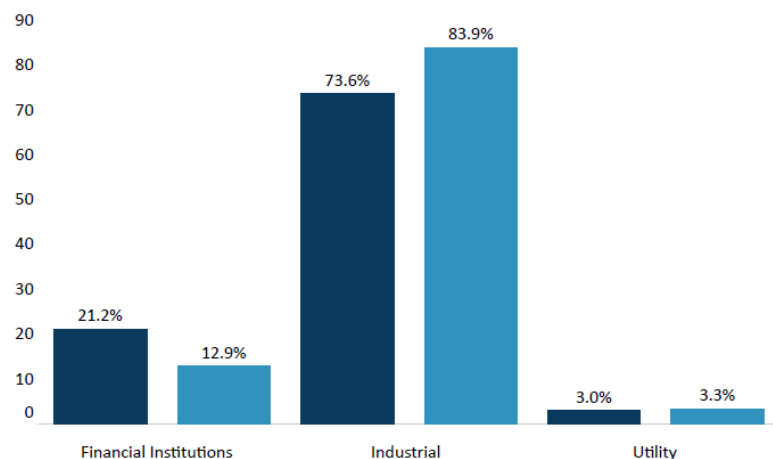
CREDIT RATING ALLOCATION



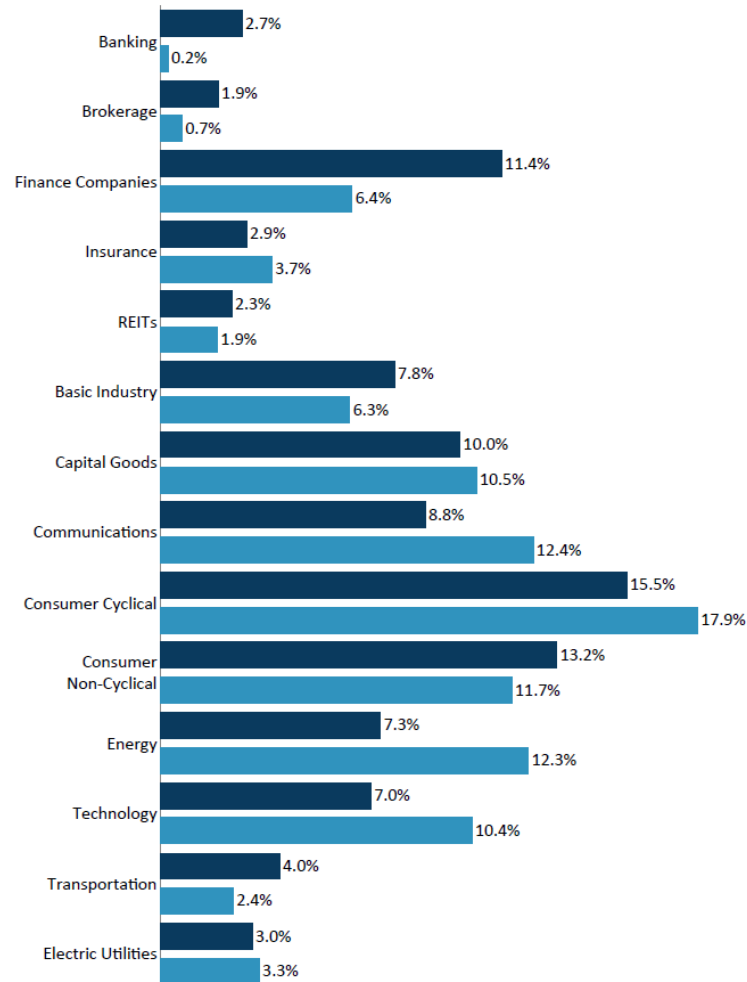
SECTOR ALLOCATION



CORPORATE SECTOR ALLOCATION

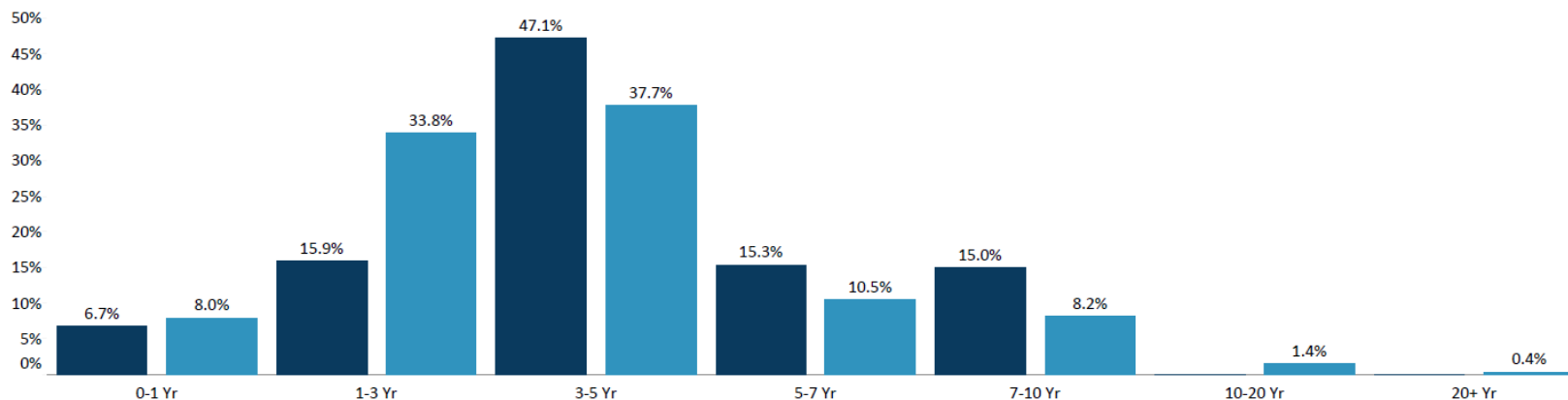


CORPORATE INDUSTRY ALLOCATION

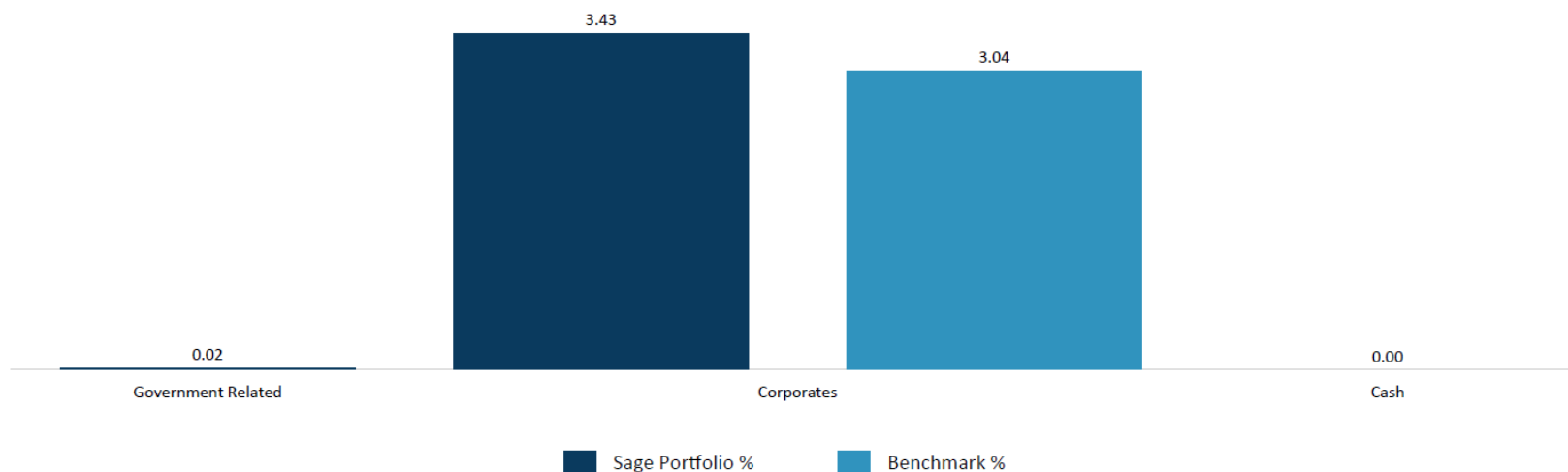


 Sage Portfolio %
  Benchmark %

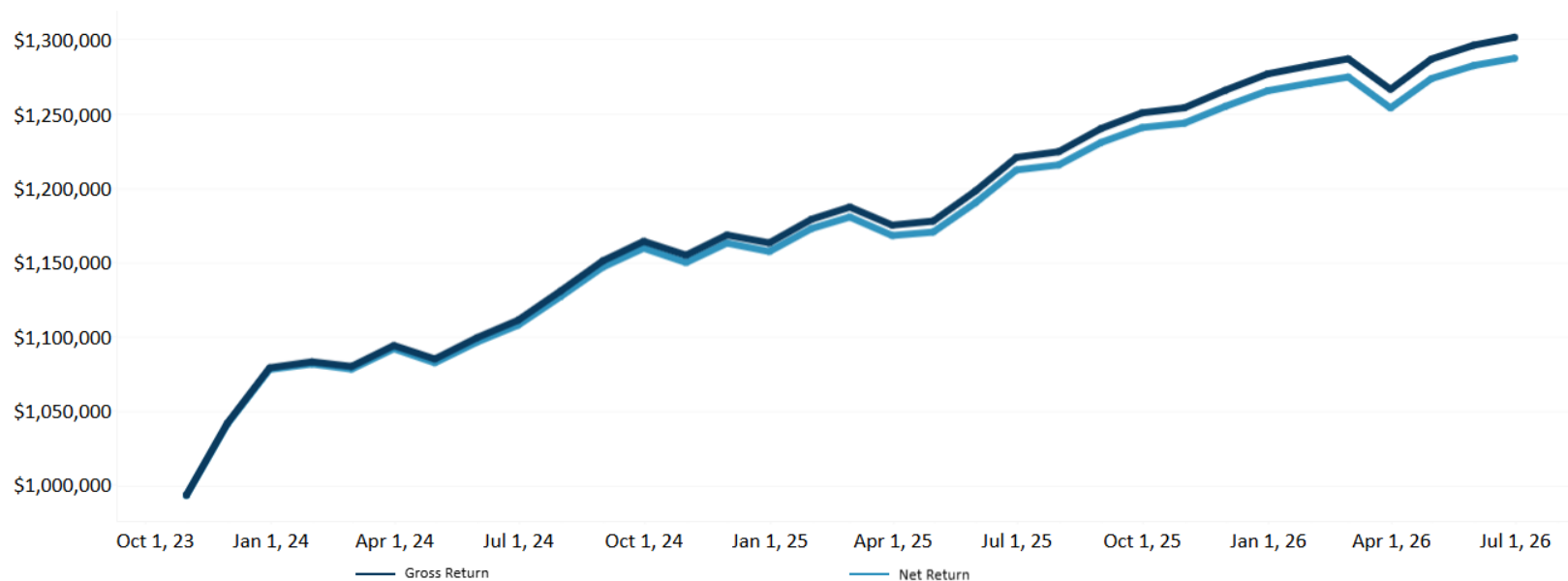
MARKET VALUE DISTRIBUTION BY MATURITY



CONTRIBUTION TO DURATION DISTRIBUTION BY SECTOR



INVESTMENT GROWTH

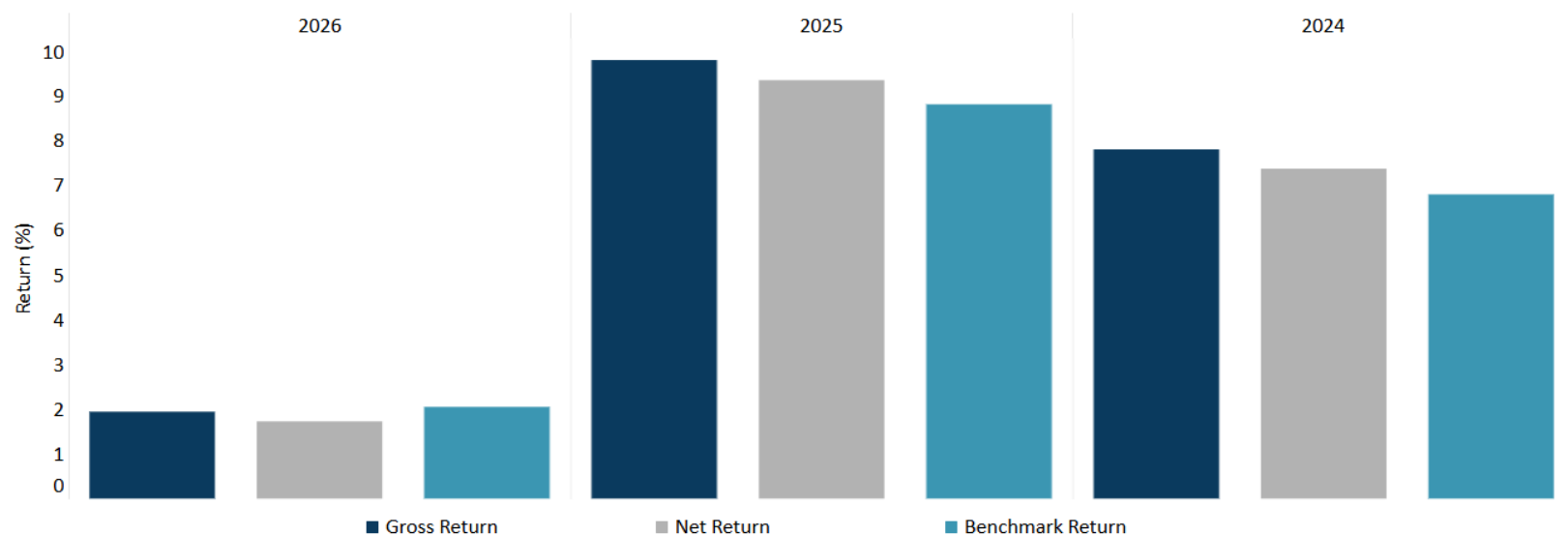


ANNUALIZED RETURNS

As of Date: 6/30/2026. Inception Date: 9/1/2023

	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inception
High Quality High Yield Fixed Income Composite (Gross)	1.93%	6.61%				9.18%
High Quality High Yield Fixed Income Composite (Net)	1.73%	6.19%				8.75%
Bloomberg Ba US HY 2pct Issuer Cap	2.05%	5.99%				8.34%

CALENDAR YEAR RETURNS



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As of Date: 6/30/2026

	2026	2025	2024
Gross Return	1.93%	9.76%	7.77%
Net Return	1.73%	9.33%	7.34%
Benchmark Return	2.05%	8.78%	6.77%

RISK STATISTICS: 3 YEAR

	Std Dev	Alpha	Beta	Tracking Error	Sharpe Ratio	Information Ratio	Up Capture Ratio	Down Capture Ratio
High Quality High Yield Fixed Income Composite (Gross)								
High Quality High Yield Fixed Income Composite (Net)								
Bloomberg Ba US HY 2pct Issuer Cap	4.04	---	1.00	---	0.87	---	---	---

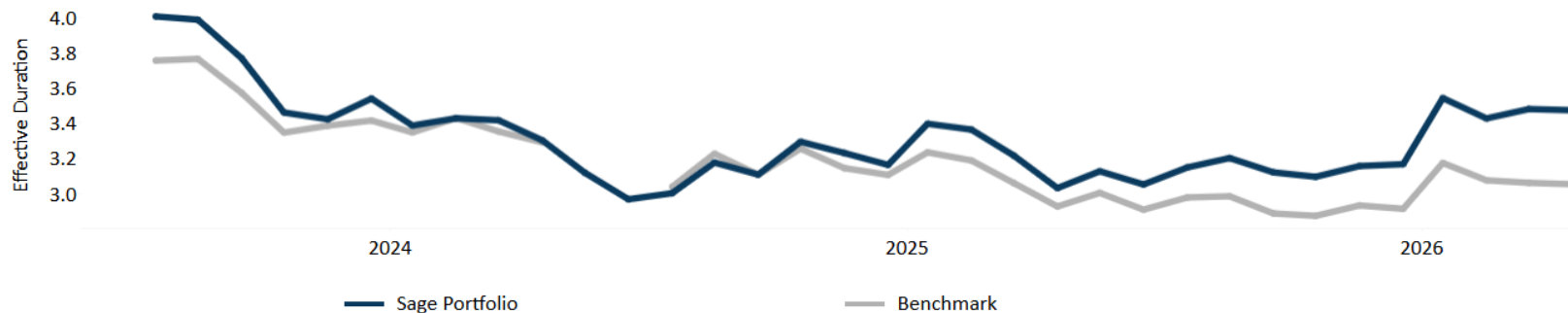
RISK STATISTICS: 5 YEAR

	Std Dev	Alpha	Beta	Tracking Error	Sharpe Ratio	Information Ratio	Up Capture Ratio	Down Capture Ratio
High Quality High Yield Fixed Income Composite (Gross)								
High Quality High Yield Fixed Income Composite (Net)								
Bloomberg Ba US HY 2pct Issuer Cap		---	1.00	---		---	---	---

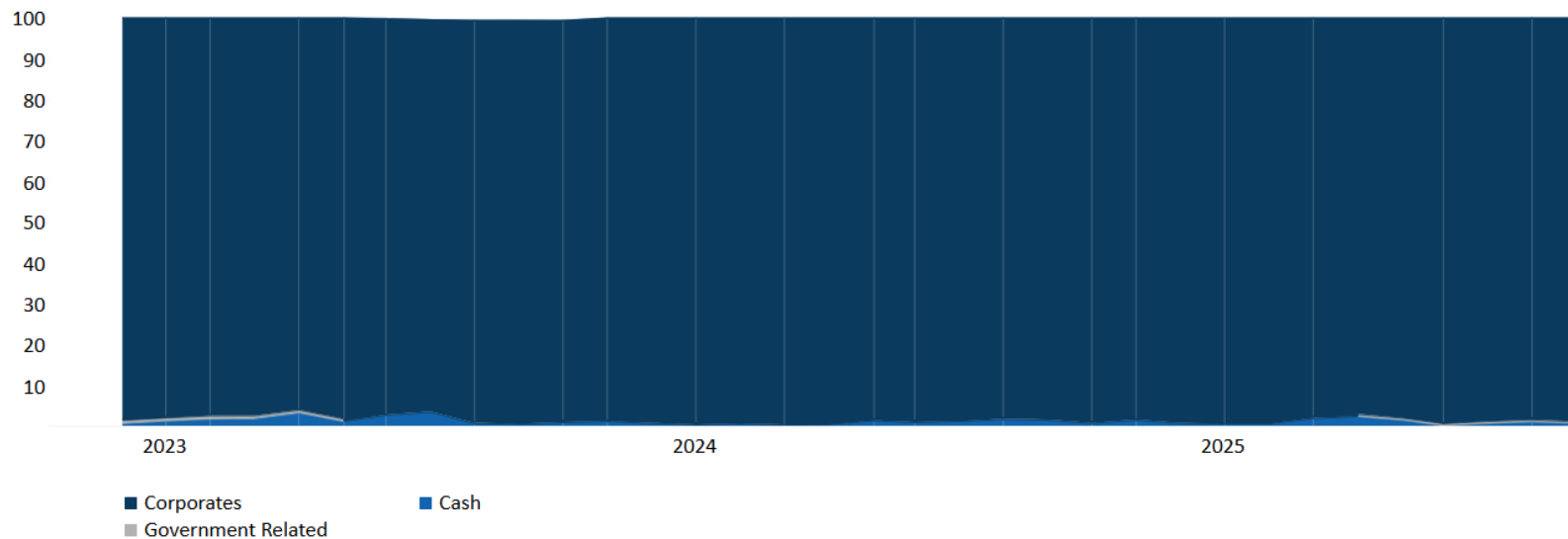
RISK STATISTICS: SINCE INCEPTION - 9/1/2023

	Std Dev	Alpha	Beta	Tracking Error	Sharpe Ratio	Information Ratio	Up Capture Ratio	Down Capture Ratio
High Quality High Yield Fixed Income Composite (Gross)	4.44	0.55	1.07	0.55	0.97	1.43	110.98%	108.18%
High Quality High Yield Fixed Income Composite (Net)	4.44	0.15	1.07	0.55	0.88	0.71	107.36%	111.78%
Bloomberg Ba US HY 2pct Issuer Cap	4.13	---	1.00	---	0.85	---	---	---

HISTORICAL DURATION



SECTOR BREAKDOWN





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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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