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Intermediate Corporate Fixed Income Strategy

Characteristics and Commentary

2nd Quarter 2026

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Market Environment

- The dominant factor for markets in the second quarter was the shift in Fed expectations toward hikes and the strong earnings and AI capex investment cycle.
- Fixed income returns improved from Q1 but remained modest across sectors, as the curve shifted higher on a more hawkish Fed posture and spreads ground slightly tighter. The curve flattened throughout the quarter as the Fed repricing was felt more directly in the front end.
- Since the moves were driven almost solely by Fed expectations rather than term premium risks (longer-term inflation and supply concerns), back-end yield moves were relatively mild. As a result, longer-duration Treasury and credit segments outperformed, as did higher-yielding, more spread-sensitive markets such as IG Credit and HY.

Quarterly Performance

The Intermediate Corporate Strategy returned +1.14% (gross) / +1.05% (net) vs. +0.91% for the Bloomberg Intermediate Credit Index.

Attribution:
- Curve/Duration: -3 bps
- Sector/Selection: +26 bps (+18 bps/+8 bps)

Primary contributors to relative performance:
- Sector: Overweight Corporate Credit & Structured Finance
- Subsector: Overweight to ABS, CMBS & RMBS
- Industries: Banking, REITs & Finance Companies

Primary detractors to relative performance:
- Curve/Duration
- Sector: Underweight Government Related
- Industries: Consumer Cyclical, Consumer Non-Cyclical & Technology

Outlook

- First half inflation and policy tightening headwinds have not gone away, but the de-escalation with Iran has taken much of the pressure off rates. While the Fed, like many other central banks, has moved toward a tightening bias, we ultimately expect rates to remain on hold through 2026.
- Our base case for the back half of the year calls for range-bound rates at slightly higher levels, reflecting an environment of still-muted core inflation dynamics, easing energy-related pressures, and firm growth but with pockets of weakness.
- Credit valuations are also at unforgiving levels, but the difference is that investors can still win going sideways, which is the zone we are in. Strong fundamentals and overwhelming demand for yield are likely to keep spreads stable.

Positioning

- Within the strategy, we are focused on harvesting yield through security selection and sector tilts, while maintaining relatively low tracking error, full duration, and a defensive credit profile.
- We continue to view credit primarily as a carry opportunity, with the greatest value residing at the security-selection level rather than through broad market beta.
- We are favoring the front end of the credit curve and hard-assets issuers that are less susceptible to AI-driven disruption, as well as highly regulated sectors, such as banking and utilities.

Performance attribution and commentary is in reference to the composite. Performance is as of 6/30/2026.

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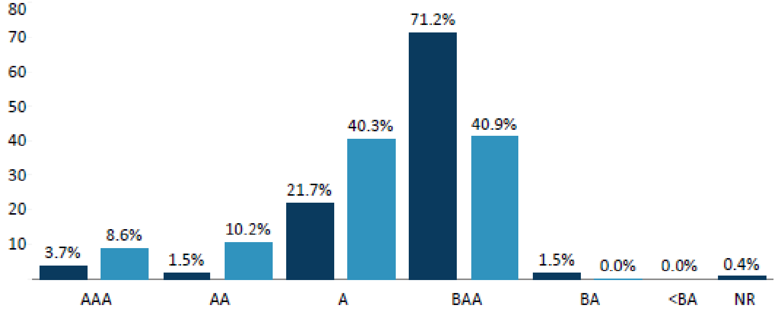
PORTFOLIO SUMMARY

As of Date	June 30, 2026
Portfolio Market Value	Composite
Benchmark	Bloomberg Intermediate Credit

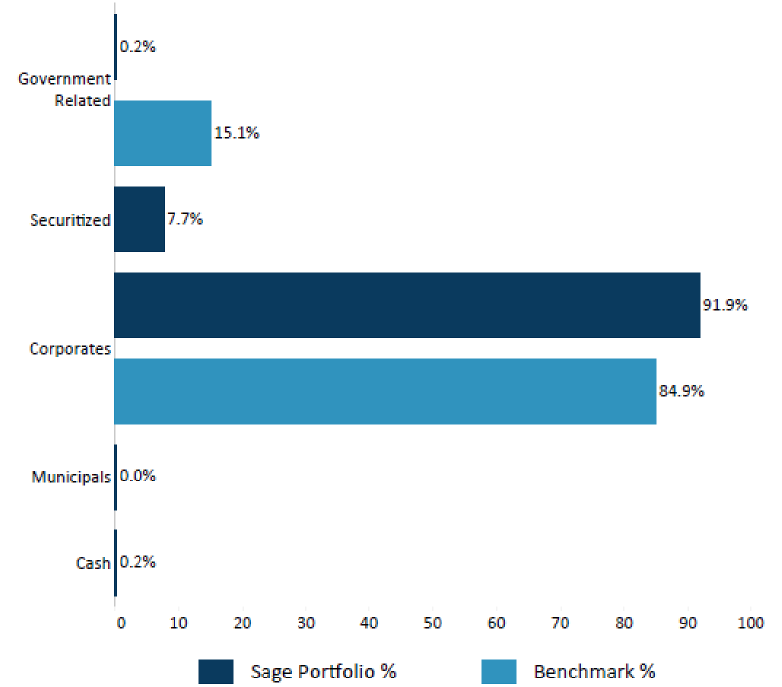
CREDIT RATING ALLOCATION



PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

	Portfolio	Benchmark
Yield to Worst	5.07%	4.84%
Coupon	4.85%	4.43%
Effective Maturity	4.96	4.91
Effective Duration	4.10	4.08
Average Credit Rating	Baa	A-

SECTOR ALLOCATION



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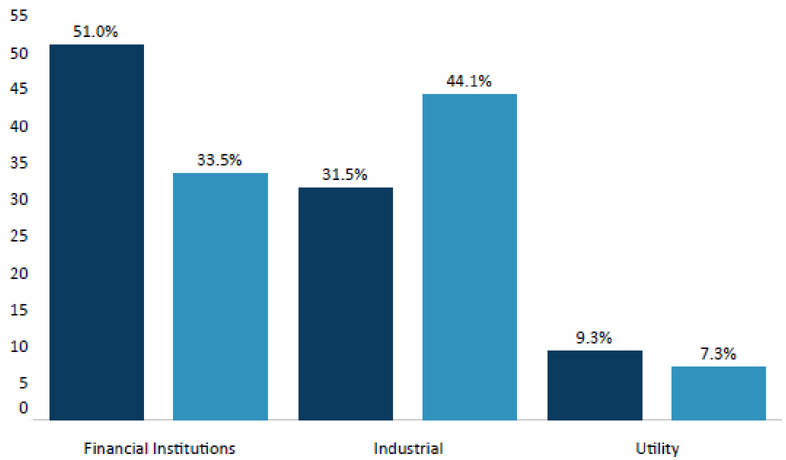
CORPORATE SECTOR ALLOCATION



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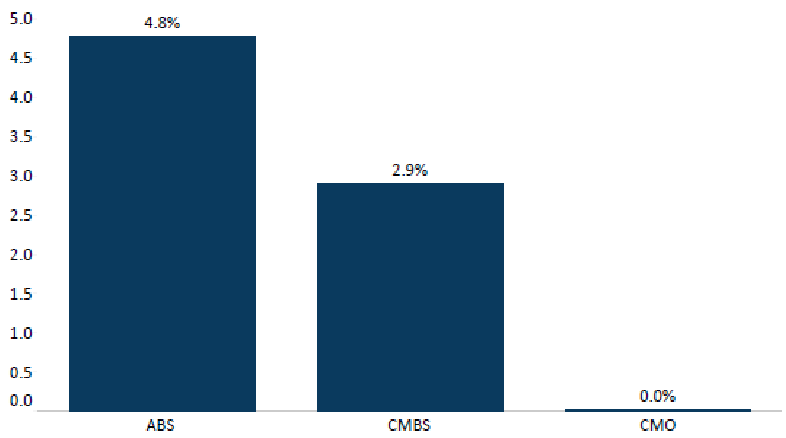
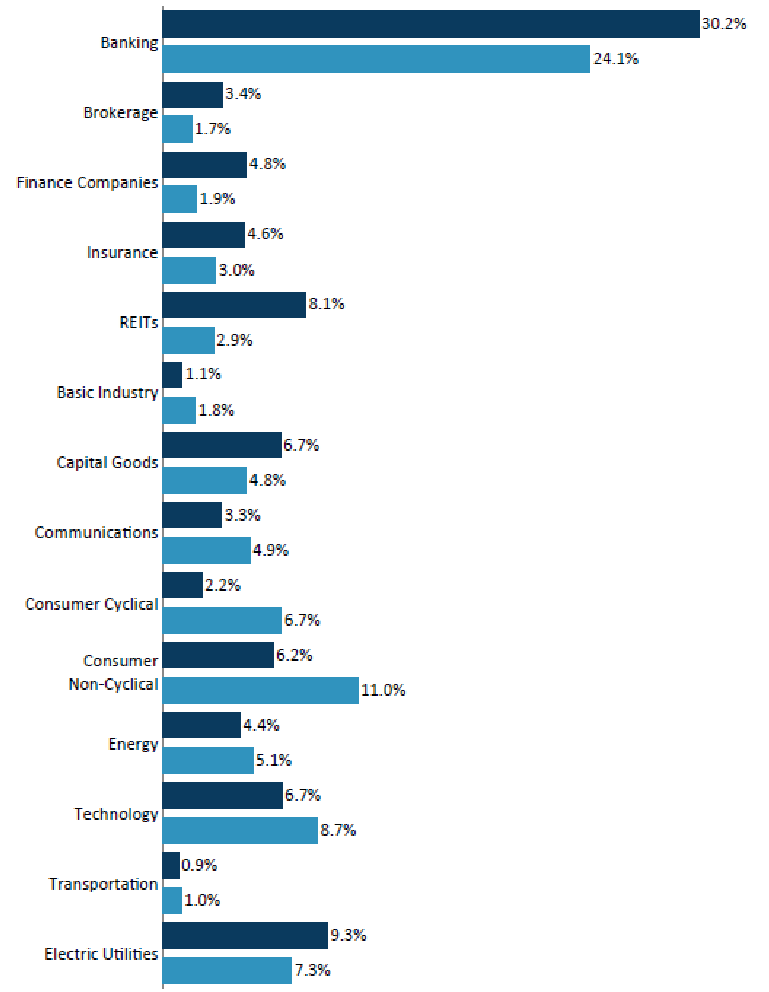


CORPORATE INDUSTRY ALLOCATION



Sage Portfolio % Benchmark %

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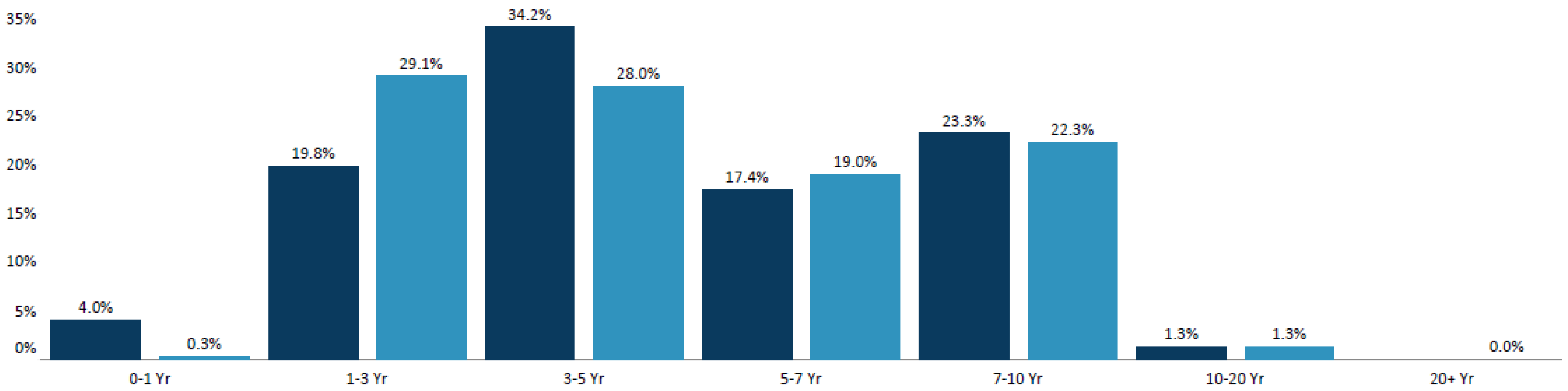
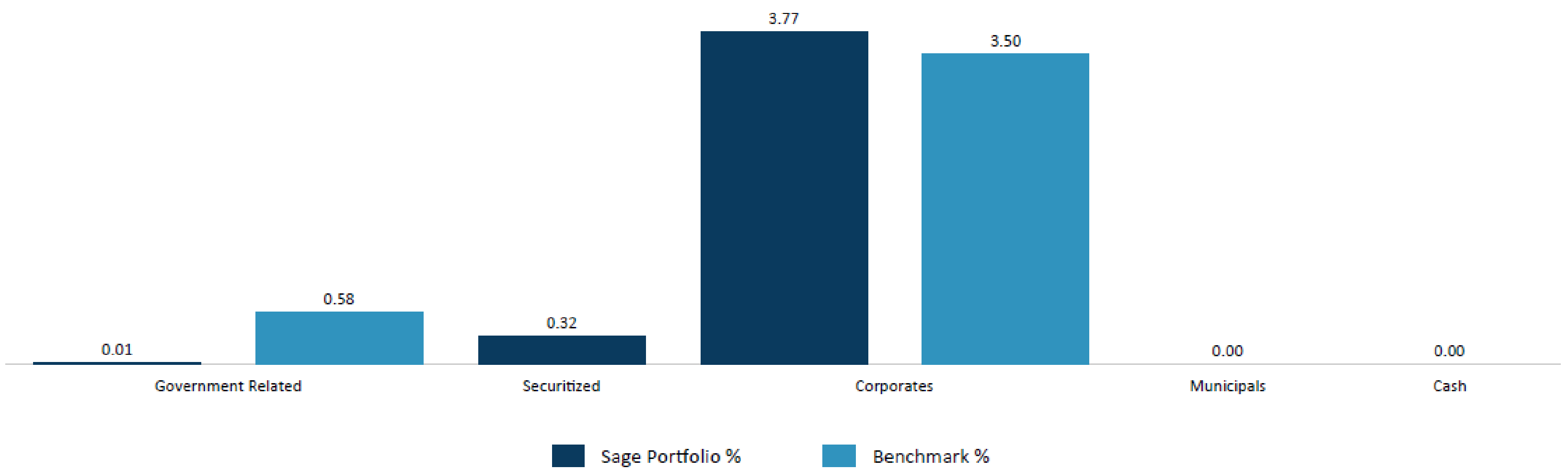
MARKET VALUE DISTRIBUTION BY MATURITY



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)
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
2025	8.19	7.81	7.88	12	4.21	4.12	0.04	1,597	28,347	1,859	30,206

	1 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr
Gross Return (%)	8.19	2.12	3.64
Net Return (%)	7.81	1.76	3.28
Benchmark Return (%)	7.88	1.54	3.13

As of December 31, 2025

Returns for periods less than one year are not annualized.
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