

# Intermediate Corporate Fixed Income

June 30, 2023

## Inception Date

July 1, 2013

## Total Strategy Assets<sup>1</sup>

\$1.7 billion

## Portfolio Managers

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## Strategy Vehicles

- Separately Managed Account

## Benchmarks<sup>2</sup>

Bloomberg U.S. Intermediate Corporate Index

Bloomberg Intermediate Credit Index

## Typical Targets<sup>3</sup>

Government (%)	0 – 20
Corporates (%)	75 – 100
Structured Product (%)	0 – 5
Plus/Non-Index Sectors (%)	0 – 20

## OUR STRENGTHS

Our Corporate Fixed Income Strategy seeks to deliver strong risk adjusted returns over multiple market cycles with top decile performance.

We believe our key competitive strengths are:

**Investment Style** — Portfolio Managers, research analysts and traders work together; focused primarily on security selection within a duration neutral portfolio.

**Size** — Our size helps ensure sufficient diversification at the portfolio level, while being able to source new issue allocations, participate in smaller deals, and remain sufficiently nimble to reposition the portfolio as market opportunities arise.

**Experience** — Our deep credit experience helps enable us to navigate various market cycles, looking for any market dislocations and exercising an appropriate sell discipline.

## PHILOSOPHY AND PROCESS

We believe fixed income markets are efficient with respect to interest rate risk, but regularly misprice securities that are exposed to credit, downgrade and liquidity risks.

We seek to exploit inefficiencies in the market and provide clients with excess returns to the benchmark without incurring undue risk through:

- Conducting proprietary, in-depth fundamental research
- Targeting duration-neutral portfolios
- Constructing portfolios with attractive risk / reward characteristics

## ALPHA DRIVERS

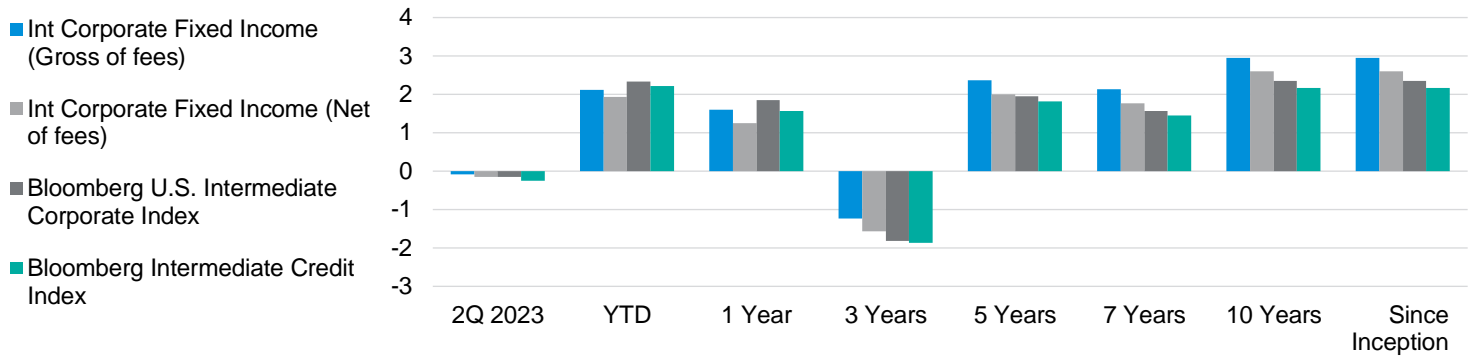
- Focus on idiosyncratic security selection to drive alpha
- We do not put a large emphasis on macro bets, such as duration and term structure
- Willing to invest in off-the-run bonds and allow our credit research team to take a deeper dive to identify value
- Emphasize specific characteristics of an issuer, industry consolidation, downgrades and upgrades, improving fundamentals, and identifiable potential catalysts
- Believe in the ability to turn the portfolio over to source new ideas at attractive levels and aim to exit positions with rich valuations

1. Stated at estimated fair value (unaudited). Intermediate Corporate Fixed Income is a strategy of public fixed income assets. Total Strategy Assets for Intermediate Corporate Fixed Income include all assets managed by MIM in the Intermediate Corporate Fixed Income strategy and may include certain assets that are not included in Composite Assets (as presented in GIPS® Composite Statistics and Performance table on the following page) for Intermediate Corporate Fixed Income.

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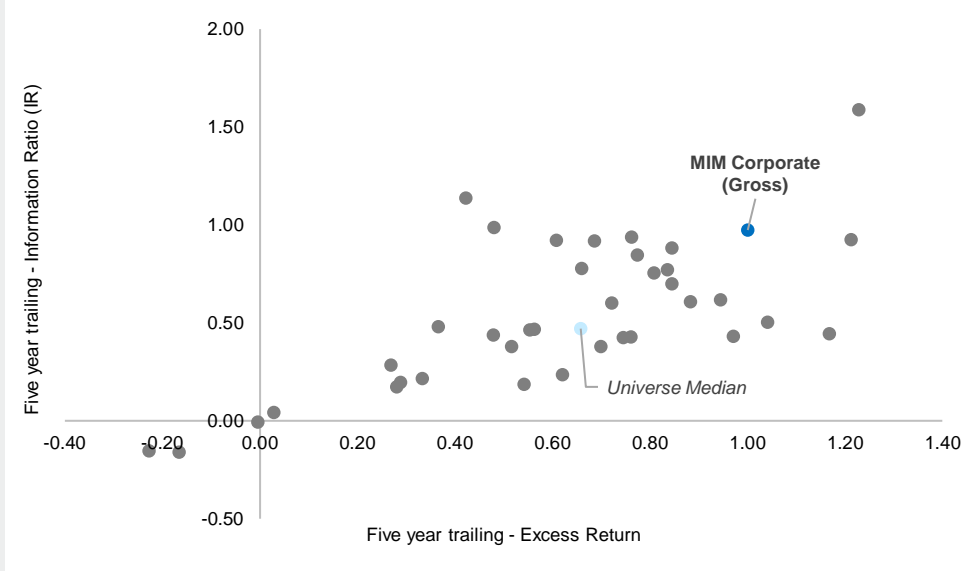
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## COMPOSITE PERFORMANCE (%)<sup>1</sup>



	2Q23	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	7 Years	10 Years	Since Inception
<b>Int. Corporate FI (Gross of fees)</b>	<b>-0.08</b>	<b>2.11</b>	<b>1.59</b>	<b>-1.23</b>	<b>2.36</b>	<b>2.13</b>	<b>2.95</b>	<b>2.95</b>
<b>Int. Corporate FI (Net of fees)</b>	<b>-0.16</b>	<b>1.93</b>	<b>1.24</b>	<b>-1.57</b>	<b>2.00</b>	<b>1.77</b>	<b>2.59</b>	<b>2.59</b>
Bloomberg U.S. Intermediate Corporate Index	-0.16	2.33	1.85	-1.82	1.95	1.57	2.34	2.34
Tracking Error			0.80	0.68	0.66	0.60	0.66	0.66
Information Ratio			-0.32	0.88	0.62	0.92	0.93	0.93

## 5 YEAR TRAILING EXCESS RETURN & INFORMATION RATIO<sup>2</sup>



### Information Ratio (IR)

**Corporate Fixed Income (Gross)** 0.97

**Corporate Fixed Income (Net)** 0.63

Universe Median (Gross)<sup>2</sup> 0.47

### Excess Return

**Corporate Fixed Income (Gross)** 1.00

**Corporate Fixed Income (Net)** 0.64

Universe Median (Gross)<sup>2</sup> 0.66

1. Past performance is not indicative of future results. Net of fee returns reflect the deduction of investment advisory fees and are calculated in the same manner as gross of fee returns. Net of fee returns are calculated using the highest fee rate disclosed in the Form ADV. Fees for separate accounts may be negotiable depending upon asset size and type of account. For additional benchmark disclosure, please see the GIPS® disclosures at the end of this presentation. Tracking error is calculated by subtracting the return of a specified benchmark from the manager's return for each period and then calculating the standard deviation of those differences. Information ratio is the return of the portfolio minus the return of the benchmark divided by tracking error.

2. The eVestment Universe ranking is calculated by eVestment using investment performance returns gross of fees and strategy descriptions self-reported by participating investment managers and are not verified or guaranteed by eVestment. eVestment defines each Universe and selects the participating managers for the Universe it determines have similar investment strategies. The Universe ranking uses gross performance as manager fees may vary so that returns will be reduced when advisory fees are deducted. Performance returns for periods greater than one year are annualized. Additional information regarding net performance rankings is available upon request. The reports of the Universe percentile ranks were sourced on July 23, 2023, and represent 85% of the reported eVestment Corporate Fixed Income Universe as of that date. MIM has not verified and cannot verify the information from outside sources. eVestment calculates Excess Return by subtracting the return of a specified benchmark from the manager's return and Information Ratio by subtracting the return of the benchmark from the return of the portfolio divided by tracking error.

## QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE ATTRIBUTION

- Relative outperformance during the quarter was supported primarily from sector allocation with security selection further adding. Treasuries detracted, with much of the negative attribution arising in the last week of the quarter amid sharp spread tightening.
- Within corporates, sector allocation was broadly positive as the underweight to Industrials and more specifically Cyclical added, while the underweight to REITS detracted performance. Security selection also added as positioning in Banking, Technology and Non-Cyclicals supported performance during the period. Within High Yield, a Media & Entertainment Issuer's hybrid debt was a positive contributor to performance.
- Our underweight to non-corporate credit performance was a positive contributor given the sectors correlation with rates performance.
- Within Financials, Banking was the largest contributor as GSIBs outperformed Regionals. Exposure to Yankee issuers further added as did a nondomestic Issuer's hybrid security which bounced back last quarters weakness.
- Brokerage/Asset Managers/Exchanges as well as Insurance lagged Banking. In Insurance, performance was challenged as sector allocation offset selection. Underweights to large Life Insurance providers, which generated strong return during the period dragged our relative performance.
- Communications outperformed as positioning in Media & Entertainment was a bright spot within the complex. Positive performance was broadly attributed to an issuer whose management team continued to demonstrate a commitment to deleveraging. In Wirelines, an issuer that came under investigation for environmental violations with a potentially costly remediation negatively offset.
- Within Consumer Non-Cyclicals, positioning in Pharmaceuticals and specifically an allocated to a large new issue, contributed favorably. Within Healthcare, exposure to well positioned issuers aided relative performance despite exposure to weaker names as well.
- Performance within Energy was challenged as Midstream lagged. Further dragging Energy was our off-benchmark positioning within the Independent subsector.
- In Technology, the underweight supported relative returns. Our overweight to premier technology companies contributed yet weaker exposures partially offset the strength.
- Within Electric Utilities, negative attribution stemmed from an issuer which brought yet another deal that weighed on the credit.

## STRATEGY

In Investment Grade Corporates, we continue to pursue opportunities with respect to upgrading portfolio quality - a theme expressed across the asset opportunity set. For example, we prefer rotational trades within portfolios to sectors that are better positioned for an economic slowdown. Sectors such as Utilities, Pharmaceuticals, and Healthcare all continue to see above average issuance, and have presented compelling opportunities to rotate out of more cyclical sectors like Chemicals and Midstream. Even if we continue to be wrong about the timing of a slowdown, we are hard pressed to envision a scenario in which we miss out on a significant spread rally as we maintain an elevated allocation to treasuries. Acknowledging that each environment is different, we do believe the inverted yield curve offers a compelling opportunity to favor front end credit. An allocation in the front-end allows portfolios to build a yield advantage where the breakevens, in our view, are far more attractive than out the curve. We also are inclined to take advantage of bids for less liquid holdings, as we prefer to give liquidity at more attractive valuations. We believe yield remains a powerful tool in the market that we will use to our advantage to clip coupons as we wait for more attractive opportunities across credit. While solid carry and positive security selection are dependable tools by which to generate alpha, we would welcome a back-up in spreads which would provide a far more robust opportunity set.

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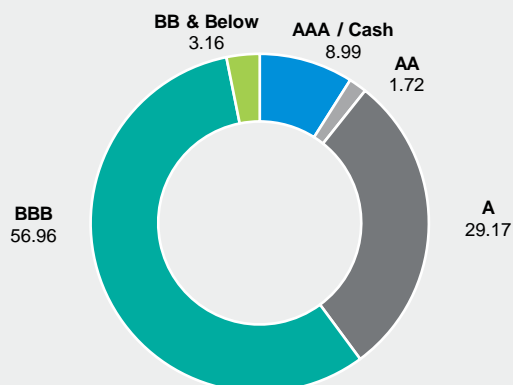
## STRATEGY CHARACTERISTICS <sup>1</sup>

	Yield To Maturity (%)	Effective Duration (years)	Average Credit Quality
<b>Intermediate Corporate Fixed Income Strategy<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>5.88</b>	<b>4.09</b>	<b>A3 / BBB+</b>
Bloomberg U.S. Intermediate Corporate Index	5.49	4.15	A3 / BBB+

## SECTOR POSITIONING<sup>1</sup>

	Market Value (%)		Contribution to Duration (years)	
	Int Corporate Fixed Income Strategy	Bloomberg U.S. Intermediate Corporate 2% Cap Index	Int Corporate Fixed Income Strategy	Bloomberg U.S. Intermediate Corporate 2% Cap Index
<b>Financials</b>	<b>41.7</b>	39.7	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.6</b>
Banking	30.0	28.8	1.1	1.1
Brokerage/Asset Managers/Exchanges	2.7	1.7	0.1	0.1
Finance Companies	2.5	1.7	0.1	0.1
Insurance	4.3	3.8	0.1	0.2
REITS	2.2	3.6	0.1	0.1
<b>Industrials</b>	<b>37.4</b>	53.3	<b>1.6</b>	<b>2.3</b>
Basics Industries	1.1	2.4	0.0	0.1
Capital Goods	2.9	5.4	0.1	0.2
Communication	7.0	7.0	0.4	0.3
Consumer Cyclical	2.7	7.6	0.1	0.3
Consumer Non-Cyclical	8.9	13.3	0.4	0.6
Energy	9.2	6.1	0.4	0.3
Technology	4.4	10.0	0.2	0.4
Transportation	1.2	1.5	0.1	0.1
Other Industrials	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0
<b>Utilities</b>	<b>8.7</b>	6.8	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.3</b>
Electric	8.7	6.2	0.2	0.3
Natural Gas	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0
<b>Government Related</b>	<b>0.2</b>	0.0	<b>0.0</b>	0.0
Sovereign/Quasi	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Taxable Municipal	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>U.S. Treasuries/Cash &amp; Equivalents</b>	<b>8.8</b>	0.0	<b>0.6</b>	0.0
<b>High Yield</b>	<b>3.2</b>	0.0	<b>0.1</b>	0.0

## CREDIT QUALITY DISTRIBUTION (%)<sup>1</sup>



	Int Corporate Fixed Income Strategy	Bloomberg U.S. Intermediate Corporate Index
AAA / Cash	<b>8.99</b>	0.57
AA	<b>1.72</b>	5.80
A	<b>29.17</b>	45.76
BBB	<b>56.96</b>	47.87
BB & Below	<b>3.16</b>	0.0

1. The characteristics displayed are for a representative account for this investment strategy. Actual account characteristics may differ. The benchmark data is that of the Bloomberg U.S. Intermediate Corporate Index and the Bloomberg Intermediate Credit Index. All data above is provided for illustrative purposes only. This data is supplemental to the information required in a GIPS® compliant document. Credit ratings reflect the index provider's credit quality methodology. Average quality excludes cash and securities that are not rated. Totals may not foot due to rounding.

## COMPOSITE STATISTICS AND PERFORMANCE

Year	Gross-of-fee Return	Net-of-fee Return	Intermediate Corporate Benchmark Return <sup>1</sup>	Intermediate Credit Benchmark Return <sup>1</sup>	Number Of Portfolios	Dispersion Stdv <sup>2</sup>	Composite 3 Yr Stdv <sup>3</sup>	Intermediate Corporate IG Benchmark 3 Yr Stdv <sup>3</sup>	Intermediate Corporate Benchmark 3 Yr Stdv <sup>3</sup>	Composite Assets	Total Firm Assets (BB) <sup>4</sup>
<b>7/1/2013 (Inception) to 12/31/2013</b>	2.87%	2.67%	1.93%	1.73%	≤ 5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$130,447,424	-
<b>2014</b>	5.19%	4.83%	4.35%	4.16%	≤ 5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$827,964,831	-
<b>2015</b>	0.77%	0.42%	1.08%	0.90%	≤ 5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$776,443,268	-
<b>2016</b>	5.95%	5.58%	4.04%	3.68%	≤ 5	N/A	2.72%	2.59%	2.47%	\$780,490,021	-
<b>2017</b>	4.63%	4.26%	3.92%	3.67%	≤ 5	N/A	2.48%	2.41%	2.29%	\$652,559,028	-
<b>2018</b>	-0.36%	-0.71%	-0.23%	0.01%	≤ 5	N/A	2.42%	2.27%	2.19%	\$649,260,065	-
<b>2019</b>	11.04%	10.66%	10.14%	9.52%	≤ 5	N/A	2.29%	2.26%	2.16%	\$563,467,297	\$600.0
<b>2020</b>	8.24%	7.87%	7.47%	7.08%	≤ 5	N/A	5.07%	4.77%	4.23%	\$553,280,886	\$659.6
<b>2021</b>	0.17%	-0.18%	-1.00%	-1.03%	≤ 5	N/A	5.07%	4.81%	4.27%	\$893,899,301	\$669.0
<b>2022</b>	-9.71%	-10.03%	-9.40%	-9.10%	≤ 5	N/A	6.38%	6.27%	5.72%	\$798,023,812	\$579.8
<b>YTD 06/30/23</b>	2.11%	1.93%	2.33%	2.21%	≤ 5	N/A	4.95%	5.10%	4.85%	\$997,416,623	\$587.5

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- The dispersion of annual returns is measured by the standard deviation among asset-weighted gross-of-fee portfolio returns represented in the composite for the full year. "N/A" is an indication that the information is not statistically meaningful due to an insufficient number of portfolios (five or fewer) in the composite for the entire year. Standard deviation is only presented for accounts managed for a full calendar year.
- The three-year annualized standard deviation measures the variability of the gross-of-fee composite and the benchmark returns over the preceding 36-month period. The standard deviation is not presented for 2000 through 2010 because it is not required for periods prior to 2011. It is also not presented for quarter-ends.
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