

Yield Advantage Intermediate Government/Credit Q3 2024

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Annualized Returns (%)

	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	7 Years	10 Years	Since Inception ¹
Gross of fees	4.13	5.38	10.33	0.75	2.03	2.51	2.51	3.56
Net of fees	4.1	5.21	10.07	0.46	1.72	2.19	2.20	3.25
Benchmark ²	4.17	4.68	9.45	0.17	1.26	1.89	1.96	2.95

¹ Inception Date: June 30, 2003 ² Bloomberg Intermediate Government/Credit

Performance Commentary and Attribution

Our Intermediate G/C strategy produced very strong total returns that surpassed 4% but excess returns were modestly negative. Corporate credit markets proved sanguine as Investment Grade (IG) excess returns exceeded 50 basis points (bps) and credit spreads rallied by four basis points. Other spread sectors were mixed between spread performance and excess returns but MBS excess returns were the most notable at over 92 basis points.

Sector positioning was the primary contributor to performance this quarter, followed by coupon income. While we repositioned some of our allocations within the corporate universe, we maintained our overall corporate exposure/overweight versus the benchmark which proved fruitful given the performance discussed above. With corporate credit valuations becoming a little stretched, we have been focused on more liquid, higher quality issuers that should outperform in the event credit spreads turn bearish. We continue to favor higher coupons in our higher quality corporate holdings, thus driving our 45 basis point coupon advantage versus the benchmark. We believe this advantage will continue to provide excess returns as we are likely past the point of "peak rates".

An underweight duration position was the primary detractor to performance this quarter. The Federal Reserve officially initiated its easing cycle with a 50 basis point interest rate reduction in September, which was larger than the market was expecting. In turn, market participants aggressively priced in future cuts and a bull steepening curve shape. We believe that the market might've gotten a little ahead of itself, and some of these moves will likely re-trace. With that being said, we anticipate the portfolio to duration to be adjusted to a slightly overweight duration bias for the foreseeable future.

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Trailing period performance as of 09/30/2024

(%)	QTD	CYTD	1- Year	3- Years	5- Years	10- Years	Since Inception	Inception Date
Composite Gross	4.13	5.38	10.33	0.75	2.03	2.51	3.56	6/30/03
Composite Net	4.10	5.21	10.07	0.46	1.72	2.20	3.25	
Index ¹	4.17	4.68	9.45	0.17	1.26	1.96	2.95	

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Year End	Performance Results (%)			3-Yr Annualized Ex-Post Standard Deviation (%)		Number of Portfolios	Composite Assets (\$mm)	Total Firm Assets (\$mm)
	Composite Gross TWR	Composite Net TWR	Benchmark ¹	Composite Gross	Benchmark ¹			
2023	6.40	6.06	5.24	4.30	4.58	Five or fewer	41	16,613
2022	-8.41	-8.70	-8.23	4.12	3.82	Five or fewer	30	13,512
2021	-0.30	-0.62	-1.44	2.84	2.34	Five or fewer	33	14,866
2020	7.66	7.32	6.43	2.85	2.31	Five or fewer	30	12,493
2019	7.26	6.87	6.80	1.95	2.04	Five or fewer	27	5,411
2018	0.65	0.35	0.88	1.97	2.84	Five or fewer	9	4,026
2017	2.59	2.29	2.14	2.05	2.11	Five or fewer	3	6,817
2016	4.51	4.20	2.08	2.23	2.22	Five or fewer	3	6,249
2015	-0.15	-0.45	1.07	2.21	2.10	Five or fewer	3	5,577
2014	3.38	3.05	3.13	2.19	1.94	Five or fewer	4	2,542

Composite inception date: June 30, 2003.

¹ Benchmark: Bloomberg Intermediate Gov/Credit

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Results are based on fully discretionary accounts under management. Accounts that are no longer with the firm are included through the last full measurement period such accounts were managed in the composite's style. Past performance is not indicative of future results. The U.S. Dollar is the currency used to express performance.

The composite maintains a significant cash flow policy. Effective 9/30/2022, for cash flows 25% or greater in Fixed income accounts, we will remove the member account from the composite until trading is complete.

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The three-year annualized standard deviation measures the variability of the composite gross returns and the benchmark returns over the preceding 36-month period.

Internal dispersion presented is an equal-weighted standard deviation of annual gross returns of those portfolios that were in the composite for the entire year. For those years when less than six portfolios were included in the composite for the full year, no dispersion measure is presented.

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