

# Yield Advantage Limited Duration

## Q3 2024

September 30, 2024

### Annualized Returns (%)

	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	7 Years	10 Years	Since Inception <sup>1</sup>
Gross of fees	2.75	4.88	7.59	2.34	2.35	2.45	2.21	2.08
Net of fees	2.72	4.78	7.45	2.21	2.23	2.34	2.10	1.97
Benchmark <sup>2</sup>	2.94	4.44	7.19	1.50	1.71	1.92	1.65	1.53

<sup>1</sup> Inception Date: June 30, 2010    <sup>2</sup> Bank of America Merrill Lynch 1-3 Year US Corporate & Government Index

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## Performance Commentary and Attribution

Our Limited Duration strategy finished the third quarter with solidly positive total but negative excess returns as the meaningful rally in US Rates supported fixed income returns broadly. After multiple quarters of declining inflation rates and more recently developing weakness in US labor markets, the Fed officially initiated its next easing cycle in September, with an initial reduction of 50 basis points (bps) to the Fed Funds target rate. This action was welcomed by markets as risk assets remain near post-GFC (credit) and all-time (S&P 500) valuation highs. While the Fed has subsequently reduced expectations of an aggressive rate reduction path in the near-term, the landscape in fixed income has changed, with rate curves now dis-inverting after being inverted for over two years.

The primary contributor to total return was income. Last year we made an effort to put higher coupon bonds within the portfolio as we saw more value in carry as opposed to future price appreciation and that positioning as continued to bear fruit via higher income. As we enter into a new era of monetary policy, we will look to be more diversified as we think about higher coupon versus dollar discount bonds. We anticipate continued reduction in floating rate note exposure as these bonds are less attractive in the midst of an easing cycle.

The primary detractor to excess return this quarter was an underweight duration position and adverse interest rate curve positioning. While we anticipated a downward movement in rates, we admittedly didn't anticipate an initial rate cut as aggressive as 50 bps. This larger than expected cut led to more exaggerated rate movements, both absolute and within the yield curve, that were adverse to portfolio performance. We anticipate a combination of market retracement and re-positioning of the portfolio to mitigate the performance detraction going forward.

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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	2.75	4.88	7.59	2.34	2.35	2.21	2.08	6/30/10
Composite Net	2.72	4.78	7.45	2.21	2.23	2.10	1.97	
Index <sup>1</sup>	2.94	4.44	7.19	1.50	1.71	1.65	1.53	

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Past performance is not indicative of future results. Periods greater than 1 year are annualized. The U.S. Dollar is the currency used to express performance.

Investments in fixed income involve risks, including the loss of principal invested. This strategy's returns may fluctuate in response to one or more of many factors, that include financial condition of individual companies; the business market in which individual companies compete; industry market conditions; interest rates; general economic environments; portfolio management activities; and data or modeling risk where proprietary models are used in the management of the strategy. The strategy is subject to general market risk, interest rate risk, credit (issuer and counterparty) risk, and liquidity risk. General market risk is the risk that the value of the securities owned in the strategy may underperform because of exogenous market factors such as cyclical or geopolitical. Interest rate risk is the risk the values of bonds will change by changes in interest rates. If rates increase, the value of bonds declines in general on a mark to market (price) basis with the offsetting caveat of higher yields. Credit risk is the risk the value of investments may change because of changes in creditworthiness of issuers of debt securities and improbable yet potential default of counterparties in investment transactions. Liquidity risk is the risk the Fund may have a realized loss when it sells securities to raise cash for redemption requests by other bondholders.

Gross of fee returns are presented before management fees, but after custodial fees and transaction costs and include the reinvestment of all income. Net of fee returns reflect the deduction of the actual management fees (including performance-based fees if applicable) from the monthly gross of fee returns. Actual management fees incurred by clients may vary. Prior to June 30, 2004, net of fee performance was calculated using a dollar-weighted average fee

The standard management fee schedule is as follows: First \$50mm: 25 bps; Next \$25mm: 22 bps; Next \$25mm: 20 bps. Fees are charged to clients on a quarterly basis. Fees are calculated as a percentage of assets under management and vary based upon the type of product and the total amount of assets under management. The percentage fee is expressed terms of basis points ("BPS") for our products. One hundred basis points equal 1%. All fees are negotiable.

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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 <sup>1</sup>	Composite Gross	Benchmark <sup>1</sup>			
2023	6.14	5.98	4.62	2.17	2.11	Five or fewer	9	16,613
2022	-3.20	-3.31	-3.79	2.70	1.68	Five or fewer	11	13,512
2021	-0.14	-0.24	-0.41	2.18	0.96	Five or fewer	180	14,866
2020	3.64	3.54	3.34	2.12	0.94	Five or fewer	115	12,493
2019	4.47	4.36	4.07	0.72	0.89	Five or fewer	111	5,411
2018	1.69	1.59	1.64	0.75	0.79	Five or fewer	107	4,026
2017	1.63	1.54	0.85	0.74	0.71	Five or fewer	64	6,817
2016	2.58	2.48	1.28	0.79	0.73	Five or fewer	63	6,249
2015	0.54	0.46	0.67	0.75	0.57	Five or fewer	61	5,577
2014	1.29	1.17	0.80	0.81	0.49	Five or fewer	61	2,542

Composite inception date: June 30, 2010.

<sup>1</sup> Benchmark: Bank of America Merrill Lynch 1-3 Year US Corporate & Government Index

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**Yield Advantage Limited Duration Composite** contains fully discretionary core fixed income accounts with a one to five-year maturity horizon and is measured against the Bank of America Merrill Lynch 1-3 Year U.S. Corporate/Government Bond Index. The product typically has 80-100 holdings with duration ranging from 90 to 110% of the prospective index and a predicted tracking error of 0.25 to 0.50%. The Yield Advantage Limited Duration Composite was created June 30, 2010.

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 standard management fee schedule is as follows: First \$50mm: 13 bps; Next \$25mm: 10 bps; Next \$25mm: 10 bps; Over \$100mm: 8 bps. Fees are charged to clients on a quarterly basis. Fees are calculated as a percentage of assets under management and vary based upon the type of product and the total amount of assets under management. The percentage fee is expressed terms of basis points ("BPS") for our products. One hundred basis points equal 1%. All fees are negotiable.

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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