Intermediate Corporate Fixed Income

December 31, 2023

Inception Date

July 1, 2013

Total Strategy Assets[1]

$1.8 billion

Portfolio Managers

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Strategy Vehicles

- Separately Managed Account

Benchmarks[2]

Bloomberg U.S. Intermediate Corporate Index

Bloomberg Intermediate Credit Index

Typical Targets[3]

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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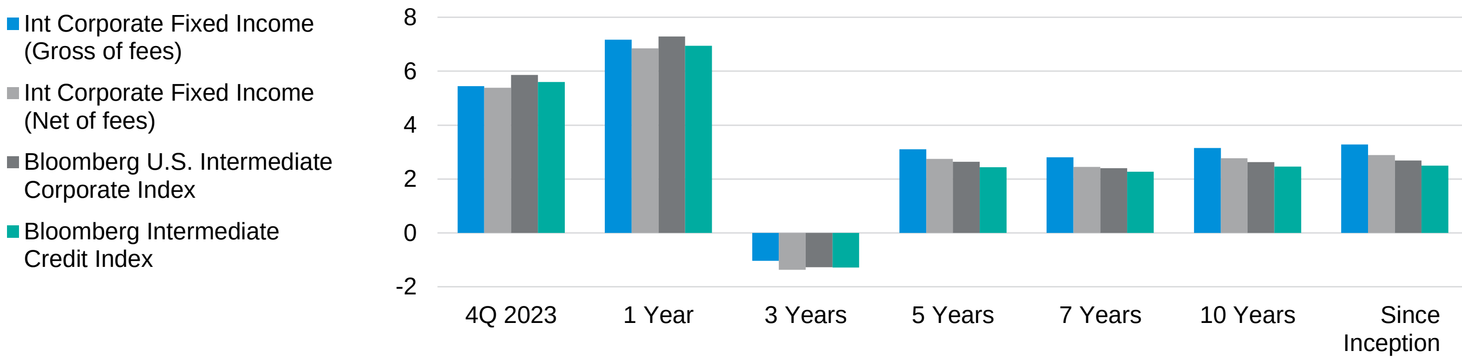
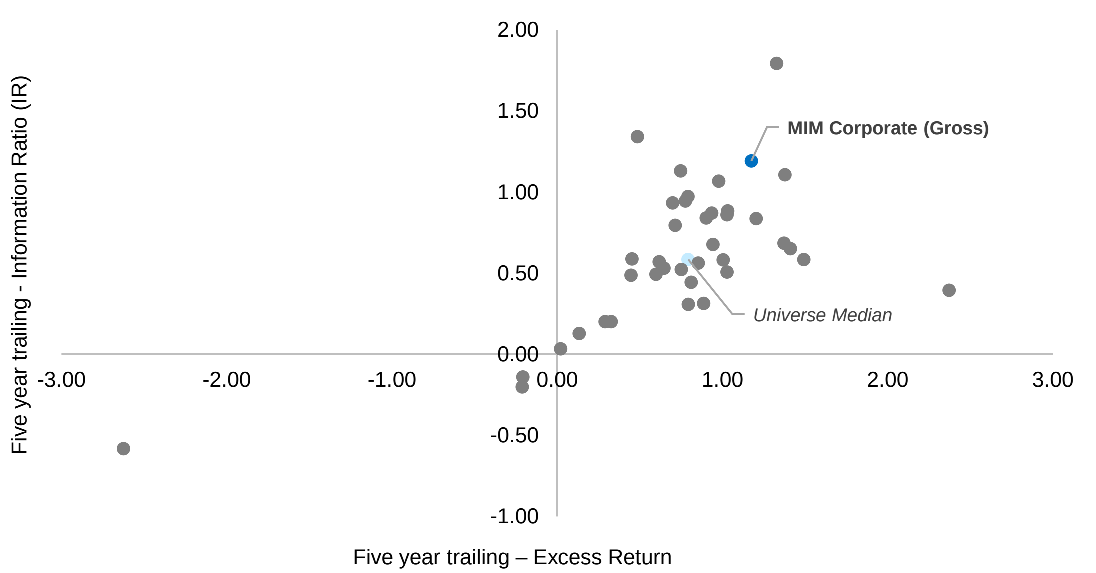
COMPOSITE PERFORMANCE (%)[1]



	4Q23	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	7 Years	10 Years	Since Inception
Int. Corporate FI (Gross of fees)	**5.45**	**7.17**	**-1.04**	**3.10**	**2.81**	**3.15**	**3.28**
Int. Corporate FI (Net of fees)	**5.39**	**6.85**	**-1.37**	**2.75**	**2.45**	**2.77**	**2.89**
Bloomberg U.S. Intermediate Corporate Index	5.86	7.29	-1.27	2.64	2.40	2.63	2.69
Tracking Error		0.83	0.64	0.65	0.60	0.64	0.65
Information Ratio		-0.14	0.37	0.71	0.69	0.83	0.90

5 YEAR TRAILING EXCESS RETURN & INFORMATION RATIO[2]



Information Ratio (IR)	
Corporate Fixed Income (Gross)	**1.19**
Corporate Fixed Income (Net)	**0.83**
Universe Median (Gross)[2]	0.58

Excess Return	
Corporate Fixed Income (Gross)	**1.18**
Corporate Fixed Income (Net)	**0.82**
Universe Median (Gross)[2]	0.79

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 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 January 22, 2024, and represent 88% 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

- During the quarter, positive sector allocation was offset by weakness from US Treasuries, our liquidity positions in the strategy, as spreads outperformed the move in rates. Despite that weakness, an underweight to the Government-Related sector helped to offset the drag from Treasuries in sector allocation. Security selection though, weighed on relative performance leading the portfolio to underperform the benchmark. Despite the underwhelming relative returns, a strong rally in risk assets to cap off 2023 aided total returns.
- Across the corporate sectors, Financials dragged on relative performance led lower by selection in Banking and Brokerage/Asset Managers/Exchanges as well as Insurance despite marginal offsets from REITs relative performance. Weakness in Banking stemmed from our overweight bias to GSIBs – which underperformed longer dated Yankees and Regionals in the rally. Positioning in Health Care REIT helped to offset broad sector weakness aiding performance in the REITs subsector.
- Within Communications, Media & Entertainment was again a bright spot where high-conviction expressions continued their momentum in aiding performance. Supporting the momentum was the market welcoming media outlets' reports of merger discussions between two larger peers with many synergies. Exposures in the Wirelines subsector rebounded from weakness in the prior quarter which offset a detractor in the Wireless subsector.
- In Consumer Non-Cyclicals, an issuer in the subsector Food & Beverage, lagged the strength in the broader sector. However, security selection in the Pharmaceuticals despite an exposure to an exposure to a weaker issuer which disclosed surprise news of halting an expected promising drug trial. Healthcare and Tobacco expressions were also strong aiding relative performance.
- Technology was another sector where security selection contributed to performance with larger well-known conglomerates leading positive contributions
- M&A activity was robust in the Energy sector and specific to the portfolio, an exposure in the Independent Energy benefited following the news of being acquired by AA rated peer, more than offsetting weakness from Midstream as oil traded lower in the quarter.
- Positioning in High Yield detracted from exposure to Mining company which faced labor-force disputes affecting operations of a mine. Hybrid securities of an Investment Grade rated Media issuer partially offset the laggards.

STRATEGY

We believe the asymmetry of spreads has even further tilted in favor of spread widening – while also offering attractive opportunities along the curve. When spreads (duration adjusted) are at this level or tighter, 77% of the time the Corporate Index sees negative excess returns. For the Long Corporate Index, it's 100% of the time. It's only 48% of the time for the Intermediate Index, and as such, we still favor building a yield advantage on the front end of the curve, while remaining underweight the long end which has been the beneficiary of the incredibly positive technicals elevated demand versus the lightest issuance since 2011. Technicals can be overpowering – until they're not. Additionally, fundamentals are eroding, albeit slowly. Though one particular area of concern (and opportunity) that we would highlight is the potential for a meaningful increase of M&A. December saw a bevy of acquisitions announced and in our view, the Fed's dovish pivot and the growing chorus of soft landing predictions will likely further boost the appetite for M&A activity. We believe this activity will likely come from the highest quality issuers with balance sheets that can support such deals, which is a cohort of the market that we are underweight but could look to take advantage of the often-times overly generous concessions on large M&A financings to add exposure to those issuers.

One area we anticipate fundamentals may improve (perhaps paradoxically given our view on credit) is in the lowest rung of credit quality amongst high grade issuers. We believe those issuers rated BBB- have the most incentive to retain or improve their credit ratings, and in many cases, credible paths to deleveraging. We believe this area of the market, even absent a broader rally in the credit, to be the most ripe for spread compression, and is accordingly where we will look to express high-conviction expressions in 2024. Timing remains the most challenging variable in the market, but the asymmetry is as great as we can recall. A bias to the front of the curve and the associated yield advantage we can build from that positioning allows us the patience to wait for a correction in spreads. We allow that the worst case scenario for the economy looks far less likely than it did a year ago, but we also believe there to be far too much optimism priced into spreads. A higher quality posture and healthy liquidity in the portfolio leave us well positioned to take advantage of a more appropriately valued credit market.

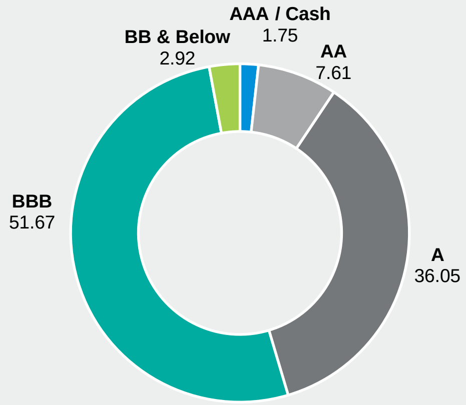
STRATEGY CHARACTERISTICS [1]

	Yield To Maturity (%)	Effective Duration (years)	Average Credit Quality
Intermediate Corporate Fixed IncomeStrategy[1]	**5.25**	**3.97**	**A3 / BBB+**
Bloomberg U.S. Intermediate Corporate Index	4.96	4.03	A3 / BBB+

SECTOR POSITIONING[1]

	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
Financials	**46.4**	**39.8**	**1.38**	**1.53**
Banking	33.4	28.9	0.99	1.06
Brokerage/Asset Managers/Exchanges	3.6	1.9	0.14	0.08
Finance Companies	2.7	1.7	0.06	0.06
Insurance	4.0	3.7	0.09	0.17
REITS	2.8	3.6	0.10	0.17
Industrials	**36.2**	**53.4**	**1.52**	**2.19**
Basics Industries	0.7	2.4	0.03	0.10
Capital Goods	4.4	5.6	0.14	0.22
Communication	6.4	6.9	0.37	0.30
Consumer Cyclical	3.3	8.5	0.07	0.33
Consumer Non-Cyclical	8.4	13.0	0.38	0.54
Energy	8.5	6.1	0.31	0.24
Technology	3.6	9.4	0.18	0.38
Transportation	1.0	1.4	0.04	0.06
Other Industrials	0.0	0.2	0.00	0.01
Utilities	**7.6**	**6.9**	**0.22**	**0.31**
Electric	7.6	6.1	0.22	0.28
Natural Gas	0.0	0.6	0.00	0.03
Government Related	**0.2**	**0.0**	**0.02**	**0.00**
Sovereign/Quasi	0.2	0.0	0.02	0.00
Taxable Municipal	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.00
U.S. Treasuries/Cash & Equivalents	**6.7**	**0.0**	**0.75**	**0.00**
High Yield	**2.9**	**0.0**	**0.08**	**0.00**

CREDIT QUALITY DISTRIBUTION (%)[1]



	Int Corporate Fixed Income Strategy	Bloomberg U.S. Intermediate Corporate Index
AAA / Cash	**1.75**	0.61
AA	**7.61**	5.74
A	**36.05**	45.63
BBB	**51.67**	48.03
BB & Below	**2.92**	0.00

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.

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COMPOSITE STATISTICS AND PERFORMANCE

Year	Gross-of-fee Return	Net-of-fee Return	Intermediate Corporate Benchmark Return[1]	Intermediate Credit Benchmark Return[1]	Number of Portfolios	Dispersion Stdv[2]	Composite 3-Year Stdv[3]	Intermediate Corporate IG Benchmark 3-Year Stdv[3]	Intermediate Corporate Benchmark 3-Year Stdv[3]	Composite Assets	Total Firm Assets (BB)[4]
07/01/13 (Inception) to 12/31/13	2.87%	2.67%	1.93%	1.73%	≤ 5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	$130,447,424	-
2014	5.19%	4.78%	4.35%	4.16%	≤ 5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	$827,964,831	-
2015	0.77%	0.37%	1.08%	0.90%	≤ 5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	$776,443,268	-
2016	5.95%	5.53%	4.04%	3.68%	≤ 5	N/A	2.72%	2.59%	2.47%	$780,490,021	-
2017	4.63%	4.21%	3.92%	3.67%	≤ 5	N/A	2.48%	2.41%	2.29%	$652,559,028	-
2018	-0.36%	-0.76%	-0.23%	0.01%	≤ 5	N/A	2.42%	2.27%	2.19%	$649,260,065	-
2019	11.04%	10.63%	10.14%	9.52%	≤ 5	N/A	2.29%	2.26%	2.16%	$563,467,297	$600.0
2020	8.24%	7.87%	7.47%	7.08%	≤ 5	N/A	5.07%	4.77%	4.23%	$553,280,886	$659.6
2021	0.17%	-0.18%	-1.00%	-1.03%	≤ 5	N/A	5.07%	4.81%	4.27%	$893,899,301	$669.0
2022	-9.71%	-10.03%	-9.40%	-9.10%	≤ 5	N/A	6.38%	6.27%	5.72%	$798,023,812	$579.8
2023	7.17%	6.85%	7.29%	6.94%	≤ 5	N/A	5.43%	5.75%	5.48%	$1,024,246,393	$600.8

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1. There are two performance benchmarks for the Intermediate Corporate Fixed Income Composite: the Bloomberg U.S. Intermediate Corporate Investment Grade Index (Intermediate Corporate Index) and the Bloomberg U.S. Credit Intermediate Index (Intermediate Credit Index). The Intermediate Corporate Index is a broad-based index that measures all publicly issued, fixed rate, nonconvertible, investment grade, corporate debt with less than 10 years to maturity. Issues have specific rating requirements and must be rated investment grade (Baa03/BBB- or higher) by two rating agencies: Moody's, S&P, or Fitch. The Intermediate Credit Index measures the performance of investment grade, U.S. dollar-denominated, fixed-rate, taxable corporate, and government-related debt with less than ten years to maturity. It is composed of a corporate and a non-corporate component that includes non-U.S. agencies, sovereigns, supranationals, and local authorities.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. Prior to July 1, 2019, the investment team was part of a prior firm. Therefore, "Total Firm Assets (BB)" is left blank for year ends before the team joined MetLife Investment Management.

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The Intermediate Corporate strategy seeks to outperform the benchmark by investing in high quality fixed income securities across the government, corporate, and structured markets, with a target duration of approximately 4 years. The Intermediate Corporate Fixed Income Composite includes all fee-paying portfolios managed on a discretionary basis according to the applicable composite strategy except as otherwise excluded herein. The Firm maintains a list of composites and descriptions, a list of limited distribution pooled funds and their descriptions, and a list of broad distribution pooled funds, all of which are available upon request. Policies for valuing investments, calculating performance, and preparing GIPS® reports are available upon request.

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