

**Environmental, Social  
& Governance**

# Sustainable Climate US Corporate Bond Strategy

**Investment Objective**

The objective of the Strategy is to generate capital growth over the long term through investment in the fixed-rate, investment grade, USD-denominated corporate bond market.

**Benchmark**

Bloomberg U.S. Credit Corp

**Investment Strategy**

The investment policy of the Strategy is track the performance of the index as closely as possible using a Stratified Sampling approach, while screening out securities based on an assessment of their adherence to certain ESG criteria. Consequently, the Strategy will only hold a subset of the securities included in the index.

In order to attain the Sustainable Climate characteristics promoted by the Strategy, the Investment Manager will seek to invest in companies bonds which exhibit lower carbon emissions in the way of current emissions and future emissions (measured by fossil fuel reserves), green labelled bonds and climate-aligned issuers bonds and corporate bond securities issued by companies that are better positioned for the physical risks posed by climate change while screening out securities based on an assessment of their adherence to ESG criteria (i.e. international norms in relation to environmental protection, human rights, labour standards, anti-corruption, controversial weapons and tobacco).

The performance of the Strategy will be measured against the Bloomberg U.S. Credit Corp Index.

**Key Facts**

- Designed to capture the goals of the Paris Agreement by constructing a portfolio (relative to the index) that aims to lower current and future emissions, maximise investment in green bonds, and target companies that are positioned to benefit from the transition to the low-carbon economy based on their ratings for climate adaptation.
- Screening out companies that do not meet international norms in relation to environmental protection, human rights, labour standards, anti-corruption, controversial weapons and tobacco.
- Benefit from state-of-the art indexing portfolio management model which balances diversification, turnover and tracking error objectives.

**Building an Effective Climate Strategy**

**1) Define the starting universe** To build the right baseline we identify an index that defines the target investment universe from which the portfolio will hold a subset of securities.

**2) Apply multi-source ESG data** we employ an open architecture to source the best-available data. We have selected the following data providers for the Sustainable Climate Bond Strategy:

**a) Trucost** for carbon emission intensity, fossil fuel reserves and brown revenues assessment

**b) Climate Bonds Initiative** for green bonds & climate-aligned issuers

**c) ISS ESG** is applied to assess companies on their stated position on climate change, greenhouse gas emission targets and action plans.

**d) Sustainalytics and MSCI** for product and controversy involvement

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**e) R-Factor™** for ESG rating based on the SASB ESG risk materiality framework

### 3) Design for Optimal Outcomes

- **Reduce Exposure** to companies with excessive carbon emissions and fossil fuel assets and those involved in controversial behaviors.
- **Increase Exposure** to green bonds and companies supporting the transition to the lower carbon economy.
- **Balancing the objectives** in conjunction with diversification, turnover and tracking error considerations.

**4) Maximise value with an Indexed approach** A value-add indexing approach underpinned by minimising turnover relative to that of the index, effective trading and execution, harnessing the 'new issue premium' and a relative value (RV) security selection process.

### Performance

	Composite (Gross) <sup>1,2</sup> (%)	Composite (Net) <sup>1,3</sup> (%)	Benchmark <sup>4</sup> (%)
<b>Total Returns</b>			
Q3 2023	-3.09	-3.19	-3.09
YTD	0.04	-0.26	0.02
1 Year	3.67	3.25	3.65
3 Year	-	-	-
5 Year	-	-	-
Inception to Date (Jun 2021)	-6.19	-6.51	-6.34
<b>Calendar Year Returns</b>			
2023 YTD	0.04	-0.26	0.02
2022	-15.46	-15.75	-15.76
2021 Partial	1.85	1.69	1.86
Since Inception	-6.19	-6.51	-6.34

1 The performance shown is of a Composite (as defined below) consisting of all discretionary accounts using this investment strategy. The performance shown is not that of a particular fund or shareclass. The performance shown is not indicative of individual plan participant results, which could differ substantially. The above information is considered supplemental to the GIPS® Composite Report for this Composite, which can be found in the Appendix or was previously presented. A GIPS® Composite Report is also available upon request. **Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.** Performance returns for periods of less than one year are not annualized. The performance figures contained herein are provided on a gross and net of fees basis. Gross of fees returns do not reflect and net of fees returns do reflect the deduction of advisory or other fees which could reduce the return. Some members of this composite may accrue administration fees. The performance includes the reinvestment of dividends and other corporate earnings.

2 These performance figures are provided gross of fees and expenses other than actual trading fees and expenses, and reflect all items of income, gain, and loss.

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4 Index returns are unmanaged and do not reflect the deduction of any fees or expenses. Index returns reflect all items of income, gain and loss and the reinvestment of dividends (net of any applicable withholding tax rates) and other income and are calculated in U.S. dollars. It is not possible to invest directly in an index.

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### Supplemental Information

#### Characteristics

Average Credit Quality	BAA1
Average Effective Convexity	0.90
Average Effective Maturity	10.47
Average Yield to Worst	6.02%
Composite Assets Under Management (M)	US\$224.84
Effective Duration	6.70
Total Number of Holdings	1,782

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<b>Credit Quality Breakdown</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Aaa	1.45
Aa	5.73
A	45.86
Baa	46.96
<b>Top Issuers</b>	<b>Percent</b>
MORGAN STANLEY 4.679 07/17/2026	0.40
MCDONALD'S CORP 3.7 01/30/2026	0.40
MCDONALD'S CORP 4.875 12/09/2045	0.38
BROADCOM INC 3.469 04/15/2034	0.36
SYSCO CORPORATION 5.95 04/01/2030	0.36
VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS 2.355 03/15/2032	0.34
GENERAL MOTORS CO 6.75 04/01/2046	0.34
JPMORGAN CHASE & CO 1.578 04/22/2027	0.33
ORACLE CORP 6.25 11/09/2032	0.32
MITSUBISHI UFJ FIN GRP 5.242 04/19/2029	0.31
<b>Sector Allocation</b>	<b>Percent</b>
CORPORATE - INDUSTRIAL	58.92
Corporate - Finance	36.73
Corporate - Utility	4.07
Cash	0.28
<b>Top Countries</b>	<b>Percent</b>
United States	82.35
United Kingdom	4.55
Canada	4.43
Japan	2.65
Belgium	1.10
Australia	0.99
Spain	0.85
China	0.73
Germany	0.55
Ireland	0.45

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