

# Investment Grade Fixed Income

As of August 31, 2024

## Strategy Overview

The Byrne Asset Management (BAM) – Investment Grade Fixed Income strategy is led by Art Ernst, who has over 35 years of experience managing fixed income portfolios of investment grade and high yield corporates, treasuries, agencies, convertibles and Mortgage-Backed Securities (MBS). After careful assessment of economic and industry conditions, and Federal Reserve policies, the BAM – Investment Grade Fixed Income strategy focuses on selecting the most attractive investment grade fixed income securities. The yield curves are carefully analyzed for anomalies and opportunities within their desired sectors. After applying a rigorous fundamental and qualitative analysis to eliminate unduly risky bonds, the portfolio is constructed to maximize return within the targeted duration and credit parameters.

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|   | BAM (Gross) <sup>(1)</sup> | BAM (Net) <sup>(1)</sup> | Barclays 1-3 Year Index <sup>(2)</sup> | Excess Returns | Barclays 1-5 Year Index <sup>(3)</sup> | Excess Returns |
|---|----------------------------|--------------------------|--|----------------|--|----------------|
| YTD   | 3.62%                      | 3.30%                    | 3.51%                                  | -0.22%         | 3.55%                                  | -0.25%         |
| 1 Year  | 5.58%                      | 5.17%                    | 6.25%                                  | -1.08%         | 6.67%                                  | -1.50%         |
| 3 Year  | 2.78%                      | 2.55%                    | 1.19%                                  | 1.35%          | 0.54%                                  | 2.01%          |
| 5 Year  | 2.66%                      | 2.46%                    | 1.52%                                  | 0.94%          | 1.32%                                  | 1.14%          |
| 7 Year  | 2.87%                      | 2.68%                    | 1.76%                                  | 0.92%          | 1.72%                                  | 0.97%          |
| 10 Year   | 2.94%                      | 2.76%                    | 1.55%                                  | 1.20%          | 1.66%                                  | 1.10%          |
| <b>Since Inception - Annualized<sup>(1)</sup></b> | <b>3.08%</b>               | <b>2.92%</b>             | <b>1.58%</b>                           | <b>1.34%</b>   | <b>1.92%</b>                           | <b>1.00%</b>   |
| <b>Since Inception - Cumulative<sup>(1)</sup></b> | <b>65.76%</b>              | <b>61.56%</b>            | <b>29.79%</b>                          | <b>31.77%</b>  | <b>37.40%</b>                          | <b>24.16%</b>  |

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|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--|----------------|--|----------------|------------------|
| 2009                                 | 6.50%                      | 6.34%                    | 3.83%                                  | 2.51%          | 4.62%                                  | 1.72%          | 3.0              |
| 2010                                 | 4.43%                      | 4.28%                    | 2.80%                                  | 1.48%          | 4.08%                                  | 0.20%          | 3.2              |
| 2011                                 | 4.11%                      | 3.95%                    | 1.59%                                  | 2.36%          | 3.14%                                  | 0.82%          | 3.4              |
| 2012                                 | 3.67%                      | 3.51%                    | 1.26%                                  | 2.25%          | 2.24%                                  | 1.28%          | 3.3              |
| 2013                                 | 0.79%                      | 0.63%                    | 0.64%                                  | -0.01%         | 0.28%                                  | 0.35%          | 3.7              |
| 2014                                 | 2.41%                      | 2.26%                    | 0.77%                                  | 1.49%          | 1.42%                                  | 0.84%          | 3.6              |
| 2015                                 | 1.05%                      | 0.90%                    | 0.65%                                  | 0.24%          | 0.97%                                  | -0.07%         | 3.2              |
| 2016                                 | 4.55%                      | 4.40%                    | 1.28%                                  | 3.11%          | 1.56%                                  | 2.83%          | 3.3              |
| 2017                                 | 3.68%                      | 3.53%                    | 0.84%                                  | 2.68%          | 1.27%                                  | 2.26%          | 2.9              |
| 2018                                 | 3.26%                      | 3.11%                    | 1.60%                                  | 1.51%          | 1.38%                                  | 1.72%          | 2.7              |
| 2019                                 | 4.86%                      | 4.70%                    | 4.03%                                  | 0.67%          | 5.01%                                  | -0.31%         | 2.1              |
| 2020                                 | 3.26%                      | 3.10%                    | 3.33%                                  | -0.23%         | 4.73%                                  | -1.63%         | 1.5              |
| 2021                                 | 0.57%                      | 0.42%                    | -0.47%                                 | 0.89%          | -1.00%                                 | 1.41%          | 0.8              |
| 2022                                 | 0.25%                      | 0.10%                    | -3.69%                                 | 3.79%          | -5.49%                                 | 5.60%          | 0.8              |
| 2023                                 | 4.56%                      | 4.39%                    | 4.61%                                  | -0.22%         | 4.89%                                  | -0.49%         | 0.9              |
| 2024                                 | 3.62%                      | 3.30%                    | 3.51%                                  | -0.22%         | 3.55%                                  | -0.25%         | 0.4              |
| <b>Cumulative (1/1/09 – 8/31/24)</b> | <b>65.76%</b>              | <b>61.56%</b>            | <b>29.79%</b>                          | <b>31.77%</b>  | <b>37.40%</b>                          | <b>24.16%</b>  | <b>2.5</b>       |

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(1) BAM – Investment Grade Fixed Income was initiated 1/1/09.

(2) Barclays US Government/Credit (1-3 year) Index

(3) Barclays US Government/Credit (1-5 year) Index

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## GIPS Composite Report

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| Year End | Total Firm Assets (USD) (Millions) | Composite Assets (USD) (Millions) | Number of Accounts | Composite Returns Gross | Composite Returns Net | Bloomberg Barclays US Government/Credit 1-3 Year Index Benchmark Returns | Bloomberg Barclays US Government/Credit 1-5 Year Index Benchmark Returns | Composite Dispersion | Composite 3-Yr Std Dev | Bloomberg Barclays US Government/Credit 1-3 Year Index Benchmark 3-Yr Std Dev | Bloomberg Barclays US Government/Credit 1-5 Year Index Benchmark 3-Yr Std Dev |
|----------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|--|--|----------------------|------------------------|---|---|
| 2024*    | 212                                | 1.36                              | 3                  | 3.62%                   | 3.30%                 | 3.51%  | 3.55%  | N/A <sup>1</sup>     | 0.97%                  | 2.39%   | 3.40%   |
| 2023     | 211                                | 17.20                             | 4                  | 4.56%                   | 4.39%                 | 4.61%  | 4.89%  | N/A <sup>1</sup>     | 0.88%                  | 2.15%   | 3.11%   |
| 2022     | 181                                | 9.92                              | 2                  | 0.24%                   | 0.09%                 | -3.69%   | -5.49%   | N/A <sup>1</sup>     | 2.94%                  | 1.70%   | 2.53%   |
| 2021     | 217                                | 17.74                             | 1                  | 0.57%                   | 0.42%                 | -0.47%   | -1.00%   | N/A <sup>1</sup>     | 3.01%                  | 0.98%   | 1.46%   |
| 2020     | 178                                | 32.62                             | 1                  | 3.26%                   | 3.10%                 | 3.33%  | 4.73%  | N/A <sup>1</sup>     | 3.16%                  | 0.98%   | 1.47%   |
| 2019     | 161                                | 32.68                             | 1                  | 4.86%                   | 4.70%                 | 4.03%  | 5.01%  | N/A <sup>1</sup>     | 1.57%                  | 0.92%   | 1.36%   |
| 2018     | 137                                | 41.21                             | 1                  | 3.26%                   | 3.11%                 | 1.60%  | 1.38%  | N/A <sup>1</sup>     | 2.03%                  | 0.82%   | 1.35%   |
| 2017     | 147                                | 45.02                             | 1                  | 3.68%                   | 3.53%                 | 0.84%  | 1.27%  | N/A <sup>1</sup>     | 1.98%                  | 0.73%   | 1.29%   |
| 2016     | 145                                | 58.78                             | 1                  | 4.55%                   | 4.40%                 | 1.28%  | 1.56%  | N/A <sup>1</sup>     | 1.95%                  | 0.75%   | 1.35%   |
| 2015     | 142                                | 62.15                             | 1                  | 1.05%                   | 0.90%                 | 0.65%  | 0.97%  | N/A <sup>1</sup>     | 1.57%                  | 0.58%   | 1.18%   |
| 2014     | 148                                | 64.11                             | 1                  | 2.41%                   | 2.26%                 | 0.77%  | 1.42%  | N/A <sup>1</sup>     | 1.40%                  | 0.49%   | 1.06%   |
| 2013     | 135                                | 58.44                             | 1                  | 0.79%                   | 0.63%                 | 0.64%  | 0.28%  | N/A <sup>1</sup>     | 1.38%                  | 0.54%   | 1.17%   |
| 2012     | 114                                | 64.07                             | 1                  | 3.67%                   | 3.51%                 | 1.26%  | 2.24%  | N/A <sup>1</sup>     | 1.68%                  | 0.72%   | 1.32%   |
| 2011     | 109                                | 64.31                             | 1                  | 4.11%                   | 3.95%                 | 1.59%  | 3.14%  | N/A <sup>1</sup>     | 2.17%                  | 0.99%   | 1.62%   |
| 2010     | 109                                | 65.25                             | 1                  | 4.43%                   | 4.28%                 | 2.80%  | 4.08%  | N/A <sup>1</sup>     | N/A <sup>2</sup>       | N/A <sup>2</sup>  | N/A <sup>2</sup>  |
| 2009     | 106                                | 66.04                             | 1                  | 6.50%                   | 6.34%                 | 3.83%  | 4.62%  | N/A <sup>1</sup>     | N/A <sup>2</sup>       | N/A <sup>2</sup>  | N/A <sup>2</sup>  |

NA<sup>1</sup> - Composite dispersion is not presented for periods with five or fewer portfolios in the composite for the entire year.

NA<sup>2</sup> - The three-year annualized standard deviation is not presented for periods before 36 months of data is available.

\* Performance is for a partial period from January 1, 2024 to August 31, 2024.

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