



**Objective**

To build and maintain a portfolio that represents the best relative value available based on the expected economic and market environment. We alter portfolio composition based on the liquidity constraints of the client. We look to add incremental return by taking advantage of market anomalies. Our goal is to outperform the Bloomberg Aggregate Index and to rank in the upper quartile in a universe of our peers.

**Strategy**

We seek total rate of return through the active management of all structural components of the portfolio; sector/ industry allocation, credit quality, liquidity, yield curve, maturity exposure and call structure. Our primary focus is issue selection and sector rotation. We attempt to buy credits or structure that should perform well in the current economic environment. We typically do not look to benefit from duration management.

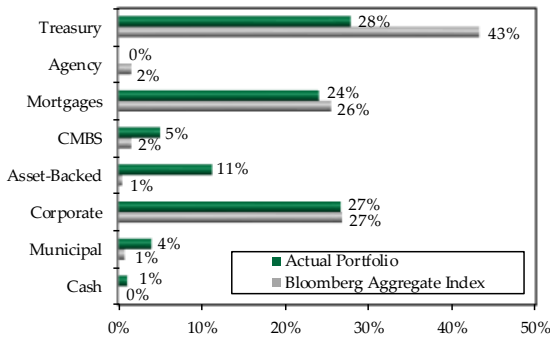
**Philosophy**

Fixed Income returns correlate to the economic cycle, so our portfolio strategy emanates from a detailed, ongoing assessment of the economy. Our bias is to maximize yield, but with great respect for the risk inherent in such a strategy. We believe over the long term, that maximizing yield and relative value with sensitivity to credit risk leads to higher returns.

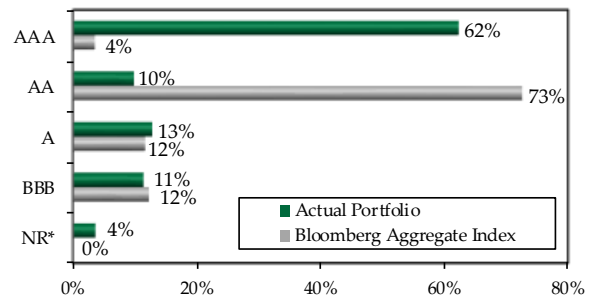
Minimum account size \$25 million.

Minimum commingled fund account size: \$5 million.

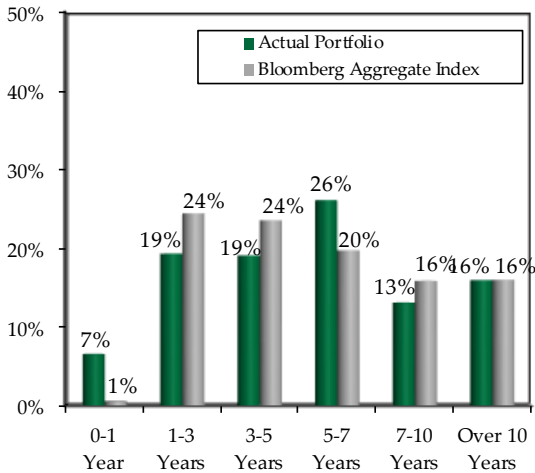
**Sector Distribution**



**Quality Distribution**



**Duration Distribution**



**Portfolio Statistics**

	<u>Actual Portfolio</u>	<u>Bloomberg Aggregate Index</u>
Average Yield	5.32	5.00
Average Maturity	8.34	8.43
Average Coupon	4.07	3.30
Effective Duration	5.97	6.13
Average Quality	AA-	AA

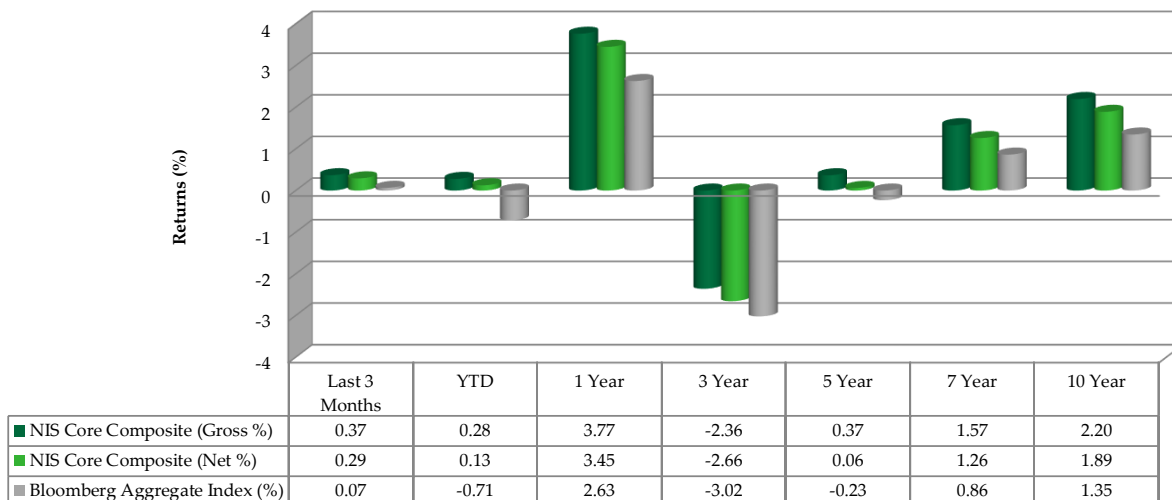
AUM in Composite: \$4.3 Billion

Accounts in Composite: 19

	<u>Focus</u>	<u>Years at NIS</u>	<u>Years of Experience</u>
Jason Berrie, CFA	CIO, Credit	20	31
Mark Anderson, CFA	Strategist/Preferred	24	31
James Kaplan, CFA	Lead PM - Structured	15	42
Barbara Schalla, CFA	Credit	33	39
Vincent Russo, CFA	Credit	10	26
Lesly Barnes	ABS	17	22
Stefan Martin	CMBS	7	25
Stephen Smitley	Municipal/Structured	3	25
John Vetrnick	Credit Analyst	9	9
Richard Tauber, CFA, CPA	Credit Analyst	4	34

Disclosure: Distribution totals may not equal 100% due to rounding. The Sample Portfolio data shown represents an actual portfolio that NIS believes to be representative of the NIS Core Plus Fixed Income management strategy. The Bloomberg Aggregate Index is unmanaged, comprised of all outstanding U.S. Treasury and Agency issues, investment grade credit bond issues, asset-backed securities and agency-sponsored, mortgage-backed securities greater than one year in maturity. Comparative data was provided by or compiled based on information gathered from Bloomberg which is a third party source. Although we believe this source is reliable, we have not independently verified any such information and make no representations or warranties as to the accuracy, timeliness or completeness of such information. All investments are subject to a risk of loss.

# Performance History (as of 6/30/24)



Returns greater than one year are annualized.

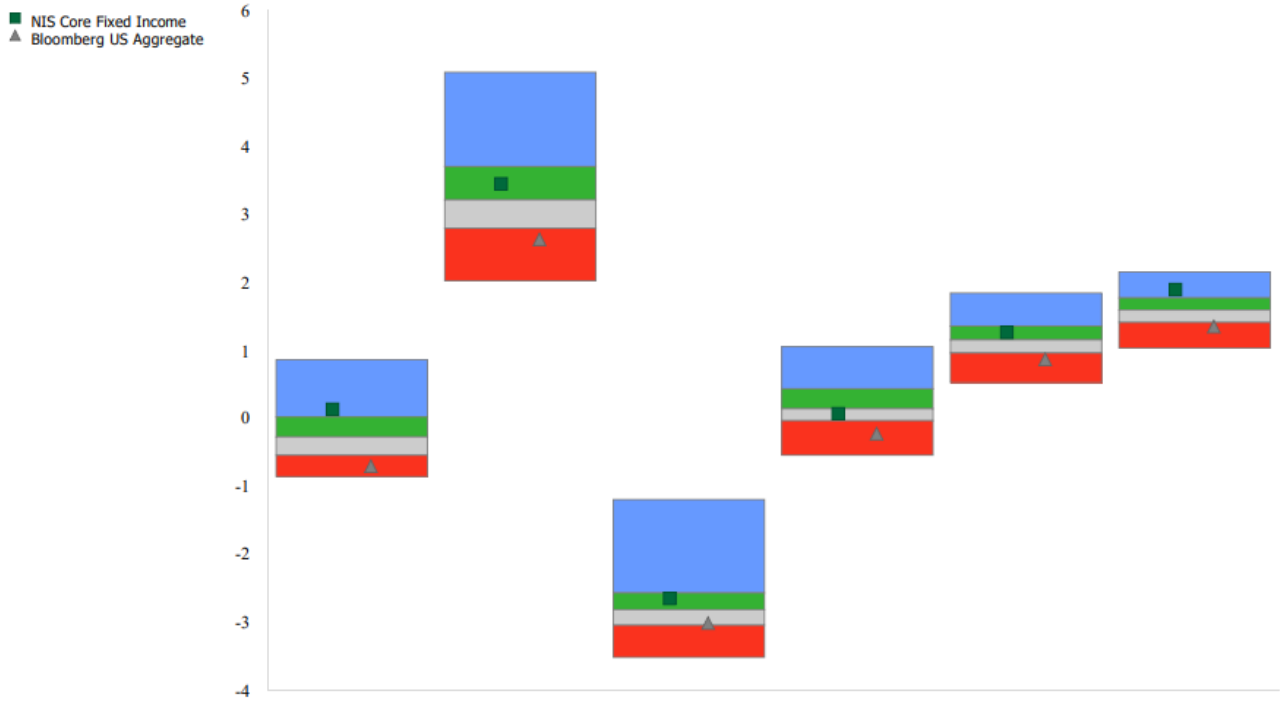
## Performance Disclosure

### Annual Performance History

Year	Composite Gross Return (%)	Composite Net Return (%)	Bloomberg Aggregate Return (%)	Composite Gross 3-Yr Std. Dev. (%)	Bloomberg Aggregate 3 Yr. Std. Dev. (%)	Number of Portfolios	Composite Gross Dispersion (%)	Total Assets at End of Period (USD millions)	Percentage of Firm Assets	Total Firm Assets (USD millions)
2023	6.36	6.04	5.53	6.83	7.24	15	0.28	1,824.5	18.67	9,771
2022	-12.96	-13.23	-13.01	6.03	5.85	14	0.22	2,414.1	30.47	7,923
2021	-0.22	-0.53	-1.54	4.20	3.40	16	0.25	2,846.1	28.48	9,993
2020	7.42	7.10	7.51	4.15	3.36	13	0.14	2,409.9	25.61	9,411
2019	9.02	8.69	8.72	2.86	2.87	12	0.12	2,301.9	26.30	8,751
2018	0.99	0.68	0.01	2.59	2.84	12	0.13	1,716.6	23.81	7,210
2017	4.65	4.34	3.54	2.59	2.78	10	0.16	1,388.4	20.69	6,709
2016	3.33	3.02	2.65	2.78	2.98	7	0.10	1,169.0	18.67	6,261
2015	1.98	1.67	0.55	2.88	2.88	6	0.11	1,004.2	20.50	4,899
2014	7.93	7.61	5.97	2.64	2.63	4	0.20	601.8	14.60	4,122
2013	-0.53	-0.83	-2.02	2.71	2.71	3	0.07	452.3	12.30	3,678
2012	8.05	7.74	4.22	2.52	2.38	3	0.24	320.8	9.26	3,463
2011	8.83	8.51	7.84	3.20	2.78	4	0.42	276.5	9.12	3,031
2010	10.57	10.24	6.54			6	0.43	316.5	11.20	2,827
2009	12.60	12.27	5.93			11	1.40	370.2	12.63	2,931
2008	-1.06	-1.36	5.24			13	1.90	435.4	14.40	3,024
2007	4.93	4.61	6.97			12	0.45	387.3	12.18	3,181
2006	4.96	4.64	4.33			9	0.09	395.5	12.84	3,081
2005	3.19	2.88	2.43			10	0.11	350.1	11.34	3,088
2004	4.88	4.56	4.34			11	0.14	316.1	10.88	2,906
2003	4.98	4.63	4.10			12	0.28	342.1	13.16	2,599

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Universe: eVestment US Core Fixed Income (Percentile)

	VT	RM	YTD		1 Year		3 Years		5 Years		7 Years		10 Years	
				Rk		Rk		Rk		Rk		Rk		Rk
5th percentile			0.9		5.1		-1.2		1.0		1.8		2.1	
25th percentile			0.0		3.7		-2.6		0.4		1.4		1.8	
Median			-0.3		3.2		-2.8		0.1		1.2		1.6	
75th percentile			-0.6		2.8		-3.1		0.0		1.0		1.4	
95th percentile			-0.9		2.0		-3.5		-0.5		0.5		1.0	
# of Observations			205		204		200		193		186		173	
NIS Core Fixed Income	SA	NF	0.1	20	3.4	37	-2.7	31	0.1	63	1.3	35	1.9	13
Bloomberg US Aggregate	IX	IX	-0.7	89	2.6	81	-3.0	74	-0.2	86	0.9	83	1.3	80

Results displayed in USD using Spot Rate (SR).

### Standard Deviation

	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	7 Year	10 Year
NIS Core Composite	7.51	7.02	6.23	5.50	4.82
Bloomberg Aggregate Index	7.88	7.43	6.23	5.51	4.87

NIS Core Fixed Income performance is net of a 30 bps investment management fee. Returns greater than one year are annualized.

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