# Sierra High Yield Corp Bond Program



#### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Sierra High Yield Corporate Bond Program seeks to produce satisfying long-term returns while limiting downside risk. Returns are created from interest income as well as fluctuations\_in bond prices. The Program diversifies a client's account among at least four (often up to ten) high yield corporate bond mutual funds that are expected to generate returns superior to a simple high yield corporate bond benchmark. Each holding is monitored daily and during declines, a proprietary trailing stop discipline is implemented with the goal of limiting drawdowns. The Program will be fully invested when there are many Buy signals and will, at times, be fully in cash when the universe of high yield corporate bond mutual funds are showing Sell signals.

## **Top Holdings**

FUND	TICKER	WEIGHT
BlackRock High Yield Bond Instl	BHYIX	20.4%
PIMCO High Yield Instl	PHIYX	19.9%
Rydex High Yield Strategy H	RYHGX	19.7%
Access Flex High Yield ProFund Inv	FYAIX	15.0%
Payden High Income	PYHRX	13.9%
PIMCO High Yield Spectrum Instl	PHSIX	5.9%
Credit Suisse Strategic Income I	CSOIX	5.1%
Total of Program		99.9%

Percentages have been rounded and may not total to 100%.

Primary Benchmark: ICE BofA US High Yield Master II Index

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Secondary Benchmark: Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index A broad-based flagship benchmark that measures the investment grade, US dollar-denominated, fixed-rate taxable bond market. The index includes Treasuries, government-related and corporate securities, MBS (agency fixed-rate pass-throughs), ABS and CMBS (agency and non-agency).

#### SENIOR INVESTMENT TEAM



Kenneth L. Sleeper MBA, PhD Co-Founder, Portfolio Manager, Co-Chief Investment Officer Started in Industry: 1984



Ryan Harder, CFA
Chief Investment Strategist & Portfolio
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Started in Industry: 1998
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Doug Loeffler, MBA, CFA, CAIA Executive Vice President, Portfolio Manager Started in Industry: 1988

## Asset Allocation

Fixed Income	100.0%
High Yield Corp. Bonds	100.0%

# **QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE - AFTER FEES**

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ECOND QUARTER	THIRD QUARTER	FOURTH QUARTER	FULL YEAR
0.75%	0.5106	1 8 1 0 %	6 60%

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	FIRST QUARTER	SECOND QUARTER	THIRD QUARTER	FOURTH QUARTER	FULL YEAR
2023	1.44%	0.75%	-0.51%	4.84%	6.60%
2022	-2.03%	-3.73%	1.18%	0.69%	-3.92%
2021	0.34%	2.04%	0.24%	-1.38%	1.21%
2020	-2.11%	1.61%	2.17%	4.23%	5.93%
2019	4.31%	1.71%	1.00%	2.08%	9.38%
2018	-0.79%	-0.65%	1.70%	-1.76%	-1.52%
Average ar	nualized compounded	d returns:			2.84%

PRIMARY BENCHMARK	SECONDARY BENCHMARK
FULL YEAR	FULL YEAR
13.46%	5.53%
-11.22%	-13.01%
5.36%	-1.54%
6.17%	7.51%
14.41%	8.72%
-2.26%	0.01%
3.91%	0.97%

## AVERAGE ANNUAL RETURNS

				PERIODS OVER A YEAR ARE ANNUALIZED				
ANNUALIZED RETURNS	QTD	YTD	1 YEAR	3 YEARS	5 YEARS	10 YEARS	15 YEARS	SINCE INCEPTION
Sierra High Yield Corp Bond Program	4.84%	6.60%	6.60%	1.20%	3.73%	_	_	2.84%
Primary Benchmark	7.06%	13.46%	13.46%	2.00%	5.21%	_	_	3.91%
Secondary Benchmark	6.82%	5.53%	5.53%	-3.31%	1.10%	_	_	0.97%

Portfolio holdings and asset allocations are subject to change.

#### **DEFINITIONS**

**Trailing Stop Discipline ("Discipline").** This proprietary Discipline has the objective of limiting the magnitude for portfolio drawdowns. The Discipline is based on a manual process that defines sell levels/signals for security holdings in decline, as measured by its price falling below the recent high of its lower band. These are not market orders. Sierra Investment Management utilizes this Discipline directly in the management of non-affiliated holdings. Sierra Investment Management invests in its affiliated Sierra Mutual Funds ("Funds") and the Discipline is applied at the Underlying Funds level, not on the Funds themselves. Please see our Form ADV Part 2A for information on conflicts of interest that exist as a result of Sierra Investment Management investing in affiliated Funds.

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Investors cannot invest directly in an index. These unmanaged indexes do not reflect management fees and transaction costs that are associated with some investments.

#### IMPORTANT DISCLOSURES

The currency used to express performance is USD. Returns include the reinvestment of all income. Net-of-fee returns are calculated using the highest-tiered advisory fee rate of 1.8%. The annual advisory fee is applied on a monthly basis, by deducting 1/12th of the advisory fee rate from the monthly gross returns. The advisory fee includes transaction costs, investment management fees, and certain custodial costs. Because clients will have different fee arrangements and specific investments in the strategy may be made at different times, net performance for any individual client will vary from the net performance as stated herein.

#### SOURCE OF PERFORMANCE:

The source of performance is based on a composite incepted on January 1, 2018.

Past performance is not indicative of future results. All investments involve risk, including loss of principal.

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