MACKAY SHIELDS
BY NEW YORK LIFE INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT

CORE PLUS OPPORTUNITIES

FACT SHEET

SECOND QUARTER 2026

The MacKay Advantage

MACKAY SHIELDS

- $162 Billion AUM[1]
- Experienced boutique investment teams
- Specialty fixed income expertise across global fixed income markets including municipal bonds, structured credit, corporate credit and emerging markets debt
- Acquired by New York Life Insurance Company in 1984

Global Fixed Income Team

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1. As of June 30, 2026, includes MacKay Shields LLC and its subsidiaries.

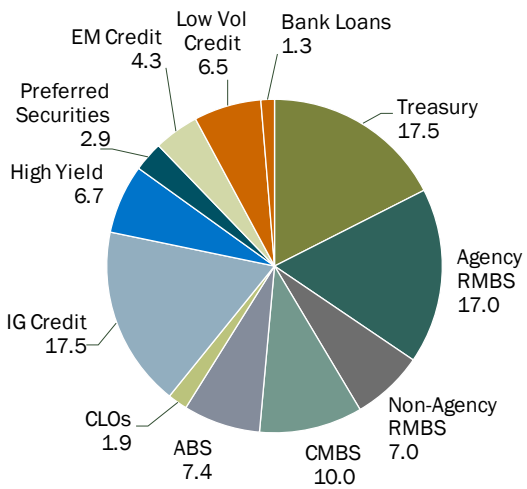
Core Plus Opportunities seeks to outperform the benchmark by eliminating or reducing uncompensated risk while opportunistically allocating investments across a range of core and off-benchmark sectors. The strategy strives to achieve an information ratio of greater than 1.

Representative Account Characteristics | As of June 30, 2026

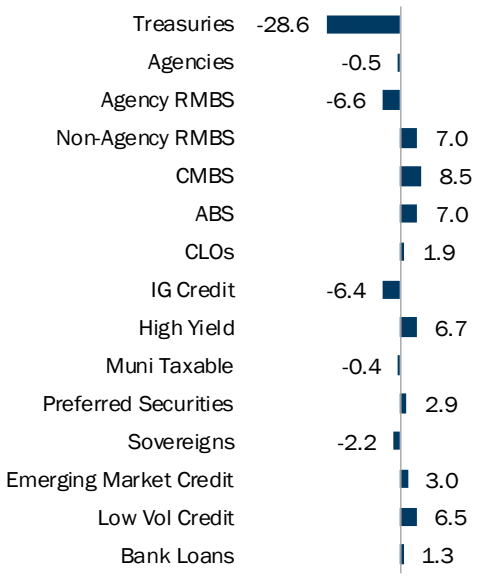
Statistics	MacKay Shields Representative Account	Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index
Yield to Worst	6.2%	4.7%
Duration	5.8 Years	5.8 Years
Average Quality	A-/BBB+	AA2/AA3
Average Dollar Price	$93.11	$93.06

Sector Breakdown | (% of Market Value)[1]

REPRESENTATIVE ACCOUNT



VS. INDEX



CMBS = Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities; ABS=Asset Backed Securities
Index = Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index. The duration of the benchmark's residential mortgage segment has been updated with FTSE Russell's Yield Book prepayment models to maintain consistency with our portfolio analytics.
1. The above is a relative comparison between the representative account and the Index; thus, representative account figures are absolute percentages and Index figures represent the difference between those percentages and the Index's absolute percentages.
The representative account was selected because it is the oldest separate account in the MacKay Shields Core Plus Opportunities Composite and not for performance reasons. Each client account is individually managed, actual holdings will vary for each client and there is no guarantee that a particular client's account will have the same characteristics. It may not precisely represent every portfolio in the composite. Unless otherwise noted, characteristics presented herein are gross characteristics and do not reflect the deduction of fees and expenses. This document is for informational purposes only. Portfolio holdings are subject to change without notice. Provided as supplemental information to the GIPS reports at the end of this presentation.
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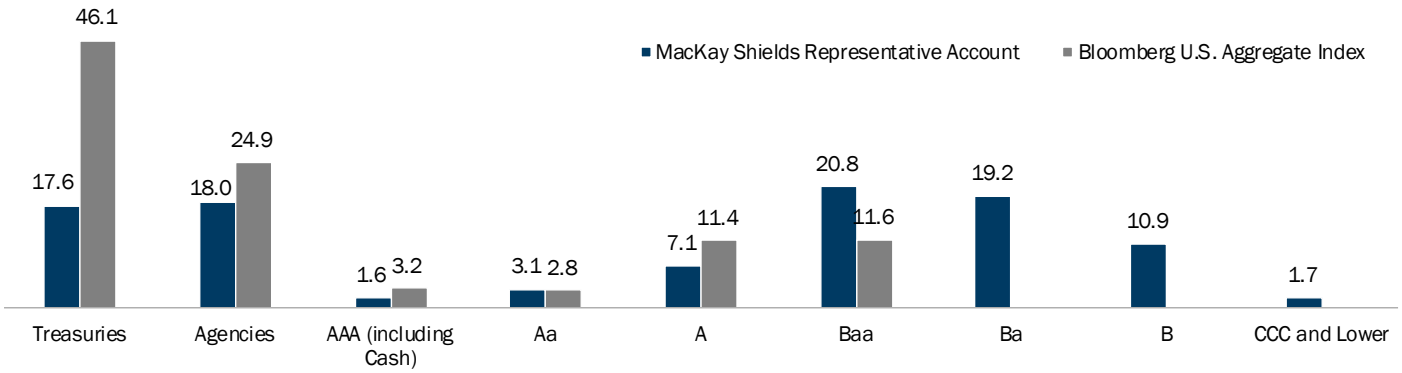
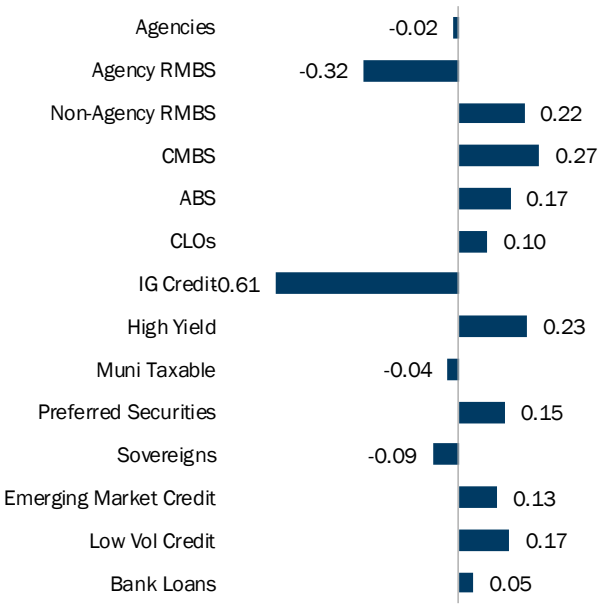
Representative Account Quality Breakdown (%)[1] | June 30, 2026



Representative Account Contribution to Spread Duration vs. Index (Years) | June 30, 2026[2]

RELATIVE SECTOR EXPOSURE



RELATIVE QUALITY EXPOSURE

Index = Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index

1. For rated securities, credit quality is assigned as the middle rating of Moody's, S&P and Fitch; when a rating from only two agencies is available, the lower is used; when only one agency rates a bond, that rating is used.
2. Figures represent the net difference in duration dollars between the Representative Account exposures and Index exposures.

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Yield Curve Distribution by Sector | June 30, 2026

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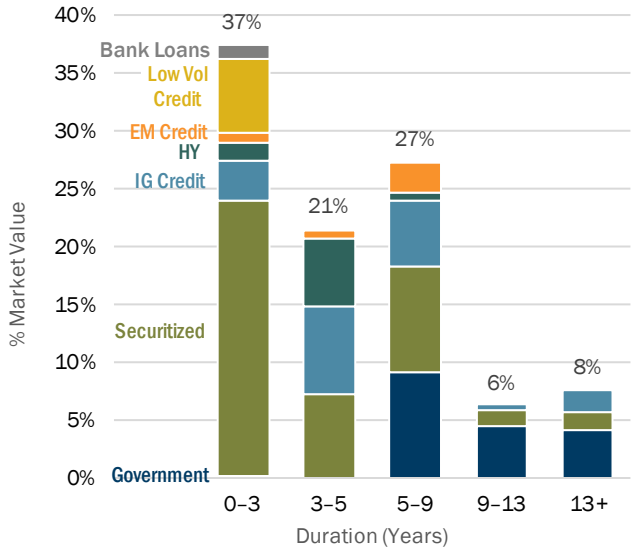

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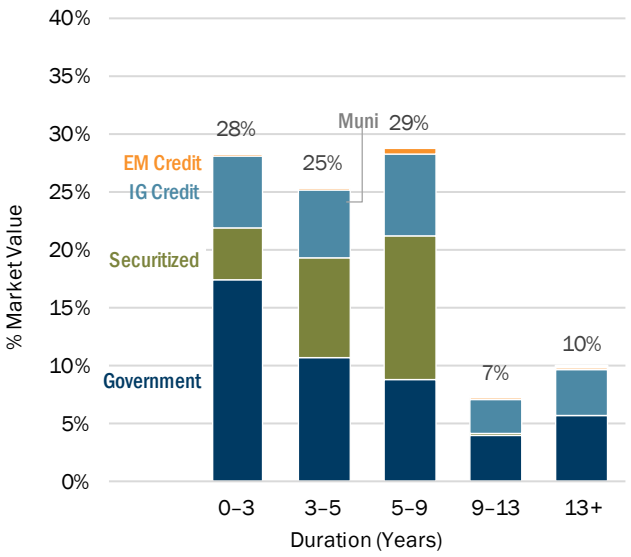
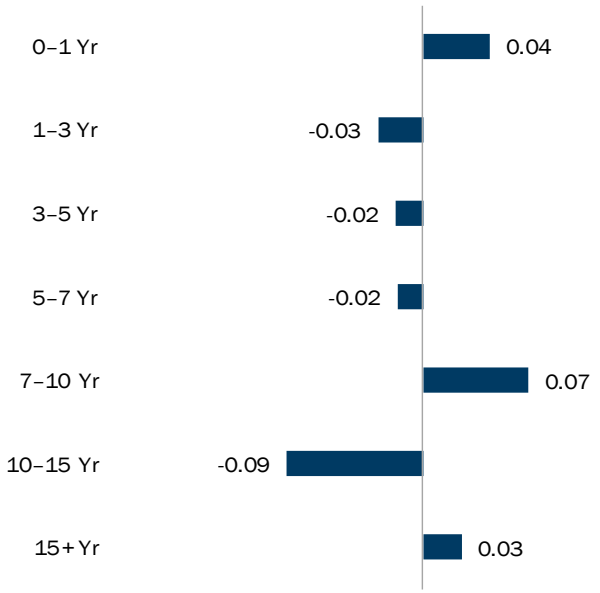


Duration Distribution vs. Index | June 30, 2026[1]



Regions (% Market Value) | June 30, 2026

	Representative Account	Index
DEVELOPED MARKETS		
CANADA	0.0	1.1
EUROPE	2.0	1.1
UNITED KINGDOM	1.4	0.9
UNITED STATES	90.2	93.4
OTHER	1.8	2.2
EMERGING MARKETS	4.5	1.3
TOTAL	**100.0**	**100.0**

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Performance

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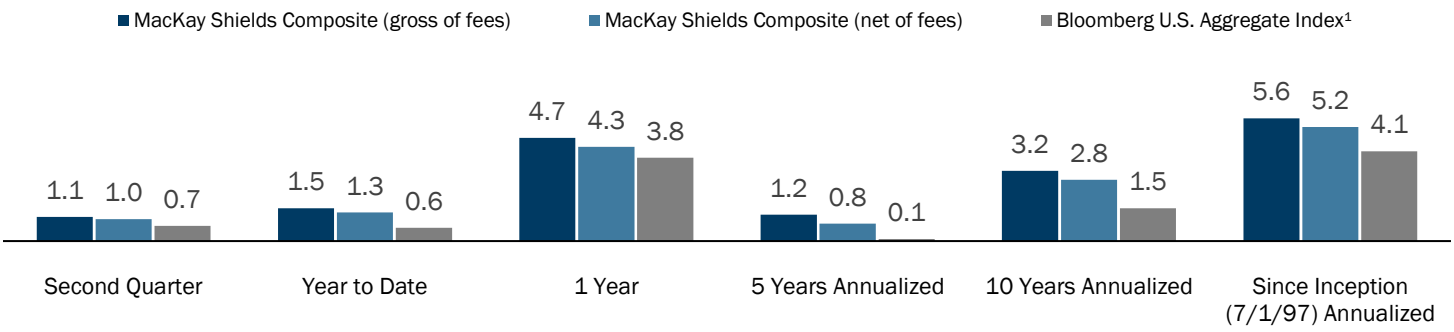
Composite Returns (%)

Period Ending June 30, 2026



Composite Disclosures

Period	MacKay Shields Composite Gross Returns (%)	MacKay Shields Composite Net Returns (%)	Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index[1] Returns (%)	Composite 3-Yr St Dev (%)	Benchmark[1] 3-Yr St Dev (%)	No. of Accts.	Composite Assets ($Mil)	Firm Assets ($Mil)	Internal Dispersion (%)
2026 (Thru 6/30)	1.5	1.3	0.6	5.7	5.5	10	3,422	162,156	N/A
2025	7.9	7.4	7.3	6.3	6.0	10	3,176	158,884	0.3
2024	4.1	3.7	1.3	8.5	7.7	10	2,969	150,568	0.6
2023	8.2	7.7	5.5	8.0	7.1	11	2,954	139,163	0.6
2022	-14.3	-14.6	-13.0	7.4	5.8	11	2,987	128,584	0.3
2021	0.5	0.1	-1.5	4.8	3.4	12	4,011	163,646	0.2
2020	10.8	10.3	7.5	4.8	3.4	12	3,730	153,995	0.3
2019	10.8	10.4	8.7	2.7	2.9	12	3,798	131,978	0.3
2018	-0.9	-1.3	0.0	2.6	2.8	14	4,111	107,467	0.2
2017	5.8	5.4	3.5	2.7	2.8	16	4,297	98,098	0.3
2016	5.5	5.1	2.6	2.9	3.0	16	3,966	94,540	0.5

1. Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index

The Core Plus Opportunities Composite includes all discretionary core plus opportunities accounts managed with similar objectives for a full month, including those accounts no longer with the firm. This strategy invests primarily in investment grade debt securities and seeks to add incremental returns by taking opportunistic exposures to asset classes such as international fixed income, emerging market debt and high yield debt securities. Eligible investments generally include, but are not limited to, U.S. Treasuries, TIPS, agencies, corporates, mortgage- and asset-backed securities, preferred securities, convertible securities, bank loans, taxable municipals and money market instruments (including STIF) and the strategy may make both long and short investments. Additionally, where client guidelines permit, this strategy typically makes allocations to two private funds that are also managed by the same investment team. The strategy may also include derivatives, such as futures, to try to manage interest rate risk or reduce the risk of loss of (that is, hedge) certain of its holdings. The Core Plus Opportunities Composite used to be named the Active Core Plus Composite. Gross-of-fees composite performance reflects reinvestment of income and is a market-weighted average of the time-weighted return, before advisory fees and related expenses, of each account for the period since inception. Net-of-fees composite performance is derived by reducing the monthly gross-of-fees composite by 0.0333%, our highest monthly fee. Policies for valuing investments, calculating performance, and preparing GIPS reports are available upon request. GIPS® is a registered trademark of CFA Institute. CFA Institute does not endorse or promote this organization, nor does it warrant the accuracy or quality of the content contained herein. Performance is expressed in US Dollars. There can be no assurance that the rate of return for any account within a composite will be the same as that of the composite presented. **Past performance is not indicative of future results.**

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