

## The MacKay Advantage

### MACKAY SHIELDS

- \$159 Billion AUM<sup>1</sup>
- 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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Credit seeks to outperform the benchmark by eliminating or reducing uncompensated risk from investments in corporate credit securities. The strategy strives to achieve an information ratio of greater than 1.

## Representative Account Characteristics | As of December 31, 2025

Statistics	Representative Account <sup>1</sup>	Index <sup>2</sup>	Difference
EFFECTIVE DURATION (YRS)	6.68	6.62	0.06
SPREAD DURATION (YRS)	5.63	6.52	-0.89
AVERAGE MATURITY (YRS)	10.17	10.17	0.00
YIELD TO WORST (%)	5.07	4.75	0.32
OPTION ADJUSTED SPREAD	100	73	27
AVERAGE QUALITY <sup>2</sup>	BBB+	A-	—

1. The representative account utilized for this analysis was selected because it is the oldest dedicated account in the 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.

2. Bloomberg US Credit Index.

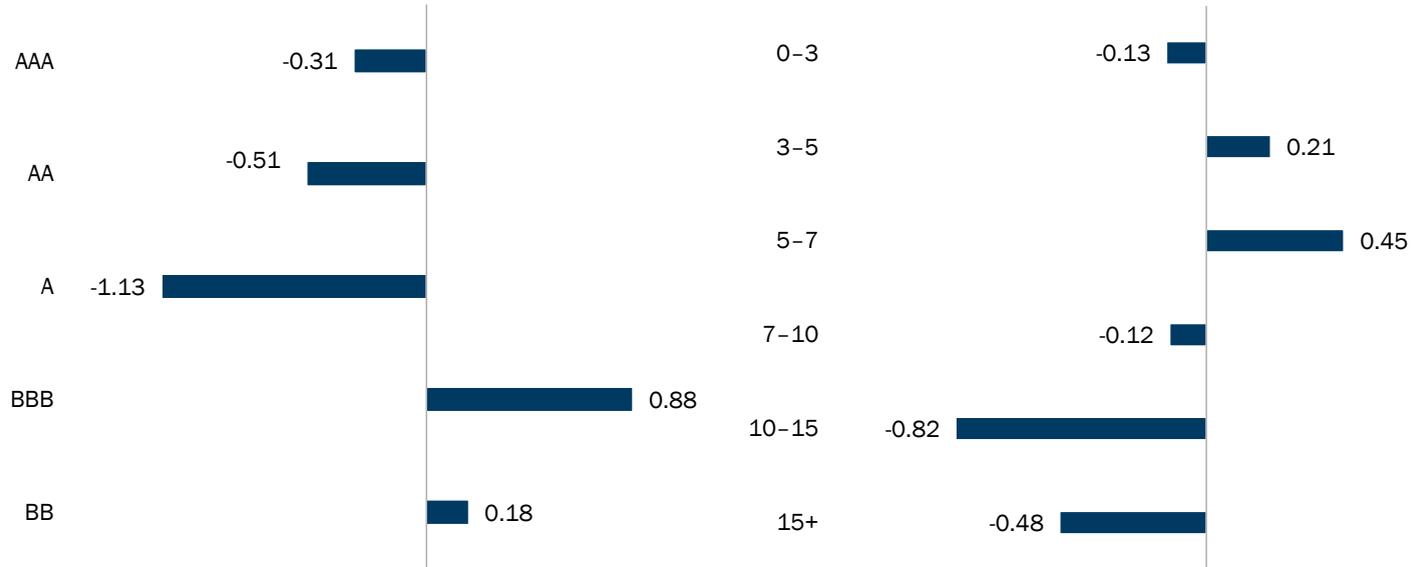
3. The top ten issuers were chosen based on objective non-performance based criteria and do not represent all of the securities in the portfolio. The top ten issuers represent the ten largest holdings as a percentage of the total value of assets under management for the representative account. It should not be assumed that the issuers described above were or will be profitable.

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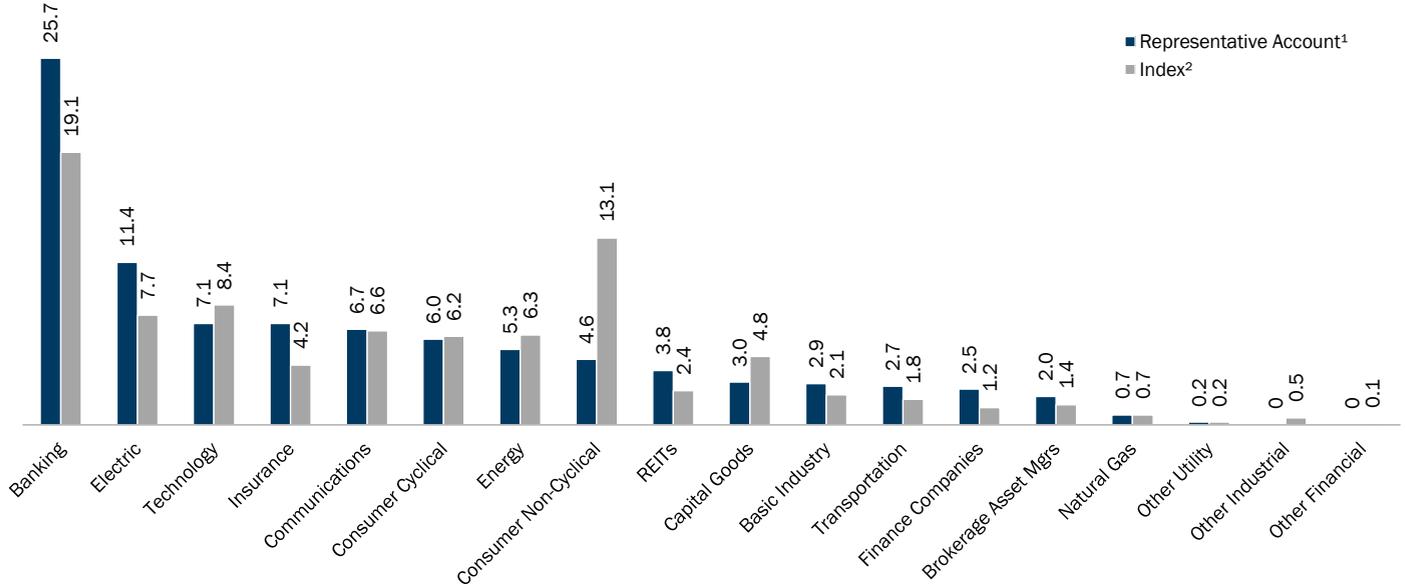
1. As of September 30, 2025, includes MacKay Shields LLC and its subsidiaries.

## Representative Account Characteristics<sup>1</sup> | As of September 30, 2025

### CREDIT QUALITY<sup>2</sup> & DURATION | Net Contribution to Spread Duration



### INDUSTRY POSITIONING<sup>3</sup> | % Market Value vs Index



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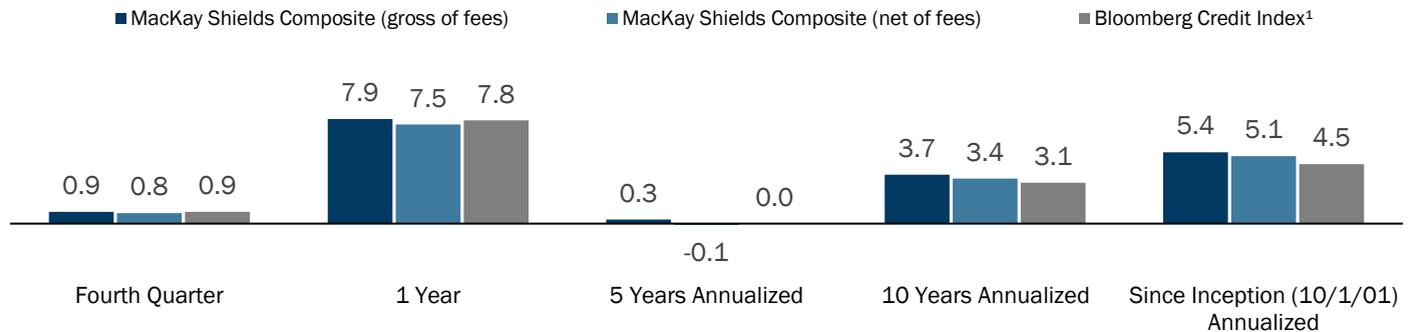
3. Excludes non-corporate credit.

4. Bloomberg US Credit Index.

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Composite Returns (%)

Period Ending December 31, 2025



Composite Disclosures

Period	MacKay Shields Composite Gross	MacKay Shields Composite Net	Bloomberg Credit Index <sup>1</sup>	Composite	Benchmark <sup>1</sup>	No. of Accts.	Composite	Firm Assets	Internal
	Returns (%)	Returns (%)	Returns (%)	3-Yr St Dev (%)	3-Yr St Dev (%)		Assets (\$Mil)	(\$Mil)	Dispersion (%)
2025	7.9	7.5	7.8	6.8	6.6	≤5	1,540	158,884	0.1
2024	3.5	3.1	2.0	9.5	9.2	≤5	1,553	150,568	0.5
2023	8.9	8.5	8.2	9.0	8.8	≤5	1,919	139,163	0.3
2022	-16.1	-16.4	-15.3	9.2	8.8	≤5	1,762	128,584	0.0
2021	-0.5	-0.9	-1.1	6.7	6.5	≤5	2,246	163,646	0.0
2020	11.7	11.3	9.4	6.7	6.4	≤5	3,525	153,995	0.6
2019	13.7	13.3	13.8	3.5	3.5	≤5	3,073	131,978	0.0
2018	-2.3	-2.7	-2.1	3.6	3.5	≤5	76	107,467	0.0
2017	7.5	7.1	6.2	3.7	3.7	≤5	101	98,098	0.0
2016	6.8	6.4	5.6	3.9	4.0	≤5	115	94,540	0.0

1. Bloomberg U.S. Credit Index

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