



## HIGH YIELD

### DESCRIPTION

Our High Yield strategy invests in undervalued debt securities of companies with durable business models, asset coverage and the ability and goal to delever over time. We combine our research team's expertise in small/mid-caps and fallen angels with a bias toward senior securities to maximize risk adjusted returns.

### ABOUT US

Since 1980, Hotchkis & Wiley has focused on discovering undervalued securities through extensive internal research. We manage \$33 billion in value equity and high yield assets for institutional and mutual fund investors. The firm is independently owned with a majority interest held by employees.

### COMPOSITE PERFORMANCE (%) ANNUALIZED

|   | QTR  | YTD  | 1 Yr | 3 Yr | 5 Yr | 10 Yr | Inception |
|---|------|------|------|------|------|-------|-----------|
| H&W High Yield (gross)                          | 0.74 | 0.74 | 7.29 | 5.27 | 8.83 | 4.94  | 8.09      |
| H&W High Yield (net)                            | 0.64 | 0.64 | 6.85 | 4.83 | 8.36 | 4.46  | 7.58      |
| ICE BofA BB-B U.S. High Yield Constrained Index | 1.16 | 1.16 | 6.69 | 4.47 | 6.55 | 4.71  | 7.39      |
| ICE BofA U.S. High Yield Index                  | 0.94 | 0.94 | 7.60 | 4.84 | 7.21 | 4.92  | 8.02      |

Commencement of HY Composite: 5/1/09. Net performance results are presented after actual management fees and all trading expenses but before custodial fees. Past performance is no guarantee of future performance.

### PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

|                                       | H&W       | Index <sup>2</sup> |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|--------------------|
| Current Yield                         | 7.0%      | 6.5%               |
| Yield-to-Worst                        | 7.6%      | 6.9%               |
| Modified Duration                     | 3.2 years | 3.3 years          |
| Spread over Treasuries                | 348 bps   | 279 bps            |
| Number of Active Issuers <sup>3</sup> | 188       | 778                |

### CREDIT QUALITY (%)<sup>1</sup>

|                    | H&W  | Index <sup>2</sup> |
|--------------------|------|--------------------|
| Investment Grade   | 1.1  | 4.0                |
| BB                 | 46.1 | 61.2               |
| B                  | 45.1 | 33.9               |
| CCC+ or Lower      | 4.7  | 0.3                |
| Non-Rated          | 1.1  | 0.6                |
| Cash & Equivalents | 1.9  | 0.0                |

### SECTOR ALLOCATION (%)<sup>1</sup>

|                                 | H&W  | Compared to Index <sup>2</sup> |
|---------------------------------|------|--------------------------------|
| Chemicals - Industries          | 6.3  | 3.2                            |
| Consumer and Capital Goods      | 12.5 | 2.8                            |
| Automotive                      | 4.7  | 1.5                            |
| Materials & Const. - Industries | 5.1  | 1.4                            |
| Energy                          | 13.3 | 1.3                            |
| Forestry & Paper - Industries   | 1.2  | 1.0                            |
| Media                           | 7.8  | 1.0                            |
| Insurance                       | 2.9  | 0.9                            |
| Metals & Mining - Industries    | 3.0  | 0.1                            |
| Technology & Electronics        | 4.5  | 0.1                            |
| Miscellaneous                   | 0.0  | -0.5                           |
| Healthcare                      | 7.2  | -0.5                           |
| Retail                          | 5.2  | -1.0                           |
| Real Estate                     | 2.7  | -1.6                           |
| Leisure & Services              | 11.7 | -1.6                           |
| Transportation                  | 0.5  | -1.6                           |
| Satellite & Wireless - Telecom  | 0.4  | -1.8                           |
| Wireline & Services - Telecom   | 1.6  | -2.0                           |
| Utility                         | 1.7  | -2.1                           |
| Banking & Finance               | 5.7  | -2.3                           |

## Important Notes and GIPS Report:

<sup>1</sup>% of Total Portfolio (Basic Industry-Industries and Telecom sectors disclosed at industry level); <sup>2</sup>ICE BofA BB-B U.S. High Yield Constrained Index; <sup>3</sup>Number of Active Issuers excludes calls, tenders, and restructured issuers that are being liquidated (192 total issuers). Informational purposes and should not be considered as investment recommendations. Information provided is based on a representative portfolio of the High Yield (HY) Strategy. Sector allocation, characteristics and/or credit quality may vary due to different restrictions, cash flows, and other relevant considerations. Portfolio holdings are subject to change without notice; a complete list of holdings is available upon request, subject to the firm's portfolio holdings disclosure policy. Credit Quality weights by rating were derived from the highest bond rating as determined by S&P or Moody's. In limited situations where neither rating agency has issued a formal rating, the Advisor will determine an internal rating. Investing in high yield securities is subject to certain risks, including market, credit, liquidity, issuer, interest-rate, inflation, and derivatives risks. Lower-rated and non-rated securities involve greater risk than higher-rated securities. The ICE BofA index data referenced is the property of ICE Data Indices, LLC ("ICE BofA") and/or its licensors and has been licensed for use by Hotchkis & Wiley. ICE BofA and its licensors accept no liability in connection with its use. See [www.hwcm.com](http://www.hwcm.com) for full disclaimer. All investments contain risk and may lose value. Data source: H&W, ICE BofA, Bloomberg

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**Composite:** The Composite includes all High Yield discretionary accounts. The High Yield strategy seeks high current income combined with the opportunity for capital appreciation to maximize total return primarily through investments in high yield securities and rated below investment grade fixed income instruments. It may also use futures, swaps and other derivatives, mortgage- or asset-backed securities and restricted securities that are sold in private placement transactions. (Composite creation & inception date: 5/1/2009)

**Indexes:** The ICE BofA BB-B U.S. High Yield Constrained Index ("ICE BofA BB-B") contains all securities in the ICE BofA U.S. High Yield Index rated BB+ through B- by S&P (or equivalent as rated by Moody's or Fitch), but caps issuer exposure at 2%. Index constituents are capitalization-weighted, based on their current amount outstanding, provided the total allocation to an individual issuer does not exceed 2%. The ICE BofA U.S. High Yield Index ("ICE BofA HY") tracks the performance of below investment grade, but not in default, U.S. dollar-denominated corporate bonds publicly issued in the U.S. domestic market, and includes issues with a credit rating of BBB or below, as rated by Moody's and S&P. The indexes assume reinvestment of dividends and capital gains, and assumes no management, custody, transaction or other expenses. The strategy used in managing the accounts in the Composite may prevent or limit investment in major bonds in the ICE BofA BB-B and ICE BofA HY and returns may not be correlated to the indexes. It is not possible to invest directly in the index. Benchmark returns are not covered by the report of independent verifiers.

The 3-year annualized standard deviation measures the variability of the composite (using gross returns) and the benchmark(s) returns over the preceding 36-month period.

|      | % Total<br>Return<br>Gross of<br>Fees | % Total<br>Return<br>Net of<br>Fees | % Total<br>Return<br>ICE BofA<br>BB-B | % Total<br>Return<br>ICE BofA<br>HY | No. of<br>Accts | Internal<br>Dispersion<br>(%) | Comp.<br>Assets<br>(\$M) | Total<br>Firm<br>Assets<br>(\$M) | 3-Year Annualized<br>Standard Deviation (%) |                  |                | As of December 31, 2024 (%) |  |      |       |     |
|------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|---|------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|--|------|-------|-----|
|      |                                       |                                     |                                       |                                     |                 |                               |                          |                                  | Composite                                   | ICE BofA<br>BB-B | ICE BofA<br>HY |                             | 1 Yr   | 5 Yr | 10 Yr |     |
| 2024 | 8.1                                   | 7.7                                 | 6.8                                   | 8.2                                 | 7               | 0.2                           | 2,051                    | 33,144                           | 2024  | 8.0              | 8.4            | 8.4                         | Composite - Gross  | 8.1  | 4.7   | 5.2 |
| 2023 | 14.0                                  | 13.5                                | 12.6                                  | 13.5                                | 7               | 0.4                           | 2,042                    | 31,220                           | 2023  | 8.0              | 8.3            | 8.3                         | Composite - Net  | 7.7  | 4.3   | 4.7 |
| 2022 | -9.2                                  | -9.6                                | -10.6                                 | -11.2                               | 7               | 0.1                           | 1,564                    | 28,330                           | 2022  | 12.4             | 10.7           | 11.1                        | ICE BofA BB-B  | 6.8  | 3.6   | 4.9 |
| 2021 | 7.5                                   | 7.0                                 | 4.6                                   | 5.4                                 | 8               | 0.2                           | 2,159                    | 34,902                           | 2021  | 10.9             | 8.6            | 9.1                         | ICE BofA HY  | 8.2  | 4.0   | 5.1 |
| 2020 | 4.7                                   | 4.2                                 | 6.3                                   | 6.2                                 | 8               | 0.3                           | 2,230                    | 31,687                           | 2020  | 11.1             | 8.8            | 9.4                         | Average annual total returns for<br>periods greater than one year. |      |       |     |
| 2019 | 10.8                                  | 10.3                                | 15.1                                  | 14.4                                | 9               | 1.0                           | 3,641                    | 33,623                           | 2019  | 4.1              | 3.8            | 4.1                         |  |      |       |     |
| 2018 | -2.8                                  | -3.3                                | -2.0                                  | -2.3                                | 8               | 0.2                           | 3,451                    | 27,191                           | 2018  | 4.9              | 4.0            | 4.6                         |  |      |       |     |
| 2017 | 8.9                                   | 8.4                                 | 7.0                                   | 7.5                                 | 8               | 0.4                           | 3,940                    | 32,037                           | 2017  | 5.6              | 5.0            | 5.6                         |  |      |       |     |
| 2016 | 16.4                                  | 15.8                                | 14.7                                  | 17.5                                | 8               | 0.3                           | 3,613                    | 29,952                           | 2016  | 5.9              | 5.4            | 6.0                         |  |      |       |     |
| 2015 | -3.7                                  | -4.2                                | -2.8                                  | -4.6                                | 7               | n/m                           | 2,740                    | 28,367                           | 2015  | 5.0              | 5.0            | 5.3                         |  |      |       |     |

n/m – not considered meaningful for composites with five accounts or less for the full year.