

# High Yield Bond Wrap

## TAXABLE FIXED INCOME STRATEGY

**SEIX** ◆  
INVESTMENT  
ADVISORS LLC®

### INVESTMENT PROCESS

We begin our research effort by focusing on what we believe to be the healthier segment of the high yield universe—BB and B rated bonds and liquid securities with good price action. Early in the process, we exclude issuers with less than \$200 million USD in debt outstanding; issuers that have fewer than two market makers or offer poor information access; and companies whose bonds are exhibiting poor price action.

Within our high yield research team, each research analyst covers between two and four specific industries. We do not rotate analyst coverage from sector to sector because our credit analysts are specialists in their particular industries. Research analysts are responsible for modeling individual companies in their industries, according to the specifics that drive that industry group. For example, the research analyst covering healthcare will utilize a model that incorporates Medicare reimbursements, bed occupancy rates, etc.

### KEY FACTORS

The key factors that are examined when Seix is considering an asset for purchase are:

- ◆ Positive free cash flow combined with deleveraging
- ◆ Solid asset protection
- ◆ Sound management
- ◆ Strong competitive position
- ◆ Access to capital

**Security selection is the most important component of our management style.**

### PORTFOLIO MANAGERS



Mike Kirkpatrick  
Senior Portfolio Manager  
Industry experience since 1991  
Joined Seix in 2002



James FitzPatrick, CFA  
Head of Leveraged  
Finance Trading,  
Portfolio Manager  
Industry experience since 1996  
Joined Seix in 1997

### FIRM FACTS

- ◆ Founded in 1992, Seix maintains its focus on providing fixed income strategies for institutional investors around the globe
- ◆ 38 investment professionals\*

\* As of 3/31/21

### INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY

To participate in the potential upside of the high yield market, but also to be focused on reducing risk by minimizing the downside, especially through comprehensive fundamental credit research.

We believe that the highest risk-adjusted returns are achieved with an investment approach that employs in-depth company research, optimal security structures, and astute expected return analysis, all supported by rigorous and time-tested sell disciplines.

### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

Seeks to deliver current income and capital appreciation by investing in a diversified portfolio of non-investment grade corporate debt securities.

### INVESTMENT STYLE

- ◆ Active management
- ◆ Principally invests in below-investment grade debt securities of corporate issuers
- ◆ Benchmark: ICE BofA US High Yield Cash Pay Index

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### CREDIT QUALITY (%) AS OF 3/31/21

	Portfolio	ICE BofA BB-B US Cash Pay High Yield Constrained Index	ICE BofA US HY Cash Pay Index
BBB	2.54	0.00	0.00
BB	62.68	60.96	54.49
B	30.67	39.05	33.85
CCC & Lower/NR	2.88	0.00	11.66
Cash	1.23	0.00	0.00
Total	100.00	100.00	100.00

### ANNUALIZED SINCE INCEPTION (7/1/1997)

	Portfolio (Gross)	Portfolio (Net)	ICE BofA US HY Cash Pay Index
Return (%)	6.96	4.33	6.79
Standard Deviation	5.83	5.83	9.78
Return per Unit of Risk (%)	1.19	0.74	0.69

### PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS AS OF 3/31/21

	Portfolio	ICE BofA US HY Cash Pay Index
Effective Duration (years)	4.00	3.87
Effective Yield (%)	3.50	4.25
Current Yield (%)	5.11	5.70
Average Maturity (years)	6.14	6.34
Number of Holdings	107	2,036
Average Credit Quality	BB	B1

**Net returns are calculated by subtracting the highest applicable wrap fee (2.50% on an annual basis, or 0.21% monthly) on a monthly basis from the gross composite monthly return.**

**Past performance is not indicative of future results.** The above information is shown as supplemental information only and complements the fully compliant presentations. Periods greater than one year are annualized.

The ratings issued by Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organizations assess the credit worthiness of a corporation's or government's debt issues. The ratings apply to the fund's holdings and not the fund itself. Standard & Poor's, Moody's, and Fitch ratings are used for all ratings-eligible securities. If all three agencies have rated the security, then the average rating based on numerical equivalents is used. If only two agencies have rated the security, then the average of the two ratings is used. If only one agency has rated the security, the rating from that agency is used. If a rating is not available for a ratings-eligible security, the security is placed in the Not Rated Category. Credit ratings are subject to change. AAA, AA, A, and BBB are investment grade ratings; BB, B, CCC, CC, C, and D are below-investment grade ratings.

The ICE BofA BB-B US Cash Pay High Yield Constrained Index measures performance of BB/B U.S. dollar denominated corporate bonds publicly issued in the U.S. domestic market, and is restricted to a maximum of 2% per issuer. The index is calculated on a total return basis. The index is unmanaged, its returns do not reflect any fees, expenses, or sales charges, and is not available for direct investment.

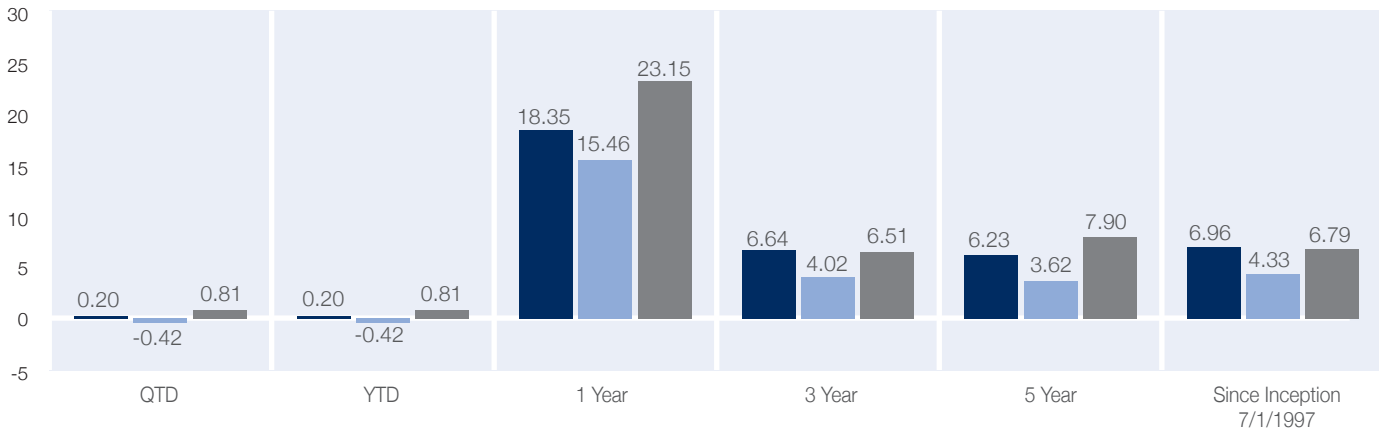
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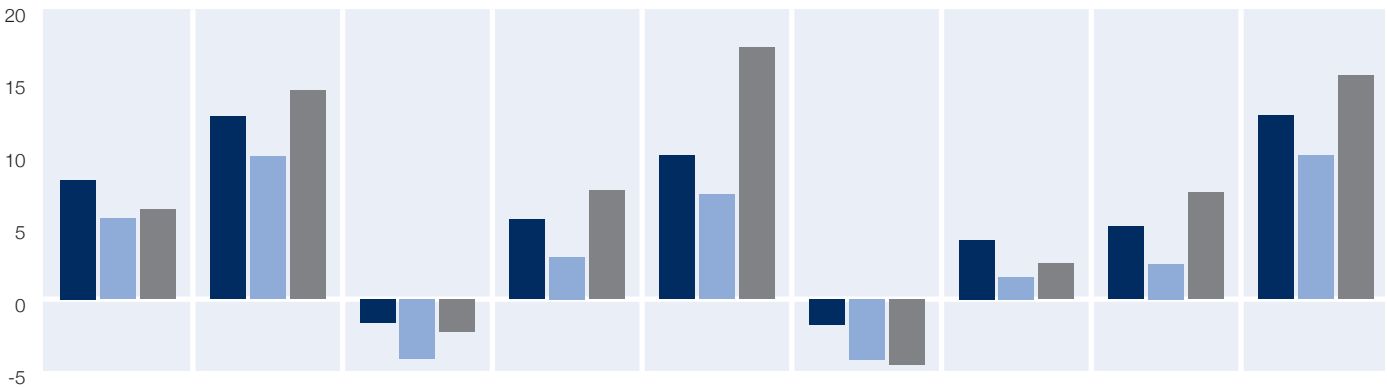
### ANNUALIZED PERFORMANCE (%) AS OF 3/31/21

■ Portfolio (Gross) ■ Portfolio (Net of Fees) ■ ICE BofA US High Yield Cash Pay Index



### CALENDAR YEAR PERFORMANCE (%)

■ Portfolio (Gross) ■ Portfolio (Net of Fees) ■ ICE BofA US High Yield Cash Pay Index



2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
8.23	12.60	-1.65	5.51	9.93	-1.77	4.08	5.02	12.67
5.57	9.84	-4.08	2.91	7.24	-4.20	1.52	2.43	9.91
6.20	14.40	-2.26	7.48	17.34	-4.55	2.44	7.38	15.44

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ICE BofA US High Yield Cash Pay Index is an unmanaged index consisting of all domestic and Yankee high-yield bonds maturing over one year. The quality range is less than BBB-/Baa3 but not in default (DDD1 or less). The index is unmanaged, its returns do not reflect any fees, expenses, or sales charges, and is not available for direct investment.

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# High Yield Bond Wrap Composite Data

Year End	Total Firm	Composite Assets			Annual Performance and Standard Deviation					
	Assets (\$ mil)	US\$ (\$ mil)	Percentage of Wrap-Fee Portfolios	# of Wrap Sponsors	Net Composite Return	Pure Gross Composite Return	Composite 3-Year Std. Dev.	ICE BofA US High Yield Cash Pay Index	Index 3-Year Std. Dev.	Composite Dispersion
2020	17,721	1,742	100	13	5.57%	8.23%	6.94%	6.20%	9.36%	0.15%
2019	18,034	1,614	100	13	9.84%	12.60%	3.45%	14.40%	4.13%	0.05%
2018	21,160	1,414	100	13	-4.08%	-1.65%	3.08%	-2.26%	4.62%	0.00%
2017	24,843	2,020	100	9	2.91%	5.51%	4.11%	7.48%	5.58%	0.00%
2016	27,631	2,060	100	6	7.24%	9.94%	4.80%	17.34%	6.01%	0.20%
2015	25,698	1,527	100	6	-4.20%	-1.77%	4.93%	-4.55%	5.27%	0.10%
2014	30,989	1,482	100	6	1.52%	4.08%	4.23%	2.44%	4.42%	0.10%
2013	26,600	1,486	100	6	2.43%	5.02%	4.99%	7.38%	6.33%	0.10%
2012	26,141	1,535	100	6	9.91%	12.67%	5.44%	15.44%	6.93%	0.10%
2011	26,147	746	100	7	4.77%	7.41%	7.53%	4.50%	10.78%	0.20%

Seix Investment Advisors LLC claims compliance with the Global Investment Performance Standards (GIPS®) and has prepared and presented this report in compliance with the GIPS standards. Seix Investment Advisors LLC has been independently verified for the periods January 1, 1993 through December 31, 2019. The verification reports are available upon request. A firm that claims compliance with the GIPS standards must establish policies and procedure for complying with all the applicable requirements of the GIPS standards. Verification provides assurance on whether the firm's policies and procedures related to composite and pooled fund maintenance, as well as the calculation, presentation, and distribution of performance, have been designed in compliance with the GIPS standards and have been implemented on a firm-wide basis. Verification does not provide assurance on the accuracy of any specific performance report.

Seix Investment Advisors LLC is an SEC-registered investment adviser, and is a wholly owned subsidiary of Virtus Investment Partners, Inc. ("Virtus"). For the period prior to May 29, 2004, the firm was named as Seix Investment Advisors, Inc. ("SIA") before SIA was acquired by SunTrust Banks Inc., and its name changed to Seix Advisors. SIA was formerly registered as an investment adviser with the SEC. For the period between May 29, 2004 and March 31, 2008, the Portfolio Management Team was a part of Seix Advisors, the Fixed Income division of Trusco Capital Management, Inc. ("Trusco") and the predecessor of Seix Investment Advisors LLC. Effective as of March 31, 2008, Seix Advisors began operating as a separate legal entity, named Seix Investment Advisors LLC ("Seix"), and Trusco was renamed as RidgeWorth Capital Management, Inc. Effective as of May 23, 2014, RidgeWorth Capital Management, Inc. became RidgeWorth Capital Management LLC, and Seix merged with StableRiver Capital Management LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of RidgeWorth Capital Management LLC. Effective June 1, 2017, RidgeWorth Capital Management LLC was acquired by Virtus Investment Partners, Inc. ("Virtus"). The investment management team has managed the composite since its inception, and the investment process has not changed. The historical performance has been linked to performance earned at Seix Investment Advisors LLC.

The Seix High Yield Bond Wrap strategy seeks high income and capital appreciation. High Yield Bond Wrap accounts invest primarily in a diversified portfolio of higher yielding, BB-rated and B-rated income-producing debt instruments. The accounts may invest in U.S. dollar denominated debt obligations of U.S. and non-U.S. issuers.

For comparison purposes, the composite is measured against the ICE BofA US High Yield Cash Pay Index. The ICE BofA US High Yield Cash Pay Index is an unmanaged index consisting of all domestic and Yankee high yield bonds maturing over one year. The quality range is less than BBB-/Baa3 but not in default. Index returns do not reflect the deduction of any fees.

The minimum account size for inclusion in the composite is \$250,000. Prior to June 1, 2015, the account minimum was \$500,000.

Prior to September 30, 2017, the Seix High Yield Bond Wrap Composite was named the Seix High Yield SMA Composite. The Seix High Yield Bond Wrap Composite was created January 1, 2003, and has a performance inception date of July 1, 1997.

Results are based on fully discretionary accounts under management, including those accounts no longer with the firm. The U.S. dollar is the currency used to express performance. Returns include the reinvestment of all income. Pure Gross returns are presented as supplemental information, do not reflect the deduction of any trading costs, fees or expenses and are presented for comparison purposes only. Net returns are calculated by subtracting on a monthly basis the highest assumed wrap fee (2.50% annually or 0.21% per month) from the gross composite monthly return. The assumed wrap fee includes all charges for portfolio management, trading costs, custody and other administrative fees. Past performance is not indicative of future results.

Actual wrap fees vary by Program Sponsor. Please refer to the Program Sponsor's ADV 2A for a full disclosure of the fee schedule for wrap fees. Returns realized by clients will be reduced by the actual wrap fee rates and rates incurred by clients will vary.

The three-year annualized standard deviation measures the variability of the composite gross returns and the benchmark returns over the preceding 36-month period.

The dispersion of annual returns is measured by the asset-weighted standard deviation of portfolio gross returns represented within the composite for the full year. No dispersion is reported for periods with five or fewer portfolios (shown as N/A).

Policies for valuing investments, calculating performance, and preparing GIPS Reports are available upon request. A list of all composite investment strategies offered by the firm, with a description of each strategy, is available upon request. The type of portfolios in which each strategy is available (segregated account, limited distribution pooled fund, or broad distribution pooled fund) is indicated in the description of each strategy.

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## IMPORTANT RISK CONSIDERATIONS

**Credit & Interest:** Debt instruments are subject to various risks, including credit and interest rate risk. The issuer of a debt security may fail to make interest and/or principal payments. Values of debt instruments may rise or fall in response to changes in interest rates, and this risk may be enhanced with longer-term maturities. **High Yield Fixed Income Securities:** There is a greater risk of issuer default, less liquidity, and increased price volatility related to high yield securities than investment grade securities. **Foreign Investing:** Investing in foreign securities subjects the portfolio to additional risks such as increased volatility, currency fluctuations, less liquidity, and political, regulatory, economic, and market risk. **Market Volatility:** Local, regional, or global events such as war, acts of terrorism, the spread of infectious illness or other public health issues, recessions, or other events could have a significant impact on the portfolio and its investments, including hampering the ability of the portfolio manager(s) to invest the portfolio's assets as intended.

## DEFINITIONS & DISCLOSURES

Bonds offer a relatively stable level of income, although bond prices will fluctuate providing the potential for principal gain or loss. Intermediate-term, higher quality bonds generally offer less risk than longer-term bonds and a lower rate of return. Generally, a Portfolio's fixed income securities will decrease in value if interest rates rise and vice versa. Although a Portfolio's yield may be higher than that of fixed income strategies that purchase higher rated securities, the potentially higher yield is a function of the greater risk of that strategy's underlying securities.

**Effective Duration** is the percentage change in the price of a bond given a parallel shift in the semi-annual par coupon government yield curve while keeping option-adjusted spread constant. An option pricing model is used to account for the impact of embedded options such as call or put features. **Weighted Average Maturity** is the average time until a portfolio's securities mature, weighted in proportion to the amount invested in the portfolio. **Average Credit Quality** is the weighted average of the credit ratings for the bonds held in the portfolio according to the Bloomberg Barclays methodology. The Bloomberg Barclays methodology states that when all three rating agencies (S&P, Moody's, and Fitch) provide a rating on a particular security, the rating will be the middle of the three. If only two of the three agencies provide a rating, the rating will be the lowest of the two ratings. If only one rating agency assigns a rating, it will be that rating. **Effective Yield** is the yield of a hypothetical bullet bond created by stripping out the options value of a bond with embedded optionality such as call or put features. **Current Yield** is an investment's annual income (interest or dividends) divided by the current price of the security. This measure looks at the current price of a bond instead of its face value. Current yield represents the return an investor would expect if the owner purchased the bond and held it for a year, but current yield is not the actual return an investor receives if he holds a bond until maturity.

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