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Global Perspective**

GIA Partners, LLC is an independent, entrepreneurial Registered Investment Advisor majority-owned by its investment team. GIA is a leader in providing yield enhanced fixed income solutions. Our clients include corporate and public pension plans, as well as endowments and foundations. Firm AUM of \$2.1 billion as of December 31, 2023.

**GIA Advantages:**

- Highly experienced team
- Credit specialists
- Global perspective
- Simple, disciplined, repeatable process

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**Strategy**

The *GIA High Yield Fixed Income* strategy is a broadly diversified U.S. dollar denominated portfolio of predominantly U.S. and developed economy domiciled companies. The strategy focuses on higher yielding securities whose primary source of risk is credit. The securities universe consists of High Yield, Emerging Markets Debt, Investment Grade Bonds and other income oriented securities.

**Objectives**

- Higher yield than credit index
- Average credit quality BB/B
- Limited exposure to macro risks (interest rates, currency)
- Portfolio volatility between Investment Grade and High Yield Indices
- Outperform a relevant fixed income benchmark over a market cycle

**Investment Process Highlights**

- Fundamental, bottom-up portfolio construction that is straight-forward and repeatable
- Disciplined credit research
- Active risk management and portfolio review
- Macro and geopolitical overlay

**Characteristics**

	Composite	Benchmark
<b>Average Maturity (Years)</b>	5.3	4.8
<b>Par Weighted Coupon (%)</b>	6.1	6.1
<b>Yield to Worst (%)</b>	7.6	7.6
<b>Effective Duration (Years)</b>	3.4	3.2
<b>Average Quality</b>	BB-	B1

**Benchmark:** ICE BofA US High Yield Index

**Performance**

Returns %	MRQ	YTD	1 Year	3 Years Ann.	5 Years Ann.	Since Inception (10/2018)
<b>Composite – Gross</b>	7.69	13.56	13.56	2.79	5.81	4.55
<b>Composite – Net</b>	7.55	12.93	12.93	2.23	5.23	3.98
<b>Benchmark</b>	7.06	13.46	13.46	2.00	5.21	4.01

Source: GIA Partners, LLC and ICE Data Services

Performance data is preliminary. Data is based upon a composite of separately managed accounts. Returns for more than one year are annualized. The performance data quoted represents past performance. Past performance is not an indication of future performance, provides no guarantee for the future. The value of an investment may fluctuate and may be worth more or less than its original cost when redeemed. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted.

Sector Weightings (%)		
	Composite	Benchmark*
Cash	3.7	0.4
Investment Grade Credit	1.3	0.0
US High Yield	67.2	86.5
Developed Markets High Yield ex US	13.5	13.0
Emerging Market Debt	14.2	0.1

Region Weightings (%)		
	Composite	Benchmark*
North America	73.6	91.5
Latin America & Caribbean	8.8	0.2
Asia Pacific	3.8	0.9
Eastern Europe	1.6	0.0
Middle East & Africa	2.2	0.0
Europe	9.9	7.4

Benchmark is the ICE BofA US High Yield Index. Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.  
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#### GIPS DISCLOSURE - Preliminary

Year	Composite Gross Return %	Composite Net Return %	Benchmark Return %	Composite 3-Yr St Dev %	Benchmark 3-Yr St Dev %	Number of Portfolios	Internal Dispersion %	Composite Assets (\$MM)	Firm Assets (\$MM)
2023	13.56	12.93	13.46	7.95	8.33	<5	N/A	96.3	2,094.1
2022	-10.25	-10.74	-11.22	14.26	11.10	<5	N/A	111.6	2,266.6
2021	6.56	5.98	5.36	13.10	9.14	<5	N/A	124.9	2,451.9
2020	5.56	4.98	6.17	N/A	N/A	<5	N/A	117.7	2,446.5
2019	15.67	15.05	14.41	N/A	N/A	<5	N/A	112.2	1,911.5
2018 (Oct - Dec)	-4.73	-4.86	-4.67	N/A	N/A	<5	N/A	97.3	2,326.2

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High Yield Composite (the "Composite") predominately includes securities rated below investment grade (Ba1/BB+ or lower), emerging markets debt and securities that trade like high yield bonds.

The returns for the custom benchmarks are calculated based on the percentage weight shown in the table above to create the specific custom benchmark returns.

The benchmark, ICE BofA US High Yield Index (the "Index"), tracks the performance of below investment grade US dollar-denominated corporate bonds publicly issued in the US domestic market. The returns for the Index were taken from published sources and not examined by the auditors.

Gross-of-fees returns are presented before management and performance fees but after all trading expenses. Net-of-fees returns are calculated by deducting a per annum management fee of 0.55 percent fees from the monthly gross composite return.

This composite was created in October 2018. A complete list of composite descriptions is available upon request. Valuations are computed and performance reported in U.S. dollars.

The 3-year annualized standard deviation measures the variability of the composite and the benchmark returns over the preceding 36-month period. Internal dispersion is calculated using the asset-weighted standard deviation of annual gross returns of those portfolios that were included in the composite for the entire year. Internal Dispersion is not required if the composite contains less than 5 accounts.

GIA claims compliance with the Global Investment Performance Standards (GIPS® standards) and has prepared and presented this report in compliance with the GIPS standards. The Firm has been independently verified for the periods from January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2011. The verification report is available upon request. Verification assesses whether (1) the Firm has complied with all the composite construction requirements of the GIPS standards on a firm-wide basis, and (2) the Firm's policies and procedures are designed in compliance with the GIPS standards. Verification does not ensure the accuracy of any specific composite presentation.

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