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STRATEGY GUIDE





Growth of Capital
Through Disciplined
Investing in
Separately Managed
Accounts (SMA)

## **ABOUT US**

Cincinnati Asset Management, Inc. has specialized in the management of fixed income securities for individuals, financial professionals, and institutions for over 30 years.

We concentrate our efforts exclusively in the U.S. taxable corporate bond market, managing a wide range of strategies from short to intermediate duration, investment grade to high yield. In all cases, fundamental credit research is a primary element of our security selection process.

### **PHILOSOPHY**

We believe that managing corporate bonds allows us to capitalize on the structural inefficiencies of the corporate bond market and to maximize favorable risk/reward scenarios that exist within domestic fixed income markets.

CAM follows a conservative "bottom-up value" investment discipline that stresses downside protection in seeking out companies that are currently out of favor with investors, but poised to improve. The primary focus is preservation of capital with a secondary, but extremely important, emphasis on total return. Our portfolios are not managed to a benchmark from a portfolio construction perspective, but do look to outperform respective benchmarks over a full market cycle with less volatility. We do not utilize interest rate anticipation nor top-down sector rotation tactics. We look to minimize the impact of macro-economic factors, such as interest rate risk, from the investment process by employing defensive maturity structure within the portfolio.

#### **PROCESS**

In our search for undervalued assets, we follow a disciplined four-step process:



Identify industry groups and corporations trading below current and historic market levels.



Select portfolio candidates which we believe have potential to increase revenues and cash flow.



Based on fundamental credit research, select issuers that in our opinion exhibit asset strength and an appropriate capital structure.



Build our "focus list" from those candidates that we consider to have a better competitive advantage.





### **OUR SOLUTIONS**

### **INTERMEDIATE**

For investors interested in adding corporate bond exposure to the intermediate part of the yield curve, which has historically offered a favorable risk/reward opportunity.

Corporate Bond SMA Strategies	Target Average Credit Rating	Average Maturity	Target Diversification	Inception Date	Account Minimum <sup>iii</sup>
Investment Grade	A3 minimum <sup>ii</sup>	5-10 years	20-25 issues	1/1/1993	\$100K
High Yield	Ba3 <sup>i</sup>	4-8 years	33-40 issues	4/1/1989	\$100K
<b>Broad Market</b> 67% Investment Grade / 33% High Yield Blend	Baa2 <sup>i</sup>	7-9 years	55-60 issues	1/1/2002	\$300K

## **SHORT TERM**

For investors interested in a shorter maturity profile that historically is less affected by changes in interest rates. Target Average Average Target Inception Account **Corporate Bond SMA Strategies** Diversification Minimum<sup>iii</sup> **Credit Rating** Maturity Date 6/1/2004 **Short Duration** Baa3<sup>i</sup> 3-5 years 25-30 issues \$250K 50% Investment Grade / 50% High Yield Blend **Short Duration -**A2ii 3-5 years 20 issues 12/1/2008 \$100K **Investment Grade Only** 

- i Moody's Rating Organization
- ii Bloomberg Barclays Index Rating
- iii Account minimums may vary by financial institution.

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