

**SHORT-TERM FOCUSED HIGH INCOME STRATEGY HIGHLIGHTS**

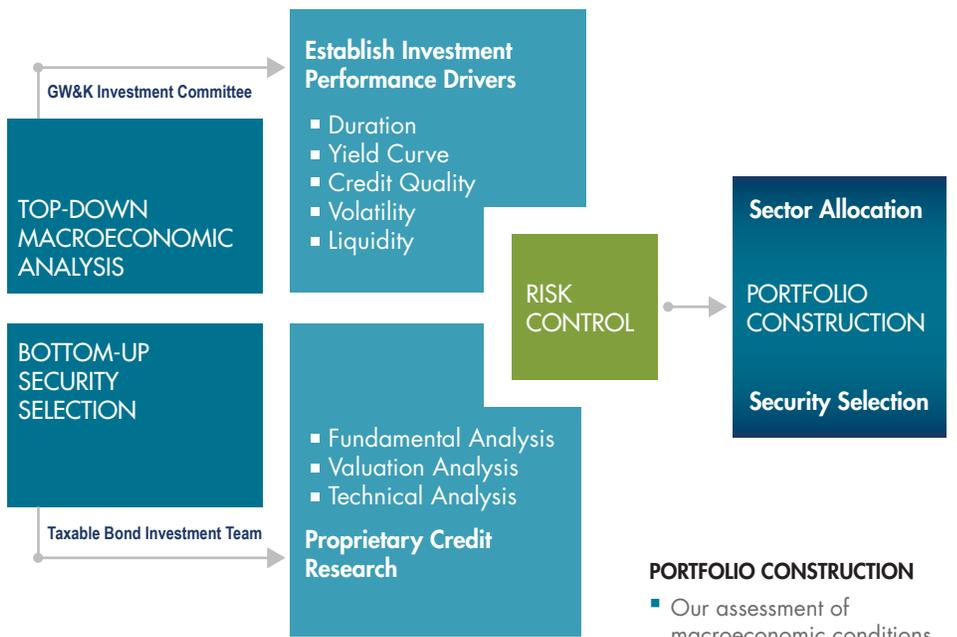
- Style: Corporate Bond
- Approach: Active; Top-Down/Bottom-Up
- Benchmark: Bloomberg Barclays U.S. High Yield BB 1-5 Year Index
- Inception: 9/1/2017
- Strategy Assets: \$45 MM



**INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY**

We believe that by actively managing a diversified portfolio of short-term, non-investment grade corporate bonds, we can generate higher total return over the long term while assuming manageable levels of risk. We look to invest in companies that we believe offer the best risk-adjusted value.

**INVESTMENT PROCESS**



**ABOUT OUR FIRM**

GW&K is a dynamic investment management firm that offers active equity and fixed income investment solutions to meet the needs of a diverse client base. At our core is an entrepreneurial spirit of innovation, a desire to help educate our clients and a level of service that is hard to come by. Our founding principles of applying rigorous fundamental research, focusing on quality and maintaining a long-term view still guide our investment process today.

- Founded in 1974
- \$36 Billion Under Management
- Individually Managed Accounts
- Serving Individuals and Institutions

**TOP-DOWN ANALYSIS**

- Analysis of business cycle, valuation trends and market technicals
- Analysis guides outlook on market, sector allocation

**BOTTOM-UP SELECTION**

- Quantitative and qualitative research techniques
- Prefer improved balance sheet strength and liquidity from BB and B issuers

**PORTFOLIO CONSTRUCTION**

- Our assessment of macroeconomic conditions and relative valuations guides allocation between high yield and investment grade bonds
- Augment our proprietary credit analysis with independent research

**RECOGNITION OF OPPORTUNITY**

- We seek companies that maintain sustainable competitive advantages and that may benefit from emerging cyclical or secular drivers
- We seek to identify companies that are undervalued due to temporary or discrete events
- We focus on income as a primary source of return rather than price appreciation, which can be more volatile

**INVESTMENT TEAM**

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Investment Professional Since 1982  
Joined GW&K 2005  
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**NANCY G. ANGELL, CFA**

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13 Taxable Bond Investment Professionals Averaging 19 Years Experience

**A DISCIPLINED APPROACH TO PORTFOLIO CONSTRUCTION & RISK MANAGEMENT**

<b>RISK MANAGEMENT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monitor portfolio’s duration, credit quality, and active sector weightings</li> <li>Monitor credits for changes in fundamentals, valuation and technicals</li> </ul>
<b>SECTOR ALLOCATION GUIDELINES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Focus on corporate bonds</li> <li>May opportunistically invest in Treasuries and/or Government Related securities if market conditions warrant</li> </ul>
<b>TYPICAL AVERAGE CREDIT QUALITY</b>	BB
<b>MATURITY GUIDELINES</b>	Holdings will typically have a maximum maturity of 5 years
<b>AVERAGE # OF HOLDINGS</b>	40 - 60

**COMPREHENSIVE RESEARCH**

Comprehensive research by our seasoned team is central to our investment process and risk managed approach. While researching new securities, our team focuses on fundamentals, valuation, and technicals.

**Fundamentals**

Our research begins with an extensive review of financial trends, cash flow, liquidity, as well as customer and supplier relationships. Assessing the quality of management is also a key component of our research process. Competitor and market analysis yields important insights on industry growth trends, and keeps us informed of relevant regulatory, technological and environmental concerns. Our research includes a thorough examination of a bond’s characteristics.

**Valuation**

We study historical spreads relative to industry peer group, and similar quality credits to identify those that are trading cheap or rich. We estimate valuations based upon current fundamentals and technicals. The team utilizes Bloomberg Analytics throughout the research process.

**Technicals**

We assess factors such as M&A, shareholder friendly activities and supply considerations. We examine covenants to ensure protection of bondholder rights. The team also reviews the mortgage back security supply outlook and investor demand before making relevant decisions.