

# SHORT-TERM TAXABLE BOND STRATEGY

## STRATEGY OVERVIEW

The Short-Term Taxable Bond Strategy seeks to outperform money market funds while managing portfolio volatility by actively managing a portfolio of short-term securities diversified across multiple bond sectors. We seek to optimize return potential by adhering to a disciplined quantitative and qualitative research process and having a flexible approach to sector allocation. Positions are single A or better and the Strategy maintains an average rating of AA or better.

- ▶ **Style:** Multi-Sector Bond
- ▶ **Approach:** Active; Top Down/Bottom Up
- ▶ **Benchmark:** Bloomberg 1-5 Year Govt/Credit Index
- ▶ **Inception:** 10/1/2002
- ▶ **Strategy Assets:** \$190 MM

## STRATEGY HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ **Focus on Sector Diversification:** Modest shifts in duration and among sectors to maximize opportunities in changing economic and interest rate environments
- ▶ **Comprehensive Research:** Robust individual security research is central to our investment process and risk management
- ▶ **Active Management:** Invest across multiple investment grade sectors to help enhance return opportunities and manage risks

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT TEAM

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**15** Taxable Bond  
Investment Professionals

**19** Average Years  
Experience

PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS		
	Strategy	Index
Option Adjusted Duration	3.0 Years	2.7 Years
Effective Maturity	3.3 Years	2.8 Years
Average Quality	AA	AA
Current Yield	2.9%	2.0%
Yield to Worst	3.5%	3.3%
Average Number of Holdings	57	3,196
Trailing 12-Month Turnover	14.6%	-

SECTOR DISTRIBUTION			
	Strategy	Index	Overweight/ Underweight
Investment Grade Corporate	46%	26%	20%
Local Authority	7%	1%	6%
CMBS	6%	0%	6%
MBS	41%	0%	41%
Cash	1%	-	-

Index data reflects only sectors that the Strategy is invested in.

QUALITY DISTRIBUTION		
	Strategy	Index
AAA	47%	71%
AA	15%	4%
A	38%	13%
BBB	0%	12%

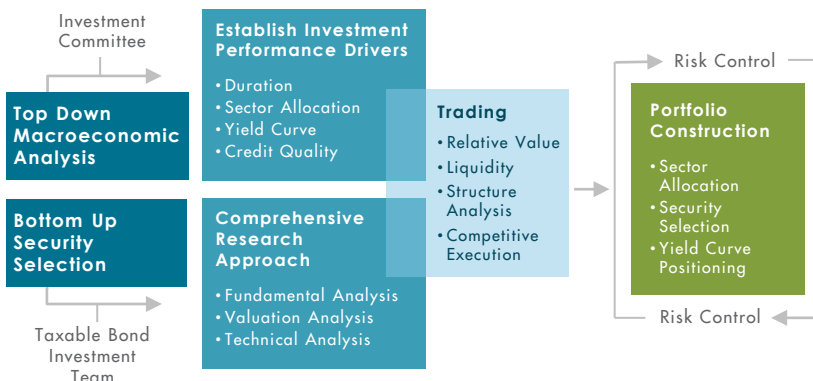
EFFECTIVE MATURITY DISTRIBUTION		
	Strategy	Index
0-1 Years	2%	0%
1-2 Years	9%	32%
2-3 Years	29%	27%
3-4 Years	33%	21%
4-5 Years	23%	20%
5+ Years	5%	0%

Source: Factset and Bloomberg

Please refer to page 2 for GW&K's Disclosure Statement, which is an integral part of our presentation, for an explanation of our composite criteria and calculations and Index descriptions. Characteristics data may reflect minor rounding differences.

All data as of 6/30/2022

## INVESTMENT PROCESS



## OUR ACTIVE DYNAMIC APPROACH

### Top-Down Analysis

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

### Bottom-Up Selection

- ▶ Employ comprehensive quantitative and qualitative research techniques
- ▶ Search for companies with solid business models and the ability to generate cash

### Portfolio Construction

- ▶ Managers construct diversified portfolios that reflect their market outlook
- ▶ Active management of portfolio sector exposure to optimize return potential



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## ANNUALIZED RETURNS

*Period Ending 6/30/2022*

	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
GW&K Short-Term Taxable Bond Composite – Gross	-1.44%	-4.76%	-5.39%	0.09%	1.06%	1.32%
Bloomberg 1-5 Year Govt/Credit Index	-1.14%	-4.55%	-5.20%	0.12%	1.08%	1.18%
FTSE 1-Year Treasury Index	-0.49%	-1.31%	-1.44%	0.54%	1.11%	0.75%
GW&K Short-Term Taxable Bond Composite – Net	-1.56%	-5.00%	-5.87%	-0.41%	0.56%	0.82%

Returns less than one year are not annualized.

## CALENDAR YEAR RETURNS

*Inception Date 10/1/2002*

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
GW&K Short-Term Taxable Bond Composite – Gross	-1.03%	4.57%	5.23%	1.23%	1.33%	1.54%	1.34%	1.87%	0.74%	3.19%
Bloomberg 1-5 Year Govt/Credit Index	-0.97%	4.71%	5.01%	1.38%	1.27%	1.56%	0.97%	1.42%	0.28%	2.24%
FTSE 1-Year Treasury Index	-0.06%	1.88%	2.91%	1.89%	0.58%	0.78%	0.16%	0.23%	0.26%	0.27%
GW&K Short-Term Taxable Bond Composite – Net	-1.52%	4.05%	4.71%	0.72%	0.83%	1.04%	0.84%	1.36%	0.24%	2.68%

Source: FactSet

Past performance is no guarantee of future results. There is a risk that invested capital may be lost. Net of fee performance based on highest fee. All data as of date noted and is subject to change.

## PERFORMANCE DISCLOSURE

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The composite performance results displayed herein represent the investment performance record of GW&K Investment Management, LLC. GW&K is an SEC-registered investment management firm that offers active equity and fixed income investment solutions. Founded in 1974, GW&K is an independent and autonomous investment management firm that is an affiliate of Affiliated Managers Group, Inc. (NYSE: AMG), a publicly traded global asset management company. On February 1, 2019 the investment team of Trilogy Global Advisors, LP (TGA), an AMG Affiliate located in Winter Park, FL and New York City joined GW&K Investment Management. Effective March 30, 2015, the legal name of the firm was changed from Gannett Welsh & Kotler, LLC to GW&K Investment Management, LLC. GW&K claims compliance with the Global Investment Performance Standards (GIPS®) and has prepared and presented this report in compliance with the GIPS Standards. GW&K has been independently verified for the periods January 1, 1995 through December 31, 2020. The verification reports are available upon request. A firm that claims compliance with the GIPS standards must establish policies and procedures 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. GIPS® is a registered trademark of CFA Institute. CFA Institute does not endorse or promote this organization, nor does it warrant the accuracy or quality of the content contained herein.

The Short-Term Taxable Bond Strategy seeks to outperform money market funds while managing portfolio volatility. Positions are single A or better and the Strategy maintains an average rating of AA or better. The Short-Term Taxable Bond Composite (composite) includes all portfolios invested in the Short-Term Taxable Bond Strategy with a minimum market value of \$100,000. Prior to December 1, 2019 the composite minimum market value was \$250,000. The composite was created on October 1, 2002. The Short-Term Taxable Bond segments of multi-asset portfolios are included in the composite. Each segment of multi-asset portfolios is managed with its own cash account. Accounts are included in the composite after two full months under management. Closed accounts are included through the last full month under management. Effective November 1, 2020, portfolios are removed from the composite in the month a significant cash flow, defined as an inflow of non-standard investments greater than 5% of the portfolio value or greater than or equal to a monthly total of \$50,000, occurs. Additional details on this policy are available upon request. Inception date is October 1, 2002. All results reflect the reinvestment of dividends and income, and factor in commission costs. Performance is expressed in U.S. dollars. Composite portfolio income may be net or gross of withholding tax depending on the accounting methodology of the custodian bank. The performance results presented may not equal the rate of return experienced by any particular GW&K portfolio due to various reasons, including differences in brokerage commissions, fees, client contributions or withdrawals, position size in relation to account size, diversification among securities and market conditions. Additional information regarding the policies for valuing investments, calculating performance, and preparing GIPS reports, as well as a complete list and description of the firm's composites and pooled funds is available upon request by contacting

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The three-year annualized standard deviation measures the variability of the composite and the benchmark returns over the preceding 36-month period. Gross returns are used for the composite calculation. The standard deviation measure is presented annually, for periods where 36 monthly returns are available.

The firm uses an asset-weighted standard deviation calculation to measure dispersion, which is reported on a yearly basis. Dispersion is used to measure the volatility of gross portfolio returns within the composite. Only portfolios that have been included in the composite for the full year are included in the dispersion calculation. Where dispersion is listed as N/A, the information is not statistically meaningful due to an insufficient number of portfolios in the composite for the entire year.

To account for advisory fees, net performance results reflect the deduction of the maximum fee (0.50% annually, applied monthly) GW&K Investment Management would charge for managing portfolios in this Strategy. Prior to January 1, 2009 the maximum annual fee was 0.35%. Client fees may vary.

The performance shown is compared to the Bloomberg 1-5 Year Govt/Credit Index and the FTSE 1-Year Treasury Index. The Bloomberg 1-5 Year Government/Credit Index includes medium and larger issues of U.S. investment grade corporate bonds and U.S. government bonds with maturities from one to five years. The FTSE 1-Year Treasury Index is a market-value-weighted index of public obligations of the U.S. Treasury with maturities of one year. On May 1, 2011, the benchmark for the Short-Term Taxable Bond Strategy was changed from the Bloomberg 1-3 Year Government Bond Index to the Bloomberg 1-5 Year Government/Credit Index. While the investment objectives and process remain the same, the new benchmark includes corporate bonds which have always been an integral part of our taxable bond strategy. Indexes are not subject to fees and expenses typically associated with managed accounts or investment funds. Investments cannot be made directly in an index. Index data has been obtained from third-party data providers that GW&K believes to be reliable, but GW&K does not guarantee its accuracy, completeness or timeliness. Third-party data providers make no warranties or representations relating to the accuracy, completeness or timeliness of the data they provide and are not liable for any damages relating to this data. The third-party data may not be further redistributed or used without the relevant third-party's consent. Sources for index data include: Bloomberg (www.bloomberg.com), FactSet (www.factset.com), ICE (www.theice.com), FTSE Russell (www.ftserussell.com), MSCI (www.msci.com) and Standard & Poor's (www.standardandpoors.com). Investing in securities or investment strategies, including GW&K's Investment Strategies presented in this document, involves risk of loss that clients should be prepared to bear. No investment process is free of risk; no strategy or risk management technique can guarantee returns or eliminate risk in any market environment. There is no guarantee that GW&K's investment processes will be profitable, and you therefore may lose money. The value of investments, as well as any investment income, is not guaranteed and can fluctuate based on market conditions. Diversification does not assure a profit or protect against loss. GW&K's active management styles include equity and fixed income strategies that are subject to various risks, including those described in GW&K's Form ADV Part 2A, Item 8. GW&K's Form ADV Part 2A may be found at <https://adviserinfo.sec.gov/Firm/121942> or is available from GW&K upon request.

## 3-YEAR STANDARD DEVIATION

Year	GW&K Short-Term Taxable Bond Composite (%)	Bloomberg 1-5 Year Govt/Credit Index (%)	FTSE 1-Year Treasury Index (%)
2021	1.65	1.46	0.68
2020	1.60	1.47	0.62
2019	1.24	1.36	0.41
2018	1.18	1.35	0.33
2017	1.05	1.29	0.27
2016	1.11	1.35	0.26
2015	1.08	1.18	0.15
2014	1.16	1.06	0.10
2013	1.22	1.17	0.15
2012	1.05	1.32	0.20

## COMPOSITE STATISTICS

Year	Number of Portfolios	Internal Dispersion (%)	Total Composite Assets (\$000s)	Total Firm Assets (\$000s)
2021	318	0.12	\$173,511	\$54,720,660
2020	316	0.19	\$210,571	\$51,431,909
2019	290	0.07	\$185,381	\$42,154,892
2018	272	0.08	\$168,950	\$34,395,747
2017	311	0.10	\$182,677	\$36,503,378
2016	318	0.10	\$179,891	\$32,193,721
2015	339	0.15	\$177,973	\$26,646,814
2014	359	0.14	\$179,809	\$22,823,427
2013	293	0.18	\$150,988	\$18,994,569
2012	184	0.13	\$122,152	\$17,059,751