

**SHORT-TERM TAXABLE BOND**

- Style: Multi-Sector Bond
- Approach: Active; Top-Down/Bottom-Up
- Benchmark: Bloomberg Barclays 1-5 Year Gov/Credit Index
- Inception: 10/1/2002
- Strategy Assets: \$218 MM

**INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY**

We believe we can capture yield advantages over money market funds, while managing 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.

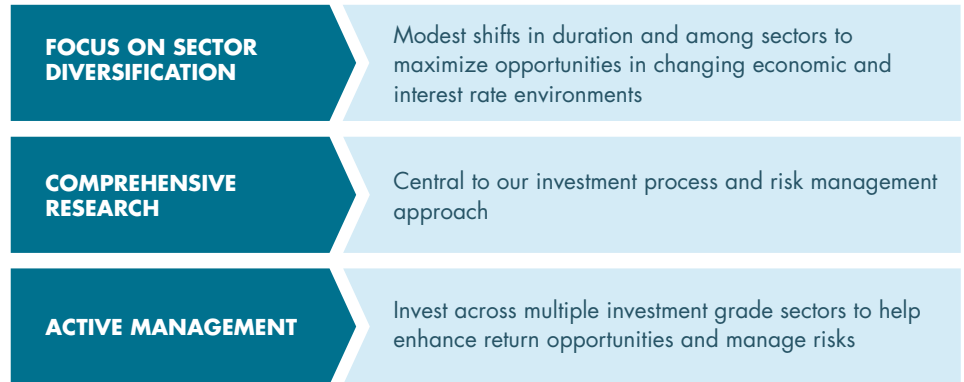
**ABOUT OUR FIRM**

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.

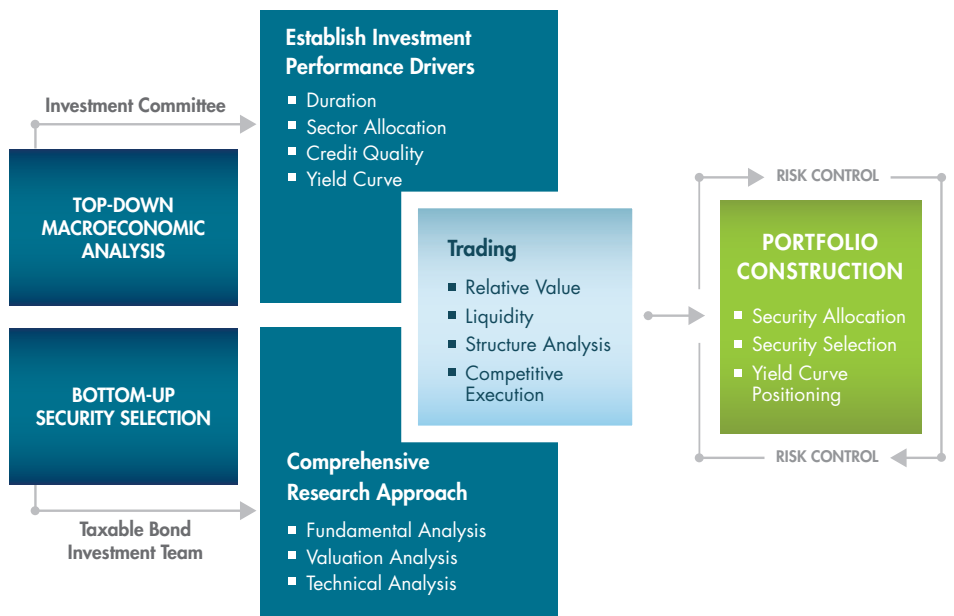
- Founded in 1974
- \$56 Billion Under Management
- Individually Managed Accounts
- Serving Individuals and Institutions

*All data as of June 30, 2021*

**STRATEGY HIGHLIGHTS**



**INVESTMENT PROCESS**



**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
- Search for companies with solid business models and the ability to generate cash

**PORTFOLIO CONSTRUCTION**

- Managers construct fully diversified portfolios that reflect their economic views
- Active management of portfolio sector exposure to optimize return potential

**RECOGNITION OF OPPORTUNITY**

- We seek companies that maintain sustainable competitive advantages and may benefit from emerging cyclical or secular drivers
- We seek to identify companies that are undervalued due to temporary or discrete events
- We seek AAA mortgage pass throughs that offer high total return potential and minimized risk

**INVESTMENT TEAM**

**MARY F. KANE, CFA**

Partner  
Portfolio Manager  
Investment Professional Since 1982  
Joined GW&K 2005  
AB, Wheaton College  
MBA, Boston University

**STEPHEN J. REPOFF, CFA**

Principal  
Portfolio Manager  
Investment Professional Since 2004  
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BA/BS, Boston University  
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Partner  
Co-Director, Fixed Income  
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BA, Boston College  
MBA, Boston University

14 Taxable Bond Investment Professionals Averaging 19 Years Experience

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

**RISK MANAGEMENT**

- Monitor portfolio’s duration, credit quality, sector over/underweightings relative to benchmark
- Monitor credits for changes in fundamentals, valuation and technicals

**SECTOR ALLOCATION GUIDELINES**



**TYPICAL AVERAGE CREDIT QUALITY**

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**DURATION GUIDELINES**

+ / - 20% of the Bloomberg Barclays 1-5 Year Government/Credit Index

**AVERAGE # OF HOLDINGS**

30 - 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.