

# SHORT DURATION HIGH GRADE CORPORATE STRATEGY

A DISCIPLINED VALUE ORIENTED APPROACH TO FIXED INCOME

#### **Investment Philosophy**

The Short Duration High Grade Corporate strategy stresses security selection, preservation of principal, and compounding of the income stream as the key to consistently adding value in the bond market.

Chartwell utilizes a disciplined value, bottom-up approach to the fixed income market, with emphasis on building the portfolio through individual security selection. The philosophy is implemented by assessing the credit profiles of specific issuers through extensive credit research. The team searches out companies that we believe will experience improving credit profiles. Securities are identified for inclusion through an analysis of historical and relative yield spread relationships. Security characteristics such as credit quality, structure, maturity, and liquidity are also examined. Sector diversification and duration parameters are defined to limit market, sector and credit risk.

## Portfolio Managers

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## **Inception Date**

March 1, 2015

## **Strategy Statistics**

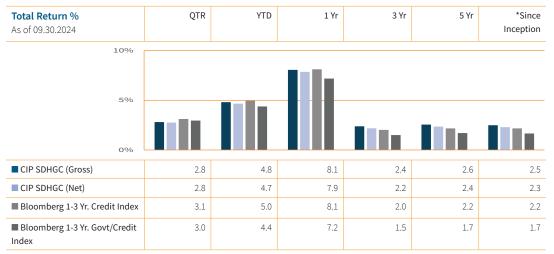
As of 09.30.2024

| Benchmark                      | Bloomberg 1-3 Yr.<br>Credit Index |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Range of Holdings<br>(Issuers) | 50-60                             |
| Annualized<br>Turnover         | 31.7%                             |
| Firm Assets                    | \$12.3B                           |
| Product Assets                 | \$108M                            |

Source: Chartwell

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#### Performance

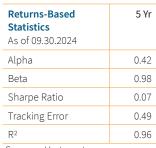


Source: Chartwell Returns 1 year + annualized. \*The Chartwell Short Duration Corporate Fixed Income Strategy incepted on March 1,

Past performance is not a guarantee of future results. The calculation of the performance data includes reinvestment of all income and gains and is depicted on a time-weighted and size-weighted average for the entire period. Calculations include reinvestment of all income and gains. Performance is shown before (gross) and after (net) the deduction of both management fees and transaction costs. The net returns reflect the application of the highest institutional account management fee of 0.20% annum.

| Gross<br>Return | Net<br>Return             | Bloomberg<br>1-3 Yr Credit<br>Index   | Bloomberg 1-3<br>Yr Govt/ Credit<br>Index   |
|-----------------|---------------------------|---|---|
| 5.6             | 5.4                       | 5.3   | 4.6   |
| -2.6            | -2.8                      | -3.4  | -3.7  |
| -0.1            | -0.3                      | -0.2  | -0.5  |
| 4.5             | 4.3                       | 3.7   | 3.3   |
| 5.3             | 5.1                       | 5.0   | 4.0   |
| 1.9             | 1.7                       | 1.6   | 1.6   |
| 1.9             | 1.7                       | 1.7   | 0.8   |
| 2.7             | 2.5                       | 2.1   | 1.3   |
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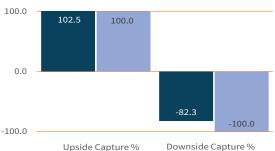


Source: eVestment

## **Upmarket / Downmarket Performance**

Since inception as of 09.30.2024

■ Chartwell Short Duration High Grade Corporate ■ Bloomberg 1-3 Yr Credit Index



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# **Holdings-Based Statistics**

As of 09.30.2024

|                    | Chartwell<br>SDHG Corp | Bloomberg<br>1-3 Yr Credit |
|--------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| Average Coupon     | 3.23%                  | 3.49%                      |
| Current Yield      | 3.26%                  | 3.54%                      |
| Yield to Maturity  | 4.51%                  | 4.26%                      |
| Average Maturity   | 1.91 yrs.              | 1.89 yrs.                  |
| Effective Duration | 1.72 yrs.              | 1.76 yrs.                  |
| Average Quality    | A1                     | A2                         |

Source: Chartwell

# **Top 10 Corporate Holdings**

As of 09.30.2024

|                               | Maturity     | Weight |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------|
| American Express              | 11.15.2024   | 2.46%  |
| Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc. | 02.24.2026   | 2.17%  |
| Philip Morris Intl. Inc.      | 08.31.2028   | 1.98%  |
| Duke Energy Corp.             | 10.11.2025   | 1.94%  |
| Autonation Inc.               | 04.15.2027   | 1.92%  |
| JPMorgan Chase & Co.          | 02.24.2026   | 1.91%  |
| Mitsubishi UFJ Fin. Grp.      | 10.11.2025   | 1.69%  |
| Wells Fargo & Company         | 04.22.2028   | 1.49%  |
| Marriott Intl. Inc.           | 09.15.2026   | 1.48%  |
| Georgia Power Co.             | 02.23.2027   | 1.48%  |
|                               | Total Top 10 | 18.52% |

Source: Chartwell Holdings are subject to change.

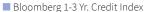


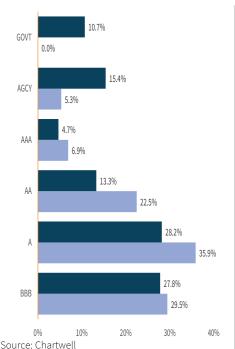
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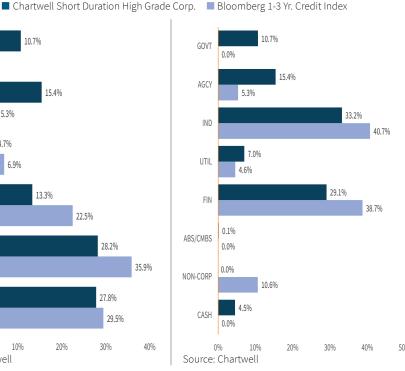
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