

Bank Loans

INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY

We believe the high yield and bank loan markets have historically offered substantial income to overcompensate for default risk as well as offer the potential to produce capital gains when issuers have improved their credit quality. Knowing defaults have been largely concentrated by industry, we defensively seek to underweight those industries where we can identify negative secular trends. A key to potentially generating consistent investment returns is through the “value” driven company-specific analysis, designed to capture excess returns from companies that demonstrate they can generate free cash flow throughout an economic cycle. These companies generally experience lower-than-index default losses, while producing an attractive yield.

INVESTMENT PROCESS

Our investment process starts with a focus on industries we believe have sufficiently low cash flow volatility to service debt regardless of the next macro trend. We seek above average yielding opportunities within an industry that we deem favorably positioned to generate cash flow. These opportunities tend to be relatively small, privately owned issuers, not closely followed by our larger competitors or in brokerage research. The three senior members of our portfolio management team have discretion to optimize exposure in the industries in which they specialize, following a set of common investment themes. We seek to capture alpha over the complete credit cycle.

KEY ADVANTAGES

- Portfolio management team with significant experience working together in high yield and leveraged loan space
- Emphasis on small issues allowing for increased yield potential and less competitive coverage
- High conviction manager that places proprietary industry research over index weightings

DETAILS

Mesirow High Yield team assets: \$2.6 billion

Vehicles offered:

- Separately Managed Account
- Commingled Limited Partnership

WHO WE ARE

Mesirow High Yield Management (MHY) investment professionals average more than 30 years of industry experience and are committed to providing customized service to clients.



Robert E. Sydow
Chief Investment Officer
Industry start: 1998

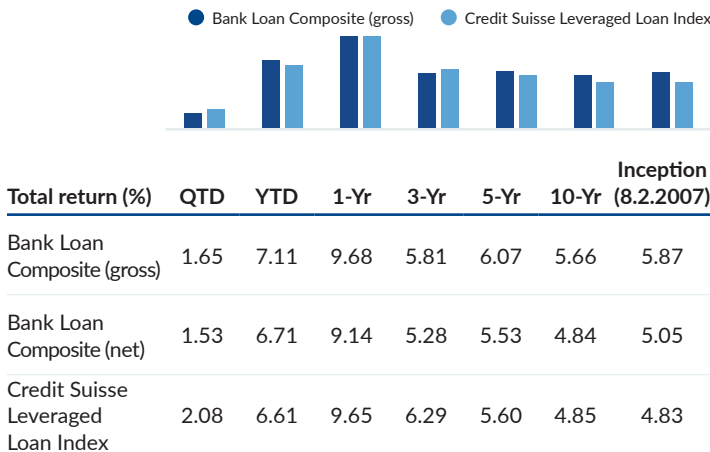


Kevin S. Buckle, CFA
Senior Managing Director
Industry start: 1990



James Lisko
Senior Managing Director
Industry start: 1993

COMPOSITE ANNUALIZED PERFORMANCE¹



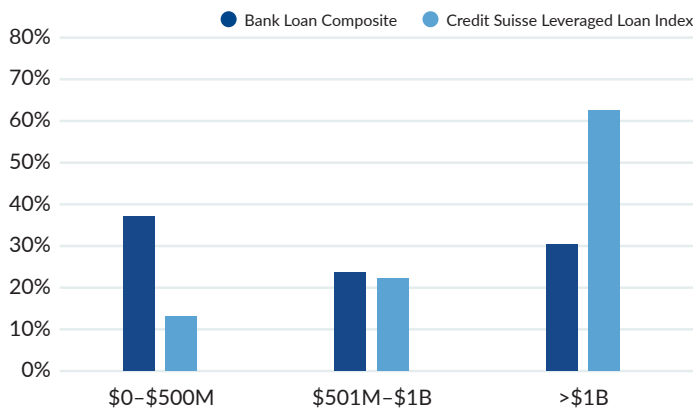
Source: MHY and SEI.

CHARACTERISTICS²

| | Bank Loan Composite | Credit Suisse Leveraged Loan Index |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|
| Coupon (%) | 9.0 | 8.6 |
| Weighted average maturity (years) | 4.0 | 4.2 |
| Discount margin (bps) | 633.4 | 464.5 |
| Yield to maturity (%) | 10.6 | 9.5 |
| Average credit quality | B+/B | B+/B |
| Numbers of issues | 96 | 1,416 |
| Number of issuers | 87 | 1,185 |

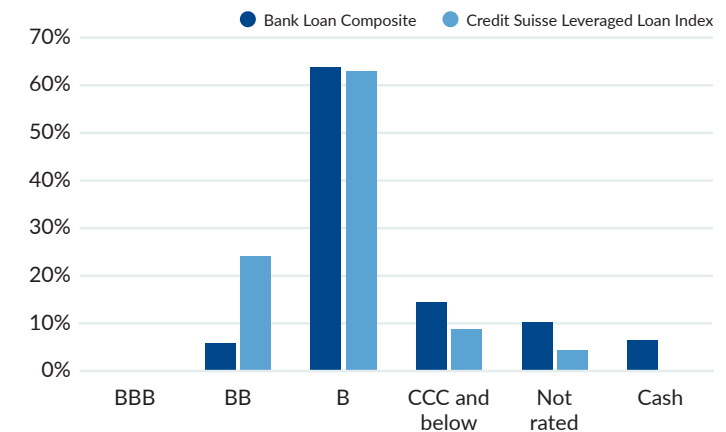
Source: MHY using data from Credit Suisse and Bloomberg, LP. Characteristics calculations exclude cash.

ISSUE SIZE²



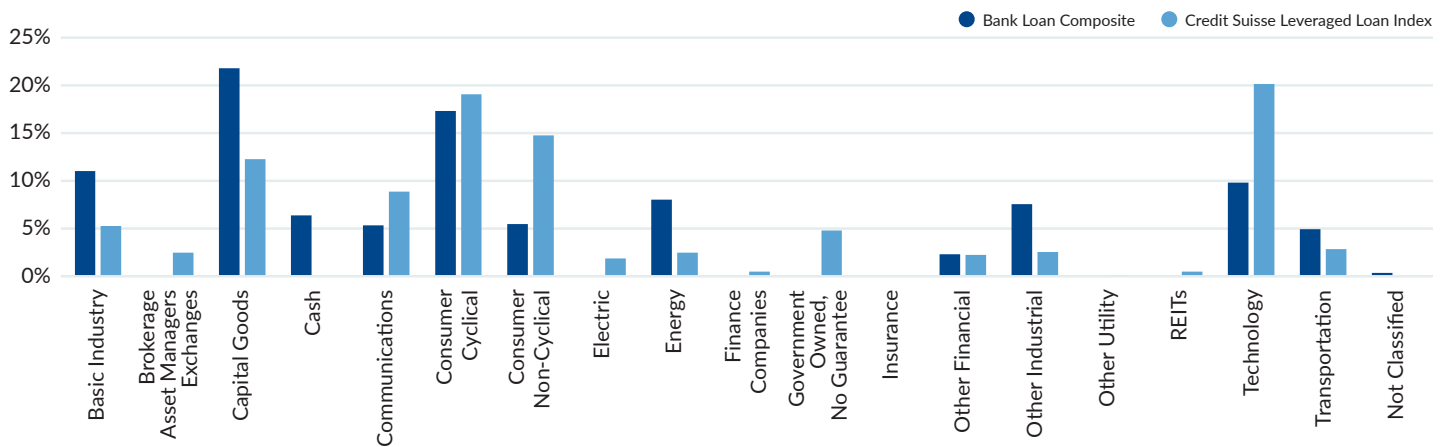
Source: MHY using data from Credit Suisse and Bloomberg, LP.

QUALITY DISTRIBUTION²



Source: MHY using data from Credit Suisse and Bloomberg, LP.

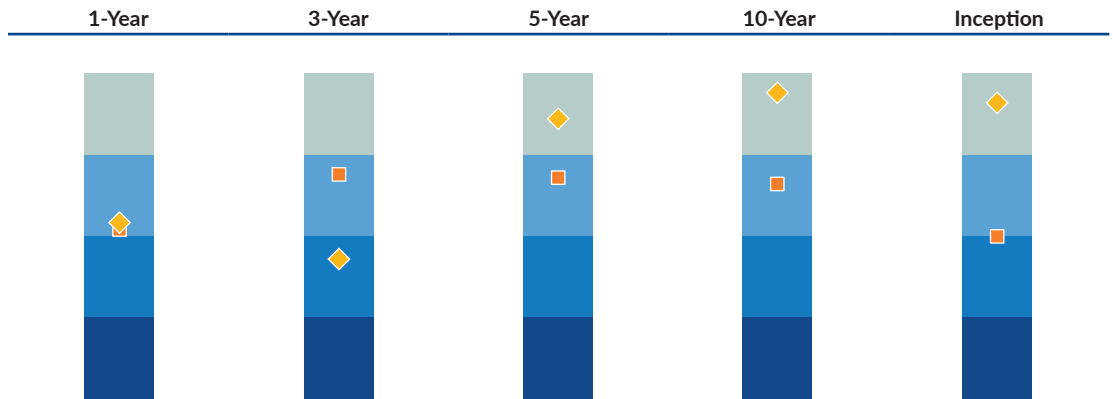
INDUSTRY WEIGHTING²



Source: MHY using data from Credit Suisse and Bloomberg, LP.

As of 9.30.2024. | 1. Past performance is not indicative of future results. Performance for periods greater than one year is annualized. Please see the attached GIPS Report for complete performance, including net and benchmark descriptions. | 2. Past performance is not indicative of future results. Portfolio metrics are calculated from a representative account invested in the Bank Loan strategy and is supplemental to the GIPS composite. Please see the attached GIPS Report for complete performance, including net and benchmark descriptions. | All yield/spread calculations cap any individual holding included in the calculation at 2500bps. This cap exists to more realistically represent expected yields. | Not every client's account will have these exact metrics. The actual metrics with respect to any particular client account will vary based on a number of factors including but not limited to: (i) the size of the account; (ii) investment restrictions applicable to the account, if any; and (iii) market exigencies at the time of investment. Percentages shown may not total 100% due to rounding and/or incidental allocation to cash. The Credit Suisse Leverage Loan Index characteristics and allocations may vary slightly from the index values due to MHY utilizing a different pricing source (Bloomberg).

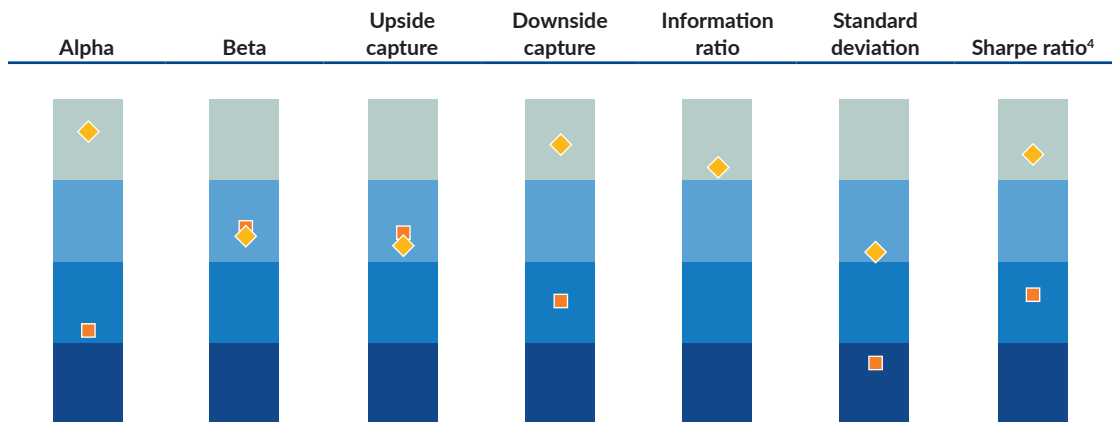
HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE RANKINGS BY QUARTILE³



| | Value | Rank | Value | Rank | Value | Rank | Value | Rank | Value | Rank |
|--------------------------------------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|------|
| ◆ Bank Loan Composite (gross) | 9.72 | 46 | 5.83 | 57 | 6.08 | 14 | 5.67 | 6 | 5.88 | 9 |
| Bank Loan Composite (net) | 9.18 | - | 5.30 | - | 5.54 | - | 4.84 | - | 5.05 | - |
| ■ Credit Suisse Leveraged Loan Index | 9.65 | 48 | 6.29 | 31 | 5.60 | 32 | 4.86 | 34 | 4.83 | 50 |

Source: eVestment Alliance, LLC., US Floating-Rate Loan Fixed Income universe at 70.80%; # of observations/managers reporting: 1-Year – 147, 3-Year – 131, 5-Year – 130, 10-Year – 117, Inception – 43.

RISK METRICS – SINCE INCEPTION RANKINGS BY QUARTILE³



| | Value | Rank | Value | Rank | Value | Rank | Value | Rank | Value | Rank | Value | Rank |
|--------------------------------------|-------|------|-------|------|--------|------|--------|------|-------|------|-------|------|
| ◆ Bank Loan Composite (gross) | 1.16 | 10 | 0.98 | 42 | 99.13 | 45 | 79.10 | 14 | 0.35 | 21 | 7.44 | 81 |
| Bank Loan Composite (net) | 0.37 | - | 0.97 | - | 92.48 | - | 82.86 | - | 0.07 | - | 7.43 | - |
| ■ Credit Suisse Leveraged Loan Index | 0.00 | 71 | 1.00 | 39 | 100.00 | 41 | 100.00 | 62 | - | - | 6.98 | 47 |

Source: eVestment Alliance, LLC., US Floating-Rate Loan Fixed Income universe at 70.80% population; # of observations/managers reporting: 43.

Past performance is not indicative of future results. | 3. The performance statistics presented are based on the Mesirow Bank Loan Composite (“Composite”) since inception (8.2.2007) against the eVestment US Floating-Rate Bank Loan Fixed Income Universe defined as US debt strategies that primarily invest in Bank Loans that pay a floating rate of interest and generate returns based on the interest payments from the issuers. Common product names/terminology associated with these products include “bank loans,” “senior loans,” “syndicated loans,” “floating-rate loans” and “adjustable-rate loans.” Information shown is supplemental to the GIPS compliant presentation. | 4. The risk free rate of return used in calculating the sharpe ratio is the FTSE 3-Month US Treasury Bill.

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GIPS REPORT – BANK LOAN COMPOSITE

Gross and Net of Fees Total Returns from January 1, 2014 – September 30, 2024

| Year | No. of portfolios | Year end | | | Annual performance results | | | | | | 3-year annualized dispersion ⁽²⁾ | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|---|------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|--|---|----------------------------|---|--|
| | | Composite Asset at end of period (\$MM) | MHY Assets at end of period (\$MM) | Total Firm Assets (\$MM) | MFIM (gross) Composite (%) | MFIM (net) Composite (%) | Composite net modelled (%) | Credit Suisse Leveraged Loan Index (%) | Composite Dispersion ⁽¹⁾ (%) | MFIM (gross) Composite (%) | Credit Suisse Leveraged Loan Index (%) | |
| 2014 | 5 or fewer | 205 | 797 | – | 3.26 | 1.91 | 2.74 | 2.06 | n/a | 3.66 | 1.92 | |
| 2015 | 5 or fewer | 141 | 757 | – | 1.04 | -0.31 | 0.53 | -0.38 | n/a | 3.67 | 2.07 | |
| 2016 | 5 or fewer | 101 | 841 | – | 9.01 | 7.69 | 8.47 | 9.88 | n/a | 4.09 | 2.78 | |
| 2017 | 5 or fewer | 14 | 526 | 4,772 | 10.30 | 8.83 | 9.72 | 4.25 | n/a | 3.99 | 2.63 | |
| 2018 | 5 or fewer | 14 | 873 | 4,137 | 3.30 | 2.69 | n/a | 1.14 | n/a | 3.78 | 2.75 | |
| 2019 | 5 or fewer | 13 | 1,199 | 3,895 | 3.47 | 2.86 | n/a | 8.17 | n/a | 3.84 | 2.63 | |
| 2020 | 5 or fewer | 68 | 1,407 | 6,706 | 4.40 | 3.84 | n/a | 2.78 | n/a | 9.53 | 8.63 | |
| 2021 | 5 or fewer | 120 | 1,421 | 6,168 | 8.33 | 7.78 | n/a | 5.40 | n/a | 9.52 | 8.46 | |
| 2022 | 5 or fewer | 115 | 898 | 3,616 | -3.52 | -4.00 | n/a | -1.06 | n/a | 9.73 | 8.76 | |
| 2023 | 5 or fewer | 130 | 1,457 | 3,963 | 13.60 | 13.04 | n/a | 13.04 | n/a | 3.86 | 3.67 | |
| Current Performance Results | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2024 | 5 or fewer | 139 | 2,615 | 5,203 | 7.11 | 6.71 | n/a | 6.61 | n/a | 3.84 | 3.65 | |

Past performance is not necessarily indicative of future results.

Mesirow Financial Investment Management Institutional Fixed Income claims compliance with the Global Investment Performance Standards (GIPS®) and has prepared and presented this report in compliance with the GIPS standards. Mesirow Financial Institutional Fixed Income has been independently verified for the periods 01.01.1996 - 12.31.2023. 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. The Bank Loan Composite has had a performance examination for the periods from 08.02.2007 to 12.31.2023. The verification and performance examination reports are available upon request.

Creation date is 08.07.2007. *Performance and Composite inception are 08.02.2007.

Benchmark returns are not covered by the report of independent verifiers.

All returns are calculated and presented in US dollars.

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Effective 10.23.2017, MFIM Fixed Income completed the lift-out of the High Yield team from a former and unaffiliated registered Investment Advisor.

Effective 05.29.2020, MFIM Fixed Income completed the lift out of the Analytic Fixed Income Team from a former and unaffiliated registered Investment Advisor, Chicago Equity Partners (CEP) which its team, became an integral part of MFIM Fixed Institutional Fixed Income. On 05.29.2020, MFIM acquired the asset management rights for a portion of the managed portfolios from an independent investment advisory firm and retained all the principals and employees related to such portfolios. Effective 11.30.2022, the MFIM Fixed Income - Analytic Fixed Income business discontinued operations. Accounts either transferred to the Strategic Fixed Income business unit or terminated its relationship with Mesirow. The list of

composite descriptions, the Firm's list of pooled fund descriptions for limited distribution pooled funds and the Firm's list of broad distribution pooled funds is available upon request. Policies for valuing investments, calculating performance, and preparing GIPS Reports are available upon request.

The Performance presented from 08.02.2007 to 09.30.2017 was generated while the Portfolio Managers were affiliated with a prior firm. The Bank Loan Composite consists of portfolios whose major concentration is in syndicated leveraged loans issued by corporate borrowers, which includes both first and second lien loans, as well as equity securities obtained in exchange offers or insolvency proceedings. The portfolios are constrained to be substantially fully invested with minor cash holdings.

Calculation of Risk Measures: Annual / 3 Years Dispersion

(1). N/A = Information is not statistically meaningful due to an insufficient number of portfolios in the composite for the entire year. Composite dispersion presented is the equal-weighted standard deviation of the gross annual returns of portfolios in the composite for the entire year.

(2). N/A = The 3-year Ex-post standard deviation isn't presented since there aren't 36 monthly returns available prior to this period. 1999 is a partial period from March 1 through December 31. The three-year annualized Ex-post standard deviation measures the variability of the composite gross returns, and the benchmark returns over the preceding 36-month period. It is not required to be presented for annual periods prior to 2011, or when a full three years of composite performance is not yet available.

Performance / Net of Fee Disclosure

Performance information that is provided gross of fees does not reflect the deduction of advisory fees. Client returns will be reduced by such fees and other expenses that may be incurred in the management of the account. Advisory fees are described in Form ADV Part 2 of MHY. Prior to 10.01.2017, the Composite consisted of a single portfolio which constituted the collateral of a structured vehicle called a Collateralized Loan Obligation ("CLO"). Actual net of fee performance prior to 10.01.2017 was calculated using management fees of 0.50% per year, and a variable quarterly incentive fee as is customary in CLO's. After 10.01.2017, net performance is calculated by applying a model management fee of 0.60%, as the Composite was comprised entirely of internally funded, non-fee paying assets from 12.31.2017 to 06.30.2020. After 6.30.2020, net of fee performance is presented utilizing actual client net of fee performance for all accounts included in the composite. "Modelled Fee" is included here as additional information and reflects a 0.50% annual management fee up prior to 10.01.2017 and 0.60% annual management fee thereafter. The Modelled Fee is not shown after 2017 as the model was intended to reflect the impact of the fixed fee structure if it had existed historically. The management fee schedule is as follows:

Bank Loan Strategy (described in MHY's Form ADV, Part 2)

- 0.60% on the first \$25 million
- 0.55% on the next \$25 million
- 0.50% on the next \$50 million
- 0.45% on the balance.

GIPS Report Bank Loan Composite

Bank Loan Commingled Fund

0.50% on all assets

An actual fee charged to an individual portfolio may vary by size and type of portfolio. Fees are collected quarterly, which produces a compounding effect on the total rate of return net of management fees. As an example, the effect of investment management fees on the total value of a client's portfolio assuming (a) \$1,000,000 investment, (b) portfolio return of 8% a year, and (c) 0.60% annual investment advisory fee would reduce the portfolio's value by \$6,292 in the first year, by \$36,614 over five years and \$89,411 over 10 years. Actual investment advisory fees incurred by clients will vary.

Benchmark Definition

The primary benchmark is the Credit Suisse Leveraged Loan Index. The Credit Suisse Leveraged Loan Index is designed to mirror the investable universe of the U.S. dollar denominated leveraged loan market.

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