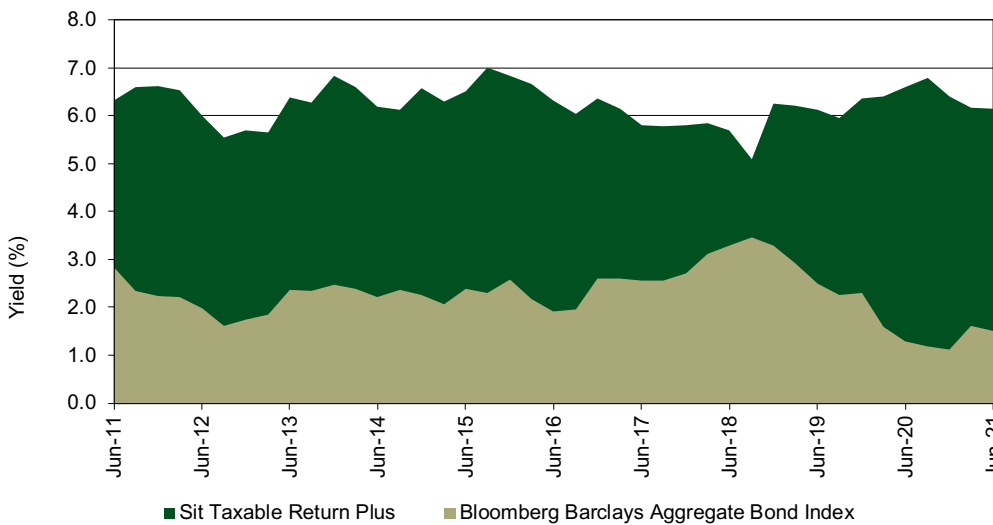


# Sit Taxable Return Plus

## STRATEGY

- Objective is to capitalize on persistent inefficiencies in the closed-end fund market, while providing diversification to a traditional fixed income portfolio
- Investment focus is closed-end funds which invest in investment grade, taxable fixed income securities.
- Strategy seeks to maximize total return by analyzing every closed-end fund at the level of its individual holdings, management skill and consistency, and price to net asset value (NAV)

## CONSISTENT YIELD ADVANTAGE DRIVES EXCESS RETURN

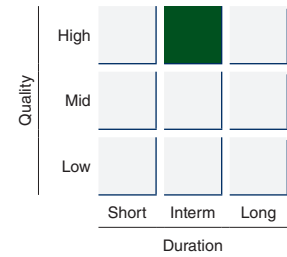


## COMPOSITE PERFORMANCE (%)

	Annualized Returns				
	3 Month	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
<b>Sit Taxable Return Plus (Gross)</b>	<b>4.25</b>	<b>17.79</b>	<b>10.77</b>	<b>7.94</b>	<b>7.19</b>
<b>Sit Taxable Return Plus (Net)</b>	<b>4.15</b>	<b>16.99</b>	<b>9.78</b>	<b>6.79</b>	<b>6.21</b>
Bloomberg Barclays Aggregate Bond Index	1.83	-0.33	5.34	3.03	3.39
		1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
<b>eVestment Percentile Rank<sup>1</sup></b>		<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>

Performance figures for the latest period are preliminary and subject to change. Past performance is not indicative of future results. Returns are calculated on a time-weighted total return basis, include the reinvestment of all income, and returns for periods greater than one year are annualized. The information above is supplemental to and complements the attached composite presentation. The account information set forth above is for the representative portfolio and is provided for illustrative purposes only.

## INVESTMENT STYLE



## PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

Sit Taxable Return Plus		BB Barclays Agg. Bond Index
<b>6.2%</b>	Yield to Worst:	1.5%
<b>3.9 yr.</b>	Duration:	6.6 yr.
<b>A</b>	Average Quality:	AAA
<b>5.2</b>	Alpha (5 Yr.):	n/a
<b>3.9</b>	Alpha (10 Yr.):	n/a
<b>1.1</b>	Sharpe Ratio	n/a
<b>12/31/87</b>	Strategy Inception:	

## QUALITY RATINGS (%)

AAA	15.0
AA	10.0
A	26.3
BBB	33.4
Less than BBB	10.4
Non-Rated	0.0
Other/Cash	4.9

## SEASONED & LONG TENURED TEAM

	Years of Investment Experience	Years with Sit
Bryce Doty, CFA	31	26
Mark Book, CFA, CMA	35	20
Chris Rasmussen, CFA	21	21

1) **eVestment** - Peer rankings represent percentile rankings which are based on monthly gross of fee returns and reflect where the Sit Investment composite returns fall within the indicated eVestment Alliance, LLC ("eVestment") universe. eVestment provides the institutional investment database which consists of institutional managers, investment consultants, plan sponsors and other similar financial institutions reporting on investment products. Performance figures are provided to eVestment by individual investment management firms for informational purposes only. eVestment does not guarantee the accuracy, adequacy, completeness or availability of any information and is not responsible for any errors or omissions or for the results obtained from the use of such information. Additional information regarding eVestment rankings is available on eVestment's website. This presentation is intended for institutional investor use only.

Investing involves risk; principal loss is possible. There is no guarantee the Composite's investment objectives will be achieved, and the market value of securities held by the Composite may fall or fail to rise.

Sector allocations (as % of market value) and portfolio characteristics may change at any time and are not investment recommendations.

**Duration** is a volatility measure for bonds that reflects how a bond's price will change as interest rates change.

**Average Quality** reflects the average of the individual security ratings assigned by Moody's Standard & Poor's and Fitch.

**Sharpe Ratio** is a measure of historical risk-adjusted performance. The ratio is computed by subtracting the return of the risk-free index (typically the FTSE 3-month T-Bill) from the return of the strategy to determine the risk-adjusted excess return, which is then divided by the strategy's standard deviation. The Sharpe Ratio measures how well the strategy generated returns while taking on risk compared to investing in cash. A higher Sharpe Ratio corresponds with a greater risk-adjusted return, or more efficient use of risk. For example, a Sharpe Ratio of 1 is better than a ratio of 0.5.

**Sit Investment Associates, Inc.  
Taxable Return Plus Composite  
ANNUAL DISCLOSURE PRESENTATION**

Year End	Total Firm Assets (millions)	Composite Assets (USD) (millions)	Number of Accounts	Composite 3-Yr. Standard Dev.	Benchmark 3-Yr. Standard Dev.	Bloomberg Barclays Aggregate Bond Index	Annual Performance Results Composite		Composite Dispersion
							Gross	Net	
2019	13,274.3	634.9	17	3.7%	2.9%	8.72%	17.85%	15.97%	0.68%
2018	12,196.2	509.8	19	4.4%	2.8%	0.01%	-4.24%	-4.63%	0.53%
2017	13,340.8	560.9	18	4.7%	2.8%	3.54%	9.05%	7.82%	0.36%
2016	12,668.9	504.9	19	5.1%	3.0%	2.65%	10.23%	8.56%	0.96%
2015	13,350.6	400.4	16	5.5%	2.9%	0.55%	2.65%	2.14%	0.68%
2014	13,505.0	390.3	16	5.7%	2.6%	5.97%	7.40%	6.93%	1.17%
2013	13,103.3	322.5	15	5.8%	2.7%	-2.02%	-2.33%	-2.74%	1.19%
2012	13,081.6	432.0	16	5.1%	2.4%	4.21%	15.94%	13.56%	1.09%
2011	10,895.1	342.0	13	8.4%	2.8%	7.84%	7.30%	6.87%	1.18%
2010	9,873.4	271.7	14	14.1%	4.2%	6.54%	15.28%	13.42%	1.13%

Sit Investment Associates, Inc. claims compliance with the Global Investment Performance Standards (GIPS®) and has prepared and presented this report in compliance with the GIPS standards. Sit Investment Associates, Inc. has been independently verified for the period January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2019 by ACA Performance Services, LLC, for the period January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2016 by Ashland Partners & Company LLP and for the period January 1, 1997 through December 31, 2006 by KPMG LLP.

Verification assesses whether (1) the firm has complied with all the composite construction requirements of the GIPS standards on a firm-wide basis and (2) the firm's policies and procedures are designed to calculate and present performance in compliance with the GIPS standards. The Taxable Total Return Plus composite has been examined for the period January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2019 by ACA Performance Services, LLC and for the period September 30, 1997 through December 31, 2016 by Ashland Partners & Company LLP. The verification and performance examination reports are available upon request.

The Taxable Return Plus Composite was created September 30, 1997. Taxable Return Plus Composite contains fully discretionary accounts and for comparison purposes is measured against the Barclays Aggregate Bond Index. The composite contains portfolios generally emphasizing investing in closed-end bond funds. Value is achieved through emphasis on domestic, investment-grade closed end bond funds which, over time, have an average market price 6% to 8% less than their NAV. The Barclays Aggregate Bond Index is a broad-based benchmark that measures the investment grade fixed income market.

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The U.S. Dollar is the currency used to express performance. Returns are presented gross and net of management fees and include the reinvestment of all income. Net of fee performance was calculated using the highest fee applicable annual management fee of 0.40% applied quarterly plus any applicable annual performance fee. Prior to 2003, the performance fee reported was calculated based on a model fee using the standard performance fee schedule. Beginning in 2003, the performance fee reported was calculated using the actual performance fee billed. The annual composite dispersion presented is an equal-weighted standard deviation calculated for the accounts in the composite the entire year. Beginning April 1, 2006, SIA calculates a true Time Weighted Return (TWR) for each portfolio within the composite and asset weights their returns to come up with a composite return. Periods are geometrically linked together. Policies for valuing portfolios, calculating performance, and preparing compliant presentations are available upon request.

The investment management fee schedule for the composite is 0.40%. In addition, a performance fee equal to 20% of the difference between the Account's total investment return for the calendar year (net of the management fee) and the total return of the Barclays Aggregate Bond Index for the year increased by 1%. Actual investment advisory fees incurred by clients may vary.

The three-year annualized standard deviation measures the variability of the composite and the benchmark returns over the preceding 36-month period.

Past performance is not indicative of future results.