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## Objective

Seeks to consistently outperform the Bloomberg US Credit Index while maintaining a comparable level of risk

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## Benchmark

Bloomberg US Credit Index

## Strategy Inception

April 1, 2005

## Strategy Assets

\$ 11,661.5M

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# Investment Grade Credit

## Highlights

- Invests primarily in US dollar-denominated investment grade securities including corporate bonds, and to a lesser extent, sovereigns, US Treasuries and Agencies, and asset-backed securities (ABS)
- Focuses primarily on security selection, and to a lesser extent, sector selection and yield curve structure
- Typically invests in investment grade securities at the time of purchase (BBB- and above); however, the strategy may hold below investment grade securities
- Targets a duration typically less than +/- 0.5 year of the Index

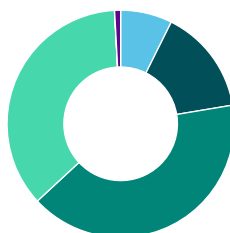
Performance (%)	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since Inception
Composite (Gross)	2.16	4.77	7.82	4.98	0.67	3.42	4.90
Composite (Net)	2.10	4.65	7.58	4.73	0.42	3.15	4.58
Bloomberg US Credit Index	1.82	4.22	6.83	4.19	0.12	2.80	4.08
Excess Return vs. Benchmark (Gross)	+0.34	+0.55	+0.99	+0.79	+0.55	+0.62	+0.82

## Risk Characteristics

Alpha (%)	1.33	0.76	0.56	0.63	0.66
Information Ratio	2.49	1.90	1.19	1.16	0.66
Sharpe Ratio	0.61	0.03	-0.29	0.22	0.50

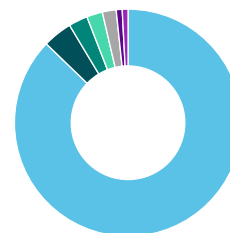
Returns greater than one year are annualized. Inception: April 1, 2005. Please refer to the following page for additional results, notes and fee information, which are integral parts of this performance presentation. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. See section 5 on page 2 for a full benchmark description. Risk Characteristics based on gross performance. Calculated without the deduction of fees and expenses. Investments involve varying degrees of risk and may lose value.

## Credit Quality (%)



	Portfolio	Benchmark
AAA	7.35	7.00
AA	15.02	9.15
A	40.73	40.96
BBB	36.03	42.89
BB	0.02	0.00
Cash	0.85	0.00

## Sector Positioning (%)



	Portfolio	Benchmark
Corporate	87.21	86.85
Supranational	4.18	4.80
US Treasuries	2.71	0.00
Sovereign	2.25	3.73
Foreign Gov Related	1.97	2.94
Cash	0.85	0.00
US Taxable Munis	0.82	1.69

## Portfolio Characteristics

	Portfolio	Benchmark
Number of Issuers	298	1,357
Average Rating (Moody's/S&P)	A2/A	A3/A-
Effective Duration (years)	6.48	6.55
OAS (bps)	78	78
Yield to Worst (%)	4.87	4.93

The positioning shown above is specific to that of a representative account of this strategy. This positioning is provided solely for informational purposes and could vary substantially from that of a separately managed account or other mandate. Unless otherwise indicated, the portfolio ratings calculations presented herein have been calculated using the same rating methodology as the portfolio's benchmark. Additional information is available upon request.

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## 1. Compliance Statement

PPM America, Inc. (PPM) claims compliance with the Global Investment Performance Standards (GIPS®) and has prepared and presented this report in compliance with the GIPS standards. PPM has been independently verified for the periods 1 Dec 1992 through 31 Dec 2024. The verification report(s) is/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 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 Investment Grade Credit Composite has had a performance examination for the periods 1 Apr 2005 through 31 Dec 2024. The verification and performance examination reports are available upon request.

## 2. Firm Definition

Headquartered in Chicago, PPM was founded in 1990 and provides clients with investment solutions across markets, including public fixed income, private equity, and private debt. PPM is an affiliate of Jackson National Life Distributors LLC. PPM is an indirect, wholly owned subsidiary of Jackson Financial Inc. Jackson Financial Inc. is a publicly traded company. For purposes of GIPS, PPM includes all investment management activities of PPM with the exception of private equity assets as well as commercial mortgage loans and other non-security real estate investments. Private equity assets follow a distinct investment process and have been excluded since PPM's redefinition as of 1 Jan 2011. Commercial mortgage loans and other non-security real estate investments have been excluded since PPM's redefinition as of 30 Apr 2019 to address the merger of PPM and its affiliate, PPM Finance, Inc. which previously managed these assets. PPM Loan Management Company 2, LLC is an affiliate of PPM and the collateral manager for collateralized loan obligation transactions ("CLOs"). The performance results displayed herein represent the investment performance record for a composite of fixed income portfolios (Investment Grade Credit Composite) managed by PPM. A list of all composite and pooled fund investment strategies offered by PPM, with a description of each strategy, is available upon request. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

## 3. Description and Inclusion/Exclusion Policy of the Composite

The Investment Grade Credit Composite includes all segregated and pooled portfolios invested primarily in US dollar-denominated investment grade corporate fixed income securities with some flexibility to invest in other security types, including US government securities, ABS, MBS, CMBS and REITs. Where client-specific investment guidelines allow, portfolios in the Investment Grade Credit Composite may also purchase high yield securities and use derivative instruments to manage duration exposure and support efficient portfolio management. Composite creation and inception dates were 1 Apr 2005. Starting in June 2024, the firm decided to redefine the composite to broaden the guidelines and parameters to consolidate similarly managed accounts into fewer composites.

## 4. Calculation Methodology

The Investment Grade Credit Composite results are time-weighted rates of return net of commissions and transactions costs and have been presented both gross and net of investment advisory fees. The reporting currency is the US dollar. All rates of return presented are calculated gross of foreign withholding tax. PPM consistently values all portfolios each day on a trade-date basis and recognizes

income on an accrual basis. Monthly returns are calculated by linking the daily returns through compounded multiplication. Monthly composite returns are calculated by weighting each portfolio's monthly return by its beginning market value as a percent of the total composite beginning market value. Quarterly composite returns are calculated by linking the monthly composite returns through compounded multiplication. Annual returns are calculated by linking the monthly returns through compounded multiplication. Cumulative rates of return for multiyear periods are calculated by compounding the annual rates of return within such periods. The annualized rate of return is equivalent to the annual rate of return, which if earned in each year of the indicated multiyear period, would produce the actual cumulative rate of return over the time period. Gross monthly composite returns are calculated excluding all management and administrative fees. Net monthly returns are calculated by subtracting the highest monthly advisory fee rate, as reflected in the Model Fee Schedule on note 6, from the gross monthly composite return. Quarterly and annual net composite returns are calculated by linking the monthly net of fee returns as described previously. Fee rates used in the net of fee calculation may not represent actual fees incurred by all accounts in the composite. Standard deviation is a measure of variability, which is often used in the investment industry as an indicator of risk. The asset-weighted standard deviation of annual account gross returns within the composite is calculated from the measurements of variance from the asset-weighted mean annual account gross return. Assuming "normal" distribution of returns, plus or minus one standard deviation from the weighted mean return would encompass 68% of all possible outcomes. Only portfolios that have been managed for the full year are included in the standard deviation calculation for that year. The three-year annualized ex-post standard deviation measures the variability of the composite (using 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 36 monthly composite returns are not yet available. The internal dispersion of annual returns is measured by the asset-weighted deviation of the annual gross returns of those accounts in the composite for a full year. Effective from April 2023 to December 2023, our composite policy prompted the use of a temporary account to remove the effect of a client directed significant cash flow of 20% or more of the portfolio's market value on performance. Policies for valuing investments, calculating performance, and preparing GIPS Reports are available upon request.

## 5. Comparison with Market Index

The Bloomberg US Credit Index provides a broad measure of investment grade, US dollar-denominated credit securities. It includes publicly issued US and SEC-registered global corporate securities, foreign debt and secured notes. Prior to 1 August 2020, the benchmark was the Bloomberg US Credit Most Conservative 2% Issuer Cap Index. Benchmark returns are not covered by the report of independent verifiers. The returns for this unmanaged index do not include any transaction costs, management fees, or other costs.

## 6. Other

No alteration of the composite as presented has occurred because of changes in personnel or other related reasons at any time. Leverage has not been used in the portfolios included within the composite. No non-fee-paying portfolios are included in the composite. There has been no linkage with simulated portfolios. Net of fees returns are calculated using the Model Fee Schedule below. Historical model fees may have differed from current stated fees. Additional information is available upon request. 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.

## Model Fee Schedule for Investment Grade Credit Accounts:

All Accounts 0.225%

Fees may be negotiated in lieu of the model fee schedule.

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
PPM America Rate of Return (%; Gross)	2.86	8.96	-15.01	-0.86	12.03	14.04	-1.98	6.43	6.43	-0.65
PPM America Rate of Return (%; Net)	2.63	8.70	-15.25	-1.14	11.72	13.72	-2.24	6.14	6.14	-0.98
Bloomberg US Credit Index (%)	2.03	8.18	-15.26	-1.08	9.90	13.58	-2.06	6.08	5.25	-0.66
Composite Standard Deviation (%; 3Y Ann.)	9.20	8.83	8.55	6.05	5.94	3.50	3.53	3.69	3.95	4.02
Benchmark Standard Deviation (%; 3Y Ann.)	9.18	8.75	8.64	6.25	6.17	3.48	3.49	3.69	3.97	4.04
Number of Portfolios	8	5/Fewer	5/Fewer	5/Fewer	5/Fewer	5/Fewer	5/Fewer	5/Fewer	5/Fewer	5/Fewer
Asset WTD Standard Deviation										
Composite Assets (\$M)	9,570.2	2,646.2	1,866.2	2,408.2	4,445.9	6,601.1	4,924.7	4,733.4	4,345.5	4,342.9
Total Firm Assets (\$M)	61,510.7	59,846.3	58,553.9	66,885.4	92,580.1	115,467.0	104,649.3	99,963.3	97,924.0	96,842.2