

## INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT PHILOSOPHY

We invest client assets in outstanding companies with excellent income and growth prospects. To find them, we use a narrative-based investment approach in which we don't just analyze the company itself, but also the underlying narratives that shape the future of the industry. We focus on predicting the business, not the stock market. We invest for the long term, but maintain disciplined risk management and sell criteria in the construction and management of client portfolios.

### TFCM INCOME STRATEGY

For clients who may need more safety or income, we add an appropriate mix of less volatile, higher-yielding securities. We consider:

- **Debt and equity** of companies
- with **strong cash flows and healthy balance sheets;**
- Companies with growing and/or **above-average dividend payments;**
- Investments that represent **extraordinary value,**
- while also providing a **steady stream of cash flow** to our client.
- We include corporate equity, preferred & debt securities, REITs, as well as government & municipal fixed income instruments.

Our Objective is to maximize income and minimize risk without sacrificing potential price appreciation.

Current yield<sup>3</sup> as of  
9/30/23:

**3.20%**

	Total Return		Annualized Total Return					Cumulative
	QTD	YTD	1 YEAR	3 YEAR	5 YEAR	10 YEAR	inception <sup>2</sup>	since inception <sup>2</sup>
<b>TFCM Net</b>	-4.63%	1.36%	12.02%	9.53%	6.73%	3.63%	5.17%	129.80%
<b>TFCM Gross</b>	-4.37%	2.20%	13.26%	10.77%	7.94%	4.46%	6.42%	179.57%
<sup>1</sup> Combined Index	-1.30%	3.55%	6.88%	-0.19%	2.48%	3.52%	4.57%	109.17%
U.S. 91-Day TBill	1.29%	3.70%	4.73%	1.91%	1.74%	1.13%	1.03%	18.47%
ML US Dom Master	-3.27%	-1.19%	0.59%	-5.37%	0.09%	1.15%	2.73%	55.92%
ML High Yield Master II	0.53%	5.97%	10.19%	1.82%	2.80%	4.16%	5.72%	150.69%
S&P 500	-3.27%	13.07%	21.62%	10.15%	9.91%	11.91%	9.09%	320.56%

<sup>1</sup> Combined Index is comprised of S&P 10%, T-Bill 10%, ML Dom 40%; ML High Yield 40%

<sup>2</sup> Inception Date 03/31/2007

<sup>3</sup> Current Yield represents the current dividend and interest payments divided by the current market value of the Income Strategy composite on the date referenced.

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**Please refer to last page for full GIPS® Composite Report.**

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**TOP 10 POSITIONS<sup>3</sup>**

	Weight (%)	Mkt Cap (\$Mil)
Cash*	4.76	--
Home Depot, Inc.	3.18	302,462
Digital Realty Trust, Inc.	3.05	36,214
Watsco, Inc.	3.02	14,756
Hercules Capital, Inc.	2.90	2,375
Equinix, Inc.	2.74	67,952
Houlihan Lokey, Inc. Class A	2.68	7,427
ASML Holding NV ADR	2.66	232,279
Main Street Capital Corporation	2.57	3,292
Ares Capital Corporation	2.56	10,845

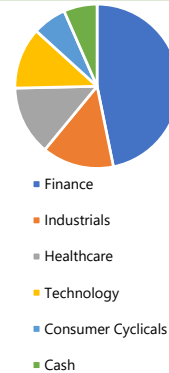
**CHARACTERISTICS<sup>3</sup>**

	Portfolio	BM
# of Securities	43	505
<b>Dividend Yield %</b>	<b>3.20</b>	1.61
Weighted Average	\$ 77,963	\$ 633,194
Weighted Median	\$ 20,297	\$ 183,224
Price to Earnings	33.5	35.4
Hist 3Yr EPS Growth	14.7	23.1
Est 3-5 Yr EPS Growth	10.1	13.8
LT Debt/Capital	47.6	42.9

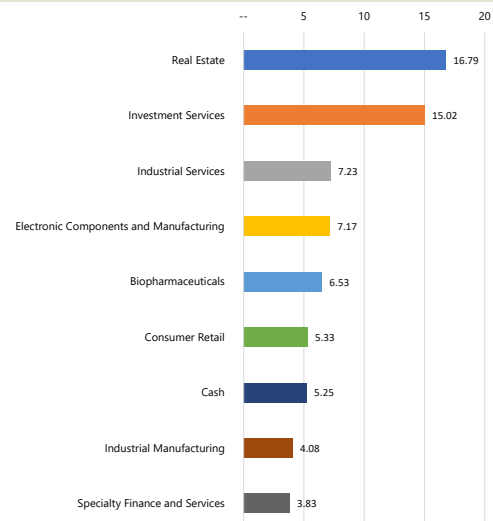
**INCOME SELECTION PROCESS**

An important consideration in the construction of our Income Strategy portfolio is the diversification of income streams. We focus on strategically allocating capital amongst different industries/sectors so the economic sensitivities of one group will offset those of another, thereby reducing volatility in the underlying value of the portfolio while maintaining the income stream. While a cornerstone of the typical income investment strategy is a “fixed” income stream, we believe most income investors overstate it in their portfolio and as a result subject their wealth to an undue level of interest rate and inflation risk. We certainly view fixed income instruments as an option in the Income Strategy, but we also believe in exposure to “variable” income streams, most notably those that have a propensity to rise (i.e.. common dividends). The Income Strategy is “value oriented” in that we are looking to buy streams of cash flow as inexpensively as possible.

**SECTOR WEIGHTINGS (%) <sup>3</sup>**



**SUB-SECTOR WEIGHTINGS (%) <sup>3</sup>**



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<sup>3</sup> Source: FactSet PA; Benchmark SPDR S&P 500 ETF. Industry Sector data source: FactSet RBICS. These statistics are based on a composite of actual portfolios. These statistics are based on GIPS compliant gross-of-fees monthly composite returns.  
\* Cash may include cash equivalents such as MMF.



## GIPS COMPOSITE REPORT

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### ANNUAL PERFORMANCE RESULTS

Year End	Total Firm Assets (millions)	Composite Assets		Combined Index	Combined Index 3 YR STD DEV	TFCM Income Composite			Composite Dispersion Gross
		USD (millions)	# of Accts			Gross	3 yr Gross Std Dev	Net	
2023 YTD	\$202.346	\$63.794	93	3.55%	NA	2.20%	NA	1.36%	NA
2022	\$206.423	\$60.714	92	-11.35%	7.76%	-7.75%	18.18%	-8.77%	8.60%
2021	\$363.183	\$75.791	90	4.12%	5.56%	29.08%	16.03%	27.61%	1.54%
2020	\$337.373	\$51.601	86	7.76%	5.75%	9.99%	16.49%	8.72%	5.38%
2019	\$183.542	\$47.835	93	12.61%	2.91%	22.27%	8.77%	20.88%	1.12%
2018	\$141.600	\$34.415	74	-1.05%	2.89%	-5.91%	8.61%	-6.96%	0.62%
2017	\$153.814	\$33.194	63	6.61%	3.24%	7.77%	8.24%	6.51%	0.33%
2016	\$128.752	\$27.500	59	9.10%	3.57%	11.20%	8.70%	9.86%	0.41%
2015	\$143.968	\$24.075	58	-1.36%	3.47%	-4.73%	8.41%	-5.85%	0.39%
2014	\$142.181	\$35.108	53	4.90%	3.02%	5.69%	7.87%	4.12%	0.58%
2013	\$135.000	\$33.290	48	4.99%	3.81%	11.87%	8.26%	10.20%	0.41%
2012	\$105.217	\$17.631	44	9.68%	3.98%	13.94%	8.04%	12.25%	0.31%
2011	\$76.320	\$11.419	28	5.27%	5.28%	1.10%	11.67%	-0.40%	0.23%
2010	\$74.585	\$9.181	21	10.27%	10.27%	14.19%	15.04%	12.49%	0.32%
2009	\$61.088	\$7.184	15	25.91%	NA	38.27%	NA	36.96%	1.39%
2008	\$41.925	\$1.512	7	-12.73%	NA	-23.07%	NA	-23.58%	1.52%
2007*	\$56.958	\$1.476	4	NA	NA	-3.86%	NA	-4.27%	NA

NA - Information is not presented due to an insufficient number of portfolios in the composite period. In addition, the three-year annualized ex-post standard deviation of the composite and the benchmark are not presented because 36 monthly returns of the composite are not available.

\*Cumulative (non-annualized) since inception date: 03/31/07

**Income Composite** contains fully discretionary income accounts. This composite invests in corporate government debt investments as well as preferred stock and to a lesser extent dividend paying common stock. This composite may also hold positions in fixed income and adjustable closed end investment companies. It holds about 20 - 40 securities that are mostly domestic but can hold some foreign shares.

The Combined Index (S&P 500 10%, U.S. 91-Day T-Bill Index 10%, ML High Yield Master II 40% and the ML US Domestic Master 40%) returns are rebalanced on a monthly basis. This combined index is meant to be considered in the aggregate as opposed to individually since components of the strategy employed may include securities that resemble these indices but to varying degrees. The Income Composite was created 03/31/2007.

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