## iMGP Alternative Strategies Fund [MASFX, MASNX]



## 2024 Q2 Video Update

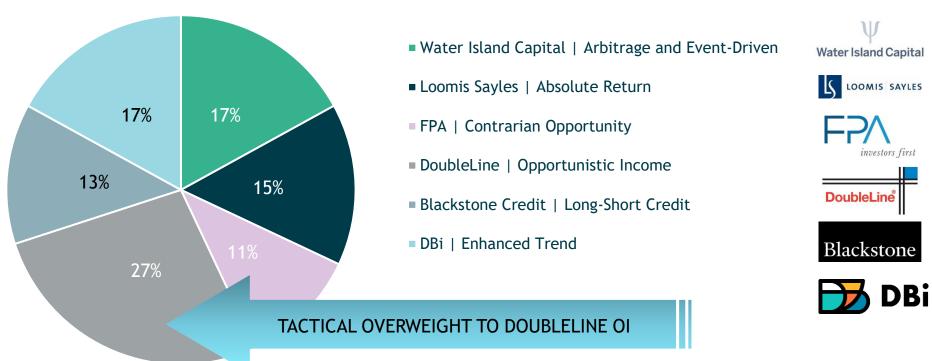


With Head of Alternatives and Co-Portfolio Manager Jason Steuerwalt, CFA

#### We Couldn't Find a Core Alternatives Fund We Liked, So We Built Our Own



- Our managers run distinctive strategies not available in another U.S. mutual fund.
- They are risk-conscious but opportunistic when risk/return is skewed in their favor.
- Their success has spanned multiple market cycles.
- They manage strategies that are relatively uncorrelated to traditional asset classes and to each other.

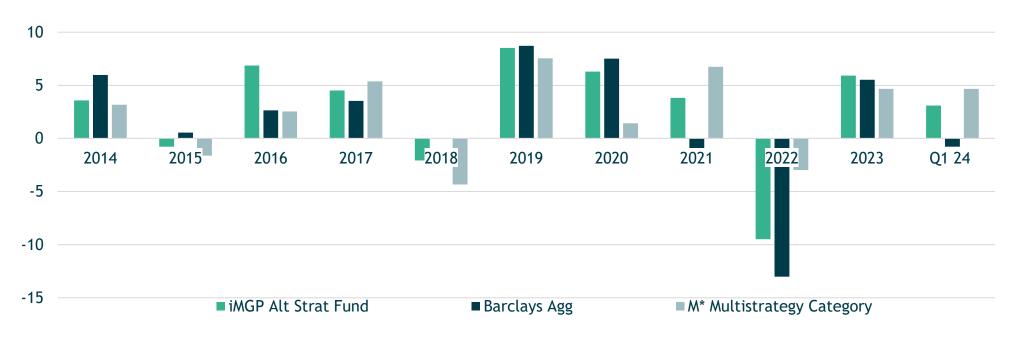




# The Fund Has Outperformed Core Bonds and Other Similar-Volatility Alternative Options Since Inception



#### MASFX vs. Barclays Aggregate, and Morningstar Multistrategy Category

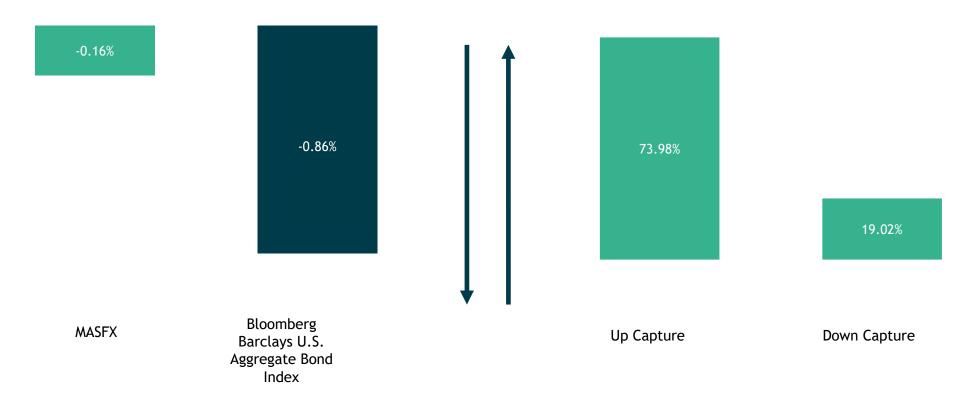


	MASFX	ICE BofA US 3- Month Treasury Bill	Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Agg Bond Index	Morningstar Multistrategy Category
Annualized Return	3.83%	1.12%	1.64%	3.33%
Annualized Std. Deviation	4.73%	0.46%	4.43%	4.21%

### Performance and Downside vs. U.S. Bonds



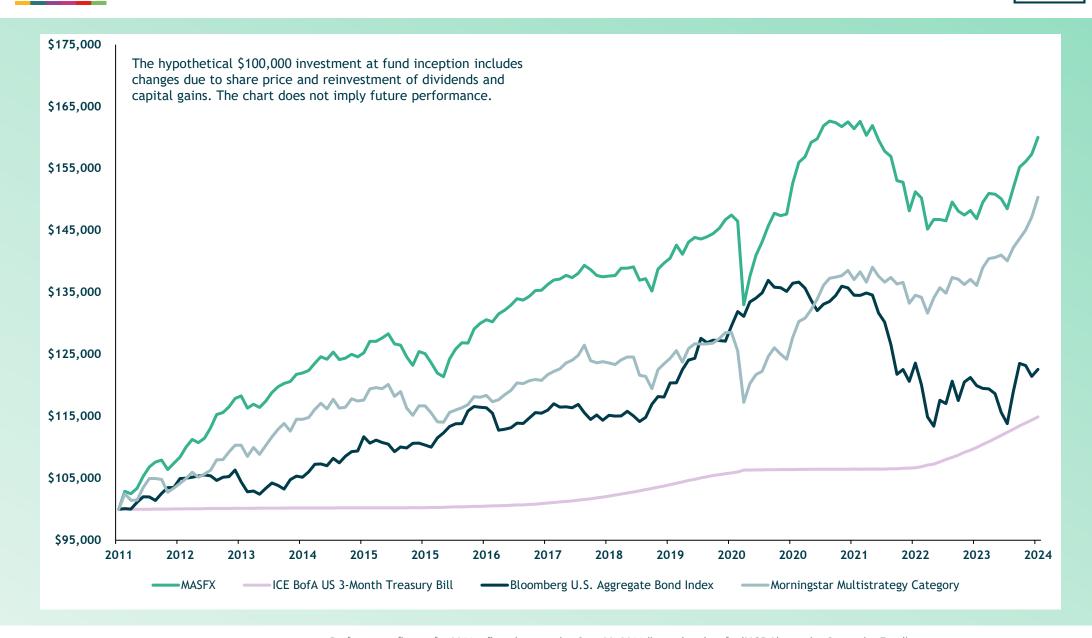
## AVERAGE RETURNS / DOWN BOND MARKETS vs. Bloomberg Barclays AGG



MASFX UP / DOWN CAPTURE vs. Bloomberg Barclays AGG

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iM Global Partner



## Blackstone Credit Long-Short Credit









#### **Long-Short Credit**

Risk-managed long-short credit portfolio

Fundamentals-driven, systematically implemented investment process

Uses both CDS and cash bonds

- The strategy produced reasonable gains in Q1 (+1.5%)
- Net security selection gains in the portfolio were broad-based, and both CDS and cash bond sleeves contributed to performance
- Lower absolute levels of spread to capture currently, but potential for strong relative performance
- Strategy remains underweight in high spread CCC names
- With credit differentiation a market theme, the portfolio's underweight to high-default-probability names and tilt into stronger credit quality has been particularly valuable.

## DoubleLine Opportunistic Income







#### **Opportunistic Income**

Best ideas fixed income strategy

Strives to deliver positive absolute returns that are meaningfully in excess of the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index with potential for lower portfolio volatility

- The DoubleLine sleeve remains a tactical overweight, as we believe this portfolio is very compelling the sleeve has not been this highly weighted since the fund launched in 2011
- The portfolio was up 2.5% in Q4, after gaining over 9% in 2023
- The portfolio is priced (weighted average) at approximately 87% of par and is yielding 9.7%
- Top contributors in Q1 were non-Agency CMBS, CLOs, and non-Agency RMBS
- Agency MBS was the only detractor, given its rate sensitivity and the increase in yields across the Treasury curve

#### DBi Enhanced Trend







#### **Enhanced Trend**

Leverages DBi's proven replication approach to deliver hedge fund strategies at low cost and with high liquidity

Customized blend of trend following (75% weight) and equity hedge (25%) strategies

Highly complementary to traditional and other alternative strategies

- The Enhanced Trend strategy was up over 9% in Q1
- Equities drove performance, contributing over 5 percentage points, with US and developed international adding over 2 percentage points each
- Currencies were the other main performance driver, contributing almost 2.5 percentage points
- Commodities were slightly positive and rates/bonds slightly negative
- Higher rates continue to benefit the strategy's collateral
- At quarter end, the portfolio was long equities, long USD, long commodities, and short bonds

## FPA Contrarian Opportunity









#### **Contrarian Income**

Highly flexible mandate

Invests across regions, market caps, and a company's capital structure

Ability to short stocks to hedge certain portfolio exposures and to generate returns

Limited exposure to less-liquid long-term positions

- The portfolio was up over 5% during the quarter after a 17% gain last year
- Top contributors in Q1 were a mix of traditional value names (Citi, Holcim) and growth/tech positions (Meta, Alphabet)
- Given the continued significant rally in most assets, there was more selling than buying in Q1, with cash and equivalents increasing to a multi-year high of almost 37%
- Equity exposure is 51% with approximately one-third in non-US positions
- Communications services is the largest sector exposure, but the next two are traditional value sectors, financials and industrials
- Credit exposure continues to slowly climb, ending the year at 10%

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## Loomis Sayles Absolute Return









#### **Absolute Return**

Top-down (macro) analysis and bottom-up security selection

Curve, credit, and currency exposures

Long or short positions across many sectors and multiple time horizons

Focus on mitigating shorter-term volatility

- The Absolute Return strategy was up 1.6% in Q4 following a nearly 8% return in 2023
- Like DoubleLine, we believe the Loomis Sayles sleeve of the fund is compelling as the portfolio is yielding 7.6% with a duration of 3.4
- Securitized credit was the dominant contributor in Q1 (+1.2%), with equities and converts also additive
- Securitized remains the largest net allocation at about 33%, with IG (17%) and HY (16%) following
- As spreads have continued to tighten, straight corporate debt has become a smaller allocation

## Water Island Arbitrage and Event-Driven









#### **Arbitrage and Event-Driven**

Global focus across capital structure

Highest-conviction risk-adjusted ideas

Strict discipline to manage downside risk

- The Water Island portfolio was up very slightly in Q1
- The top contributor was Silicon Motion Technology, which was held as a special situation after a deal break
- The US Steel Nippon Steel deal was the largest detractor, based on political sensitivity impacting the deal spread
- The portfolio is still heavily tilted toward merger arbitrage (92% of long exposure), although there has been an increase in credit special situations
- M&A activity picked up significantly in Q1 compared to last year, and private equity still has a huge war chest of dry powder to fuel further deal activity

## Risk/Return Statistics as of 3/31/2024



	MASFX	Bloomberg Barclays Agg	Morningstar Multistrategy Category	Russell 1000 TR USD
Annualized Return	3.83	1.64	3.33	15.15
Total Cumulative Return	60.02	22.57	50.65	483.49
Annualized Std. Deviation	4.73	4.43	4.21	14.72
Sharpe Ratio (Annualized)	0.57	0.12	0.51	0.96
Beta (to Russell 1000)	0.27	0.09	0.25	1.00
Correlation of MASFX to	1.00	0.37	0.90	0.83
Worst 12-Month Return	-10.04	-15.68	-5.71	-19.13
% Positive 12-Month Periods	0.77	0.65	0.75	0.87
Upside Capture (vs. Russell 1000)	26.20	10.14	24.86	100.00
Downside Capture (vs. Russell 1000)	26.75	9.15	27.68	100.00
Upside Capture (vs. AGG)	73.98	100.00	61.48	227.86
Downside Capture (vs. AGG)	19.02	100.00	12.89	1.67

Past performance does not guarantee future results

Since inception (9/30/11)



		Average annual total returns				
Performance as of 3/31/2024	Three-month	Year-to-date	One year	Three year	Since inception	
iMGP Alternative Strategies Fund Institutional Class	3.09%	3.09%	8.50%	0.05%	3.83%	
iMGP Alternative Strategies Fund Investor Class	3.02%	3.02%	8.20%	-0.19%	3.58%	
ICE BofA US 3-Month Treasury Bill	1.29%	1.29%	5.24%	2.58%	1.12%	
Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index	-0.78%	-0.78%	1.70%	-2.46%	1.64%	
Morningstar Multistrategy Category	4.66%	4.66%	10.45%	4.00%	3.33%	
Morningstar Intermediate Core Bond Category	-0.50%	-0.50%	1.94%	-2.61%	1.78%	
Russell 1000 Index	10.30%	10.30%	29.87%	10.45%	15.15%	

SEC 30-Day Yield<sup>1</sup> as of 3/31/2024 Institutional: 3.48% Investor: 3.22% | Unsubsidized SEC 30-Day Yield<sup>2</sup> as of 3/31/2024 Institutional: 3.25% Investor: 3.00%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2.</sup> The unsubsidized 30-day SEC Yield is computed under an SEC standardized formula based on net income earned over the past 30 days. It excludes contractual expense reimbursements, resulting in a lower yield.

TTM Distribution Yield (Instl):	4.14%
TTM Distribution Yield (Investor):	3.78%

Expense Ratios	MASFX	MASNX
Gross Expense Ratio	1.67%	1.92%
Net Expense Ratio	1.39%	1.64%
Adjusted Expense Ratio	1.36%	1.61%

The Net Expense Ratio reflects a contractual fee waiver and/or expense reimbursement, which is in place through 4/30/2024. See the Fund's prospectus for more information.

The Adjusted Expense Ratio is the same as the Net Expense Ratio exclusive of certain investment expenses, such as interest expense from borrowings and repurchase agreements, dividend expense from investments on short sales, and acquired fund fees and expenses.

Performance quoted is for the Institutional share class, represents past performance and does not guarantee future results. The investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance of the fund may be lower or higher than the performance quoted. Other share classes may impose other fees. To obtain standardized performance of the funds, and performance as of the most recently completed calendar month, please visit <a href="https://www.imgpfunds.com">www.imgpfunds.com</a>

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Multi-investment management styles may lead to higher transaction expenses compared to single investment management styles. Outcomes depend on the skill of the subadvisors and advisor and the allocation of assets amongst them.

Though not an international fund, The Alternative Strategies Fund may invest in foreign securities. Investing in foreign securities exposes investors to economic, political, and market risks. The fund will invest in debt securities. Investments in debt securities typically decrease when interest rates rise. This risk is usually greater for longer-term debt securities. Investments in mortgage-backed securities include additional risks that investor should be aware of including credit risk, prepayment risk, possible illiquidity, and default, as well as increased susceptibility to adverse economic developments. Investments in lower-rated and non-rated securities present a greater risk of loss to principal and interest than higher-rated securities. The Alternatives Strategies Fund will invest in derivatives. Derivatives may involve certain costs and risks such as liquidity, interest rate, market, credit, management, and the risk that a position could not be closed when most advantageous. Investing in derivatives could lose more than the amount invested. The Alternative Strategies Fund may make short sales of securities, which involves the risk that losses may exceed the original amount invested. Mer ger arbitrage investments risk loss if a proposed reorganization in which the fund invests is renegotiated or terminated. The Alternative Strategies fund may employ leverage. Leverage may cause the effect of an increase or decrease in the value of the portfolio securities to be magnified and the fund to be more volatile than if leverage was not used. Investment in absolute return strategies are not intended to outperform stocks and bonds during strong market rallies.

Dividends, if any, of net investment income are declared and paid quarterly. The Fund intends to distribute capital gains, if any, to shareholders on a quarterly basis. There is no assurance that the funds will be able to maintain a certain level of distributions. Dividend yield is the weighted average dividend yield of the securities in the portfolio (including cash). The number is not intended to demonstrate income earned or distributions made by the Fund.

Sharpe Ratio is the measure of a fund's return relative to its risk. The Sharpe ratio uses standard deviation to measure a fund's risk-adjusted returns. The higher a fund's Sharpe ratio, the better a fund's returns have been relative to the risk it has taken on. Because it uses standard deviation, the Sharpe ratio can be used to compare risk-adjusted returns across all fund categories. The Fund's Sharpe ratio ranked 9 out of 38 in its Peer Group, US OE Mulitstrategy Morningstar Category from 10/1/2011 to 12/31/2023. Each Morningstar Category Average represents a universe of Funds with similar investment objectives. As of December 31, 2023, the Morningstar Multistrategy Category average expenses were 2.10% gross and 1.79% net. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Indexes are unmanaged and cannot be invested into directly.

The trailing twelve month (TTM) distribution yield is the sum of a fund's total trailing 12-month interest and dividend payments divided by the last month's ending share price (NAV) plus any capital gains distributed over the same period. 12-Month Yield gives you a good idea of the yield (interest and dividend payments) the fund is currently paying.

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