

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES

The Fund's two investment objectives are to provide total return (with income contributing a significant part) and to limit volatility and downside risk.

## BENCHMARK

Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index  
See Benchmark Definitions to the right.

## PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

Inception Date (Class A):	December 27, 2011
Inception Date (Class C):	December 27, 2011
Total assets (all classes):	\$1,645.1 M
Total number of holdings:	94

## MINIMUM INITIAL INVESTMENT

Class A	\$10,000
Class C	\$10,000

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

### Kenneth L. Sleeper, MBA, PhD

Co-Founder & Managing Director

Education: PhD, University of Southern California; MBA, Business Administration, University of Southern California

### Ryan Harder, CFA

Chief Investment Strategist & Portfolio Manager

Education: BA Economics, Brock University M.Sc., Int'l Securities, Investment Banking, ICMA Centre, University of Reading

### Doug Loeffler, CFA, CAIA

Executive Vice President of Investment Management

Education: MBA, Business Administration, University of Chicago  
BA, Economics, Washington State University

## Fund Profile

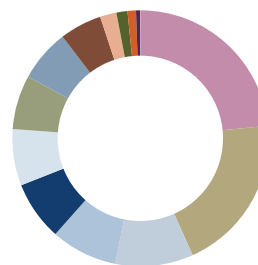
**Disciplined Risk Management:** We believe in disciplined risk management. This includes a tactical approach, rules-based decisions, consistency, and a focus on limiting drawdowns.

**Rules-Based Investment Process:** We focus on trend following, broad asset-class diversification, securities exhibiting strong risk-adjusted returns, a Trailing Stop Discipline seeking to limit drawdowns, and the ability to move to 100% cash.

**Team-Based Portfolio Management:** Our investment management team has a combined 160 years of experience. All of our managers convene every day to review every asset class and every holding.

## Allocations

Multisector Bond Funds	23.4%
High Grade U.S. Bonds	19.9%
Floating Rate Funds	9.9%
High Yield Corp. Bonds	8.4%
International Bonds	7.5%
Emerging Markets Bonds	7.1%
Tax Free Municipal Bonds	6.9%
Intermediate-Term Bonds	6.6%
Preferred Stock	5.3%
Master Limited Partnerships	2.1%
Low-Duration Bonds	1.4%
Convertibles	1.1%
Cash and Equivalents	0.5%



## Top Holdings

PIMCO Income Instl	10.9%
PIMCO Total Return Instl	8.8%
Nuveen High Yield Municipal Bond I	6.7%
BlackRock Strategic Income Opps Instl	6.5%
PIMCO International Bond (USD-Hdg) Instl	5.3%
SPDR® Blmbg High Yield Bd ETF	5.0%
iShares JP Morgan USD Em Mkts Bd ETF	4.4%
iShares iBoxx \$ Invmt Grade Corp Bd ETF	3.8%
PIMCO Investment Grade Credit Bond Instl	3.3%
Metropolitan West Total Return Bd I	3.3%
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>58.0%</b>

## Benchmark Definitions & Fund Risk Disclosures

**The Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index** is a broad-based flagship benchmark that measures the investment grade, US dollar-denominated, fixed-rate taxable bond market.

Portfolio holdings are subject to change and should not be considered investment advice.

The Sierra Tactical Core Income Fund invests in underlying fund investments in lower-quality bonds, known as high-yield or junk bonds, present greater risk than bonds of higher quality. Municipal securities are subject to the risk that legislative changes and economic developments may adversely affect the value of the Fund's investments. REIT risks include declines from deteriorating economic conditions, changes in property value, and defaults by borrower. Underlying funds that own small and mid-capitalization companies may be more vulnerable than larger, more established organizations to adverse business and economic developments. In some instances it may be less expensive for an investor to invest in the underlying funds directly. Underlying fund may invest in foreign emerging market countries that may have relatively unstable governments, weaker economies, and less-developed legal systems which do not protect investors. In general, the price of a fixed income security falls when interest rates rise. Any strategy that includes inverse securities could cause the Fund to suffer significant losses.

**TERMS & DEFINITIONS**

**Standard Deviation** is a statistical concept used in investment management to measure risk for the variability of return of a fund's performance. A high standard deviation represents greater risk.

**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.

**Downside Deviation** is a risk statistic measuring volatility. It is a variation of Standard Deviation that focuses only upon the "bad" volatility.

**Sortino Ratio** is a modification of the Sharpe Ratio that differentiates harmful volatility from general volatility by taking into account the Standard Deviation of negative asset returns, called Downside Deviation.

**Max Drawdown** is an indicator of the risk of a portfolio chosen based on a certain strategy. It measures the largest single drop from peak to bottom in the value of a portfolio (before a new peak is achieved) using month-end data

**ANNUAL OPERATING EXPENSES**

	Class A	Class C
Management Fees & Other Expenses	0.94%	0.94%
12b-1 Fees	0.40%	1.00%
<b>Total Gross Annual Fund Operating Expenses</b>	<b>1.81%</b>	<b>2.41%</b>
<b>Total Net Annual Fund Operating Expenses</b>	<b>1.82%</b>	<b>2.42%</b>

The expense ratios shown are as of January 30, 2023. Expenses include the underlying fund expenses. Please see the Fund's prospectus for more details. The Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses includes the fees and expenses of the underlying funds, which are estimated at 0.47%/yr. The Fund's investment advisor has voluntarily contracted to reduce its fees and/or absorb expenses until at least January 31, 2024 to limit expenses borne by the shareholder.

**Performance Metrics Since Inception\***

	Cumulative Return	Return	Standard Deviation %	Sharpe Ratio	Downside Deviation %	Sortino Ratio	Maximum Drawdown
Class A (SSIZX)	40.86%	2.90%	3.39	0.52	2.27	0.79	-9.32%
Class C (SSICX)	31.18%	2.29%	3.39	0.35	2.35	0.51	-10.43%
Benchmark	22.16%	1.68%	4.49	0.14	3.18	0.20	-18.41%

\*The inception date for the Sierra Tactical Core Income Fund, Class A & C shares is December 27, 2011.

**Historical Returns**

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Class A (SSIZX)	3.69%	-5.30%	0.17%	4.74%	7.78%	-1.37%
Class C (SSICX)	3.09%	-5.84%	-0.45%	4.15%	7.13%	-2.01%
Benchmark	5.53%	-13.01%	-1.54%	7.51%	8.72%	0.01%

	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Class A (SSIZX)	5.44%	5.96%	-1.15%	6.65%	0.03%	9.24%
Class C (SSICX)	4.85%	5.31%	-1.72%	6.00%	-0.53%	8.51%
Benchmark	3.54%	2.65%	0.55%	5.97%	-2.02%	4.21%

**Average Annual Total Returns and Volatility**

	YTD	Annualized				
		1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since Inception*
<b>Class A (SSIZX)</b>						
Net Asset Value	3.69%	3.69%	-0.55%	2.12%	2.58%	2.90%
Maximum Sales Charge	-0.18%	-0.18%	-2.49%	0.92%	1.98%	2.41%
<b>Class C (SSICX)</b>						
Net Asset Value	3.09%	3.09%	-1.14%	1.52%	1.97%	2.29%
Benchmark	5.53%	5.53%	-3.31%	1.10%	1.81%	1.68%
<b>Downside Deviation %</b>						
Class A (SSIZX)	—	3.60	3.06	3.03	2.41	2.27
Class C (SSICX)	—	3.70	3.15	3.12	2.49	2.35
Benchmark	—	5.16	5.69	4.45	3.38	3.18

Past performance does not guarantee future results and there is no assurance that the Fund will achieve its investment objective.

The performance quoted herein represents past performance for Class A (SSIZX) and Class C (SSICX). For performance numbers to the most current month end, please call toll-free 1-844-727-1813 or visit our website, [sierramutualfunds.com](http://sierramutualfunds.com). Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted above. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. The investment return and principal value of an investment in the Fund will fluctuate, so that an investor's share, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. The maximum sales charge (load) for Class A shares is 3.75%.

Investors should carefully consider the investment objectives, risks, charges, and expenses of the Fund. This and other information about the Fund is contained in the prospectus and should be read carefully investing. The prospectus can be obtained at [sierramutualfunds.com](http://sierramutualfunds.com) or by calling 1-844-727-1813. The Sierra Mutual Funds are distributed by Northern Lights Distributors, LLC, Member FINRA/SIPC.

Unless otherwise noted, all information is from Morningstar as of December 31, 2023. Allocations, top holdings, fund performance and characteristics are subject to change without notice.

Investors cannot directly invest in an index and unmanaged index returns do not reflect any fees, expenses or sales charges.

