

## OVERALL MORNINGSTAR RATING™



Out of 275 Nontraditional Bond funds as of December 31, 2017, Class A Shares. An investment's overall Morningstar Rating™, based on risk-adjusted return, is a weighted average of its applicable three-, five- and ten-year (if applicable) Morningstar Rating™ metrics.

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The Sierra Strategic Income Fund is a highly diversified mutual fund best suited for conservative investors who seek to preserve capital. The primary focus of the Fund is to preserve capital while producing total investment returns in excess of a broad, market-weighted bond index.

## BENCHMARK

Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index

## BENCHMARK DEFINITION

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

## MORNINGSTAR CATEGORY

Nontraditional Bond

## PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

Inception Date: December 27, 2011  
 Total assets (all classes): \$936.7 M  
 Total number of holdings: 44

## MINIMUM INITIAL INVESTMENT

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

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

### David C. Wright, JD

Co-Founder & Managing Director  
 Education: JD, University of Chicago;  
 BS, Civil Engineering, Swarthmore College

### Kenneth L. Sleeper, MBA, PhD

Co-Founder & Managing Director  
 Education: PhD, University of Southern California;  
 MBA, Business Administration, University of Southern California

### Terri Spath, CFA, CFP®

Chief Investment Officer  
 Education: MBA, Columbia Business School;  
 AB, Economics & Psychology, University of Michigan

## Fund Profile

### Experienced Investment Team:

Managed by an investment team with more than 110 years of collective experience managing private accounts in the same investment style.

### Well-Proven Risk Limiting Discipline:

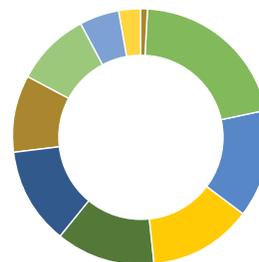
Trailing stops are manually implemented under every individual holding, and are manually reviewed daily, in order to moderate any sustained losses to the portfolio.

### Access to Institutional Money

**Managers:** By utilizing multiple leading institutional money managers, Sierra provides another level of broad diversification and expertise in their investment styles.

## Allocations

Emerging Markets Bonds	20.7%
Tax Free Municipal Bonds	13.7%
High Yield Corp. Bonds	13.2%
Multisector Bond Funds	12.4%
Floating Rate Funds	12.2%
Alternative Strategies	9.9%
Preferred Stock	9.4%
Low-Duration Bonds	5.0%
International Bonds	2.6%
High Grade U.S. Bonds	0.9%



## Top Holdings

Nuveen High Yield Municipal Bond Fund	8.6%
Oppenheimer Senior Floating Rate Fund	7.9%
Nuveen Preferred Securities Income Fund	7.4%
MainStay High Yield Corporate Bond Fund	5.6%
AlphaCentric Income Opportunities Fund	4.7%
City National Rochdale Fixed Income Opportunities Fund	4.2%
Payden Emerging Markets Bond Fund	3.7%
JPMorgan Emerging Markets Debt Fund	3.7%
PIMCO Emerging Markets Bond Fund	3.6%
Ashmore Emerging Markets Total Return Fund	3.6%
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>53.0%</b>

## Historical Performance

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Class A	9.24%	0.03%	6.65%	-1.15%	5.96%	5.44%
Class C	8.51%	-0.53%	6.00%	-1.72%	5.31%	4.85%
Benchmark	4.21%	-2.02%	5.97%	0.55%	2.65%	3.54%
Category	7.00%	0.44%	0.89%	-1.50%	4.65%	4.33%

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

**Unless otherwise noted, all information is from Morningstar as of December 31, 2017. Ratings, allocations, top holdings, fund performance and characteristics are subject to change without notice.**

**TERMS & DEFINITIONS**

**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.

**Beta** is a measure of the volatility, or systematic risk, of a security or a portfolio in comparison to the market as a whole.

**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.

**Trailing Stops** are a special type of trade order where the stop-loss price is not set at a single, absolute dollar amount, but instead is set at a certain percentage or a certain dollar amount below the market price.

**ANNUAL OPERATING EXPENSES**

	Class A	Class C
Management Fees & Other Expenses	1.05%	1.05%
12b-1 Fees	0.40%	1.00%
<b>Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses</b>	<b>2.06%</b>	<b>2.66%</b>
Total Expenses After Fee Waiver	1.96%	2.56%

The expense ratios shown are as of January 30, 2017. Expenses include the underlying fund expenses. Please see the Fund's prospectus for more details.

The Total Expenses After Fee Waiver includes the fees and expenses of the underlying funds, which are estimated at 0.61% per year. The Fund's investment adviser has voluntarily contracted to reduce its fees and/or absorb expenses until at least January 31, 2018 to limit expenses borne by the shareholder.



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**Fund Performance**

Class A	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	Since Inception
Net Asset Value	0.70%	5.44%	5.44%	3.37%	3.33%	4.31%
Maximum Sales Charge	-5.10%	-0.64%	-0.64%	1.35%	2.12%	3.29%
Cumulative Returns	—	—	—	10.44%	17.82%	28.90%

Class C	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	Since Inception
Net Asset Value	0.60%	4.85%	4.85%	2.76%	2.73%	3.69%
Cumulative Returns	—	—	—	8.53%	14.42%	24.35%

**Performance By Quarter**

	Class A				Class C			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
2012	2.93%	0.77%	3.57%	1.69%	2.76%	0.61%	3.42%	1.49%
2013	1.32%	-1.33%	-0.67%	0.72%	1.20%	-1.50%	-0.78%	0.57%
2014	3.19%	3.30%	-0.25%	0.29%	3.00%	3.15%	-0.34%	0.11%
2015	1.37%	-1.91%	-0.50%	-0.10%	1.24%	-2.05%	-0.65%	-0.24%
2016	2.12%	3.11%	1.96%	-1.31%	1.93%	2.97%	1.82%	-1.45%
2017	1.58%	1.36%	1.70%	0.70%	1.44%	1.17%	1.56%	0.60%

**Performance Characteristics**

	Class A	Class C
Best Year	9.24%	8.51%
Worst Year	-1.15%	-1.72%
Best Quarter	3.57%	3.42%
Worst Quarter	-1.91%	-2.05%
Best Month	1.92%	1.87%
Worst Month	-1.50%	-1.55%

**Risk Characteristics (Inception-to-Date)**

	Class A	Class C
Max Drawdown	-3.26%	-3.46%
Beta	0.77	0.77
Standard Deviation	2.69	2.68
Sharpe Ratio	1.49	1.26
Downside Deviation	1.34	1.41
Sortino Ratio	2.99	2.40

Cumulative performance from inception is the total increase in value of an investment in Class A and C shares respectively, assuming reinvestment of dividends and capital gains.

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

*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 1-866-738-4363 or visit our website, 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 investors' share, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. The maximum sales charge (load) for Class A shares is 5.75%.*

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 should cause the Fund to suffer significant losses.

The Morningstar Rating™ for funds, or "star rating", is calculated for managed products (including mutual funds, variable annuity and variable life subaccounts, exchange-traded funds, closed-end funds, and separate accounts) with at least a three-year history. Exchange-traded funds and open-ended mutual funds are considered a single population for comparative purposes. It is calculated based on a Morningstar Risk-Adjusted Return measure that accounts for variation in a managed product's monthly excess performance, placing more emphasis on downward variations and rewarding consistent performance. The top 10% of products in each product category receive 5 stars, the next 22.5% receive 4 stars, the next 35% receive 3 stars, the next 22.5% receive 2 stars, and the bottom 10% receive 1 star. The Overall Morningstar Rating for a managed product is derived from a weighted average of the performance figures associated with its three-, five-, and 10-year (if applicable) Morningstar Rating metrics. The weights are: 100% three-year rating for 36-59 months of total returns, 60% five-year rating/40% three-year rating for 60-119 months of total returns, and 50% 10-year rating/30% five-year rating/20% three-year rating for 120 or more months of total returns. While the 10-year overall star rating formula seems to give the most weight to the 10-year period, the most recent three-year period actually has the greatest impact because it is included in all three rating periods. The Sierra Strategic Income Fund - Class A Shares was rated against the following numbers of U.S.-domiciled Nontraditional Bond funds over the following time periods: 275 funds in the last three years and 168 funds in the last five years. With respect to these Nontraditional Bond funds, the Sierra Strategic Income Fund received a Morningstar Rating™ of 4 stars for the three-year and five-year periods, respectively. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

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