

A DELIBERATE APPROACH TO POSITIONING ACROSS THE FULL PREFERRED AND HYBRID LANDSCAPE

Preferred and Hybrid securities are subordinated, long-dated or perpetual (no maturity) instruments typically issued by investment grade companies that can offer investors a higher stream of income than bonds with generally less risk than the equity market.

Consistent Income

Given the subordinated and perpetual nature of the Preferred securities, clients are generally compensated by earning a higher yield compared to traditional investment grade securities.

Tax-Efficient Focus

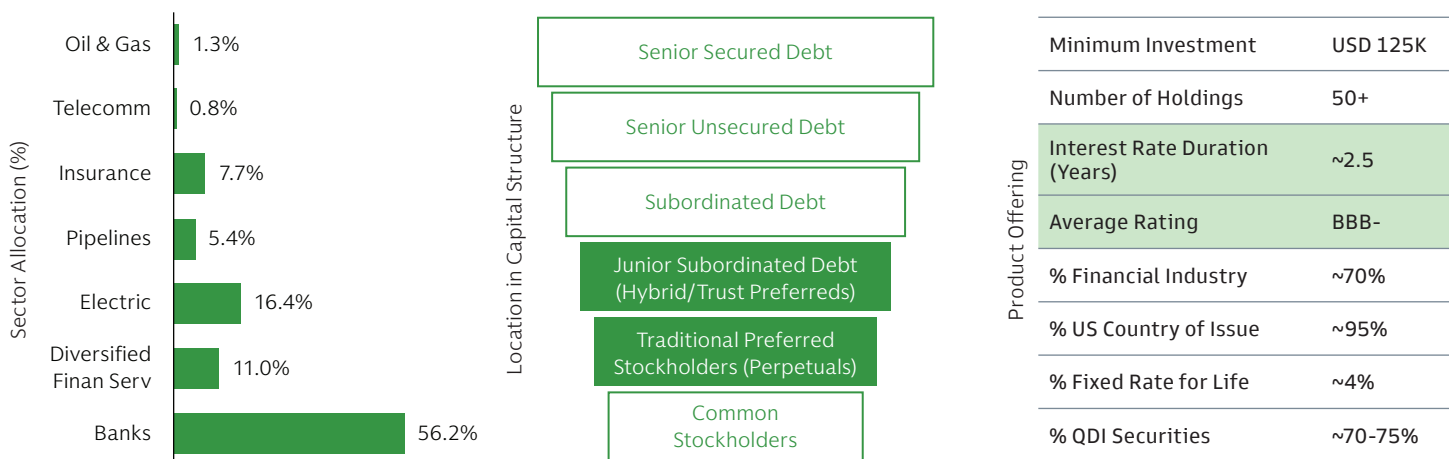
Many holdings in a preferred and hybrid securities portfolio will receive qualified dividend income opposed to ordinary interest income. This creates a unique tax efficiency for US clients, making the asset class attractive relative to other comparably rated alternatives. Under the current tax framework, US taxpayers face a lower tax burden on QDI paying securities versus traditional interest income.

Experienced Management

Leveraging a tenured portfolio management team, we perform careful credit selection focused on bottoms-up fundamental research identifying credits with stable or improving profiles to minimize event risk. Our portfolios span both Investment Grade and High Yield rated securities.

Building Our Preferred & Hybrid Portfolios

We seek to prioritize tax efficient yield within a portfolio that leans into high quality structures, diversified credit exposure, and a bias for variable rate securities to limit interest rate volatility.



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About the Managers



Ben Johnson

Portfolio Manager
26 Years of Investment Experience



Gary Kessler

Portfolio Manager
22 Years of Investment Experience

Global Credit Team

Our team of 40+ credit specialists averaging over a decade of experience leverages the internal resources of around 400+ fixed income professionals globally.

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1. Source: Goldman Sachs Asset Management. As of September 30, 2024. Assets Under Supervision (AUS) includes assets under management and other client assets for which Goldman Sachs does not have full discretion.

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Duration is the method of determining a bond's price sensitivity given a change in interest rates. The duration for fixed income securities is calculated by determining the price movement due to a 100 basis point change in market interest rates. This calculation incorporates the change in value of any embedded options that exist.

Risk Considerations

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