

# Floating-Rate Loan Strategy

## Total Strategy Assets

(as of 12/31/2025)

Investment Team: \$26.0 billion

Strategy: \$10.6 billion

## Inception Date

4/01/1999

## Vehicles Available

Separate accounts

Institutional vehicles

Structured products

## Investment Team

As of 09/30/2025

### Peter Campo, CFA

Managing Director, Head of Floating-Rate Loans

30 years of industry experience

15 years with the firm

BS, Bentley University

MBA, Bentley University

### Ralph Hinckley, CFA

Managing Director, Portfolio Manager

29 years of industry experience

23 years with the firm

BA, Bates College

MBA, Boston University Graduate School of Management

### Heath Christensen, CFA

Executive Director, Portfolio Manager

26 years of industry experience

23 years with the firm

BS, Pennsylvania State University

## Investment Overview

This strategy provides “intelligent exposure” to the floating-rate loan market, thoughtfully diversifying while assuming a higher-quality bias that seeks lower volatility and better risk-adjusted performance over time.

- We aim to maximize risk-adjusted performance through fundamental credit research and risk-weighted portfolio optimization.
- Loans are analyzed through the team’s proprietary credit research process, and position sizes are guided by credit analyst risk rankings.
- We take less input risk by skewing weightings away from higher credit risk issuers.
- We have experienced less output risk, resulting in lower absolute and relative volatility.
- We are a leader in floating-rate loans, with one of the longest track records and longest-tenure teams, and largest AUM.\*

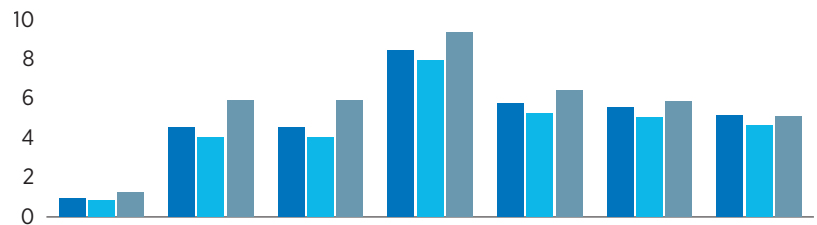
## Portfolio Construction

- Analysts assign relative risk rankings to each loan
- Number of loans approximately equal weighted by risk quintile
- Market value incrementally skewed toward lower risk
- Initial position size ranges from 0.1% to 1.5% as determined by risk rank
- Portfolio is perpetually optimized for risk and return

## Benchmark

- Morningstar LSTA US Leveraged Loan USD Index

## Composite Performance Institutional Senior Loan Composite annualized results (%) as of 12/31/2025



	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inception
<b>Gross</b>	0.95	4.55	4.55	8.42	5.75	5.54	5.13
<b>Net</b>	0.84	4.05	4.05	7.91	5.25	5.04	4.64
<b>Benchmark</b>	1.22	5.90	5.90	9.35	6.42	5.83	5.11

\*eVestment Alliance/Morningstar, 12/31/2025 based on combined eVestment Alliance Floating-Rate Bank Loan Fixed Income universe and Morningstar Bank Loan category using AUM and oldest investment offering for each firm. **Source:** Morgan Stanley Investment Management. Performance returns reflect the average annual rates of return. Periods less than 1 year are not annualized. The composite results shown are GROSS and NET of investment advisory/management fees, which include performance fees if applicable, are quoted in USD and include the reinvestment of dividends and income. Each portfolio may differ due to specific investment guidelines and restrictions. Accordingly, individual results will vary. Past performance does not predict future results. It is not possible to directly invest in an index. Please refer to the end of the presentation and GIPS® Reports for important additional information and disclosure.

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### Strategy Parameters

# of Issuers	Top 10 Issuers (% of Assets)	Position Size Range (% of assets)	Tracking Error Range
350-450	10-12%	0.10-1.50%	1-2%

### Portfolio Characteristics as of 12/31/2025

	Composite	Benchmark
Composite Assets	\$2.13 B	\$1,548.69 B
Net Asset Value	8.12	—
Average Base Rate	3.72%	—
Average Spread	3.12%	3.19%
Average Spread to 3-year	4.53%	4.29%
Effective Yield	6.75%	7.20%
Average Duration	0.13yrs	—
Average Price	\$96.27	\$96.64
Average Credit Rating	B1/B+	B+/B
Average Days to Reset	47	—
Number of Issuers	377	1153
Number of Industries	56	74

### Portfolio Statistics 3 years ending 12/31/2025

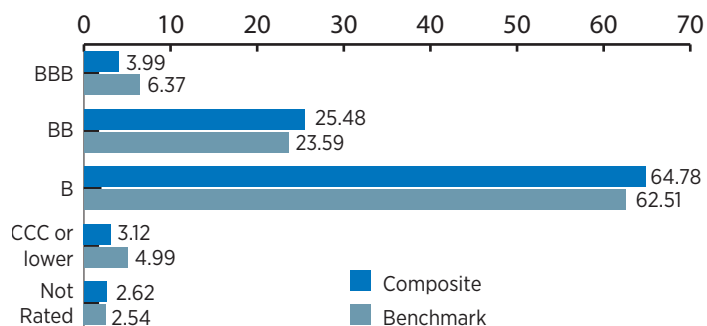
	Composite	Benchmark
Beta	0.97	1.00
R-Squared	95.92%	100.00%
Standard Deviation	2.13%	2.15%
Tracking Error	0.44%	—
Sharpe Ratio	1.59	2.01
Upside Market Capture	91.01%	100.00%
Downside Market Capture	133.49%	100.00%

### Portfolio Composition % of Portfolio as of 12/31/2025

Top 10 Industries (% of Portfolio)	Composite	Benchmark
Software	11.26	12.59
Machinery	6.06	4.29
Health Care Providers & Services	5.19	5.20
Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure	4.69	5.84
Commercial Services & Supplies	4.55	3.82
Capital Markets	4.13	4.39
Insurance	4.13	3.72
Professional Services	4.01	3.80
IT Services	3.60	3.89
Chemicals	3.29	3.25

Top 10 Holdings (% of Portfolio)	Composite	Benchmark
American Airlines, Inc.	1.08	0.43
TransDigm, Inc.	1.08	0.74
Asurion LLC	0.95	0.81
TKO Worldwide Holdings, LLC	0.86	0.25
UKG Inc.	0.85	0.42
Range Red Operating, Inc	0.78	0.00
Cloud Software Group, Inc.	0.75	0.43
Dynasty Acquisition Co., Inc.	0.73	0.15
Belron Finance 2019 LLC	0.71	0.31
Primo Brands Corporation	0.67	0.21

### Credit Quality<sup>†</sup>



Source: Morgan Stanley Investment Management.

<sup>†</sup>Credit ratings are categorized using S&P. Ratings, which are subject to change, apply to the creditworthiness of the issuers of the underlying securities and not to the Composite. Credit ratings measure the quality of a bond based on the issuer's creditworthiness, with ratings ranging from AAA, being the highest, to D, being the lowest based on S&P's measures. Ratings of BBB or higher by S&P are considered to be investment-grade quality. Credit ratings are based largely on the ratings agency's analysis at the time of rating. The rating assigned to any particular security is not necessarily a reflection of the issuer's current financial condition and does not necessarily reflect its assessment of the volatility of a security's market value or of the liquidity of an investment in the security. Holdings designated as "Not Rated" are not rated by S&P.

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## Market Update as of 12/31/2025

Capping a positive year for the senior floating-rate corporate loan market, the Morningstar LSTA US Leveraged Loan Index (the Index) registered a fourth quarter return of 1.22%. Quarterly results lifted the Index's full-year return to 5.90%, as high interest income was partially offset by a decline in market value.

### Key Drivers

- New issue market took a breather: The fourth quarter saw a significant slowdown in new issuance and refinancing activity compared to the record-setting pace earlier in 2025.
- Strong institutional demand: Collateralized loan obligation (CLO) issuance set a record in 2025, providing liquidity amid persistent retail mutual fund outflows.
- Risk-off sentiment: Investors favored higher quality loans, while cyclical areas such as auto components and chemicals continued to underperform.

### Credit Quality & Performance

- BB-rated loans outperformed: Single-B loans (62% of the Index) returned 1.40% during the quarter, while BBs (24% of the market) returned 1.47%. Loans rated CCC (5% of the market) posted a return of -1.59%.
- Market bifurcation: The share of loans priced below \$90 came to 8.7% at quarter end, while 58% of the market was priced at par or higher.
- Auto components, chemicals lag: Following the First Brands bankruptcy in September, the auto components segment returned -5.63% for the quarter. Chemicals also struggled due to weak demand and high energy costs, returning -1.72%.

### Market Technicals

- Issuance cooled: Total institutional loan market activity dropped to \$156 billion in the fourth quarter, down sharply from \$404 billion in the third. Notably, the 2026 pipeline continued to grow, with several significant deals announced.
- CLO issuance hits a record: The quarter saw \$55.3 billion in CLO issuance, lifting full-year totals to a record \$209 billion.
- Fund outflows persist: Leveraged loan retail funds saw net outflows estimated at \$4.0 billion for December. 2025 saw total net outflows of \$10.7 billion from retail funds, with sustained redemptions amid volatile markets, tariff worries and falling interest rates.

### Fundamental Factors

- Default rates: At year-end, the trailing 12-month default rate stood at 1.23% by amount (up from 0.91% in 2024) and 1.18% by issuer count (down from 1.45%). Including liability management exercises, the default rate by issuer count fell to 3.35%, down 130 basis points year-over-year.
- Stress indicators remained low but worsened during the fourth quarter: Loans trading under \$80 climbed to 4.34% of the market, the highest level since July 2024.
- Default levels expected to hold steady: Market participants surveyed by Leveraged Commentary & Data (LCD) expect default levels to hold steady, with 67% of respondents anticipating a modest increase over the next six months.

## Performance Review as of 12/31/2025

In the fourth quarter, Eaton Vance Institutional Senior Loan Composite (the Composite) returned 0.95% gross of fees (0.84% net of fees), while the Index returned 1.22%.

The Composite's quarterly performance was driven by the following factors:

- The Composite's exposure to equities — which are received as part of a restructuring transaction — detracted the most in December, as their value declined.
- The top individual detractor was the Composite's exposure to restructured equity from a producer of components and systems for appliances. The company saw quarterly revenues decline on weak performance for customer appliance makers. Selection within the electronic equipment, instruments and components sector was negative as a result.
- Elsewhere, the Composite's top contributors for the month included avoidance of a defaulted issuer in the automobile components segment that continued to trade lower during the month. Selection in the defaulted rating tier was a strong contributor as a result.
- In total, 14 of the top 20 relative contributors for the month were underperforming issuers included in the Index that the Composite avoided.

Our investment strategy is aimed at capturing an income stream comparable to the overall Index, with a quality orientation and portfolio construction process designed to balance the various risks inherent in this space. There will always be episodes where idiosyncratic credit events impact short-run performance from both a contribution and a detraction standpoint

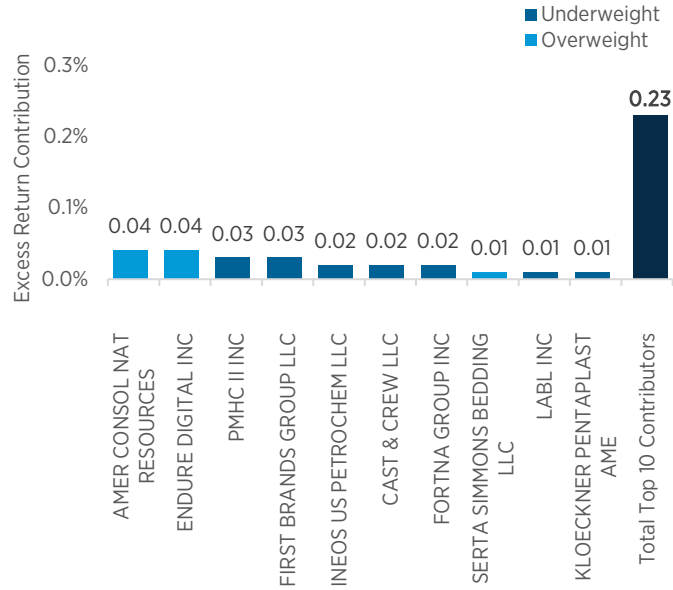
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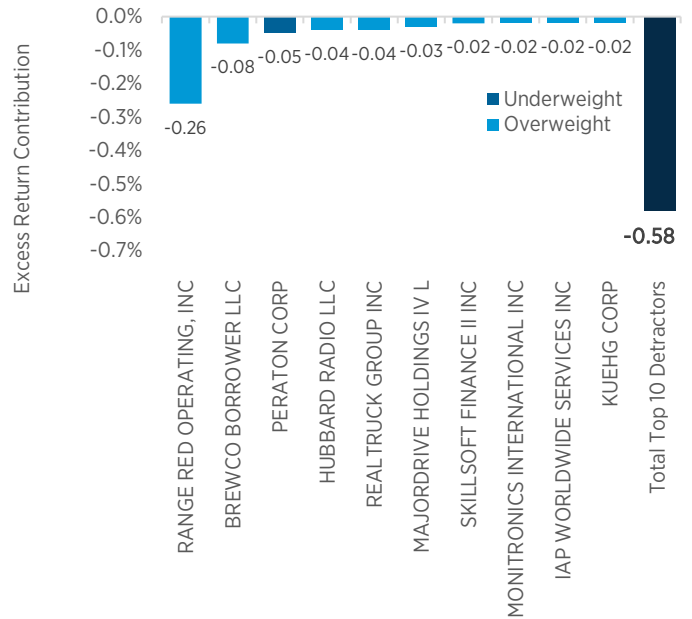
**3-Month Attribution** as of 12/31/2025†

Composite vs. Index (bps)

**Top 10 Contributors**



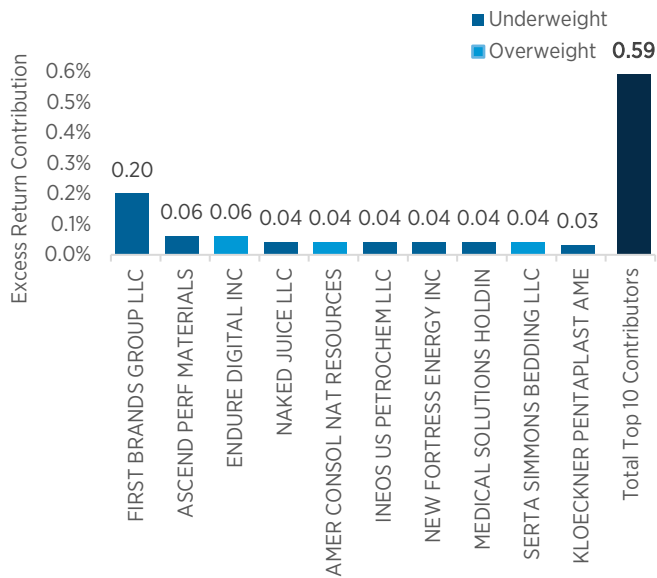
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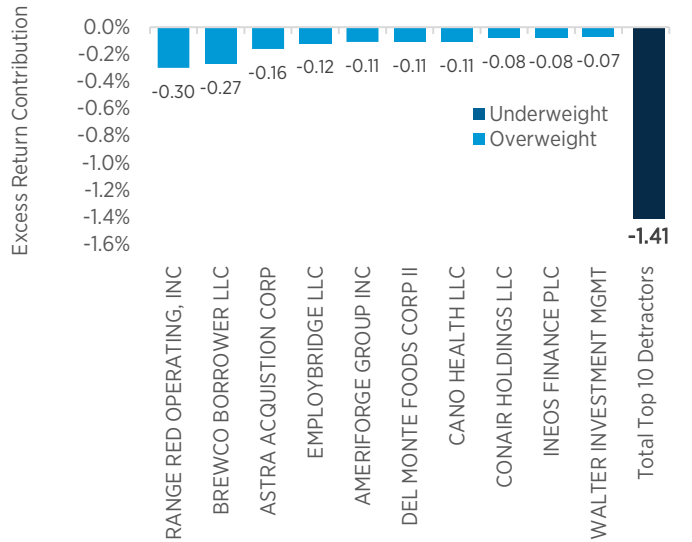
**12-Month Attribution** as of 12/31/2025†

Composite vs. Index (bps)

**Top 10 Contributors**



**Top 10 Detractors**



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## Outlook as of 12/31/2025

We enter 2026 with a constructive view on the floating-rate loan market, supported by a favorable combination of policy tailwinds, resilient — if moderating — credit fundamentals, supportive technicals, and compelling relative value versus other major asset classes.

### Macro Backdrop: Slower Growth, Persistent Inflation, Policy Support

- Economic growth has clearly cooled from post-pandemic highs, but the prevailing environment remains one of deceleration rather than contraction, which historically has been more supportive for senior secured credit than for equities.
- Inflation has moderated from peak levels, but progress has been uneven, particularly in services and labor-intensive sectors. Wage dynamics, supply constraints and pricing power in certain industries continue to limit the pace of disinflation.
- Global central banks, led by the Federal Reserve, appear to be past peak restrictiveness, with policy moving from outright tightening toward a more neutral or easing stance.

### Credit Fundamentals: Resilient on Average, Increasingly Dispersed

- Earnings growth among leveraged issuers has moderated but remains positive on average, with notable variation across sectors and business models.
- Default activity remains manageable in a historical context, with stress concentrated in a relatively small subset of issuers rather than broadly distributed across the market.
- Liability management exercises have become more common, reflecting issuer efforts to extend maturities or address capital structure challenges proactively.

### Technical Factors: Supportive but Worth Monitoring

- Merger and acquisition-related supply has remained below expectations, constrained by valuation discipline, macro uncertainty and a still-cautious sponsor community.
- More aggressive transactions are increasingly finding a home in private credit markets, helping preserve overall credit quality in the broadly syndicated loan market.
- CLO formation continues to provide a steady bid for loans, even as issuance normalizes from exceptionally strong levels.

### Risks and Watch Points

- A sharper-than-expected growth slowdown could pressure earnings and credit metrics.
- Inflation re-acceleration could constrain policy easing and increase volatility.
- Idiosyncratic credit events or structural complexity may drive even greater dispersion.

While no credit market is immune to risk, loans continue to stand out for their unique mix of senior secured positioning, floating-rate income, liquidity, and historically attractive starting yields. Though risks remain, we believe loans offer a differentiated solution to many of today's portfolio challenges, including elevated equity valuations, uncertain bond returns, persistent inflation, and growing reliance on alternatives. Even so, the current backdrop underscores the importance of credit selection, structure and documentation, as dispersion continues to increase across the loan universe.

**Composite Report** Institutional Senior Loan Composite as of 12/31/2024

Period	Gross Returns	Net Returns	Benchmark Returns	Number of Accounts	Dispersion		Total Composite Assets \$(000)	Total Firm Assets \$(000)	Composite Assets \$(000) as % of Firm Assets	3-Yr External Dispersion	
					High	Low				Composite	Benchmark
2015	-0.28	-0.76	-0.69	≤ 5	NA	NA	6,431,874	156,199,594	4.12	1.85	2.11
2016	10.53	10.02	10.16	≤ 5	NA	NA	5,553,090	166,832,375	3.33	2.72	2.89
2017	4.60	4.10	4.12	≤ 5	NA	NA	6,038,580	193,976,437	3.11	2.59	2.70
2018	1.27	0.79	0.44	≤ 5	NA	NA	5,528,954	192,823,274	2.87	2.79	2.86
2019	7.81	7.30	8.64	≤ 5	NA	NA	5,313,037	214,941,744	2.47	2.60	2.77
2020	2.74	2.25	3.12	≤ 5	NA	NA	5,310,460	177,164,831	3.00	6.78	8.67
2021	4.90	4.41	5.20	≤ 5	NA	NA	5,259,951	192,859,785	2.73	6.56	8.47
2022	-1.08	-1.55	-0.77	≤ 5	NA	NA	4,049,771	158,998,526	2.55	7.04	8.80
2023	12.41	11.88	13.32	≤ 5	NA	NA	3,765,232	162,383,383	2.32	3.83	3.82
2024	8.45	7.94	8.95	≤ 5	NA	NA	3,130,772	187,094,795	1.67	3.81	3.78

**Annualized Returns for Periods Ending 12/31/2024**

	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	7 Year	10 Year	Since Inception*
Composite Gross	8.45	8.45	6.44	5.38	5.12	5.04	5.15
Composite Net	7.94	7.94	5.94	4.88	4.63	4.55	4.66
Benchmark	8.95	8.95	7.00	5.86	5.46	5.15	5.08

\*Inception date: 4/1/1999

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**Composite Definition** – The investment objective of this style is to provide as high a level of current income as is consistent with preservation of capital by investing in a portfolio primarily of senior-secured, floating-rate loans. At least 80% of total assets are invested in these loans, which are generally of below investment-grade quality. Remaining assets are invested primarily in short-term, higher quality debt securities. Derivative instruments such as futures, options, swaps and foreign currency forward exchange contracts may be used for a variety of purposes, including hedging, risk management, portfolio management, or to earn income and reduce costs. Individual accounts in the composite may contain account specific investment restrictions or features that may lead to differences in the holdings and performance of each account but are still eligible for inclusion in the composite.

An account is included in the composite at the beginning of the first full month under management, and closed accounts are included through the last full month under management. No selective periods of performance have been used.

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**Benchmark** – The composite's benchmark is the Morningstar LSTA US Leveraged Loan Index. It is an unmanaged index of the institutional leveraged-loan market.

**Gross and Net Returns** – Composite gross returns are after transaction costs, any foreign withholding taxes and other direct expenses, but before management fees, custody charges and other indirect expenses.

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