



# AB SHORT DURATION HIGH YIELD PORTFOLIO

# **OBJECTIVE & STRATEGY**

Seeks high risk-adjusted returns by:

- Building a fixed-income portfolio with an average duration of less than four years to reduce sensitivity to credit market sell-offs and interest rate moves
- + Focusing on higher-rated high-yield issuers while avoiding the most speculative CCC and lower-rated bonds
- + Employing hedging strategies designed to manage downside risk

### **PROFILE**

- + Fund Inception: 29/07/2011
- + Domicile: Luxembourg
- + Fiscal Year-End: 31 May
- + Subscription/Redemption: Daily
- + Order Placement Cutoff Time: 4PM US ET; 6PM CET for Currency-Hedged share classes
- + Base Currency: US Dollar
- + Currency-Hedged Share Classes: Australian Dollar, British Pound, Canadian Dollar, Euro, Swiss Franc

# PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT & EXPERIENCE

- + Gershon Distenfeld, CFA: 21 years
- + Ivan Rudolph-Shabinsky, CFA: 30 years
- + Will Smith, CFA: 9 years

# ONGOING CHARGES FIGURE

Class	
A2	1.31%
AT	1.31
A2 CHF H	1.31
A2 EUR H	1.31
AR EUR H	1.31
AT EUR H	1.31

Ongoing charges include fees and certain expenses of the Portfolio as of the most recent KIID, and may be subject to a cap which is reflected above if applicable.

# **GROWTH OF \$10,000**



# **ROLLING 12-MONTH PERFORMANCE**

Class	10/13- 09/14	10/14- 09/15	10/15- 09/16	10/16- 09/17	10/17- 09/18
A2	2.91%	-0.40%	6.55%	3.70%	1.42%
AT	2.89	-0.37	6.53	3.69	1.41
A2 CHF H	2.55	-1.47	4.73	1.36	-1.59
A2 EUR H	2.81	-0.64	5.56	1.77	-1.14
AR EUR H	-	-1.62	5.56	1.82	-1.18
AT EUR H	2.75	-0.62	5.58	1.79	-1.13

The performance shown above is net of ongoing charges and assumes an investment of \$10,000 at inception of the share class, on which an investor may pay a sales charge of up to 5%. If this charge were deducted from the initial investment, an investor would need to pay \$10,527 in order to achieve an investment of \$10,000. For investors, other personal securities portfolio costs (e.g., custody fees), if applicable may further reduce performance.

# PERFORMANCE (RETURNS ARE ANNUALIZED FOR PERIODS LONGER THAN ONE YEAR)

Class	1 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Life
A2	0.26%	1.31%	1.42%	3.87%	2.81%	-	3.60%
AT	0.19	1.34	1.41	3.86	2.80	-	3.60
A2 CHF H	0.00	-0.98	-1.59	1.47	1.09	-	1.25
A2 EUR H	0.05	-0.66	-1.14	2.03	1.64	-	2.70
AR EUR H	0.00	-0.70	-1.18	2.03	-	-	1.22
AT EUR H	0.04	-0.64	-1.13	2.04	1.65	_	2.67

Class	ISIN	Bloomberg	CUSIP	Inception	Dist. Yield	Dividend	Net Asset Value <sup>1</sup>
A2	LU0654559516	ABSDHA2:LX	L00218252	29/07/2011	-	-	19.33
AT	LU0654559607	ABSDHAT:LX	L00218260	29/07/2011	4.71	0.0576	14.68
A2 CHF H	LU0861578614	ASDHA2F:LX	-	20/12/2012	-	-	16.12
A2 EUR H	LU0654560878	ABSA2EH:LX	L00218369	29/07/2011	-	-	18.16
AR EUR H	LU1174055084	ABSHYAE:LX	-	19/02/2015	-	0.3271	13.92
AT EUR H	LU0654560951	ABSATEH:LX	L00218351	29/07/2011	2.09	0.0253	14.52

# **CALENDAR YEAR PERFORMANCE**

Class	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
A2	4.31 %	0.64%	-0.75%	7.80%	3.08%
AT	4.31	0.63	-0.75	7.80	3.06
A2 CHF H	4.07	0.39	-2.17	5.75	0.62
A2 EUR H	4.20	0.53	-1.11	6.47	1.00
AR EUR H	-	-	_	6.58	0.98
AT EUR H	4.08	0.49	-1.11	6.58	0.98

# STATISTICAL DATA (CLASS A2 USD)

	5 Years
Volatility	2.58

Past performance is no guarantee of future results. The value of investments and the income from them will vary. Your capital is at risk. Performance data are provided in the share class currency, and include the change in net asset value and the reinvestment of any distributions paid on Portfolio shares for the period shown. Performance data are net of management fees, but do not reflect sales charges or the effect of taxes. Returns for other share classes will vary due to different charges and expenses.

The actual return achieved by investors in other currencies may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations.

Currency-hedged share classes use hedging techniques in an attempt to reduce—but not eliminate—fluctuations between the investor's holdings in a particular currency-hedged share class denominated in the investor's investing currency and the portfolio's base currency. The goal is to deliver returns that track the portfolio's base currency returns more closely. The Portfolio is a portfolio of AB SICAV I, an open-ended investment company with variable capital (société d'investissement à capital variable) incorporated under the laws of Luxembourg.



Portfolio Statistics	
Net Assets	\$1,213.68 million
Average Duration (Years)	2.33
Average Credit Quality	BB-
Yield to Worst	5.20%
Total # of Holdings	501

Top 10 Credit Holdings	Holding
iTraxx-XOVER 5-Yr Index 5.00%, 6/20/23	2.92%
CDX-NAHY 5-Yr Index 5.00%, 12/20/20	1.91
CDX-CMBX.NA.BB 5.00%, 5/11/63	0.75
Peabody Energy 6.00%, 3/31/22	0.73
CDX-NAHY 5-Yr Index 5.00%, 6/20/23	0.71
Range Resources 5.00%, 8/15/22 - 3/15/23	0.67
PulteGroup 4.25%, 3/01/21	0.66
W.R. Grace 5.125%, 10/01/21	0.65
Antero Resources 5.125%, 12/01/22	0.61
First Data 5.375%, 8/15/23	0.61
Total	10.22

Source: AB. Portfolio holdings and weightings are subject to change.

Credit Holdings by Sector	
Corporate - Industrials	75.66%
Corporate - Financials	13.06
Credit Baskets	3.96
Corporate - Utilities	2.50
Bank Loan Fund	1.94
Emerging Markets - Sovereigns	1.16
Asset-Backed Securities	0.66
CLO	0.64
CMOs	0.36
High Yield and Equity Options	0.04
CMBS	0.02

Region Allocation	
North America	73.21%
Europe	17.80
Others	4.70
Emerging Markets	4.29

Credit Quality <sup>2</sup>	
AAA	0.44%
AA	0.51
А	2.39
BBB	17.51
BB	46.35
В	33.67
CCC & Below	0.81
Not Rated	-1.68

Net Currency Exposure	
US Dollar	101.31%
Indian Rupee	0.15
Brazil Real	0.14
Dominican Peso	0.14
Canadian Dollar	-0.14
Great British Pound	-0.19
Australian Dollar	-0.27
Euro	-0.57
New Zealand Dollar	-0.57

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# **GLOSSARY**

# **ACTIVE SHARE**

Active share measures the percentage of fund holdings that are different from the benchmark. A fund with an active share of 80% means that 80% of its assets differ from its benchmark, while the remaining 20% mirror the benchmark.

# **ALPHA**

A measure that helps you understand whether a fund is performing well versus its benchmark given the level of risk the fund is taking. A positive alpha is the extra return awarded to the investor for taking additional risk rather than accepting the benchmark return. Alpha measures more than the difference between the return and the benchmark. It reflects the average of the monthly fund returns, the average of the monthly benchmark returns and the fund's beta.

#### **BETA**

A measure of the fund's volatility relative to its benchmark. A fund that has a beta of 1 is as volatile as the market benchmark. Funds with betas higher than 1 are more volatile than the benchmark; funds with betas below 1 are less volatile. A fund with a beta of 1.05 is 5% more volatile than the market.

# **DISTRIBUTION YIELD**

Represents income per share paid by the fund to its shareholders, which is determined by annualizing the fund's current monthly income dividend per share (i.e. multiplying it by 12, or 365 days in the case of daily dividend rate) and dividing by the net asset value (NAV) per share at the determination date (i.e., month end). The yield is retrospective, and so is not necessarily representative of the yield an investor will receive on their investment in the future.

# **DOWNSIDE CAPTURE RATIO**

A measure of a fund's overall performance in down-markets relative to its benchmark during periods when that benchmark has dropped. Downside capture ratios are calculated by taking the fund's monthly return during the periods of negative benchmark performance and dividing it by the benchmark return. A downside capture ratio less than 100 has outperformed the index during the down-market. For example, a fund with a downside capture ratio of 80 indicates that the fund declined only 80% as much as the benchmark during the period in question.

# **INFORMATION RATIO**

A measure of a fund's performance relative to its benchmark that takes into account both excess return versus a benchmark and tracking error. (Technically, it measures the excess return of the fund divided by the tracking error.) A fund with a positive information ratio of 0.23 has outperformed its benchmark by 0.23%. The higher the ratio the better, as it reflects the extent to which the fund has outperformed the benchmark.

# INVESTMENT GRADE

Bonds that are rated BBB- or higher by Standard & Poor's.

# **SHARPE RATIO**

A measure of how much excess return you are receiving for the extra volatility that you endure for holding a riskier asset. The higher a fund's sharpe ratio, the better a fund's returns have been relative to the risk it has taken on.

# TRACKING ERROR

A measure of the difference between the risk of a fund and the risk of the benchmark. Unlike volatility, it focuses on differences in a fund's excess returns relative to its benchmark. A fund with a tracking error of 5.00 or below has risk and return characteristics that are relatively close to its benchmark. A fund with a tracking error of 10.00 or above may be taking on significantly more risk than its benchmark.

# **UPSIDE CAPTURE RATIO**

A measure of a fund's overall performance in up-markets relative to its benchmark. Upside capture ratios for funds are calculated by taking the fund's monthly return during months when the benchmark had a positive return and dividing it by the benchmark return during that same month. An upside capture ratio greater than 100 has outperformed the benchmark during the up-market. For example, a fund with an up-market capture ratio of 120 indicates that the fund outperformed the market by 20% during the specified period.

# **VOLATILITY**

A measure of the historical fluctuations in a fund's price or returns. It measures the difference between the fund's returns and the fund's average rate of return over time. A high level of volatility implies a high level of risk. A volatility of less than five is generally considered low. A volatility of greater than 20 is generally considered high.

# **YIELD**

The income return earned on an investment. This includes the interest or dividends received from a security and is usually expressed as an annual percentage based on the investment's cost, its current market value or its face value.

# **YIELD TO WORST**

The lowest potential yield that can be received on a bond without the issuer actually defaulting. Yield to worst is calculated by making worst-case scenario assumptions on the bond by calculating the returns that would be received if provisions, including prepayment, call or sinking fund, are used by the issuer.

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