



**BRAMSHILL**  
INVESTMENTS

# Income Performance Fund

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# Firm Overview

- Bramshill Investments, LLC, founded in 2012, is an alternative asset manager focused on value investing in fixed income and debt securities.
- Bramshill exercises a philosophy of value investing in income-producing securities. Bramshill invests in securities that the Firm believes are inexpensive relative to the underlying risk and are positioned to deliver attractive risk-adjusted returns.
- Bramshill has strict self-imposed risk limits which can potentially contribute to long-term returns.
- Bramshill has grown from approximately \$1 billion AUM to approximately \$4.4 billion AUM\* in the past six years.
- The Bramshill Income Performance Fund is an unlevered tactical, opportunistic fund which seeks to maximize total return across targeted US fixed income asset classes with a philosophy of value investing.
- Art DeGaetano, the Founder of Bramshill, has managed the Bramshill Income Performance Fund since its inception in 2016. He has over 30 years investment experience in fixed income within long-only and long-short investment vehicles.
- Bramshill has a seasoned investment team as 11 of its 16 members have over 15 years of experience in the markets.



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\* AUM is higher than actual capital contributions due to an allocation to another internally managed vehicle  
Award disclosure/information can be found on slide 22 of this presentation



# Organizational Structure

Our firm is proud of our significant intellectual capital

## INVESTMENT TEAM

### ART DEGAETANO

Founder and Managing Partner,  
Chief Investment Officer  
31 years experience  
*Colgate University*

#### PAUL VAN LINGEN

Senior Portfolio Manager  
30 years experience  
*New York University*

#### DEREK PINES

Senior Portfolio Manager  
24 years experience  
*Georgetown University*

#### STEVEN CARHART, CFA

Portfolio Manager / Analyst  
32 years experience  
*Mass. Institute Of Technology*

#### ARA BALABANIAN

Portfolio Manager/Managing Dir  
23 years experience  
*Columbia University*

#### JEFFREY LESCHEN

Managing Director  
17 years experience  
*University of Delaware*

#### JUSTIN BYRNES

Senior Portfolio Analyst  
25 years experience  
*Vanderbilt University*

#### EDWARD LOCKWOOD

Director  
7 years experience  
*Fordham University*

#### MALCOLM SELVER

Managing Director  
54 years experience  
*Bryant College*

#### JENNIFER HUYNH, CFA

Credit Analyst  
7 years experience  
*Boston University*

#### NICOLAS AMATO, CFA, CAIA

Managing Director  
25 years experience  
*University of California*

#### RODERICK JONES

Credit Analyst  
7 years experience  
*Colgate University*

#### ANDREW AN

Executive Director  
26 years experience  
*Purdue University*

#### SCOTT COWIN, FRM

Director  
21 years experience  
*University of California*

#### CHRIS SHAMMAS

Associate  
2 years experience  
*Colgate University*

#### PETER DEGAETANO

Associate  
1 year experience  
*Mount Saint Mary College*

## BUSINESS / INFRASTRUCTURE

### STEPHEN SELVER

Managing Partner,  
Chief Executive Officer  
29 years experience  
*Holy Cross College*

#### GINA CIFELLO

Chief Financial Officer  
25 years experience  
*Caldwell University*

#### KEVIN JESTER

Chief Operating Officer  
18 years experience  
*Ramapo College*

#### DAVID HEDLEY

Chief Strategy Officer  
31 years experience  
*Colgate University*

#### MONA DARUWALA

Chief Compliance Officer  
20 years experience  
*Rutgers University*

#### MARTIN BURKE

Executive Director  
38 years experience  
*Towson University*

#### LAURA SIMIONE

Managing Director  
16 years experience  
*State Uni. of New York*

#### RYAN GUTHRIE

Executive Director  
22 years experience  
*Manhattan College*

#### BRITTNEY VAN CALCAR

Director  
6 years experience  
*College of Charleston*

#### PATRICK MURRAY

Director  
7 years experience  
*Fordham University*

#### DANIELLE VAN CALCAR

Associate  
3 years experience  
*Colgate University*

#### SHANNON RUIZ

Associate Director  
6 years experience  
*Rutgers University*

#### CORTNEY MANSOUR

Associate  
3 years experience  
*University of British Columbia*

#### ANTHONY FORNS

Sr. Accounting Consultant  
45 years experience  
*Siena College*

#### SEAN WILKE

Compliance Consultant  
19 years experience  
*Rutgers University*



# Experienced Portfolio Managers

## Art DeGaetano

Founder & CIO

### Bramshill INVESTMENTS ('12 – PRESENT)

- Founder and CIO
- Spun out from GLG Partners with core assets and track record

### GLG PARTNERS ('07 – '12)

- Senior Portfolio Manager
- Managed a levered long/short US credit portfolio within GLG Market Neutral Fund
- Launched the predecessor to the Bramshill Income Performance Strategy
- Managed approximately \$375 million in assets within GLG Partners LP

### RBS GREENWICH CAPITAL ('05 – '06)

- Managing Director and Head of US Credit Trading at RBS Greenwich Capital. Traded and oversaw credit trading desk
- Managed 14 traders across corporate bonds, credit default swaps and credit index products from investment grade to high yield, averaging \$4 billion in gross positions

### BEAR STEARNS ('91 – '04)

- Senior Managing Director, Head of High Yield Trading desk. Managed 4 traders in addition to trading his own book
- Oversaw a gross position of approx. \$1bn
- Expertise has been in high beta sectors such as telecom, financials, and special situations

### COLGATE UNIVERSITY ('87 – '91)

- B.A. Economics/Political Science

## Derek Pines

Sr. Managing Director & Portfolio Manager

### Bramshill INVESTMENTS ('12 – PRESENT)

- Co-Portfolio Manager of the Bramshill Income Performance Strategy & Tactical Fixed Income Fund; Conduct and deploy fundamental credit research coupled with quantitative modeling/technical analysis

### SUNGUARD FINANCIAL/CHIMERA ('04 – '12)

- Portfolio Manager. Managed a multi-asset class strategy which specialized in quantitative modeling techniques to determine relative value
- Responsible for portfolio risk management and long/short hedging techniques
- Masters Graduate Certificate in Algorithmic Trading from the Steven's Institute of Technology

### EVOLUTION FINANCIAL ('01 – '04)

- Portfolio Manager/Trader. Managed multiple exchange traded income strategies, responsible for portfolio construction and trading
- Responsible for long/short strategies in exchange traded products
- Co-managed trading floor of 20 plus traders/portfolio managers. Responsible for risk management

### ACENTURE ('99 – '01)

- Financial Consultant. Covered existing HFs, bulge bracket, and wealth manager clients

### GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY ('95 – '99)

- B.S. Finance, Cum Laude



# Fund Overview

FUND	INCEPTION	INVESTED MARKETS	FUND AUM*	CHARACTERISTICS	VEHICLE
<b>INCOME PERFORMANCE FUND</b> (Long-Only Alternative Fixed Income Fund)	<b>APR 2016</b>	Traditional: US Corporates (Investment Grade & High Yield) and US Treasuries. Non-Index Asset Classes: US Preferred Securities, Closed End Funds, Municipal Bonds	\$754 mm	Opportunistic, tactical fund focused on dynamically allocating capital among asset classes with a focus on probability of loss	40 Act Fund

\*As of March 31, 2023

## THE INCOME PERFORMANCE FUND IS A FIXED INCOME FUND THAT SEEKS TO MAXIMIZE TOTAL RETURN ACROSS VARIOUS ASSET CLASSES INCLUDING CORPORATE CREDIT, PREFERRED SECURITIES, AND MUNICIPALS.

- Bramshill seeks investments in high quality income-generating securities within investment grade corporate bonds, high yield bonds, municipal bonds, preferred stock and U.S. Treasuries that maintain strong credit metrics and are priced at an intrinsic discount
- Aims to generate total return by combining an analytical risk-reward pricing model with the power of compounding income
- Actively manages the portfolio by rotating among asset classes and tactically hedging during various interest rate and market environments
- Seeks to identify relative value across asset classes and capture opportunities within the corporate, US Treasury, municipal and preferred security markets
- The Fund maintains a more conservative profile and aims to prevent against principal drawdowns
- The Fund is benchmark agnostic allowing flexibility across asset classes, duration, and credit quality



# Core Approach

## ROTATE ACROSS FIVE UNCORRELATED ASSET CLASSES

Investment Grade corporates bonds, High Yield corporate bonds, Preferred securities, Municipal bonds, US Treasuries

## ROTATE ACROSS VARIOUS STRUCTURES

10yr non-call 5yr high yield, Floating rate preferreds, 20yr muni, BB corporates

## ROTATE CREDIT EXPOSURE

Ratings AA to B, Oil sector vs. Financial sector, Senior vs. Subordinated

## ROTATE DURATION AND CURVE EXPOSURE

Historical low 1.6 – Historical high 8.4

## ROTATE INTO LOW VOLATILITY SECURITIES

US Treasuries, Short term corporates, Currently callable preferreds

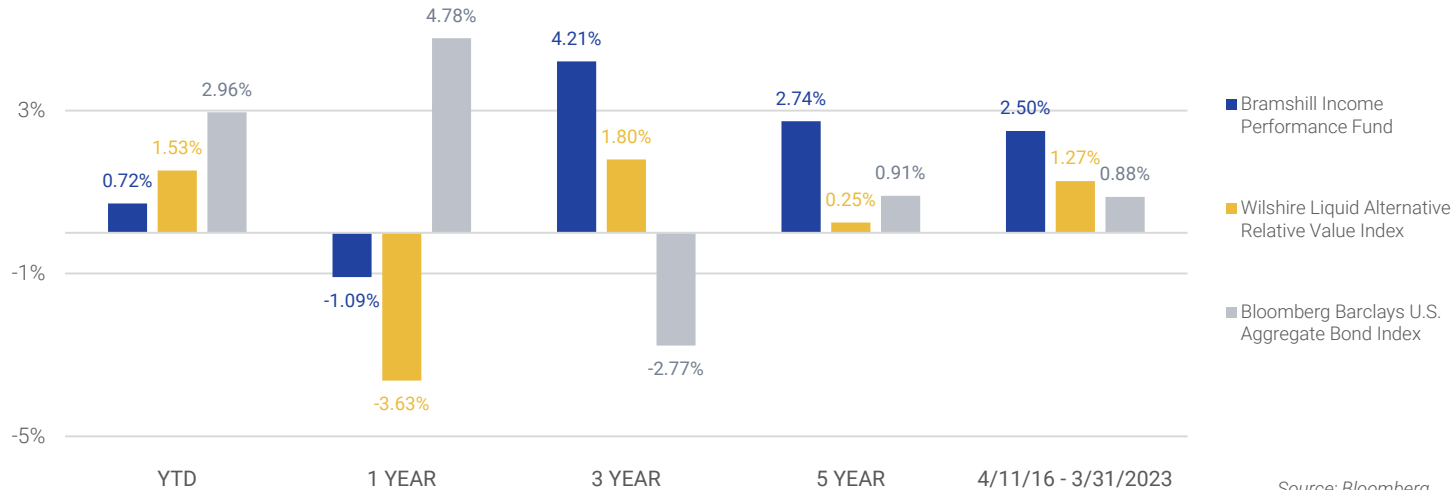
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Sometimes the best hedge



# Fund Returns

## STANDARDIZED RETURNS



## MONTHLY RETURNS (NET OF FEES) (%)

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
2016	--	--	--	1.20	0.00	0.30	0.59	0.39	-0.29	0.39	-0.78	0.97	2.79
2017	0.79	0.69	0.40	0.14	-0.65	-0.12	0.74	-1.29	1.77	-0.96	-0.31	0.12	1.27
2018	0.49	-0.39	-0.34	1.25	0.60	0.41	0.33	0.33	0.28	-0.58	-0.23	-1.45	0.68
2019	3.69	1.09	0.34	1.05	-0.39	0.67	0.93	-0.56	0.39	0.34	0.02	1.03	8.87
2020	0.27	-0.24	-7.93	5.43	1.81	0.55	2.98	2.33	-2.48	1.43	2.26	1.47	7.49
2021	-0.50	-0.80	1.04	1.05	0.68	0.81	0.31	0.18	-0.37	-0.09	-0.60	0.83	2.53
2022	-2.10	-0.96	-1.41	-1.38	0.06	-1.61	2.27	-0.92	-1.69	-0.83	2.71	-0.32	-6.12
2023	2.75	-0.50	-1.48										0.72
<b>TOTAL CUMULATIVE RETURN</b>													<b>18.90</b>

The performance shown represents past performance. Past performance is no guarantee of future results and current performance may be higher or lower than the performance shown. Investment results and principal value will fluctuate so that shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. To obtain performance data current to the most recent month-end, call 877-272-6718. As of the date of the Fund's current prospectus, the gross expense ratio of the Fund's Institutional Shares was 1.30% (including dividend and interest expense on short sales and acquired fund fees and expenses). The Adviser has contractually agreed to waive a portion or all of its management fees and pay Fund expenses (excluding taxes, leverage interest, brokerage commissions, acquired fund fees and expenses, portfolio transaction expenses, interest expense and dividends paid on short sales or extraordinary expenses) in order to limit the Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses to 1.10% of average daily net assets of the Fund's Institutional Class (the "Expense Cap"). This arrangement is in effect through at least July 31, 2023. After that time, the arrangement may be terminated or amended at any time by the Board upon 60 days' notice to the Adviser or by the Adviser with the consent of the Board. The gross expense ratio is as of the most recent prospectus and is applicable to investors.

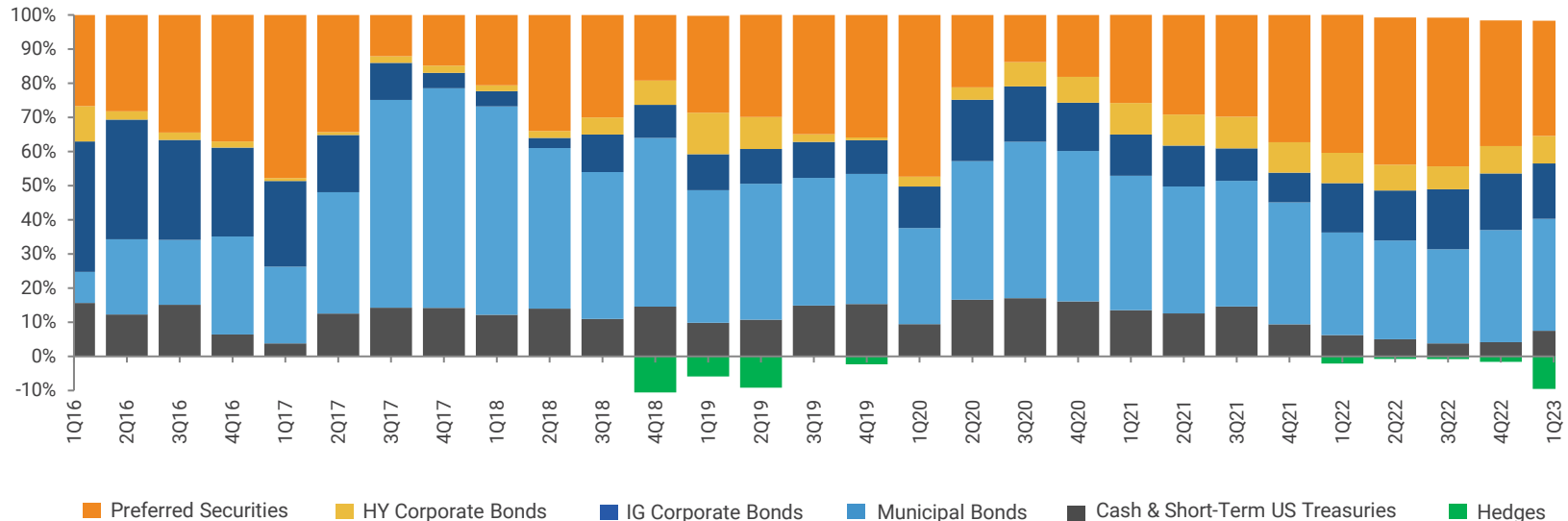




# Quarterly Exposure

FUND PORTFOLIO STATISTICS		DURATION EXPOSURE		ASSET ALLOCATION BY ASSET CLASS	
30-day SEC Yield:	4.63%	<b>OAD Duration Bucket</b>	<b>Weight (%)</b>	<b>Sector</b>	<b>Weight (%)</b>
Yield to Maturity:	5.96%	Less than 1 year	38.7%	Preferred Stock	16.2
Yield to Worst:	5.90%	1-3 Years	20.9%	High Yield Corporate Bonds	7.5
Duration:	2.88 years	3-5 Years	13.6%	IG Corporate Bonds	32.8
Expense Ratio:	1.30%	5-7 Years	4.7%	Municipals	8.1
Load*:	None	7-10 Years	4.7%	Cash & Short-Term US Treasuries	33.7
		10+ Years	8.3%	Hedges	9.5
		Grand Total	100%		

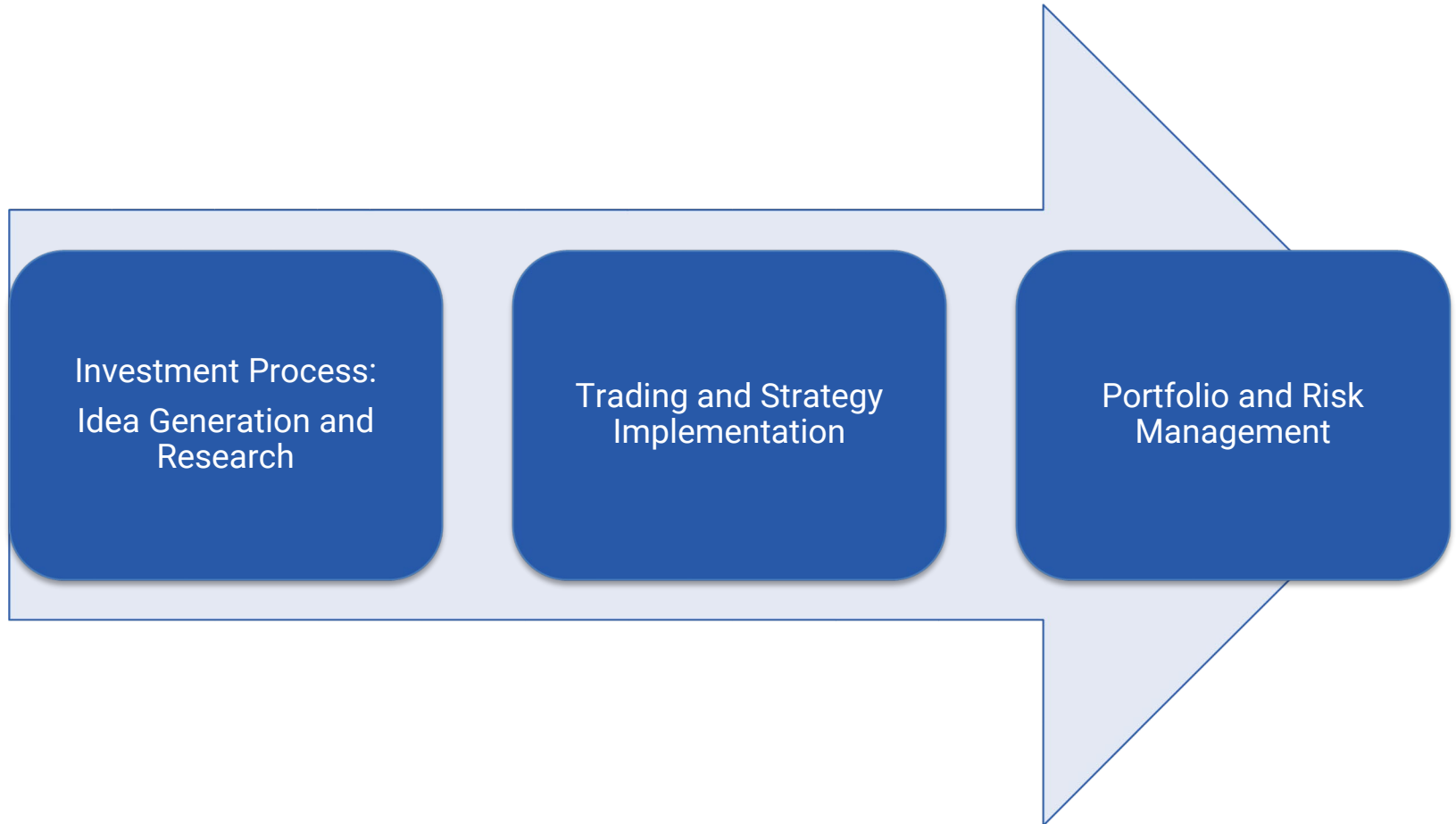
\*While the fund is no-load management fees and other expenses apply



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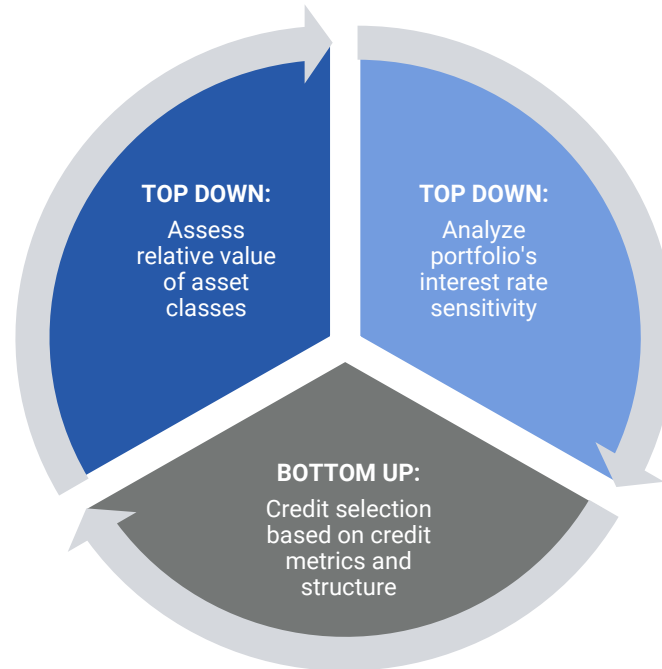
# How to Build a Portfolio



# Investment Process: Idea Generation and Research

## TOP

- Evaluate opportunities across taxable, tax-free, and equity oriented income markets
- Rotate the portfolio among various asset classes based on undervalued and overvalued metrics
- Capitalize on opportunities in the market where securities and sectors are mispriced based on relative value assessment
- Analyze price and risk of a security vs. similar securities within a sector



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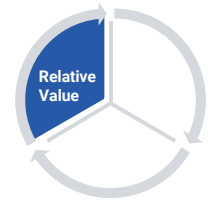
- Interpret Fed policy
- Analyze how interest rate moves, both directional and within the term structure, will impact each potential position in the portfolio
- Use hedges and security selection to adjust portfolio

## BOTTOM UP

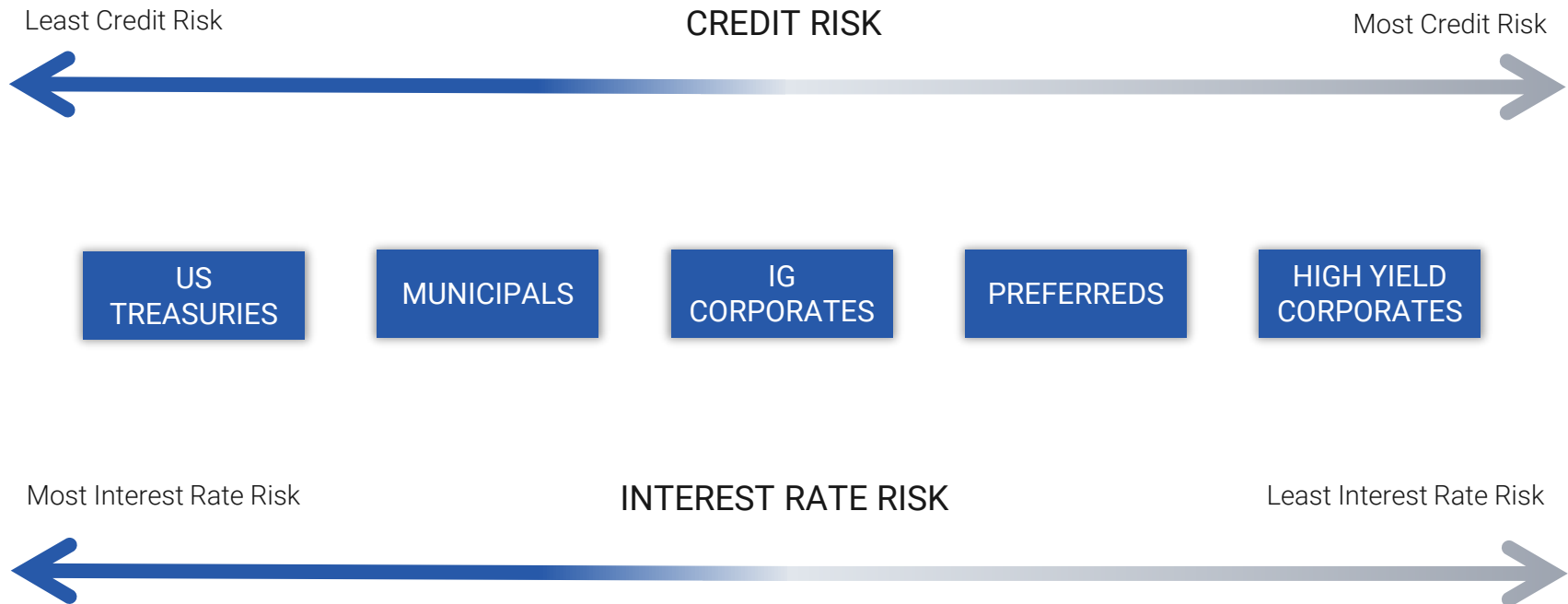
- Assess securities using fundamental credit analysis, free cash flow generation and stress test/recovery analysis
- Pursue investments that are secured by assets or have strong cash flows tied to revenue streams
- Invest in securities priced with a favorable risk/reward on recovery
- Establish positions in large liquid credits, avoiding credit derivative and private placements
- Constantly assess relative value based on performance target analysis



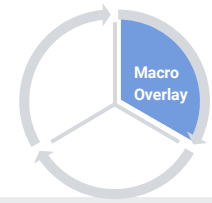
# Top Down-Macro Overlay



Focus on probability of loss to isolate risks and identify the most attractive asset classes to invest. Macro factors such as growth and inflation inform our understanding of credit and interest rate risk.



# Assessing Optimal Interest Rate Risk



Fixed Income asset classes can perform in an uncorrelated manner during various interest rate environments. Furthermore, different security structures within each asset class can provide a wide range of total return. Accordingly, the Bramshill Income Performance Strategy periodically shifts its duration opportunistically to generate optimal risk-adjusted returns. The following example displays Bramshill's ability to shift positioning at both the asset class level and security level in order to generate alpha in a rising rate environment.

**Rate Rise Period (12/31/21 – 6/30/22)** – During 2018, the US 10-Year Treasury rose 15bps from a low of 1.51% to 3.02%. The Bloomberg 20+ Year US Treasury Index was down -22.29% during this time. However, not all fixed income asset classes and not all security structures suffered.

**Asset Class Shift:** Increased exposure to fixed-to-float preferred securities. Decreased exposure to long duration perpetual preferreds. The below grid shows the extreme difference in total return between five fixed income asset classes during this time frame.

**Security Structure Shift:** Within the same asset class, various structures make security selection of paramount importance. In order to shorten duration, Bramshill often shifts into High-Coupon / Short Call preferreds, fixed to float preferreds or other short duration corporates. The following securities illustrate the difference in total return between credits in the same asset class during this time frame:

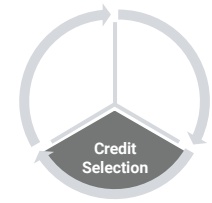
ASSET CLASS	TOTAL RETURN (12/31/21 – 6/30/22)
US TREASURY	-22.29%
PFD	-15.51%
HIGH YIELD	-14.19%
SR. FLOATING LOANS	-4.55%
IG CORPORATES	-14.39%

SECURITY	SECURITY TYPE	TOTAL RETURN (12/31/21 – 6/30/22)
JPM 4.2	PFD - Fixed for Life	-25.31%
CFG 5	PFD - Fixed for Life	-20.93%
SCHW 5.375 nc25	PFD - Fixed Reset	-6.68%
CFG 5.65 nc25	PFD - Fixed Reset	-7.43%
GS 5.3 nc26 L+383	PDF - Fixed to Float	-11.40%
JPM L+332 Float	PFD - Fixed to Float	-4.63%

*These examples are provided for illustrative purposes only and there is no guarantee that Bramshill will be able to achieve results similar to those above. Pricing source = Bloomberg. Asset Class Return source = Bloomberg. Asset Class Returns determined by Indices = Bloomberg U.S. Treasury: 20+ Year Total Return Index Value U, S&P Preferred Stock Total Return Index, Bloomberg US Corporate High Yield Total Return Index Value Unhedged USD, S&P/LSTA Leveraged Loan Total Return Index, Bloomberg US Corporate Total Return Value Unhedged USD*



# Bottom Up-Credit Selection



- Follow a consistent and fluid Investment Process for Credit Selection
- Every position is assessed both at the security level and by its potential impact on the portfolio
- Research write-ups on every position stored via internal software and continuously updated with news, earnings, and any relevant fundamental changes

## IDENTIFYING AND SOURCING THE CREDIT OPPORTUNITY

- Idea generation via new issues, credit events and industry trends
- Proprietary models screen for potential opportunities
- Macroeconomic themes filter all credit opportunities
- Credit and yield spread historical analysis
- Event dislocations
- Business cycle analysis

## SYNCHRONIZE MACRO OUTLOOK WITH CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES

- Event driven additions or subtractions to portfolio
- Fundamental improving or declining sector credit metrics
- Sector themes evaluated and incorporated
- Deflation/inflation analysis

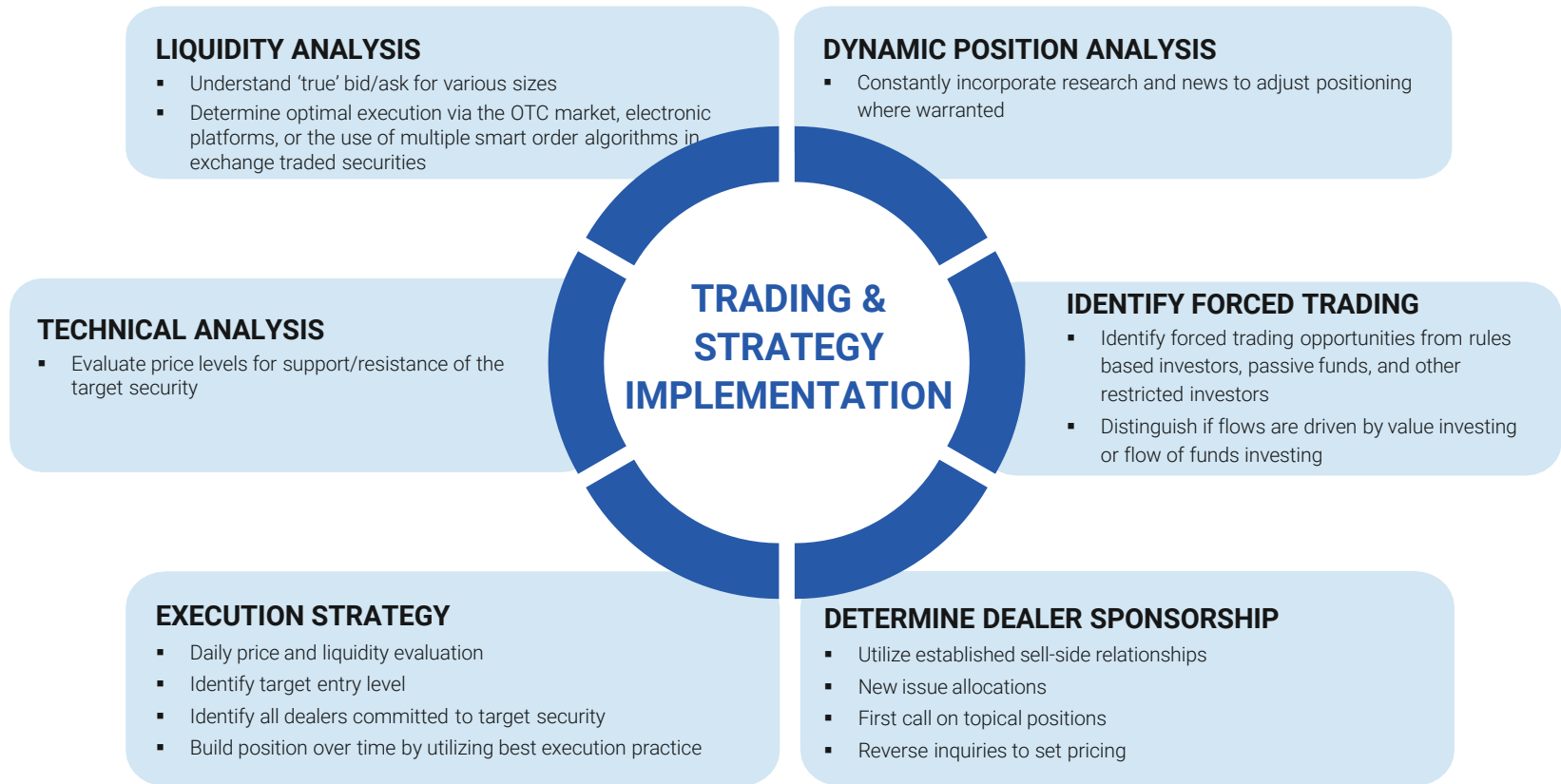
## SECURITY ANALYSIS AND CREDIT METRICS

- Absolute and Relative Leverage Modelling
- Liquidity/Free Cash Flow/ Debt Ratios / and Interest Coverage Ratios
- Dynamic Balance Sheet and Cash Flow Analysis
- Risk / Reward Analytics of each position
- Beta Analysis of each security
- Relative Value within Entire Credit Universe



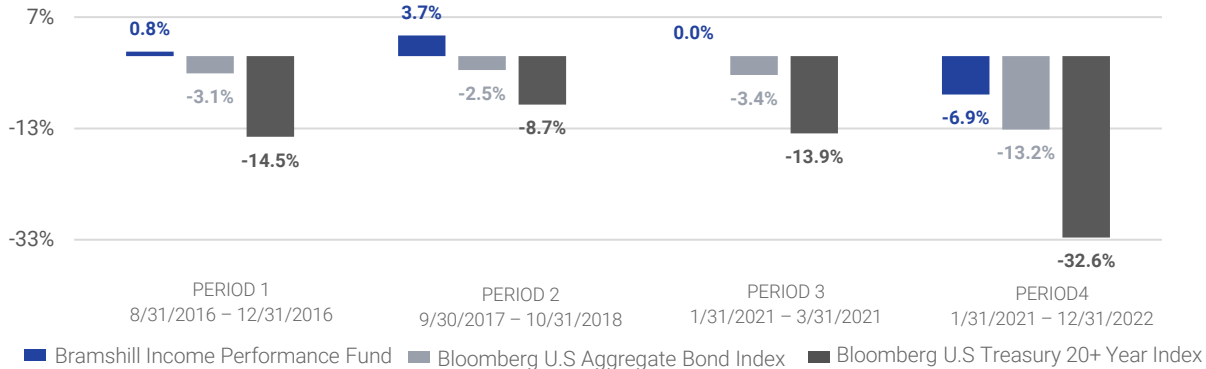
# Trading Strategy Implementation

Converting an idea into a position is a crucial step in Bramshill's investment process. The following factors are considered prior to including a research idea into the portfolio.



# Performance During Equity and Rising Rate Duress

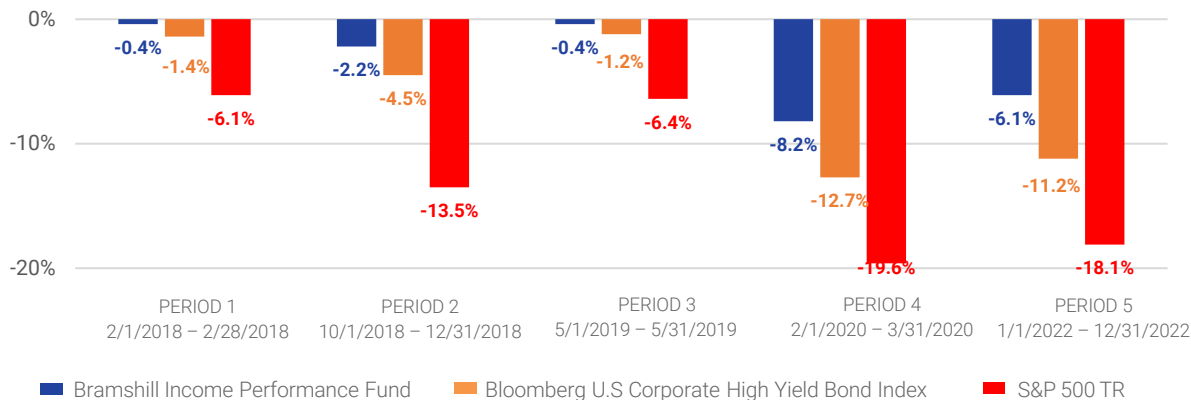
## Performance during periods of rising rates



The chart on the left shows the performance of the Fund in rising rate environments. The Fund's diversification allows for positive growth in various interest rate environments. The positioning of Bramshill's investments in the portfolio have been able to minimize interest rate volatility and have historically outperformed in rising rates environments.

Data Source: Bloomberg

## Performance during periods of equity market stress



During periods of equity market stress since the fund's inception, BRMSX has produced returns with shallower drawdowns and less volatility than the US Corporate High Yield market. This performance has been accomplished with a 0.04 correlation to the

Data Source: Bloomberg

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# Portfolio and Risk Management

Risk Management is a top priority at Bramshill. Managing downside risk is essential to making solid risk-adjusted investments

## PORTFOLIO CONSTRUCTION

- Apply risk metrics for credit quality, fundamentals, and sizing of positions
- Investment grade portfolio (composite average credit rating)
- Manage/adjust duration based on macro/rate view
- Daily trading desk meeting regarding positioning, topical news
- Weekly PM/analyst meeting to discuss macro data points, upcoming economic and earnings calendar, quantitative model readings, portfolio positioning

## SCENARIO ANALYSIS

- Utilizing quantitative software, rigorously run portfolio through various scenarios
- Stress test for liquidity risk, market risk, and event risk
- Run scenarios of interest rate shocks, credit spread dislocations and equity market corrections
- Build a “margin of safety” within portfolio
- Evaluate portfolio positioning for best risk-adjusted returns

## RISK MANAGEMENT

- Asset class / sector concentration limits
- Volatility adjusted position sizing
- Stop-losses on individual positions
- Credit exposure limits
- Monthly Risk Management committee meeting to employ and enforce stop losses (3 investment and 3 non-investment personnel)



# Risk Parameters

ASSET ALLOCATION EXPOSURE	
US Rates	Minimum 0%, Maximum 50%
IG Corporates	Minimum 0%, Maximum 80%
HY Corporates	Minimum 0%, Maximum 40%
US Municipals	Minimum 0%, Maximum 80%
Preferred Equity	Minimum 0%, Maximum 70%
Closed-End Fund	Minimum 0%, Maximum 15%
Exchanged-Traded Fund	Minimum 0%, Maximum 25%

CREDIT RATING EXPOSURE (AT PARENT LEVEL)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Up to 80% in investment grade corporate bonds</li> <li>▪ Up to 40% in high yield bonds which are defined as corporate bonds rated below Baa by Moody's, or equivalent rated by S&amp;P or Fitch.</li> <li>▪ Up to 70% in preferred stocks</li> <li>▪ Up to 80% in U.S. municipal bonds</li> <li>▪ Up to 100% in U.S. Treasuries</li> <li>▪ Up to 15% in fixed income closed-end funds</li> <li>▪ Up to 25% in fixed income ETFs</li> </ul>

SINGLE ISSUER EXPOSURE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Maximum 10% (composite rating A- or lower)</li> <li>▪ Maximum 20% (composite rating A or higher)</li> </ul>

STOP LOSS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Once a full position has been initiated. 8% stop loss on first half of position; 4% stop loss on second half of position; to result in an approximate 10% weighted average stop loss on a full position</li> </ul>

POSITION LIMIT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Target approximately 50 investments</li> </ul>

*\*The Risk Parameters, including exposure and position limits and stop losses, are non-binding and implementation is subject to the sole discretion of the portfolio managers.*



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# Senior Investment Team

## Art DeGaetano – Founder and CIO, 31 years experience

Mr. DeGaetano is the Chief Investment Officer and Founder of Bramshill Investments. Prior to founding Bramshill, in 2012, Mr. DeGaetano was a Senior Portfolio Manager at GLG Partners LP where he not only managed the predecessor to the Bramshill Income Performance Strategy, but also managed a levered US credit portfolio for the GLG Market Neutral Fund. Combined Mr. DeGaetano had approximately \$375 million in assets under management for GLG Partners LP. Prior to GLG Partners in 2007, Mr. DeGaetano was a Managing Director and Head of US Credit Trading at RBS Greenwich Capital from 2005 through 2006. He traded and oversaw the credit trading desk, comprised of 14 traders across corporate bonds, credit default swaps and index products from investment grade to high yield averaging a \$4 billion gross position. Prior to RBS Greenwich Capital, he traded credit for 12 years for Bear Stearns & Co. Inc. He was a Senior Managing Director and the Head Trader on the high yield trading desk from 2000 through 2004. He managed a group of 4 traders along with trading his own positions during this period overseeing a gross position of approximately \$1 billion. His expertise has been in high beta sectors such as telecom, utilities, and special situations. Prior to trading high yield, he was a Managing Director on the investment grade trading desk at Bear Stearns from 1992 through 1999. Mr. DeGaetano has a B.A. from Colgate University. Art is a member of the Columbus Citizens Foundation and actively supports student-athlete programs and scholarships through a family foundation.

## Paul van Lingen - Sr. Portfolio Manager, 30 years experience

Mr. van Lingen is a Senior Managing Director and Portfolio Manager at Bramshill Investments specializing in Mortgage Backed Securities and all Structured Products. Prior to joining Bramshill Investments in 2017, Mr. van Lingen was a Managing Director, Principal, and Portfolio Manager at Rimrock Capital Management, a west coast Hedge Fund. He served as Head of All Structured Products managing approximately four billion dollars in capital. Prior to that Mr. van Lingen was a Managing Director at RBS Greenwich Capital where he managed day to day trading activities in the residential securitization markets. He served as Head of Non-Agency MBS Trading managing approximately four billion dollars in capital. Prior to RBS Greenwich, Mr. van Lingen was a Senior Managing Director at Bear Stearns. Mr. van Lingen has a B.S. from New York University, Stern School of Business.

## Steven C. Carhart, CFA - Portfolio Manager /Analyst, 32 years experience

Steven Carhart is a veteran investment and research professional with extensive portfolio management experience. Steve's previous investment experience included three years as Vice President and portfolio manager of a major mutual fund at Pioneer Investment Management and five years as Vice President and portfolio manager of the Baker Fentress closed end mutual fund. Steve is a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology with an SB in Electrical Engineering. He also earned an SM from the Program for the Social Application of Technology in the Sloan School of Management at MIT. He is a Chartered Financial Analyst.

## Derek Pines – Sr. Portfolio Manager, 24 years experience

Mr. Pines is a Senior Managing Director and Portfolio Manager at Bramshill Investments where he co-manages their flagship Income Performance Strategy with Bramshill's CIO. Prior to joining Bramshill Investments in 2012, Mr. Pines spent over a decade as a Proprietary Trader and Portfolio Manager leading a multi-asset class strategy which specialized in quantitative modeling techniques and utilized fundamental research to determine relative value. The bulk of that time was with Assent (Sungard Financial) and Chimera Securities. He also spent a year with Accenture in their Core Trading Services Group. He has over 20 years of investment experience in fixed income and exchange traded securities within both long-only and long-short investment vehicles. Mr. Pines has been involved in charitable organizations such as NextStep, The Hoya Diamond Club, and Party with Purpose where he spent several years on the board. He holds a Masters Graduate Certificate in Algorithmic Trading from Stevens University. Mr. Pines graduated cum laude with a B.S. in finance from Georgetown University.

## Ara Balabanian - Portfolio Manager/Analyst, 23 years experience

Mr. Balabanian specializes in all Structured Product sectors (ABS/CLO/CMBS/MBS) that the firm invests in. He is a Portfolio Manager and member of the firm's Investment Team. His primary focus is on investment management of the Structured Products Fund and the firm's other Structured Product mandates. Prior to joining Bramshill Investments in 2019, Mr. Balabanian held positions as a Director at RBS and Performance Trust Capital Partners as well as a Vice President at Goldman Sachs. Mr. Balabanian's background is in Structured Finance with over 21 years of experience with specific expertise in underwriting and originating mortgage backed, commercial mortgage backed and asset backed securitizations as well as arranging asset based financings, structured sales and advisory services. Mr. Balabanian has a B.S. in Engineering Management Systems (Operations Research) and Concentration in Economics from Columbia University's School of Engineering and Applied Science.

## Justin Byrnes – Senior Portfolio Analyst, 25 years experience

Mr. Byrnes is a Senior Portfolio Analyst at Bramshill Investments specializing in income securities and capital structure analysis. Before joining Bramshill Investments in 2014, Mr. Byrnes worked for SAC Capital for 8 years where he co-ran an equity portfolio focused on the Energy, Power and Utility sectors for one of the largest portfolio managers at the firm. Prior to that, Mr. Byrnes was an analyst at CJS Securities specializing in small and midcap companies. Mr. Byrnes is a graduate of Vanderbilt University.



# Investment Team

## **Nicolas Amato, CFA, CAIA - Managing Director, 25 years experience**

Nicolas (“Nico”) Amato is a Managing Director of Bramshill Investments. Mr. Amato has over 20 years of industry experience, mostly in Alternative Investments. Prior to joining Bramshill Investments in 2019, Mr. Amato was Head of Alternatives Portfolio Management at Wilshire Associates and also oversaw Manager Research for Alternative Investments within Wilshire’s Funds Management Group. Before joining Wilshire Associates, Mr. Amato was at Dorchester Capital Advisors, a Los Angeles-based Alternative Investments manager, from 2004 through 2014. While at Dorchester, Mr. Amato was a Partner of the firm and responsible for communicating with investors, overseeing investment portfolios, and managing the Research and Risk Management teams. Mr. Amato started his career in 1998 at the Merrill Lynch office in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Mr. Amato earned an Economics Licentiate degree, Cum Laude, from San Andres University, a Masters in Finance from CEMA University (both in Buenos Aires), and an M.B.A. from UCLA Anderson School of Management. Mr. Amato is also a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) and a Chartered Alternative Investments Analyst (CAIA).

## **Jeff Leschen - Managing Director, 17 years experience**

Mr. Leschen is a Managing Director at Bramshill Investments. He is primarily responsible for infrastructure and analytics. Before joining Bramshill in 2013, he worked at the Institute for International Research where he lead research campaigns with private and institutional investors, focusing on best practices in hedge fund operations, compliance, and risk management. Mr. Leschen is a graduate from the University of Delaware and is a founding participant of the CFA Institute Investment Foundations Program.

## **Malcolm Selver - Managing Director, 55 years experience**

Malcolm has over 50 years of experience in the securities industry. Malcolm joined Bramshill in 2014. Malcolm was most recently a Managing Director at JP Morgan for 18 years in Equity Sales where he sold all equity, equity derivatives, swaps and other cross products to large institutional clients worldwide. Malcolm’s prior experience was as a Director at Salomon Brothers (later Citigroup) for 21 years where he was responsible for equity sales and trading. Malcolm is a graduate of Bryant College (B.S.).

## **Scott Cowin, FRM – Director, 21 years experience**

Scott Cowin is a Director at Bramshill Investments focusing on risk management and quantitative analytics. Prior to joining Bramshill in 2021, Mr. Cowin has been the Director of Risk for Dorchester Capital Advisors, a Los Angeles-based Fund of Hedge Funds, where he was responsible for risk management for the firm’s investment products. Mr. Cowin also oversaw Risk Management for Nuveen’s West Coast affiliates and later worked within Risk Management roles at two institutional allocators. Mr. Cowin has two post-graduate degrees from UCLA Anderson, an MBA and a Masters in Financial Engineering (MFE), and also earned the Financial Risk Manager (FRM) designation.

## **Chris Shammas - Associate, 2 years experience**

Mr. Shammas is an Associate at Bramshill Investments focusing on investments, analysis, and operations. After interning for Bramshill in 2021, he returned for a full-time position in 2022. Prior to joining Bramshill, Mr. Shammas attended Colgate University where he graduated with a B.A in Economics and managed student analysts as part of the University’s investment group.

## **Andrew An – Executive Director, 26 years experience**

Prior to joining Bramshill, Andrew spent several years focusing on FinTech solutions to simplify structured products for CLO managers/investors working at KopenTech. Andrew also had senior structured sales roles at Mizuho Securities, Countrywide Securities, and SunTrust bank. Andrew earned a B.A. from Purdue University and a Juris Doctorate from Saint Louis University School of Law.

## **Jennifer Huynh , CFA - Credit Analyst, 6 years experience**

Ms. Huynh is a Credit Analyst at Bramshill Investments. Prior to joining Bramshill in 2020, Ms. Huynh was an Associate within the Fixed Income Group at First Republic Investment Management with experience in client service, portfolio management, and fundamental credit analysis. She also served as Secretary of the Asset Allocation Committee. Prior to First Republic, she worked at State Street Global Services where she provided portfolio reconciliation and accounting services to wealth management firms. Ms. Huynh earned a B.S., Cum Laude, from Boston University Questrom School of Business with a concentration in finance and international management. She received her CFA charter in 2021.

## **Roderick Jones – Credit Analyst, 7 years experience**

Mr. Jones is a Credit Analyst at Bramshill Investments and focuses on investments, analysis, and operations. Prior to joining Bramshill in 2016, Mr. Jones worked as a Business Development Associate at Commercial Finance Partners, where his responsibilities included sales of various financial products and underwriting. Mr. Jones attended Colgate University, where he graduated with a B.A. in Political Science. Mr. Jones is currently a CFA Level II Candidate.

## **Edward Lockwood - Director, 7 years experience**

Mr. Lockwood is a Director at Bramshill Investments and focuses on the Structured Products portfolio and operations. Before joining Bramshill in 2019, he worked for Nomura Securities on the Mortgage- Backed Securities Desk as a Trading Assistant. His prior role at Nomura was on the Client Integration team. Mr. Lockwood graduated from the Gabelli School of Business at Fordham University receiving a B.S. in Business Administration with a concentration in Finance and a minor in Economics.

## **Peter DeGaetano- Associate, 1 year experience**

Mr. DeGaetano is an Associate at Bramshill Investments focusing on investments, analysis, and operations. After interning for Bramshill in 2020, he returned for a full-time position in 2023. Prior to joining Bramshill, Mr. DeGaetano attended Mount Saint Mary College.



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NAME	NEAR	SRE 4 7/8 PERP	BPLN 4 7/8 PERP	SCHW 5 3/8 PERP	BA 4.508 05/01/23	JPS	EIX 5 3/8 PERP	NLSN 9.29 04/15/29	NCLH 8 3/8 02/01/28	NAD
WEIGHT (%)	3.8%	3.6%	3.4%	2.8%	2.8%	2.7%	2.5%	2.3%	2.0%	1.9%

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