

ICE BoA US High Yield Index

# INTREPID INCOME FUND

**3RD QUARTER 2025 COMMENTARY** 

7.06%

7.23%

10.96%

5.53%

6.07%

6.38%

3Q 2025

**SEPTEMBER 30, 2025** 

#### **Average Annualized Total Returns** as of September 30, 2025 **PERFORMANCE Total Return** Since **Inception Date** Qtr. **YTD** 1 Year 3 Year 5 Year 10 Year Inception 8/16/10 Intrepid Income Fund - Inst. ^ 3.19% 8.65% 9.99% 8.42% 6.88% 5.88% 4.86% Bloomberg USGov/Cred 1-5Y 1.27% 4.87% 4.12% 4.92% 1.99% 2.59% 1.39% Bloomberg US Agg Bond Index 2.03% 6.13% 2.88% 4.93% -0.45% 1.84% 3.20% ICE BoA US Corporate Index 2.65% 6.96% 3.92% 7.24% 0.55% 3.22% 4.37%

2.40%

Effective January 31, 2014, the Investor Class shares of the Fund were closed, and any outstanding Investor Class shares were converted into Institutional Class shares.

#### Performance data quoted represents past performance and does not quarantee future results.

Investment returns and principal value will fluctuate, and when sold, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Performance current to the most recent month-end may be lower or higher than the performance quoted and can be obtained by calling 866-996-FUND. The Fund imposes a 2% redemption fee on shares held for 30 days or less. Performance data does not reflect the redemption fee. If it had, returns would be reduced.

Per the Prospectus dated January 31, 2025, the annual operating expense (gross) for the Intrepid Income Fund-Institutional Share Class is 1.01%. The Fund's Advisor has contractually agreed to reduce its fees and/or reimburse expenses until January 31, 2025 such that total operating expense (net) for the Income Fund-Institutional Share Class is 1.00%. The Income Fund may have Net Expense higher than the expense cap as a result of any sales, distribution and other fees incurred under a plan adopted pursuant to Rule 12b-1 under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "Investment Company Act"), acquired fund fees and expenses or other expenses (such as taxes, interest, brokerage commissions and extraordinary items) that are excluded from the calculation. As a result of the calculations, the Net Expense for the Income Fund-Institutional Class is 1.00%. The Net Expense Ratio represents the percentage paid by investors. Otherwise, performance shown would have been lower.

30-Day Subsidized SEC Yield: 6.85%; 30-Day Unsubsidized SEC Yield: 6.82%

October 4, 2025

Dear Fellow Shareholders,

Markets continued their post-Liberation Day momentum with a stellar third quarter. Major equity indices were up 8-12% and closed just shy of all-time highs. Across fixed income, the Fund's benchmark Bloomberg 1-5 Yr US Gov/Credit Index returned 1.27%, the Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index returned 2.03%, the ICE BofA US Corporate Index returned 2.65% and the ICE BofA High Yield Index ("the High Yield Index") returned 2.40%.

We are pleased to share that the Intrepid Income Fund ("the Fund") returned 3.19% for the quarter ended September 30, 2025. For the Fund's fiscal year ending September 30th, the Fund returned 8.65%, compared to 4.12% for the Fund's benchmark.

The relentless march higher of high yield bonds is worth noting. If the High Yield Index were to remain flat for Q4 2025, it would cap off the best 3-year run for that index since 2011-2013 at  $\sim$ 9.5% annualized. In the process, spreads compressed by  $\sim$ 180 basis points, ending the quarter near multiyear lows at approximately 300 bps. The

<sup>^</sup>Institutional Class shares of the Intrepid Income Fund commenced operations on August 16, 2010. Performance shown prior to August 16, 2010 (Since Inception) reflects the performance of Investor Class shares, which commenced operations on July 2, 2007, and includes expenses that are not applicable to and are higher than those of Institutional Class shares



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new issue market accelerated as well. The 118 new issues in Q3 were the highest of any quarter since 2021 and included an uptick in deals we judged as more speculative. In short, risk appetite has come roaring back since the volatility in April.

The credit market's frothy trading over this period has ignored what appear to be growing signs of an economic slowdown. Broad macro indicators such as new construction activity, freight volumes, and the labor market each experienced gradual deterioration. Certain pockets of consumer spending also started to show signs of weakness. More visceral examples included the recent bankruptcy of subprime auto lender Tricolor and the collapse of auto supplier First Brands Group.

Top Ten Holdings	(% OF NET ASSETS)
The Realreal, Inc. Viapath Tech. United Natural Foods Inc.	3.8% 2.8% 2.7%
Icahn Enterprises L.P. Conduent Inc.	2.6% 2.6%
Beach Acquisition Bidco (Skechers) Twilio Inc. Diversified Healthcare Trust	2.6% 2.6% 2.5%
Rithm Capital Corp. Full House Resourts Inc.	2.5% 2.5%

Top ten holdings are as of September 30, 2025. Fund holdings are subject to change and are not recommendations to buy or sell any security.

Our view is more mixed. While we are monitoring key economic data

closely, the performance of the businesses we follow has generally remained favorable. We could say the same about the tone of the frequent discussions with management teams that we have quarterly. This, of course, varies by sector and individual company, which is a key reason our investment process permits flexible sector exposure and allows us to take more concentrated positions in businesses that are better positioned to withstand further weakness.

In the event of a further slowdown, the impact on corporate bond prices seems less certain to us. Credit spreads probably widen, but this is likely to be offset at least partially by rate cuts. To that end, the Fed cut rates 25 basis points in September while market implied odds anticipate another two cuts for the balance of the year. Short-term treasury yields ended the quarter near their lows for calendar 2025. Should business performance remain resilient against a gradually slowing backdrop, it could set the stage for another period of strong performance for high yield bonds. Especially considering many issuers capitalized on the active refinancing window by extending maturities at favorable rates, providing flexibility to endure through a more challenging period.

As usual, we lack strong conviction on the direction of the macro economy but maintain high conviction in the credit quality of the few dozen businesses that the Fund holds. If spreads continue to remain extremely tight and/or rates reduce further, we expect to moderately reduce risk in the portfolio. In such case, it would be reasonable to expect us to slightly underperform the High Yield Index if it continues to pace at a similar rate of return as in the previous 2-3 years. Conversely, we would expect to improve downside protection and capital preservation in the event of a more systemic, adverse credit environment.

Our stated goal in this higher-rate environment has been to deliver equity-like returns with lower volatility. Because of our continued effort to provide downside protection, we have occasionally shared that we would typically not expect to keep up with the High Yield Index during a period of market exuberance. In light of our outperformance during this "frothy" quarter, we thought a further discussion would be helpful.

Put simply, we constantly assess the level of credit risk we take in the Fund and are especially guarded against applying a more risk-on posture in markets like the current one. Thus, we are confident that this quarter's strong performance was driven by a combination of idiosyncratic events in specific bonds as well as the outperformance of some positions that lagged during Q2.



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To support this point, the top three contributors during Q3 added just over 80 basis points to the Fund's performance during the third quarter. On the downside, the top three detractors amounted to a 10 basis points headwind. We normally expect a healthy amount of variance versus our comparative indices given our high active share and more concentrated positioning. But it would be fair to say that the alpha generated this quarter came from a handful of positions. We attribute this to a mix of good credit picking and some good luck rather than riskier, beta-driven positioning.

Looking forward, we will continue to focus on identifying opportunities in our core niche of small issue, off-the-run fixed income securities. If there is anything we can do to serve you better, please give us a call. Thank you for your trust and investment.

Sincerely,

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Past performance is not a guarantee of future results.

Mutual Fund investing involves risk. Principal loss is possible. Investments in debt securities typically decrease in value when interest rates rise. The risk is generally greater for longer term debt securities. Investments by the Fund in lower-rated and non-rated securities present a greater risk of loss to principal and interest than higher rated securities. The Fund may invest in foreign securities which involve greater volatility and political, economic and currency risks and differences in accounting methods.

This material must be preceded or accompanied by a prospectus. The Funds' investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses must be considered carefully before investing. The prospectus contains this and other important information about the investment company. Please read it carefully before investing. A hard copy of the prospectus can be requested by calling 866-996-FUND (3863).



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The ICE BoA US High Yield Index tracks the performance of US dollar denominated below investment grade corporate debt publicly issued in the US domestic market. Qualifying securities must have a below investment grade rating (based on an average of Moody's, S&P and Fitch), at least 18 months to final maturity at the time of issuance, at least one year remaining term to final maturity as of the rebalancing date, a fixed coupon schedule and a minimum amount outstanding of \$250 million. Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index is an index representing about 8,200 fixed income securities. To be included in the index, bonds must be rated investment grade by Moody's and S&P. ICE BoA US Corporate Index is an unmanaged index of U.S. dollar denominated investment grade corporate debt securities publicly issued in the U.S. domestic market with at least one-year remaining term to final maturity. The Bloomberg US Gov/Credit 1-5Y TR Index measures the performance of U.S. dollar-denominated U.S. Treasury bonds, government-related bonds, and investment-grade U.S. corporate bonds that have a remaining maturity of greater than or equal to one year and less than five years. The ICE BoA CCC & Lower Index tracks the performance of US dollar denominated below investment grade corporate debt publicly issued in the US domestic market. Qualifying securities must have a rating of CCC or lower (based on an average of Moody's, S&P and Fitch).

The 30-day SEC yield calculation is an annualized measure of the respective fund's dividend and interest payments for the last 30 days, less the respective fund expenses. The 30-day subsidized SEC yield reflects fee waivers and/or expense reimbursements during the period. The 30-Day unsubsidized SEC yield reflects what a fund's 30-Day SEC yield would have been had no fee waivers or expense reimbursement been in place over the period.

Bond ratings are grades given to fixed income securities that indicate their credit quality as determined by private independent rating services such as Standard & Poor's, Moody's and Fitch. These firms evaluate a bond issuer's financial strength, or its ability to pay a bond's principal and interest in a timely fashion. Ratings are expressed as letters ranging from 'AAA', which is the highest grade, to 'D', which is the lowest grade. In limited situations when the rating agency has not issued a formal rating, the rating agency will classify the security as nonrated. Intrepid utilizes Standard & Poor's credit ratings when tabulating the ratings for individual fixed income securities.

A high-yield bond is a high paying bond with lower credit rating than investment-grade corporate bonds, Treasury bonds and municipal bonds. Bonds in high yield indices tend to be less liquid and more volatile than U.S. Treasuries. Corporate bonds come with significant credit risks and, although sometimes secured by collateral, do not have any guarantee of principal repayment. U.S. Treasury Bonds are long-term government debt securities with a maturity of more than 10 years. They are guaranteed as to the timely payment of principal and interest and are backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government. Investment Grade (IG) is a bond with credit rating of BBB or higher by Standard & Poor's or Baa3 or higher by Moody's.

Duration is an approximate measure of the price sensitivity of a fixed-income investment to a change in interest rates, expressed as a number of years. Call is an option contract that gives the holder the right to buy a certain quantity of an underlying security from the writer of the option, at a specified price up to a specified date.

Yield-to-worst (YTM) is a measure of the lowest possible yield that can be received on a bond that fully operates within the terms of its contract without defaulting. It is a type of yield that is referenced when a bond has provisions that would allow the issuer to close it out before it matures.

Yield-to-call (YTC) is the return a bondholder will be paid if the bond is held until the call date, which will occur sometime before the bond reaches maturity.

Free cash flow, or cash flow, represents the cash a company generates after accounting for cash outflows to support operations and maintain its capital assets.

Basis point is a standard financial measure for interest rates. One basis point equals 1/100th of 1%.

Current yield is the annual income (interest or dividends) divided by the current price of the security.

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