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RidgeWorth Funds sub-advisor navigates 2008 well

ATLANTA – In a year where the only categories that produced positive returns seemed to be money market funds and government-related bond funds, Seix Investment Advisors LLC was able to successfully navigate the market environment with three intermediate investment grade bond funds it sub-advises for the RidgeWorth Funds.

The RidgeWorth Investment Grade Bond, Intermediate Bond and Total Return Bond Funds and their A, C and I share classes collectively took seven of the top eight rankings for the year ending 12/31/08, among their 571 Lipper Intermediate Investment Grade Bond peers (based on total return, not including sales charges).

Fund Name	Lipper Category	Percentile Rank (Actual Rank)			
		1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Investment Grade Bond – I	Intermediate Investment Grade Bond	1% (1)	1% (1)	1% (1)	15% (30)
Investment Grade Bond – A		1% (3)	1% (4)	2% (4)	22% (43)
Investment Grade Bond – C		2% (6)	3% (12)	11% (40)	50% (100)
Intermediate Bond – I		1% (2)	1% (3)	2% (5)	N/A
Intermediate Bond – A		1% (4)	2% (6)	N/A	N/A
Intermediate Bond – C		2% (8)	11% (49)	N/A	N/A
Total Return Bond – I		2% (7)	2% (9)	2% (6)	11% (22)
Total Return Bond – A		2% (11)	5% (22)	7% (25)	N/A
Total Return Bond – C		5% (26)	13% (59)	N/A	N/A
<i>Total Number of Funds</i>			571	466	393

The RidgeWorth Investment Grade Bond Fund is the #1 Fund in the Lipper category for the 1-, 3- and 5-year periods. The three funds also have 5-star overall ratings from Morningstar in the Intermediate-Term Bond category, based on risk-adjusted return (period ending 12/31/08).

Jim Keegan, Chief Investment Officer of Seix and portfolio manager of the three funds, said “I think the key for us is that we understand the role of bonds in an investor’s portfolio. Bonds are the foundation. Our clients aren’t looking for outsized risk from us, just income and capital preservation. In managing our portfolios, we do stringent credit research before we add a name to our portfolio and continually monitor while we hold it.” There are several sectors that Keegan and team underweighted or avoided in 2008, including Financials. “We weren’t at all surprised by what transpired in 2008. The degree of leverage in the system was astronomical. People didn’t seem to realize that some of the investment banks, for instance, were so leveraged that a 3-5% drop in the value of their assets would render them insolvent. Nobody’s that good.”

Keegan believes that 2009 will be a year characterized by a global synchronized recession with massive government stimulus/ fiscal deficits. He does believe that there will be opportunities in the investment grade corporate sector and that his team is well-positioned to take advantage of them. For more information about these three funds and Keegan's thoughts on 2008 and 2009, visit www.ridgeworthfunds.com/seix.

For information about any of the other RidgeWorth Funds, please visit www.ridgeworthfunds.com.

Past performance does not guarantee future results.

For each fund with at least a 3-year history, Morningstar calculates a Morningstar Rating based on a Morningstar Risk-Adjusted Return measure that accounts for variation in a fund's monthly performance (including the effects of sales charges, loads, and redemption fees), placing more emphasis on downward variations and rewarding consistent performance. The top 10% of funds in each category receive 5 stars, the next 22.5% receive 4 stars, the next 35% receive 3 stars, the next 22.5% receive 2 stars and the bottom 10% receive 1 star. (Each share class is counted as a fraction of one fund within this scale and is rated separately, which may cause slight variations in the distribution percentages.) The Overall Morningstar Rating for a fund is derived from a weighted average of the performance figures associated with its 3-, 5- and 10-year (if applicable) Morningstar Rating metrics. Morningstar Rating is for the Institutional share class only; other classes may have different performance characteristics.

Intermediate Bond Fund I Shares received a 5-star rating for overall performance, 5 stars for 3-year performance among 991 Intermediate-Term Bond funds, and 5 stars for 5-year performance among 857 funds. For the 10-year period ending 12/31/08, the Morningstar Rating is not available.

Investment Grade Bond Fund I Shares received a 5-star rating for overall performance, 5 stars for 3-year performance among 991 Intermediate-Term Bond funds, 5 stars for 5-year performance among 857 funds, and 4 stars for 10-year performance among 458 funds.

Total Return Bond Fund I Shares received a 5-star rating for overall performance, 5 stars for 3-year performance among 991 Intermediate-Term Bond funds, 5 stars for 5-year performance among 857 funds, and 4 stars for 10-year performance among 458 funds.

STI Classic Funds became the RidgeWorth Funds on 3/31/08.

An investor should consider the fund's investment objectives, risks, and charges and expenses carefully before investing or sending money. This and other important information about the RidgeWorth Funds can be found in the fund's prospectus. To obtain a prospectus, please call 1-888-784-3863 or visit www.ridgeworthfunds.com. Please read the prospectus carefully before investing.

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