# SVB Asset Management Verification Report

December 31, 2023





# **Verification Report**

SVB Asset Management

We have verified whether SVB Asset Management (the "Firm") has, for the periods from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2023, established policies and procedures for complying with the Global Investment Performance Standards (GIPS®) related to composite and pooled fund maintenance and the calculation, presentation, and distribution of performance that are designed in compliance with the GIPS standards, as well as whether these policies and procedures have been implemented on a firm-wide basis. GIPS<sup>®</sup> is a registered trademark of CFA Institute. CFA Institute does not endorse or promote this organization, nor does it warrant the accuracy or quality of the content contained herein.

The Firm's management is responsible for its claim of compliance with the GIPS standards and the design and implementation of its policies and procedures. Our responsibilities are to be independent from the Firm and to express an opinion based on our verification. We conducted this verification in accordance with the required verification procedures of the GIPS standards, which includes testing performance on a sample basis. We also conducted such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, for the periods from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2023, the Firm's policies and procedures for complying with the GIPS standards related to composite and pooled fund maintenance, as well as the calculation, presentation, and distribution of performance, have been, in all material respects:

- Designed in compliance with the GIPS standards, and
- Implemented on a firm-wide basis.

Verifications covering the periods from April 1, 2003 through December 31, 2015 were performed by other verification firms, whose reports expressed unqualified opinions thereon.

This report does not relate to or provide assurance on any specific performance report of the Firm or on the operating effectiveness of the Firm's controls or policies and procedures for complying with the GIPS standards.

ACA Group

ACA Group, Performance Services Division

March 13, 2024



#### Cash Composite GIPS Composite Report January 2014 – December 2023

Year	Net of Fees	ICE BofAML 3 Mo US	3 Yr	Dev	Internal Dispersion	Composite Assets	Total Firm Assets	
		T-Bill Index	Composite	Benchmark		(at period end)	(\$M)	(\$ M)
2023	5.15%	5.02%	0.67%	0.65%	0.07%	32	2,217.29	32,085.93
2022	1.28%	1.53%	0.32%	0.34%	0.18%	75	8,201.38	89,633.54
2021	0.07%	0.05%	0.32%	0.32%	N/A <sup>1</sup>	30	2,383.7	85,613.09
2020	0.81%	0.66%	0.25%	0.27%	0.19%	26	1,488.5	69,456.17
2019	2.47%	2.28%	0.21%	0.20%	0.06%	37	2,388.4	45,882.06
2018	2.00%	1.87%	0.21%	0.20%	0.04%	44	1,801.8	38,514.31
2017	0.96%	0.86%	0.10%	0.11%	0.04%	21	1,339.0	28,790.62
2016	0.57%	0.33%	0.08%	0.05%	N/A	19	598.5	22,778.99
2015	0.30%	0.05%	0.05%	0.02%	N/A	9	384.1	22,222.04
2014	0.10%	0.04%	0.05%	0.02%	N/A	9	284.8	18,148.85

N/A<sup>1</sup>: Composite Dispersion is not presented for composites with 5 or fewer portfolios in the composite for the entire year.

Period – As of 12/31/2023	Net of Fees	ICE BofAML 3 Mo US T-Bill Index
1-Year	5.15%	5.02%
5-Year	1.94%	1.89%
10-Year	1.36%	1.26%

\*Performance is annualized for periods greater than 1 year.

- 1. SVB Asset Management claims compliance with the Global Investment Performance Standards (GIPS®) and has prepared and presented this report in compliance with the GIPS standards. SVB Asset Management has been independently verified for the periods April 1, 2003 through December 31, 2023. The verification reports are available upon request. A firm that claims compliance with the GIPS standards must establish policies and procedures for complying with all the applicable requirements of the GIPS standards. Verification provides assurance on whether the firm's policies and procedures related to composite and pooled fund maintenance, as well as the calculation, presentation, and distribution of performance, have been designed in compliance with the GIPS standards and have been implemented on a firm-wide basis. Verification does not provide assurance on the accuracy of any specific performance report.
- 2. SVB Asset Management is a registered investment adviser and a wholly owned, non-bank subsidiary of First-Citizens Bank & Trust Company. Member FDIC. Registration with the SEC does not in any way constitute an endorsement by the SEC of an investment adviser's skill or expertise. SAM manages short-term fixed income investments for primarily U.S. based corporate clients. Prior to March 2023, SAM was a non-bank affiliate of Silicon Valley Bank established in 2002. On March 10, 2023, SVB Asset Management's former parent company, Silicon Valley Bank ("SVB"), was closed by the California Department of Financial Protection and Innovation, and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") was appointed receiver. Subsequently, on March 13, 2023, in an action designed to protect all depositors of SVB, the FDIC transferred all deposits, both insured and uninsured, and substantially all assets of the former SVB to a newly created, full-service FDIC-operated 'bridge bank,' Silicon Valley Bridge Bank, National Association ("SVBB"), chartered by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency as a national bank. The bridge bank structure is designed to "bridge" the gap between the failure of a bank and the time when the FDIC can stabilize the institution and implement an orderly resolution. For more information, please see the official press release of the FDIC from March 13, 2023, here: FDIC: PR-19-2023 3/13/2023. Following the above events, on March 27, 2023, the FDIC entered into a purchase and assumption agreement with First-Citizens Bank & Trust Company ("FCB"), organized under the laws of the State of North Carolina, for all deposits and loans, as well as certain other assets, of SVBB, and SVBB was placed into receivership. As part of this transaction, SVB Asset Management became a wholly owned, non-bank subsidiary of First Citizens Bancshares, Inc., a publicly traded company (NASDAQ: FCNCA)).
- 3. The Cash Composite consists of accounts whose performance is measured against the ICE BofAML 3-month US Treasury Bill Index. The Cash strategy focuses on the liquidity requirements of a client who makes frequent withdraws. As of July 2022, ICE benchmarks now include transactions costs in the total return. This adjustment is applied to new additions to an index and to any securities whose weights increase in the index at each monthly rebalancing beginning 6/30/2022. Accounts managed to the Cash strategy have a targeted average maturity between 70 and 170 days. Portfolios managed to the Cash strategy will typically be invested in a mix of asset types that may include U.S. Treasuries, U.S. Government agencies, corporate bonds, bank debt, municipals and money market funds. Given the short-term nature of the strategy, investments once made are rarely sold unless the liquidity needs of the client change. This composite was created April 2006 and was incepted on April 1, 2006. All valuations and returns are in U.S. dollars. The minimum portfolio size for the Cash Composite is \$9,000,000.
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### Cash Composite GIPS Composite Report January 2014 – December 2023

\$50- \$99,999,999 million: 12 bps per annum; \$100 -\$149,999,999 million: 10 bps per annum, \$150-\$199,999,999 million: 8 bps per annum; \$200-\$299,999,999 million: 6 bps per annum; \$300 million and over: 5 bps per annum. SVB Asset Management bills based on average monthly balance and does not include money market instruments or cash in its fee calculations.

- 5. The internal dispersion of annual returns is measured by the standard deviation of equal-weighted portfolio net returns represented within the composite for the full year. Prior to January 1, 2011, the internal dispersion measure used was the asset-weighted standard deviation. For periods with 5 or fewer accounts included for the entire year, internal dispersion is not presented (n/a) as it is not considered meaningful. The three-year annualized ex-post standard deviation measures the variability of the composite net returns and the benchmark returns over the preceding 36-month period.
- 6. The benchmark for the composite is the ICE BofAML US 3-Month Treasury Bill Index. The ICE BofAML US 3-month US Treasury Bill Index is comprised of a single issue purchased at the beginning of the month and held for a full month. At the end of the month, that issue is sold and rolled into a newly selected issue. The issue selected at each month-end re-balancing is the outstanding Treasury Bill that matures closest to, but not beyond 3 months from the re-balancing date. To qualify for selection, an issue must have settled on or before the re-balancing (month-end) date. While the index will often hold the Treasury Bill issued at the most recent or prior 3-month auction, it is also possible for a seasoned 6-month or 1-Year Bill to be selected. (Source: ICE BofAML). The returns of the benchmark are provided to represent the investment environment existing during the time period shown and are not covered by the report of independent verifiers.
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## Enhanced Cash Composite GIPS Composite Report

January 2014 – December 2023

	Net of CANA LICE OF Interna		Internal	Number of	Composite	Total Firm		
Year	Fees	6 Mo US T-Bill Index	Composite	Benchmark	Dispersion	Portfolios (at period end)	Assets (\$ M)	Assets (\$ M)
2023	5.13%	5.15%	0.73%	0.69%	0.10%	65	5,993.3	32,085.93
2022	0.89%	1.30%	0.40%	0.44%	0.21%	119	18,722.2	89,633.54
2021	0.02%	0.09%	0.37%	0.43%	0.05%	78	13,942.5	85,613.09
2020	1.02%	1.05%	0.29%	0.37%	0.17%	50	9,043.5	69,456.17
2019	2.56%	2.57%	0.23%	0.23%	0.09%	57	5,415.5	45,882.06
2018	1.96%	1.80%	0.20%	0.18%	0.05%	46	3,804.4	38,514.31
2017	0.92%	0.95%	0.14%	0.15%	0.06%	57	3,834.4	28,790.62
2016	0.69%	0.67%	0.14%	0.12%	0.09%	54	3,538.0	22,778.99
2015	0.32%	0.22%	0.11%	0.07%	0.08%	41	2,866.7	22,222.04
2014	0.19%	0.12%	0.09%	0.03%	0.05%	34	2,021.7	18,148.85

Period – As of 12/31/2023	Net of Fees	ICE BofAML 6 Mo US T-Bill Index
1-Year	5.13%	5.15%
5-Year	1.91%	2.01%
10-Year	1.36%	1.38%

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- 3. The Enhanced Cash Composite consists of accounts whose performance is measured against the ICE BofAML 6-month US Treasury Bill Index. As of July 2022, ICE benchmarks now include transactions costs in the total return. This adjustment is applied to new additions to an index and to any securities whose weights increase in the index at each monthly rebalancing beginning 6/30/2022. The Enhanced Cash strategy focuses on the liquidity requirements of a client who either makes frequent withdraws on a regular basis or large withdrawals on a less frequent basis. Accounts managed to the Enhanced Cash strategy have a targeted average maturity between 125 and 350 days. Portfolios managed to the Enhanced Cash strategy have a targeted average maturity between 125 and 350 days. Portfolios managed to the Enhanced Cash strategy have a targeted average maturity between 125 and 350 days. Portfolios managed to the Enhanced Cash strategy have a targeted average maturity between 125 and 350 days. Portfolios managed to the Enhanced Cash strategy have a targeted average maturity between 125 and 350 days. Portfolios managed to the Enhanced Cash strategy have a targeted average maturity between 125 and 350 days. Portfolios managed to the Enhanced Cash strategy have a targeted average maturity between 125 and 350 days. Portfolios managed to the Enhanced Cash strategy have a targeted average maturity between 125 and 350 days. Portfolios managed to the Enhanced Cash strategy have a targeted average maturity between 125 and 350 days. Portfolios managed to the Enhanced Cash strategy will typically be invested in a mix of asset types that may include U.S. Treasuries, U.S. Government agencies, corporate bonds, bank debt, municipals and money market funds. Given the short-term nature of the strategy, investments once made are rarely sold unless the liquidity needs of the client change. This composite was created April 2006 and incepted on April 1, 2006. All valuations and returns are in U.S. dollars. The minimum portfolio size for the Enh
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- 5. Percentage of assets under management in the Enhanced Cash Composite that are non-fee paying as a result of a temporary program implemented due to market conditions: 12/31/15 0.86%. All other periods do not have non-fee-paying accounts.
- 6. The internal dispersion of annual returns is measured by the standard deviation of equal-weighted portfolio net returns represented within the composite for the full year. For periods with 5 or fewer accounts included for the entire year, internal dispersion is not presented (n/a) as it is not considered meaningful. The three-year annualized ex-post standard deviation measures the variability of the composite net returns and the benchmark returns over the preceding 36-month period.
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### TR 6 Month Composite GIPS Composite Report May 2014 – December 2023

	Net of	Net of ICE BofAML 3 Yr Dev Internal		Number of	Composite	Total Firm		
Year	Fees	6 Mo US T-Bill Index	Composite	Benchmark	Dispersion	Portfolios (at period end)	Assets (\$ M)	Assets (\$ M)
2023	5.19%	5.15%	0.74%	0.69%	N/A	2	286.5	32,085.93
2022	0.78%	1.30%	0.44%	0.44%	N/A	4	468	89,633.54
2021	0.02%	0.09%	0.40%	0.43%	N/A	6	879.2	85,613.09
2020	1.31%	1.05%	0.32%	0.37%	N/A	3	263.4	69,456.17
2019	2.65%	2.57%	0.26%	0.23%	N/A	4	944.5	45,882.06
2018	1.94%	1.80%	0.23%	0.18%	N/A	6	841.0	38,514.31
2017	0.91%	0.95%	0.18%	0.15%	0.11%	18	1,764.7	28,790.62
2016	0.80%	0.67%	N/R	N/R	0.07%	18	1,786.7	22,778.99
2015	0.32%	0.22%	N/R	N/R	0.06%	11	1,457.5	22,222.04
2014*	0.08%	0.06%	N/R	N/R	N/A	9	721.3	18,148.85

\*Performance is for a partial year beginning May 2014.

Period – As of 12/31/2023	Net of Fees	ICE BofAML 6 Mo US T-Bill Index	
1-Year	5.19%	5.15%	
5-Year	1.97%	2.01%	
Since-Inception	1.44%	1.42%	

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# Ultra-Short Bond Composite **GIPS Composite Report**

January 2014 – December 2023

	Net of	ICE BofAML	3Yr	Dev	Internal	Number of	Composite	Total Firm
Year	Fees	1 Yr US T-Bill Index	Composite	Benchmark	Dispersion	Portfolios (at period end)	Assets (\$ M)	Assets (\$ M)
2023	5.07%	5.06%	0.81%	1.06%	N/A	3	356.61	32,085.93
2022	0.32%	-0.91%	0.55%	0.90%	0.56%	16	3,290.54	89,633.54
2021	-0.07%	-0.07%	0.45%	0.72%	N/A	13	3,355.7	85,613.09
2020	1.47%	1.82%	0.35%	0.66%	N/A	4	861.3	69,456.17
2019	2.57%	2.93%	0.25%	0.41%	N/A	2	405.7	45,882.06
2018	1.94%	1.53%	0.22%	0.29%	N/A	2	397.2	38,514.31
2017	0.89%	0.57%	0.16%	0.26%	N/A	2	282.9	28,790.62
2016	0.80%	0.76%	0.17%	0.25%	N/A	2	313.3	22,778.99
2015	0.44%	0.15%	0.16%	0.16%	N/A	3	358.5	22,222.04
2014	0.26%	0.18%	0.17%	0.11%	N/A	5	289.8	18,148.85

Period – As of 12/31/2023	Net of Fees	ICE BofAML 1 Yr US T-Bill Index
1-Year	5.07%	5.06%
5-Year	1.86%	1.74%
10-Year	1.36%	1.19%

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# **TR 1 Year Composite GIPS Composite Report**

January 2014 – December 2023

	Net of	ICE BofAML	3 Yr	Dev	Internal	Number of	Composite	Total Firm
Year	Fees	' 1 Yr US T-Bill Index	Composite	Benchmark	Dispersion	Portfolios (at period end)	Assets (\$ M)	Assets (\$ M)
2023	5.40%	5.06%	1.06%	1.06%	N/A	2	1,248.68	32,085.93
2022	-0.64%	-0.91%	0.87%	0.90%	N/A	4	1,668.1	89,633.54
2021	-0.16%	-0.07%	N/R	N/R	N/A	4	2,183.0	85,613.09
2020	2.07%	1.82%	N/R	N/R	N/A	4	1,176.5	69,456.17
2019**	2.66%	2.66%	N/R	N/R	N/A	2	207.0	45,882.06
2018*	1.20%	1.07%	N/R	N/R	N/A	1	97.2	38,514.31
2017	0.85%	0.57%	0.22%	0.26%	N/A	5	102.2	28,790.62
2016	0.89%	0.76%	0.24%	0.25%	0.06%	6	883.8	22,778.99
2015	0.44%	0.15%	N/R	N/R	0.06%	10	1,402.3	22,222.04
2014	0.32%	0.18%	N/R	N/R	N/A	8	749.8	18,148.85

\*Performance is for the period through September 30, 2018.

\*\*Performance is for the period beginning January 31, 2019.

Period – As of 12/31/2023	Net of Fees	ICE BofAML 1 Yr US T-Bill Index		
1-Year	5.40%	5.06%		
Since-Inception	1.87%	1.72%		
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- The Total Return 1-Year (TR 1-Year) composite consists of accounts whose performance is measured against the ICE BofAML 1-Year US 3 Treasury Note Index. As of July 2022, ICE benchmarks now include Transactions costs in the total return. This adjustment is applied to new additions to an index and to any securities whose weights increase in the index at each monthly rebalancing beginning 6/30/2022. The TR 1-Year strategy focuses on relative performance. Accounts managed to the TR 1-Year strategy have a targeted average maturity between 300 to 395 days. Portfolios managed to the TR 1-Year strategy will typically be invested in a mix of asset types that may include US Treasuries, US Government agencies, corporate bonds, bank debt, municipals and money market funds. This composite was created in May 2014 and incepted on January 1, 2014. All valuations and returns are in U.S. dollars. The minimum portfolio size for the TR 1-Year Composite is \$9,000,000.
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# TR 1-3 Year Strategic Cash Composite GIPS Composite Report

December 2014 – January 2023

		ICE BofAML	3 Yı	Dev		Number of Portfolios (at period end)	Composite	Total Firm
Year	Net of Fees	1-3 Yr US Corp & Gov Index	Composite	Benchmark	Internal Dispersion		Assets (\$ M)	Assets (\$ M)
2023*	0.54%	0.78%	1.30%	1.69%	N/A	1	259.03	
2022	-2.10%	-4.08%	1.30%	1.66%	N/A	2	424.91	89,633.54
2021	-0.71%	-0.41%	0.94%	0.96%	N/A	2	453.8	85,613.09
2020	3.15%	3.35%	0.78%	0.95%	N/A	1	146.7	69,456.17
2019	3.31%	4.07%	0.64%	0.90%	N/A	1	142.2	45,882.06
2018	1.65%	1.63%	0.48%	0.80%	N/A	2	294.0	38,514.31
2017	0.79%	0.86%	0.48%	0.71%	N/A	2	341.9	28,790.62
2016	0.86%	1.29%	0.52%	0.73%	N/A	3	320.0	22,778.99
2015	0.79%	0.67%	0.48%	0.57%	N/A	2	148.3	22,222.04
2014	0.76%	0.78%	N/R	N/R	N/A	2	60.0	18,148.85

\*Performance is for January 2023, Total Firm Assets are only shown as of calendar year end.

Period – As of 1/31/2023	Net of Fees	ICE BofAML 1-3 Yr US Corp & Gov Index
1-Year	-1.02%	-2.68%
5-Year	1.16%	1.08%
10-Year	0.95%	0.94%

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- 5. Percentage of assets under management in the TR 1-3 Year Strategic Cash Composite that are non-fee paying as a result of a temporary program implemented due to market conditions: 12/31/13 100.00%. All other periods do not have non-fee-paying accounts. Non-fee-paying accounts are reduced by a model management fee of 0.15%, which is the highest management fee charged to any account in the composite.
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