

Fund

Muzinich Flexible US High Yield Income Fund

Portfolio Commentary

In the US, risk assets¹ rallied in May as volatility declined in both the Treasury and equity markets. Fixed income posted positive returns as rates moved lower and longer duration² assets outperformed; investment grade³ outperformed high yield⁴ this month given the duration bias of the higher quality asset class, while high yield outperformed syndicated loans since the latter are floating rate⁵ and therefore exposed to very little interest rate duration. The US government curve outperformed its European government peers, as a string of sticky inflationary data forced investors to pare back the speed of policy normalization from the European Central Bank and the Bank of England.

Strategy and Outlook

In this environment, the fund generated positive returns and outperformed its benchmark⁶. Strong credit selection continued to be the driving force behind this month's outperformance across nearly all factors. On a sector basis, strong credit selection of cable/satellite TV, automotive & auto parts, and chemicals bonds bolstered returns, while a relative underweight of healthcare bonds detracted. By duration, the portfolio benefitted most meaningfully from strong credit selection and an underweight of 1-3 years duration bonds. From a relative rating perspective, our strong credit selection of B+ and B rated credit led outperformance this month.

Primary markets remained broadly active for both investment grade⁷ and high yield⁸ this month. Within high yield, most of the new issuance was the refinancing of existing debt; there is no technical pressure on the market despite the robust calendar. We have a sense that issuers who may have previously held off on issuing debt are now taking the opportunity to seize the moment with spreads⁹ close to year-to-date low levels. We have also seen a resurgence of longer-dated issuance (particularly in Europe); perhaps another indication that issuers do not expect rates to settle significantly lower than current levels.

All data from Bloomberg unless otherwise stated.

All references to market performance are sourced from Bloomberg as of May 31st, 2024. One cannot invest directly in an Index. Index returns do not reflect any fees, expenses, or sales charges. See next page for Important Information and index descriptions.

¹JOA0 – The ICE BofA US Cash Pay High Yield Index tracks the performance of US dollar denominated below investment grade corporate debt. COA0 – The ICE BofA US Corporate Index tracks the performance of US dollar denominated investment grade corporate debt publicly issued in the US domestic market. ²Duration is a measure of the sensitivity of the price -- the value of principal -- of a fixed-income investment to a change in interest rates, expressed as a number of years. ³COA0 – The ICE BofA US Corporate Index tracks the performance of US dollar denominated investment grade corporate debt publicly issued in the US domestic market. ⁴JOA0 – The ICE BofA US Cash Pay High Yield Index tracks the performance of US dollar denominated below investment grade corporate debt. ⁵A floating interest rate is an interest rate that moves up and down with the market or index. ⁶JVCA – The ICE BofA 1-5 Year BB-B US Cash Pay High Yield Constrained Index contains all securities in the ICE BofA US Cash Pay High Yield Index that are rated BB1 through B3, based on an average of Moody's, S&P and Fitch, with a maturity less than five years, but caps issuer exposure at 2%. ⁷An investment grade credit rating signals that a corporate or municipal bond presents a relatively low risk of default. ⁸High-yield bonds are bonds that pay higher interest rates because they have lower credit ratings than investment-grade bonds. ⁹Spread is the difference between yields on differing debt instruments of varying maturities, credit ratings, issuer, or risk level, calculated by deducting the yield of one instrument from the other.

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