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# PIMCO Diversified Income Fund

**Quarterly Investment Report | 1Q24** 

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# **Executive summary**

### Portfolio Performance

The Diversified Income Fund (Inst share class net of fees) outperformed its primary benchmark during the first quarter. The Fund outperformed its secondary benchmark (net of fees) during the first quarter.

#### CONTRIBUTORS

- Overweight exposure to high yield via CDX contributed amid dovish sentiment from the Fed
- Tactical exposure to securitized credit contributed as spreads tightened
- Positioning within emerging markets, particularly exposure to a select South America sovereign contributed

#### DETRACTORS

- Positioning within high yield industrials, particularly an underweight to retail, detracted
- Euro duration positioning detracted as rates rose

Class:	INST
Inception date:	31 Jul '03
Fund assets (in millions):	\$3,344.70
Gross expense ratio:	0.76%
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Adjusted expense ratio: 0.75% The Adjusted Expense Ratio excludes certain investment expenses, such as interest expense from borrowings and repurchase agreements and dividend expense from investments on short sales, incurred directly by the Fund or indirectly through the Fund's investments in underlying PIMCO Funds (if applicable), none of which are paid to PIMCO.

Summary information	31	Mar '24
30-day SEC yield		5.88%
Distribution yield		4.73%
Effective duration (yrs)		5.00
Benchmark duration - prov	ider (yrs)*	5.72
Benchmark duration - PIMO	CO (yrs)**	5.09
Effective maturity (yrs)		8.39
Average coupon		5.11%
Net currency exposure		-0.40%
Tracking error (10 yrs)		2.28
Information ratio (10 yrs)		0.28
Top 5 overweight industries (MV%)	Portfolio	BM**
Pipelines	3.58	2.27
Airlines	1.76	0.55
Financial Other	3.32	2.20
Wireless	2.13	1.40
Gaming	1.57	0.86
Top 5 underweight industries (MV%)	Portfolio	BM**
Electric Utility	2.63	4.89
Banks	6.24	8.18
Retailers	0.33	1.88
Automotive	0.66	2.09
Metals & Mining	0.28	1.41

Performance periods ended 31 Mar '24	3 mos.	6 mos.	1 yr.	3 yrs.	5 yrs.	10 yrs.	SI
Fund before fees	1.51	9.63	9.83	0.51	2.64	4.25	6.55
Fund after fees	1.32	9.23	9.01	-0.24	1.88	3.48	5.76
Benchmark*	0.40	7.75	6.63	-1.05	1.65	2.89	4.38
Secondary Benchmark**	0.98	8.88	8.73	-0.03	2.20	3.40	5.62

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## Portfolio strategy

We are cautiously constructive across DM credit asset classes as fundamentals remain resilient and are focusing on bottom up opportunities in crossover credit as well as relative value opportunities in credit derivatives versus cash bonds. We are also seeing value in assets that exhibit resiliency to elevated rates.

We have a cautious approach to EM exposure, staying selective and emphasizing high quality energy exporters set to benefit from better terms of trade, as well as gaming operators in Macao where revenues are recovering to pre-COVID levels.

We continue to maintain exposure to non-core credit such as certain senior securitized sectors.

\*Bloomberg Global Credit Hedged USD Index; \*\*1/3 each - Bloomberg Global Aggregate Credit ex Emerging Markets, USD Hedged; ICE BofAML BB-B Rated Developed Markets High Yield Constrained Index, USD Hedged; and JPMorgan EMBI Global, USD Hedged

# **Quarter in Review**

## Persistent inflation pushed yields and year-end rate projections higher

A perceived "last mile" problem in the Fed's battle against inflation led bond markets to retrace their Q4'23 rally and bring expectations for 2024 cuts in line with the Fed's dot plot. Risk sentiment remained robust despite the possibility of "higher-for-longer" rates, with the MSCI World finishing the quarter up 9.01% and credit spreads broadly tightening. The Fed paused once again and maintained its forecast for three 25-basis-point rate cuts in 2024. Global developed central banks largely followed suit, with both the ECB and BoE leaving rates on hold. Meanwhile, in Japan, the BoJ raised its policy rate for the first time since 2007, marking the end of negative interest rate policies.



Yields rose broadly across developed markets as inflation remained firm and economic activity robust. In the U.S., dovish remarks from officials bolstered risk sentiment even as investors adjusted expectations for rate cuts in 2024.

Credit spreads tightened over the first quarter amid resilient growth and dovish sentiment from the Federal Reserve.

Source: EM (emerging markets) represented by JPM EMBIG Index, IG (investment grade) represented by the Bloomberg Global Credit Index, HY (high yield) Represented by the ICE BofAML BB-B Developed Market Index

#### Source: Bloomberg

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Mar '24

Spread to treasuries (bps)

# **Market Summary**

## Performance

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#### Duration

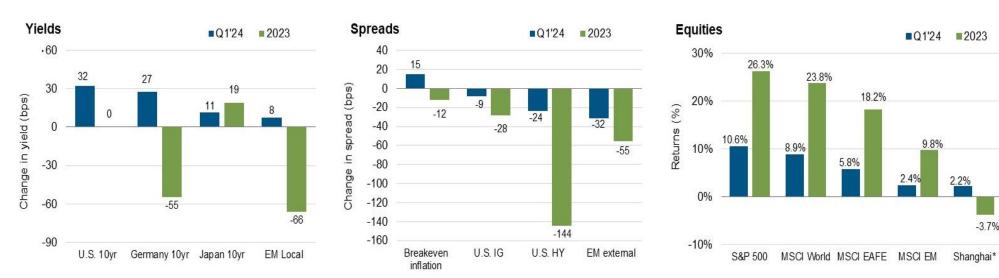
Yields rose broadly across developed markets as inflation remained firm and economic activity robust, particularly in the U.S. While central banks generally held policy rates steady, including in the U.S., U.K., and Europe, dovish remarks from officials bolstered risk sentiment even as investors adjusted expectations for rate cuts in 2024. In Japan, the BoJ hiked rates for the first time in 17 years, ending its negative interest rate policy.



We remain constructive on the securitized sector. We favor non-Agency RMBS as the US housing market continues to be supported by high home equity values, low unemployment, and strong consumer balance sheets. Fundamentals are also supported by structural credit enhancements that make these securities resilient under a range of economic outcomes. Agency MBS remains attractive given historically cheap valuations driven by the Federal Reserve and banks concurrently reducing their balance sheets.

#### High Yield CDX

We continue to emphasize exposure via CDX given superior liquidity, favorable basis, and diversification benefits.



Source: U.S. 10yr, Germany 10yr, Japan 10yr, Breakeven inflation (Bloomberg); EM local (JPMorgan GBI-EM Global Diversified Composite Yield to Maturity Index); U.S. investment grade credit (Bloomberg U.S. Credit Index); U.S. high yield credit (ICE BofA High Yield Constrained Index); EM external (JPMorgan Emerging Bond Index Global Sovereign Spread); S&P 500 (S&P 500 Total Return Index); MSCI EAFE (MSCI EAFE Net Total Return USD Index); MSCI EM (MSCI Emerging Net Total Return USD Index); \*Shanghai (Shanghai Stock Exchange Composite Index).

1: Bloomberg U.S. Credit Total Return Unhedged USD Index

2: MSCI World Net Total Return USD Index

3: MSCI Emerging Net Total Return USD Index

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Look global	Greater-than-usual focus on bond markets outside of the U.S.
Lock in elevated yields	Intermediate maturities can offer a "sweet spot" with markets expecting cash rates to fall
Favor high quality	Up-in-quality bias in both public and private credit markets
Go active	Differentiated macro paths present compelling opportunities for active investors

Source: PIMCO

# **Portfolio Outlook**

## Portfolio Outlook

Higher savings balances and a slower pass-through of monetary policy in the U.S. relative to other developed markets could, in our view, keep inflation above the Fed's 2% target over the cyclical horizon. We still expect the Fed to start normalizing policy at midyear, similar to other DM central banks; however, the Fed's subsequent rate-cutting path could be more gradual. Additionally, we believe that an economic soft landing is achievable, but both recessionary and inflationary risks remain elevated in the aftermath of unprecedented global shocks to supply and demand. Credit market technicals are mixed as demand remains sensitive amid rate/macro volatility but is expected to pick up at higher yield levels. Valuations are expensive versus long-term median levels, which warrants a patient approach and focus on maintaining liquidity and flexibility in portfolios, capitalizing on opportunities as they present themselves. We continue to seek out high conviction opportunities, with a preference for sectors that have historically been more resilient to higher rates and non-cyclical sectors that may be better anchored in an economic slowdown. Our bottom-up positioning emphasizes companies with high barriers to entry, pricing power, asset coverage, and management teams that favor bondholders in the capital structure.

#### **Key strategies**

#### **Spread Sector Strategies**

We emphasize a selective approach to take advantage of potential opportunities across both primary and secondary markets as they arise focusing on crossover credit and relative value opportunities in credit derivatives versus cash bonds.

#### **Non-core Credit Strategies**

We remain constructive on the securitized sector. We are constructive on non-Agency RMBS as the US housing market is supported by high home equity values, low unemployment, and strong consumer balance sheets. Agency MBS remains attractive given historically cheap valuations driven by the Federal Reserve and banks concurrently reducing their balance sheets.

#### **Country-specific Strategies**

Our positioning within developed markets continues to be focused in the US, but we are monitoring opportunities in other developed markets. We remain selective in emerging markets, focusing on issuers with strong fundamentals, healthy liquidity, and lack of solvency issues.

#### **Macro Strategies**

We are staying close to the benchmark in terms of duration exposure with a preference for the belly of the curve given attractive carry opportunities. Overall, we do not anticipate taking large duration positions versus the benchmark and expect to stay close to neutral. The Fund maintains limited FX exposure.

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## **Sector exposure**

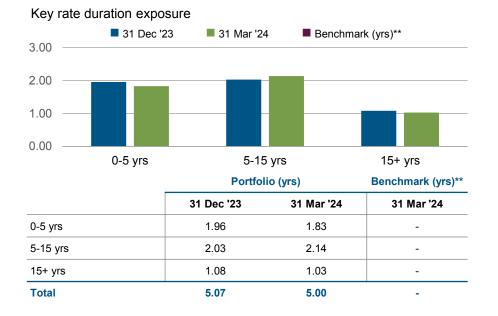
		Portf	olio		
	% of Mar	ket value	Duration in	years	
	31 Dec '23	31 Mar '24	31 Dec '23	31 Mar '24	
US Government Related	8.55	1.57	0.64	0.34	
Government - Treasury	8.55	3.98	0.64	0.48	
US Agency	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Swaps and Liquid Rates	0.00	-2.41	0.00	-0.13	
Securitized*	21.80	24.85	0.73	0.91	
Invest. Grade Credit	23.20	23.26	1.13	1.06	
High Yield Credit	24.22	25.55	0.48	0.48	
Non-USD Developed	17.04	23.33	0.67	0.73	
Emerging Markets**	19.73	19.73	1.10	1.15	
Bonds and Other Long Duration Instruments	19.09	19.12	1.10	1.15	
EM Short Duration Instruments	0.64	0.61	-0.00	0.00	
Other***	2.69	3.16	0.27	0.30	
Net Other Short Duration Instruments****	-17.23	-21.45	0.05	0.03	
Commingled Cash Vehicles	8.05	8.91	0.01	0.01	
Certificate of Deposit/Commercial Paper/STIF	0.15	0.48	-0.00	-0.00	
Government Related	6.42	3.41	0.05	0.01	
MBS/ABS	1.82	1.61	0.00	0.00	
Credit	0.13	0.25	0.00	0.00	
Bankers Acceptance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Other***	0.97	4.54	-0.00	0.00	
Short Duration Derivatives and Derivative Offsets	-24.11	-24.98	0.00	0.00	
Net Unsettled Trades	-10.66	-15.67	0.00	0.00	
Total	100	100	5.07	5.00	

\*Securitized includes Agency MBS, non-Agency MBS, CMBS, ABS, CDO, CLO, and Pooled Funds.

\*\*Emerging markets instruments includes an emerging market security or other instrument economically tied to an emerging market country by country of risk with an effective duration less than one year and rated investment grade or higher or if unrated, determined to be similar quality by PIMCO. Emerging Markets includes the value of short duration emerging markets instruments previously reported in another category.

\*\*\*\*Net Other Short Duration Instruments includes securities and other instruments (except instruments tied to emerging markets by country of risk) with an effective duration less than one year and rated investment grade or higher or, if unrated, determined by PIMCO to be of comparable quality, commingled liquidity funds, uninvested cash, interest receivables, net unsettled trades, broker money and derivatives offset. With respect to certain categories of short duration securities, the Adviser reserves the discretion to require a minimum credit rating higher than investment grade for inclusion in this category.

# **Portfolio characteristics**



#### Interest rate exposure

	Portfo	lio (yrs)	Benchmark (yrs)**		
	31 Dec '23	31 Mar '24	31 Mar '24		
Effective duration	5.07	5.00	5.09		
Bull market duration	5.05	4.91	5.12		
Bear market duration	5.21	5.10	5.04		
Spread duration	•				
Mortgage spread duration	0.90	1.10	0.00		
Corporate spread duration	2.19	2.28	2.86		
Emerging markets spread duration	1.55	1.65	2.24		
Swap spread duration	0.15	0.03	0.00		
Covered bond spread duration	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Sovereign related spread duration	0.00	0.00	0.28		

#### Derivative exposure (% of duration)

	31 Dec '23	31 Mar '24
Government futures	7.99	6.34
Interest rate swaps	3.04	0.63
Credit default swaps*	9.90	13.42
Purchased swaps	0.00	0.00
Written swaps	9.90	13.42
Options	0.00	0.00
Purchased Options	0.00	0.00
Written Options	0.00	0.00
Mortgage Derivatives	0.01	0.01
Money Market Derivatives	0.00	0.00
Futures	0.00	0.00
Interest rate swaps	0.00	0.00
Other Derivatives	0.00	0.00

\* Shown as a percentage of market value

\*\*Benchmark duration is calculated by PIMCO

Secondary Benchmark: 1/3 each - Bloomberg Global Aggregate Credit ex Emerging Markets, USD Hedged; ICE BofAML BB-B Rated Developed Markets High Yield Constrained Index, USD Hedged; and JPMorgan EMBI Global, USD Hedged

# **Country and currency exposure**

#### Country exposure by currency of settlement

	31 Dec	'23	31 Ma		
	Duration (yrs)	FX (%)	Duration (yrs)	FX (%)	1
United States	4.24	99.89	4.09	100.40	
Japan	-0.09	-0.01	-0.08	0.21	_
Eurozone	0.67	-0.03	0.67	0.04	
Austria	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	
Euro Currency	0.00	-0.03	0.00	0.04	
European Union	0.42	0.00	0.35	0.00	
Germany	0.21	0.00	0.28	0.00	1
Italy	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	
United Kingdom	0.12	-0.01	0.16	0.03	
Europe non-EMU	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	
Switzerland	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	
Dollar Block	0.11	0.02	0.13	-0.98	
Australia	0.05	0.03	0.05	0.03	
Canada	0.06	-0.01	0.09	-1.01	
Other Industrialized	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.05	
Countries	0.00	0.00	-0.00	-1.05	
South Korea	0.00	0.00	-0.00	-0.48	- T
Taiwan	0.00	0.00	-0.00	-0.57	-
EM - Asia	-0.00	-0.02	0.00	-0.25	1
China	-0.00	-0.02	-0.00	-0.79	-
India	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.39	- 1
Indonesia	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.15	
EM - Latin America	0.02	0.04	0.04	0.81	- 1
Brazil	-0.00	-0.01	0.00	0.25	
Mexico	0.00	0.01	0.02	0.51	- 1
Peru	0.02	0.04	0.02	0.05	-
EM - CEEMEA	0.00	0.10	0.00	0.79	
South Africa	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.39	
Turkey	0.00	0.09	0.00	0.39	- 1
Total	5.07	100	5.00	100	

Emerging markets exposure by country of risk 31 Dec '23 31 Mar '24									
	% of MV short duration Instruments		Duration (yrs)	% of MV short duration Instruments	% of MV bonds	Duration (yrs)			
Albania	0.00	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.00			
Angola	0.00	0.21	0.01	0.00	0.22	0.01			
Argentina	0.00	0.78	0.02	0.00	0.79	0.02			
Azerbaijan	0.00	0.34	0.00	0.00	0.34	0.00			
Brazil	0.04	0.44	0.02	0.04	0.87	0.05			
China	0.00	0.36	0.02	0.01	0.31	0.02			
Colombia	0.00	1.50	0.07	0.00	1.46	0.06			
Costa Rica	0.00	0.09	0.01	0.00	0.08	0.01			
Cote dIvoire	0.00	0.38	0.01	0.00	0.29	0.01			
Dominican Republic	0.00	0.83	0.06	0.00	0.73	0.04			
Ecuador	0.00	0.39	0.01	0.00	0.44	0.02			
Egypt	0.00	0.58	0.03	0.00	0.70	0.03			
El Salvador	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.00			
EM Index Product	-0.03	0.00	0.00	-0.03	0.00	0.00			
Ghana	0.00	0.23	0.00	0.00	0.27	0.01			
Guatemala	0.00	0.25	0.01	0.00	0.24	0.01			
Hungary	-0.01	0.86	0.03	0.00	0.41	0.03			
India	0.00	0.12	0.00	0.00	0.08	0.00			
Indonesia	0.06	1.76	0.19	0.05	1.70	0.18			
Jordan	0.00	0.15	0.01	0.00	0.15	0.01			
Kazakhstan	0.00	0.24	0.02	0.00	0.24	0.02			
Kenya	0.00	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.13	0.01			
Macedonia	0.00	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.00			
Mexico	0.57	2.37	0.22	0.55	2.53	0.23			
Nigeria	0.00	0.52	0.02	0.00	0.52	0.02			
Pakistan	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.09	0.00			
Panama	0.00	0.57	0.04	0.00	0.88	0.06			
Paraguay	0.00	0.16	0.01	0.00	0.22	0.02			
Peru	0.00	0.62	0.04	0.00	0.62	0.04			
Romania	0.00	0.46	0.05	0.00	0.54	0.05			
Russia	0.00	0.33	0.02	0.00	0.26	0.01			
Senegal	0.00	0.07	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.00			
Serbia & Montenegro	0.00	0.40	0.02	0.00	0.40	0.02			
South Africa	0.00	1.15	0.05	0.00	0.95	0.05			
Sri Lanka	0.00	0.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			
Turkey	0.00	1.87	0.07	-0.01	1.48	0.07			

# **Country and currency exposure**

	31	Dec '23	-	31 Mar '24						
	Instruments bonds		Duration (yrs)	% of MV short duration Instruments	% of MV bonds	Duration (yrs)				
Ukraine	0.00	0.37	0.00	0.00	0.46	0.00				
Venezuela	0.00	0.22	0.00	0.00	0.19	0.00				
Vietnam	0.00	0.11	0.00	0.00	0.11	0.00				
Total	0.64	19.09	1.10	0.61	19.12	1.15				

#### Emerging markets exposure by country of risk

#### PIMCO Diversified Income Fund (net of fees performance)

		Maximum												
	Maximum Sales	Deferred Sales	Gross	Net	Adjusted									
	Charge	Charge	expense	expense	expense	NAV	Class							
Performance periods ended: 31 Mar '24	(Load)	(Load)	ratio	ratio	ratio	currency	Inception date	3 mos.	6 mos.	1 yr.	3 yrs.	5 yrs.	10 yrs.	SI
Class A (at NAV)	3.75	1.00	1.16	-	1.15	USD	31 Jul '03	1.22	9.01	8.58	-0.63	1.47	3.07	5.33
Class A (at MOP)	3.75	1.00	1.16	-	1.15	USD	31 Jul '03	-2.57	4.92	4.51	-1.89	0.70	2.67	5.14
Class ADMIN	-	-	1.01	-	1.00	USD	29 Oct '04	1.26	9.09	8.74	-0.48	1.62	3.22	5.49
Class C (at NAV)	-	1.00	1.91	-	1.90	USD	31 Jul '03	1.04	8.61	7.78	-1.38	0.71	2.30	4.55
Class C (at MOP)	-	1.00	1.91	-	1.90	USD	31 Jul '03	0.04	7.61	6.78	-1.38	0.71	2.30	4.55
Class I-2	-	-	0.86	-	0.85	USD	30 Apr '08	1.30	9.17	8.90	-0.34	1.77	3.37	5.65
Class I-3	-	-	0.96	0.91	0.90	USD	27 Apr '18	1.29	9.15	8.85	-0.39	1.72	3.32	5.59
Class INST	-	-	0.76	-	0.75	USD	31 Jul '03	1.32	9.23	9.01	-0.24	1.88	3.48	5.76
Bloomberg Global Credit Hedged USD Index								0.40	7.75	6.63	-1.05	1.65	2.89	4.38
1/3 each - Bloomberg Global Aggregate Credit ex Emerging Markets, USD Hedged; ICE BofAML BB-B Rated Developed Markets High Yield Constrained Index, USD Hedged; and JPMorgan EMBI Global, USD Hedged								0.98	8.88	8.73	-0.03	2.20	3.40	5.62

The Net Expense Ratio for the I-3 Class reflects a contractual supervisory and administrative fee waiver and/or expense reduction in place through 31 July 2024 and renews automatically for a full year unless terminated by PIMCO in accordance with the terms of the agreement. See the Fund's prospectus for more information.

The Adjusted Expense Ratio excludes certain investment expenses, such as interest expense from borrowings and repurchase agreements and dividend expense from investments on short sales, incurred directly by the Fund or indirectly through the Fund's investments in underlying PIMCO Funds (if applicable), none of which are paid to PIMCO.

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Class A shares are subject to an initial sales charge (as a percentage of offering price). A CDSC (as a percentage of the lower of the original purchase price or redemption price) may be imposed in certain circumstances on Class A shares that are purchased without an initial sales charge and then redeemed during the first 12 months after purchase. Class C shares are subject to a CDSC, which may apply in the first year.

For the periods prior to the inception date of a share class, performance information is based on the performance of the Fund's oldest class shares, adjusted to reflect the fees and expenses paid by that class of shares.

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#### The performance figures presented reflect the performance for the institutional class unless otherwise noted.

A note about Sector exposure: Other indicates swaps and securities issued in euros.

A note about Emerging markets exposure by country of risk: country of risk reflects the country of incorporation of the ultimate parent company.

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Acronyms and definitions of investment terms used throughout the report:

Alpha is a measure of performance on a risk-adjusted basis calculated by comparing the volatility (price risk) of a portfolio vs. its risk-adjusted performance to a benchmark index; the excess return relative to the benchmark is alpha.

Average coupon is the average of the coupon payments of the underlying bonds within the portfolio.

Average effective maturity is a weighted average of all the maturities of the bonds in a portfolio, computed by weighting each bond's effective maturity by the market value of the security.

"Bend-but-not-break" refers to credits that PIMCO would not expect to default in a credit-stressed environment.

Beta is a measure of price sensitivity to market movements. Market beta is 1.

Breakeven inflation rate (or expectation) is a market-based measure of expected inflation or the difference between the yield of a nominal and an inflation-linked bond of the same maturity.

**Carry** is the rate of interest earned by holding the respective securities.

The terms "cheap" and "rich" as used herein generally refer to a security or asset class that is deemed to be substantially under- or overpriced compared to both its historical average as well as to the investment manager's future expectations. There is no guarantee of future results or that a security's valuation will ensure a profit or protect against a loss.

#### **CPI** is the Consumer Price Index.

The credit quality of a particular security or group of securities does not ensure the stability or safety of an overall portfolio. The quality ratings of individual issues/issuers are provided to indicate the creditworthiness of such issues/issuer and generally range from AAA, Aaa, or AAA (highest) to D, C, or D (lowest) for S&P, Moody's, and Fitch respectively.

Dividend yield is represented by the weighted average coupon divided by the weighted average price.

**Duration** is the measure of a bond's price sensitivity to interest rates and is expressed in years.

Effective duration is the duration for a bond with an embedded option when the value is calculated to include the expected change in cash flow caused by the option as interest rates change.

Forward curve is a function graph that defines the prices at which a contract for future delivery or payment can be concluded today.

Fallen angel is a bond that was initially given an investment grade rating but has since been reduced to below investment grade status.

**GFC** is the Global Financial Crisis.

Information ratio is a ratio of portfolio returns above the returns of a benchmark to the volatility of those returns.

Like-duration Securities are calculated by the index provider by comparing the index return to a hypothetical matched position in the security.

LNG is Liquefied Natural Gas.

The **Option Adjusted Spread (OAS)** measures the spread over a variety of possible interest rate paths. A security's OAS is the average return an investor will earn over Treasury returns, taking all possible future interest rate scenarios into account. The OAS is the net spread over the swap curve that will on average be earned if the security is held to maturity.

Rising star is the term given to a bond that was rated high yield but has since been upgraded to investment grade.

"Risk assets" are any financial security or instrument that are likely to fluctuate in price.

Risk premia is the return in excess of the risk-free rate of return an investment is expected to yield.

Roll yield is the yield that a futures investor captures as their long position in a futures contract converges to the spot price.

"Safe haven" is an investment that is expected to retain or increase in value during times of market turbulence.

"Safe Spread" is defined as sectors that we believe are most likely to withstand the vicissitudes of a wide range of possible economic scenarios. All investments contain risk and may lose value.

The SEC yield is an annualized yield based on the most recent 30 day period. The subsidized yield includes contractual expense reimbursements and it would be lower without those reimbursements. The Unsubsidized 30 day SEC Yield excludes contractual expense reimbursements.

Tracking error measures the dispersion or volatility of excess returns relative to a benchmark.

To relate the price sensitivity of ILBs to changes in nominal yields, yield beta is applied to nominal changes to arrive at a price sensitivity of ILBs to changes in nominal rates. A **yield beta** of 0.90 implies that if nominal yields move 100 basis points, real yields will move 90 basis points. ILBs with long maturity may respond differently to changes in nominal rates than shorter maturity ILBs.

The distribution yield for monthly paying Funds is calculated by annualizing actual dividends distributed for the monthly period ended on the date shown and dividing by the net asset value on the last business day for the same period. The distribution yield for quarterly paying Funds is calculated by taking the average of the prior four quarterly distribution yields. The quarterly distribution yields are calculated by annualizing actual dividends distributed for the prior four quarterly distribution yields. The quarterly distribution yields are calculated by annualizing actual dividends distributed for the quarterly period ended on the most recent quarterly distribution date and dividing by the net asset value for the same date. The yield does not include long- or short-term capital gains distributions.

Asset-Backed Security (ABS); Bank of England (BOE); Bank of Japan (BOJ); Breakeven Inflation (BEI); Collateralized Debt Obligation (CDO); Collateralized Loan Obligation (CLO); Commercial Mortgage-Backed Security (CMBS); Developed Markets (DM); Emerging Markets (EM); Federal Reserve Board (The Fed); Europe Central Bank (ECB); Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC); Foreign Exchange (FX); Gross Domestic Product (GDP); Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC); High Yield (HY); Inflation-Linked Bond (ILS); Investment Grade (IG); Leveraged-buyout (LBO); Loan-to-Value (LTV); Master Limited Partnership (MLP); Mortgage-Backed Security (MBS); Market Weighted Spread (MWS); Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT); Residential Mortgage-Backed Security (RMBS); Treasury Inflation-Protected Security (TIPS); Year-over-Year (YoY)

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