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PIMCO Mortgage Opportunities and Bond Fund

Quarterly Investment Report | 1Q24

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Executive summary

Portfolio Performance

The Mortgage Opportunities Fund returned 1.53% (net of fees) in Q1. Agency MBS relative value strategies, structured Agency MBS positions and exposure to senior non-Agency MBS positions contributed to performance during the quarter. Conversely, U.S. duration positioning detracted from performance.

CONTRIBUTORS

- Agency MBS relative value strategies
- Structured Agency MBS positions
- Exposure to senior non-Agency CMBS

DETRACTORS

U.S. duration positioning

| Class: | INST |
|----------------------------|------------|
| Inception date: | 22 Oct '12 |
| Fund assets (in millions): | \$9,190.10 |
| Gross expense ratio: | 1.35% |
| Adjusted expense ratio: | 0.60% |

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 | 5.64% |
| Distribution yield | 7.47% |
| Effective duration (yrs) | 2.92 |
| Effective maturity (yrs) | 4.27 |
| Average coupon | 3.62% |
| Tracking error (10 yrs) | 3.07 |
| Information ratio (10 yrs) | 0.49 |

| Sector allocation | Dur. (yrs) | MV |
|-----------------------------------|------------|---------|
| GNMA MBS | 0.97 | 16.80% |
| FNMA, FHLMC and Other Agency MBS | 2.23 | 79.50% |
| Non-Agency MBS | 0.63 | 12.69% |
| Home Equity ABS | 0.43 | 9.68% |
| CMBS | 0.07 | 6.69% |
| Other MBS | 0.25 | 8.91% |
| U.S. Government Related | -0.88 | -21.80% |
| Other | 0.03 | 0.98% |
| Net Short Duration Instruments | -0.81 | -13.44% |
| Total | 2.92 | 100% |

Performance periods ended 31 Mar '24 3 mos. 6 mos. 1 yr. 3 yrs. 5 yrs. 10 yrs. Fund before fees 1.68 6.08 7.20 1.53 3.02 3.75 Fund after fees 1.53 5.77 6.57 0.93 2.40 3.13 Benchmark* 1.35 2.74 5.44 2.80 2.24 1.64

Performance quoted represents past performance. Past performance is not a guarantee or a reliable indicator of future results. Investment return and the principal value of an investment will fluctuate. Shares may be worth more or less than original cost when redeemed. Current performance may be lower or higher than performance shown. For performance current to the most recent month end, visit pimco.com or call 888.87.PIMCO.

Portfolio strategy

Interest rate strategies: We tactically adjust our exposure to duration as a way to diversify the spread risk within the portfolio.

Agency MBS relative value strategies: We look to adjust our Agency MBS spread exposure as a function of valuations. During the quarter, we maintained our relative Agency MBS spread exposure and continue to find attractive relative value opportunities. Mortgage credit strategies: We remain constructive on mortgage credit, with a preference for senior non-Agency RMBS. We are taking a selective approach to risk-taking in CMBS, and we continue to prefer select ABS and CLOs among high quality spread assets.

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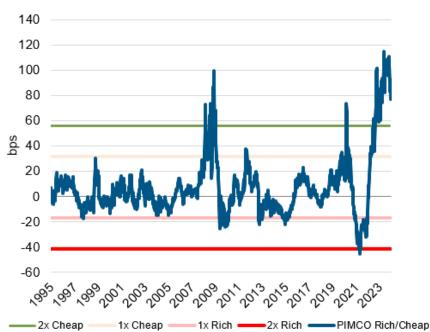
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Quarter in Review

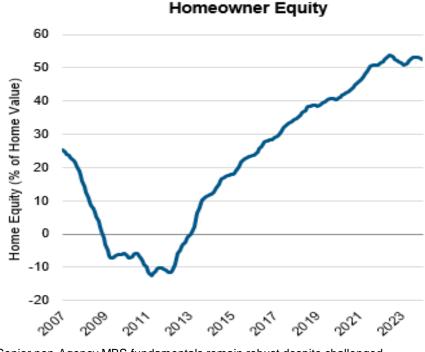
The mortgage market continues to offer compelling relative value opportunities at attractive valuations

Agency MBS¹ returned -1.04% in the first quarter, underperforming like-duration Treasuries by 14 bps. Legacy non-Agency residential MBS spreads tightened during the quarter while non-Agency CMBS² returned 1.97%, outperforming like-duration Treasuries by 240 bps.



Volatility-Adjusted MBS Spreads

Spreads widened during the first quarter and Agency MBS valuations remain at attractive levels from a historical standpoint.



Senior non-Agency MBS fundamentals remain robust despite challenged affordability.

Source: PIMCO Homeowner equity measured by 100% - loan to value ratio.

Source: PIMCO 1 Represented by the Bloomberg Fixed Rate MBS Index ² Represented by the Bloomberg Investment Grade Non-Agency CMBS Index

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Market Summary

Mortgages underperformed during the quarter as spreads widened.

Agency MBS widened in Q1 and remain at attractive levels.

Interest rates

U.S. interest rates increased during the quarter and we decreased the Fund's duration exposure. We continue to utilize interest rate options to help hedge extension and prepayment risk.

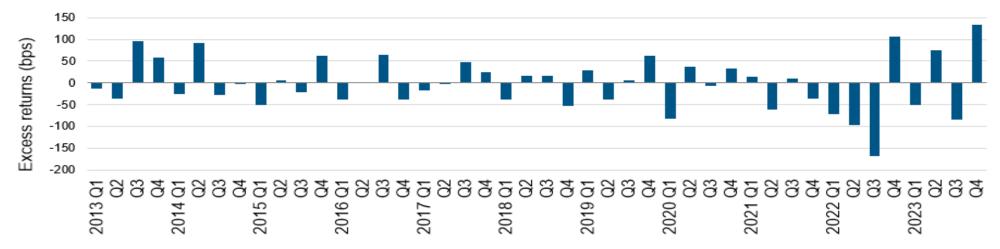
Agency MBS

Agency MBS underperformed like-duration Treasuries during the quarter, with higher coupons outperforming lower coupons. GNMA MBS outperformed conventional MBS during the quarter.

Mortgage credit

We continue to maintain exposure to senior non-Agency RMBS and CMBS. Senior non-Agency MBS stand out as attractive and benefit from the steady U.S. housing market, which is supported by limited long-term supply and strong borrower fundamentals. We are taking a cautious and selective approach in CMBS markets, focusing on securities with stable cash flow profiles that are resilient across a wide range of economic scenarios.

Bloomberg Fixed Rate MBS quarterly performance



Source: Bloomberg

| 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

5 As of 31 March 2024

Portfolio Outlook

Strategic Positioning

MBS spreads remain at attractive levels when compared historically. Gross issuance was up 18% m/m and flat y/y in March. The Fed continued to allow about \$20bn of MBS to roll off its balance sheet and U.S. mortgage rates decreased to 7.25% in March. Despite elevated mortgage rates, we do not believe that challenged affordability will have a material impact on fundamental quality of non-Agency MBS.

Key strategies

Interest rate strategies

We maintain a moderate absolute long exposure to duration and continue to scale exposure based on interest rate levels and compensation for risk. We believe duration is a useful diversifier to the fund's mortgage credit exposure

Agency MBS relative value

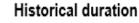
We remained short in lower coupons given continued demand pressures and maintained exposure to higher coupons given stronger valuations and expected carry.

Mortgage credit

Source: PIMCO

Senior non-Agency MBS remain an area of high conviction given compelling base case yields and seniority in the capital structure. We are taking a cautious and selective approach to CMBS, and we continue to prefer select ABS and CLOs among high quality spread assets.

Position









Historical non-Agency MBS market weighted spread duration



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Sector exposure

| | Portfolio | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|------------|------------------|------------|------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| | % of Marl | ket value | Duration | in years | | | | | |
| | 31 Dec '23 | 31 Mar '24 | 31 Dec '23 | 31 Mar '24 | | | | | |
| GNMA MBS | 11.22 | 16.80 | 0.60 | 0.97 | | | | | |
| FNMA, FHLMC and Other Agency MBS | 86.86 | 79.50 | 2.40 | 2.23 | | | | | |
| Non-Agency MBS | 12.49 | 12.69 | 0.62 | 0.63 | | | | | |
| Home Equity ABS | 10.18 | 9.68 | 0.42 | 0.43 | | | | | |
| CMBS | 7.17 | 6.69 | 0.06 | 0.07 | | | | | |
| Other MBS | 9.10 | 8.91 | 0.26 | 0.25 | | | | | |
| US Government Related | -23.13 | -21.80 | -0.02 | -0.88 | | | | | |
| Other*** | 1.24 | 0.98 | 0.03 | 0.03 | | | | | |
| Net Short Duration Instruments**** | -15.12 | -13.44 | -0.36 | -0.81 | | | | | |
| Commingled Cash Vehicles | 0.29 | 1.45 | 0.00 | 0.00 | | | | | |
| Commercial Paper/STIF | -0.01 | 0.05 | -0.00 | -0.00 | | | | | |
| Certificate of Deposit | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | | | | | |
| Government Related | 1.13 | 1.13 1.00 0.01 | | 0.01 | | | | | |
| Mortgage | 18.77 | 18.77 18.24 0.02 | | 0.03 | | | | | |
| ABS | 0.96 | 1.06 | 0.00 | 0.00 | | | | | |
| Credit | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | | | | | |
| Bankers Acceptance | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | | | | | |
| Other*** | -8.38 | -3.53 | -0.01 | -0.00 | | | | | |
| Money Market Futures/Options | 7.67 | -20.88 | 0.03 | -0.22 | | | | | |
| Swaps and Other Options | -20.75 | -58.58 | -0.41 | -0.62 | | | | | |
| Derivative Offset | 37.10 | 101.27 | 0.00 | 0.00 | | | | | |
| Net Unsettled Trades | -51.89 | -53.51 | 0.00 | 0.00 | | | | | |
| Fotal | 100 | 100 | 4.01 | 2.92 | | | | | |

***Investment vehicles not listed, allowed by prospectus.

****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

Key rate duration exposure 3.00
2.00
1.00
0.00
-1.00
0-5 yrs
5-15 yrs
15+ yrs

| | Portfo | Portfolio (yrs) | | | | | |
|----------|------------|-----------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| | 31 Dec '23 | 31 Mar '24 | | | | | |
| 0-5 yrs | 2.42 | 2.11 | | | | | |
| 5-15 yrs | 1.87 | 1.16 | | | | | |
| 15+ yrs | -0.27 | -0.36 | | | | | |
| Total | 4.02 | 2.91 | | | | | |

Interest rate exposure

| | Portfolio (yrs) | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|------------|--|--|--|--|
| | 31 Dec '23 | 31 Mar '24 | | | | |
| Effective duration | 4.02 | 2.92 | | | | |
| Bull market duration | 4.83 | 2.34 | | | | |
| Bear market duration | 4.16 | 3.56 | | | | |
| Spread duration | | | | | | |
| Mortgage spread duration | 6.12 | 6.04 | | | | |
| Corporate spread duration | 0.02 | 0.01 | | | | |
| Emerging markets spread duration | 0.03 | 0.03 | | | | |
| Swap spread duration | -1.16 | -2.59 | | | | |
| Covered bond spread duration | - | 0.00 | | | | |
| Sovereign related spread duration | - | 0.00 | | | | |

Derivative exposure (duration in yrs)

| | 31 Dec '23 | 31 Mar '24 |
|--------------------------|------------|------------|
| Government futures | 0.75 | 0.84 |
| Interest rate swaps | -0.57 | -1.68 |
| Credit default swaps* | 0.09 | 0.08 |
| Purchased swaps | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Written swaps | 0.09 | 0.08 |
| Options | -0.70 | -0.40 |
| Purchased options | -0.44 | -0.68 |
| Written options | -0.26 | 0.28 |
| Mortgage derivatives | 0.66 | 0.48 |
| Money market derivatives | -0.16 | -0.70 |
| Futures | 0.03 | -0.22 |
| Interest rate swaps | -0.20 | -0.48 |
| Other Derivatives | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| | | |

* Shown as a percentage of market value

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PIMCO Mortgage Opportunities and Bond Fund (net of fees performance)

| Performance periods ended: 31 Mar '24 | Maximum Sales Charge | Maximum Deferred Sales Charge | Gross expense ratio | Net expense ratio | Adjusted expense ratio | NAV | Class Inception date | 2 mag | 6 mos. | 1.100 | 2 1/10 | E vro | 10 1/20 | SI |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|--|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|----------|-------------------------|-------|--------|-------|--------|--------|---------|------|
| | (Load) | (Load) | | Tallo | | currency | | | | 1 yr. | 3 yrs. | 5 yrs. | 10 yrs. | |
| Class A (at NAV) | 3.75 | 1.00 | 1.75 | - | 1.00 | USD | 22 Oct '12 | 1.43 | 5.56 | 6.14 | 0.52 | 1.99 | 2.72 | 3.72 |
| Class A (at MOP) | 3.75 | 1.00 | 1.75 | - | 1.00 | USD | 22 Oct '12 | -2.41 | 1.59 | 2.13 | -0.76 | 1.22 | 2.33 | 3.37 |
| Class C (at NAV) | - | 1.00 | 2.50 | - | 1.75 | USD | 22 Oct '12 | 1.25 | 5.17 | 5.36 | -0.23 | 1.23 | 1.95 | 2.95 |
| Class C (at MOP) | - | 1.00 | 2.50 | - | 1.75 | USD | 22 Oct '12 | 0.25 | 4.17 | 4.36 | -0.23 | 1.23 | 1.95 | 2.95 |
| Class I-2 | - | - | 1.45 | - | 0.70 | USD | 22 Oct '12 | 1.51 | 5.71 | 6.46 | 0.82 | 2.30 | 3.02 | 4.03 |
| Class I-3 | - | - | 1.55 | 1.50 | 0.75 | USD | 27 Apr '18 | 1.49 | 5.69 | 6.41 | 0.77 | 2.25 | 2.97 | 3.98 |
| Class INST | - | - | 1.35 | - | 0.60 | USD | 22 Oct '12 | 1.53 | 5.77 | 6.57 | 0.93 | 2.40 | 3.13 | 4.14 |
| ICE BofA SOFR Overnight Rate Index | | | | | | | | 1.35 | 2.74 | 5.44 | 2.80 | 2.24 | 1.64 | 1.47 |

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.

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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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Past performance is not a guarantee or a reliable indicator of future results. The performance figures presented reflect the total return performance, unless otherwise noted, after fees and reflect changes in share price and reinvestment of dividend and capital gain distributions. All periods longer than one year are annualized. Periods less than one year are cumulative. The minimum initial investment for Institutional, I-2, I-3 and Administrative class shares is \$1 million; however, it may be modified for certain financial intermediaries who submit trades on behalf of eligible investors.

There is no assurance that any fund, including any fund that has experienced **high or unusual performance** for one or more periods, will experience similar levels of performance in the future. High performance is defined as a significant increase in either 1) a fund's total return in excess of that of the fund's benchmark between reporting periods or 2) a fund's total return in excess of the fund's historical returns between reporting periods. Unusual performance is defined as a significant change in a fund's performance as compared to one or more previous reporting periods.

Differences in the Fund's performance versus the index and related attribution information with respect to particular categories of securities or individual positions may be attributable, in part, to differences in the pricing methodologies used by the Fund and the index.

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Although the Fund may seek to maintain stable distributions, the Fund's distribution rates may be affected by numerous factors, including but not limited to changes in realized and projected market returns, fluctuations in market interest rates, Fund performance, and other factors. There can be no assurance that a change in market conditions or other factors will not result in a change in the Fund's distribution rate or that the rate will be sustainable in the future.

For instance, during periods of low or declining interest rates, the Fund's distributable income and dividend levels may decline for many reasons. For example, the Fund may have to deploy uninvested assets (whether from purchases of Fund shares, proceeds from matured, traded or called debt obligations or other sources) in new, lower yielding instruments. Additionally, payments from certain instruments that may be held by the Fund (such as variable and floating rate securities) may be negatively impacted by declining interest rates, which may also lead to a decline in the Fund's distributable income and dividend levels.

A word about risk: Absolute return portfolios may not fully participate in strong positive market rallies. Investing in the **bond market** is subject to risks, including market, interest rate, issuer, credit, inflation risk, and liquidity risk. The value of most bonds and bond strategies are impacted by changes in interest rates. Bonds and bond strategies with longer durations tend to be more sensitive and volatile than those with shorter durations; bond prices generally fall as interest rates rise, and low interest rate environments increase this risk. Reductions in bond counterparty capacity may contribute to decreased market liquidity and increased price volatility. Bond investments may be worth more or less than the original cost when redeemed. **Mortgage and asset-backed securities** may be sensitive to changes in interest rates, subject to early repayment risk, and their value may fluctuate in response to the market's perception of issuer creditworthiness; while generally supported by some form of government or private guarantee there is no assurance that private guarantors will meet their obligations. **High-yield, lower-rated, securities** involve greater risk than higher-rated securities; portfolios that do not. **Derivatives** may involve certain costs and risks such as liquidity, interest rate, market, credit, management and the risk that a position could not be closed when most advantageous. Investing in derivatives could lose more than the amount invested. **Diversification** does not ensure against loss.

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It is important to note that differences exist between the fund's daily internal accounting records, the fund's financial statements prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP, and recordkeeping practices under income tax regulations. It is possible that the fund may not issue a Section 19 Notice in situations where the fund's financial statements prepared later and in accordance with U.S. GAAP or the final tax character of those distributions might later report that the sources of those distributions included capital gains and/or a return of capital. Please see the fund's most recent shareholder report for more details.

ICE BofA SOFR Overnight Rate Index tracks the performance of a synthetic asset paying SOFR to a stated maturity. The index is based on the assumed purchase at par of a synthetic instrument having exactly its stated maturity and with a coupon equal to that days fixing rate. That issue is assumed to be sold the following business day (priced at a yield equal to the current day fixing rate) and rolled into a new instrument. It is not possible to invest directly in an unmanaged index.

The following defined terms are used throughout the report. Emerging market short duration 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. 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. Short duration derivatives offsets include: 1) derivatives with an effective duration less than one year and where the country of risk is not an emerging market country (for example, Eurodollar futures) and 2) offsets associated with investments in futures, swaps and other derivatives. Such offsets may be taken at the notional value of the derivative position which in certain instances may exceed the actual amount owed on such positions. Municipals/Other may include convertibles, preferred and yankee bonds.

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.

PIMCO uses an internal model for calculating effective duration, which may result in a different value for the duration of an index compared to the duration calculated by the index provider or another third party.

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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 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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