

## Total Return Bond Fund

#### PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

The Total Return Bond Fund returned 1.05% (Institutional, Income shares net of fees) and 1.12% (Institutional, Accumulation shares net of fees) in March, outperforming the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index by 0.13% (Institutional, Income shares net of fees) and 0.20% (Institutional, Accumulation shares net of fees). Year-to-date the Fund has returned -0.09% (Institutional, Income shares net of fees) and -0.03% (Institutional, Accumulation shares net of fees), while the benchmark returned -0.78%.

Equity markets continued their upward trajectory, while bond indices modestly rose as several global central banks sent dovish signals to the market. U.S. credit spreads tightened, and developed sovereign bond yields fell, while the dollar strengthened. In the U.S., the 10-year Treasury fell 5 bps to 4.20% as the Federal Reserve reaffirmed its expectation of three rate cuts in 2024. In Germany, the 10-year bund yield fell 11 bps to 2.30%. In the U.K., 10-year Gilt yields fell 19 bps to 3.93%, while 10-year Japanese government bond yields rose 2 bps to 0.73%.

#### Contributors

- An overweight to Agency MBS
- Tactical U.S. duration positioning
- Positions within securitized credit, particularly AAA CLOs and non-Agency MBS

#### **Detractors**

No notable detractors

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Performance (Net of Fees)	1 Mo.	3 Mos.	6 Mos.	1 Yr.	3 Yrs.	5 Yrs.	10 Yrs.	SI
Institutional, Acc (%)	1.12	-0.03	6.86	3.33	-2.74	0.54	1.62	4.38
Institutional, Inc (%)	1.05	-0.09	6.80	3.31	-2.75	0.53	1.61	4.35
Benchmark (%)	0.92	-0.78	5.99	1.70	-2.46	0.36	1.54	_

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Performance (Net of Fees)	Mar'2019- Mar'2020	Mar'2020- Mar'2021	Mar'2021- Mar'2022	Mar'2022- Mar'2023	Mar'2023- Mar'2024
Institutional, Acc (%)	8.00	3.38	-4.65	-6.64	3.33
Institutional, Inc (%)	8.05	3.34	-4.63	-6.65	3.31
Benchmark (%)	8.93	0.71	-4.15	-4.78	1.70

The following information is additional to, and should be read only in conjunction with, the calendar year performance data presented below.

Calendar Year (Net of Fees)	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	YTD
Institutional, Acc (%)	4.14	0.71	3.14	4.94	-1.06	8.96	9.17	-1.25	-15.26	6.27	-0.03
Institutional, Inc (%)	4.18	0.73	3.08	4.98	-1.06	8.95	9.17	-1.24	-15.27	6.29	-0.09
Benchmark (%)	5.97	0.55	2.65	3.54	0.01	8.72	7.51	-1.54	-13.01	5.53	-0.78

Current MIFID legislation prevents us from reporting performance data for funds with less than a 12 month track record. The benchmark is the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index

All periods longer than one year are annualised. SI is the performance since inception.

# The fund is considered to be actively managed in reference to the below benchmark as further outlined in the prospectus and key investor information document/key information document.

Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index represents securities that are SEC-registered, taxable, and dollar denominated. The index covers the U.S. investment grade fixed rate bond market, with index components for government and corporate securities, mortgage pass-through securities, and asset-backed securities. These major sectors are subdivided into more specific indices that are calculated and reported on a regular basis. It is not possible to invest directly in an unmanaged index.

#### **Key Facts**

•	Accumulation	Income				
Bloomberg Ticker	PIMTRAI	PIMTRBI				
ISIN	IE0002460867	IE0002459976				
Sedol	246086	242114				
CUSIP	G7096V252	G7096V260				
Valoren	844954	844959				
WKN	755614	A0CA28				
Inception Date	31/01/1998	25/04/2000				
Distribution	-	Quarterly				
Unified Management Fee	0.50% p.a.	0.50% p.a.				
Fund Type	UCITS					
Portfolio Manager	Mohit Mittal, Qi Wang, Mark Kiesel, Dan Ivascyn					
Total Net Assets	4.2 (USD in Billions)					
Fund Base Currency	USD					
Share Class Currency	USD					

Credit and Default Risk: A decline in the financial health of an issuer of a fixed income security can lead to an inability or unwillingness to repay a loan or meet a contractual obligation. This could cause the value of its bonds to fall or become worthless. Funds with high exposures to non-investment grade securities have a higher exposure to this risk. Currency Risk: Changes in exchange rates may cause the value of investments to decrease or increase. Derivatives and Counterparty Risk: The use of certain derivatives could result in the fund having a greater or more volatile exposure to the underlying assets and an increased exposure to counterparty risk. This may expose the fund to larger gains or losses associated with market movements or in relation to a trade counterparty being unable to meet its obligations. Emerging Markets Risk: Emerging markets, and especially frontier markets, generally carry greater political, legal, counterparty and operational risk. Investments in these markets may expose the fund to larger gains or losses. Liquidity Risk: Difficult market conditions could result in certain securities becoming hard to sell at a desired time and price. Interest Rate Risk: Changes in interest rates will usually result in the values of bond and other debt instruments moving in the opposite direction (e.g. a rise in interest rates likely leads to fall in bond prices). Mortgage Related and Other Asset Backed Securities Risks: Mortgage or asset backed securities are subject to similar risks as other fixed income securities, and may also be subject to prepayment risk and higher levels of credit and liquidity risk.

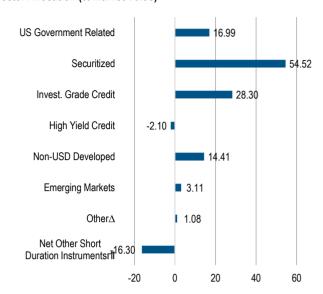
#### **MONTH IN REVIEW**

Interest rate strategies contributed to relative performance over the month. Tactical U.S. duration positioning contributed to relative performance.

Spread sector strategies contributed to relative performance over the month. An overweight to Agency MBS, and positions within securitized credit, particularly AAA CLOs and non-Agency MBS, contributed to relative performance.

Currency strategies contributed relative performance, driven by modest exposure to emerging market currencies, as the currencies appreciated relative to the U.S. dollar.

#### Sector Allocation (% Market Value)



#### **PORTFOLIO POSITIONING**

The Fund is modestly underweight headline duration relative to its benchmark with hedges in select regions. The Fund is modestly underweight U.S. duration but remains tactical given valuations. The Fund maintains modest long exposure to duration in Canada, particularly at the front-end of the curve and short exposure to duration in Japan.

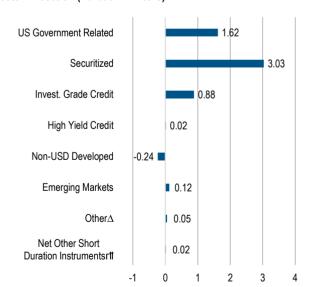
The Fund is underweight corporate credit overall, though maintains a bias toward high-quality issues with a preference for senior issues of large national champion banks.

The Fund maintains an overweight to Agency MBS given attractive valuations, favoring higher coupons due to ongoing reduction in the Fed's mortgage holdings and pull-back in lending. Agency MBS are AAA-rated assets that offer relatively attractive spread, high levels of resiliency, and good liquidity. The Fund continues to favor senior positions in securitized credit (non-Agency mortgages, AAA senior CLOs and CMBS) given inherent fundamental strength and the de-leveraging nature of the asset.

The Fund continues to be long TIPS as a hedge against the possibility of inflation being higher than currently priced in the markets.

The Fund remains focused on relative value trades with currencies, and has long exposure to a basket of currencies with attractive valuations, high real carry, and/or supportive fundamentals. The Fund uses a diversified basket of funding currencies from select developed markets and Asian emerging markets.

#### **Sector Allocation (Duration in Years)**



#### **OUTLOOK AND STRATEGY**

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 midvear, 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

The Fund is modestly underweight headline duration relative to its benchmark. The Fund is modestly underweight U.S. duration in aggregate, focusing on curve positioning. The Fund maintains a modest long exposure to duration in Canada, particularly at the front-end of the curve. The Fund maintains a short position to duration in Japan as an advantageous duration hedge.

The Fund maintains an underweight position to non-financial investment grade corporate credit and instead prefers to hold exposure to high-quality securitized assets, such as U.S. non-Agency Residential MBS and AAA tranches of CLOs. The Fund continues to be overweight Agency MBS, focusing on higher coupons due to the ongoing reduction in Fed's mortgage holdings and banks temporarily stepping back in the wake of SVB debacle. The Fund continues to be long TIPS as a hedge against the possibility of inflation being higher than currently priced in the

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#### **Fund Statistics**

Effective Duration (yrs)	5.51
Benchmark Duration (yrs)	6.21
Current Yield (%)⊕	3.81
Estimated Yield to Maturity (%)⊕	5.85
Annualised Distribution Yield (%)†	3.13
Average Coupon (%)	3.56
Effective Maturity (yrs)	7.11

Break-even inflation is the difference between the nominal yield on a fixed-rate investment and the real yield on an inflation-linked investment of similar maturity and credit quality. U.S. Federal Reserve (Fed); Mortgage-Backed Securities (MBS)
U.S. interest rate strategies encompass the Fund's duration, yield curve, convexity strategies and instrument selection.

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

Cardit spreads are the difference in yield between any type of bond, and a U.S. treasury of the same maturity.

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<sup>†</sup>Annualised Distribution Yield is as of last quarter ending 03/31/2024. Awhere permitted by the investment guidelines stated in the portfolios offering documents, "other" may include exposure to, convertibles, preferred, common stock, equity-related

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