

Fund

Muzinich Flexible US High Yield Income Fund

Portfolio Commentary

In the US, risk assets¹ delivered positive returns across the board in June. Economic data began to show signs of a slowdown in inflation and in the economy more broadly. In particular, CPI (Consumer Price Index) and PPI (Producer Price Index) growth waned dramatically month-over-month, the jobs data was softer than expected, consumer spending and confidence weakened, and high mortgage rates pressured home sales. Consequently, the yield curve² shifted lower, and the market tilted more definitively towards pricing in two rate cuts in 2024. As belief in the nearer-term likelihood of a soft-landing grew, returns were positive across most asset classes, with longer duration³ assets (i.e., equities and Treasuries) leading the way. Within corporate fixed income, modest spread⁴ widening caused returns to lag Treasuries. Leveraged loans and CCC rated credit were the least positive performers due to heavy repricing activity and idiosyncratic credit concerns, respectively.

Strategy and Outlook

In this environment, the fund generated positive returns but underperformed its benchmark⁵. Underperformance was primarily a function of exposure to select BB- rated bonds. On a sector basis, strong credit selection of consumer products, technology, and containers bonds bolstered returns, while exposure to select healthcare bonds detracted. By duration, the portfolio benefitted most meaningfully from an underweight and strong credit selection of the 1-3 years duration segment. From a relative rating perspective, our off-benchmark exposure to select CCC rated bonds and strong credit selection of B- rated bonds bolstered performance.

With generally positive economic growth, stable to lower rate expectations, lower default rates and positive flows, the outlook for corporate credit remains sound in our view. Supply (which was somewhat lower in June than in recent months) continues to be easily absorbed, particularly with much of it going towards refinancing activity. Spreads remain near historical tights, but higher yields⁶ continue to captivate investors in the absence of major shocks. We believe spread movements in some pockets this past month may offer good opportunities. With disinflation taking hold, fixed income markets may be pivoting to duration leadership in certain markets. That said, we are mindful of rising geopolitical uncertainties (as the election-related events in Europe and the United States in recent weeks have shown), which could change current trends and/or increase risk premia.

All data from Bloomberg unless otherwise stated.

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¹JOAO – The ICE BofA US Cash Pay High Yield Index tracks the performance of US dollar denominated below investment grade corporate debt. COAO - The ICE BofA US Corporate Index tracks the performance of US dollar denominated investment grade corporate debt publicly issued in the US domestic market. ²Yield curves plot the interest rates of bonds of equal credit and different maturities. ³Duration 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. ⁴Spread 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. ⁵JVC4 – 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%. ⁶Yield refers to the earnings generated and realized on an investment over a particular period of time.

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