# **BBH Limited Duration Fund**



Quarterly Fund Update / 1Q 2023

## **10** Highlights

- With the intra-quarter volatility in credit spreads, we bought some attractively priced new credits in both the primary and secondary
  markets, increased existing positions, and revisited credits that re-entered our buy zone.
- Fixed income indexes gained during the quarter, as longer-term rates declined. Spreads of bonds issued by banks widened, but excess returns in the broader corporate debt markets were positive.
- Away from the corporate credit markets, we are finding an abundance of attractively valued opportunities in the structured credit markets.

## Performance as of March 31, 2023

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|--|---------|------------------------------|-------|--------|-------|--------|------------------------------|--|--|
|  | Total F | Average Annual Total Returns |       |        |       |        |                              |  |  |
| Fund/Benchmark                                 | 3 Mo    | YTD                          | 1 Yr. | 3 Yr.  | 5 Yr. | 10 Yr. | Since Inception <sup>3</sup> |  |  |
| BBH Limited Duration Fund Class I <sup>1</sup> | 1.68%   | 1.68%                        | 1.97% | 2.78%  | 2.20% | 1.88%  | 3.59%                        |  |  |
| BBH Limited Duration Fund Class N <sup>2</sup> | 1.56%   | 1.56%                        | 1.89% | 2.70%  | 2.12% | 1.74%  | 3.44%                        |  |  |
| Bloomberg US 1-3 Year Treasury Bond Index      | 1.59%   | 1.59%                        | 0.23% | -0.84% | 1.09% | 0.80%  | 2.37%                        |  |  |
| Relative to Class I                            | 0.09%   | 0.09%                        | 1.74% | 3.61%  | 1.10% | 1.07%  | 1.23%                        |  |  |
| Relative to Class N                            | -0.03%  | -0.03%                       | 1.66% | 3.54%  | 1.03% | 0.93%  | 1.07%                        |  |  |
| Reference Benchmark                            | 1.46%   | 1.46%                        | 1.73% | 1.01%  | 1.72% | 1.40%  | 2.26%                        |  |  |

Class I: Net/Gross Expense Ratio (%) 0.27 / 0.27 Class N: Net/Gross Expense Ratio (%) 0.35 / 0.49

Returns of less than one year are not annualized

The Investment Adviser has contractually agreed to limit the Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses to 0.35% for Class N shares through March 1, 2024. The Expense Limitation Agreement may only be terminated during its term with approval of the Fund's Board of Trustees (the "Board").

The Reference Benchmark is an unmanaged weighted index comprised as follows: 40% Bloomberg Short-Term Corporate Index; 40% Bloomberg US Aggregate ABS Index; and 20% Bloomberg US Treasury Bills Index. The inception date of the reference benchmark is 12/31/04. The indexes are not available for direct investment.

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¹ The Class I shares commenced operations on December 3, 2002. Prior to December 3, 2002, performance reflects performance of the Class N shares adjusted to assume that all charges, expenses and fees were deducted. Performance prior to December 22, 2000 is that of the BBH Broad Market Fixed Income Portfolio adjusted to assume that all charges, expenses and fees of the Fund and the Portfolio which are presently in effect were deducted during such periods, as permitted by applicable SEC staff interpretations. ² The Class N shares commenced operations on December 22, 2000. Performance prior to December 22, 2000 is that of the BBH Broad Market Fixed Income Portfolio adjusted to assume that all charges, expenses and fees of the Fund and the Portfolio which are presently in effect were deducted during such periods, as permitted by applicable SEC staff interpretations. ³ "Inception Date" (7/20/2000) is the inception date of the BBH Broad Market Fixed Income Portfolio. Sources: Bloomberg and BBH & Co.

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## **Market Environment**

Unrelenting monetary policy tightening amid continued strong economic growth lifted rates to cyclical highs early in the quarter until a run on Silicon Valley Bank (SVB) changed the trajectory of rates and prospective monetary policy. To quell depositor concerns about a wider swath of bank runs, the Federal Reserve (Fed) and Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) initiated several programs and plans in early March. The FDIC assured full access to uninsured deposits at SVB and Signature Bank. The Fed introduced a new Bank Term Funding Program (BTFP) allowing banks to pledge U.S. Treasuries, agency debt, agency mortgage-backed securities (MBS), and other qualifying assets — valued at full face value (par) rather than market value — as collateral for loans.

The Fed has stated that they will separate "financial stability" measures from monetary policy moves. The U.S. Fed hiked the target range of the federal funds rate by 0.25% only 12 days after SVB's failure. Investors now believe that the Fed's rate hiking campaign ended as the banking crisis unfolded, and three cuts of 25 basis points will unfold by the end of 2023.

Fixed income indexes gained during the quarter as longer-term rates declined (see Exhibit I). Spreads of bonds issued by banks widened, but excess returns in the broader corporate debt markets (investment grade bonds, senior bank loans, and high yield bonds) were positive. Indexes of nontraditional asset backed securities (ABS)<sup>2</sup> and collateralized loan obligation (CLO) debt outperformed during the quarter. Agency morrtgage-backed securities (MBS) and commercial mortgage-backed securities (CMBS) underperformed during the quarter. U.S. dollar denominated emerging market bonds also lagged during the quarter.

#### **Valuations**

Credit valuations remain broadly appealing. According to our valuation framework<sup>3</sup>, 47% of investment-grade corporate bonds screened as a "buy," 47% of high yield corporate bonds screened as a "buy," and 95% of bank loans screened as a "buy." These figures increased from their respective levels at the start of the year, when 36% of investment-grade corporate bonds, 46% of high yield corporate bonds, and 80% of bank loans screened as a "buy."

Exhibit I: Fixed Income Indexes Returns

|  | Duration | Total Return (%) |        | Excess I | Return (%) |
|--|----------|------------------|--------|----------|------------|
| Index  | (Years)  | QTD              | 1 Year | QTD      | 1 Year     |
| Morningstar LSTA Leveraged Loan Index <sup>1</sup> | 0.3      | 3.25             | 2.54   | 2.14     | -0.06      |
| JPM CLO Index <sup>1</sup>                         | 0.3      | 1.98             | 2.47   | 0.86     | -0.13      |
| Bloomberg ABS Index                                | 2.8      | 1.86             | 0.37   | -0.05    | -0.05      |
| JPM Other ABS Index <sup>2</sup>                   | 3.5      | 2.66             | -2.25  | 0.28     | 0.30       |
| Bloomberg U.S. Corporate High Yield Index          | 3.7      | 3.57             | -3.34  | 1.23     | -1.89      |
| Bloomberg Non-Agency CMBS Index                    | 4.0      | 1.03             | -4.73  | -1.33    | -2.76      |
| Bloomberg Intermediate Corporate Index             | 4.1      | 2.50             | -1.99  | 0.12     | -0.03      |
| Bloomberg U.S. TIPS Index                          | 5.0      | 3.34             | -6.06  |          |            |
| Bloomberg MBS Index                                | 5.9      | 2.53             | -4.85  | -0.50    | -2.15      |
| Bloomberg EM USD Aggregate Index                   | 6.2      | 2.15             | -4.64  | -0.84    | -0.40      |
| Bloomberg U.S. Treasury Index                      | 6.3      | 3.01             | -4.51  |          |            |
| Bloomberg Aggregate Index                          | 6.3      | 2.96             | -4.78  | -0.09    | -0.55      |
| Bloomberg U.S. Corporate Index                     | 7.2      | 3.50             | -5.55  | 0.20     | 0.27       |
| Bloomberg Taxable Municipal Index                  | 9.9      | 5.40             | -7.47  | 1.22     | 1.06       |
| Bloomberg Long Corporate Index                     | 13.2     | 5.45             | -11.46 | 0.34     | 0.83       |

### Past performance is no guarantee of future results

Unless otherwise noted Excess Returns is the returns in excess of duration matched Treasuries.

Data reported as of March 31, 2023

Sources: Morningstar, JPM, Bloomberg, and BBH Analysis

Away from the corporate credit markets, we are finding an abundance of attractively valued opportunities in the structured credit markets, particularly among non-traditional ABS issuances, floating-rate<sup>4</sup> single-asset, single-borrower (SASB) CMBS, and CLO debt (see Exhibit II).

We continue to avoid agency MBS and non-agency residential mortgage-backed securities (RMBS) due to unattractive valuations. In addition, conditions facing each sector may create volatility. Agency MBS faces the Fed's quantitative tightening program where it is tapering its purchases of MBS. Non-agency RMBS is tied up with regional banks' exposures, as regional banks own an estimated 30% of the market. Deposit outflows at regional banks could place forced selling pressures and price volatility on non-agency RMBS. Away from the residential mortgage markets, we continue to avoid emerging markets credits due to concerns regarding creditor rights in most countries.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Excess return computed by BBH as total return less the return of the Bloomberg 3 Month T-Bill Bellwether Index, a proxy for the duration profile of floating-rate leveraged loans and the CLO Index.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Excess return computed by BBH as total return less the return of the Bloomberg 5 Year Treasury Bellwether Index, a proxy for the duration profile of the JPM Other ABS Index.

A unit that is equal to 1/100th of 1% and is used to denote the change in a financial instrument.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Traditional ABS include prime auto backed loans, credit cards and student loans (FFELP). Non-traditional ABS include ABS backed by other collateral types.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Our valuation framework is a purely quantitative screen for bonds that may offer excess return potential, primarily from mean reversion in spreads. When the potential excess return is above a specific hurdle rate, we label them "Buys" (others are "Holds" or "Sells"). These ratings are category.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> An interest rate which is adjusted periodically according to change in an underlying interest rate index such as London Interbank Offering Rate (LIBOR).

Exhibit II: Outlook by Sector

| Sector                           | Outlook   | Positioning   |
|----------------------------------|---|---|
| Reserves                         |   |   |
| U.S. Treasuries/Futures/Reserves | Hold when attractive credits unavailable  | Held to balance yield curve and duration exposures  |
| Government-Related               | Unattractive valuations; better opportunities elsewhere                                   | No positions in portfolios  |
| Municipal                        | Valuations of select municipals are attractive for inclusion in taxable portfolios        | Holdings include transportation revenue bonds   |
| Structured Credit                |   |   |
| US MBS                           | Valuations are weak and Fed is tapering purchases   | No positions in portfolios  |
| RMBS                             | Continued credit and valuation concerns   | No positions in portfolios  |
| CMBS                             | Traditional conduits unattractive, select nontraditional SASB attractive                  | Hold positions in fixed- and floating-rate SASB CMBS deals  |
| ABS                              | Traditional segments unattractive, select nontraditional segments attractive              | Hold positions in 20 nontraditional segments that offer attractive yields and demonstrable durability                             |
| Corporate Credit                 |   |   |
| IG Corporate Bonds               | Find value in short and intermediate index-eligible bonds and select nontraditional bonds | Holdings include intermediate maturity credits issued by banks, business development companies, and proerty and casualty insurers |
| Senior Bank Loans                | Rich opportunity set of attractively valued opportunities                                 | Holdings are diversified and include credits issued by healthcare, airlines, and pharmaceutical companies                         |
| HY Corporate Bonds               | Just under half of universe screens as "buy" with most being bonds of smaller issuers     | Holdings are diversified and include credits issued by midstream energy and electric utilities                                    |
| Other Credit                     |   |   |
| Emerging Markets                 | Concerns remain about creditor rights in most emerging market countries                   | No positions in portfolios  |

Portfolio holdings and characteristics are subject to change

As of March 31, 2023

MBS = Mortgage-Backed Securities; RMBS = Residential Mortgage-Backed Securities; CMBS = Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities; ABS = Asset-Backed Securities; IG = Investment Grade; HY = High Yield; SASB = Single-Asset, Single-Borrower

Source: BBH Analysis

#### **Performance**

The portfolio's duration contributed to total returns but detracted from relative results during the quarter.

Selection results were additive to performance, and the contributions were diversified among the portfolio's investment grade corporate bonds, high yield corporate bonds, and CMBS (see Exhibit III). The portfolio's investment-grade corporate bond results were driven by contributions from bonds issued by business development companies (BDCs) and finance companies, while the portfolio's high yield corporate bond performance was driven by bonds issued by property and casualty insurers (P&Cs). The portfolio's loan positions experienced negative selection results due to underperformance in loans to wireline communications companies.

Sector allocation also impacted results favorably, as the portfolio was overweight to bank loans, ABS, and high yield corporate bonds during the quarter. Exhibit III: Fund Attribution

|                    | Average Weight (%) | Contribution (Basis Points - Gros |        |           |  |  |
|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|--------|-----------|--|--|
|                    | Portfolio          | Rates                             | Sector | Selection |  |  |
| Total Portfolio    | 100.0              | 124                               | 22     | 23        |  |  |
| Cash and Reserves  | 7.5                |                                   | 0      | -1        |  |  |
| U.S. Treasury      | 0.0                |                                   | 0      | 0         |  |  |
| Government-Related | 2.1                |                                   | 0      | 1         |  |  |
| Municipal          | 1.8                |                                   | -1     | 2         |  |  |
| CMBS               | 5.9                |                                   | -5     | 6         |  |  |
| ABS                | 25.2               |                                   | 14     | 1         |  |  |
| IG Corporate Bonds | 40.9               |                                   | -11    | 11        |  |  |
| Senior Bank Loans  | 13.5               |                                   | 15     | -8        |  |  |
| HY Corporate Bonds | 3.0                |                                   | 8      | 10        |  |  |

## Past performance is no guarantee of future results

Contribution figures are presented gross of fees

Data reported quarterly from December 31, 2022 to March 31, 2023

Basis point or "bp" is 1/100th of a percent (0.01% or 0.0001)

 ${\sf CMBS = Commercial\ Mortgage-Backed\ Securities;\ ABS = Asset-Backed\ Securities;\ IG = Investment}$ 

Grade; HY = High Yield

Source: BBH Analysis

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## **Transaction Summary**

With the intra-quarter volatility in credit spreads, we were able to buy some attractively priced new credits in both the primary and secondary markets, increase existing positions, and revisit credits that re-entered our buy zone. The new opportunities came from a broad range of industries as the volatility was not contained to just one idiosyncratic sector. Descriptions of a few notable portfolio additions are included below.

**UGI Energy Services** operates in the key gas supply Appalachia basin, which has the most abundant of gas reservoir with one of the lowest production costs in the country. The company also has a diversified revenue stream, manageable leverage, and a stable revenue stream from its midstream business. We purchased its Ba3/BB+ rated term B senior bank loans at a spread of 335 bps to SOFR.<sup>5</sup>

**Penske Truck Leasing Co** operates under long-term contracts with its customers which gives it stability and forward revenue visibility. The company is managed by an experienced team with a proven track record of effective funding and fleet management. We participated in their new issue, Baa2/BBB/BBB+ rated, 5-year notes at a spread of 205 bps over Treasuries.

We purchased bonds issued by Intel, Mercedes-Benz Group, Hyundai Motor Co, Pacific Life Insurance Company, and UBS Group as more attractive pricing emerged for these durable credits.<sup>6</sup>

**AESOP 2023-4A A** is a AAA rated tranche of a rental fleet ABS from **Avis Budget Rental Car Funding AESOP LLC.** With strong subordination protection and demonstrated durability through the challenges of COVID, we purchased the notes, with an expected weighted average life of 5 years, at a spread of 190 bps over Treasuries. **Vantage Data Center** brought **VDC 2023-1A**, a data center ABS deal, to market during the quarter, and we purchased the A- rated A2 notes at a spread of 286 bps to Treasuries. Vantage is managed by seasoned executives in the internet infrastructure industry, and there is strong growth and demand for leasing hyperscale data centers from cloud computing, software as a service, and information technology outsourcing. The notes carry a strong debt service coverage ratio with long-term, contractual leases. **CAALT 2023-1A C** is a A3/A rated tranche of a subprime auto loan ABS deal brought by **Credit Acceptance Corporation**. The company has financed and serviced subprime auto loans for over 40 years, and their track record is strong due to advancing less than 50% of the gross sales contracts and forecasting collection rates accurately for when defaults occur. The class C notes have strong structural protections, an expected life of 3.5 years, and were offered at a spread of 330 bps over Treasuries. We also purchased bonds from a small business loan ABS brought by **Bankers Healthcare Group**. The company provides small business loans and unsecured consumer loans to prime, high income, and highly skilled licensed medical professionals. The ABS notes have strong structural protections including equity subordination, overcollateralization, and excess spread. **BHG 2023-A A** is a AAA rated tranche with a 1.5 year expected life that came at a spread of 190 bps over Treasuries.

#### **Characteristics**

Exhibit IV: Fund Characteristics

| Portfolio Characteristics    |           |           | Credit Rating (%) |                |           | Sector Allocation (%) |                    |           |           |        |
|------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------|----------------|-----------|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------|-----------|--------|
|                              | Portfolio | Benchmark | Active            |                | Portfolio | Benchmark             |                    | Portfolio | Benchmark | Active |
| Effective Duration (Years)   | 0.91      | 1.75      | -0.85             | AAA/TSY/Cash   | 31.6      | 100.0                 | U.S. Treasury      | 0.0       | 100.0     | -100.0 |
| Spread Duration (Years)      | 1.92      | 0.00      | 1.92              | AA             | 11.4      | 0.0                   | Reserves           | 4.4       | 0.0       | 4.4    |
| Yield to Maturity (%)        | 6.84      | 4.20      | 2.65              | Α              | 23.1      | 0.0                   | Government-Related | 2.2       | 0.0       | 2.2    |
| Option-Adjusted Spread (bps) | 228       | 0         | 228               | BBB            | 22.1      | 0.0                   | Municipal          | 1.8       | 0.0       | 1.8    |
|                              |           |           |                   | BB             | 9.0       | 0.0                   | MBS                | 0.1       | 0.0       | 0.1    |
|                              |           |           |                   | В              | 2.1       | 0.0                   | RMBS               | 0.0       | 0.0       | 0.0    |
|                              |           |           |                   | CCC & Below/NR | 0.7       | 0.0                   | CMBS               | 6.0       | 0.0       | 6.0    |
|                              |           |           |                   |                |           |                       | ABS                | 24.9      | 0.0       | 24.9   |
|                              |           |           |                   |                |           |                       | IG Corporate Bonds | 43.6      | 0.0       | 43.6   |
|                              |           |           |                   |                |           |                       | Senior Bank Loans  | 13.8      | 0.0       | 13.8   |
|                              |           |           |                   |                |           |                       | HY Corporate Bonds | 3.1       | 0.0       | 3.1    |

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Benchmark is the Bloomberg US 1-3 Year Treasury Bond Index

Data reported as of March 31, 2023

TSY = Treausury; MBS = Mortgage-Backed Securities; RMBS = Residential Mortgage-Backed Securities; CMBS = Commerical Mortgage-Backed Securities; ABS = Asset-Backed Securities; IG = Investment Grade; HY = High Yield

Source: BBH Analysis

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> SOFR = Secured Overnight Financing Rate, which is a broad measure of the cost of borrowing cash overnight collateralized by Treasury securities.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Obligations such as bonds, notes, loans, leases, and other forms of indebtedness, except for cash and cash equivalents, issued by obligors other than the U.S. Government and its agencies, totaled at the level of the ultimate obligor or guarantor of the Obligation. Durable means the ability to withstand a wide variety of economic conditions.

At the end of the month, the Fund's duration was 0.9 years. High yield investments represented 11.8%, were comprised primarily of credits rated "BB," and consisted of a blend of corporate bonds and loans. The Fund's yield to maturity was 6.8% and remained elevated versus short-term bond market alternatives. The Fund's option-adjusted spread was 228 basis points; for reference, the longer duration Bloomberg U.S. Corporate Index's option-adjusted spread was 138 basis points at month-end (see Exhibit IV).

#### Conclusion

Volatile market conditions serve as a reminder of risks assumed, elevate certain risks to the forefront, and create opportunities for well-positioned investors. The current state of valuations and fundamentals in the credit markets suggest that careful selection will be paramount for attaining the still-attractive yields offered in the fixed income markets, particularly as volumes of new issuances are set to rebound. We remain prepared, selective, diligent, and patient in evaluating credits that come to market. We hope that this insight into the Fund's composition and performance is useful as we navigate macroeconomic uncertainties.

Sincerely,

Andrew P. Hofer Fund Co-Manager



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#### **Definitions**

BDC Corporate is computed as an equal-weighted index of corporate bonds issued by business development companies (BDCs) that BBH holds with at least one year until legal, final maturity.

ICE BofA US Corporate Index tracks the performance of USD denominated investment grade corporate debt publicly issued in the U.S. domestic market.

ICE BofA 1-5 Year US Fixed Rate CMBS Index consists of USD denominated, fixed rate commercial mortgage-backed securities (CMBS). The Index is comprised of CMBS tranches where the issues are rated investment-grade using an average of Moody's, S&P, and Fitch and have durations greater than 1 year but less than 5 years when the index is constituted. To be eligible for inclusion, CMBS issues must have a minimum original deal size of \$250 million, at least \$50 million current outstanding for senior tranches and \$25 million for mezzanine and subordinated tranches, and at least 10% of the original deal size must be currently outstanding.

ICE BofA 1-3 Year US Treasury Index is an index of fixed rate obligations of the U.S. Treasury with maturities ranging from 1 to 3 years.

ICE BofA US Fixed-Rate Miscellaneous Asset-Backed Securities (ABS) Index is a subset of the ICE BofA US Fixed-Rate ABS Index, ex securities collateralized by auto loans, home equity loans, manufactured housing, credit card receivables and utility assets. Securities are publicly issued, USD, with an IG rating based on an average of Moody's, S&P and Fitch.

JP Morgan CLO Index (JPM CLO) is a market value weighted benchmark tracking U.S. dollar denominated broadly-syndicated, arbitrage CLOs. The index is comprised solely of cash, arbitrage CLOs backed by broadly syndicated leveraged loans. All CLOs included in the index must have a closing date that is on or after January 1, 2004. There are no weighted average life (WAL) limitations. There are no minimum tranche size restrictions.

JP Morgan Other ABS Index (Non-Tradional ABS), is an index that represents ABS backed by consumer loans, timeshare, containers, franchise, settlement, stranded assets, tax liens, insurance premium, railcar leases, servicing advances and miscellaneous esoteric assets of the The J.P. Morgan Asset-Backed Securities (ABS) Index. The JP Morgan Asset-Backed Securities (ABS) Index is a benchmark that represents the market of US dollar denominated, tradable ABS instruments. The ABS Index contains 20 different sub-indices separated by industry sector and fixed and floating bond type. The aggregate index represents over 2000 instruments at a total market value close to \$500 trillion dollars; an estimated 70% of the entire \$680 billion outstanding in the US ABS market.

Morningstar /LSTA Leveraged Loan Index (the Index) is a market value-weighted index designed to measure the performance of the U.S. leveraged loan market based upon market weightings, spreads and interest payments. Facilities are eligible for inclusion in the indexes if they are senior secured institutional term loans with a minimum initial spread of 125 and term of one year. They are retired from the indexes when there is no bid posted on the facility for at least 12 successive weeks or when the loan is repaid.

S&P 500 is a market-capitalization-weighted stock market index that tracks the stock performance of the 500 largest U.S. public companies.

Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index is a market value-weighted index that tracks the daily price, coupon, pay-downs, and total return performance of fixed-rate, publicly placed, dollar-denominated, and non-convertible investment grade debt issues with at least \$300 million par amount outstanding and with at least one year to final maturity.

Intermediate Aggregate (AA) represents securities in the intermediate maturity range of the Bloomberg Aggregate Index.

Bloomberg 1-10 Year Municipal Bond Index is a component of the Bloomberg Municipal Bond index, including bonds with maturity dates between one and 17 years. The Bloomberg Municipal Bond Index is considered representative of the broad market for investment grade, tax-exempt bonds with a maturity of at least one year.

Bloomberg Intermediate Gov/Credit Index is a broad-based flagship benchmark that measures the non-securitized component of the US Aggregate Index with less than 10 years to maturity. The index includes investment grade, USD denominated, fixed-rate treasuries, government-related, and corporate securities.

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Bloomberg US Corporate Bond Index represents the corporate bonds in the Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index, and are USD denominated, investment-grade (rated Baa3 or above by Moody's), fixed-rate, corporate bonds with maturities of 1 year or more.

Bloomberg US Intermediate Corporate Bond Index measures the investment grade, fixed-rate, taxable corporate bond market. It includes USD denominated securities publicly issued by U.S. and non-U.S. industrial, utility and financial issuers that have between 1 and up to, but not including, 10 years to maturity.

Bloomberg US Corporate High Yield Index (BBG HY Corp) is an unmanaged index that is comprised of issues that meet the following criteria: at least \$150 million par value outstanding, maximum credit rating of Ba1 (including defaulted issues) and at least one year to maturity.

Bloomberg US TIPS Index includes all publicly issued, U.S. Treasury inflation-protected securities that have at least one year remaining to maturity, are rated investment grade, and have \$250 million or more of outstanding face value.

Bloomberg US ABS Index is the asset backed securities component of the Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index. The index includes pass-through, bullet, and controlled amortization structures. The ABS Index includes only the senior class of each ABS issue and the ERISA-eligible B and C tranche. The Bloomberg US ABS ex. Stranded Cost Utility Index excludes certain stranded cost utility bonds included in the Bloomberg US ABS Index.

Bloomberg Non-AAA ABS Index (Non-AAA Traditional ABS) is non-AAA ABS components of the Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index, a market value-weighted index that tracks the daily price, coupon, pay-downs, and total return performance of fixed-rate, publicly placed, dollar-denominated, and non-convertible investment grade debt issues with at least \$300 million par amount outstanding and with at least one year to final maturity.

Bloomberg US MBS Index tracks fixed-rate agency mortgage backed pass-through securities guaranteed by Ginnie Mae (GNMA), Fannie Mae (FNMA), and Freddie Mac (FHLMC). The index is constructed by grouping individual TBA-deliverable MBS pools into aggregates or generics based on program, coupon and vintage.

Bloomberg Non-Agency CMBS Index (Non-Agency CMBS) is the Non-Agency CMBS components of the Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index, a market value-weighted index that tracks the daily price, coupon, pay-downs, and total return performance of fixed-rate, publicly placed, dollar-denominated, and non-convertible investment grade debt issues with at least \$300 million par amount outstanding and with at least one year to final maturity.

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Effective duration is a measure of the portfolio's return sensitivity to changes in interest rates.

Weighted Average Life of securities excludes US Treasury futures positions.

Yield to Maturity is the rate of return the portfolio would achieve if all purchased bonds and derivatives were held to maturity, assuming all coupon and principal payments are received as scheduled and reinvested at the same yield to maturity. This figure is subject to change and is not meant to represent the yield earned by any particular security. Yield to Maturity is before fees and expenses.

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## **Risks**

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