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## Total Return Bond Fund

- The Fund may invest primarily in fixed income instruments of varying maturities.
- Investments in fixed income securities are subject to interest rate, credit and downgrade risks. The Fund is also subject to risks of investing in high yield, below investment grade and unrated securities.
- It is subject to risks associated with mortgage-related and other asset-backed securities, emerging markets, sovereign debt, currency, liquidity, repurchase / reverse repurchase transactions.
- It may invest extensively in financial derivative instruments which may involve additional risks (e.g. market, counterparty, liquidity, volatility, and leverage risks).
- It may at its discretion pay dividends out of capital directly or effectively, which amounts to a return or withdrawal of
  part of an investor's original investment or from any capital gains attributable to the original investment. Any
  distributions involving the payment of dividends out of the Fund's capital may result in an immediate reduction of the
  Fund's net asset value per share.
- · Investments involve risks and your investment may suffer significant losses.
- Investors should not rely solely on this material and should read the offering document of the Fund for further details including the risk factors.

### **PERFORMANCE SUMMARY**

The Total Return Bond Fund returned -1.26% (Institutional, Income shares net of fees) and -1.24% (Institutional, Accumulation shares net of fees) in February, outperforming the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index by 0.16% (Institutional, Income shares net of fees) and 0.18% (Institutional, Accumulation shares net of fees). Year-to-date the Fund has returned -1.13% (Institutional, Income shares net of fees) and -1.14% (Institutional, Accumulation shares net of fees) and -1.14% (Institutional, Accumulation shares net of fees), while the benchmark returned -1.68%. Tech stocks led a broad market rally fueled by advancements in artificial intelligence, while bond indexes faced challenges as yields rose. U.S. credit spreads tightened, and developed sovereign bond yields rose, while the dollar strengthened. In the U.S., the 10-year Treasury rose 34 bps to 4.25% as unexpectedly resilient inflation and strong economic data challenged market expectations of rapid rate cuts. In Germany, the 10-year bund yield rose 25 bps to 2.41%. In the U.K., 10-year Gilt yields rose 33 bps to 4.12%, while 10-year Japanese government bond yields fell 2 bps to 0.71%.

### Contributors

- Selection within investment grade corporate credit
- Positions within securitized credit, particularly non-Agency MBS
- Tactical U.S. duration curve positioning, as yields rose

#### Detractors

- · Long exposure to duration in the Dollar bloc, particularly Canada, as yields rose
- Short exposure to duration in Japan, as yields fell

#### **Fund Information**

Total Net Assets	4.1 (USD in Billions)
Fund Type	UCITS
Portfolio Manager	Mohit Mittal, Qi Wang, Mark Kiesel, Daniel J. Ivascyn
Fund Base Currency	USD
Share Class Currency	USD
Inception Date	
INST Class, Accumulation	1998/01/31
INST Class, Income*	2000/04/25

This share class aims to pay dividend on a Quarterly basis. Dividend payout is not guaranteed.

Class	ISIN						
E	Accumulation	Income					
CHF(H)	IE00B884NX39	_					
EUR(H)	IE00B11XZB05	IE00B7KBLB99					
SGD(H)	IE00B1LHWR71	_					
USD	IE00B11XZ988	IE00B0M2Y900					
ADMIN							
EUR(H)	IE00B4WVMF73	_					
USD	IE0032303764	—					
HINST							
USD	IE0032313243	IE00BFMWWR92					
INST							
CAD(H)	_	IE00B7GJZX79					
CHF(H)	IE00B3STRQ43	—					
EUR(H)	IE0033989843	IE00B0V9T086					
EUR(U)	IE0009725304	_					
GBP(H)	IE00B4PRCS59	IE00B0V9T193					
SGD(H)	IE00B57MJS46	_					
USD	IE0002460867	IE0002459976					
INVST							
CHF(H)	IE00B5WJ1L72	_					
EUR(H)	IE00B0105X63	_					
USD	IE0005300243	IE0005300136					
MRETL							
HKD(U)		IE00B84FQ080					
(U) = Unhedged, (H) = Hedged							

Performance (Net of Fees)	1 Mo.	3 Mos.	6 Mos.	1 Yr.	3 Yrs.	5 Yrs.	10 Yrs.	SI
Institutional, Acc (%)	-1.24	2.85	3.09	4.26	-3.42	0.58	1.43	4.35
Institutional, Inc (%)	-1.26	2.87	3.07	4.31	-3.41	0.60	1.44	4.32
Benchmark (%)	-1.41	2.08	2.35	3.33	-3.16	0.56	1.43	_

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Calendar Year (Net of Fees)	2014	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	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	-1.14
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Benchmark (%)	5.97	0.55	2.65	3.54	0.01	8.72	7.51	-1.54	-13.01	5.53	-1.68

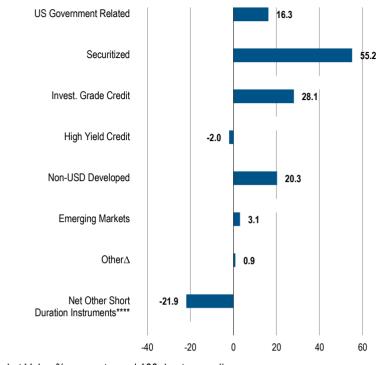
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#### **MONTH IN REVIEW**

Interest rate strategies detracted from relative performance over the month. Tactical U.S. duration curve positioning, as yields rose contributed to relative performance. However, these contributions were more than offset by long exposure to duration in the Dollar bloc, particularly Canada, as yields rose and by short exposure to duration in Japan, as yields fell, both of which detracted from relative performance. Spread sector strategies contributed to relative performance over the month. Positions within securitized credit, particularly non-Agency MBS, and selection within investment grade corporate credit, 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)



Market Value % may not equal 100 due to rounding.

### **PORTFOLIO POSITIONING**

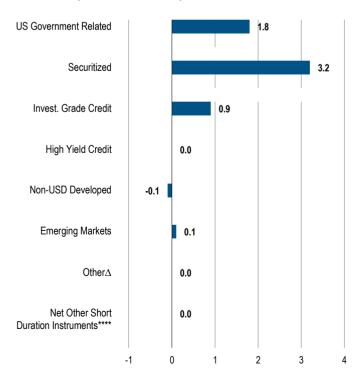
The Fund is modestly underweight headline duration relative to its benchmark with hedges in select regions. The Fund is neutral U.S. duration but remains tactical given valuations. The Fund maintains modest long exposure to duration in Canada, particularly at the front-end of the curve and short exposure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

Further disinflation and the potential for a faster cutting cycle should, in our view, raise the prospects for a soft landing. However, this is not to say that we believe that the path toward a soft landing is the only possible path. It is our view that the tighter-for-longer strategy that central banks have been communicating along with the strong possibility of stagnation in developed market supply and demand growth leave recession risks elevated.

The Fund is modestly underweight headline duration relative to its benchmark. The Fund is neutral 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 markets.

The Fund maintains long exposure to select developed and emerging market currencies with attractive valuations, high real carry, and/or supportive fundamentals.

#### **Fund Statistics**

Effective Duration (yrs)"	5.92
Benchmark Duration (yrs)	6.22
Current Yield (%)⊕	3.87
Estimated Yield to Maturity (%) $\oplus$	5.85
Annualised Distribution Yield (%) <sup>†</sup>	3.21
Average Coupon (%)	3.53
Effective Maturity (yrs)	7.60
Average Credit Quality	AA-
Unified Management Fee	
Administrative	1.00% p.a.
E	1.40% p.a.
H Institutional	0.67% p.a.
Institutional	0.50% p.a.
Investor	0.85% p.a.

Source: PIMCO, index provider for benchmark data.

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.

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

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 credit-worthiness 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. References to Agency and non-agency mortgage-backed securities refer to mortgages issued in the United States.

""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, short duration derivatives and derivatives offsets. 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. Derivatives Offsets includes offsets associated with investments in futures, swaps and other derivatives. Such offsets may be taken at the notional value of the derivative position.

"Duration is a measure of a portfolio's price sensitivity expressed in years. PIMCO duration calculation that adjusts the durations of credit securities to account for the potential that in the event of default investors will receive the recovery amount prior to the maturity of the security.

<sup>†</sup>Annualised distribution yield= (Dividend Rate \* 4) / NAV on ex-dividend day. Annualised Distribution Yield is as of 31/12/2023. Dividend is not guaranteed. Dividend may pay out of capital. A positive distribution yield does not imply a positive return.

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