



INFLATION FOCUSED FUND

MARKET REVIEW

- In a reversal from the turmoil of the fourth quarter of 2018, a dovish turn in the U.S. Federal Reserve's ("Fed") tone, and mounting hopes for a U.S.-China trade deal provided strength to U.S. equities in the first quarter of 2019. The S&P 500 Index posted its best quarterly returns since 2009, gaining 14% during the first quarter.¹
- In March, the U.S. Federal Open Market Committee ("FOMC") decided to maintain its target range for the federal funds rate at 2.25-2.50% in order to support their goals of maximum employment and price stability.²
- In late March, the yield on the 10-year U.S. Treasury note dipped below the yield on the 3-month paper for the first time since mid-2007. This inversion came undone however, and the 10-year and 3-month Treasury yields ended the quarter at 2.41% and 2.40%, respectively.³
- The general U.S. bond market, as measured by the Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index, was positive for the quarter (+2.94%).⁴ Lower rates led to positive returns for Treasuries, and tightening credit spreads led to positive returns for investment grade and high yield corporate bonds with high yield bonds posting their strongest start to a calendar year on record.⁵

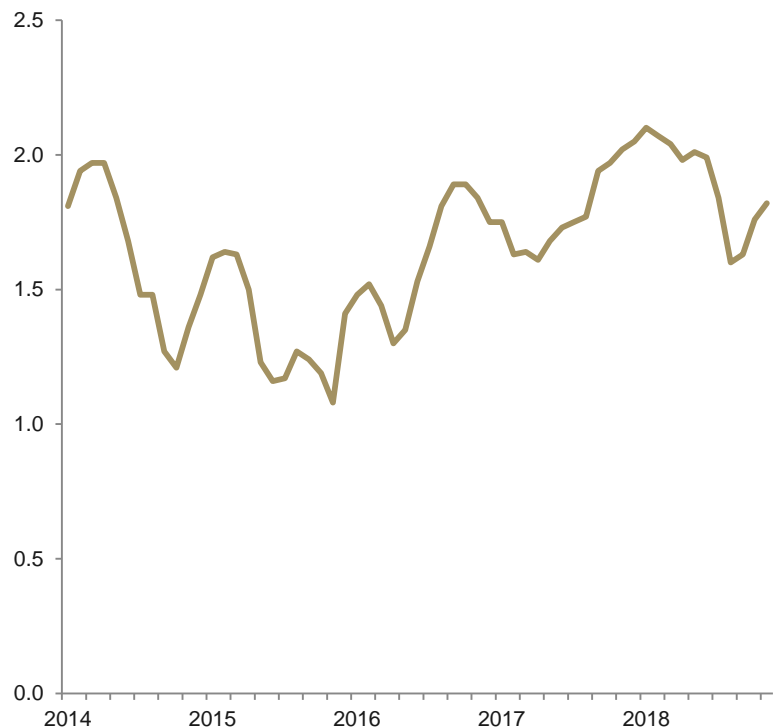
PORTFOLIO REVIEW

- The Fund returned 2.60%, reflecting performance at the net asset value (NAV) of Class A shares with all distributions reinvested, for the quarter ended March 31, 2019. The Fund's benchmark, the Bloomberg Barclays U.S. 1-5 Year TIPS Index,⁶ returned 1.75% during the same period.
- The Fund's exposure to Consumer Price Index ("CPI") swaps contributed to performance as inflation expectations increased modestly during the quarter due to the oil rebound and the market pricing in the scenario that the Fed will review and possibly change its approach to inflation targeting in the second half of 2019.
- In the underlying bond portfolio, the Fund's allocation to high yield corporate bonds was the primary contributor to relative performance during the first quarter. High yield corporate credit spreads tightened during the period, largely due to the dovish pivot by the central banks, the rally in oil prices, and trade optimism. High yield corporate bonds outperformed investment grade corporate bonds, which contributed to performance.
- While asset-backed securities ("ABS") posted a positive return for the quarter, the Fund's strategic allocation to high quality ABS underperformed corporate bonds during the "risk-on" period as higher risk assets outperformed. We believe ABS offer liquidity benefits and attractive risk-adjusted returns. Additionally, ABS may provide diversification benefits from corporate credit and exposure to the strength of U.S. consumer, which we feel will persist.

STRATEGY POSITIONING & OUTLOOK

- This strategy combines a short-term bond portfolio with an overlay of CPI swaps in order to hedge against inflation over a full market cycle.
- Following the increased volatility and spread widening that occurred at the end of 2018, we increased the underlying bond portfolio's exposure to investment grade corporate bonds, maintaining a focus on the "BBB" credit tier. As demand for high quality short term corporates increased and spreads tightened, we reduced the allocation capitalizing on the gain, and reallocated to commercial paper and bank loans. Given our fundamental outlook and the market flow environment, we believed investment grade bank loans offered attractive relative value versus investment grade corporate credit.
- We reduced the Fund's allocation to commercial mortgage-backed securities ("CMBS"). While we continue to maintain a positive outlook on the commercial real-estate sector, particularly within single-asset, single-borrower deals, we decreased the Fund's exposure in "AAA" rated CMBS in order to take advantage of opportunities in other sectors.
- We maintain a positive outlook on U.S. domestic growth and are cautiously optimistic in the U.S. economy. In response to the Fed's dovish policy stance, we believe it will take a significant amount of economic growth, a tight labor market, and a pick-up in inflation for the Fed to resume tightening. Therefore, we believe volatility will remain subdued and risk assets will benefit.

5-YEAR BREAKEVEN INFLATION RATE (%)



Source: Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis as of 03/31/2019.

PERFORMANCE AS OF 03/31/2019

	1Q19	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception ⁸
Net Asset Value (without sales charge)	2.60%	0.88%	2.82%	-0.03%	0.50%
Maximum Offering Price (with 2.25% sales charge)	0.29	-1.37	2.05	-0.48	0.21
Bloomberg Barclays U.S. 1-5 Year TIPS Index ⁶	1.75	2.05	1.31	0.91	0.78
Lipper Inflation Protected Bond Funds Average ⁷	3.11	2.04	1.63	1.16	1.47

Expense Ratio: 0.66%

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¹The S&P 500 Index. ²Federal Reserve Issues FOMC Statement." Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (U.S.), 20 Mar. 2019. ³U.S. Department Of The Treasury "Daily Treasury Yield Curve Rates" as of 03/31/2019. ⁴Bloomberg Barclays Aggregate Bond Index as of 03/31/2019. ⁵ICE BofAML US High Yield Constrained Index. ⁶Source: Bloomberg. ⁷Source: Lipper Analytical Services. ⁸Inception Date: April 29, 2011.

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The Fund's portfolio is actively managed and is subject to change.

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