



FPA Flexible Fixed Income Fund

First Quarter 2022 Commentary

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Average Annual Total Returns (%)

As of March 31, 2022	Since Inception 12/31/18	3 Years	1 Year	YTD	QTD
FPA Flexible Fixed Income Fund	2.68	2.55	-0.45	-1.46	-1.46
Bloomberg US Universal Bond Index	2.73	1.85	-4.23	-6.11	-6.11
CPI + 200 bps	6.19	6.30	10.73	3.22	3.22

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Introduction

Dear Fellow Shareholders,

FPA Flexible Fixed Income (the “Fund”) returned -1.46% in the first quarter of 2022

As of March 31, 2022, the portfolio had a yield-to-worst¹ of 3.66% and an effective duration of 1.26 years. Inflation remains high and persistent, leading the Federal Reserve to raise the Fed Funds rate during the quarter and guide the market toward a significantly higher Fed Funds rate path going forward. The Federal Reserve also provided guidance on quantitative tightening or the reduction in its bond holdings.² In tandem, these actions led to a significant increase in Treasury yields with two- and three-year maturity Treasury yields increasing by 155-160 basis points (bps) during the quarter. Longer maturity Treasury yields also increased, but to a lesser extent, resulting in a flatter yield curve and portending weaker economic growth in the future. In addition, spreads increased across fixed income asset classes, though spreads are within historic norms. Indeed, the vast majority of the increase in bond yields during the quarter was due to higher Treasury yields, not spreads. As a consequence of higher Treasury yields and spreads, bond prices were negatively impacted across the market, leading to one of the worst quarters for bonds in decades.

Higher yields make high quality (rated single-A or higher) duration cheaper and more attractive to own, particularly since most of the recent increase in yields is due to higher risk-free rates. Meanwhile, yields on debt rated BBB or lower (referred to herein as “credit”) are also higher but, while we are beginning to see some attractive investment opportunities, in general, potential returns are not very compelling in comparison to the credit risk and the incremental credit risk relative to risk-free assets. We aim to take advantage of more attractive prices, but we do so prudently, balancing near-term capital preservation with an eye toward attractive, long-term risk-adjusted returns.

The Fund’s credit exposure (investments rated BBB or lower) increased from 24.1% as of Dec. 31, 2021, to 28.8% as of March 31, 2022. Cash and equivalents decreased from 11.4% of the portfolio to 5.0% over the same period.

Portfolio Attribution³

The largest contributors to performance during the quarter were collateralized loan obligations (CLOs), where coupon payments offset slightly lower prices caused by higher spreads. Other investments contributed to performance but there were no other meaningful contributors to performance at the sector level.

The largest, second-largest and third-largest detractors from performance were asset-backed securities (ABS) backed by auto loans or leases, ABS backed by equipment and ABS backed by loans to late-stage, mostly software companies, which declined in price due to a combination of higher risk-free rates and spreads.

Overall, though the portfolio’s return was negative during the quarter, we believe the portfolio performed relatively well due to its short duration and large exposure to floating rate bonds.

¹ Yield-to-Worst (“YTW”) is presented gross of fees and reflects the lowest possible yield on a callable bond without the issuer defaulting. It does not represent the yield an investor should expect to receive. As of March 31, 2022, the Fund’s subsidized and unsubsidized 30-day SEC standardized yields (“SEC Yield”) were 2.20% and 2.05%, respectively. The SEC Yield calculation is an annualized measure of the Fund’s dividend and interest payments for the last 30 days, less the Fund expenses. Subsidized yield reflects fee waivers and/or expense reimbursements during the period. Without waivers and/or reimbursements, yields would be reduced. Unsubsidized yield does not adjust for any fee waivers and/or expense reimbursements in effect. The SEC Yield calculation shows investors what they would earn in yield over the course of a 12-month period if the fund continued earning the same rate for the rest of the year.

² Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System;
<https://www.federalreserve.gov/newsevents/pressreleases/monetary20220126c.htm>

³ This information is not a recommendation for a specific security or sector and these securities/sectors may not be in the Fund at the time you receive this report. The information provided does not reflect all positions or sectors purchased, sold or recommended by FPA during the quarter. The portfolio holdings as of the most recent quarter-end may be obtained at www.fpa.com.

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Portfolio Activity

The table below shows the portfolio's sector level exposures as of March 31, 2022 compared to Dec 31, 2021:

Sector	% Portfolio 3/31/2022	% Portfolio 12/31/2021
ABS	69.2	65.2
Mortgage Backed (CMO) ⁴	7.7	7.4
Stripped Mortgage-backed	0.2	0.2
Corporate	10.8	7.0
CMBS ⁴	7.1	8.8
Cash and equivalents	5.0	11.4
Total	100.0%	100.0%
Yield-to-worst ⁵	3.66%	1.98%
Effective Duration (years)	1.26	0.98
Average Life (years)	2.42	1.94

Treasury yields increased significantly during the quarter. In combination with higher spreads on highly-rated debt, overall yields on high-quality bonds (rated single-A or higher) increased meaningfully. As described further below, we use yields as a guide for the duration of our investments. When yields increase, we incrementally add duration because higher yields typically can compensate for the additional duration risk. We believe this approach augments the long-term risk versus reward profile of the Fund. In line with this approach, during the quarter, we bought fixed rate, high-quality bonds with an average yield and duration of 3.2% and 2.4 years, respectively, in areas including asset-backed securities (ABS) backed by equipment, ABS backed by subprime quality auto loans, ABS backed by prime quality auto loans or leases, and ABS backed by insurance premium loans. In addition, we bought high-quality, floating rate CLOs secured by corporate loans or commercial real estate loans.

Similar to the dynamic in high-quality debt, yields in credit markets have increased but mostly as a function of higher risk-free rates rather than higher spreads. Using the BB-rated component of the Bloomberg U.S. High-Yield Index, excluding energy as a proxy for the credit opportunity set, yields increased by approximately 175 bps during the quarter, with only 46 of those bps coming from an increase in spread and 130 bps coming from an increase in risk-free rates.⁶ As absolute return oriented investors, when we invest in credit, we seek what we believe is a sufficient expected total return to compensate for the possibility of not getting paid back on our investment. But we also need sufficient compensation above what we could

⁴ Collateralized mortgage obligations ("CMO") are mortgage-backed bonds that separate mortgage pools into different maturity classes. Commercial mortgage-backed securities ("CMBS") are securities backed by commercial mortgages rather than residential mortgages.

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⁶ Source: Bloomberg, As of 3/31/2022

get in less risky investments. Credit markets are inching toward attractiveness but, as a general statement, we don't believe they are there yet.

Nevertheless, we continue to hunt for attractive credit. We bought investment grade corporate bonds this past quarter, though we include these bonds within our credit holdings because they are rated BBB. Elsewhere within credit (defined as investments rated BBB or lower), our investments this quarter included high-yield corporate bonds, bank loans, and bonds backed by non-performing single-family mortgages. Some of these investments were new investments but most were additions to existing positions.

Overall, investments this quarter were funded with a combination of cash and selling existing short duration holdings.

Market Commentary

The bond market has had a terrible start to the year. In fact, we are in the midst of the worst bond market in at least 40 years.⁷ Inflation led to a significant increase in risk-free rates that has roiled bond markets, resulting in negative returns for nearly all types of bonds. The silver lining of this negative performance is that bonds are now meaningfully more attractive, creating an opportunity to enhance the Fund's long-term return profile.

The table below shows the Q1 2022 return on various bond indices.

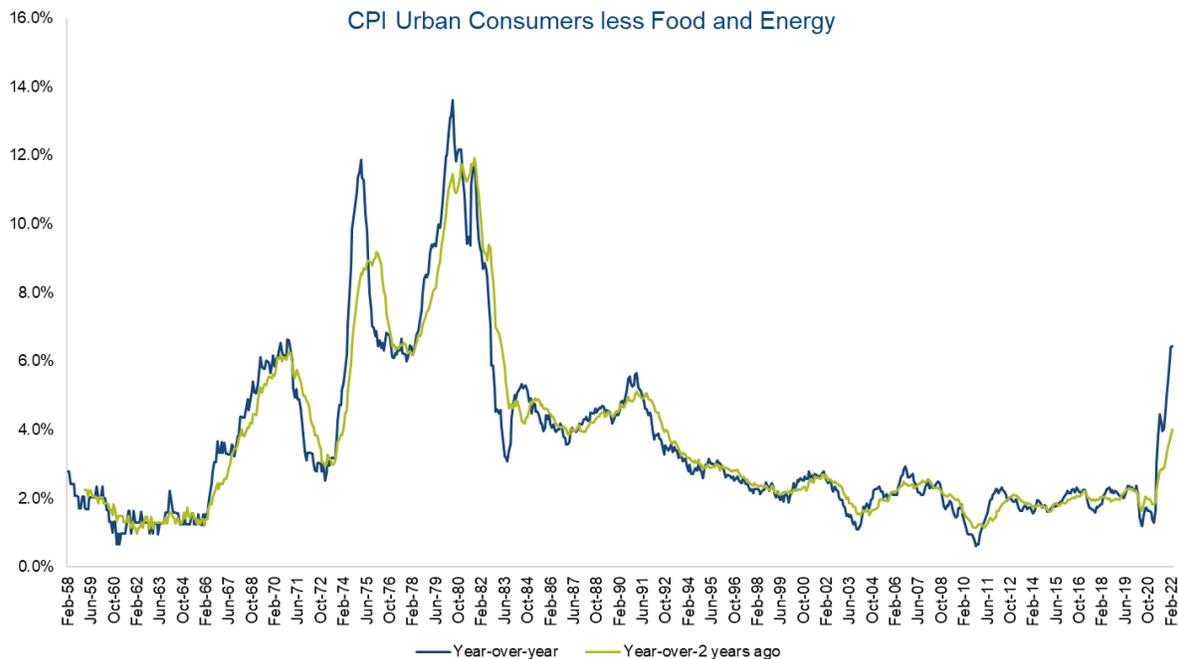
2-year Treasury	-2.44%
Bloomberg 1-3 yr. U.S. Aggregate Bond Index	-2.50%
10-year Treasury	-8.52%
30-year Treasury	-15.56%
Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index	-5.93%
Bloomberg Global Aggregate Bond Index	-6.16%
Bloomberg High Yield Index	-4.84%
Bloomberg Emerging Market Bond Index	-9.23%

To put the returns above into context, two-year Treasuries have had the worst start to the year in at least 45 years. 10-year Treasury bonds had the third-worst quarterly performance since the Civil War, surpassed only by worse returns in 1931 and the 1980s.⁸

These poor returns were driven by a significant increase in risk-free rates that is related to inflation. Inflation is a problem that has not gone away as quickly as central bankers had expected. As shown in the chart below, inflation continues at a torrid pace. It has been exacerbated by Russia's invasion of Ukraine, which has negatively impacted commodity supplies and spurred countries to localize supply chains on geopolitical concerns.

⁷ The Wall Street Journal, (<https://www.wsj.com/articles/bond-market-suffers-worst-quarter-in-decades-11648737087#:~:text=Yields%20on%20Treasurys%20have%20logged,rising%20the%20most%20since%201994.&text=U.S.%20bonds'%20worst%20quarter%20in,biggest%20dip%20in%20recent%20memory.>)

⁸ Source: Bloomberg, Deutsche Bank. As of 3/31/2022.



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics. Chart data thru March 31, 2022. The "Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers: All Items Less Food & Energy" is an aggregate of prices paid by urban consumers for a typical basket of goods, excluding food and energy. This measurement, known as "Core CPI," is widely used by economists because food and energy prices can be volatile. The all urban consumer group represents about 93 percent of the total U.S. population. It is based on the expenditures of almost all residents of urban or metropolitan areas, including professionals, the self-employed, the unemployed, and retired people, as well as urban wage earners and clerical workers. Not included in the CPI are the spending patterns of people living in rural nonmetropolitan areas, those in farm households, people in the Armed Forces, and those in institutions, such as prisons and mental hospitals.

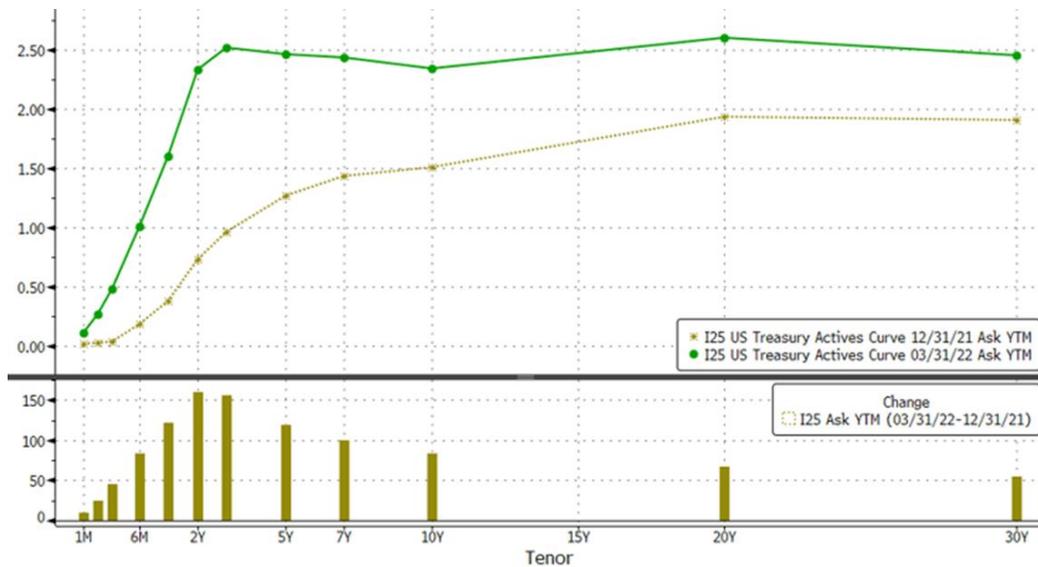
With inflation running hot and U.S. monetary policy still very easy, the Fed was forced to aggressively pivot to a tighter monetary policy stance. As of December 2021, the market expected three 25-basis point hikes from the Fed over the course of 2022. In March 2022, the Fed released updated projections for the Fed Funds rate – their plan for how they expect to tighten monetary policy.⁹ Those projections led to a dramatic change in market expectations. By the end of March 2022, the market expected more than eight 25-basis-point hikes by the end of 2022. The result is that the market's expectation for the Fed Funds rate by the end of 2022 increased from 0.8% to 2.4%, representing 158 bps of additional increases that was priced into the market during Q1 2022.¹⁰

In addition to promoting a steeper path to the Fed Funds rate, the Fed also began to outline its plans to reduce its bond holdings. During the pandemic, the Fed bought bonds to stimulate the economy, a process called quantitative easing. Now the Fed is about to reduce those bond holdings, a process known as quantitative tightening, which will lead to hundreds of billions of dollars of bonds getting absorbed by the rest of the market.

Together, the higher Fed Funds rate expectations and planned reduction in the Fed's bond holdings led to a dramatic increase in Treasury yields during the quarter. This chart shows the Treasury yield curve as of December 2021 and March 2022, along with the changes in yield over the past three and 12 months.

⁹ Source: The Federal Reserve. <https://www.federalreserve.gov/monetarypolicy/files/fomcprotabl20220316.pdf>.

¹⁰ Source: Bloomberg. As of 3/31/2022.

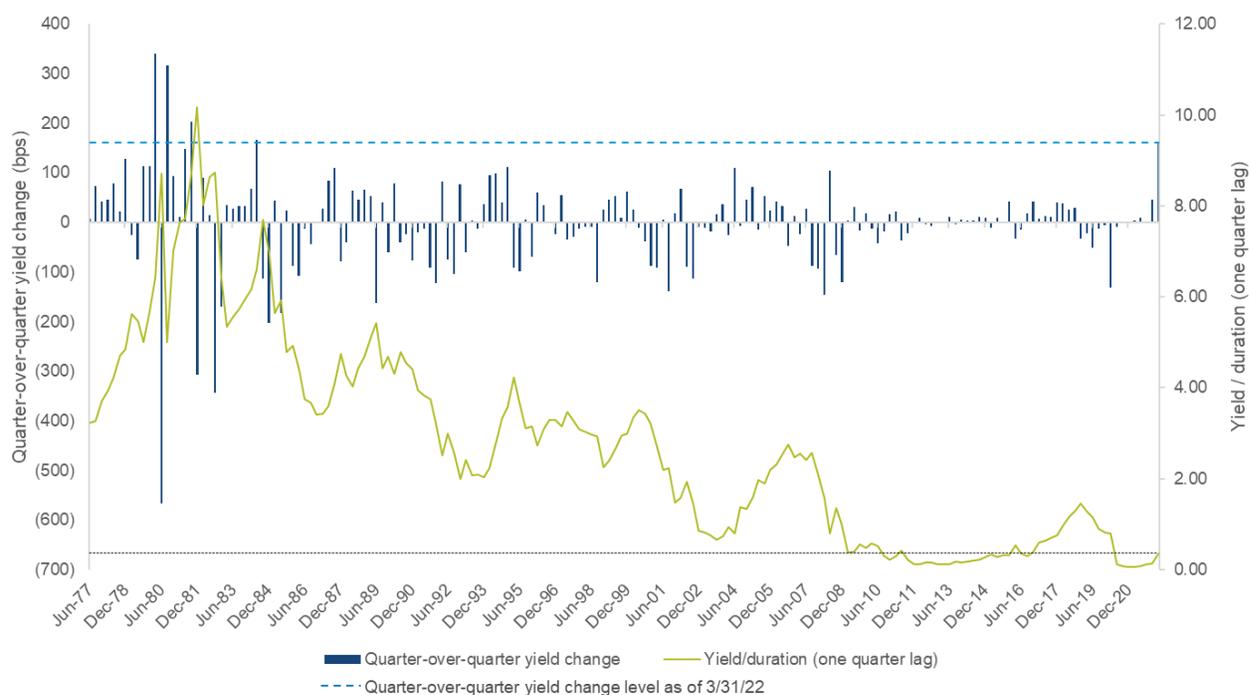


	1M	2M	3M	6M	1Y	Maturity		5Y	7Y	10Y	20Y	30Y
						2Y	3Y					
Q1 change in yields (bps)	9	24	45	83	122	160	156	120	99	83	67	54
Twelve Month change in yields (bps)	11	27	47	98	154	218	217	152	101	60	29	4

Source: Bloomberg. Chart data as of the dates shown.

The increase in risk-free rates shown above pummeled bond prices and led to historically poor returns across the fixed income market. Yet, while the changes in yield shown above are certainly large, they are not unprecedented, which raises the question of why bond returns were so terrible this time around. The answer is that these yield increases occurred against the backdrop of historically expensive bond valuations. To put bond valuations in perspective, the following chart shows the ratio of yield to duration for two-year Treasury bonds along with historical quarterly changes in two-year Treasury yields. The yield-to-duration ratio measures a bond's ability to produce positive returns in a rising interest rate environment. When the ratio is higher, returns are better, all things being equal, because there is more yield to offset a decline in price caused by rising interest rates. Leading up to 2022, this ratio was near its all-time low meaning that there was historically little yield to compensate for yield-driven price declines. As the bars in the chart demonstrate, the magnitude of this past quarter's large yield change is rare but not unprecedented, having occurred before in the 70's and early 80's. What is unprecedented is that this time, bonds were historically expensive when that large yield change occurred. As a result, when a large yield change led to a large move in bond prices, there was not enough yield available to offset the price decline, resulting in negative returns. This same dynamic played out for longer maturity bonds as well.

Two-year U.S. Treasury



Source: Bloomberg. As of 3/31/2022.

Yet historically expensive bond valuations should not have caught people off guard. In fact, we pointed out last year how expensive bonds were and tried to caution investors that they should be aware of the duration risk in the market. On our end, we responded to the expensive market by positioning the Fund with a shorter duration.

We made our decision to shorten duration using our absolute value approach to investing. Many other fixed income investors invest by predicting where interest rates will go and then they use your money to make their speculative bets. The reality is that it is hard to get those bets right and, even if one gets it right, it is hard to do so consistently. We have been upfront with our investors that we do not have a view on what will happen in the future – we do not have macroeconomic views and we do not know where rates or markets will go. At best, we have informed opinions, but we would never bet your money – and ours – on those opinions because we seek consistent, repeatable results.

To that end, we invest in a way that tries to protect on the downside. We take this approach because bonds generally do not have much upside potential. As such, it is important to try to protect against bad outcomes, which almost inevitably happen. We are focused on capital preservation in the long-term with respect to the ultimate repayment of our bonds. We are also focused on capital preservation in the short-term with respect to mark-to-market risk, where duration or interest rate risk can be a big driver of bond prices.

To seek to mitigate the short-term mark-to-market downside risk, we actively manage the Fund's duration by using our duration stress test as a guide. We try to buy bonds that we expect will have approximately a breakeven return or greater over a 12-month period if we assume that yields increase by 100 bps during that 12-month period. This test ends up embedding into the portfolio a cushion against rising interest rates. That cushion is generally around an increase of 100 bps of yield on individual bonds, which means that if rates rise by 100 bps or less over 12 months, the Fund generally breaks even or makes money on those bonds (before fees) assuming no default risk. Further, because of how the portfolio ages over time, floating rate bond exposure and other factors, at the portfolio level, oftentimes the portfolio ends up having much more cushion than 100 bps.

Having consistently employed this test to manage the Fund's duration, having paid attention to bond valuation and having proactively sought to insulate the portfolio against expensive bond prices, FPA Flexible Fixed Income, though down this past quarter, was down much less than other fixed income

investments as shown in the table below. We have provided a number of categories and indices that we believe may be of interest because FPA Flexible Fixed Income investors may use the Fund in their portfolios in a number of ways.

Q1 2022 return¹¹

FPA Flexible Fixed Income	-1.46%
Morningstar Nontraditional bond category	-2.49%
Morningstar Short-term bond category	-2.92%
Bloomberg U.S. 1-3 yr Aggregate Bond Index	-2.50%
Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index	-5.93%
Bloomberg U.S. High Yield Index	-4.84%
Bloomberg U.S. Universal Bond Index	-2.68%

Of course, the silver lining of higher yields is that bonds are more now attractive. A more attractive bond market means that FPA Flexible Fixed Income is also now more attractive. Due in part to our investment activity during the quarter, the Fund's yield-to-worst has increased by 170 bps to 3.66% and its duration has increased by 0.3 years to 1.26 years. As described further below, the increase in duration was by design. Even with the incrementally higher duration, the ratio of yield-to-worst to duration for FPA Flexible Fixed Income in comparison to the Universal Index shows that FPA Flexible Fixed Income offers more insulation against rising interest rates, all things being equal.

Characteristics¹²

	Yield-to-Worst(%)	Effective Duration (yrs)	YTW/Duration
FPA Flexible Fixed Income Fund ("FPFIX")	3.66	1.26	2.90
Bloomberg U.S. Universal Index	3.29	6.36	0.52

Higher ratio equals less exposure to interest rate risk

FPFIX captures 111% of the yield with 20% of the interest rate risk of the Index

Notably, the Fund's yield-to-worst does not capture the potential benefit of the Fund's floating rate investments which represent approximately 32% of the Fund. If market expectations are to be believed, the coupons on these floating rate investments could increase by 200-225 bps in 2022. We do not expect that increase to appear all at once and it is contingent on what the Fed ends up doing with respect to rate hikes, but it represents potential additional yield that is not captured in the yield-to-worst and yield-to-worst to duration ratio shown above, which means that there could be additional yield and insulation against rising rates in the portfolio.¹³

¹¹ Comparison to indices or Morningstar categories is for illustrative purposes only. The Fund does not include outperformance of any index or category in its investment objectives.

¹² Source: FactSet, Bloomberg. Comparison to the Bloomberg U.S. Universal Index is for illustrative purposes only. FPFIX does not include outperformance of any index or benchmark in its investment objectives. An investor cannot invest directly in an index. Please refer to page 1 for net performance of the Fund since inception. Please see footnote 1 for the Fund's SEC Yield. Please refer to the end of the presentation for Important Disclosures and Index definitions.

¹³ Floating Rate Bonds or Notes (FRNs) are fixed income securities that pay a coupon determined by a reference rate which resets periodically. As the reference rate resets, the payment received is not fixed and fluctuates overtime. FRNs are in demand among investors when it is expected that interest rates will increase. FRNs can be beneficial as they offer investors an opportunity to earn higher coupon payments should the reference rate rise. FRNs also offer lower duration than fixed rate notes which protects value in a rising rate environment. FRNs present risk if interest rates decrease, which would result in lower coupon payments. All payments on FRNs are subject to the creditworthiness of the issuer. (Source: RBC Capital Markets, An Overview of Floating Rate Notes, <https://www.rbccm.com/assets/rbccm/docs/expertise/fixed-income/us/rbc-floating-rate-notes-fact-sheet.pdf>.)

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As we navigate markets, not only does our duration test seek to insulate the Fund from rising rates, it also guides us to buy shorter duration bonds when yields fall and, conversely, buy longer duration bonds when yields increase. Conceptually this approach makes sense – when yields are lower, duration is more expensive and we should own less duration, i.e., we should buy shorter duration bonds. Last year, when yields were lower, we bought shorter duration bonds and that positioned the Fund well for the increase in yields we are now experiencing.

With respect to our approach in the current market environment, now that yields are higher, duration is cheaper, so we should buy more duration, i.e., longer duration bonds. As noted earlier, the majority of the yield increase in the bond market is due to higher risk-free rates, not spreads. As such, when the market gets cheaper, especially when it is because of higher risk-free rates, we think we should lean into that opportunity because it improves the long-term return prospects of the Fund. For us, leaning in does not mean buying 30-year bonds or even 10-year bonds. Rather, we incrementally add higher yielding, longer duration bonds by using our 100 bps duration test as a guide. As an example of how this works, in Q4 2021, we bought highly-rated fixed rate bonds with an average duration of 2.0 years and a 1.5% yield. In Q1 2022, as referenced earlier, we bought similar types of bonds with an average duration of 2.4 years and a yield of 3.4%. The additional duration is incremental but it meaningfully improves the portfolio. Adding duration in this manner helps to insulate the Fund against rising interest rates while putting the Fund in a better position if rates decline because, in a declining rate environment, having more duration improves the potential total return.

Why might rates decline? One possibility is a recession. The Fed's aggressive tightening has put economists and the market on recession alert. An inversion of the yield curve, which occurs when two-year Treasury yields are greater than 10-year Treasury yields, has historically presaged a recession. The yield curve briefly inverted in the first quarter, suggesting that there may be a recession at some point (while the inverted curve has a strong record in predicting recessions, its track record on predicting the timing is so-so). If the Fed has to change course on its current policy because of a recession and tighten less or not at all, rates could decline. It would not be unprecedented for the Fed to quickly reverse course. In the six months between September 2018 and March 2019, the market's expectations for the Fed Funds rate at the end of 2019 swung from an expectation of more than 2 hikes to a rate cut!¹⁴ Note that this reversal in policy expectations was not COVID-induced, as this occurred several quarters before COVID was on anyone's radar.

Longer term, rates could decline because of the trajectory of the U.S. economy. For decades, the U.S. economy and much of the developed world have been in a disinflationary or even deflationary mode. During that time, assets with duration have performed well over the long run because of central banks' stimulus efforts. While inflation is currently high, it is not clear that the U.S. economy has fundamentally changed such that we will be in an inflationary mode over the long term. There are, of course, reasons to believe that we could be in an inflationary environment for some period of time, including the geopolitically driven near-sourcing of supply chains referenced earlier. However, if the U.S. economy is still a disinflationary economy long term, owning more duration is better for returns than owning less, especially if one buys duration with the goal of insulating against rising rates as we do. To reiterate, we are not making a macroeconomic bet; we are simply buying optionality on lower rates and doing so with some insulation against rates rising further.

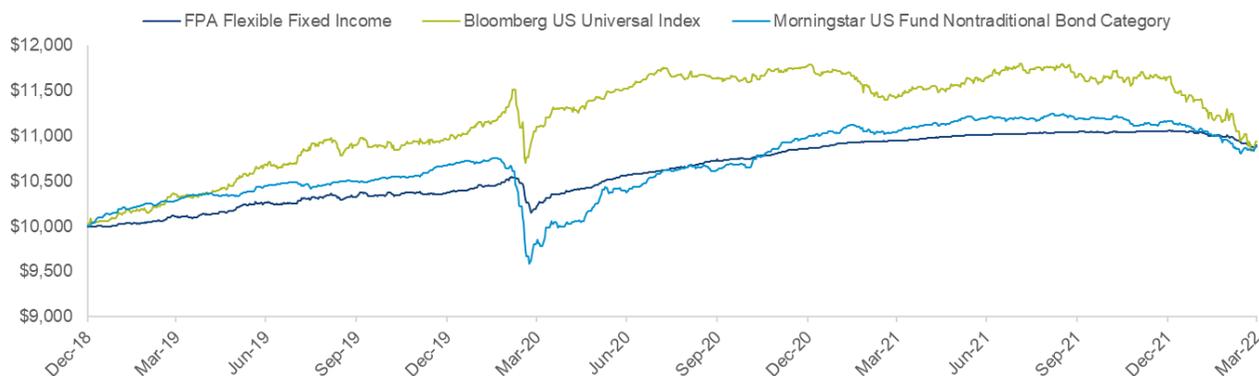
Having said that, this approach is not without risk because it is hard to predict how much and how quickly rates could rise in the short-term. We have tried to build insulation against rising rates into our portfolio but sometimes the market overwhelms even our disciplined and conservative approach. Seeking more insulation from rising rates makes it tough to ever own bonds and one might as well sit in cash all of the time. By the same token, one should probably never take any risk at all. Furthermore, there is an opportunity cost to holding cash.

We believe this approach to active duration management will continue to limit short-term drawdowns and that limited short-term drawdowns are in service to the longer-term goal of delivering to our investors superior total returns with a smoother ride than the alternatives which is really what we are ultimately aiming for. The following chart shows the total return for FPA Flexible Fixed Income versus the rest of the

¹⁴ Source: Bloomberg

nontraditional bond category and the Universal Bond Index since the inception of the Fund at the end of 2018. From start to finish, we have produced similar or better returns for our investors during that time than these investment alternatives. Importantly, we have done so with less volatility, as demonstrated by the smoother line and table below showing the Fund's higher sharpe and sortino ratios and lower maximum drawdown over this time period.

Growth of \$10,000 since inception of FPFIX (12/31/2018)



12/31/2018-3/31/2022	Sharpe Ratio	Sortino Ratio	Max Drawdown
FPA Flexible Fixed Income	0.86	1.14	-3.32%
Morningstar US Fund Nontraditional Bond	0.39	0.48	-10.10%
Bloomberg U.S. Universal Index	0.49	0.74	-8.10%

Source: Morningstar Direct. As of 3/31/2022. FPFIX Inception is December 31, 2018. **Past performance is no guarantee, nor is it indicative, of future results.** Comparison to the index and Morningstar category is for illustrative purposes only. The Fund does not include outperformance of any index or peer group in its investment objectives.

Moreover, not to be dismissed, we have accomplished this performance with less agita along the way. By “agita” we mean that our investors do not have to worry that we are making speculative bets or worry about style drift. We strive for and have demonstrated a disciplined, consistent and transparent process that purposely tries not to surprise and that has been demonstrated over time.

The past few months have no doubt been turbulent. While the Fund's performance relative to peers and indices offers us some small solace, nonetheless we do not enjoy losing money, even on a short-term mark-to-market basis. Both portfolio managers of the Fund have a significant personal investment in the Fund alongside our investors, so we feel this loss firsthand. However, focusing solely on the short-term comes at the expense of seeking to maximize long-term profits for the Fund's investors. As such, consistent with our past discipline and as detailed above, we intend to take advantage of the opportunities presented today to make long-term investments in the Fund's returns. We take this step with you: both portfolio managers added to their investments in the Fund in recent months.

Respectfully submitted,

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The return of principal in a bond fund is not guaranteed. Bond funds have the same issuer, interest rate, inflation and credit risks that are associated with underlying bonds owned by the Fund. Lower rated bonds, convertible securities and other types of debt obligations involve greater risks than higher rated bonds.

Interest rate risk is the risk that when interest rates go up, the value of fixed income instruments, such as bonds, typically go down and investors may lose principal value. Credit risk is the risk of loss of principal due to the issuer's failure to repay a loan. Generally, the lower the quality rating of a fixed income instrument, the greater the risk that the issuer will fail to pay interest fully and return principal in a timely manner. If an issuer defaults the fixed income instrument may lose some or all of its value.

Mortgage securities and collateralized mortgage obligations (CMOs) are subject to prepayment risk and the risk of default on the underlying mortgages or other assets; such derivatives may increase volatility. Convertible securities are generally not investment grade and are subject to greater credit risk than higher-rated investments. High yield securities can be volatile and subject to much higher instances of default.

Collateralized debt obligations ("CDOs"), which include collateralized loan obligations ("CLOs"), collateralized bond obligations ("CBOs"), and other similarly structured securities, carry additional risks in addition to interest rate risk and default risk. This includes, but is not limited to: (i) distributions from the underlying collateral may not be adequate to make interest or other payments; (ii) the quality of the collateral may decline in value or default; and (iii) the complex structure of the security may not be fully understood

at the time of investment and may produce disputes with the issuer or unexpected investment results. Investments in CDOs are also more difficult to value than other investments.

Value style investing presents the risk that the holdings of securities may never reach their full market value because the market fails to recognize what the portfolio management team considers the true business value or because the portfolio management team has misjudged those values. In addition, value style investing may fall out of favor and underperform growth or other styles of investing during given periods.

The ratings agencies that provide ratings are Standard and Poor's, Moody's, and Fitch. Credit ratings range from AAA (highest) to D (lowest). Bonds rated BBB or above are considered investment grade. Credit ratings of BB and below are lower-rated securities (junk bonds). High-yielding, non-investment grade bonds (junk bonds) involve higher risks than investment grade bonds. Bonds with credit ratings of CCC or below have high default risk.

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Index / Category Definitions

Comparison to any index is for illustrative purposes only and should not be relied upon as a fully accurate measure of comparison. The Fund will be less diversified than the indices noted herein, and may hold non-index securities or securities that are not comparable to those contained in an index. Indices will hold positions that are not within the Fund's investment strategy. Indices are unmanaged, do not reflect any commissions, fees or expenses which would be incurred by an investor purchasing the underlying securities. The Fund does not include outperformance of any index or benchmark in its investment objectives. Investors cannot invest directly in an index.

Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index provides a measure of the performance of the U.S. investment grade bonds market, which includes investment grade U.S. Government bonds, investment grade corporate bonds, mortgage pass-through securities and asset-backed securities that are publicly offered for sale in the United States. The securities in the Index must have at least 1 year remaining in maturity. In addition, the securities must be denominated in U.S. dollars and must be fixed rate, nonconvertible, and taxable.

Bloomberg US Aggregate 1-3 Year Bond Index provides a measure of the performance of the U.S. investment grade bonds market, which includes investment grade U.S. Government bonds, investment grade corporate bonds, mortgage pass-through securities and asset-backed securities that are publicly offered for sale in the United States. The securities in the Index must have a remaining maturity of 1 to 3 years. In addition, the securities must be denominated in U.S. dollars and must be fixed rate, nonconvertible, and taxable.

Bloomberg U.S. High Yield Index measures the market of USD-denominated, non-investment grade, fixed-rate, taxable corporate bonds.

Bloomberg U.S. High Yield Index ex. Energy measures the market of USD-denominated, non-investment grade, fixed-rate, taxable corporate bonds excluding Energy sector.

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The **Consumer Price Index (CPI)** is an unmanaged index representing the rate of the inflation of U.S. consumer prices as determined by the U.S. Department of Labor Statistics. There can be no guarantee that the CPI will reflect the exact level of inflation at any given time. This index reflects non-seasonally adjusted returns.

The **CPI + 200 bps** is created by adding 2% to the annual percentage change in the CPI. This index reflects non-seasonally adjusted returns.

Morningstar Nontraditional Bond Category contains funds that pursue strategies divergent in one or more ways from conventional practice in the broader bond fund universe. Many funds in this group describe themselves as "absolute return" portfolios, which seek to avoid losses and produce returns uncorrelated with the overall bond market; they employ a variety of methods to achieve those aims. Another large subset are self-described "unconstrained" portfolios that have more flexibility to invest tactically across a wide swath of individual sectors, including high yield and foreign debt, and typically with very large allocations. Funds in the latter group typically have broad freedom to manage interest rate sensitivity, but attempt to tactically manage those exposures in order to minimize volatility. The category is also home to a subset of portfolios that attempt to minimize volatility by maintaining short or ultra short duration portfolios, but explicitly court significant credit and foreign bond market risk in order to generate high returns. Funds within this category often will use credit default swaps and other fixed income derivatives to a significant level within their portfolios. There were 336 funds in the category at 3/31/2022.

Other Definitions

Basis Point (bps) is equal to one hundredth of one percent, or 0.01%. 100 basis points = 1%.

Corporate holdings include bank debt, corporate bonds and common stock.

Coupon or coupon payment is the annual interest rate paid on a bond, expressed as a percentage of the face value and paid from issue date until maturity.

Credit Spread is the difference in yield between a U.S. Treasury bond and another debt security of the same maturity but different credit quality.

GDP is Gross Domestic Product and it measures the monetary value of all finished goods and services (i.e., bought by the final user) made within a country during a specific period.

Effective Duration (years) is the duration calculation for bonds with embedded options. Effective duration takes into account that expected cash flows will fluctuate as interest rates change.

Nominal yield is the coupon rate on a bond.

A bond **premium** occurs when the price of the bond has increased in the secondary market. A bond might trade at a premium because its interest rate is higher than current rates in the market.

Real yield is the nominal yield of a bond minus the rate of inflation

Repo (Repurchase Agreement) is a form of short-term borrowing for dealers in government securities.

The **risk-free rate** reflects the yield of the Treasury bond matching the investment's duration.

Sharpe Ratio measures risk-adjusted performance. The Sharpe ratio is calculated by subtracting the risk-free rate - such as that of the 10-year U.S. Treasury bond - from the rate of return for a portfolio and dividing the result by the standard deviation of the portfolio returns..

Weighted Average Life (years) is the average length of time that each dollar of unpaid principal on a loan, a mortgage or an amortizing bond remains outstanding.

Yield to Maturity is the rate of return anticipated on a bond if held until the end of its lifetime. YTM is considered a long-term bond yield expressed as an annual rate. The YTM calculation takes into account the bond's current market price, par value, coupon interest rate and time to maturity. It is also assumed that all coupon payments are reinvested at the same rate as the bond's current yield.

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