

# RCTIX Quarterly Investment Report | Q3 2022

## Overall Morningstar Rating™



Based on risk-adjusted returns out of 283 funds as of September 30, 2022.



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2022 WINNER UNITED STATES

Category	Multisector Bond
1-Year % Rank	10 <sup>th</sup> Percentile <i>Out of 340 funds</i>
3-Year % Rank	8 <sup>th</sup> Percentile <i>Out of 283 funds</i>
5-Year % Rank	1 <sup>st</sup> Percentile <i>Out of 249 funds</i>
Criteria	Risk-Adjusted Return

## Performance | Quarter-End

As of September 30, 2022.

	RCTIX (net)	BAG
QTD	-0.41%	-4.75%
1-Year (Ann.)	-5.60%	-14.60%
3-Year (Ann.)	1.74%	-3.26%
5-Year (Ann.)	4.02%	-0.27%
SI (Ann.)	4.65%	0.63%

## Characteristics | Quarter-End

	RCTIX	BAG
Duration (Years)	2.76	6.40
SEC Yield (Sub)*	4.78%	4.75%
SEC Yield (Unsub)*	4.63%	-
Floating Rate	36%	-
Annualized Volatility	4.60%	4.21%
Sharpe Ratio	0.83	-0.05

The performance data quoted herein represents past performance and is not a guarantee of future results. Investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted. For the most recent month-end performance, please call 800-245-0371.

## Contributors & Detractors | Quarter-End

Legend

◀ -0.10% to 0.10% ▲ > 0.10% ▼ < -0.10%

Quarter	Portfolio Sector
▲	Municipal
▲	Corporate
◀▶	US Treasury
▼	CMBS
▼	ABS
▼	RMBS - Non-Agency
▼	CLO
▼	RMBS - Agency

## Notable Observations

### Munis :

Munis delivered positive returns for the quarter despite broader index declines (Muni Index -3.5% in Q3). We received a 10% paydown on our largest muni position at an 11 point premium to our mark, demonstrating the value of the portfolio's "endogenous liquidity" in a challenging rate environment.

### Corporate:

Corporates delivered positive returns for the quarter and were material contributors to portfolio returns despite broader index declines for the quarter (Bloomberg US IG Index -5.06%, HY Index -0.65%). In Corporates, our investments are focused on short-duration, high-quality assets that to the extent possible are not subject to rate volatility.

### Structured Credit (ABS/CLO/RMBS):

ABS were the primary detractor for the quarter as consumer concerns repriced securities lower, but we remain convicted that coverage remains adequate to continue to pay principal and interest on our securities going forward. CLOs and RMBS were also material detractors for the quarter suffering markdowns as both credit spreads and rates widened in the quarter. The Bloomberg US ABS Index returned -1.3% and the US MBS Index returned -4% for the quarter.

## About the Fund

### RCTIX

With \$500.5 million in AUM as of Q3 2022, the Fund is an actively managed, diversified portfolio of structured credit and other fixed income instruments. The Fund strives to achieve high relative and risk-adjusted returns compared to the Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index (BAG).

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## Contribution to Quarterly Gross Returns

Portfolio Sector	Starting Allocation	Ending Allocation	Change in Allocation	Gross Return Contribution
US Treasury	12%	2%	-10%	-0.04%
CMBS	16%	10%	-6%	-0.20%
ABS	15%	20%	+5%	-0.04%
RMBS - Non-Agency	15%	19%	0%	-0.29%
CLO	5%	6%	+1%	-0.31%
Municipal	6%	7%	+1%	0.08%
RMBS - Agency	1%	1%	0%	-0.07%
Corporate	26%	29%	+3%	0.58%
Cash	4%	7%	+3%	0.00%

\*The 30-Day SEC Yield represents net investment income earned by the Fund over the 30-Day period ended 9/30/2022, expressed as an annual percentage rate based on the Fund's share price at the end of the 30-Day period. The 30-Day unsubsidized SEC Yield does not reflect any fee waivers/reimbursements/limits in effect.

River Canyon Fund Management LLC (the "Adviser") has contractually agreed to waive fees and reimburse expenses to the extent that Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses (excluding brokerage costs, interest, taxes, dividend expense on short positions, litigation and indemnification expenses, expenses associated with investments in underlying investment companies, and extraordinary expenses) exceed 0.65% until January 28, 2023. The current gross expense ratio is 0.89% and the net expense ratio is 0.67% as of 8/30/2022.

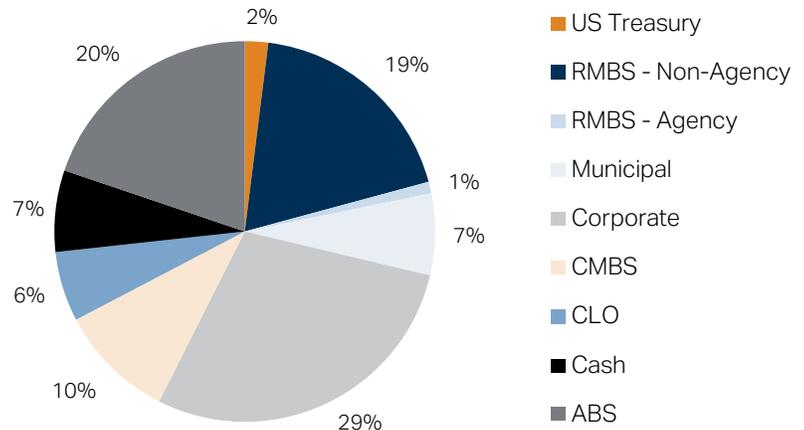
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## Allocation by Credit Quality | Quarter-End

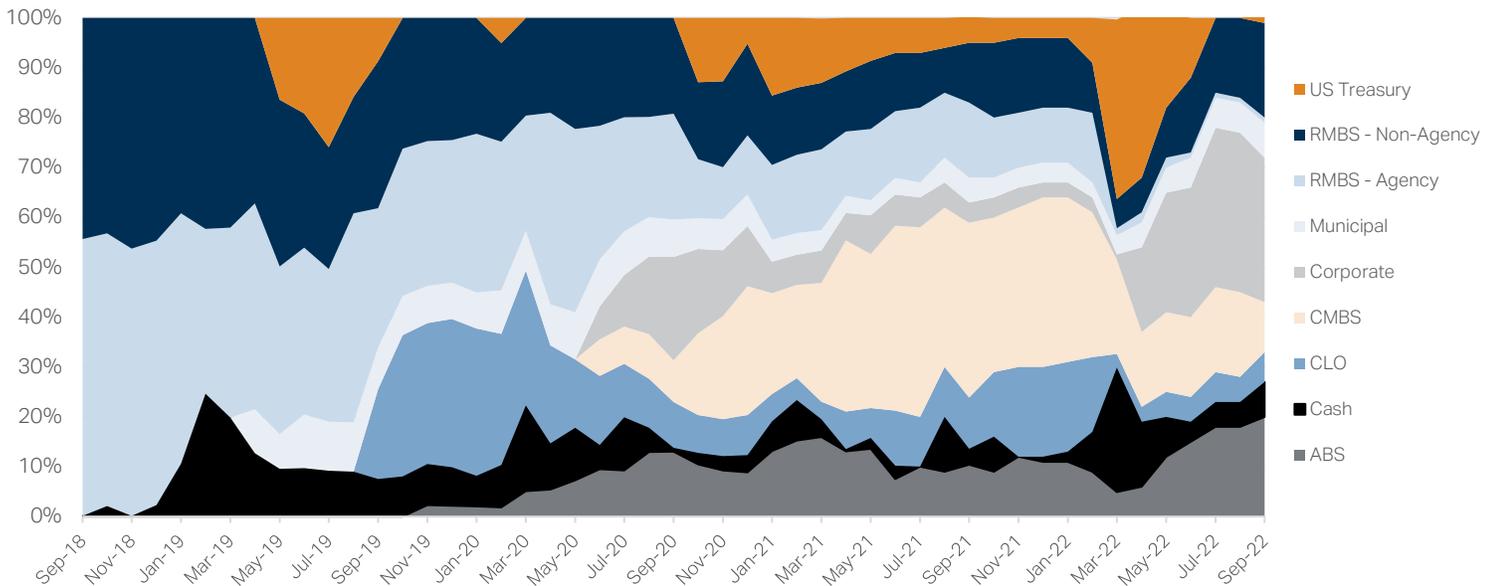
Agency	Current Quarter	Change vs Prior Quarter
Agency	12%	+7%
AAA	4%	-13%
AA	1%	0%
A	8%	+1%
BBB	7%	+3%
BB	7%	0%
B	7%	-5%
CCC	5%	0%
CC	1%	0%
C	5%	+1%
Not Rated	43%	+6%

## Allocation by Sector | Quarter-End



Credit quality ratings reflect the credit quality of the underlying securities in the Fund's portfolio and not that of the Fund itself. Quality ratings are subject to change. Moody's assigns a rating of Aaa as the highest to C as the lowest credit quality rating. S&P assigns a rating of AAA as the highest to D as the lowest credit quality rating.

## Trailing 3 Year Sector Allocation



## Important Information

The Fund's benchmarks for performance comparison purposes are the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index. The Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index is an unmanaged index that measures the investment grade, US dollar-denominated, fixed-rate taxable bond market. The index includes Treasuries, government-related and corporate securities, mortgage pass-through securities, and asset-backed securities. The index returns reflect the theoretical reinvestment of dividends on securities in the index. The impact of any transaction costs and the deduction associated with a mutual fund, such as investment management and administration fees, are not reflected in the index calculations. It is not possible to invest directly in an index.

### PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT RISKS

It is important to note that the Fund is not guaranteed by the U.S. Government. Fixed income investments involve interest rate risk, issuer credit risk and risk of default, and price volatility risk. Funds investing in bonds can lose their value as interest rates rise, and investors participating in such Funds can suffer a partial or total loss of their principal. The Fund invests in asset backed and mortgaged backed securities which may be more volatile than other fixed income securities and influenced by the housing markets or markets from which the collateral is drawn. For a more complete list of fund risks, please see the Prospectus.

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### Commentary & Outlook

- **Persistent inflation and a tight labor market have pushed the Fed to be more aggressive in tightening monetary policy, further pressuring fixed income returns.** At the end of Q2 the market was pricing a terminal Fed Funds rate of 3.5% by March 2023, declining to 3% by YE2023. Today, the market anticipates a Fed Funds rate of 4.5% by March 2023, declining to 4.3% by YE2023. Additionally, the Fed reduced their holdings of treasury and mortgage-backed securities by \$47.5BN/month from June to August this year, and will increase that amount to \$95BN/month starting in September. The result has been wider yields and lower prices as treasuries “crowd-out” private investments. In Q3 the 10Y treasury returned -5.8% (+81bps wider to 3.83%), bringing YTD returns to -16.9%.
- **Overall yields are compelling, credit spreads suggest a slowdown but not a recession.** IG corporates offer a 5.69% YTW, the highest yield in over a decade, but an OAS of 159 is about average over the past 20 years (2018 peak was 153bps, 2020 high was 272bps). Similarly, HY corporates offer a compelling 9.68% YTW (9.44% was the COVID wide), and credit spreads of 552bps are consistent with previous slowdowns (526bps in 2018 & 660bps in 2015) but tight to what one would expect in a recession (996bps in 2002, 1662bps in 2008, 880bps in 2020).
- **We remain cautious into Q4.** A robust job market, even in the face of Fed tightening, has supported earnings in many areas and consumer sentiment. We anticipate that will change in Q4 as corporate earnings outlooks come down and the labor market cools, and these factors are likely to negatively impact credit spreads and valuations. As a result, we continue to position defensively and hold an elevated amount of cash. In Corporates, our investments are focused on short-duration, high-quality assets that to the extent possible are not subject to rate volatility. Despite this sounding “too good to be true”, we are finding investments that fit this profile with high single-digit return profiles and short (2-3Y) duration. In Structured Credit, we are focused on investment-grade fixed-rate tranches with 1-2Y WAL high single digit return profiles. In some cases we have invested in HY consumer-oriented tranches in the primary market, but in these we have the flexibility to drive structure and pricing from forced issuers in a difficult primary market. We are structuring securities with attractive return profiles, aggressive cash paydowns, and enough enhancement to protect principal in a recession. We do not think it is the time to be “playing offense” and are very focused on capital preservation and endogenous liquidity (i.e. short-term cash paydowns we can reinvest opportunistically) in the coming months.
- **Volatility will remain elevated and create opportunities.** Our outlook is bearish and driven by the belief that a recession is needed to tame inflation. On the other hand, it is worth appreciating that sentiment is universally bearish and positioning is reflective of that, so we expect fits and starts as the economic data deteriorates. For now, the combination of Fed tightening (wider rates) and weaker fundamentals (wider spreads) is a difficult combination to fight, but the “silver lining” is that as economic data deteriorates, we expect inflation to come down, and with it the Fed impetus to tighten. We think investors in RCTIX are well-positioned to earn a defensive real return near-term while the cash and endogenous liquidity created in the portfolio simultaneously allows us to be in a position to capitalize on dislocations as they appear, providing good entry points to capture long-term returns as the opportunity set increases.

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## Important Information

**Sharpe Ratio:** A measurement of the portfolio's outperformance per unit of the portfolio's volatility.

**Duration:** A measurement of the portfolio's bonds' sensitivity to interest rate changes. "Duration" represents Effective Duration for RCTIX and Modified Adjusted Duration for the Index.

**Option Adjusted Spread(OAS):** Measures the difference in yield between a bond with an embedded option, such as RMBS or callable bonds, with the yield on Treasuries.

**Tranche:** A portion of a pool of securities.

**CMBS:** Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities

**RMBS:** Residential Mortgage-Backed Securities

**CLO:** Collateralized Loan Obligation

**ABS:** Asset Backed Securities

**AUM:** Assets Under Management

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