

RCTIX Quarterly Investment Report | Q4 2022

Overall Morningstar Rating™



Based on risk-adjusted returns out of 290 funds as of December 31, 2022.



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FUND AWARDS
2022 WINNER
UNITED STATES

Category	Multisector Bond
1-Year % Rank	10 th Percentile Out of 343 funds
3-Year % Rank	6 th Percentile Out of 290 funds
5-Year % Rank	2 nd Percentile Out of 253 funds
Criteria	Risk-Adjusted Return

Performance | Quarter-End

As of December 31, 2022.

	RCTIX (net)	BAG
QTD	1.26%	1.87%
1-Year (Ann.)	-4.07%	-13.01%
3-Year (Ann.)	2.10%	-2.71%
5-Year (Ann.)	3.90%	0.02%
SI (Ann.)	4.67%	0.86%

Characteristics | Quarter-End

	RCTIX	BAG
Duration (Years)	3.02	6.17
SEC Yield (Sub)*	5.46%	4.68%
SEC Yield (Unsub)*	5.29%	-
Floating Rate	45.0%	-
Annualized Volatility	4.53%	4.31%
Sharpe Ratio	0.81	-0.08

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Contributors & Detractors | Quarter-End

Legend

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

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

Notable Observations

Corporates :

For the quarter, **Corporates** (+1.50% attribution), were the primary contributor. In total return terms, our corporate book was +5.6% for the quarter, outpacing the Bloomberg HY Index (+4.2%) and IG Index (+3.6%). We reduced our corporate allocation into the rally from 24% of NAV to 19% as we feel Corporate IG spreads at +130bps and HY at +469bps do not adequately reflect the risk of recession and offer less compelling relative value than ABS & RMBS.

ABS

CLOs (+.29% attribution) and **ABS** (+.23% attribution) were both positive contributors for the quarter. Performance was in-line with the broader asset classes and we think offer compelling value.

CMBS:

Primary detractor in the quarter was the funds exposure to **CMBS Project IO's** (-.41% attribution). Rate volatility into year-end contributed to lower marks, but we continue to appreciate the securities for the stable yield(6-7%) potential and government guarantee/defensive nature.

Cash

We maintain an elevated 8% NAV cash allocation in the portfolio given the low opportunity cost (cash yields 4%+) and anticipate volatility and interesting opportunities to arise in early 2023.

About the Fund

RCTIX

With \$373.1 million in AUM as of Q4 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	2%	0%	-2%	0.00%
CMBS	10%	11%	+1%	-0.41%
ABS	20%	24%	+4%	0.23%
RMBS - Non-Agency	18%	24%	+6%	0.12%
CLO	6%	5%	-1%	0.32%
Municipal	7%	8%	+1%	-0.26%
RMBS - Agency	1%	1%	0%	-0.22%
Corporate	24%	19%	-5%	1.50%
Cash	7%	8%	+1%	0.00%

*The 30-Day SEC Yield represents net investment income earned by the Fund over the 30-Day period ended 12/31/2022, 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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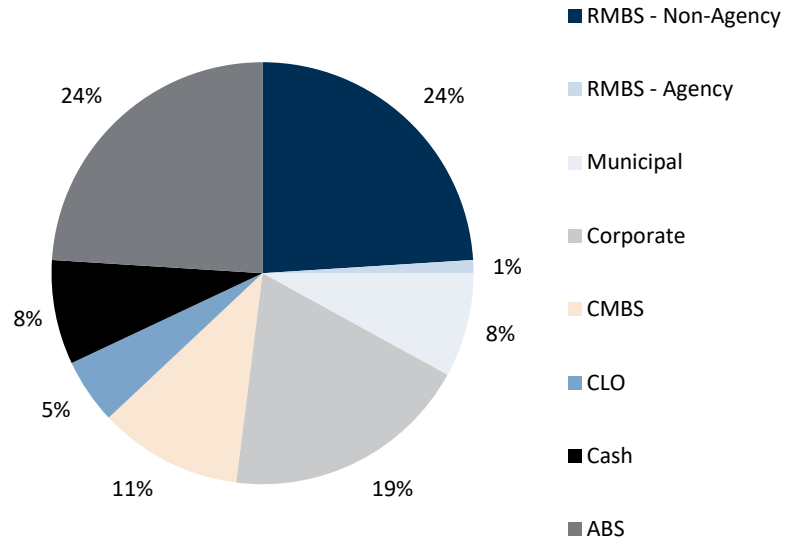
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Allocation by Credit Quality | Quarter-End

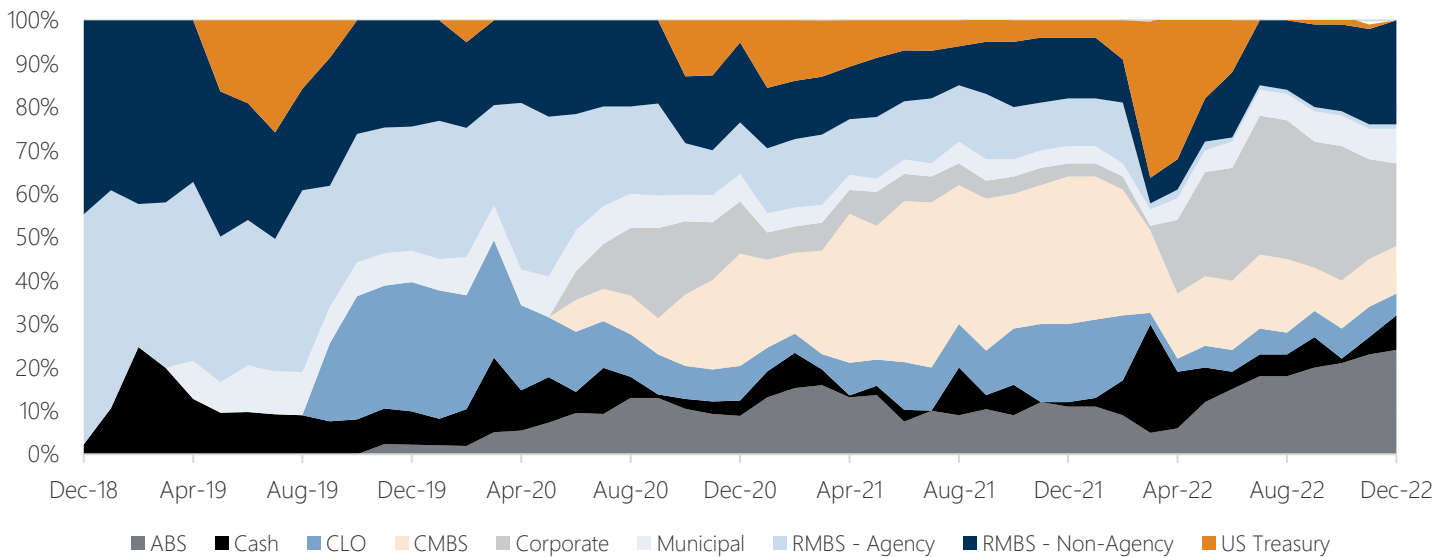
	Current Quarter	Change vs Prior Quarter
Cash	8%	1%
Agency	5%	-7%
AAA	3%	1%
AA	2%	1%
A	13%	5%
BBB	13%	6%
BB	3%	-4%
B	5%	-2%
CCC	6%	1%
CC	1%	0%
C	7%	+2%
Not Rated	34%	-9%

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.

Allocation by Sector | Quarter-End



Trailing 3 Year Sector Allocation



Important Information

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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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Q4/Full Year 2022 Commentary & Outlook

2022 was primarily an interest rate story. We endured policy shocks more than growth shocks. At the end of 2021, the market was pricing a 1% chance the Fed Funds rate would be where it is today. Both rates and credit spreads moved wider this year, but rates and duration dominated. In Corporate IG bonds, all-in yields moved +309bps, but the spread component only moved +38bps, implying that spread widening was only responsible for 12% of the drawdown. In High Yield, it was 39%. At the same time, real GDP increased reasonably well, coming in at +2.9% in Q322.

- **We prefer Structured Credit to Corporates as corporate spreads leave us cautious, but all-in yields should provide a buffer.** At +130bps for Corporate IG Spreads and +469bps for HY Spreads, we think corporate spreads are vulnerable to economic deterioration or recession, where IG spreads are likely to settle closer to +200bps and HY closer to +750bps. IG all-in yields at 5.4% and HY at 9% are somewhat compelling, but better opportunities are arising from the primary market in Structured Credit, where forced issuers must price securities competitively to attract investor capital. For context, in late 2022, you could buy BBB-rated Prime Auto ABS at +375bps when the BBB Corporate Index offered a spread of only +160bps. The Prime Auto ABS transaction also benefits from a 1Y WAL (short duration), receives monthly principal, and is structured to build enhancement (no refi risk). If you want to move to a non-prime consumer, you can get BBB-rated Credit Cards at +800bps. Even after the normal, warranted premium associated with Structured Credit and the consumer risk, we think this is an attractive relative value proposition borne out of the "forced issuer" nature of the market. When we evaluate enhancement in these ABS transactions, we shock them to 2008 levels of consumer distress to test enhancement. Generally speaking, Consumer balance sheets are in better shape than in 2008 (particularly prime consumers), while Corporate Debt as a share of GDP is higher. As corporates endure higher input costs and lower growth, the tight labor market is likely to insulate consumers for a bit, so to start 2023, we are generally overweight Consumers and underweight Corporate exposure.

- **RCTIX lagged the benchmark Barclays Agg in Q422** (+1.26% vs. +1.87%) as a rate rally and tightening corporate spreads helped duration assets. While we have modestly increased our duration from ~2.5 to 3 years in the fund to reflect a more balanced rate view today, we are still somewhat cautious and prefer to underweight duration relative to the 6.11 year duration of the Barclays Agg. The Fed is still on course to hike to 5%+, and Quantitative Tightening (Fed balance sheet runoff) will continue to the tune of \$95BN/month (\$60BN treasuries & \$35BN MBS). Powell's reaction to poor economic data, at least initially, will be to remain on course given the stop-and-go issues of the 1970s.

- **Our base case remains a shallow recession.** The market seems to be focused on both economic growth and inflation coming down in 2023 and is pricing Fed cuts in the back half of 2023. One has to respect that the equity and corporate markets are pricing a soft landing as a base case, but the tails are fat, and most assets embody only a partial risk of recession. We continue to think a defensive posture is warranted despite this consensus view and are focused on securities with pricing that adequately captures the broad range of outcomes. One of our big themes in 2022 was buying short-dated Consumer ABS, where pricing reflected an immediate and severe recession. We think Consumer ABS continues to be attractive as we work through a job to workers imbalance of 4mm+. There are several guardrails in place against excessive losses or returns. For downside protection, there is moderating inflation, the Fed slowing its pace of tightening, a tight labor market, and still-resilient consumer balance sheets. Central banks and commodity restraints are likely to cap the cyclical upside, and it is hard to have a true cyclical recovery until you have increased the output gap. As such, we think patience and a contrarian mindset will be important in 2023.

- **The biggest threat to credit remains cash.** It is difficult to chase 5.5% yields in IG or 6-7% projected returns in HY when cash pays 4.5%+. Volatility is also likely to persist. As such, we think the opportunity cost of holding cash is low, and we will be well-served when opportunities present themselves. We are currently holding 8.3% cash (earning 4%) which is expected to build modestly as remits come in.

- **A compelling case for short-duration credit.** Markets and asset prices have spent 50 years and, most acutely, the past 10 years pulling forward future returns via lower rates. The impetus to employ financial engineering and deploy capital aggressively and quickly was understandable in this context ("I can monetize long-term profits potential immediately when money is free and rates are zero"). Excess returns would seem more difficult to achieve going forward, but that also means achieving current yield will be less difficult, and we think it makes a compelling case for quality credit where you can earn a real return.

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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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