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> Fixed Income Investing in the Current Market Environment

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Investment Philosophy

Active Multi-Sector Approach

We actively manage portfolios across multiple bond market sectors aiming to take advantage of relative value opportunities. We look for opportunities to generate income and capital appreciation, while also limiting risk, in changing market environments.

Driven by Research

Our active approach emphasizes diversification and combines both macroeconomic analysis and comprehensive bottom-up credit research.

Methodical Risk Management

Managing risk factors is a critical component of our approach, and we seek out quality in all of the sectors in which we invest, including high yield bonds.

Taxable Bond Market Sector Performance



Source: FactSet

Bond sectors represented by Barclays Indices

Past performance is not a guarantee or a reliable indicator of future results. All investments contain risk and may lose value. Investing in the bond market is subject to certain risks including market, interest rate, issuer, credit, and inflation risk. High-yield, lower-rated, securities involve greater risk than higher-rated securities; portfolios that invest in them may be subject to greater levels of credit and liquidity risk than portfolios that do not.



Downside Risk Across Bond Market Sectors

PREVIOUS RISING RATE ENVIRONMENT

12/31/2003 - 12/31/2006

Federal Funds Target Rate



Bond Market Returns

Bond Market Sector	Avg. Annual Return (2004-2006)	Cumulative Return
BC Agency Index	3.35%	10.37%
BC Treasury Index	3.14%	9.71%
BC Mortgage Index	4.18%	13.05%
BC High Grade Corporate Index	3.79%	11.76%
BC Aggregate Index	3.70%	11.50%
BC 10-Year Municipal Bond Index	3.87%	12.05%

 Rising short-term rates do not necessarily lead to negative fixed income returns.

Source: Mellon, Federal Reserve

1983 represents the first full year when data was available for all indexes listed here. Data represents a variety of high quality bond indexes by Barclays Capital.

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Fixed income investments are subject to interest, credit, and market risk. Interest rate risk: the value of fixed income investments will decline as interest rates rise. Credit risk: the possibility that the borrower may not be able to repay interest and principal. Low rated bonds generally have to pay higher interest rates to attract investors willing to take on greater risk. Market risk: the bond market in general could decline due to economic conditions, especially during periods of rising interest rates.





There have been <u>three</u> distinct periods of rising interest rates over the last 20 years



Source: Federal Reserve

Bond markets can prevail in a rising rate environment • When investing in bonds, a *total return perspective* is needed. Historically, the income component has more than offset decreases in price. Income is always positive and is the most reliable part of a bond's return.



Source: Barclays Capital; Federal Reserve

-10%



Diversification Works

	Cumulative Total Return (1/1/94 - 2/28/95)	Cumulative Total Return (6/1/99 - 5/31/00)	Cumulative Total Return (6/1/04 - 6/30/06)	
By Bond Type				
Barclays Aggregate Index	1.36%	2.11%	6.54%	
U.S. Treasury Bonds	0.63%	3.33%	5.65%	
U.S. Agency Bonds	0.80%	1.65%	5.97%	
U.S. MBS: Agcy Fixed Rate MBS	3.15%	2.48%	7.29%	
U.S. Investment Grade Corp. Bonds	1.14%	-0.02%	6.31%	
U.S. High Yield Corp. Bonds	3.87%	-3.20%	16.64%	
U.S. Municipal Bonds	0.68%	-0.80%	9.25%	
By Maturity				
2 Year Treasury	3.18%	3.51%	3.13%	
5 Year Treasury	0.22%	1.63%	2.00%	
10 Year Treasury	-2.57%	-0.06%	4.23%	
30 Year Treasury	-6.77%	0.61%	21.82%	

Bond Performance in Three Previous Rising Rate Environments

A multi-sector approach is critical. Each subsector offers different risks and rewards

Source: Barclays Capital

through the cycle.

Potential impact of market timing

• It is impossible to time the market and know when to tactically move from bonds to cash.

Bond Performance in Three Previous Rising Rate Environments: Holding bonds until calendar year-end, performance is dramatically better.

	Cumulative Total Return (1/1/94 - 12/31/95)Cumulative Total Return (6/1/99 - 12/31/00)		Cumulative Total Return (6/1/04 - 12/31/06)	
By Bond Type				
Barclays Aggregate Index	14.26%	11.33%	11.43%	
U.S. Treasury Bonds	13.68%	12.52%	10.02%	
U.S. Agency Bonds	13.54%	11.76%	10.32%	
U.S. MBS: Agcy Fixed Rate MBS	14.13%	11.64%	12.47%	
U.S. Investment Grade Corp. Bonds	16.48%	8.87%	12.10%	
U.S. High Yield Corp. Bonds	16.80%	-5.83%	24.80%	
U.S. Municipal Bonds	11.18%	8.58%	13.73%	
By Maturity				
2 Year Treasury	10.88%	9.30%	5.98%	
5 Year Treasury	11.78%	10.95%	5.87%	
10 Year Treasury	13.69%	10.71%	9.61%	
30 Year Treasury	17.21%	11.74%	18.72%	

Source: Barclays Capital



Unless your timing is consistently correct, staying in cash limits upside potential.

Annual Returns

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2012	0.07%	1.26%	4.21%
2011	0.08	1.59	7.84
2010	0.13	2.80	6.54
2009	0.16	3.83	5.93
2008	1.80	4.97	5.24
2007	4.74	6.83	6.97
2006	4.76	4.25	4.33
2005	3.00	1.77	2.43
2004	1.24	1.30	4.34
2003	1.07	2.81	4.10
2002	1.70	6.28	10.25
2001	4.09	8.78	8.44
2000	5.96	8.08	11.63
1999	4.74	3.15	-0.82
1998	5.05	6.98	8.69
1997	5.24	6.66	9.65
1996	5.25	5.14	3.63
1995	5.74	10.96	18.47
1994	4.22	0.55	-2.92
1993	3.07	5.55	9.75

Highest Returns

- A decision to stay in cash is a decision to forgo the substantially higher income that money would earn in taxable bonds.
- Investors that had broad exposure to different bond sectors generally would have outperformed cash by a wide margin.

Annualized Returns Through December 31, 2012				
	CG 3-Month T-Bill Index	Barclays 1-3 Year Govt./ Credit Index	Barlcays Aggregate Bond Index	
3 Years	0.09%	1.88%	6.19%	
5 Years	0.45	2.88	5.95	
10 Years	1.69	3.13	5.18	
15 Years	2.55	4.28	5.96	

Cumulative Returns

Through December 31, 2012



GW&K Municipal Bond Strategy The Power of Yield

Investors should not fear rising rates as much as they do		Scenario #1 RATES INCREASE 2%	Scenario #2 RATES INCREASE 1%	Scenario #3 RATES UNCHANGED	Scenario #4 RATES DECREASE 1%
 Higher rates help offset the temporary loss in principal value 	1 Year Cumulative Return Gain/Loss per \$1 MM	-9.6% \$(96,076)	-3.1% \$(31,133)	4.0% \$39,721	11.7% \$117,078
 A 100 basis point spike in rates results in a positive 2 year cumulative return As an active manager, we have the flexibility to take advantage of a rising rate environment 	2 Year Cumulative Return Gain/Loss per \$1 MM	-4.0% \$(39,758)	2.0% \$19,908	8.4% \$84,483	15.4% \$154,406
	3 Year Cumulative Return Gain/Loss per \$1 MM	1.7% \$16,711	7.0% \$70,062	12.7% \$127,363	18.9% \$188,928

Ten Year Municipal Bond in Changing Interest Rate Scenarios

Source: Municipal Market Data

Assumes parallel shift of the yield curve occurs in the first year of the analysis. Assumes full effect of bond roll is calculated into returns. Assumes 5% AA-rated bond yield. Bond return is calculated using (price change + coupon) / beginning price. Calculations do not take into account the deduction of advisory fees and other expenses or other potentially material economic or market factors which could impact investment performance. No portion of the this illustration is guaranteed and the interest rate scenarios are not meant to be predictive. For informational purposes only; not intended to provide investment advice or recommendation to buy or sell any specific security. Data is believed to be from reliable sources but cannot be guaranteed.



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Expected Return Opportunities





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