# Fixed Income Investing in the Current Market Environment 

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## Taxable Bond Market Sector Performance

## - 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.


## 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 <br> $(2004-2006)$ | Cumulative <br> 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.
Past performance is no guarantee of future results.
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.

## Rising Interest Rates: An Historical Perspective

There have been three 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.

Barclays Aggregate Index posted positive cumulative returns in all three rising rates cycles

## Cumulative Return of Barclays Aggregate Index



Change in Treasury Yields

|  | $1 / 1 / 94$ <br> (\%) | $2 / 28 / 95$ <br> (\%) | Change <br> (bps) |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 2 Year | 4.23 | 6.77 | 254 |
| 10 Year | 5.79 | 7.21 | 142 |
| 30 Year | 6.34 | 7.46 | 112 |
| Fed Funds | 3.00 | 6.00 | 300 |

Price + Income + Interest Income
= Total Return

IR: Income Return
TR: Total Return
PR: Price Return


Change in Treasury Yields

|  | $6 / 1 / 99$ <br> $(\%)$ | $5 / 31 / 00$ <br> $(\%)$ | Change <br> (bps) |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 2 Year | 5.40 | 6.69 | 129 |
| 10 Year | 5.36 | 6.29 | 93 |
| 30 Year | 5.68 | 6.01 | 33 |
| Fed Funds | 4.75 | 6.50 | 175 |



Change in Treasury Yields

|  | $6 / 1 / 04$ <br> (\%) <br> $6 / 30 / 06$ <br> $(\%)$ | Change <br> (bps) |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 2 Year | 2.54 | 5.16 | 262 |
| 10 Year | 4.65 | 5.13 | 48 |
| 30 Year | 5.34 | 5.18 | -16 |
| Fed Funds | 1.00 | 5.25 | 425 |

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## Rising Interest Rates: An Historical Perspective

Diversification Works

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

Bond Performance in Three Previous Rising Rate Environments

|  | Cumulative Total Return <br> $(\mathbf{1 / 1 / 9 4 - 2 / 2 8 / 9 5 )}$ | Cumulative Total Return <br> $(\mathbf{6} / \mathbf{1 / 9 9 - 5 / 3 1 / 0 0 )}$ | Cumulative Total Return <br> $(\mathbf{6} / \mathbf{1 / 0 4}-\mathbf{6 / 3 0 / 0 6 )}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 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 | $-6.77 \%$ | $0.61 \%$ | $21.82 \%$ |

Source: Barclays Capital

- 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 <br> $(\mathbf{1 / 1 / 9 4 - 1 2 / 3 1 / 9 5 )}$ | Cumulative Total Return <br> $(\mathbf{6} / \mathbf{1} / \mathbf{9 9}-\mathbf{1 2 / 3 1 / 0 0})$ | Cumulative Total Return <br> $(\mathbf{6} / \mathbf{1 / 0 4}-\mathbf{1 2 / 3 1 / 0 6})$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 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

Potential impact of market timing

## Rising Interest Rates: An Historical Perspective

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

Annual Returns

| Year | CG <br> 3-Month <br> T-Bill Index | Barclays 1-3 <br> Year Govt./ <br> Credit Index | Barlcays <br> Aggregate <br> Bond Index |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 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 <br> Through December 31,2012 |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | CG <br> 3-Month <br> T-Bill Index | Barclays 1-3 <br> Year Govt./ <br> Credit Index | Barlcays <br> Aggregate <br> 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


The Power of Yield

Ten Year Municipal Bond in Changing Interest Rate Scenarios

## Investors should not fear rising rates as much as they do

- Higher rates help offset the temporary loss in principal value
- 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

|  | Scenario \# <br> RATES <br> INCREASE 2\% | Scenario \#2 <br> RATES <br> INCREASE 1\% | Scenario \#3 <br> RATES <br> UNCHANGED | Scenario \#4 <br> RATES DECREASE 1\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cumulative Return $\begin{array}{r}1 \text { Year }\end{array}$ | -9.6\% | -3.1\% | 4.0\% | 11.7\% |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Gain/Loss } \\ & \text { per \$1 MM } \end{aligned}$ | \$(96,076) | \$(31,133) | \$39,721 | \$117,078 |
| 2 Year Cumulative Return | -4.0\% | 2.0\% | 8.4\% | 15.4\% |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Gain/Loss } \\ & \text { per \$1 MM } \end{aligned}$ | \$ 39,758 ) | \$19,908 | \$84,483 | \$154,406 |
| 3 Year Cumulative Return | 1.7\% | 7.0\% | 12.7\% | 18.9\% |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { Gain/Loss } \\ \text { per \$1 MM } \end{gathered}$ | \$16,711 | \$70,062 | \$127,363 | \$188,928 |

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## Expected Return Opportunities

## Municipal Bond Yield Curve

In the current environment, a municipal bond investor may achieve attractive expected returns on 8-15 year bonds vs. 30-year bonds without
the associated volatility.



[^0]:    Source: Barclays Capital; Federal Reserve

[^1]:    Source: Municipal Market Data
    
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