

Strategic Enhanced Yield Fund Commentary



Market Overview

Third-quarter economic growth was notably slower than the rapid pace experienced during the first two quarters of 2021, and much lower than consensus forecasted at the beginning of the period. While growth slowed, inflation continued its trend higher during the quarter as commodity prices, led by energy, rose sharply. These two trends (slower growth and higher inflation) seemed to offset each other during the quarter as fixed income markets exhibited very little volatility. Interest rates across the curve ended the quarter barely changed from their starting levels, and returns in many fixed income sectors were close to zero.

Positioning the Strategic Enhanced Yield Fund

Portfolio composition is subject to change.

With inflation at elevated levels and economic growth expected to rebound in the fourth quarter, we believe the most likely path for interest rates should be

higher. Given our expectation of higher rates, we are maintaining a short duration position versus our benchmark.

Markets are currently quite liquid and seem likely to stay that way for the foreseeable future. In this type of environment, we believe it makes sense to take liquidity risk in portfolios. This is the reason we continue to hold a large underweight to government sectors versus the benchmark.

Corporate spreads remain tight and opportunities in the space have become more difficult to find. We continue to like the risk/return profile in the non-agency securitized markets.

In summary:

- Short duration
- Underweight government sectors
- Overweight non-agency ABS/MBS

Why should investors consider investing in this Fund?

The Fund seeks to maintain a higher-quality bias than many of its peers, and has plenty of room to move down in quality should opportunities arise. If we get some volatility in the markets, we believe this fund is positioned to do well.

With benchmarks so heavily weighted to lower-yielding government sectors, we continue to believe that actively managed fixed income is preferable to passive strategies.

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