



PORTFOLIO UPDATE

Inflation Protected Bond Fund

As of March 31, 2024



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2020

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2004

MARKET COMMENTARY

Treasury inflation protected securities and nominal Treasuries generated positive total returns in March as rates decreased along the curve. A dovish tilt from the Federal Reserve and cooling employment data decreased the market's expectations for rate cuts for 2024 and put downward pressure on yields. Long-dated bond yields fell more than short- and intermediate-maturity bond yields, flattening the bell curve. Nominal Treasuries underperformed their inflation-linked counterparts over the one-month period amid mixed inflation data. Break-even spread movement differed across the curve. Two-year and 30-year breakevens narrowed while 1-, 5-, and 10-year breakevens moved wider over the period.

During the March Federal Open Market Committee meeting, the central bank left policy rates unchanged as widely expected, but the post-meeting press conference was perceived as dovish. Fed Chair Powell expressed conviction that rate cuts will be delivered this year despite hotter-than-expected inflation reports in January and February. The Fed's updated Summary of Economic Projections continued to imply three rate cuts in 2024, though its median growth and inflation expectations were revised higher for the year while implying one less cut for 2025.

Economic releases highlighted warm inflation data while employment data marginally cooled. Inflation pressures persisted as the annualized headline CPI number for February ticked up to 3.2%. The Fed's preferred inflation measure, the core PCE price index, was milder, rising by 2.8% year over year, the smallest increase in almost three years. While the nonfarm payrolls surpassed expectations at 275,000, the gains stemmed entirely from part-time jobs. Notably, nonfarm payroll totals from the previous two months were downwardly revised by 167,000. Meanwhile, the unemployment rate ticked upward to 3.9%, up from 3.7%.

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The fund seeks to provide inflation protection and income by investing primarily in inflation-protected debt securities.

FUND INFORMATION

Symbol	PRIPX
CUSIP	77958D101
Inception Date of Fund	October 31, 2002
Benchmark	Bloomberg US TIPS Index
Expense Information (as of the most recent Prospectus)*	0.62% (Gross) 0.41% (Net)
Fiscal Year End	May 31
12B-1 Fee	-

*The Fund operates under a contractual expense limitation that expires on September 30, 2024.

PERFORMANCE

(NAV, total return)

	Annualized							30-Day SEC Yield	30-Day SEC Yield w/o Waiver ^o
	One Month	Three Months	One Year	Three Years	Five Years	Ten Years	Fifteen Years		
Inflation Protected Bond Fund	0.61%	-0.21%	-0.62%	-1.63%	1.86%	1.74%	2.65%	8.31%	8.06%
Bloomberg U.S. TIPS Index	0.82	-0.08	0.45	-0.53	2.49	2.21	3.10	-	-

Performance data quoted represents past performance and is not a reliable indicator of future performance. Investment return and principal value 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. To obtain the most recent month-end performance, visit troweprice.com. The Fund's total return figures reflect the reinvestment of dividends and capital gains, if any.

The Fund's high current yield is due to the rise in the inflation rate, which might not be repeated. Changes in the rate of inflation may cause the Fund's yield to vary substantially from one month to the next.

^oExcludes the effect of contractual expense limitation arrangements. If the expense waiver was not in effect for the 30-Day period shown, there may not be a difference in the 30-day SEC yields shown above.

Investors should note that if interest rates rise significantly from current levels, total returns will decline and may even turn negative in the short term. The fund(s) may have other share classes available that offer different investment minimums and fees. See the prospectus for details.

RISK RETURN CHARACTERISTICS

(Five Years ended March 31, 2024)

	Annualized Std. Deviation	Alpha	Beta	R-Squared	Information Ratio	Sharpe Ratio	Tracking Error
Inflation Protected Bond Fund	6.02%	-0.61%	0.98	0.99	-0.94	-0.03	0.67%
Bloomberg US TIPS Index	6.14	0.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.07	0.00

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. Figures are calculated using monthly data and are net of fees.

PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

	Inflation Protected Bond Fund	Bloomberg US TIPS Index
Number of Holdings	27	48
Weighted Average Maturity	7.47 years	7.34 years
Weighted Average Effective Duration	6.57 years	6.70 years
Weighted Average Coupon	0.80%	0.88%
Yield to Maturity	4.62%	4.56%
Percent of Portfolio in Cash	2.0%	-
Total Assets (all share classes)	387,729,219	-

SECTOR DIVERSIFICATION

	TIPS	Government Re- lated	Reserves
Inflation Protected Bond Fund	98.0%	0.1%	2.0%
Bloomberg US TIPS Index	100.0	0.0	0.0
Over/Underweight	-2.0	0.1	2.0

CREDIT QUALITY DIVERSIFICATION

	U.S. Treas*	A	Not Rated	Reserves
Inflation Protected Bond Fund	98.0%	0.1%	-0.1%	2.0%
Bloomberg US TIPS Index	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Over/Underweight	-2.0	0.1	-0.1	2.0

MATURITY DIVERSIFICATION

	0-1 Year	1-3 Years	3-5 Years	5-7 Years	7-10 Years	10-20 Years	20-30 Years	30+ Years
Inflation Protected Bond Fund	2.0%	22.1%	35.4%	3.2%	23.2%	5.2%	8.9%	0.0%
Bloomberg US TIPS Index	0.0	24.8	27.2	12.8	20.6	5.6	9.0	0.0
Over/Underweight	2.0	-2.7	8.2	-9.6	2.5	-0.4	-0.1	0.0

Definitions

Weighted Average Effective Duration is a calculation that seeks to measure the price sensitivity of a bond Fund to changes in interest rates. In general, the longer the average duration, the greater the Fund's sensitivity to interest rates.

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