



PORTFOLIO UPDATE

# Multi-Strategy Total Return Fund

As of December 31, 2021

Portfolio Manager	Managed Fund Since:	Joined Firm:
Stefan Hubrich	2018	2005
Richard de los Reyes	2018	2006

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The fund seeks strong long-term risk adjusted returns.

## FUND INFORMATION

Symbol	TMSRX
CUSIP	77958R100
Inception Date of Fund	February 23, 2018
Benchmark	ICE BofA US 3 Month T-Bill Index
Expense Information (as of the most recent Prospectus)*	1.80% (Gross) 1.29% (Net)
Fiscal Year End	October 31
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\*The fund's net expense ratio reflects a credit received from investing in other T. Rowe Price funds. The fund will always receive a credit if it invests in other T. Rowe Price funds but the credit will vary each year based on the amount invested. The fund operates under a contractual expense limitation that expires on February 28, 2022.

## MARKET COMMENTARY

The Multi-Strategy Total Return Fund underperformed the ICE BofA US 3-Month Treasury Bill Index in December and for the quarter. While our macro and fixed income components produced positive absolute returns in December, our equity long/short components detracted, which offset the gains. Equity long/short performance was negatively impacted by a broad positioning bias for a COVID-off recovery. A long rates bias within one of our systematic strategies also weighed on performance.

Global equity markets advanced in a volatile month dominated by worries about continued high levels of inflation and the omicron variant of the coronavirus. Equity markets advanced on expectations of above-trend growth with moderating inflation trends due to tightening monetary policy and an improvement in supply chains. Additionally, data suggested that the omicron variant may be less severe than other strains of the coronavirus, easing investor fears.

Fixed income markets were mixed in December. In the U.S., core bond returns were slightly negative, as yields across the Treasury yield curve increased. Investors were also cautious because of the Federal Reserve's mid-month decision to accelerate the tapering of its monthly asset purchases starting in January—a possible prelude to increases in short-term interest rates—which could commence at some point in 2022. Bonds in developed non-U.S. markets were little changed in U.S. dollar terms, as the British pound and the euro appreciated against the dollar, while the yen fell.

We believe that heightened volatility is here to stay as investors debate COVID-on, COVID-off, and whether inflation trends will persist. The fund's potential to benefit in such environments and provide uncorrelated returns, regardless of the direction of underlying markets for traditional asset classes, is the reason we think it deserves consideration in a diversified portfolio.

## PERFORMANCE

(NAV, total return)

	One Month	Three Months	One Year	Annualized	
				Three Years	Since Inception 2/23/18
Multi-Strategy Total Return Fund	-1.24%	-3.53%	-2.07%	5.97%	3.49%
ICE BofA US 3 Month T-Bill Index	0.01	0.01	0.05	0.99	1.21

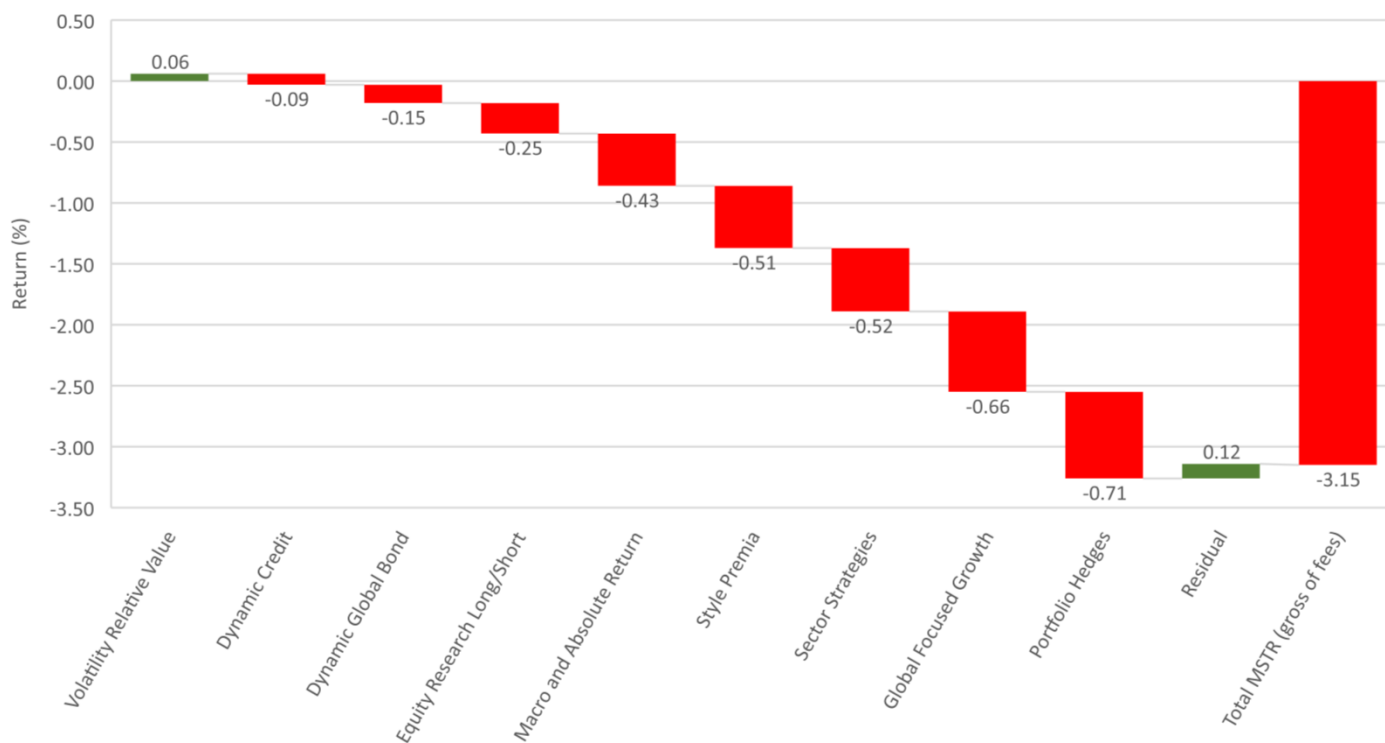
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## Performance Contributions

Three Months Ended December 31, 2021



**Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.**

Figures are shown gross of fees. Returns would be lower as a result of the deduction of such fees. Performance returns are in USD. This chart shows the absolute returns of each component strategy that makes up The Multi-Strategy Total Return Fund (MSTR)

## Strategy

The fund primarily allocates to the following strategies:

- Macro:** Incorporates a discretionary top-down macro view across equities, rates/sovereign bonds, FX, and credit. Positions are sourced through bottom-up, security level opportunities from the T. Rowe Price Investment Platform.
- Equity Long/Short:** Hedged equity strategies which are driven by T. Rowe Price Portfolio Manager and Analyst views from across the research platform. Strategies span the global equity universe with both diversified and sector-specific approaches.
- Fixed Income:** Fixed income strategies trading both rates and credit relative value across global markets. Incorporate Portfolio Manager views and bottom-up analysis with absolute-return or defensive credit mandates.
- Systematic:** Strategies pursuing alternative risk premia such as carry, value, momentum, or volatility across country level equities, US Treasuries, and FX.

## RISK ALLOCATION\*

Strategy	Contribution to Risk
Macro	56.98%
Fixed Income	22.03
Equity L/S	27.71
Systematic	20.17
Other**	-26.89

\*Risk allocation is the percentage of expected risk from each strategy, with a sum equal to 100%. Actual results will vary. The risk decomposition is calculated using a multi-asset risk model from MSCI.

\*\* Other: Temporary, fund-level exposures that do not originate directly from underlying strategies. These tend to be primarily broad market level hedges aimed at anchoring the fund's overall equity and fixed income risk profile.

## Risk Disclosure

There is risk that the fund's investments will correlate with stocks and bonds to a greater degree than anticipated, and that the risk models used to construct the portfolio may not achieve the desired results. The fund may underperform during up markets and be negatively affected in down markets. Diversification does not assure a profit or eliminate the risk of loss.

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