



## QUARTERLY REVIEW

# Global Multi-Sector Bond Fund

As of December 31, 2023

## PORTFOLIO HIGHLIGHTS

The portfolio outperformed the Bloomberg Global Aggregate Bond USD Hedged Index for the three-month period ended December 31, 2023.

Relative performance drivers:

- The portfolio's out-of-benchmark allocation to global high yield corporates, while underweighting global sovereigns, significantly boosted relative returns for the period.
- Against the backdrop of a weaker U.S. dollar, the portfolio's long exposures in the Australian dollar, Hungarian forint, Japanese yen, and the Mexican peso all lifted performance.
- Underweight duration exposure in areas such as Japan, China, the eurozone, Canada, and the UK, detracted from relative performance as sovereign bonds rallied.

Additional highlights:

- With our constructive view on credit as recession fears receded, the portfolio maintained its sizable allocation in global investment-grade and high yield corporate bonds over the quarter. We believe credit may continue to see solid demand as investors are attracted to relatively high yields.
- The central bank pivot seen over the past few months is significant and has caused a material easing in financial conditions; as a result, we believe the likelihood of a recession in 2024 has significantly decreased.

## FUND INFORMATION

Symbol	PRSNX
CUSIP	74149N106
Inception Date of Fund	December 15, 2008
Benchmark	Bloomberg Global Agg USD Hdg Index
Expense Information (as of the most recent Prospectus)*	0.71% (Gross) 0.65% (Net)
Fiscal Year End	May 31
12B-1 Fee	–
Total Assets (all share classes)	\$1,401,251,584
Percent of Portfolio in Cash	4.2%

\*The Fund operates under a contractual expense limitation that expires on September 30, 2025.

## PERFORMANCE

(NAV, total return)

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			Annualized						30-Day SEC
	Three Months	One Year	Three Years	Five Years	Ten Years	Fifteen Years	30-Day SEC Yield	Yield w/o Waiver <sup>o</sup>	
Global Multi-Sector Bond Fund	7.48%	12.18%	-1.67%	2.56%	3.06%	4.83%	5.03%	5.01%	
Bloomberg Global Aggregate Bond USD Hedged Index	5.99	7.15	-2.11	1.40	2.41	2.98	–	–	
Linked Performance Benchmark *	5.99	7.15	-2.11	1.40	2.39	3.36	–	–	

## CALENDAR YEAR PERFORMANCE

(NAV, total return)

	Inception Date	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Global Multi-Sector Bond Fund	Dec 15 2008	4.32%	-0.04%	6.84%	6.46%	0.44%	10.37%	8.14%	0.40%	-15.60%	12.18%
Bloomberg Global Aggregate Bond USD Hedged Index		7.59	1.02	3.95	3.04	1.76	8.22	5.58	-1.39	-11.22	7.15
Linked Performance Benchmark *		6.94	0.58	4.09	3.69	1.78	8.22	5.58	-1.39	-11.22	7.15

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<sup>o</sup>Excludes 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.

The fund is subject to the risks of fixed income investing, including interest rate risk and credit risk. Any investments in foreign markets are also subject to political risk and currency risk.

\*Effective October 1, 2018, the benchmark for the Fund changed to the Bloomberg Global Aggregate Bond USD Hedged Index. Prior to this change, the benchmark was the Bloomberg Multiverse Index USD Hedged. Prior to February 1, 2017, the benchmark was the Bloomberg Global Aggregate ex Treasury Bond USD Hedged Index. Historical benchmark representations have not been restated.

The fund(s) may have other share classes available that offer different investment minimums and fees. See the prospectus for details.

## PERFORMANCE REVIEW

### Falling Yields Support Global Fixed Income Total Returns

The broad global fixed income market, as measured by the Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index USD-hedged, generated positive absolute returns as global sovereign yields plunged in November and December. Excess returns were also positive as credit spreads tightened across most sectors.

The fourth quarter saw a major rally across most asset classes as disinflationary trends continued and markets subsequently priced in significant rate cuts for 2024. Having spiked over the third quarter, and grinding higher in October, U.S. Treasury yields dropped in November following downside inflation surprises and signals from policymakers that rates had peaked. Falling inflation data and resilient growth painted a soft-landing picture in the U.S. Risk assets were buoyed in this environment as credit spreads tightened to their lowest level since January 2022. Yields were lower across the curve for most major sovereigns as investors digested the end of the “higher-for-longer” narrative that had dominated policymaker commentary in the third quarter. The dovish tones also weighed on the U.S. dollar.

### Sector Allocations Drove Performance

The portfolio's out-of-benchmark allocation to global high yield corporates, while underweighting global sovereigns, significantly boosted relative returns for the period as falling sovereign yields and tightening credit spreads supported performance. Overweighting investment-grade corporate bonds also helped. Corporate bonds across the quality spectrum saw strong demand as investors turned more sanguine on risk amid shifting narratives the Federal Reserve and major global central banks. High yield fundamentals remained resilient. While the default rate ticked up slightly in the fourth quarter, it remained relatively low across all regions.

While sovereign debt largely performed well amid falling yields, spread product outperformed government debt on a relative basis as credit spreads tightened.

### Currency Management Contributed

Currency exposures were positive in the fourth quarter. The U.S. dollar broadly weakened in the fourth quarter as expectations for 2024 Fed rate cuts weighed on the currency. Against this backdrop, the portfolio's long exposures in the Australian dollar, Hungarian forint, Japanese yen, and the Mexican peso all lifted performance. However, a short position in the Polish zloty held earlier in the period, weighed on relative performance.

### Duration Exposures Were Mixed but Detracted Overall

Underweight duration exposure in areas such as Japan, China, the eurozone, Canada, and the UK, detracted from relative performance as sovereign bonds rallied in November and December. The 10-year Treasury yield briefly breached 5%, a level last seen in 2007, in mid-October. But it descended sharply from there, dropping to 3.88% at quarter-end after the Fed dialed back its hawkishness and signaled that it could deliver more rate cuts in the new year than previously expected. Most global sovereign yields outside the U.S. followed a similar trajectory as global market participants increasingly expected easing monetary policy in 2024.

On the positive side, an overweight duration stance Brazil aided the portfolio as Brazil's central bank cut its Selic rate twice during the period and sovereign yields fell. A duration overweight in New Zealand was also helpful.

## PORTFOLIO POSITIONING AND ACTIVITY

### Sector Positioning

With our constructive view on credit as recession fears receded, the portfolio maintained its sizable allocation in global investment-grade and high yield corporate bonds over the quarter. We believe credit may continue to see solid demand as investors are attracted to relatively high yields, and easing central bank policy could help support credit. We tactically managed the portfolio's allocation to agency mortgage-backed securities (MBS) over the quarter based on changing valuations. Our exposure moved above 10% in October when MBS spreads widened to attractive levels. However, we quickly began reducing our exposure and eliminated our MBS position by quarter-end after a strong run of performance for the sector.

### Duration Management

Total portfolio duration decreased over the quarter, mostly by trimming in the U.S. and the eurozone. The portfolio added U.S. duration in October after U.S. Treasuries sold off meaningfully and we believed real yields were approaching fair value. However, after the November and December rally we notably cut the portfolio's U.S. duration exposure in December and ended the quarter with an underweight posture relative to the index. We added duration moderately in Malaysia, Japan, and New Zealand. By the end of the quarter, we believed a bias for steepening yield curves is appropriate in the near term with inflation trending lower, growth moving sideways, and the declining likelihood of a global recession.

### Currencies

In currencies, we increased the portfolio's short position in the U.S. dollar in November with the Federal Reserve at or near the end of its rate hiking cycle. With less support for the U.S. dollar and the Federal Reserve positioning for rate cuts in 2024, we initiated long positions in the Korean won, Canadian dollar, Australian dollar, and Brazilian real. Additionally, we closed a short position in the Polish zloty. We also initiated a long position in the Mexican peso. We added to the peso on attractive valuations and a healthy fundamental and technical backdrop.

## MANAGER'S OUTLOOK

The central bank pivot seen over the past few months is significant and has caused a material easing in financial conditions; as a result, we believe the likelihood of a recession in 2024 has been significantly decreased. In the U.S., for example, some economic data may have cooled, but we have not seen a significant deterioration that would suggest an imminent recession. Job growth remains positive while unemployment remains historically low.

At the time of writing, the market has priced in 150 basis points of rate cuts from the Federal Reserve over the next year, but we do not believe the Fed will make as many rate cuts as the market expects. Unless there is a sudden unexpected change in data, we expect the Fed to take the path laid out recently in the central bank's updated economic projections, which implied three rate cuts in 2024. Market consensus seems to believe that longer-term rates can continue to rally, but we believe the macro backdrop and outlook could keep

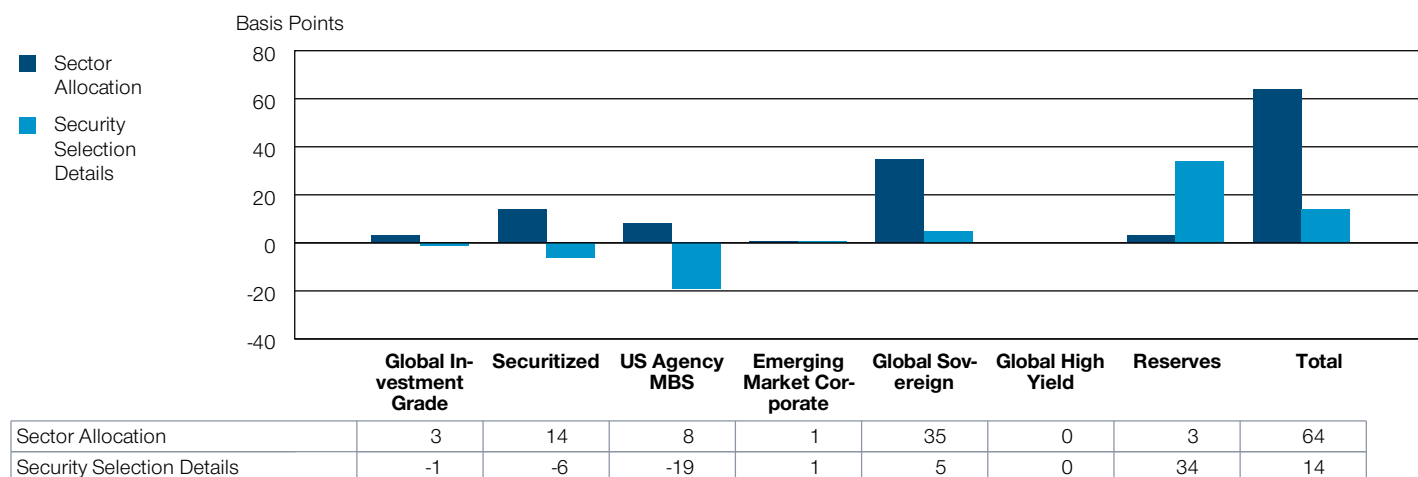
downward movement in long-term yields restrained. Yields may come down going forward as central bank policy normalizes, but movement in rates may be smaller if central banks become more predictable after the recent unprecedented rate-hiking regimes to combat high inflation.

We remain constructively positioned in credit with a supportive macro outlook and easing financial conditions, but credit spreads have tightened significantly over the past few months. Credit has generated solid excess returns in 2023, and we believe 2024 could be a tougher environment for spreads.

## QUARTERLY ATTRIBUTION

### USD SECTOR ALLOCATION AND SECURITY SELECTION DETAILS: FUND VS. BLOOMBERG GLOBAL AGG USD HDG INDEX

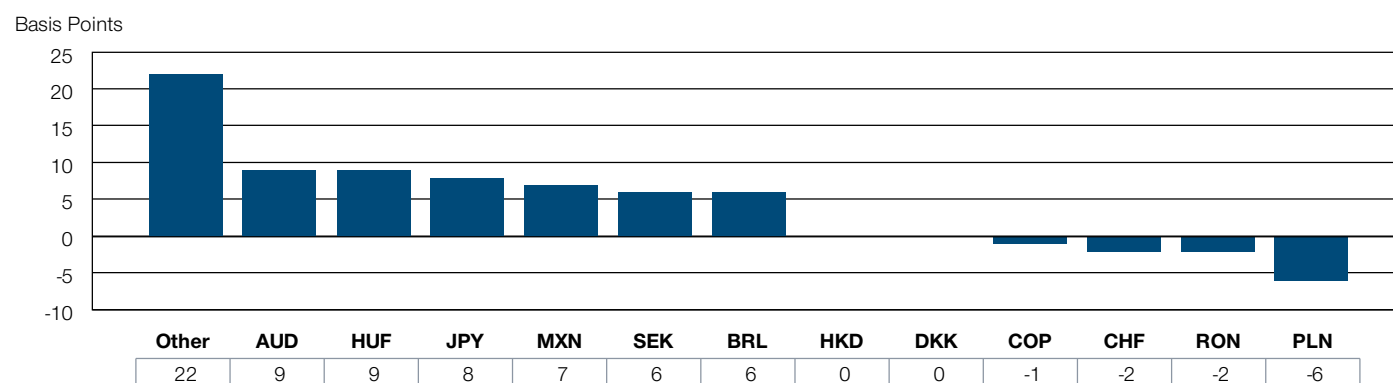
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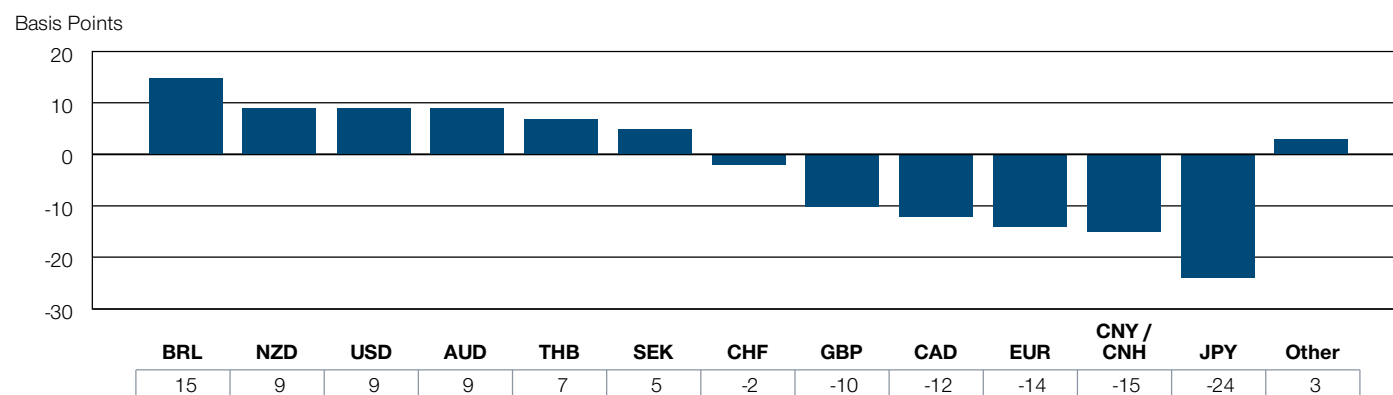
### FX DETAILS: FUND VS. BLOOMBERG GLOBAL AGG USD HDG INDEX

(3 months ended December 31, 2023)



### INTEREST RATE DETAILS: FUND VS. BLOOMBERG GLOBAL AGG USD HDG INDEX

(3 months ended December 31, 2023)



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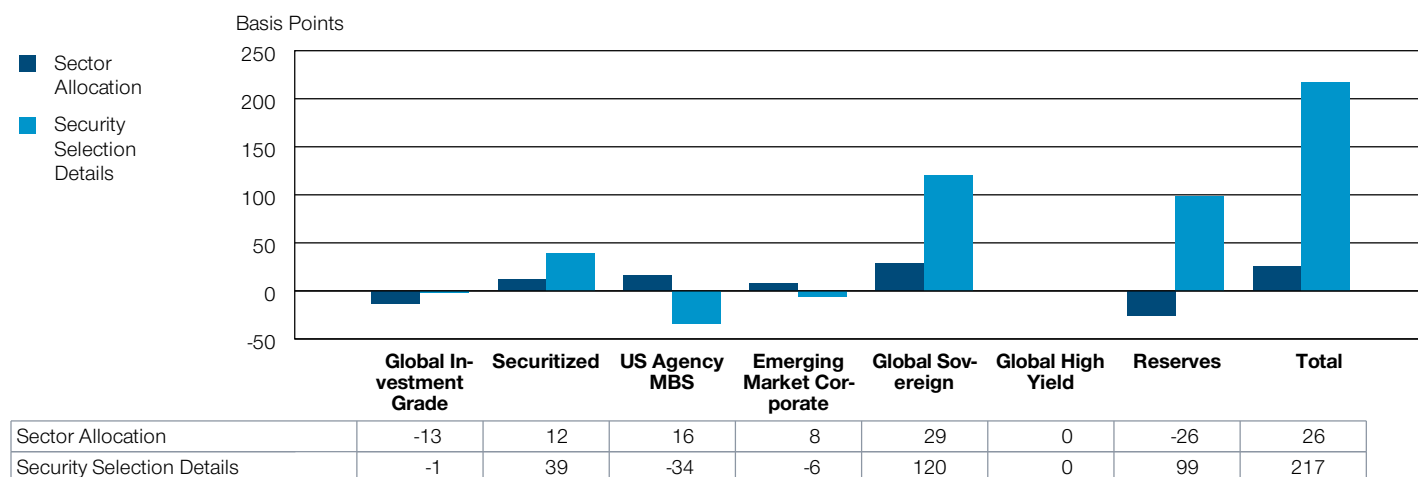
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## 12-MONTH ATTRIBUTION

### USD SECTOR ALLOCATION AND SECURITY SELECTION DETAILS: FUND VS. BLOOMBERG GLOBAL AGG USD HDG INDEX

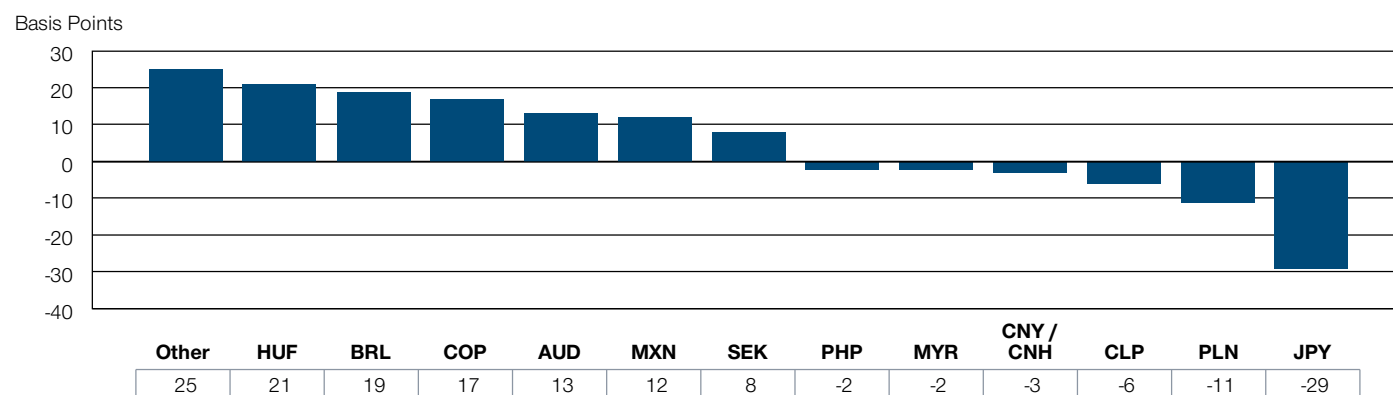
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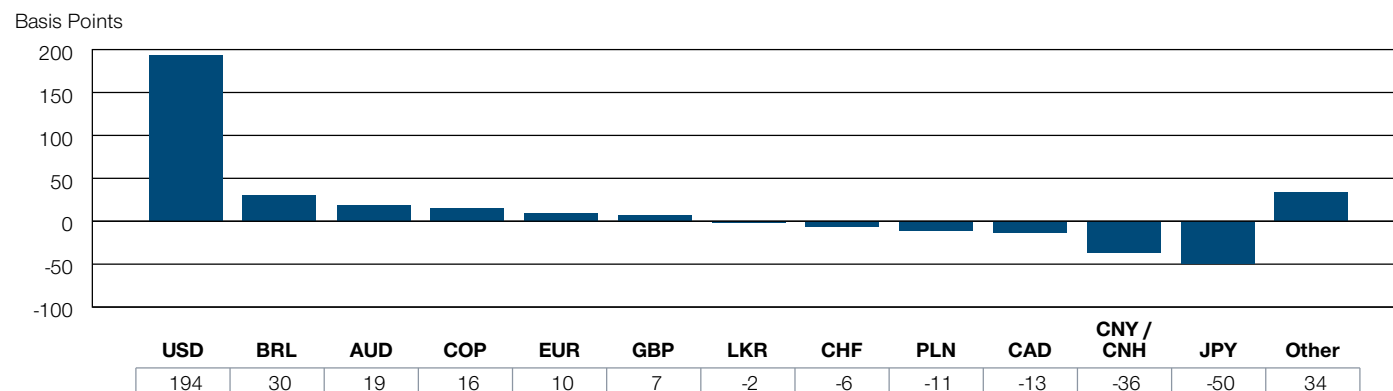
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(12 months ended December 31, 2023)



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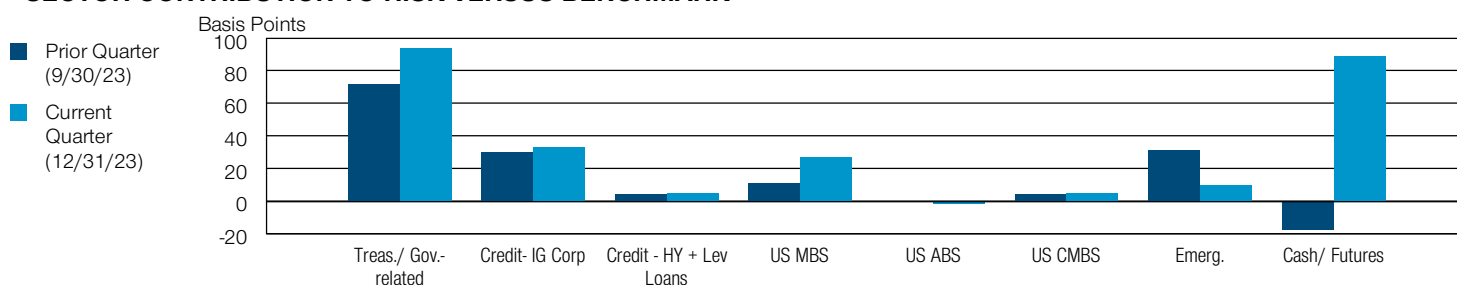
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## RISK ANALYSIS

### RISK FACTOR CONTRIBUTION

	Contribution to TEV (Annualized) 9/30/23 (Prior Quarter)	Contribution to TEV (Annualized) 12/31/23 (Current Quarter)
Systematic	116.7 bps	253.1 bps
Foreign Exchange	14.3	83.4
Curve	37.1	101.0
Inflation Linked	11.9	13.6
Swap Spreads	2.6	-1.4
Volatility	-0.1	0.2
Spread Government Related	-1.6	-2.5
Spread Credit and EMG	48.0	49.1
Spread Securitized	3.3	7.8
Spread Other	-1.0	1.3
Equity	2.0	0.6
Idiosyncratic	6.9	2.3
Credit Default	12.6	7.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>136.2</b>	<b>262.9</b>

### SECTOR CONTRIBUTION TO RISK VERSUS BENCHMARK



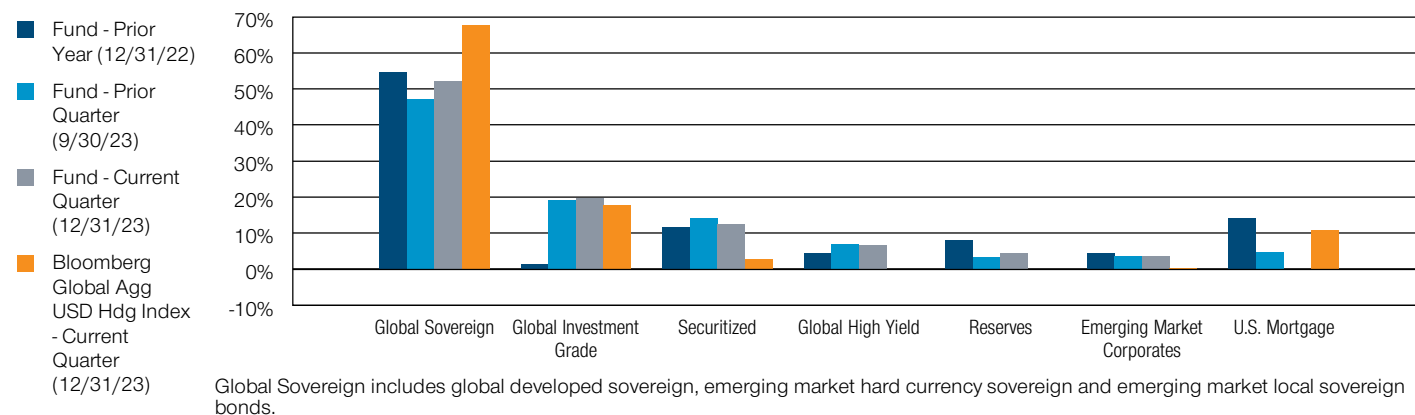
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Source: Bloomberg Index Services Limited. Statistics based on monthly data. TEV, or tracking error volatility, is the standard deviation of the difference between portfolio and benchmark returns. It is the square root of the tracking error variance, or TE variance. The TE variance is the projected variance of the difference between portfolio and benchmark returns. It is estimated from historical return data and from portfolio and benchmark characteristics. It can be decomposed into three sources: Systematic, Idiosyncratic and Default. Systematic (Market) Risk is the risk due to the effect of all systematic factors of the Bloomberg risk model. Idiosyncratic (nonsystematic) risk is the risk not explained by the combination of all systematic or default factors. It represents risk due to non-default events that affect only the individual issuer or bond.

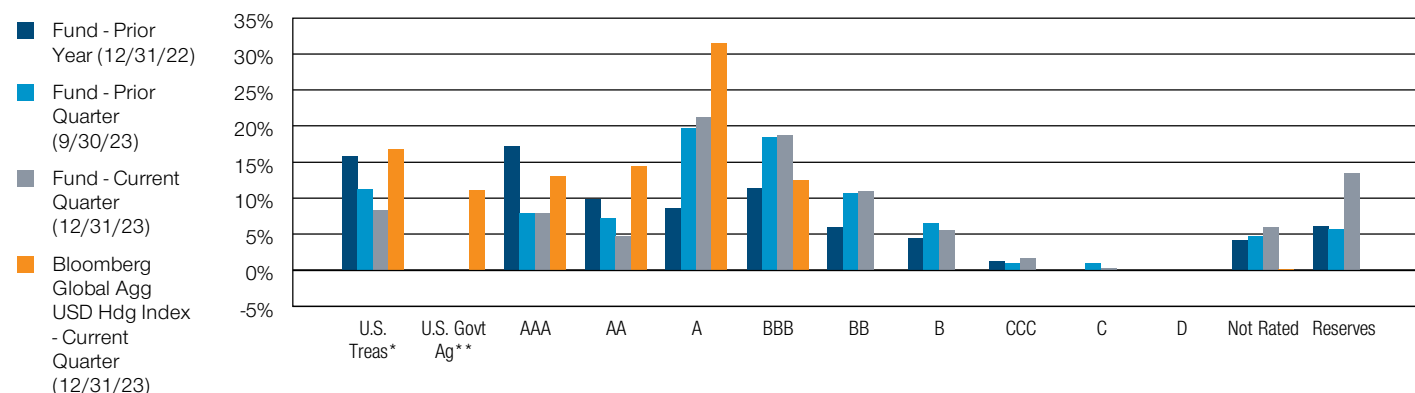
The contribution to TEV is the contribution, in basis points, of a risk factor to total TEV. This measure includes the effect of correlation. The risk factors included in this analysis and shown above are credit spreads, currency, and interest rate duration. This material is provided for informational purposes only and is not intended to be investment advice or a recommendation to take any particular investment actions.

## PORTFOLIO POSITIONING

### SECTOR DIVERSIFICATION – CHANGES OVER TIME



### CREDIT QUALITY DIVERSIFICATION – CHANGES OVER TIME



\*U.S. Treasury securities are issued by the U.S. Treasury and are backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government. The ratings of U.S. Treasury securities are derived from the ratings on the U.S. government.

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### TOP ISSUERS

Issuer	% of Fund
Federation of Malaysia	4.5%
Japan	3.9
Kingdom of Thailand	1.5
Republic of Indonesia	1.4
Sovereign in right of New Zealand	1.0
Republic of Bulgaria	1.0
Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka	0.9
Republic of Albania	0.8
Kingdom of Sweden	0.8
LeasePlan Corp	0.7

## PORTFOLIO POSITIONING, CONTINUED.

### FX EXPOSURE

Currency	Currency Code	Net %	Bonds %	Cash %	Forwards %
Argentine Peso	ARS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Australian Dollar	AUD	1.57	0.00	0.00	1.57
Brazilian Real	BRL	1.50	0.00	0.00	1.50
Canadian Dollar	CAD	2.01	0.20	0.00	1.81
Colombian Peso	COP	-0.11	0.00	0.00	-0.11
Chilean Peso	CLP	1.46	0.00	0.00	1.46
Offshore Deliverable CNY	CNH	-0.46	0.00	0.00	-0.46
China Renminbi	CNY	0.48	0.35	0.13	0.00
Czech Koruna	CZK	0.47	0.34	0.00	0.13
Danish Krone	DKK	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Egyptian Pound	EGP	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Euro	EUR	0.23	11.26	0.01	-11.04
British Pound	GBP	0.00	1.47	-0.01	-1.46
New Ghana Cedi	GHS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hungarian Forint	HUF	1.49	0.00	0.00	1.49
Indonesian Rupiah	IDR	0.03	1.38	0.00	-1.35
Israeli Shekel	ILS	0.00	0.05	0.00	-0.05
Indian Rupee	INR	0.00	0.00	0.06	-0.06
Japanese Yen	JPY	1.67	3.86	0.00	-2.19
South Korean Won	KRW	2.01	0.00	0.00	2.01
Mexican Peso	MXN	1.51	0.25	0.00	1.26
Malaysian Ringgit	MYR	1.53	4.48	0.00	-2.95
Norwegian Krone	NOK	-0.11	0.00	0.00	-0.11
New Zealand Dollar	NZD	0.10	1.03	0.00	-0.93
Philippines Peso	PHP	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Polish Zloty	PLN	-0.14	0.00	0.00	-0.14
New Romanian Leu	RON	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Serbian Dinar	RSD	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Russian Ruble	RUB	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Singapore Dollar	SGD	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sri Lankan rupee	LKR	0.97	0.92	0.05	0.00
Swedish Krona	SEK	1.02	0.77	0.00	0.25
Swiss Franc	CHF	-0.25	0.00	0.00	-0.25
Thai Baht	THB	0.02	1.46	0.00	-1.44
US Dollar	USD	81.44	53.67	13.88	9.06
S. African Rand	ZAR	1.52	0.00	0.00	1.52
<b>Total</b>		<b>99.96</b>	<b>81.49</b>	<b>14.12</b>	<b>-0.48</b>

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT



**Portfolio Manager:**  
Kenneth Orchard

**Managed Fund Since:**  
2018

**Joined Firm:**  
2010



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