



QUARTERLY REVIEW

Short-Term Bond Fund

As of June 30, 2020

PORTFOLIO HIGHLIGHTS

The portfolio outperformed its benchmark, the Bloomberg Barclays 1-3 Year U.S. Government/Credit Bond Index, for the three-month period ended June 30, 2020.

Relative performance drivers:

- Our overweight to corporate credit and underweight to Treasuries benefited the portfolio as risk assets rallied and spreads tightened.
- Out-of-benchmark allocations to the securitized sector also contributed amid the broad risk-on market sentiment.
- Our cash allocation, which is necessary for portfolio liquidity, was the only notable detractor.

Additional highlights:

- We maintain a strategic overweight to corporate bonds, along with a corresponding underweight to U.S. Treasuries, as we look to add incremental yield to the portfolio.
- Valuations have tightened across our opportunity set due to unprecedented stimulus from the Fed and strong cash flows into short-term bonds.

FUND INFORMATION

Symbol	PRWBX
CUSIP	77957P105
Inception Date of Fund	March 02, 1984
Benchmark	Bloomberg Barclays 1-3 Yr US Gov/Credit Index
Expense Information (as of the most recent Prospectus)	0.44%
Fiscal Year End	May 31
12B-1 Fee	–
Total Assets (all share classes)	\$5,423,456,302
Percent of Portfolio in Cash	0.5%

PERFORMANCE

(NAV, total return)

	Three Months	Year-to-Date	One Year	Annualized				30-Day SEC Yield
				Three Years	Five Years	Ten Years	Fifteen Years	
Short-Term Bond Fund	4.20%	2.79%	4.06%	2.91%	2.25%	1.83%	2.72%	1.37%
Bloomberg Barclays 1-3 Year U.S. Government/Credit Bond Index	1.17	2.88	4.20	2.87	2.11	1.63	2.59	–

CALENDAR YEAR PERFORMANCE

(NAV, total return)

	Inception Date	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Short-Term Bond Fund	Mar 02 1984	3.13%	1.46%	2.86%	0.30%	0.60%	0.60%	1.58%	1.33%	1.38%	4.31%
Bloomberg Barclays 1-3 Year U.S. Government/Credit Bond Index		2.80	1.59	1.26	0.64	0.77	0.65	1.28	0.84	1.60	4.03

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PERFORMANCE REVIEW

Short-Term Bonds Produce Positive Results

Short-term debt within the Bloomberg Barclays 1-3 Year U.S. Government/Credit Bond Index produced positive performance in the second quarter as credit sectors widely outperformed U.S. Treasuries. The overall tone of economic data improved throughout the quarter, helping market sentiment. The May jobs report showed that employers added back 2.5 million workers, defying consensus expectations for a decline of around 8 million jobs. Retail sales also rebounded in May, and several indicators suggested a recovery in manufacturing.

The Treasury curve steepened during the period, as short- and intermediate-term yields decreased due to the Federal Reserve's ongoing policy support while long-end yields modestly increased amid strengthening economic data. After starting the period at 0.23%, the yield of the two-year Treasury note declined to 0.16% by the end of June.

Investment-grade corporate bonds recovered from the March sell-off with a strong rally, and spreads and bidask levels approached the levels that existed before the coronavirus impacted financial markets. Credit spreads in the short-term credit index peaked at 390 basis points on March 23 and have since tightened over 300 basis points, driven by optimism surrounding the reopening of economies and continued support from the Fed.

Securitized credit sectors also performed well and outpaced U.S. Treasuries. Commercial mortgage-backed securities (CMBS) and asset-backed securities (ABS) benefited from the Fed's launch of the Term Asset-Backed Securities Loan Facility, broader risk-on market sentiment, and gradually easing lockdown measures in many parts of the United States.

The T. Rowe Price Short-Term Bond Fund generated positive returns and outperformed the Bloomberg Barclays 1-3 Year U.S. Government/Credit Bond Index in the second quarter of 2020. Relative performance was driven by the following factors:

Sector Allocations Benefited the Portfolio

Sector allocation was the largest contributor to the portfolio's outperformance. Our overweight to corporate credit and underweight to Treasuries benefited as risk assets rallied and spreads tightened. High-grade corporates saw steady global demand, with increased interest in new supply. The market also reacted favorably to the Federal Reserve's decision to begin buying a broad basket of individual corporate bonds in addition to earlier purchases of exchange-traded funds.

Out-of-benchmark allocations to the securitized sector also contributed amid the broad risk-on market sentiment. Positions in MBS, CMBS, and ABS all added value.

Security Selection Added Value

Security selection within investment-grade corporates further added to gains. The portfolio benefited from its industrial holdings, which is an area where we have added securities with five-year maturities in recent months.

Yield Curve Positioning Modestly Contributed

Positioning on the yield curve modestly contributed to portfolio performance.

Cash Allocation Weighed on Relative Results

Our cash allocation, which is necessary for portfolio liquidity, was the only notable detractor from relative results during the period.

PORTFOLIO POSITIONING AND ACTIVITY

Relative to the benchmark, we continue to underweight U.S. Treasuries, while aiming to add yield by overweighting non-Treasury sectors and taking out-of-benchmark positions in higher-yielding securitized debt. After increasing the portfolio's option-adjusted spread duration in response to the volatility in March, we maintained our exposure to risk during the period based on our view that, while the pandemic remains a concern, fiscal support will keep markets steady.

Corporate Bonds

Corporate debt continued to represent our largest absolute and relative position. BBB rated bonds, which is often debt that our research analysts believe is mispriced and represents attractive relative value, remained a significant holding. As bonds matured or were called, we redeployed proceeds into corporate credits that we believed offered compelling relative value.

Other Allocations

As securitized credit issuance picked up again, we participated in ABS, CMBS, and non-agency MBS deals. We also purchased taxable municipal bonds during the period as we believe the segment offered attractively priced risk.

MANAGER'S OUTLOOK

Valuations have tightened across our opportunity set due to unprecedented stimulus from the Fed and strong cash flows into short-term bonds. We are balancing the need to put new cashflows to work against this tighter backdrop, while also trimming names with less conviction given that the recovery from the economic damage done by the pandemic may be long.

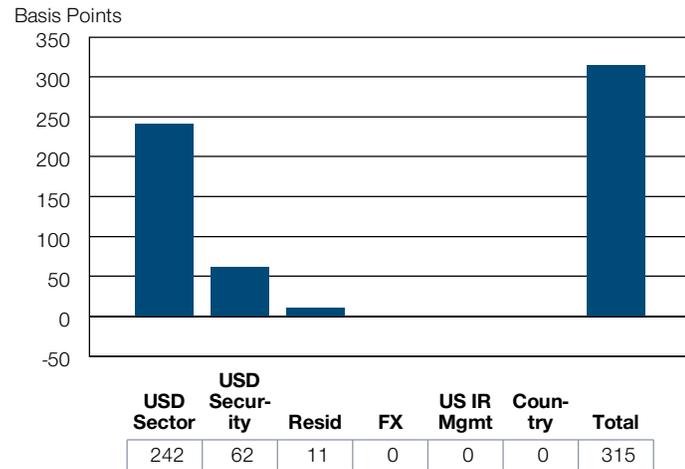
Moving forward, risk sentiment will be closely correlated with COVID-19 developments. At the moment, markets are dealing with conflicting forces. On the one hand, COVID-19 statistics are providing bearish fodder, while on the other hand economic data is delivering more optimism. Although the risk of a second wave of infections has not gone away, the impact on markets could be less severe, due to the improvements in the efficacy of policy and medical response, which could allow for more targeted (as opposed to blanket) restrictions on economic activity. So, while near-term uncertainty abounds, there is a growing argument that investors could ignore the noise and look ahead to 2021.

In such an environment, we believe asset allocation along with credit selection is paramount and that we have the research platform to opportunistically take advantage of this situation.

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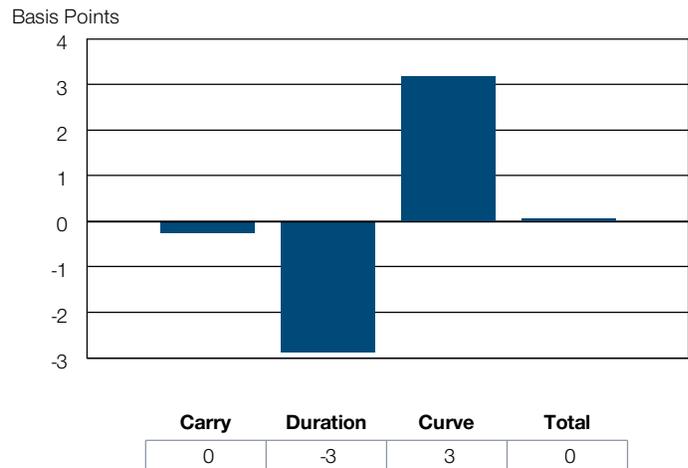
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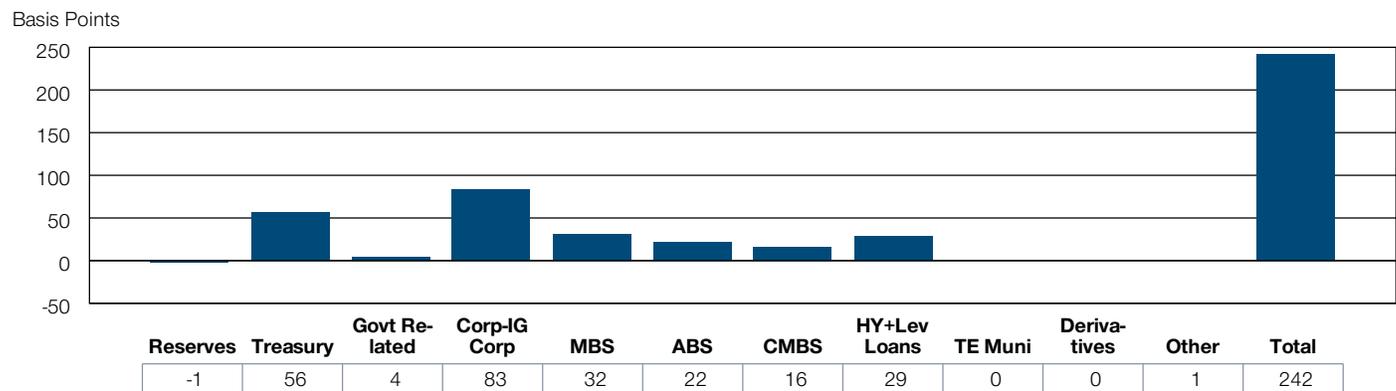
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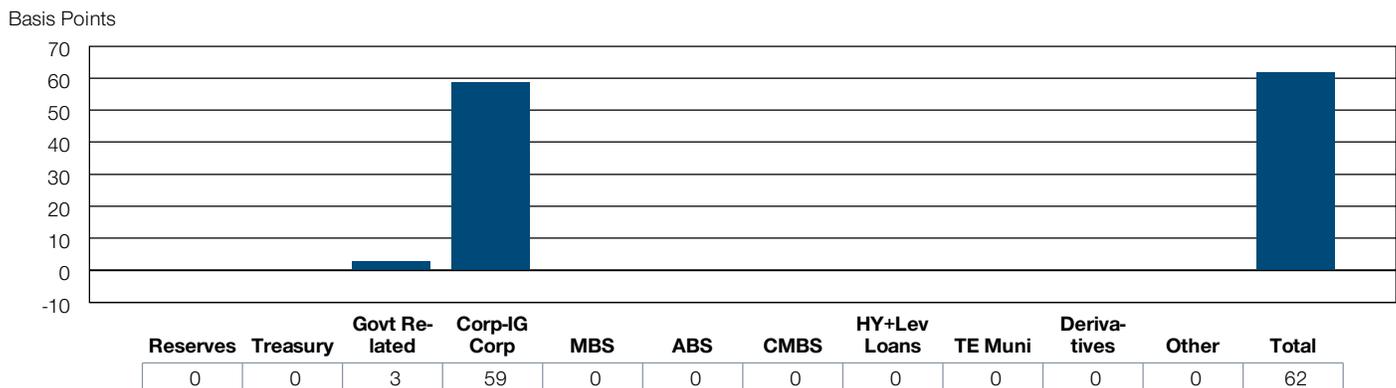
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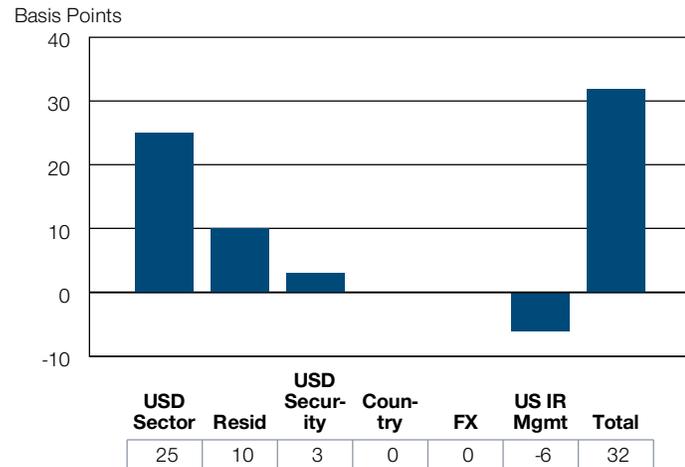
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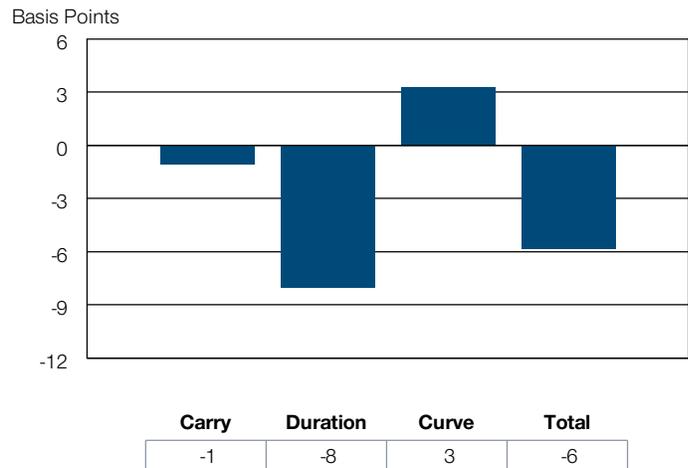
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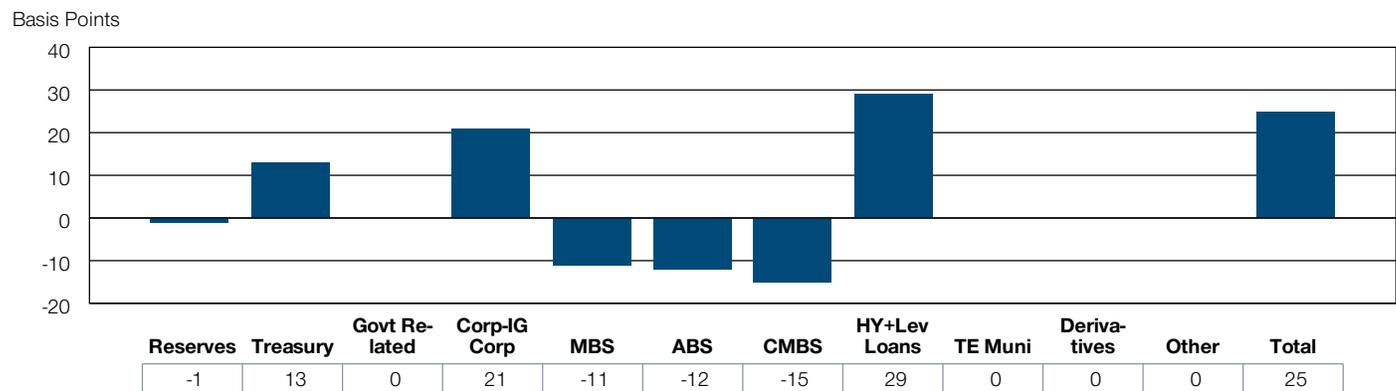
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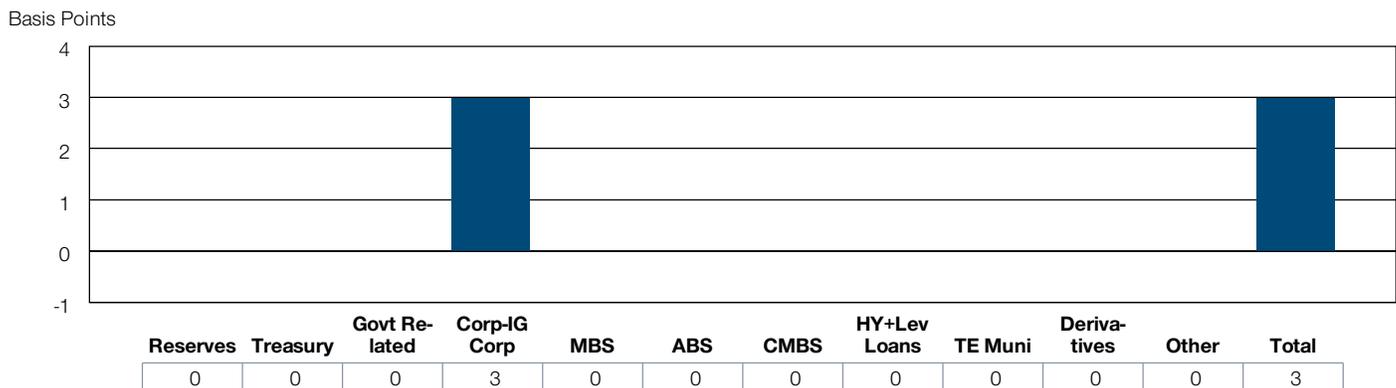
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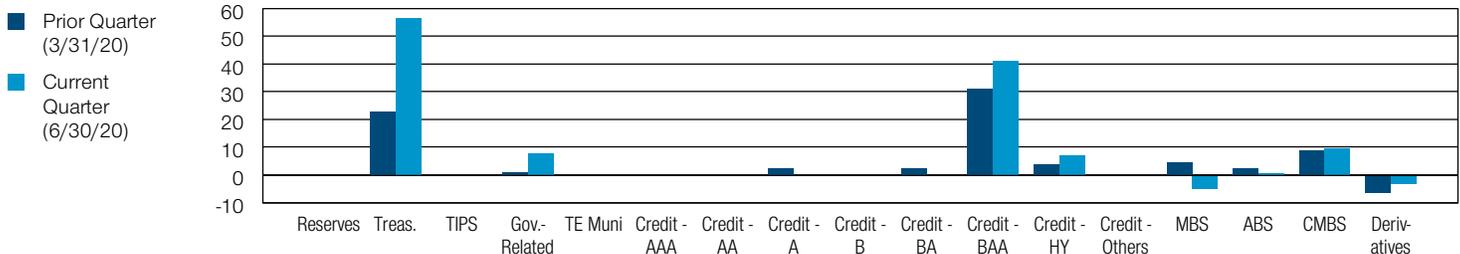
RISK ANALYSIS

RISK FACTOR CONTRIBUTION

	Contribution to TEV (Annualized) 3/31/20 (Prior Quarter)	Contribution to TEV (Annualized) 6/30/20 (Current Quarter)
Systematic	73.4 bps	114.9 bps
Foreign Exchange	0.0	0.0
Curve	-7.2	0.2
Inflation Linked	0.0	0.0
Swap Spreads	3.2	1.6
Volatility	0.1	0.1
Spread Government Related	2.0	-0.2
Spread Credit and EMG	50.8	83.1
Spread Securitized	22.3	29.4
Spread Other	2.2	0.8
Idiosyncratic	1.6	0.5
Credit Default	0.2	0.0
Total	75.3	115.4

SECTOR CONTRIBUTION TO RISK VERSUS BENCHMARK

Basis Points



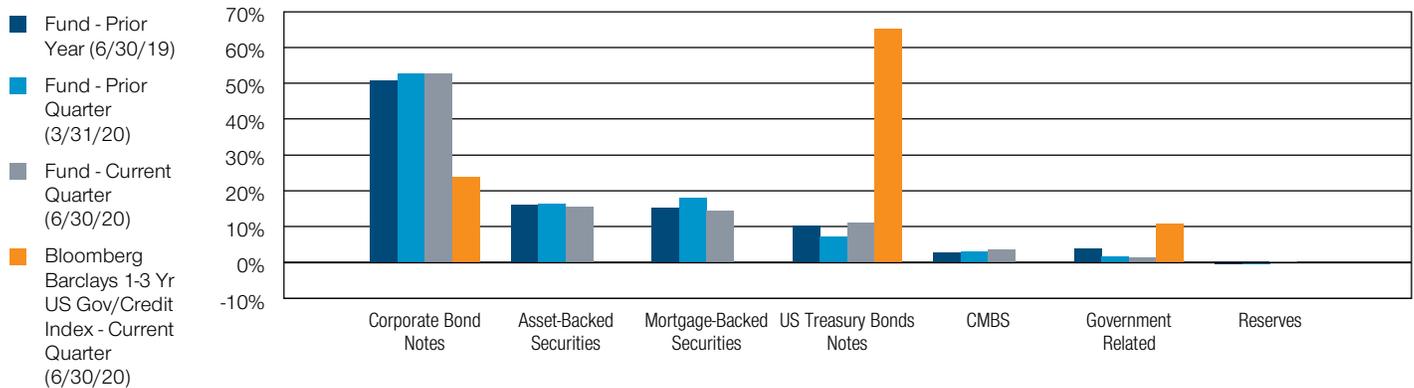
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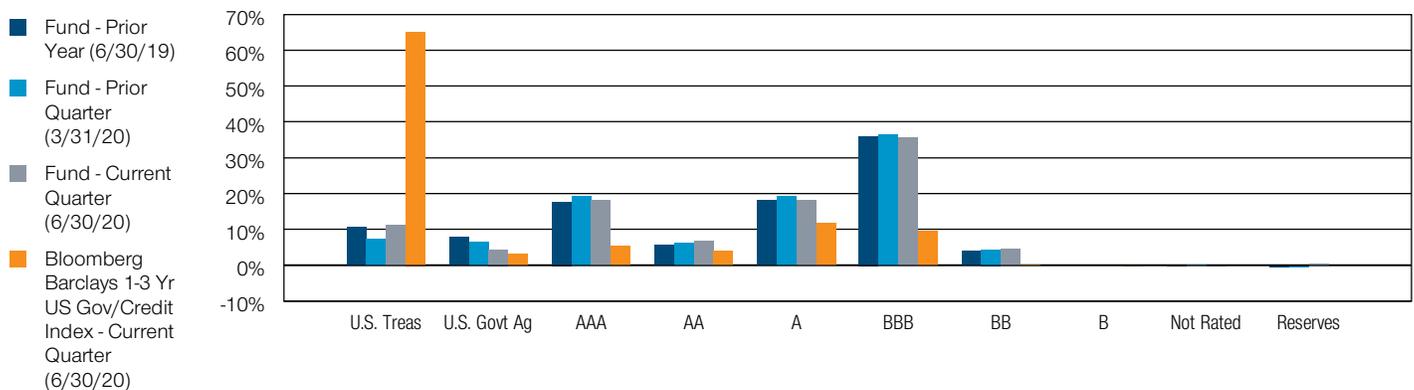
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PORTFOLIO POSITIONING

SECTOR DIVERSIFICATION – CHANGES OVER TIME



CREDIT QUALITY DIVERSIFICATION – CHANGES OVER TIME



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HOLDINGS

TOP ISSUERS

Issuer	% of Fund
General Motors	1.0%
AbbVie	0.9
Charter Communications	0.9
Bunge Limited	0.8
Wells Fargo	0.8
Cigna	0.8
GE	0.8
Citigroup	0.7
Hyundai Motor	0.7
Ford Motor	0.7

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PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT



Portfolio Manager:
Michael Reinartz

Managed Fund Since:
2015

Joined Firm:
1996

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