MARCH 31, 2024

Fund Commentary

HARTFORDFUNDS
Our benchmark is the investor.®

HCRB

Hartford Core Bond ETF

Morningstar® Category Intermediate Core Bond
Inception Date 02/19/2020
Lipper Peer Group Core Bond

Market Overview

US fixed-income markets generated negative total returns during the first quarter, as measured by the Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index. Stronger-than-expected economic data, including persistent inflation pressures, pushed out the expected timing of US Federal Reserve (Fed) rate cuts. Resilient consumer spending and strong corporate earnings helped propel further spread tightening across most fixed-income sectors.

Performance Summary

- The Hartford Core Bond ETF outperformed the Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index during the quarter.
- The Fund's allocation to securitized sectors contributed the most to returns, particularly non-agency residential mortgage-backed securities (RMBS) amid strong housing data releases. Collateralized loan obligations (CLOs), commercial mortgage obligations (CMBS), and asset-backed securities (ABS) also benefited results.
- The Fund's investment-grade credit positioning was a positive contributor to relative outperformance as spreads tightened over the period, led by an overweight to and security selection within financials and utilities.
- Positioning within agency mortgage-backed securities (MBS) was also a positive contributor to relative results, helped by lower interest-rate volatility.
- Tactical duration* and yield-curve management contributed favorably to relative results during the quarter. An allocation to Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities (TIPS) also had a favorable impact on results.

Positioning & Outlook

- We believe that resilient consumer spending and strong company fundamentals should prevent a significant downturn for the US economy.
- The Fund maintains a close-to-neutral risk posture while preserving high-quality liquid assets. We believe inflation should further decelerate, with signs of a more balanced labor market easing upward pressure on wages. The Fund is positioned with a slightly long-duration and a steepening yield-curve bias.
- We are positioned with a modest underweight to investment-grade (IG) corporates in favor of better opportunities within structured finance. The Fund maintains an overweight to agency mortgage-backed passthroughs with a focus on relative-value opportunities and enhancing cash-flow stability. The Fund holds an out-of-benchmark allocation to seasoned non-agency RMBS, select senior CMBS tranches, and high-quality CLOs focusing on income and manager quality.

Portfolio Managers from Wellington Management

Joseph F. Marvan, CFA
Senior Managing Director
Fixed-Income Portfolio Manager
Professional Experience Since 1988

Campe Goodman, CFA
Senior Managing Director
Fixed-Income Portfolio Manager
Professional Experience Since 1997

Robert D. Burn, CFA
Senior Managing Director
Fixed-Income Portfolio Manager
Professional Experience Since 1998

Jeremy Forster
Managing Director
Fixed-Income Portfolio Manager
Professional Experience Since 2004

The portfolio managers are supported by the full resources of Wellington.

Top Ten Holdings (%)

Uniform Mortgage-Backed Security	22.76
U.S. Treasury Notes	15.64
U.S. Treasury Bonds	10.18
Federal National Mortgage Association	7.50
Government National Mortgage Association	6.15
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp.	4.63
U.S. Treasury Inflation-Indexed Notes	1.16
Bank of America Corp.	1.05
Pacific Gas & Electric Co.	0.89
Wells Fargo & Co.	0.80
Percentage Of Portfolio	**70.76**

***Duration** is a measure of the sensitivity of an investment's price to nominal interest-rate movement.

Fund Commentary

Performance (%)

			Average Annual Total Returns				
	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	SI
HCRB NAV	0.00	0.00	3.29	-2.41	—	—	-1.00
HCRB Market Price	0.06	0.06	3.11	-2.39	—	—	-0.97
Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index	-0.78	-0.78	1.70	-2.46	—	—	—
Morningstar Category	-0.51	-0.51	2.01	-2.45	—	—	—
Lipper Peer Group	-0.43	-0.43	2.26	-2.50	—	—	—

Total Operating Expenses[1]: 0.29%

Morningstar® Category Intermediate Core Bond **Lipper Peer Group** Core Bond

SI = Since Inception

Performance data quoted represents past performance and does not guarantee future results. The investment return and principal value of an investment 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. For more current performance information to the most recent month ended, please visit hartfordfunds.com.

ETF shares are bought and sold at market price, not net asset value (NAV). Total returns are calculated using the daily 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time NAV. Market price returns reflect the midpoint of the bid/ask spread as of the close of trading on the exchange where Fund shares are listed. Market price returns do not represent the returns an investor would receive if they traded shares at other times. Brokerage commissions apply and will reduce returns.

Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index is composed of securities that cover the US investment grade fixed rate bond market, with index components for government and corporate securities, mortgage pass-through securities, and asset-backed securities. Indices are unmanaged and not available for direct investment.

BLOOMBERG® and any Bloomberg Index are service marks of Bloomberg Finance L.P. and its affiliates, including Bloomberg Index Services Limited ("BISL"), the administrator of the indices (collectively, "Bloomberg") and have been licensed for use for certain purposes by Hartford Funds. Bloomberg is not affiliated with Hartford Funds, and Bloomberg does not approve, endorse, review, or recommend any Hartford Funds product. Bloomberg does not guarantee the timeliness, accurateness, or completeness of any data or information relating to Hartford Fund products.

[1]Expenses are the total annual fund operating expenses as shown in the most recent prospectus.

Important Risks: Investing involves risk, including the possible loss of principal. The net asset value (NAV) of the Fund's shares may fluctuate due to changes in the market value of the Fund's holdings which may in-turn fluctuate due to market and economic conditions. The Fund's share price may fluctuate due to changes in the relative supply of and demand for the shares on an exchange. The Fund is actively managed and does not seek to replicate the performance of a specified index. The Fund may allocate a portion of its assets to specialist portfolio managers, which may not work as intended. • Fixed income security risks include credit, liquidity, call, duration, event, and interest-rate risk. As interest rates rise, bond prices generally fall. • Derivatives are generally more volatile and sensitive to changes in market or economic conditions than other securities; their risks include currency, leverage, liquidity, index, pricing, regulatory, and counterparty risk. • Foreign investments may be more volatile and less liquid than U.S. investments and are subject to the risk of currency fluctuations and adverse political, economic and regulatory developments. • The risks associated with mortgage-related and asset-backed securities as well as collateralized loan obligations (CLOs) include credit, interest-rate, prepayment, liquidity, default and extension risk. • The purchase of securities in the To-Be-Announced (TBA) market can result in higher portfolio turnover and related expenses as well as price and counterparty risk. • Restricted securities may be more difficult to sell and price than other securities. • Obligations of U.S. Government agencies are supported by varying degrees of credit but are generally not backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government. • In certain instances, unlike other ETFs, the Fund may effect creations and redemptions partly or wholly for cash, rather than in-kind, which may make the Fund less tax-efficient and incur more fees than an ETF that primarily or wholly effects creations and redemptions in-kind.

Investors should carefully consider a fund's investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses. This and other important information is contained in a fund's full prospectus and summary prospectus, which can be obtained by visiting hartfordfunds.com. Please read it carefully before investing.

ETFs are distributed by ALPS Distributors, Inc. (ALPS). Advisory services are provided by Hartford Funds Management Company, LLC (HFMC). Certain funds are sub-advised by Wellington Management Company LLP. HFMC and Wellington Management are SEC registered investment advisers. Hartford Funds refers to Hartford Funds Distributors, LLC, Member FINRA, and HFMC, which are not affiliated with any sub-adviser or ALPS.
HFA002428

ETF2011_0424 3539020