

The Spectrum Low Volatility Fund Update

Fund Commentary

Federal Reserve Chairman Powell gave the markets a confident speech regarding inflation being on a sustainable path toward the 2% target. He also made the well-received statement, “the time has come for policy to adjust.” It is widely assumed the Fed Funds rate will be adjusted lower at the September Fed meeting though debated by market participants as to what degree. The bond market was choppy in August but would not be considered volatile – more of a sideways consolidation pattern that had US Treasury rates near YTD lows. Such action was supportive to interest sensitive fixed income sectors. The soft-landing scenario was still commonly discussed in the media as the balance between a slowing economy but not a deep recession had economically sensitive bond sectors holding relatively steady – a loss in positive momentum while not turning decisively negative generally speaking. The Spectrum Low Volatility Fund (SVARX) once again kept trading light in areas such as high yield and asset-backed investments. The largest change was a decrease in floating rate while municipal bonds had minor decreases in exposure. Additionally, preferred stock investments were increased. Management will continue to monitor what may be a macro change in the bond market to steady or lower rates which may lead to improved trends in various bond classes.

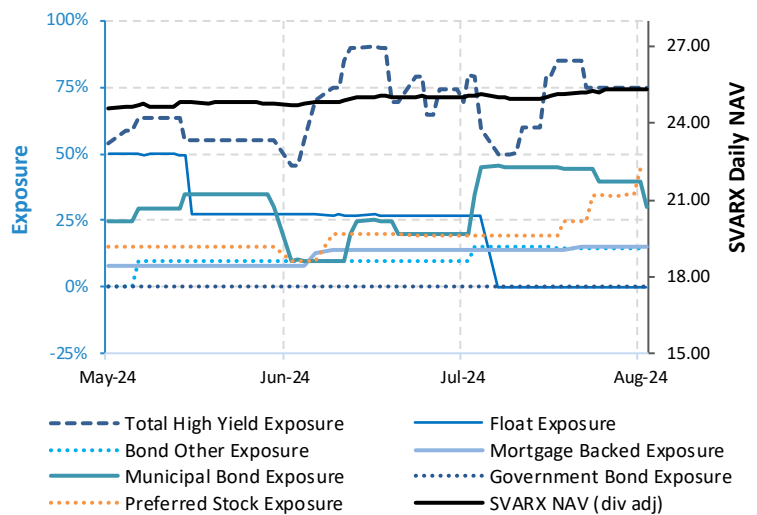
Portfolio Allocation

	7/31/2024	8/31/2024
High Yield Bond	69.38%	70.00%
Mortgage-Backed	13.94%	14.89%
HY Credit Default Swaps	9.99%	4.96%
Municipal	19.69%	29.75%
Government	0.00%	0.00%
Preferred	19.45%	44.61%
Floating Rate	26.53%	0.00%
Bond Other	9.79%	14.71%

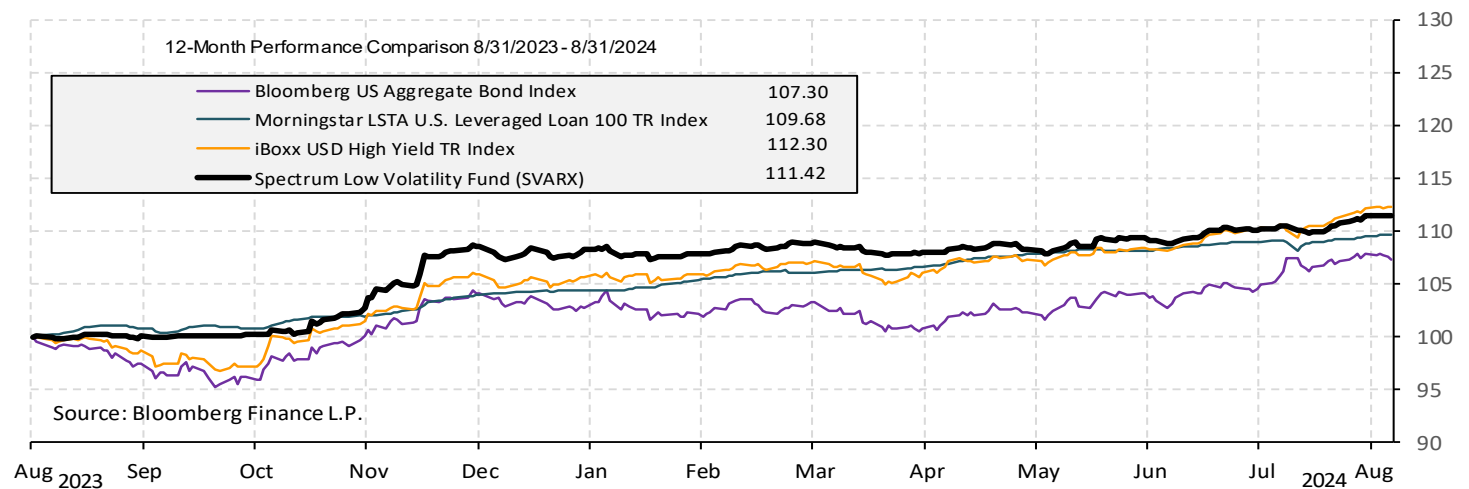
Can contain derivatives and/or short positions

168.78% **178.92%**

Exposure Allocation (5/31/2024 - 8/31/2024)



SVARX (Fixed Income) vs. Sector Indices



The chart above shows how the Fund performed against related sector indices for the past 12 months. The Fund focuses on domestic fixed income and credit markets, but can invest globally when prudent. The management team navigates the various bond classes and their specific characteristics. Various bond classes tend to move in different directions from each other, as some tend to perform better when there is economic growth while other classes perform better during times of heightened instability. The Fund’s holdings and exposure can shift on a daily basis allowing it to be nimble. Spectrum’s core philosophy is to achieve competitive returns without sacrificing the goal of risk management.

Annualized total return performance

	SVARX	Morningstar LSTA U.S. Leveraged Loan 100 TR Index	50/50 iBoxx USD Liquid HY Index/Morningstar LSTA U.S. Leveraged Loan 100 TR Index	Bloomberg US Agg Bond TR Index
As of 8/31/2024				
MTD	0.84%	0.48%	1.02%	1.44%
YTD	2.68%	5.45%	5.75%	3.07%
As of 6/30/2024				
Qtr	0.16%	2.07%	1.54%	0.07%
1 Year	10.46%	10.72%	10.39%	2.63%
3 Years	2.02%	5.84%	3.66%	-3.02%
5 Years	6.72%	5.23%	4.24%	-0.23%
10 Years	6.41%	4.16%	3.94%	1.35%
Since Inception	6.44%	4.21%	4.13%	1.63%

Inception Date: 12/16/2013; Expense Ratio 2.62%

Annual performance at net asset value (all distributions reinvested)

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
SVARX	2.41%	1.08%	16.45%	8.26%	-0.99%	9.42%	24.10%	4.10%	-4.35%	9.68%
Morningstar LSTA U.S. Leveraged Loan 100 TR Index	0.99%	-2.75%	10.87%	3.30%	-0.59%	10.65%	2.84%	3.54%	-0.70%	13.17%
50/50 iBoxx USD Liquid HY Index/Morningstar LSTA U.S. Leveraged Loan 100 TR Index	1.56%	-3.89%	13.09%	4.81%	-1.04%	12.65%	3.75%	4.01%	-5.72%	13.03%
Bloomberg US Agg Bond TR Index	5.97%	0.55%	2.65%	3.54%	0.01%	8.72%	7.51%	-1.54%	-13.01%	5.53%

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All performance data are sourced from Bloomberg Finance L.P.

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Morningstar LSTA U.S. Leveraged Loan 100 TR Index (formally S&P/LSTA U.S. Leveraged Loan 100 TR Index): This benchmark tracks the investable senior loan market and consists of the 100 largest loan facilities that meet all eligibility requirements using a rule-based set of criteria. Data reflects last business day for end of period.

Bloomberg U.S. AGG. Bond TR Index: measures the underlying performance of the total U.S. investment grade bond market. It is a market value-weighted index that tracks the daily price, coupon, pay-downs, and total return performance of fixed-rate, publicly placed, dollar-denominated, and non-convertible investment grade debt issues with at least \$250 million par amount outstanding and with at least one year to final maturity.

50/50 iBoxx USD Liquid High Yield Bond TR Index/Morningstar LSTA U.S. Leveraged Loan 100 TR Index: This benchmark gives 50% weight to the iBoxx USD Liquid High Yield Bond TR Index and 50% weight to the Morningstar LSTA U.S. Leveraged Loan 100 TR Index. The iBoxx USD Liquid High Yield TR Index: is market-value weighted with an issuer cap of 3% and consists of liquid USD high yield bonds, selected to provide a balanced representation of the high yield corporate bond universe. Morningstar LSTA U.S. Leveraged Loan 100 TR Index is designed to reflect the performance of the largest facilities in the leveraged loan market.

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