

## The Spectrum Low Volatility Fund Update

### Fund Commentary

Chairman Powell said the Federal Reserve has “recalibrated”, describing the new adjustment toward interest rate cuts. He also reiterated their future rate cut decisions should not be presumed as a preset path. The 50-basis point cut was within the range expected by the market. Since the cut was on the larger side of the estimated range, it could be interpreted as the Fed showing firm action to keep the economy from slowing too much. An acceleration in economic slowdown would make it more difficult to aid with corrective maneuvers later. Ongoing strength in the economy with the added support of sentiment by the Fed, helped to keep economically sensitive bond classes relatively stable. As such, the Spectrum Low Volatility Fund (SVARX) saw minor changes, ending higher in overall exposure. High yield positions were added to the Fund. Interest sensitive areas such as mortgaged-backed and municipal bonds were tempered moderately. A small treasury position was added late in the month as the bond class showed signs of stabilization/support within the recent trading range. Additionally, weakness in the US Dollar added to the attractiveness of foreign bonds resulting in exposure to emerging market bonds in the portfolio.

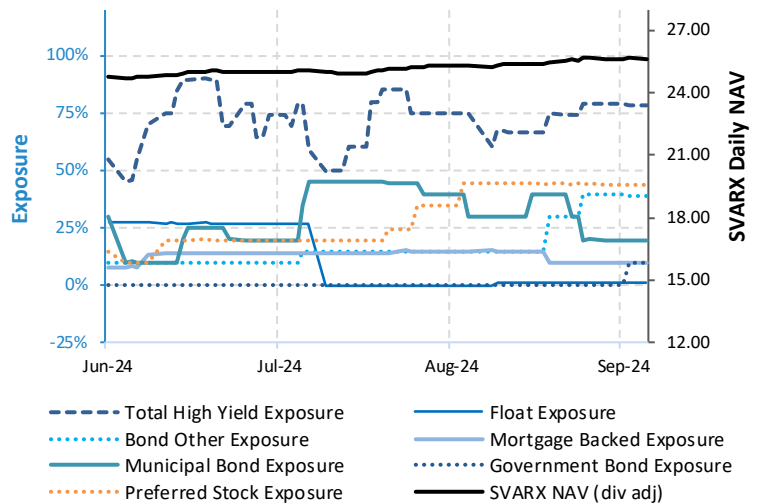
### Portfolio Allocation

	8/31/2024	9/30/2024
High Yield Bond	70.00%	78.67%
Mortgage-Backed	14.89%	9.79%
HY Credit Default Swaps	4.96%	0.00%
Municipal	29.75%	19.66%
Government	0.00%	9.92%
Preferred	44.61%	43.66%
Floating Rate	0.00%	1.29%
Bond Other	14.71%	39.08%

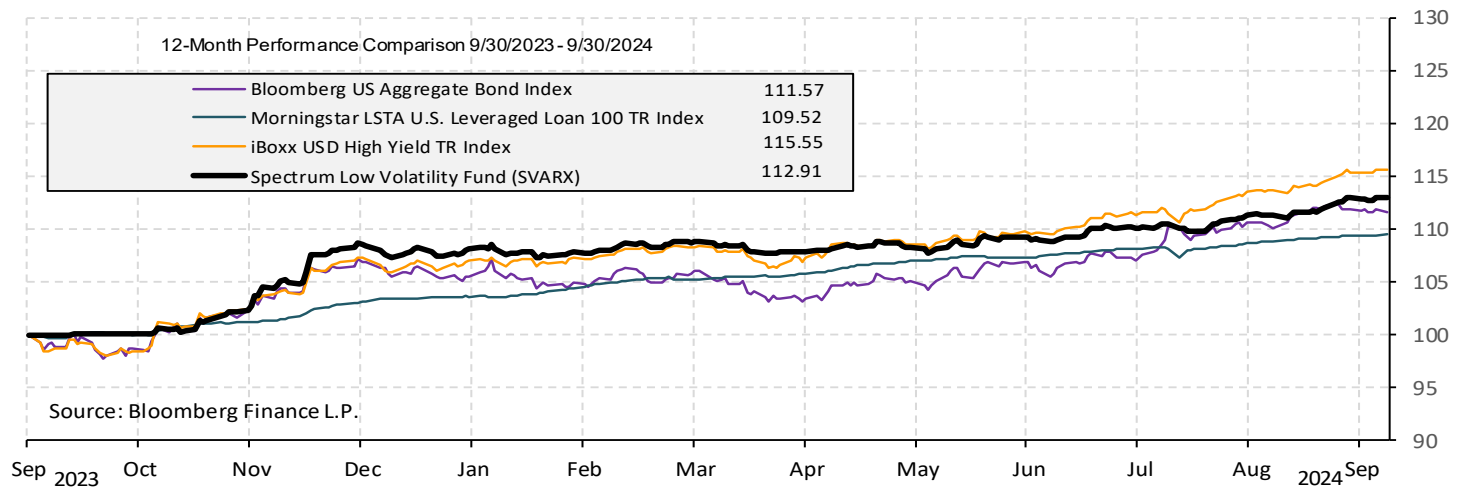
Can contain derivatives and/or short positions

**178.92%**      **202.08%**

### Exposure Allocation (6/30/2024 - 9/30/2024)



### SVARX (Fixed Income) vs. Sector Indices



Source: Bloomberg Finance L.P.

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
<b>As of 9/30/2024</b>				
MTD	1.38%	0.63%	1.14%	1.34%
YTD	4.10%	6.12%	6.95%	4.45%
<b>As of 9/30/2024</b>				
Qtr	3.57%	1.94%	3.66%	5.20%
1 Year	12.91%	9.52%	12.53%	11.57%
3 Years	3.00%	6.16%	4.60%	-1.39%
5 Years	7.53%	5.35%	4.71%	0.33%
10 Years	6.96%	4.46%	4.49%	1.84%
Since Inception	6.63%	4.30%	4.37%	2.07%

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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