

High Yield Income Fund

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Opportunities arise in unstable times

Net Asset Value:	\$12.1989
Assets:	\$23.68M
Inception:	Nov-13

PERFORMANCE

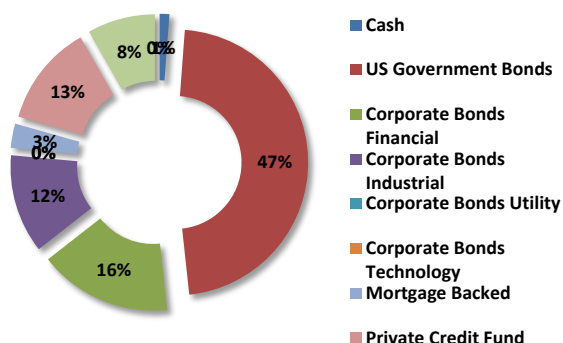
	Fund	Benchmark*
1 Month	-0.17%	-0.80%
3 Month	0.30%	-0.96%
1Yr	0.59%	-0.55%
3Yr	-1.48%	-2.60%
5Yr	0.94%	1.05%

* Bloomberg Barclays Intermediate A+ U.S. Government/Credit Total Return

TOP FIVE HOLDINGS

U.S. GOVERNMENT BONDS	47.10%
U.S. CORPORATE BONDS	28.16%
PRIVATE CREDIT FUND	12.37%
CORPORATE PREFERENCE SHARES	8.24%
MORTGAGE BACKED OBLIGATIONS	2.95%

ALLOCATION



The High Yield Income Fund is a sub fund of the RF (Bahamas) International umbrella investment fund and invests substantially all of its assets into the USD Targeted Income Fund. The allocation shown is subject to change without notice and at the discretion of the investment manager. The Bloomberg Barclays Emerging Markets USD Sovereign Bond Index tracks fixed and floating-rate US dollar-denominated debt issued by EM governments.

The Fund returned -0.17%, 0.30%, and 0.59% in June, Q2 and over the last 12 months, respectively. The Fund underperformed in Q2 2023, but significantly outperformed the benchmark over the last year, three years, and five years.

The allocation chart at bottom left shows that the Fund is 47% allocated to US Government Bonds and primarily in short to medium duration paper. The second largest exposure is investment grade financial sector corporate paper, with investment grade industrial corporate paper being the third largest exposure. Together these three allocations account for 75% of the total portfolio.

Regarding U.S. interest rates, the fed funds rate was raised by 0.25% in July as inflation remains above the target rate of 2%. We expect that the FED will likely hold interest rates steady into 2024 until inflation nears their inflation target.

Currently economists are debating whether the U.S. economy will have a mild recession or a soft landing. In either case, the U.S. economy is expected to slow significantly, but not sufficiently to reduce inflation to a level that would trigger a rate reduction in 2023 by the Fed.

YTD excess cash has been invested primarily in U.S. T-bills which have been yielding between 4%-5% over the last six months. Over the balance of 2023 we anticipate rolling maturing T-Bills into new short-term T-Bills until spreads on medium-term investment grade corporates widen.

Another currency that we are considering adding to the Fund's portfolio is gold. The chart below shows the movement of the price of gold since 1970. In addition to potential gains, gold offers a god hedge against inflation and a weakening US dollar.

