Where to Invest in a Rising Rate Environment

Tuesday, March 25 | Minneapolis Club



Agenda

7:30-8 am Light breakfast, coffee

8 - 8:45 am
Keynote speaker - Ben Emon, PIMCO **Potential for rising rates and its Broader Implications**PIMCO

8:45-9:45 am Panel **Different Perspectives**

St. Paul Teachers' Retirement Fund, NEPC, Xcel Energy

9:45-10 am Break

10-10:30 am

Ideas for Addressing the Fixed Income Conundrum
Wellington Management

10:30-11:15 am

Views on Navigating a Raising Rate Environment

Panel of Investment Advisors

11:15-11:30 am Closing Remarks

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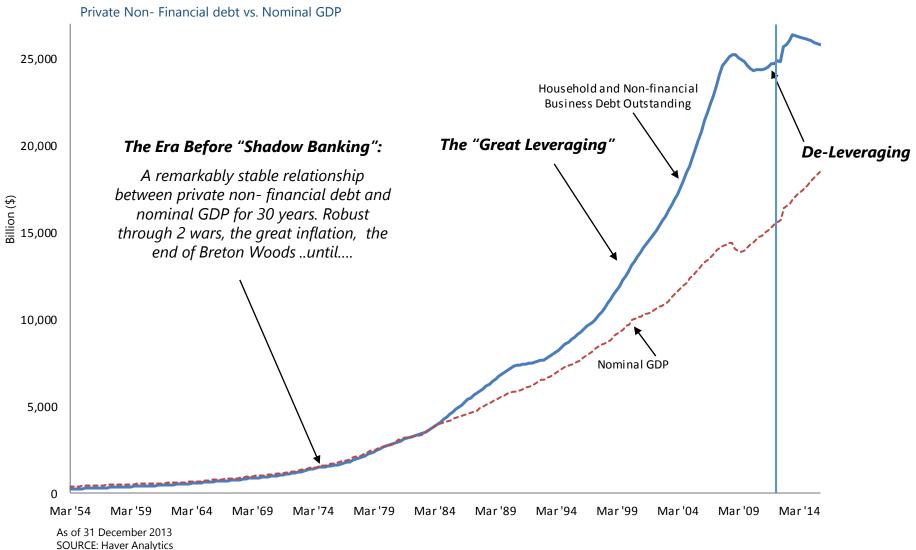
Ben Emons

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Long-Term Outlook on the U.S. Economy

Private sector deleveraging





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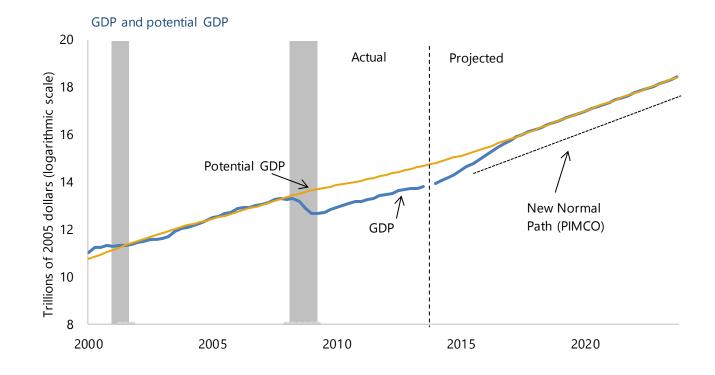
Hypothetical example for illustrative purposes only. Data from 31 March 2013 forward is forecasted

Refer to Appendix for additional hypothetical example and outlook information.

Washington budget forecasts rely on economy returning to pre crisis GDP path Why?



- If The New Normal Path for GDP is realized instead of return to Old Normal trend...
- The shortfall in tax receipts will likely be north of **THREE** trillion dollars over 10 year budget window!!!



As of 31 December 2013

SOURCE: Congressional Budget Office; Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis. Sources: Congressional Budget Office; Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, PIMCO

Notes: Potential gross domestic product (GDP) is CBO's estimate of the output the economy would produce with a high rate of use of its capital and labor resources. Data are quarterly. Actual data, which are plotted through the second quarter of 2012, incorporate the July 2012 revisions to the national income and product accounts. Projections, which are plotted through the fourth quarter of 2022, are based on data issued before the revisions.

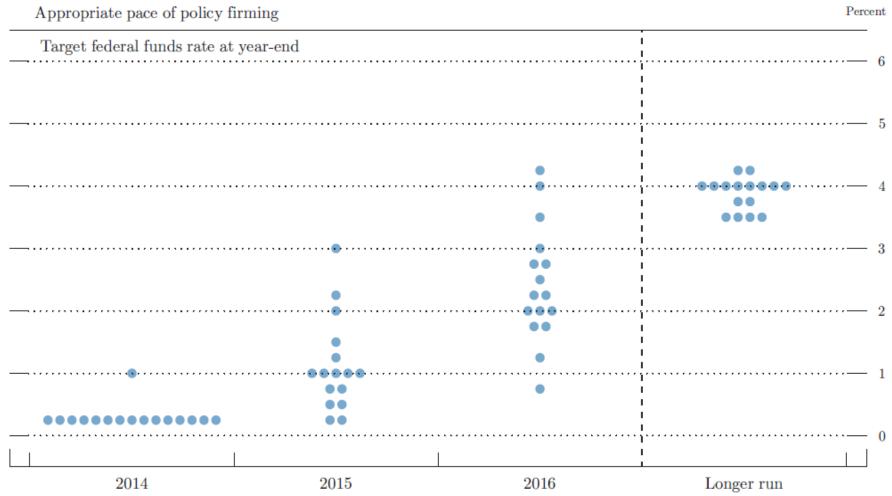
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A View into the Federal Reserve

Fed sees neutral nominal policy rate at 3.75% with inflation target of 2%

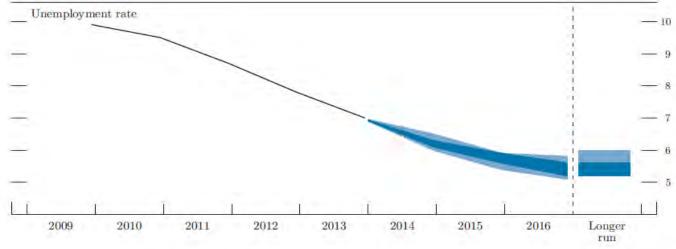


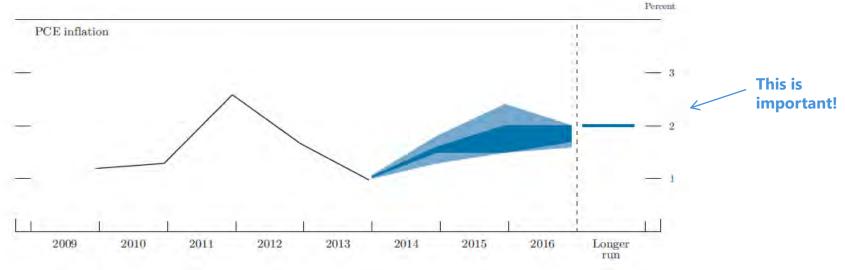


As of 19 March 2014 SOURCE: Federal Reserve Refer to Appendix for additional forecast and outlook information

Long-run Fed forecasts for unemployment and inflation







As of 19 March 2013 SOURCE: BEA, Federa

Blue areas in charts represent different confidence intervals for the projections. The light blue represents lower confidence, the dark blue represents higher confidence. Definitions of variables are in general note to the projections table. The data for the actual values of the variables are annual.

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U.S. Interest Rate Outlook

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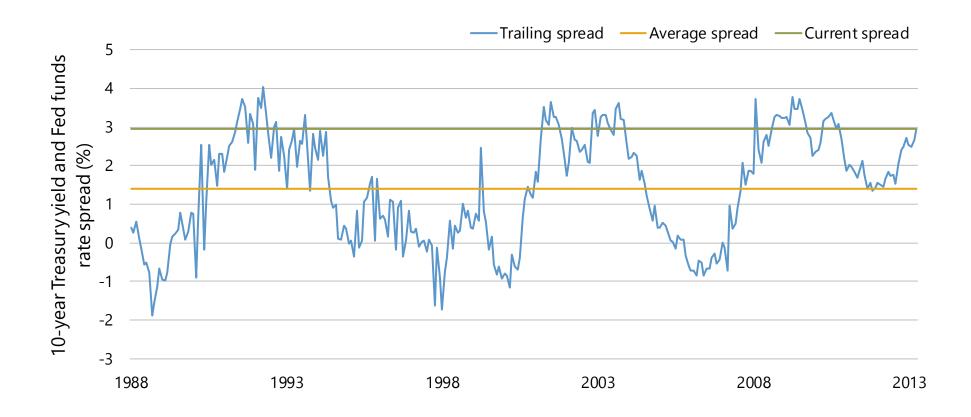
PIMCO's assessment of fair value, yield range forecast, and fundamentals driving 10-year yields

4.0%	Ceiling based on 0% fed funds rate
-1.0%	Impact of Fed purchasing programs and forward guidance
-0.8%	 Impact of potentially diminished GDP growth related to: Demographic influences Global debt dynamics Economic and political uncertainty throughout the world
=2.2%	Fair value. Yields are likely to fluctuate in a range between 2.5% to 3.0% until a clearer picture emerges on economic growth in 2014

As of December 2013 SOURCE: PIMCO Refer to Appendix for additional forecast information.

Yields historically anchored by Fed funds rate



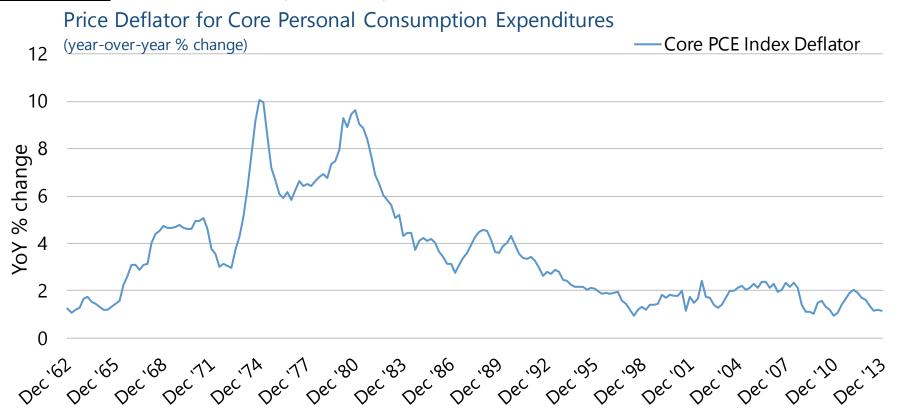


As of 31 December 2013 SOURCE: Bloomberg Trailing and average spreads compared using month-end data

Low inflation allows the Fed to be patient on rates despite change in forward guidance



"The Committee continues to anticipate, based on its assessment of these factors, that it likely will be appropriate to maintain the current target range for the federal funds rate for a considerable time after the asset purchase program ends, especially if projected inflation continues to run below the Committee's 2 percent longer-run goal, and provided that longer-term inflation expectations remain well anchored" FOMC Statement, March 19, 2014



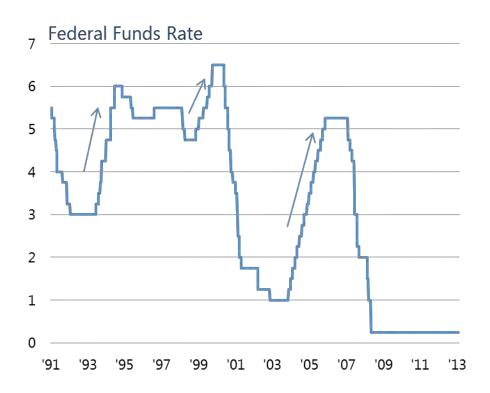


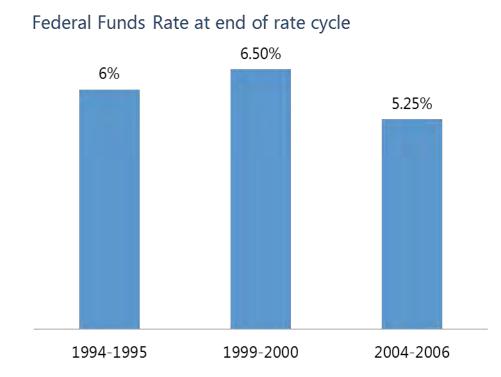
As of 31 December 2013 SOURCE: Bloomberg

It's a New Normalization – For Fed Policy



The Fed's projection for a 2.5% policy rate at the end of 2016 contrasts sharply with past rate hike cycles



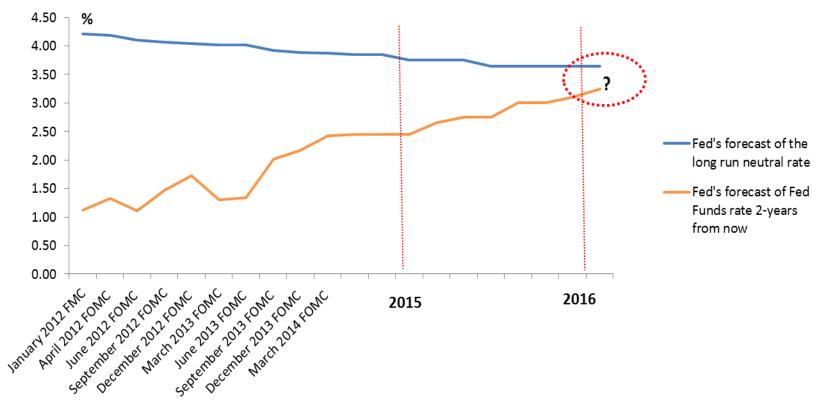


As of 31 December 2013 SOURCE: Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC)

It's a New Normalization – For Fed Policy (cont.)



The Fed's projection for a 2.5% policy rate at the end of 2016 vs. the Fed's perceived "neutral Fed Funds rate" at 3.88% suggests a potential different future terminal rate than in the past



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Questions?

Appendix



FORECASTS

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INDEX DESCRIPTIONS

The 3-Month LIBOR (London Interbank Offered Rate) Index is an average interest rate, determined by the British Bankers Association, that banks charge one another for the use of short-term money (3 months) in England's Eurodollar market.

It is not possible to invest directly in an unmanaged index.

Panel: Different Perspectives

St. Paul Teachers' Retirement Fund

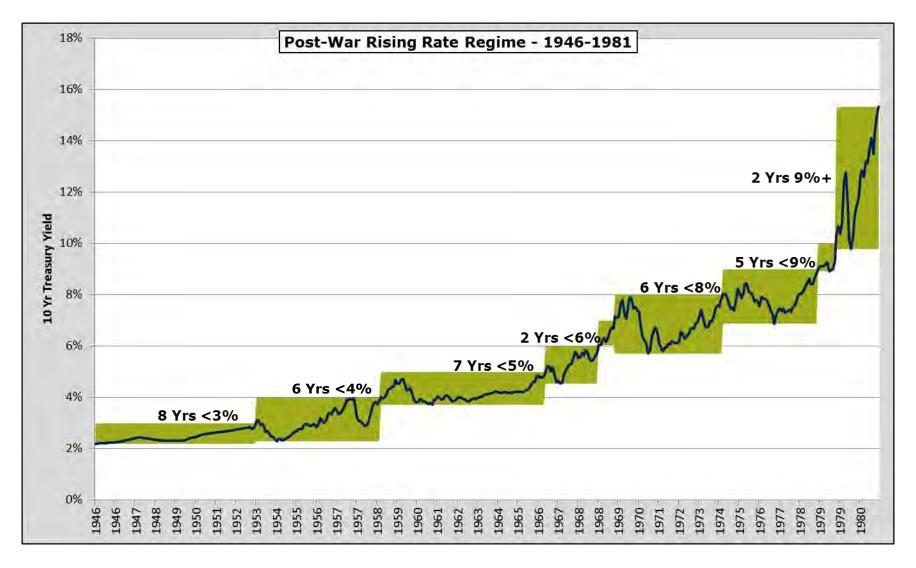
NEPC

Xcel Energy

Focus on Fixed Income - Investing in a Rising Rate Environment

- US monetary policy is diverging from other developed markets
- Further increase in interest rates must harmonize with changes in economic growth and inflation
- Narrow credit spreads and constrained liquidity expose investors to potential downside risks
- Strategic exposure to interest rates remains an important element of diversification

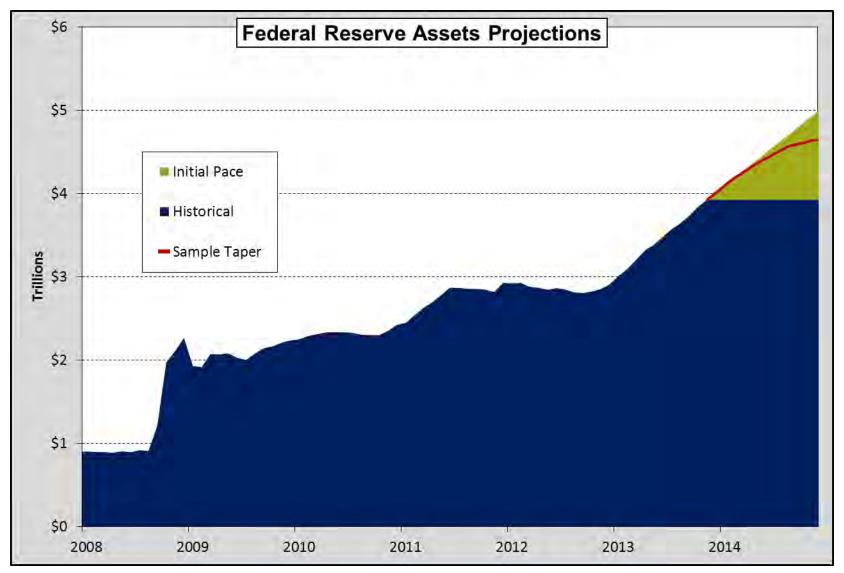
Interest Rate Cycles are Long-Term and Driven by Economic Conditions



Source: Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis



Unprecedented Monetary Policy Experiment Continues with "Taper"







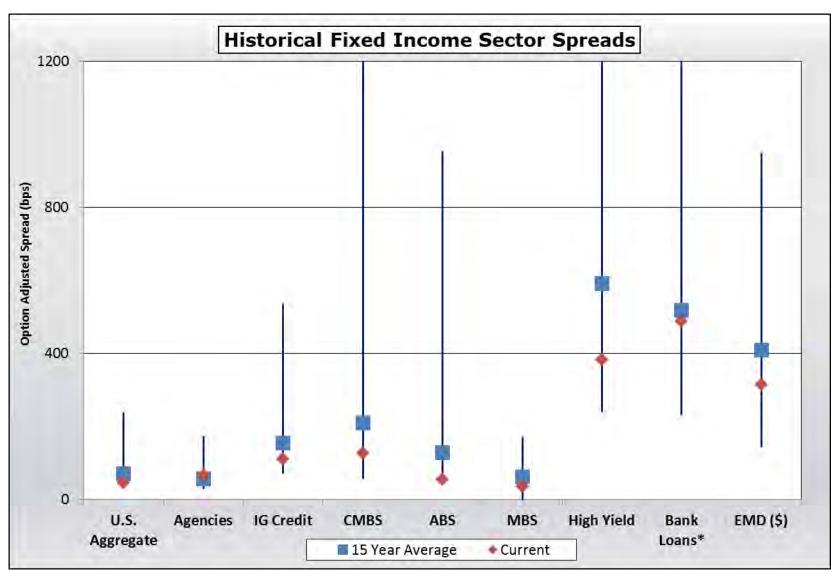
10-Yr Treasury Range Bound while Fed Controls Short-Term Rates



Source: NEPC, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System



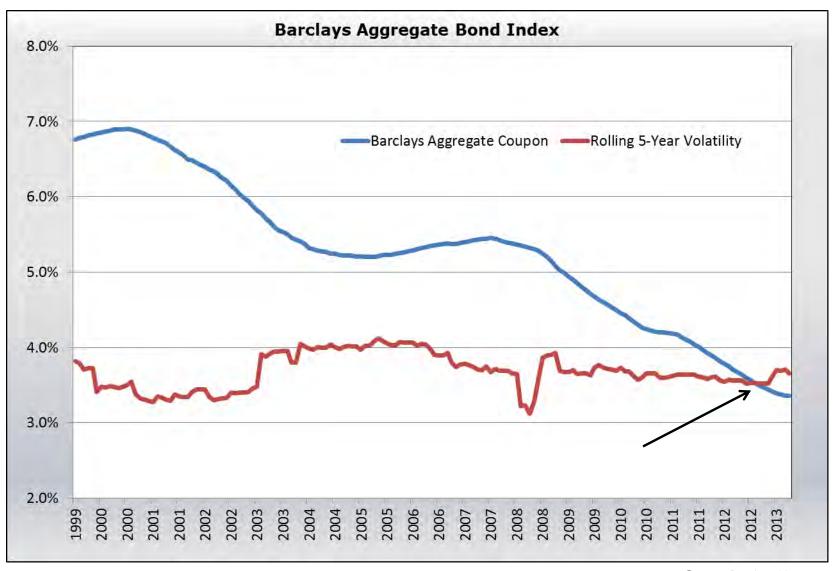
Credit Spreads Approach Pre-Crisis Levels and Yields at All-Time Lows



Source: Barclays Live, *3-year Discount Margin



Core Bonds: Is it Time to Make a Change?



Source: Barclays Live



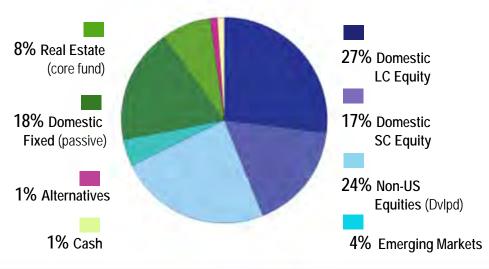
Risks - There Are Way Too Many To Count



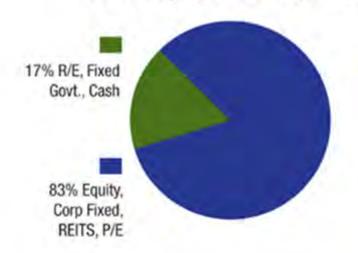


Portfolio as of Spring 2011

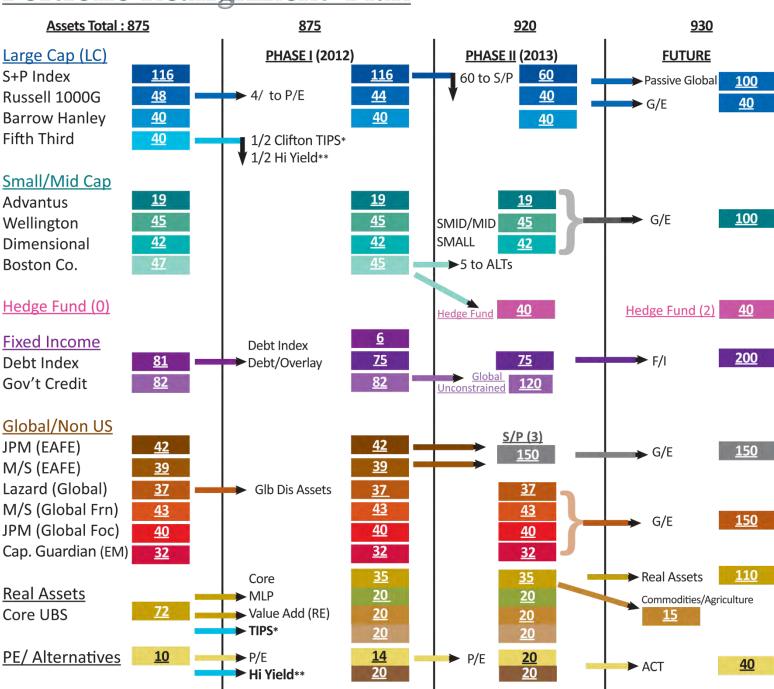




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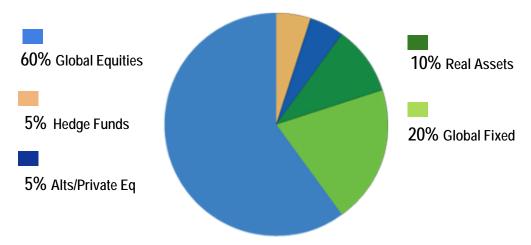


Portfolio Realignment Plan



Portfolio as of Spring 2014





Long Term Target Portfolio



Recent Quarterly Returns with Peer Rankings

Fiscal Year	2012 Return	Peer Ranking Qtr/Year
1Q (9/11)	-12.5%	96%
2Q (12/11)	7.3%	12%
3Q (3/12)	9.9%	5%
4Q (6/12)	-3.3 (0.3%	96% / (74%)

Fiscal Year 2013	Return	Peer Ranking Qtr/Year
1Q (9/12)	4.9%	49%
2Q (12/12)	1.7%	48%
3Q (3/13)	6.1%	30%
4Q (6/13)	0.7% 13.9%	31% / (26%)

Recent Quarterly Returns with Peer Rankings

Fiscal Year 2014

Return		Peer Ranking Qtr/Year	
1Q (9/13)	5.4%	34%	
2Q (12/13)	6.2% 11.9%	16%	
3Q (2/14)	1.1% 13.2%		



Periods Ending	Standard Deviation	Sharpe Ratio	Up Capture	Down Capture
January '13	11.66%	0.65%	110.18%	102.54%
June	11.46%	0.66%	110.48%	101.28%
December	11.33%	0.74%	110.25%	101.91%

Portfolio Strategies Implemented



- 1) Lessen Reliance (exposure) on domestic equities
- 2) Shift Fixed Income focus from domestic passive to active global
- 3) Among equities, unwind geographic centric mandates: EAFE, Emg Markets
- 4) Focus on lower correlated mandates even within Asset Classes
- 5) Give Managers (especially fixed) broader latitude and encourage nimbleness
 - + Unconstrained- (duration +/-, credit, emerging debt, "best ideas")
 - + Mindful of Statutory/policy limits (hi-yield, floating rate/bank loans)

Fixed Income Portfolio Mandates



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Passive Accounts

Gov't/Credit

Debt Index

(10%)

(8%)

Active (co-mingled/separate accounts)

1) Domestic "core plus" (8%)

2) Global Unconstrained (2) (10%)

3) TIPS (2%)

4) Dedicated Hi-Yield (3%)

5) Sht Dur w/Overlay (+5) (2%)

6) H/F Credit Strategies (2%)

Break 9:45-10 am

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Fixed Income Conundrum

25 March 2014

Tom ColemanInvestment Director



Fixed Income 2014

Economic recovery has been slowly playing out

Fixed Income valuations are no longer obvious

- Rates will rise, but at what pace?
- Income is available, but further spread compression will be limited

Liquidity is at a premium: use it!



Where are rates going?

At the end of 2014, where do you expect the US 10-Year Treasury Bond rate to be relative to today's rate?

- a. Lower
- b. 20 bps higher
- c. 50 bps higher
- d. 100 bps higher
- e. More than 100 bps higher

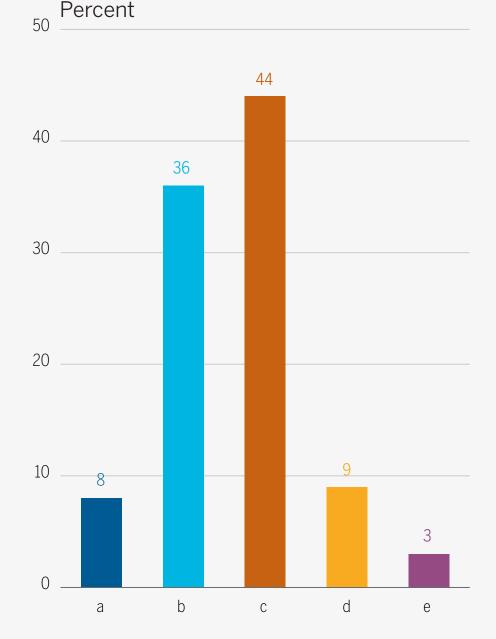
Note: UST 10-year rate was 2.77% as of 11 March 2014

What did investors think 12 months ago?

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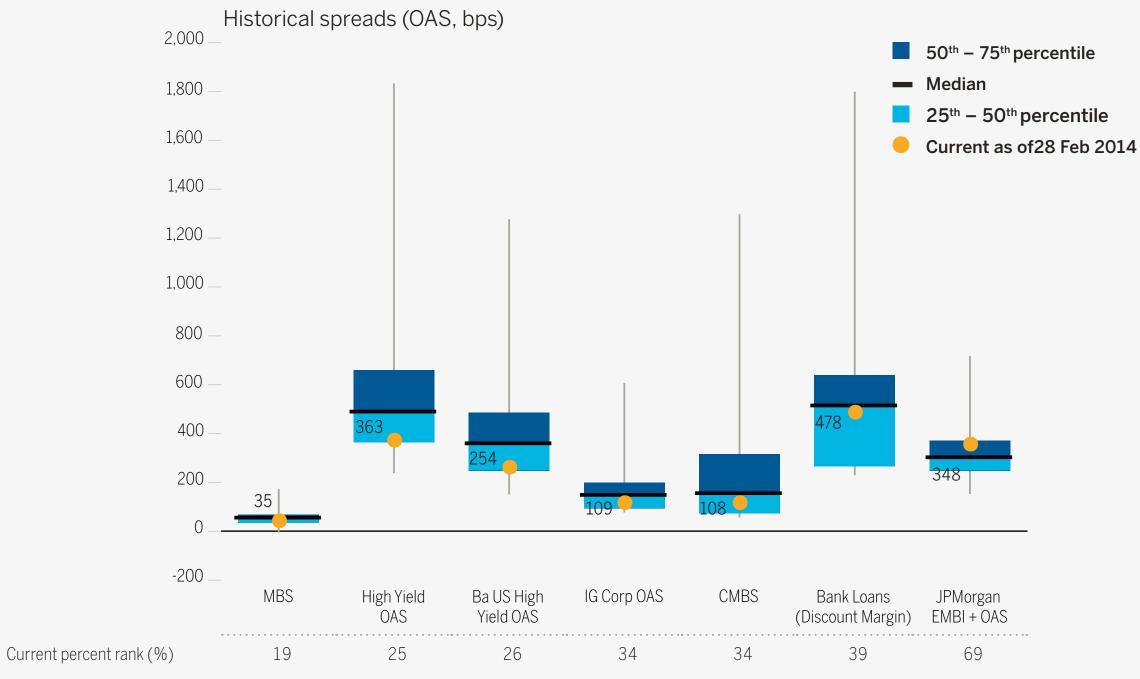
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Note: UST 10-year rate was 2.0% at the time of the survey



Source: Spring 2013 Wellington Management Client Seminar Surveys

Valuations on the tight side

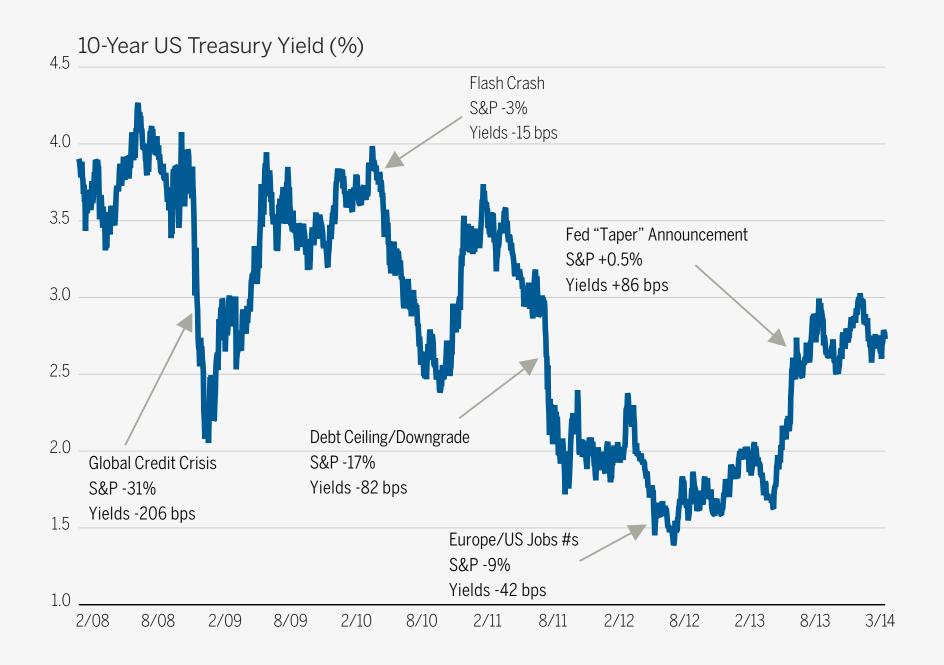


Historical spread analysis based on trailing 10 years of month-end option adjusted spreads, as of 28 February 2014 | Sources: JPMorgan, Barclays, Credit Suisse

Sources: Bloomberg; S&P, Wellington Management | As of June 2013

Stay the course

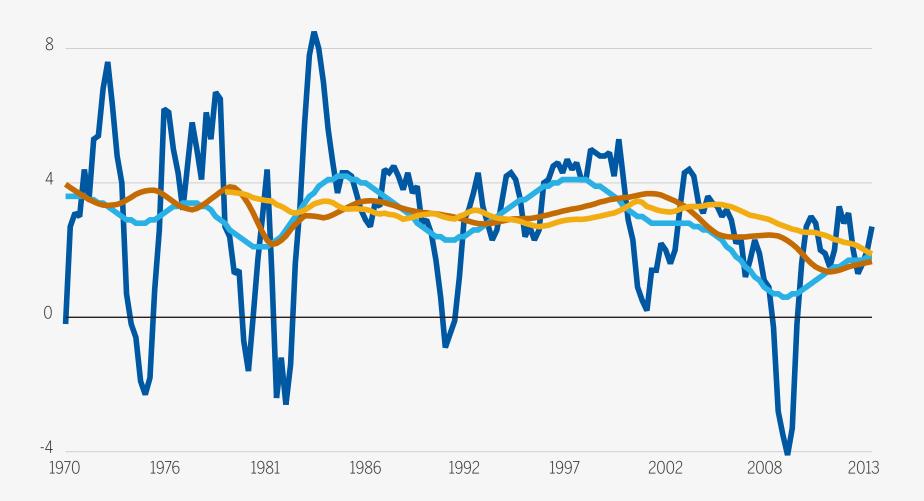
Fixed Income is still an important diversifier



Low rates for a low growth world



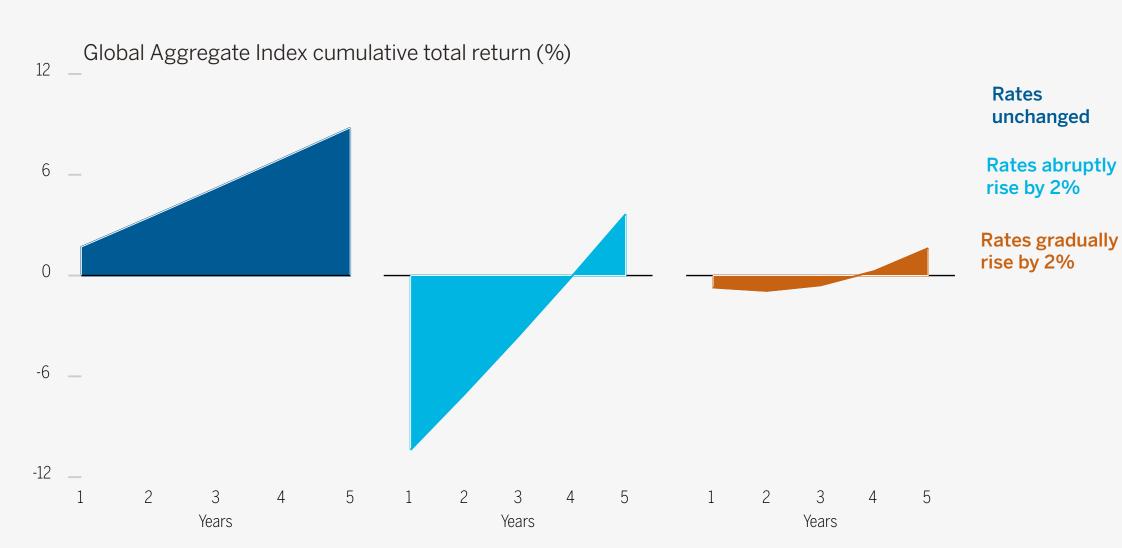




Source: BLS, CBO, BEA, and Wellington Management | As of March 2014

How will higher rates impact you?

Staying the course is a legitimate strategy



Sources: Barclays, Wellington
Management | Analysis assumes currency
relationships remain unchanged.

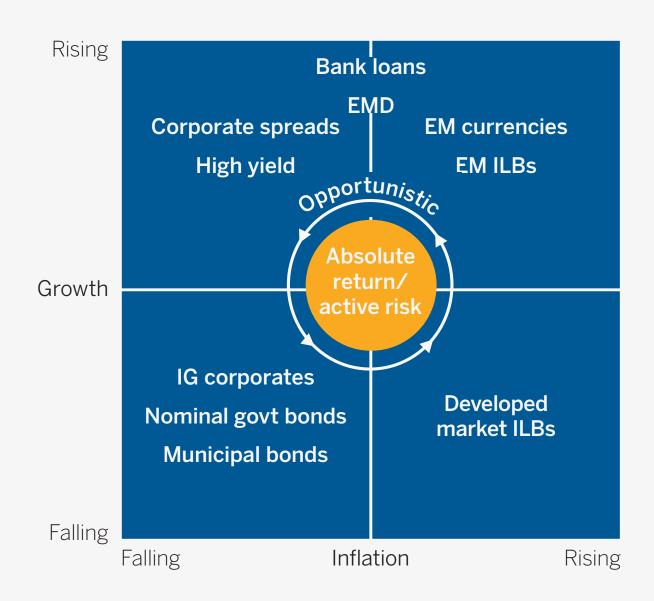
Global Aggregate Index annualized 5-year return (%)

Expected annualized return assuming rates remain unchanged: 1.70%

	0.5% rise	1.0% rise	2.0% rise
Rates abruptly rise	1.49	1.25	0.72
Rates gradually rise	1.31	0.95	0.32

Think function, not formFixed Income can play multiple roles

Relative performance by economic environment



Source: Wellington Management | For illustrative purposes only

Corporate bond spreads and Fed policy









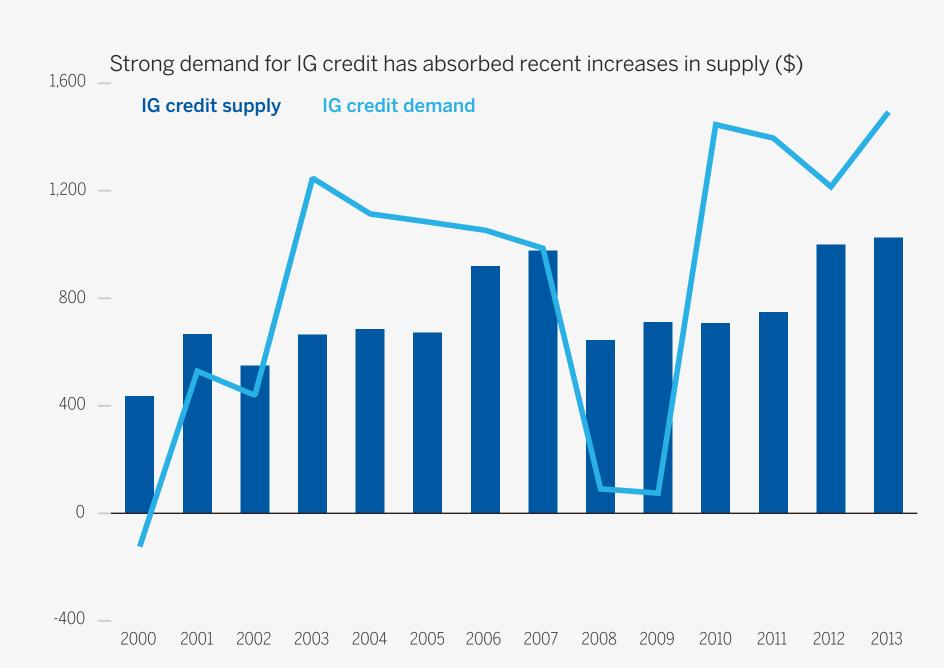
Fed Funds Target rate (%) (LHS)

Barclays US Aggregate – Corporates (RHS)

Investment Grade OAS is Barclays US Aggregate – Corporate Index spread from 30 June 1989 to the present. Prior to 1989, OAS data is not published for this index. OAS estimates shown are Wellington Management estimates based on available index data.

Credit demand is equal to the sum of flow of funds data for retail mutual funds, closed end mutual funds, ETF's, public and private pension plans, life insurance companies and P&C insurance companies. Credit supply is equal to gross issuance of Investment Grade Credit. | Sources: Haver and Morgan Stanley.

Despite record supply, strong demand is supportive of credit

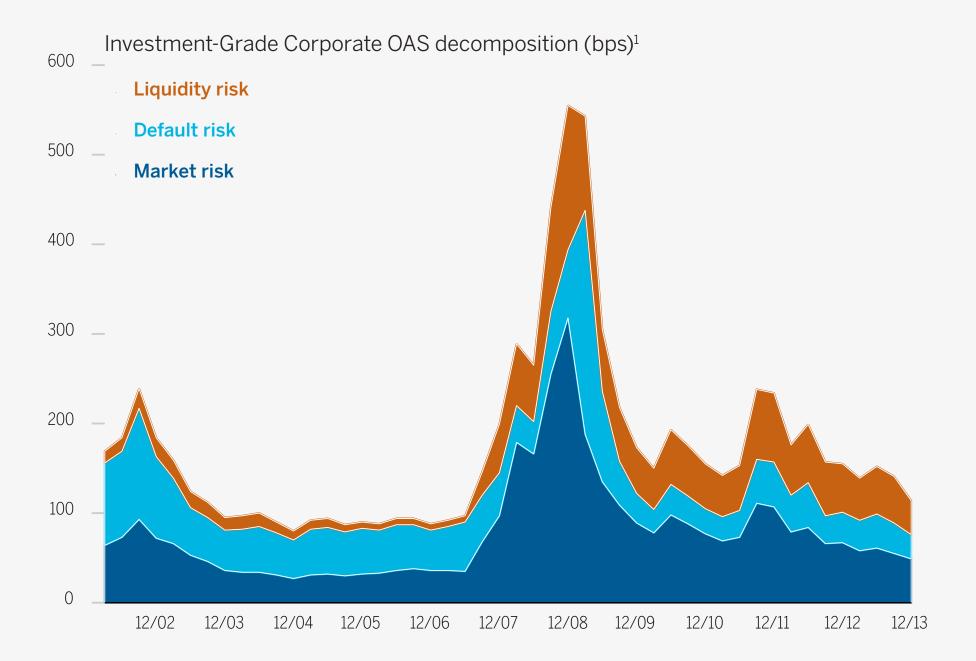


Own spread duration vs rate duration

	Example	Interest rate risk	Credit risk	Diversification vs growth assets	Liquidity	Other considerations
Short Duration	Diversified, high quality portfolios	Low	Moderate	Moderate	High	Yield give-up
Higher Beta Credit	High yield, Bank Ioans, Structured credit, Multi Sector	Low	High	Low	Moderate/ high	Attractive yield cushion
Duration- hedged Credit	Full maturity credit portfolio with duration hedge overlay	Low	Moderate/ high	Low	Moderate	Yield give-up Derivatives
Negative Duration Strategies	Negative duration instruments (IO/IOS)	Negative	Moderate/ high	Low	Moderate	Complex instruments Derivatives

¹Rolling regression model with half-life decay of 3 years with OAS as the dependent variable and liquidity premium and credit-default risk as independent variables. Market-observed liquidity premium between new and old bonds is liquidity premium input to regression. Moody's 12-month trailing credit default rate data and proprietary recovery rates are default premium input to regression. OAS is decomposed pro-rata based on the betas associated with default, liquidity and residual. | Sources: Wellington Management, Barclays, Moody's | For illustrative purposes only, This material is not intended to constitute investment advice or an offer to sell, or the solicitation of an offer to purchase shares or other securities. While Wellington Management has utilized data from third parties it has deemed to be reliable, Wellington Management does not guarantee the accuracy of such data. Actual results may differ significantly from the information presented above should data inaccuracies exist.

Liquidity: a premium to capture, a risk to manage



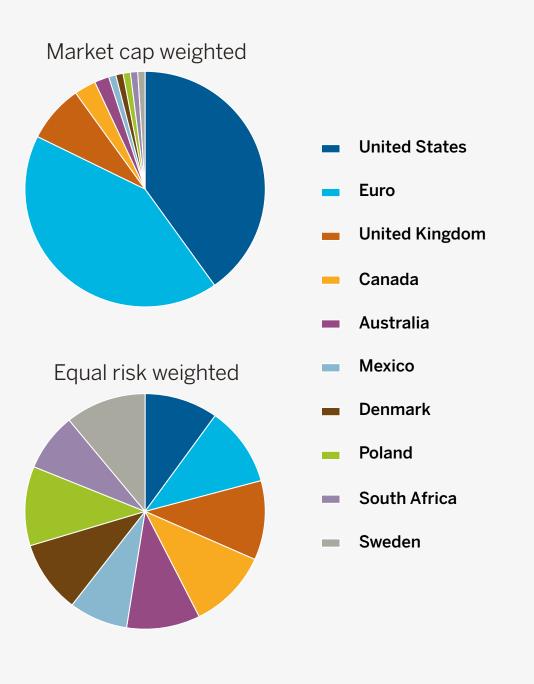


Liquidity is not what it used to be

Dealer inventories down about 40%
Average trade size down about 15%
Universe has increased by 75%
Bid/Ask has increased slightly on average transaction but has increased considerably on illiquid issues
60% of the TRACE-eligible bonds never trade or trade less than five times a year;
Only 1% of bonds trade with a daily frequency
The 20 most liquid IG corporates on average trade at 2% the frequency of the average NYSE and NASDAQ stock
Standard benchmarks force investors into liquid markets
Buy and Maintain may have higher IR but are harder to measure in incremental performance

Think like a lender: own what you want to own

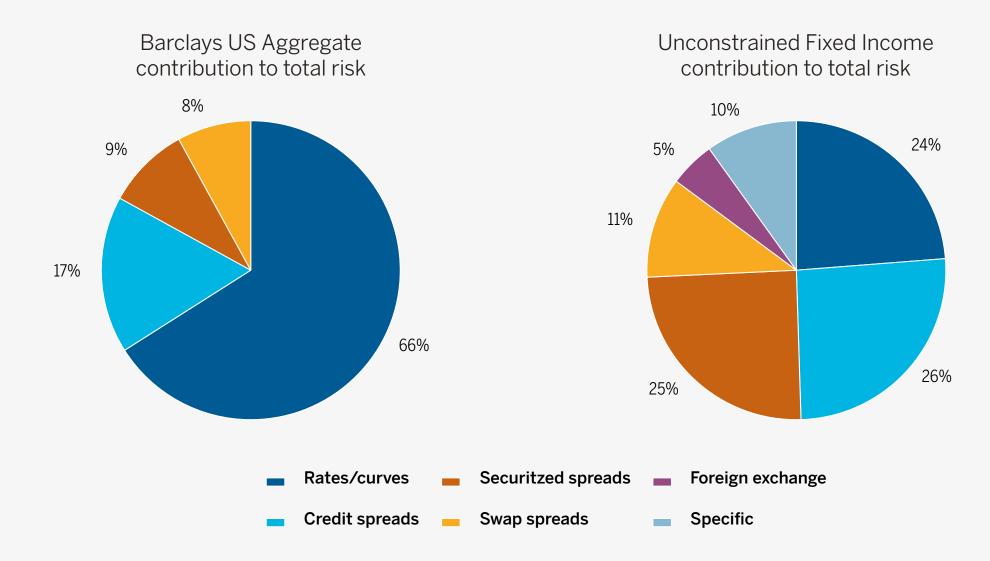
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¹Assume 5-year duration for each country | Sources: Citigroup, Wellington Management

Diversify your risks

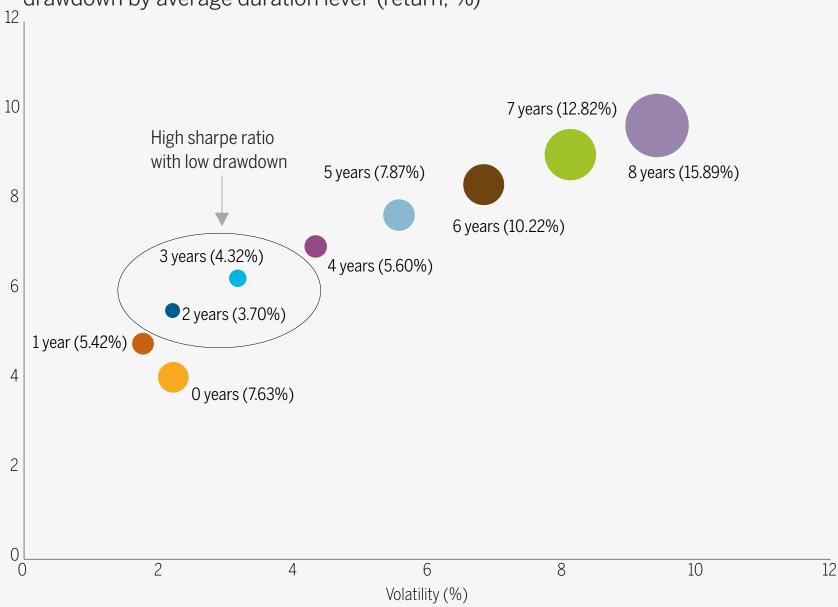


Sources: Wellington Management Fixed Income Risk Engine | As of 1 October 2013

¹Bubble sizes represent maximum historical drawdown of target structural portfolio | ²Return, volatility and drawdown calculated based on historical index proxy returns for target structural portfolio, adjusted for secular interest rate decline | Source: Wellington Management

How much duration should you have?

Historical structural model portfolio index return, volatility and maximum drawdown by average duration level¹ (return, %)²



Non-benchmark fixed income solutions

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	Example	Interest rate risk	Credit risk	Diversification vs growth assets	Liquidity	Other considerations
Unconstrained/ opportunistic	Total-return oriented diversified portfolio with broad opportunity set	Varies, depends on manager skill	Varies, depends on manager skill	Varies, depends on manager skill	Moderate	Relies heavily on manager skill
						Potential for some "anchoring" to benchmark
Total return- oriented credit	Cash-plus objective achieved with credit beta	Low	Moderate/varies	Moderate/varies	Moderate	Relies heavily on manager skill
						Measure of success can be less clear
Absolute return	Designed to have no systematic exposure to major risk factors	Low	Low	High	Varies	Relies most heavily on manager skill
						Notional leverage
						Derivatives



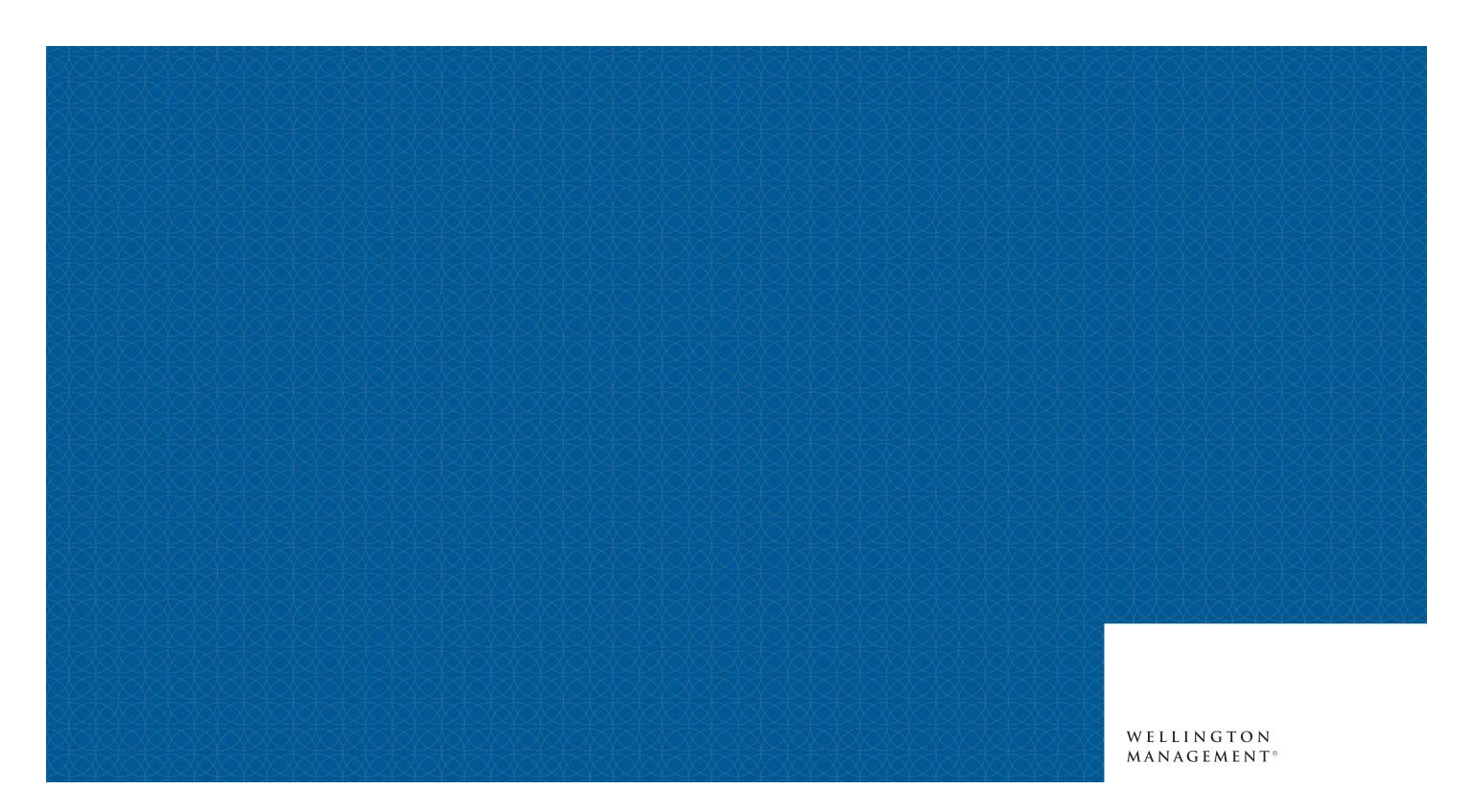
Conclusions

Take the risks that reward you

Fixed Income still plays a key role in asset allocation

Credit risk versus duration risk makes sense

Think like a lender



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