

Bond yields began moving higher right out of the gate in January, after consolidating for the better part of December. Although the stock market doesn't seem too worried about inflation at this juncture, the bond market seems to be sniffing out higher inflation on the horizon. Not only are longer-term bond yields continuing to move higher, but TIPs spreads are also widening a bit.

The Fed recently concluded its January meeting and left policy essentially unchanged with rates at 0.00% and asset purchases set at \$80 billion of Treasuries and \$40 billion of agencies per month. Chairman Powell said in his remarks that the economy is still "a long way from recovery", and that he thinks it is premature to talk about the Fed raising rates and easing back on asset purchases.



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 The blue line above represents the 50-day moving average.

The concern for many market participants is that a strengthening economy will lead to a pickup in the velocity of money and cause a surge in inflation. But Powell remarked that for the Fed to have credibility in achieving its goal of 2% inflation they need to let the economy get there and stay there for some period. At that point the Fed can communicate to the public some sort of gradual taper. Sounds good—on paper that is.

The Fed's injections of liquidity and ballooning balance sheet have certainly led to asset price inflation. The further markets run, the more painful the eventual adjustment will be when the Fed is forced to reverse course and begin to tighten monetary policy. But for now markets are more focused on the economic reopening due to widespread vaccinations, and the fiscal stimulus that appears closer to being approved.

Our job is to navigate a rising bond yield environment that is likely to be unfriendly to interest-rate sensitive fixed income securities, but could be positive for more credit-sensitive areas of the income markets.



ACM Tactical Income Fund

Monthly Commentary

January 2021

The **ACM Tactical Income Fund** (TINIX) returned -0.59% in January, which was slightly ahead of the -0.72% return in the Barclays AGG index. Rising bond yields proved a headwind for most income-oriented securities. Additionally, towards the latter part of the month markets went into an overall 'risk-off' environment which weighed on some of the higher yielding ETFs we allocate to.

Positive contributors to performance were munis (high yield and taxable) and convertibles, while negative factors came from preferreds, emerging market bonds, and investment-grade corporates.

We want to thank all of you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

*Jordan L. Kahn, CFA
Chief Investment Officer*

Sources: Standard & Poor's, Stockcharts.com, Briefing.com

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Portfolio Management



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Mr. Kahn has 25 years of experience in the investment industry serving as a senior portfolio manager, equity research analyst, and investment consultant. Mr. Kahn received his Master's of Science in Financial Markets and Trading from the Stuart School of Business at the Illinois Institute of Technology.

Fund Profile *As of 1/31/2021*

Inception Date 12/31/2018
Style Tactical Income
Benchmark Barclay's US Aggregate

Risk Metrics *As of 1/31/21*

Beta 0.63
Standard Deviation 4.71

Fund Overview

The ACM Tactical Income Fund is designed as a core investment for investors seeking income generation, while also focusing on capital preservation. The fund employs a tactical strategy which aims to capture attractive income opportunities and mitigate downside risk when markets experience downturns.

We strive to help our investors participate in the gains available from financial markets, while mitigating the downside risk

Performance

As of 1/31/2021

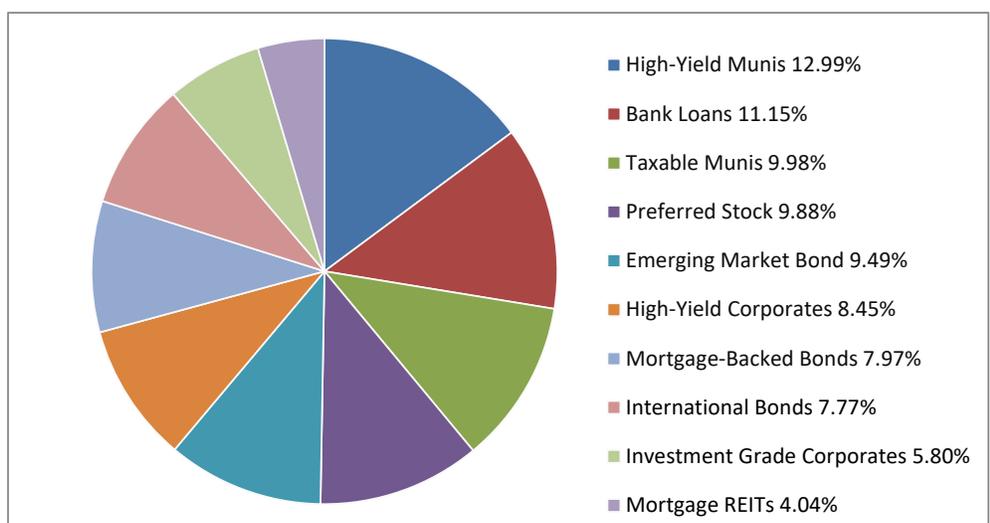
	1-mth	3-mth	YTD	1-Yr*	Since Inception*
TINIX	-0.59%	3.63%	-0.59%	7.26%	6.30%
Barclays US Agg Bond	-0.72%	-2.47%	-0.72%	7.51%	8.11%
Morningstar NT Bond	0.21%	0.37%	0.21%	3.44%	5.02%

**As of 12/31/20*

The performance data quoted here represents past performance. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted above. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. The investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Actual Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses of 2.25% for Class A and 2.00% for Class I from the prospectus. The Fund's investment adviser has contractually agreed to reduce its fees and/or absorb expenses of the Fund, at least until April 30, 2021, to ensure that the net annual fund operating expenses will not exceed 2.13% for Class A shares and 1.88% for Class I shares, subject to possible recoupment from the Fund in future years. Maximum sales charge for Class A shares is 5.75%. Please review the fund's prospectus for more information regarding the fund's fees and expenses. For performance information current to the most recent month-end, please call toll-free 844-798-3833

Sector Weightings

As of 1/31/2021



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Mutual funds involve risk including possible loss of principal. Adverse changes in currency exchange rates may erode or reverse any potential gains from the Fund's Investments. ETF's are subject to specific risks, depending on the nature of the underlying strategy of the fund. These risks include liquidity risk, sector risk, as well as risks associated with fixed income securities, real estate investments, and commodities, to name a few. Investments in underlying funds that own small and mid-capitalization companies may be more vulnerable than larger, more established organizations. Derivative instruments involve risks different from, or possibly greater than, the risks associated with investing directly in securities and other traditional investments. Investments in foreign securities could subject the Fund to greater risks including, currency fluctuation, economic conditions, and different governmental and accounting standards. In addition to the risks generally associated with investing in securities of foreign companies, countries with emerging markets also may have relatively unstable governments, social and legal systems that do not protect shareholders, economies based on only a few industries, and securities markets that trade a small number of issues.

Investors bear the risk that the Fund may not be able to implement its investments strategies or attract sufficient assets. Purchased put options may decline in value or expire worthless and may have imperfect correlation to the value of the Fund's portfolio securities. Written call and put options may limit the Fund's participation in equity market gains and may amplify losses in market declines. The Fund's losses are potentially large in a written put or call transaction. If unhedged, written calls expose the Fund to potentially unlimited losses. The Fund will incur a loss as a result of a short position if price of the short position instrument increases in value between the date of the short position sale and the date on which an offsetting position is purchase. Short positions may be considered speculative transactions and involve special risks, including greater reliance on the ability to accurately anticipate the future value of a security of instrument. The Fund's losses are potentially large in a short position transaction.

Beta is a measure of systemic risk. Standard Deviation is a statistical measurement. It sheds light on the historical volatility of that investment. The greater the standard deviation of a security, the greater the variance between each price and the mean, indicating a larger price range.

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