

Bond yields continued their multi-month move higher in March, with 10-yr Treasury yields reaching a (closing) peak of 1.75% on the last day of the month. That’s quite a move from the 0.50% lows last summer, and could mark a near-term high in yields. The bond market has already been anticipating strong economic data and firming inflation, so now we need to see if the data corroborates that thesis. We think it will.

For its part, the Fed upped its GDP forecast for the year to 6.5%, and upped its inflation forecast for PCE to 2.4%. With the prices paid component of the Philly Fed index hitting its highest level since 1980, we still think the Fed could be low in their inflation forecast. They have said they are willing to let inflation “run hot” for a period, so this could be the proverbial ‘*careful what you wish for*’ moment.



Past performance does not guarantee future results.  
 The blue line above represents the 50-day moving average.

If you’re wondering why the Fed is still conducting \$120 billion per month of QE, and holding rates at zero, it is because the Fed is intent on making the recovery “complete”. By that, we think they mean getting the unemployment rate back down from its 6.0% current level closer to the 3.5% rate seen just prior to the Covid collapse. Of course, if inflation gets too hot to handle, they may be forced into action sooner than planned.

In addition to the Fed, the Administration passed another big stimulus plan and sent checks out to consumers. In addition to the ample savings many consumers have built up, there is plenty of ammo and pent-up demand that will continue to be unleashed into the economy as the vaccine-led recovery gathers steam. The vaccine push is going well in the U.S., better than most other parts of the globe, and this should embolden consumers to get out and travel, attend sporting events, concerts, and other activities that have been absent from daily life for over a year now.



# ACM Tactical Income Fund

## Monthly Commentary

March 2021

The **ACM Tactical Income Fund** (TINIX) returned +1.04% in March, which was well ahead of the -1.25% return in the Barclays AGG index. Rising bond yields continued to act as a headwind for most income-oriented securities. For the YTD period, TINIX has returned +0.20%, which is more than 350 basis points ahead of the AGG (-3.37%).

It has been difficult achieving positive returns in this environment, but as bond yields settle down a little we would anticipate seeing more opportunities. While most interest-rate sensitive areas are still languishing, we have been able to make positive returns in select areas such as preferreds, mtge REITs, and BDCs.

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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Chief Investment Officer  
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 3/31/2021*

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

## Risk Metrics *As of 3/31/21*

**Beta** 0.49  
**Standard Deviation** 4.57

## 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 3/31/2021*

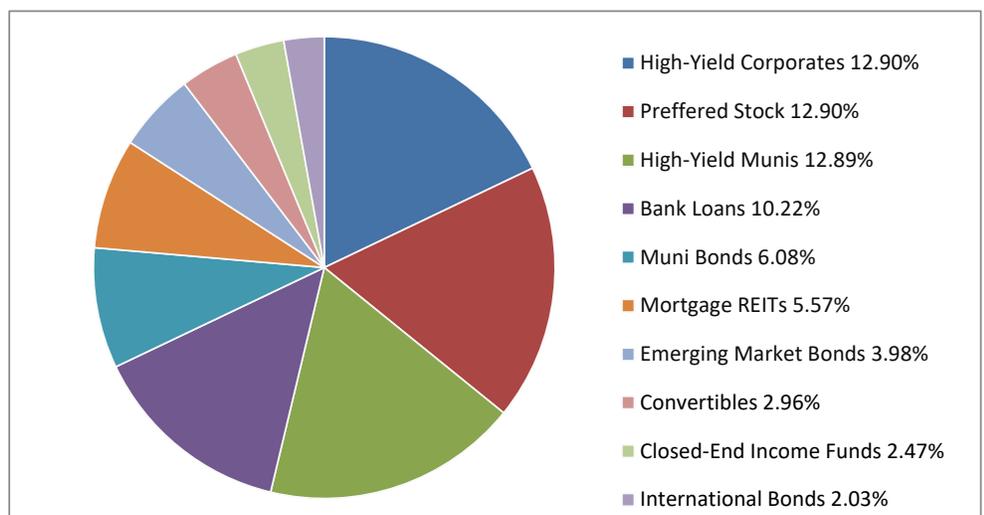
	1-mth	3-mth	YTD	1-Yr*	Since Inception*
<b>TINIX</b>	1.04%	0.20%	0.20%	9.99%	5.68%
Barclays US Agg Bond	-1.25%	-3.37%	-3.37%	0.71%	5.56%
Morningstar NT Bond	-0.04%	0.45%	0.45%	12.76%	4.44%

*\*As of 3/31/21*

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 3/31/2021*



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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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