

# CanterburyConsulting

# **Quarterly Asset Class Report**

# **Taxable Fixed Income**

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### Role in the Portfolio

Canterbury Consulting recommends and communicates asset-class strategy with the objective of constructing a diversified portfolio of fixed income strategies designed to (in aggregate):

- (i) Preserve after-tax wealth and mitigate volatility
- (ii) Maintain comparable exposure to the broad municipal market
- (iii) Exhibit returns uncorrelated to equity markets



- Canterbury global fixed income portfolios are expected to deliver consistent after-tax and net of fees excess returns and moderate tracking error versus the Barclays Municipal Bond Index
- Canterbury's fixed income portfolios will exhibit benchmark-like after-tax yields and credit quality. However, they will
  do so with more portfolio diversification and lower duration

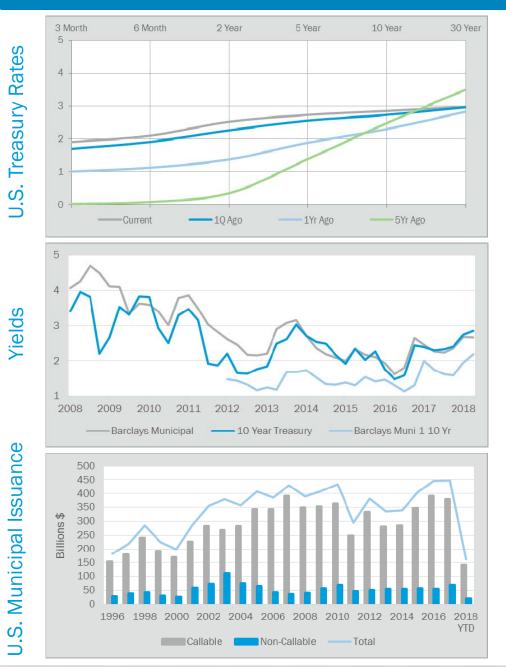
## Index Returns

Fixed Income

	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	7 Years	10 Years
Barclays Global Aggregate	-2.78	-1.46	1.36	2.58	1.50	1.14	2.58
Barclays US Agg Bond	-0.16	-1.62	-0.40	1.72	2.27	2.57	3.72
U.S. Treasurys							
BofAML 3M US Treasury Note	0.49	0.84	1.37	0.68	0.43	0.33	0.37
Barclays Short Treasury	0.46	0.78	1.29	0.72	0.48	0.39	0.49
Barclays Intermediate Treasury	0.06	-0.69	-0.76	0.62	1.04	1.40	2.43
Barclays Long Term US Treasury	0.31	-3.00	-0.13	3.40	4.55	6.10	6.05
Barclays U.S. Treasury TIPS 0-5Y	0.48	0.70	1.39	1.12	0.72	0.65	1.47
Barclays US Treasury US TIPS	0.77	-0.02	2.11	1.93	1.68	2.09	3.03
U.S. Corporate Credit							
Barclays US Corp IG	-0.98	-3.27	-0.83	3.07	3.51	4.06	5.39
S&P/LSTA Leveraged Loan	0.70	2.16	4.37	4.21	4.00	4.38	5.19
BofAML US HY Master II	1.00	0.08	2.53	5.54	5.51	6.22	8.04
BofAML US HY BB-B Constrained	0.65	-0.47	1.85	4.96	5.33	6.02	7.35
BofAML US Corporate AAA	-0.38	-3.21	-0.17	3.22	3.31	3.28	3.71
BofAML US Corporate AA	-0.41	-2.28	-0.44	2.50	3.05	3.32	4.24
BofAML US Corporate A	-0.77	-3.13	-0.89	2.64	3.27	3.80	4.69
BofAML US Corps BBB	-1.20	-3.26	-0.58	3.34	3.92	4.54	6.37
BofAML US High Yield BB	-0.12	-1.77	0.59	4.85	5.49	6.07	7.92
BofAML US High Yield B	1.52	1.05	3.25	5.12	5.16	5.98	6.80
BofAML US High Yield CCC	3.58	3.96	7.49	9.57	6.90	7.40	9.95
Securitized							
Barclays ABS	0.42	0.03	0.44	1.26	1.44	1.82	3.24
Barclays MBS	0.24	-0.95	0.15	1.46	2.26	2.15	3.54
Barclays CMBS	-0.06	-1.38	-0.25	1.57	1.97	2.84	4.89
Municipals							
Barclays Municipal	0.87	-0.25	1.56	2.85	3.53	3.94	4.43
Barclays Muni 1-10	0.80	0.23	0.50	1.64	2.05	2.26	3.19
Global							
Citi WGBI	-3.35	-0.94	1.90	2.81	1.11	0.51	2.07
Barclays Gbl Agg Ex USD	-4.76	-1.31	2.78	3.22	0.88	0.08	1.76
JPM EMBI Plus	-4.14	-6.09	-4.31	3.97	4.04	4.44	6.19



### **Market Environment**



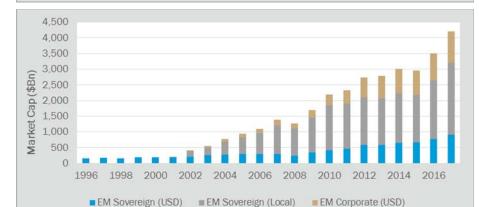
#### **Fixed Income**

- U.S. core fixed income experienced pressure as the Fed decided to hike interest rates for a second time in 2018. Moreover, the group revised 2018 forward interest rate guidance from three hikes to four hikes
- Global bonds were the worst performers during the quarter as trade war tensions and a stronger dollar took hold. Fears of a debt crisis in Italy negatively affected European bonds and protectionist rhetoric in the U.S. put pressure on emerging markets. Furthermore, Brazilian yields spiked as corruption allegations came back to the forefront
- Investment grade corporate credit remained challenged as higher interest rates led to wider spreads. Below investment grade bonds performed well given the currently benign credit environment
- Municipal bond issuance is down ۲ 17% from the last year's level, however, issuance tied to new infrastructure projects is up approximately 20%.

Source: Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association ("SIFMA"); U.S. Treasury Department; Barclays

### **Market Environment**







#### Asset Class Report Updates

- U.S. treasury issuance significantly increased after the financial crisis. Since the Fed began tapering, treasury issuance plateaued while corporate and MBS issuance continued to grow
- The EM debt market has grown significantly since 1996. While investors have worried about EM liabilities denominated in U.S. dollars, debt denominated in local currency has exponentially grown since 2004
- Non-U.S. interest rates remained range-bound over the quarter. European HY debt rates went below those of treasurys as foreign investors continued their search for yield

**EM Debt Size** 

#### Sector Distribution

Credit Quality Distribution vs. Benchmark

AAA

< CCC

	Current Portfolio	Barclays Municipal Bond Index	Barclays 1-10 YR Muni Bond
US Treasury	4.6%	0.0%	0.0%
Agency	2.2%	0.0%	0.0%
Local Authority (non-US)	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%
Municipal (US)	47.6%	100.0%	100.0%
Sovereign (non-US)	16.7%	0.0%	0.0%
IG Corporate	3.2%	0.0%	0.0%
HY Corporate	7.1%	0.0%	0.0%
Bank Loans	2.5%	0.0%	0.0%
MBS	7.7%	0.0%	0.0%
ABS	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%
CMBS	0.7%	0.0%	0.0%
CLO	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%
Other & Cash	6.6%	0.0%	0.0%

Regional	Distribution	-	Country	A	llocation

) d		Current Portfolio	Barciays Municipal Bond Index	Barclays 1-10 YR Muni Bond
	US	75.8%	100.0%	100.0%
	Non-US Developed	14.1%	0.0%	0.0%
	Non-US Emerging	10.1%	0.0%	0.0%

**Currency Allocation** 

90.2%	100.0%	100.0%
-3.4%	0.0%	0.0%
13.2%	0.0%	0.0%

	Current Portfolio	Barclays Municipal Bond Index	Barclays 1-10 YR Muni Bond
Effective Duration	2.34	5.02	4.06
Yield to Maturity (%)	4.60	3.30	2.60
Coupon Rate (%)	4.50	4.60	4.77
Average Credit Quality (Barclays)	А	AA	AA

Portfolio Checklist

	Current Portfolio	Barclays Municipal Bond Index	Barclays 1-10 YR Muni Bond
Yield <sup>1</sup>			×
Duration <sup>2</sup>			
Credit Quality <sup>8</sup>			
Sector Diversification <sup>4</sup>		X	X
Region Diversification <sup>5</sup>	X	×	×

The yield-to-maturity ("YTM") should be 80% of the YTM of the benchmark or greater Duration should not exceed the benchmark

3. Average credit quality, using Barclays methodology, should be BBB or higher

4. No sector should exceed 50% of the total allocation and at least half of the sectors should have allocations greater than 2.5%

. No region (see "Regional Distribution") should exceed 75% of the of the total allocation

The Baseline Portfolio has allocations to the following investment manager types: 50% Municipals, 30% Global, 10% Credit, and 10% Mortgage-Backed Source of Benchmark Information: Barclays

- Depending on a client's equity exposure, duration and credit allocations can fluctuate within the fixed income segment
- Fixed income portfolios should target a duration less than that of the benchmark (Barclays Municipal Index) in order to reduce interest rate risk
- Investors can lower portfolio duration (while maintaining yield) by allocating to credit and diversifying globally
- Inefficiencies in the municipal market allow us to target similar credit quality as the benchmark with much less duration risk
- Canterbury attempts to maximize the risk return relationship of fixed income portfolios by spreading risk across several factors (interest rate, credit, prepayment, liquidity, currency, political, counterparty, etc.)

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### Fixed Income

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		5. No region (see Regional Distribution