US Short Duration Responsible High Yield Fund

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Monthly Commentary

Market

Rates sold off aggressively in May, as hawkish sentiment among several Fed officials sparked concerns that the Fed rate hiking cycle was not yet over. In fact, Fed Funds Futures now imply a greater than 70% likelihood of a hike in either June or July, up from nearly no chance at the start of the month. On the positive side, drama around the debt ceiling was resolved and several encouraging economic datapoints (the Atlanta Fed's GDPNow estimate for Q2 is tracking at +2.0%) have breathed new life into the "soft landing" narrative. Along the way, high yield primary markets showed some signs of normalization, with May issuance reaching $22+bn, the highest volume in 17 months. For now, markets await the May CPI number (June 13), which may be the most meaningful economic release ahead of the June FOMC, with the potential to sway Fed voters. Oil prices declined in the month of May, with WTI Crude closing down $8.69/bbl 11.32%) to $68.09/bbl. The US dollar was up 2.62% on the month, and US Treasury curve flattened in May with the 2-yr Treasury increasing to 4.41% and the 10-yr Treasury yield increasing to 3.65%.

High yield market technicals were a headwind in May with mutual fund outflows and an increase in new issuance leading to positive net supply for the month. High Yield mutual funds/ETFs saw outflows of $2.2bn, while loan funds experienced outflows of $3.6bn, as tracked by Lipper and reported by Barclays. High yield new issuance ticked higher in May, pricing $22.6bn, as tracked by Barclays, with $16.9bn in bonds redeemed or upgraded, leaving net supply at $5.7bn for the month. The percentage of the market trading at distressed levels (below 70% of par) ended the month at 8.8%; the comparable figure for the loan market (below 80% of par) was 9.2%, per JP Morgan. The par-weighted twelve-month high yield bond default rate ticked up to 2.30% at month-end, per BofA Merrill Lynch, and the loan market par-weighted trailing default rate ended May at 2.82%, per JP Morgan.

The ICE BofA US High Yield Index returned -0.95% in May while the Credit Suisse Leveraged Loan Index returned -0.09%. The yield-to-worst (YTW) for high yield was 42 basis points (bps) higher at 8.76% and spreads increased 18 bps to 465. By rating, the BB, B and CCC bond sub-indices returned -1.11%, -0.83% and -0.70% respectively. Returns were mixed across sectors in May with Retail the top performer, returning 1.41%, while Banking was the bottom performer, returning -0.91% for the month. US High yield outperformed investment grade corporate bonds, represented by the ICE BofA US Corporate Index's -1.33% return, as well small cap equities, represented by the Russell 2000's -1.09% return but underperformed large cap equities, represented by the S&P 500's 0.25% return.

Strategy

SKY Harbor Global Funds US Short Duration Responsible High Yield Fund posted a negative return during the selloff in May but was down less than the broader US high yield market return (as measured by the ICE BofA US High Yield Index) and did so with substantially less volatility. By risk type (defined by yield and duration to worst), shorter duration, more defensive securities outperformed longer duration (within the context of short duration) and more speculative securities. By sector, Transportation and Leisure led with modestly positive returns while Healthcare and Financial Services lagged. By rating, higher quality led with Double-Bs outperforming Single-Bs and Triple-Cs though all ratings segments were negative for the month.

The YTW on the Fund rose 36 bps to 7.46%, capturing nearly 90% of the broader US high yield market yield at month-end. The duration-to-worst increased slightly to 2.6 and was 65% of the broad market duration. The average coupon was unchanged at 6.26% and was 43 bps above the average coupon in the broad market. Exclusive of cash, Fund holdings (191 issues, representing 1451 issuers) comprised 47% bonds with maturities of less than three years and 53% in longer maturities but trading to expected early take-outs inside this three-year period. Overall credit quality was essentially unchanged in the Fund: at month-end double-B rated holdings represented 46.2% of the portfolio, Single-Bs were 44.7% and Triple-Cs were 4.2%.

Investment Objective

ESG socially responsible active investment strategy seeking to generate a high level of current income with lover volatility by diversified investments in US dollar-denominated high yield corporate bonds expected to mature, be called or otherwise be redeemed within three years.

Benchmark

Active strategy not managed in reference to a benchmark index.

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Fund Detail

Fund Inception	Apr 05, 2012
Fund AUM	$1,744.1 mn
Order Cut-off	12:00 CET
Settlement	T+3
Dealing Frequency	Daily
Valuation Frequency	Daily

Statistics on performance, risk measures and portfolio characteristics are presented in share class Fund Factsheets available online at: http://skyharborglobalfunds.com/funds/usshortdurationsustainablehighyield.shtml

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Outlook

Better than expected Q1'23 earnings growth, an uptick in primary issuance, and resolution to the debt ceiling showdown are all positive market developments in recent weeks. In our view, lofty yields and elevated breakevens provide the most support for our improved view of high yield market opportunities. Acknowledging known risk factors on the horizon, we believe investors are well compensated to increase exposure to high yield.

We continue to believe default and downgrade avoidance will be paramount this year, and thus maintain our more defensive portfolio construction. We remain overweight to the shorter duration part of the broad high yield market and underweight the higher yielding, more speculative part of the market. We are taking credit risk generally where we have comfort in management's execution skills and the resiliency of the issuer's business model in the face of unprecedented pandemic-induced changes to consumer behavior and macro-related business challenges.

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