

Sentinel Total Return Bond Fund

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Manager Insights

As of 3/31/2017

Fund Management

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Industry: 2000
Sentinel: 2008

Performance Highlights

- The Sentinel Total Return Bond Fund Class I shares produced a total return of 0.75% for the first quarter of 2017. This compares to returns of 0.82% for the Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index and 1.07% for the Morningstar Intermediate-Term Bond category average.
- For the one-year period ending 3/31/17, the Fund's Class I shares returned 1.63%, the Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index returned 0.44% and the Morningstar Intermediate-Term Bond category average return was 1.74% for the same period.

Bond Market Review

Risk assets continued to build on their strong performance from Q4 2016 as the calendar turned into 2017. Survey-based measures of consumer and business confidence accelerated strongly, while the US unemployment rate declined to 4.5%. Financial markets continued to anticipate stronger US growth and material economic stimulus from the incoming Trump administration, while measures of global growth improved, with the European Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) rising sharply during the quarter to

their strongest levels in over five years. Higher readings for headline inflation globally were generally met with contained core measures, suggesting that most major global central banks would be slow and methodical in their removal of extraordinary levels of monetary accommodation. Market-based measures of inflation expectations continued to rise modestly during the quarter, even with a greater than 5% decline in oil markets to sub-\$50 level. The favorable global economic back-drop, easing of financial conditions, and progress towards their dual mandate gave the US Federal Reserve enough confidence to continue their normalization efforts and raise the Federal Funds Rate by 25 basis points (bps) to 1.00% at the March Federal Open Market Committee meeting. The Bloomberg Barclays US Corporate High Yield Index ended the quarter with a yield spread relative to the 10-Year US Treasury note 26 bps tighter from its Q4 2016 close, while the S&P 500 Index rose 6.07%.

US Treasury securities rebounded slightly in Q1 2017 after experiencing their second-worst quarterly total return since 1987 in Q4 2016, according to the BofA Merrill Lynch 10 Year US Treasury Index. The US 10-year Treasury yield declined 6 bps to 2.38% from 2.44% at the end of Q4 2016. Despite a Federal Reserve interest rate increase, rising inflation, higher levels of breakeven inflation and stronger than expected survey based confidence measures, the intermediate and longer maturity portions of the treasury market struggled to push higher in yield. First quarter 2017 GDP tracking measures pushed decidedly lower throughout

the quarter, with weakness in consumer discretionary sectors such as autos suggesting that confidence gains experienced since the presidential election were not translating into realized consumer and business spending. With markets having already priced in the potential for three interest rate increases by the Federal Reserve in 2017, along with some evidence surfacing of a disconnect in economic data, markets became increasingly cautious about pricing a faster pace of Federal Reserve interest rate increases as the quarter came to a close. The US 30-year Treasury yield slightly outperformed the 5-year US Treasury yield, flattening by 5 bps. Relative to developed global markets, US Treasury security and spread products continue to offer a superior yield advantage, which is particularly attractive to foreign and global investors.

Key Performance Attribution

The Sentinel Total Return Bond Fund returned 0.75% (I Share NAV) during the 1st quarter of 2017, underperforming the Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate Index by 0.07%.

During the quarter, the yield on the 10 year US Treasury fell by 6 bps to 2.39% from 2.45%, while the Fund was, on average, long duration vs. the benchmark by 0.06 years. The Fund's duration position resulted in 31 bps of underperformance vs. the benchmark. This was primarily due to the underperformance in swap spreads relative to US Treasuries. In addition, the Fund had limited exposure to US Treasuries as an asset class, which contributed 16 bps of positive allocation effects to overall performance.

Under an agreement signed between Sentinel Asset Management, Inc., the Sentinel Funds' investment adviser ("Sentinel"), and Touchstone Advisors, Inc., Touchstone has agreed to acquire certain assets related to Sentinel's business of providing investment advisory services to the Sentinel Funds. Closing of the transaction is subject to customary closing conditions, including the approval of the shareholders of each applicable series of Sentinel Group Funds, Inc., and is expected to be completed later in 2017. More information can be obtained at sentinelinvestments.com

Data shown is historical performance for Class I shares unless noted and reflects reinvested distributions. Composition of holdings is subject to change. Investment return and principal value will vary so that you may have a gain or loss when you sell shares. Past performance does not guarantee future results; current performance may be higher or lower than data quoted. For performance current to the most recent month-end, visit www.sentinelinvestments.com.

Duration is a measure of the sensitivity of a bond's price to changes in interest rates. The shorter (longer) the duration, the lower (higher) the interest rate risk and price volatility. The Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index is an unmanaged index that measures the US investment grade fixed-rate bond market, with index components for government and corporate securities, mortgage pass-through securities, and asset-backed securities.

European Purchasing Managers' Index measures the performance of the manufacturing sector and is derived from a survey of 3,000 manufacturing firms. National data are included for Germany, France, Italy, Spain, the Netherlands, Austria, the Republic of Ireland and Greece.

The return for the Morningstar category is an average of funds within the particular category as determined by Morningstar based on investment styles as measured by their underlying portfolio holdings.

The Bloomberg Barclays US Corporate High Yield Index is an unmanaged index of US dollar-denominated, non-investment grade, fixed-rate, taxable corporate bonds. Securities are classified as high yield if the middle rating of Moody's, Fitch, and S&P is Ba1/BB+/BB+ or below, excluding emerging market debt.

The Bloomberg Barclays US Corporate Index (Investment Grade) is a broad-based benchmark that measures the investment grade, US dollar-dominated fixed-rate, taxable corporate bond market. It includes USD-denominated securities publicly issued by US and non-US industrial, utility, and financial issuers that meet specified maturity, liquidity, and quality requirements.

The Standard & Poor's 500 Index is an unmanaged index of approximately 500 widely held US equity securities chosen for market size, liquidity, and industry group representation.

BofA Merrill Lynch 10 Year US Treasury Index measures the performance of Treasuries with at least ten years remaining until maturity.

An investment cannot be made directly in an index.

Source: BondEdge, Barclays POINT, Morningstar

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Risk assets performed quite well during the quarter, with the option adjusted spread (OAS) on the Bloomberg Barclays US Corporate Index tightening by 5 bps, and the OAS on the Bloomberg Barclays US Corporate High Yield Index tightening by 26 bps. During the quarter, the Fund's asset allocation call resulted in 33 bps of outperformance, with a portion of the outperformance coming from the aforementioned underweight to US Treasuries. In addition, the Fund was overweight both Investment Grade and High Yield Corporate Bonds, which resulted in 24 bps of outperformance.

Security selection resulted in 12bps of underperformance, which was primarily due to strong performance within the Agency Mortgage Backed Securities (MBS) portfolio as well as within the High Yield Corporate Bond portfolio.

Outlook

Looking ahead into Q2 2017, there are a number of events that are likely to impact the direction of financial markets, including, but not limited to: the outcome of the French Presidential election; the ability of the Trump administration to navigate a US debt ceiling and execute its policy agenda; an OPEC/non-OPEC oil production cut extension; the expectation of greater clarity from the Federal Reserve regarding the timing, size and scope of the anticipated balance sheet unwind as well as further color on interest rate increases; and, finally, whether the US economy can rebound from what was expected to be a soft quarter of realized growth in Q1.

Should the economic recovery begin to underwhelm due in part to a subdued pace of nominal income growth, or if evidence surfaces that inflation globally has begun to peak, or the

Federal Reserve move more aggressively on the balance sheet/interest rates, and/or the Trump administration fail to deliver on its policy agenda, financial markets may begin to re-rate optimistic growth and inflation expectations leading to a period of price discovery, particularly given the very low levels of realized equity and fixed income volatility. Investment strategies that remain flexible in anticipation of this potential increase in volatility associated with these unknowns are likely to continue to be favored in this environment.

Sentinel Total Return Bond Fund			Cumulative return YTD	Average annual total return				
performance as of 03/31/2017 (%)				1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since inception
Class A	SATRX	without sales charge	0.72	1.50	0.76	2.87	-	3.75
		with 2.25% sales charge	-1.58	-0.80	-0.02	2.40	-	3.38
Class I ¹	SITRX	no sales charge	0.75	1.63	0.91	3.04	-	3.91
Class R3 ²	SBRRX	no sales charge	0.72	1.50	0.64	2.62	-	3.47
Class R6 ²	STRRX	no sales charge	0.76	1.68	0.93	2.98	-	3.84
<i>Bloomberg Barclays US Agg. Index</i>			<i>0.82</i>	<i>0.44</i>	<i>2.68</i>	<i>2.34</i>	<i>4.27</i>	<i>3.31</i>

Fund Incepted 12/17/2010. Total annual operating expenses (%) by prospectus A: 1.17, I: 0.84, R3: 3.51, R6: 3.00

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The Fund is subject to credit and interest rate risks. Bond values will generally decrease when interest rates rise and will generally increase when interest rates fall. Mortgage-backed securities (MBS) are subject to pre-payment risk. These risks may result in greater share price volatility. Bonds with lower credit ratings are more speculative and likely to default than higher-quality bonds and tend to fluctuate more widely in value. International securities are subject to political influences, currency fluctuations and economic cycles that may be unrelated to those affecting the domestic financial markets and may experience wider price fluctuations than US domestic securities. Fund shares are not insured or guaranteed by the US government or its agencies.

The Fund may use derivatives, which are financial contracts whose value depends upon or is derived from the value of an underlying asset, reference rate, or index. The Fund may use derivatives as part of a strategy designed to reduce exposure to certain risks, such as risks associated with changes in interest rates, or currency or credit risk ("hedging").

The use of derivatives may reduce the Fund's return and increase the volatility in movements in the Fund's net asset value. For additional information regarding the use of derivatives, please see the Fund's current prospectus.

1. Class I shares do not impose a sales charge. Only eligible investors may purchase Class I shares, as described in the prospectus.

2. Performance of the Sentinel Total Return Bond Fund's Class R3 and Class R6 shares prior to their inception on December 23, 2014 is based on the performance of the Fund's Class A shares, adjusted to reflect that Class R3 and Class R6 shares do not charge a front-end sales charge and, in the case of the Class R3 shares, adjusted for Class R3's estimated higher expenses. The "since inception" performance data for Class R3 and Class R6 shares is calculated from the inception date of the Fund. Only eligible investors may purchase Class R3 and Class R6 shares, as described in the prospectus.

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