## **Quarterly Asset Class Report Taxable Fixed Income**

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Role in the Portfolio Fixed Income

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

- Preserve after-tax wealth and mitigate volatility
- Maintain comparable exposure to the broad municipal market
- Focus exposure based on state domicile and after-tax returns
- Exhibit returns uncorrelated to equity markets



- Canterbury global fixed income portfolios are set up with a goal to deliver consistent after-tax and net-of-fees excess returns and moderate tracking error versus the Barclays Municipal Bond Index. The goal for taxable fixed income portfolios are to have a high-quality bias with sensitivity toward taxes.
- Canterbury's fixed income portfolios seek to exhibit benchmark-like, after-tax yields and credit quality through more
  portfolio diversification and lower duration. Portfolio diversification will depend on the client's state of domicile and
  individual goals (i.e. income vs. capital preservation).

## Index Returns as of June 30, 2022

## Fixed Income

	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	7 Years	10 Years
arclays Global Aggregate	-8.26	-13.91	-15.25	-3.22	-0.55	0.50	0.11
arclays US Agg Bond	-4.69	-10.35	-10.29	-0.93	0.88	1.42	1.54
l.S. Treasurys							
BofAML 3M US Treasury Note	0.12	0.17	0.18	0.68	1.15	0.92	0.66
Barclays Short Treasury	-0.02	-0.15	-0.15	0.63	1.13	0.93	0.69
arclays Intermediate Treasury	-1.67	-5.80	-6.35	-0.31	0.87	1.00	0.96
arclays Long Term US Treasury	-11.93	-21.25	-18.45	-2.94	0.51	1.83	1.63
BgBarc U.S. Treasury TIPS 1-5Y	-1.50	-2.14	0.38	3.45	2.99	2.43	1.64
arclays US Treasury US TIPS	-6.08	-8.92	-5.14	3.04	3.21	2.82	1.73
S. Corporate Credit		4400	4.4.40		100		
arclays US Corp IG	-7.26	-14.39	-14.19	-0.99	1.28	2.35	2.62
&P/LSTA Leveraged Loan	-4.45	-4.55	-2.78	2.09	2.91	3.26	3.74
ofAML US HY Master II	-9.97	-14.04	-12.66	-0.04	1.96	3.40	4.41
ofAML US HY BB-B Constrained	-9.50	-13.64	-12.20	0.04	2.07	3.33	4.34
ofAML US Corporate AAA	-7.35	-15.22	-14.76	-1.18	1.45	2.44	2.17
ofAML US Corporate AA	-6.36	-13.38	-13.10	-1.21	0.96	1.82	2.07
ofAML US Corporate A	-6.01	-12.75	-12.80	-0.81	1.29	2.19	2.48
ofAML US Corps BBB	-7.32	-14.92	-14.76	-0.75	1.53	2.61	3.07
ofAML US High Yield BB	-8.62	-13.53	-11.97	0.85	2.56	3.83	4.70
ofAML US High Yield B	-10.70	-13.79	-12.48	-0.82	1.52	2.80	3.95
ofAML US High Yield CCC	-13.91	-17.12	-16.43	-1.84	0.36	3.19	4.25
arclays ABS	-0.91	-3.77	-4.27	0.51	1.38	1.46	1.43
arclays MBS	-4.01	-8.78	-9.03	-1.44	0.36	0.86	1.18
arclays MBS	-2.85	-8.28	-8.89	-0.16	1.58	1.84	2.12
lunicipals							
arclays Municipal	-2.94	-8.98	-8.57	-0.18	1.51	2.08	2.38
arclays Muni 1-10	-0.57	-5.03	-4.91	0.24	1.25	1.52	1.63
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oomberg Global Aggregate TR Hdg USD	-4.30	-9.06	-8.94	-1.13	1.16	1.79	2.23
arclays GbI Agg Ex USD	-11.01	-16.49	-18.78	-5.07	-1.75	-0.29	-1.06
ti WGBI	-8.91	-14.79	-16.77	-4.27	-1.17	0.08	-0.69
PM EMBI Plus	-12.46	-26.65	-27.71	-8.66	-4.02	-0.63	0.38





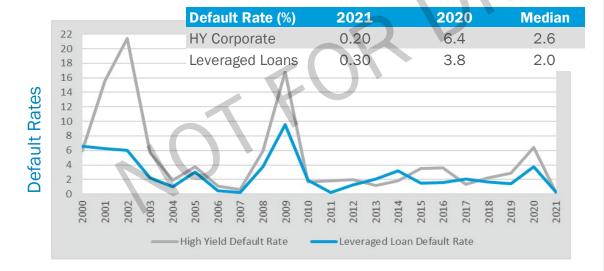
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- Amid growing inflation, the Federal Reserve raised the key interest rate twice, 50 basis points in May and 75 basis points in June.
- Chairman Powell communicated that he is prepared to move more quickly to reduce policy support if supply/demand imbalances and externalities from the Russia/Ukraine war continue to weigh on inflation. The FOMC is prepared to raise interest rates up to 3.25% -3.5% by year-end.
- The municipal yield curve ended the quarter higher across all maturities, particularly the long-term, resulting in a relatively steep curve.
- Municipal bond issuance reached a peak of approximately \$457 billion in 2021, the highest in over a decade. Issuance year-to-date is approximately 10% lower YoY.

Sources: Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association (SIFMA), U.S. Treasury Department, Barclays, Bloomberg. Data as of 6/30/2022





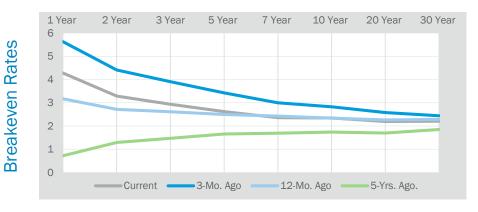


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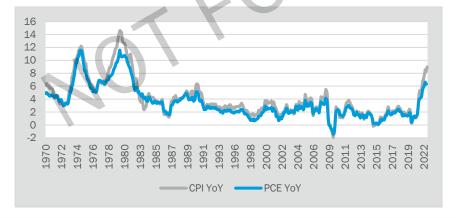
- Investment grade (IG) spreads widened by 42 basis points (bps) over the quarter while high yield (HY) spreads widened by 244 basis points.
- The yield for investment grade and high yield corporate bonds increased by 110 bps and 288 bps to 4.70% and 8.89%, respectively.
- The default rate on loans and bonds peaked in 2020 due to accommodative monetary & fiscal policy. As a result, overall bankruptcies are at their lowest levels in over a decade.

Sources: Federal Reserve Economic Data, S&P LCD, American Bankruptcy Institute, Moody's, Bloomberg Indices. Data as of 6/30/2022. Default rate data as of 12/31/2021.

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- Breakeven inflation rates on the short end of the curve decreased while long-term breakeven rates remained relatively stable around 2.5%. The breakeven rate is the implied inflation rate for a given maturity and is calculated by subtracting the real yield of a treasury bond from the nominal yield.
- Current long-term breakeven rates imply that inflation should trend above the Fed's original inflation target of 2% in the long run.
- Intermediate and long-term real yields increased into positive territory and reached levels not seen since 5 years ago.
- Inflation is being driven by supply/demand imbalances, the Ukraine/Russia war, a tight labor market, high wage growth, and various supply chain disruptions across the globe.

Source: Bloomberg. FRED. CPI & PCE Data. U.S. Breakeven Rates. U.S. Treasury Inflation-Indexed Rates. Data as of 6/30/2022



Real Yields

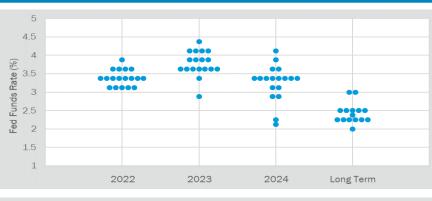
Inflation Rates

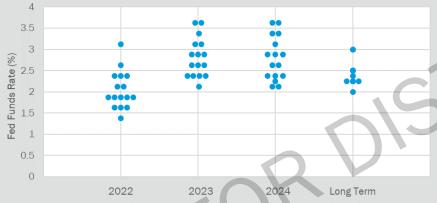
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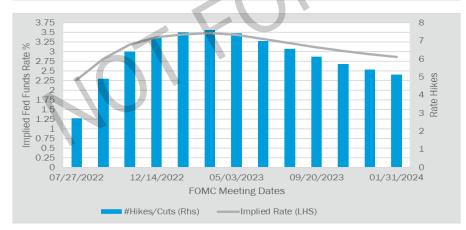
Fed Dot Plot March 2022

Fed Dot Plot December 2021

Implied Fed Funds Rate & Rate Hike Probabilities

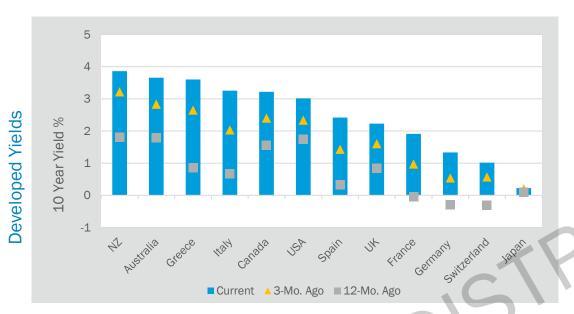


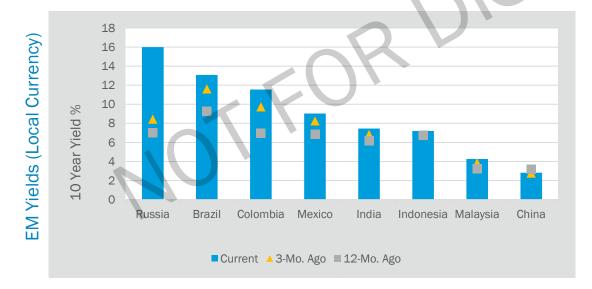




- The Federal Reserve increased its fed funds rate forecast from the prior quarter with the possibility of raising its key interest rate up to 3.5% by the end of 2022.
- As of end of June, market participants expect the Fed to reach their fed funds rate forecast of 3.25% - 3.5% by year-end.
- The Fed Dot Plot represents where each of the Federal Open Markets Committee (FOMC) members believe the fed funds rate will be in the future.
- The implied fed funds rate is where market participants believe the fed funds rate will be based on futures prices.

Source: Bloomberg. December FOMC Dot Plot. Fed Funds Futures as of time of December FOMC meeting. Implied Fed Funds Futures & Rate Hike Probabilities as of 6/30/2022.





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- Developed sovereign bond yields ended the quarter higher. Countries that faced elevated inflation prints and hawkish central bank signaling saw long-term yields rise higher than others.
- Emerging markets (EM) sovereign yields remained relatively unchanged on a quarterover-quarter basis, with the exception of Russia. Russia continues to face strict sanctions from major developed economies amid the war with Ukraine.
- Emerging and developed market currency performance was generally weak as the U.S. dollar appreciated relative to most global currencies.

Source: Bloomberg. Data as of 6/30/2022.





#### Goals

- Are clients seeking to preserve capital, generate total return, or blend the two within a fixed income segment?
- What level of risk related to portfolio correlation is the client looking to incur?



# Interest Rate & Inflationary Environment

- How does the current interest rate regime and inflationary environment affect return and risk (i.e. stagnant, slow-rise, rapid rise)?
- What level of interest rate volatility is the client willing to take?



## Risk Tolerance

- How much risk is a client willing to take?
- Duration, yield curve positioning, sector exposure, credit exposure, the correlation to equities, and the client's distribution flows are important factors to measure.



### Tax

Considerations

- Is the client's status taxable or tax-exempt?
- Does the client have a higher threshold given the respective tax situation?



## Time Horizon

- Does the client have short term or long term goals?
- Are spending requirements quarterly, annually, or longer?
- Is spending consistent with the return/risk profile of the portfolio?

## **FIXED INCOME PORTFOLIO**



**CORE** 



**OPPORTUNISTIC** 



## **Characteristics**

- Low volatility
- Uncorrelated to equities
- U.S. Focus



## **Characteristics**

- Income orientated
- Total return focus
- Uncorrelated to core bonds



## **Exposure**

- Treasuries
- Agencies
- Investment grade corporate
- MBS



## **Exposure**

- Non-U.S. developed sovereigns
- EM sovereigns
- High yield
- Bank loans
- Private debt

