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PAX HIGH YIELD BOND FUND COMMENTARY

Q2 2017

Fund Overview

An opportunistic, yet conservative, high yield bond fund driven by a sustainable investing approach.

Investment Process

Fundamental, bottom-up security selection

Investment Style

High Yield

Benchmark

BofA ML U.S. High Yield-Cash Pay-BB-B (Constrained 2%) Index[1]

Portfolio Characteristics as of 6/30/17

	Fund	Benchmark
Effective Duration[2]	3.71	4.17
Years to Maturity[3]	6.12	6.56

30 Day SEC Yield[4]

Individual	4.54%
Class A	4.54%
Institutional	4.80%

Performance and Portfolio Update

- The Fund underperformed the BofA Merrill Lynch BB-B Cash Pay High Yield Constrained Index[1] in the second quarter. The underperformance was driven by portfolio holdings in the Retail, Energy and Banking sectors. Positive selection in the Healthcare, Leisure and Services sectors helped to partially offset the underperformance.
- Despite a backdrop of strong fundamentals and a benign default outlook, the High Yield market is approaching historically low spreads. Expectations for stable earnings and muted commodity volatility will need to be met in order for spreads to tighten further. Conversely, a number of geo-political risks are present and the potential for monetary tightening could cause investors to reduce their risk-taking appetite, which would result in wider spreads. In this environment, we are becoming more defensive and taking steps to reduce risk in the portfolio on the margin.
- We are positioned to take advantage of the stability in the U.S. economy through overweight positions in the Consumer Goods, Telecommunications and Transportation sectors. We remain cautious on Basic Materials, Utilities and Technology, where we feel valuations are less attractive.

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Returns (%)[5]

As of June 30, 2017

				Average Annual Returns (%)			
	3-month	YTD	1-year	3-year	5-year	10-Year	Since Inception
Pax High Yield Bond Fund (Without maximum sales charge)							
Individual Investor Class (PAXHX) (Inception Date: 10/8/99)	1.46	4.50	13.55	1.81	4.87	5.33	5.53
Class A (PXHAX) (Inception Date: 5/1/13)[6]	1.46	4.50	13.54	1.85	4.89	5.34	5.54
Institutional Class (PXHIX) (Inception Date: 6/1/04)[7]	1.53	4.64	13.70	2.05	5.10	5.55	5.71
BofA Merrill Lynch U.S. High Yield - Cash Pay - BB-B (Constrained 2%) Index[1]	2.21	4.54	11.15	4.56	6.66	7.15	—
Lipper High Yield Bond Funds Index[8]	1.90	4.72	12.30	3.48	6.28	6.06	—
Pax High Yield Bond Fund (With maximum 4.50% sales charge) Class A (PXHAX) (Inception Date: 5/1/13)	-3.08	-0.25	8.43	0.31	3.92	4.85	5.27

Performance data quoted represents past performance, which does not guarantee future results. Investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted. To obtain performance for the most recent month-end call 800.767.1729 or visit www.paxworld.com.

As of 5/1/17 prospectus, total annual High Yield Bond Fund operating expenses, gross of any fee waivers or reimbursements (excluding Acquired Fund fees and expenses), for Individual Investor Class, Class A, and Institutional Class shares are 0.99%, 0.98% and 0.74%, respectively.

Portfolio Investment Team

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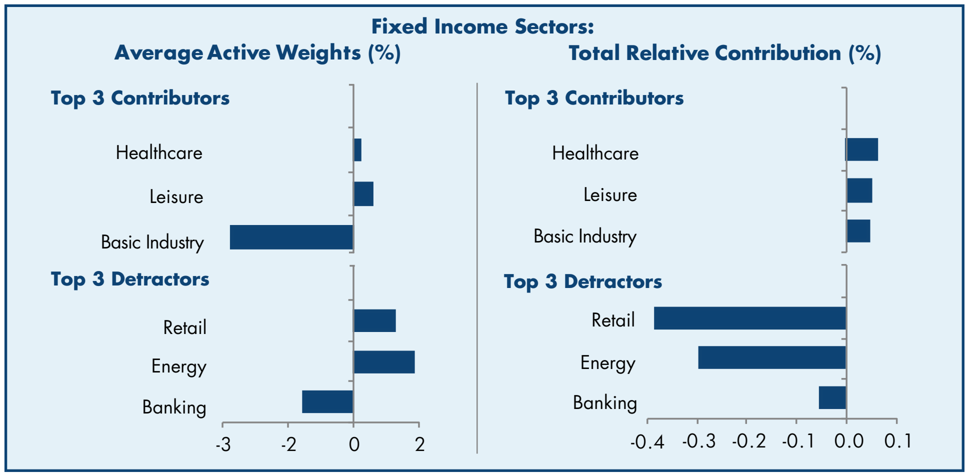
Performance and Portfolio Update, continued

- By credit rating, we remain underweight BBs and overweight Bs where we are finding stronger relative value.[9]



Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

RISKS: The Fund can invest in "junk bonds" which are considered predominately speculative with respect to the issuer's continuing ability to make principal and interest payments when due. Yield and share price will vary with changes in interest rates and market conditions. Investors should note that if interest rates rise significantly from current levels, bond fund total returns will decline and may even turn negative in the short term. There is also a chance that some of the fund's holdings may have their credit rating downgraded or may default.

[1] The BofA Merrill Lynch U.S. High Yield - Cash Pay - BB-B (Constrained 2%) Index tracks the performance of BB- and B-rated fixed income securities publicly issued in the major domestic or eurobond markets, with total index allocation to an individual issuer limited to 2%. One cannot invest directly in an index.

[2] Effective Duration is a measure of a security's price sensitivity to changes in interest rates. Securities with longer durations are more sensitive to changes in interest rates than securities of shorter durations.

[3] Years to Maturity (weighted average) is the number of years until the bond matures and/or expires.

[4] 30 Day SEC Yield: An annualized yield based on the most recent 30 day period.

[5] Figures include reinvested dividends, capital gains distributions, and changes in principal value.

[6] The performance information shown for Class A represents the performance of the Individual Investor Class shares for the period prior to Class A inception. Expenses have not been adjusted to reflect the expenses allocable to Class A shares. Class A inception date return since May 1, 2013 is 3.14% (annualized). A 1.00% CDSC (contingent deferred sales charge) may be charged on any shares sold within 18 months of purchase over $1 million.

[7] The performance information shown for Institutional Class shares represents the performance of the Individual Investor Class shares for the period prior to Institutional Class inception date (June 1, 2004). Expenses have not been adjusted to reflect the expenses allocable to Institutional Class shares. If such expenses were reflected, the returns would be higher than those shown. Institutional Class shares average annual return since June 1, 2004 is 6.33% (annualized).

[8] The Lipper High Yield Bond Funds Index tracks the results of the 30 largest mutual funds in the Lipper High Yield Bond Fund Average. The Lipper High Yield Funds Fund Average is a total return performance average of mutual funds tracked by Lipper, Inc. that aim at high (relative) current yield from fixed income securities, have no quality or maturity restrictions and tend to invest in lower grade debt issues. The Lipper High Yield Fund Index is not what is typically considered an "index" because it tracks the performance of other mutual funds rather than changes in the value of a group of securities, a securities index or some other traditional economic indicator. One cannot invest directly in an index.

[9] Credit quality ratings by Standard & Poor's assist investors by evaluating the credit worthiness of many bond issues. A: An obligation rated 'A' is somewhat more susceptible to adverse effects of changes in circumstances and economic conditions than higher-rated obligations. However, the obligor's capacity to meet its obligation is still strong. BBB: An obligation rated 'BBB' exhibits adequate protection parameters. Adverse economic conditions or changing circumstances are more likely to lead to weakened capacity of the obligor to meet its obligation. BB: An obligation rated 'BB' is less vulnerable to nonpayment than other speculative issues. It faces ongoing uncertainties and adverse business, financial, or economic conditions could lead to the obligor's inadequate capacity to meet its obligation. B: An obligation rated 'B' is more vulnerable to nonpayment than obligations rated 'BB,' but the obligor currently has the capacity to meet its obligation. Adverse business, financial, or economic conditions will likely impair the obligor's capacity to meet its obligation. CCC: An obligation rated 'CCC' is currently vulnerable to nonpayment, and is dependent upon favorable business, financial, and economic conditions for the obligor to meet its obligation. Adverse business, financial, or economic conditions could cause the obligor to be unable to meet its obligation. NR: This indicates that no rating has been requested, or that there is insufficient information on which to base a rating, or that Standard & Poor's does not rate the obligation.

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