

STRATEGIC CREDIT FUND

1Q 2017 Commentary

Summary

High yield bonds, bank loans and investment grade corporates all posted gains in the first quarter as investor risk appetites remained healthy against a backdrop of strong earnings, an improving economy and optimism regarding President Trump's fiscal agenda. The Aristotle Strategic Credit Fund (ARSSX) returned 1.39% at NAV, underperforming the 1.54% return of the benchmark for the quarter. The benchmark represents a blend of 1/3 Bloomberg Barclays U.S. High Yield Ba/B 2% Issuer Cap Index, 1/3 Bloomberg Barclays Intermediate Corporate Index and 1/3 Credit Suisse Leveraged Loan Index.*

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Market Environment

The improving economic backdrop, combined with a relatively benign interest rate environment and relatively attractive corporate bond yields, spurred demand for corporate credit. As risk assets continued to rally due to sustained investor optimism and strong corporate earnings, credit spreads narrowed during the quarter. Domestic economic data was generally positive, while global economic conditions showed signs of improvement, which also contributed to the supportive environment for corporate credit in the first quarter.

Despite the Federal Reserve (Fed) raising the federal funds target rate by 0.25% on March 15, long-term rates declined as inflation expectations fell due to concerns that the president would have trouble implementing all of his desired fiscal policies. Rates increased in the weeks leading up to the Federal Open Market Committee meeting; however, the Fed's projection of two additional rate hikes throughout the year versus the market's expectation of three led Treasuries to rally and rates to subsequently settle below their intra-quarter highs. Against this backdrop, the U.S. Treasury curve flattened as short-term rates rose and long-term rates plateaued. At the shorter end of the curve, the two-year Treasury yield started the quarter at 1.20% and finished at 1.27%. The benchmark 10-year rate began at 2.45% and settled at 2.40%.

The combination of relatively flat interest rates and modest spread tightening led to positive returns for high yield bonds, bank loans and investment grade corporates.

The high yield bond, bank loan and investment grade corporate markets generated positive returns in the favorable market environment.

The Bloomberg Barclays U.S. High Yield Ba/B 2% Issuer Cap Index returned 2.26% for the quarter, as the combination of yield carry and spread tightening contributed to absolute performance. Gains in the high yield market were broad-based, with all major credit tiers and most industries advancing. Utilities, Brokerage and Chemicals led the market, while the Retailers & Restaurants industry was the only negative-performer during the quarter.

The Credit Suisse Leveraged Loan Index gained 1.20% for the quarter. Issuer fundamentals remained solid, although favorable technical conditions were the key driver of returns. U.S. collateralized loan obligation volumes reached record highs in the first quarter, and loan funds experienced strong inflows due to investor concerns about rising interest rates.

Investment grade credit, as measured by the Bloomberg Barclays Intermediate Corporate Index, returned 1.16%, driven by yield carry and modest spread tightening. On an absolute basis, Metals & Mining and Home Construction were among the strongest performers in the investment grade market, while a notable laggard was Retailers & Restaurants.

Performance and Attribution Summary

The Aristotle Strategic Credit Fund returned 1.39% at NAV, compared with the 1.54% return of its blended benchmark. Sector rotation and security selection were the largest drivers of relative performance.

The Fund, which is designed to perform well in flat-to-rising interest rate environments, benefited from an overweight to high yield bonds and an underweight to investment grade corporates relative to the benchmark. Favorable security selection in the high yield and bank loan markets also added to relative performance, led by holdings in the Technology and Energy industries. These positive effects were partly offset by industry allocations, which detracted from results versus the benchmark. Underweights to Metals & Mining and Health Care were particularly unfavorable. Additionally, our relatively conservative positioning within the high yield and bank loan allocations of the Fund was a mild detractor, as the lower-quality tiers of the benchmark generally outperformed.

Outlook and Strategy

We continue to believe corporate credit offers attractive return potential relative to other fixed income sectors and that demand for yield and stronger U.S. economic growth could help counter the effects of rising risk-free rates.

We believe risk-free rates will continue to rise in 2017, as inflation expectations creep higher and the market distortions caused by global central banks—and, more specifically for domestic bonds, by the Federal Reserve—begin to dissipate, allowing real rates to move higher. The Fed will likely continue to tighten as the year progresses. However, the Fed's cautiousness in raising rates too quickly and the relatively low rates in developed foreign markets could continue to drive strong demand for U.S. bonds. The potential for economic growth to pick up under the Trump administration and an improving corporate earnings environment would also be supportive of corporate credit.

Following strong performance in 2016 and additional spread tightening in the first quarter, valuations on corporate credit appear to be in line with long-term averages. That said, with interest rates as low as they are globally, we think that fund flows coming into the United States will be focused on areas that have more yield and are less sensitive to interest rates, such as bank loans, high yield and lower-quality, investment grade credit.

The Fund remains overweight higher yielding credit sectors and underweight investment grade corporates. We continue to focus on U.S. credits and remain underweight commodity industries in favor of consumer-based cyclicals and select financials. We have taken profits from high yield bonds given the market's recent strength and increased the Fund's allocation to bank loans.

On March 31, the Fund was composed of 45.3% bank loans, 34.7% high yield bonds and 18.9% investment grade corporates, with the balance in cash. These allocations are consistent with our goal of positioning the Fund with less interest rate sensitivity and more credit risk than the benchmark. While we continue to favor high yield and bank loans, we are unlikely to reduce our exposure to investment grade corporates in the near term because we think any short-term increases in rates will be relatively small compared to the rate move we saw at the end of 2016. We continue to emphasize domestic issuers, since we believe the U.S. economy is on solid footing, particularly compared to other major economies, and we remain intensely focused on bottom-up opportunities given relatively full valuations in the credit markets. On March 31, the Fund's significant active exposures included overweights to Finance Companies, Industrials and Telecommunications companies and underweights to Banking, Media Entertainment, and Food, Beverage & Tobacco companies.

Aristotle Strategic Credit Fund (Class I)

Performance Update

March 31, 2017

Total Return	1Q17	1 Year	Annualized Since Inception (12/31/14)	Gross/Net Expense Ratio
ARSSX Class I	1.39%	9.36%	4.26%	3.12%/0.63%
Blended Benchmark*	1.54%	8.46%	4.50%	N/A

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The Fund's advisor has contractually agreed to waive certain fees and/or absorb expenses, through April 30, 2017, to the extent that the total annual operating expenses do not exceed 0.62% of average daily net assets of the Fund. The Fund's advisor may seek reimbursement from the Fund for waived fees and/or expenses paid for three years from the date of the waiver or payment. Without these reductions, the Fund's performance would have been lower. A redemption fee of 1.00% will be imposed on redemptions of shares within 30 days of purchase.

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Important Information:

There can be no guarantee that any strategy (risk management or otherwise) will be successful. All investing involves risk, including potential loss of principal.

The views in this commentary were as of the date stated and may not necessarily reflect the same views on the date this letter is first published or any time thereafter. These views are intended to help shareholders in understanding the Fund's investment methodology and do not constitute investment advice.

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An investment in the Fund is subject to risks and you could lose money on your investment in the Fund. The principal risks of investing in the Fund include, but are not limited to, investing in fixed income securities, high yield bonds, bank loans, foreign securities and emerging markets.

The prices of fixed income securities respond to economic developments, particularly interest rate changes, as well as to changes in an issuer's credit rating or market perceptions about the creditworthiness of an issuer. High yield bonds are debt securities rated below investment grade (often called "junk bonds"). Junk bonds are speculative, involve greater risks of default, downgrade, or price declines and are more volatile and tend to be less liquid than investment-grade securities. The Strategic Credit Fund's investments in assignments of bank loans may create substantial risk. Although the Strategic Credit Fund expects it will invest in senior and secured bank loans, the Fund may invest in unsecured or subordinated loans. In addition, the Fund may invest in secured and unsecured participations in bank loans. These bank loans will generally be rated below investment grade. Foreign securities have additional risks including currency rate changes, political and economic instability, lack of comprehensive company information, less market liquidity, less efficient trading markets, and differing auditing controls and legal standards. Investments in emerging markets involve even greater risks.

Definitions:

- The Fund is benchmarked to a blend of three indices: 1/3 Bloomberg Barclays U.S. High Yield Ba/B 2% Issuer Cap Index, 1/3 Bloomberg Barclays Intermediate Corporate Index and 1/3 Credit Suisse Leveraged Loan Index. The Bloomberg Barclays U.S. High Yield Loans Index was retired on September 30, 2016 and was replaced with the Credit Suisse Leveraged Loan Index effective October 1, 2016.
- The Bloomberg Barclays U.S. High Yield Ba/B 2% Issuer Cap Index is an issuer-constrained version of the U.S. Corporate High-Yield Index that measures the market of U.S. dollar-denominated, non-investment grade, fixed-rate, taxable corporate bonds rated Ba/B. The Index limits the maximum exposure to any one issuer to 2%.
- The Bloomberg Barclays Intermediate Corporate Index is designed to measure the performance of U.S. corporate bonds that have a maturity of greater than or equal to 1 year and less than 10 years. The Index includes investment grade, fixed-rate, taxable, U.S. dollar denominated debt with \$250 million or more par amount outstanding, issued by U.S. and non-U.S. industrial, utility and financial institutions.
- The Credit Suisse Leveraged Loan Index is designed to mirror the investable universe of the U.S. dollar-denominated leveraged loan market.
- The Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Bank Loan Index provides broad and comprehensive total return metrics of the universe of syndicated term loans. To be included in the index, a bank loan must be dollar denominated, have at least \$150 million funded loan, a minimum term of one year, and a minimum initial spread of LIBOR+125.
- Treasuries are negotiable debt obligations of the U.S. government secured by its full faith and credit and issued at various schedules and maturities.
- The Federal Funds rate is the interest rate charged by banks with excess reserves at a Federal Reserve district bank to banks needing overnight loans to meet reserve requirements. The Federal Funds rate is the most sensitive indicator of the direction of interest rates, since it is set daily by the market.

The volatility (beta) of the Fund may be greater or less than the benchmarks. It is not possible to invest directly in these indices.

Portfolio composition will change due to ongoing management of the Fund. References to specific securities or sectors should not be construed as recommendations by the Fund, its Advisor or Distributor.

As of March 31, 2017, the Fund's top 10 holdings and their weight as a percent of total net assets were: NVA Holdings Inc. Loan, 4.647% Due 8/14/2021, 2.91%; Dell Inc., 5.400% Due 9/10/2040, 2.83%; Nord Anglia Education Finance LLC, 4.554% Due 3/31/2021, 2.61%; Ineos US Finance LLC Loan, 3.732% Due 3/31/2022, 2.61%; Midas Intermediate Holdco II, LLC, 3.897 Due 8/18/2021, 2.60%; Ortho Clinical Diagnostics Inc. Loan, 4.750% Due 6/30/2021, 2.57%; Presidio LLC Loan, 4.250% Due 2/2/2022, 2.27%; Allied Universal Holdco Loan, 4.750% Due 7/28/2022, 2.26%; Royal Holdings Inc. Loan 4.397% Due 6/20/2022, 2.11%; Air Canada Loan, 3.755% Due 9/23/2023, 1.98%.

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