

CI LIQUID ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENT STRATEGIES

CI Marret Alternative Absolute Return Bond Strategy



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CI Marret Alternative Absolute Return Bond Fund (the Fund) seeks to provide positive absolute returns with low volatility over a market cycle regardless of market conditions or general market direction. The Fund invests primarily in debt instruments across the credit spectrum, including cash, government debt, investment-grade corporate debt, high-yield debt, credit derivatives and other income-producing securities throughout the world.

PERFORMANCE SUMMARY (as at October 30, 2020)

	YTD	1 MONTH	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	1 YEAR	SINCE INCEPTION
CI MARRET ALTERNATIVE ABSOLUTE RETURN BOND FUND CLASS F	7.32%	-0.02%	-0.20%	1.38%	5.93%	6.46%
FTSE CANADA UNIVERSE BOND INDEX	7.18%	-0.76%	-1.57%	1.68%	6.44%	8.38%

Source: Morningstar Research Inc. Inception date: November 7, 2018.

GLOBAL MACRO UPDATE

In October, major equity and bond markets both struggled. Challenges for stocks centered on the absence of additional fiscal stimulus ahead of the U.S. election and a worsening COVID-19 outlook globally. In particular, Europe experienced rapidly rising COVID-19 cases, which compelled governments to reintroduce lockdown measures. Even before these restrictions, economic momentum in services was showing signs of slowing. However, manufacturing and Asian economic activity continued to be solid. Various central banks assessed the worsening outlook and provided more stimulus or guided that they would do so shortly. The Federal Reserve was the exception, as its next meeting is after the U.S. election. The uncertainty surrounding the U.S. election has been a large overhang for markets. Early in October, risk markets priced in a “Blue Wave” as the expected result. A Democratic sweep implied ample fiscal stimulus and heavy government bond supply, resulting in further selling pressure on Treasuries. Toward the end of the month, volatility returned as Trump recovered from COVID-19 and returned to the campaign trail. Risk markets sold off as Biden’s polling lead narrowed and the prospect of additional near-term fiscal stimulus faded, yet bonds failed to rally. We continue to await final results, but the election was much closer than many had expected. As long as there is a clear winner, some form of fiscal support should come alongside central bank support to counteract the challenges of the COVID-19 second wave.

FUND SUMMARY

KEY FACTS	
NAV/UNIT (CLASS F)	\$10.68
MANAGEMENT FEE (CLASS F)	0.80%
PERFORMANCE FEE	10% of any returns (net of MER) above the hurdle rate, subject to a high-water mark
HURDLE RATE	10-year Canadian government bond yield: +1.00%
CURRENT YIELD	2.27%
AVERAGE DURATION	3.55 years
LIQUIDITY	Daily
CLASS F FUND CODE	CIG 4191 (C\$) CIG 4193 (US\$)
CLASS A FUND CODE	CIG 2191 (C\$) CIG 2193 (US\$)
ETF TICKER	TSX: CMAR (C\$ hedged) CMAR.U (US\$ hedged)

USE OF LEVERAGE

GROSS EXPOSURE	71.5%
NET EXPOSURE	64.8%

Source: Marret Asset Management Inc., as at October 30, 2020.

POSITIONING UPDATE

The Fund generated slight negative returns as credit gains in high yield were offset by the back-up in interest rates, which affected government and long duration investment-grade bonds. The Fund took advantage of market volatility by reducing high-yield credit exposure during early October strength and adding back that exposure as credit weakened in the latter part of the month.

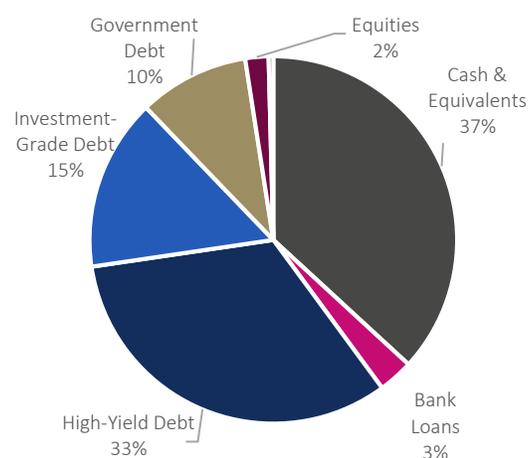
OUTLOOK

Looking forward, we will be closely watching the outcome of the U.S. election. It appears the risk that markets feared most – a close and potentially contested election – has materialized. Surprisingly, markets have not reacted as many expected. In particular, risk markets have rallied sharply along with a bid to bonds. The markets appear focused on the benefits of a divided government, compromise and more moderate policy. For example, the market appears to worry less about Biden’s proposed corporate tax increases, but still expect modest fiscal policy support. Nevertheless, given the backdrop of a global pandemic and portions of the economy that desperately need additional policy support, gridlock is likely less than ideal in the short term. The Federal Reserve now bears a larger burden to support the recovery through this uncertainty. Fading fiscal stimulus and an intensifying second wave with additional restrictions will undoubtedly slow the recovery further until a healthcare solution is within reach. The combination of election uncertainty, potential gridlock and slowing recovery suggest caution. However, we have not lost sight of the fact we are in the greatest monetary policy intervention in recent history. The excess money in the system in search of yield has never been greater. The balance of these competing views implies the most prudent strategy in the near term remains right in the middle. Maintain a moderate amount of risk, neither too defensive nor aggressive. This allows our investors to participate in the liquidity trade while maintaining our ability to opportunistically add value as market sentiment fluctuates.

We will continue to adhere to our core philosophy of providing investors with attractive returns on a risk-adjusted basis. We believe this can best be achieved by maintaining a core credit portfolio diversified across longer dated securities of higher quality companies with defensible businesses, short dated securities enhancing yield over cash, and secured debt of companies that we view to be attractive, while also taking advantage of tactical opportunities across a variety of securities as they present themselves.

Sources: Marret Asset Management, Bloomberg Finance L.P.

ASSET CLASS BREAKDOWN



FUND EXPOSURE

ISSUER COUNTRY	GROSS EXPOSURE*
CANADA	22.8%
UNITED STATES	75.3%
OTHER	1.9%

TOP FIVE HOLDINGS

HOLDING	WEIGHT
CAN 1 ¼ 03/01/25	4.8%
ISHARES IBOX HIGH YIELD CORPORATE BOND ETF	3.3%
CAN 0 ½ 09/01/25	2.6%
ISHARES IBOX \$ INVESTMENT GRADE CORPORATE BOND ETF	1.9%
T 1 3/8 08/15/50	1.8%

YEARS TO MATURITY	GOVERNMENT BONDS	CORPORATE BONDS
0 to 3	1.7%	14.0%
3 to 5	9.4%	10.1%
5 to 10	0.0%	15.0%
10+	1.1%	5.5%

Source: Marret Asset Management Inc., as at October 30, 2020.
*Ex-cash

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GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Duration: A measure of the sensitivity of the price of a fixed income investment to a change in interest rates. Duration is expressed in number of years. The price of a bond with a longer duration would be expected to rise (fall) more than the price of a bond with lower duration when interest rates fall (rise).

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