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# Navigator Fixed Income Total Return

## Navigate Fixed Income with a Tactical Approach

As interest rates change, Clark Capital believes investors may benefit from a nontraditional, quantitative approach that targets opportunities and manages risk in fixed income.

#### Seek Total Return

Provide investors the potential for higher returns by identifying market leadership and constantly pursuing alpha.

The strategy utilizes a relative strength, momentum based approach to identify the leading fixed income sector(s).

## Aim to Reduce Portfolio Risk

Manage portfolio risk through the ability to shift to safer fixed income sectors when necessary.

The strategy seeks to minimize downside risk through its ability to shift out of lower quality areas when needed and invest in high quality debt and/or cash.

#### Take a Tactical Fixed Income Approach

Utilize a quantitative and repeatable investment process to maintain a durable portfolio through various market cycles.

The strategy utilizes a tactical approach, making adjustments for today's markets. It uses an asset allocation policy that seeks to rotate among High Yield, U.S. Treasuries, and Cash Equivalents.

Navigator® Fixed Income Total Return seeks to identify opportunities across the fixed income spectrum and allocate to the leading sector(s). It strives to maximize total return while minimizing overall risk.



# Target opportunites across fixed income sectors:

A disciplined, quantitative process seeks to identify market leadership, constantly pursuing alpha while managing risk.

## **Objective:**

Deliver total return (income and capital appreciation) while maintaining liquidity and flexibility

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Holdings	Wgt. (%)
NAVIGATOR TACTICAL FIXED INCOME I	50.75%
SPDR SER TR SPDR BLOOMBERG	18.50%
ISHARES TR LEHMAN SH TREA	18.46%
J P MORGAN EXCHANGE TRADED F ULTRA SHRT INC	6.16%
PIMCO ETF TR ENHAN SHRT MAT	6.13%

Performance (as of 9/30/2022)	Portfolio (Gross)*	Portfolio (Net of 3.0%)**	Benchmark			
MTD	0.16	-0.09	-3.97			
3 Months	-1.44	-2.18	-0.65			
YTD	-11.97	-13.96	-14.74			
1 Year	-11.27	-13.92	-14.14			
3 Year	1.47	-1.53	-0.45			
5 Year	1.92	-1.09	1.57			
7 Year	4.23	1.15	4.13			
10 Year	4.13	1.05	3.94			
Since Inception (As of 1/1/2005)	7.26	4.10	5.82			
Cumulative Return	246.69	104.04	172.78			
Risk Measures						
Standard Deviation	5.74	5.74	9.48			
Beta	0.41	0.41	1.00			
Alpha	4.08	1.01	0.00			
Sharpe Ratio	1.05	0.52	0.52			
R Squared	44.45	44.45	100.00			
Calendar Year Performance						
2021	4.39	1.31	5.28			
2020	10.95	7.69	7.11			
2019	7.68	4.51	14.32			
2018	-0.07	-3.03	-2.08			
2017	6.96	3.82	7.50			

Top holdings (by portfolio weight) only shown above. This is not a recommendation to buy or sell a particular security. Please see attached disclosures. A complete list of holdings is available upon request.

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2017	6.96	3.82	7.50
2016	18.10	14.65	17.13
2015	-0.50	-3.44	-4.47
2014	1.27	-1.72	2.45
2013	4.46	1.38	7.44
2012	10.45	7.20	15.81
2011	6.85	3.70	4.98
2010	14.86	11.50	15.12
2009	41.33	37.26	58.21
2008	4.15	1.08	-26.16
2007	2.81	-0.23	1.87
2006	9.62	6.41	11.85
2005	5.71	2.60	2.73

The performance data shown is based on the Navigator Fixed Income Total Return strategy. The strategy reflects accounts that are included in the Navigator Fixed Income Total Return Composite.

\*Gross returns do not include the deduction of transaction costs, and are shown as supplemental information.

\*\*The net 3.00% performance is shown because 3.00% is the highest possible industry standard platform fee.

Risk statistics are calculated against the BBgBarc U.S. Corporate High Yield Bond.

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#### GIPS® Composite Report (as of 12/31/2021)

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#### **Navigator Fixed Income Total Return Composite**

Composite Inception and Creation Date: 1/1/2005

		<u>Note A:</u> Pure Gross	Net of	BBgBarc U.S. Corporate High		Number	Composite Assets		Total Firm Assets
		Total Return	3.0%	Yield Bond	Dispersion	of Portfolios	(in Millions)	Wrap Fee	(in Millions)
	1/1/2021 to 12/31/2021	4.38%	1.30%	5.28%	0.10%	13308	\$1784.756	100%	\$22,847.4
	1/1/2020 to 12/31/2020	10.95%	7.70%	7.11%	0.25%	10976	\$1287.304	100%	\$17,305.2
	1/1/2019 to 12/31/2019	7.68%	4.51%	14.32%	0.05%	10632	\$1227.197	100%	\$14,519.0
	1/1/2018 to 12/31/2018	-0.07%	-3.03%	-2.08%	0.05%	9276	\$1018.318	100%	\$10,563.7
	1/1/2017 to 12/31/2017	6.96%	3.82%	7.50%	0.12%	6632	\$758.434	100%	\$7,088.8
	1/1/2016 to 12/31/2016	18.10%	14.65%	17.13%	0.06%	3651	\$406.389	100%	\$4,159.8
	1/1/2015 to 12/31/2015	-0.50%	-3.44%	-4.47%	0.04%	1538	\$168.036	100%	\$2,308.7
	1/1/2014 to 12/31/2014	1.27%	-1.72%	2.45%	0.04%	1170	\$159.359	100%	\$2,082.3
	1/1/2013 to 12/31/2013	4.46%	1.38%	7.44%	0.05%	2542	\$210.085	100%	\$1,966.6
	1/1/2012 to 12/31/2012	10.44%	7.20%	15.81%	0.19%	3259	\$251.999	100%	\$2,337.4
2021	Annualized Since Inception	8.40%	5.21%	7.08%	*Internal dispersion is not presented for periods of less than a full year, or for				

**Cumulative Since Inception** 

Note A: Pure gross-of-fees performance returns are presented as supplemental information and do not reflect the deduction of any trading costs, fees, or expenses. Therefore, returns will be reduced by advisory and other expenses.

293.83%

137.14%

219.96%

\*Internal dispersion is not presented for periods of less than a full year, or for annual periods that include less than 5 accounts for the full year.

Internal dispersion is calculated using the equal-weighted standard deviation of annual pure gross account returns for those accounts included in the composite for the entire year. Prior to 2020, dispersion was calculated using the equal-weighted average deviation of annual pure gross account returns for those accounts included in the composite for the entire year.

#### GIPS® Composite Report (as of 12/31/2021)

#### 3-Year Annualized Ex-post Standard Deviation

Composite	Benchmark
5.19	9.13
5.34	9.37
3.71	4.07
3.53	4.66
4.07	5.65
4.80	6.09
4.57	5.34
4.66	4.56
5.27	6.50
6.29	7.18
	5.19 5.34 3.71 3.53 4.07 4.80 4.57 4.66 5.27

The 3-year annualized ex-post standard deviation measures the variability of the composite's pure gross returns and benchmark returns over the preceding 36-month period.

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Composite Description: The Navigator Fixed Income Total Return composite is designed to maximize total return by rotational management of a fixed income portfolio invested in Low Quality Bonds (high-yield), High Quality Corporate and Government Bonds, and Short-term Treasuries. The strategy seeks to take advantage of the performance differential between segments of the bond market under different market conditions. Through investment in segments of the fixed income market believed to be the strongest performer in the near

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#### **Statistic Descriptions**

Standard Deviation: A statistical measure of dispersion about an average which depicts how widely the returns varied over a certain period of time.

3-Year Standard Deviation: The 3-year annualized standard deviation measures the variability of the composite and the benchmark returns over the preceding 36month period.

Beta: A measure of systematic risk with respect to a benchmark. Systematic risk is the tendency of the value of the composite and the value of the benchmark to move together. Beta measures the sensitivity of the composite's excess return (total return minus the risk-free return) with respect to the benchmark's excess return that results from their systematic co-movement. It is the ratio of what the excess return of the composite would be to the excess return of the benchmark if there were no composite-specific sources of return. If beta is greater than one, movements in value of the composite that are associated with movements in the value of the benchmark tend to be amplified. If beta is one, they tend to be the same, and if beta is less than one, they tend to be dampened. If such movements tend to be in opposite directions, beta is negative. Beta is measured as the slope of the regression of the excess return on the composite as the dependent variable and the excess return on the benchmark as the independent variable.

The beta of the market is 1.00 by definition. Morningstar calculates beta by comparing a portfolio's excess return over T-bills to the benchmark's excess return over T-bills, so a beta of 1.10 shows that the portfolio has performed 10% better than its benchmark in up markets and 10% worse in down markets, assuming all other factors remain constant. Conversely, a beta of 0.85 indicates that the portfolio's excess return is expected to perform 15% worse than the benchmark's excess return during up markets and 15% better during down markets.

Alpha: A measure of the difference between a portfolio's actual returns and its expected performance, given its level of risk as measured by beta. A positive alpha figure indicates the portfolio has performed better than its beta would predict. In contrast, a negative alpha indicates the portfolio has underperformed, given the expectations established by beta. Alpha is calculated by taking the excess average monthly return of the investment over the risk free rate and subtracting beta times the excess average monthly return of the benchmark over the risk free rate.

Sharpe Ratio: A risk-adjusted measure developed by Nobel Laureate William Sharpe. It is calculated by using standard deviation and excess return to determine reward per unit of risk. The higher the Sharpe Ratio, the better the composite's historical risk-adjusted performance. The Sharpe ratio is calculated for the past 36-month period by dividing a composite's annualized excess returns by the standard deviation of a composite's annualized excess returns. Since this ratio uses standard deviation as its risk measure, it is most appropriately applied when analyzing a composite that is an investor's sole holding. The Sharpe Ratio can be used to composite directly as to how much risk a composite had to bear to earn excess return over the risk-free rate.

R-Squared: Reflects the percentage of a portfolio's movements that can be explained by movements in its benchmark.

Downside Capture Ratio: Measures a manager's performance in down-markets. A down-market is defined as those periods (months or quarters) in which market return is less than 0. In essence, it tells you what percentage of the down-market was captured by the manager. For example, if the ratio is 110%, the manager has captured 110% of the down-market and therefore underperformed the market on the downside.

Upside Capture Ratio: Measures a manager's performance in up markets relative to the market (benchmark) itself. It is calculated by taking the security's upside capture return and dividing it by the benchmark's upside capture return.

Bull Beta: A measure of the sensitivity of a composite's return to positive changes in its benchmark's return.

Bear Beta: A measure of the sensitivity of a composite's return to negative changes in its benchmark's return.

Best Month: The highest monthly return of the investment since its inception or for as long as data is available.

Worst Month: The lowest monthly return of the investment since its inception or for as long as data is available.

Maximum Gain: The peak to trough incline during a specific record period of an investment or composite. It is usually quoted as the percentage between the peak to the trough.

Maximum Drawdown: The peak to trough decline during a specific record period of an investment or composite. It is usually quoted as the percentage between the peak to the trough.