

Palmer Square Ultra-Short Duration Investment Grade Fund (PSDSX)

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Fund Refresher

As a refresher, the investment objective of the Palmer Square Ultra-Short Duration Investment Grade Fund (the “Fund”) is to seek income. A secondary objective of the Fund is to seek capital appreciation. The Fund is invested primarily in a broad universe of credit such as fixed and floating rate investment grade corporate bonds and notes, collateralized loan obligations (“CLOs”), traditional asset-backed securities (“ABS”), and commercial paper. We believe our portfolio presents an ultra-short duration income alternative for investors targeting potential yield, capital preservation, and low volatility.

Since inception (10/7/2016), the Fund has had a flat or positive daily performance 93% of the time.

Performance Summary

The Fund returned 1.39% (net of fees) for the second quarter of 2024. The Fund’s current yield is 5.59% and yield to expected call* is 5.75%. Interest rate duration* is 0.3 years and spread duration* is 0.6 years.

The performance data quoted represents past performance and that past performance does not guarantee future results. Investment return and principal value 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 information quoted. To obtain performance information current to the most recent month-end please call 866-933-9033.

	Allocation	06/30/2024 Price	%Yield to Expected Call*
IG Corp Fixed (average duration of 1.1 yrs)	7%	\$97.8	5.5%
IG Corp FRN	3%	\$100.3	5.8%
Bank Loans	2%	\$100.4	6.2%
CLO AAA	38%	\$100.1	6.1%
CLO AA	2%	\$100.1	6.5%
CLO A	2%	\$99.9	7.0%
CLO BBB	0%	--	--
MBS	1%	\$81.8	8.1%
ABS	16%	\$99.5	5.7%
T-Bills	12%	\$99.4	5.2%

Source: Palmer Square as of 6/30/2024. *Please see Notes and Disclosure for definitions.

Portfolio Snapshot

Please refer to the table below for a portfolio snapshot by quarter.

	6/30/23	9/30/23	12/31/23	03/31/24	06/30/24
Interest Rate Duration*	0.41 yrs	0.39 yrs	0.36 yrs	0.40 yrs	0.30 yrs
Spread Duration*	0.78 yrs	0.78 yrs	0.89 yrs	0.80 yrs	0.58 yrs
Yield to Expected Call*	5.98%	5.91%	5.39%	5.68%	5.75%
Yield to Maturity	5.95%	5.88%	5.32%	5.58%	5.63%
Current Yield	4.69%	4.67%	4.94%	5.33%	5.59%
30-day SEC Yield (subsidized)*	4.90%	5.24%	5.50%	5.77%	5.53%
30-day SEC Yield (unsubsidized)*	4.82%	5.15%	5.38%	5.70%	5.46%
Weighted Average Price	\$98.4	\$98.9	\$99.2	\$99.4	\$99.5

Source: Palmer Square. Past performance does not guarantee future results.

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Summary on Attribution, Positioning and Outlook

Allocation and Gross Attribution

	6/30/2023 Allocation	9/30/2023 Allocation	12/31/2023 Allocation	3/31/2024 Allocation	6/30/2024 Allocation	Q2 2024 Gross Attribution
IG Corp Fixed	12%	16%	16%	11%	7%	0.12%
IG Corp FRN	3%	4%	5%	3%	3%	0.04%
Bank Loans	2%	3%	3%	2%	2%	0.02%
CLO Debt	29%	31%	41%	49%	43%	0.74%
MBS	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0.07%
ABS	24%	24%	20%	23%	16%	0.29%
T-Bills	27%	20%	11%	8%	12%	0.16%
Cash	2%	1%	3%	3%	16%	0.00%

Please note allocation above is a % of NAV. Gross attribution does not include expenses and fees if applicable. Please see Notes and Disclosures.

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Fund Outlook

- **Solid Diversification** - We believe the Fund has solid diversification across both corporate and structured credit. The four main tools we have utilized to do this include investment grade corporate bonds, commercial paper, traditional asset-backed securities, and CLO debt.
- **Lower Spread Duration Yet Solid Yield**
 - » Shorter maturity debt/low spread duration (the percentage price change of a bond's price given a 1% change in the yield spread) of 0.58 years should keep susceptibility to spread widening* risk and volatility low (note: the Fund already maintains a low interest rate duration (the percentage price change of a bond's price given a 1% change in interest rates)).
 - » Approximately 75% of the portfolio is typically self-liquidating within one year and 96% in two years.
 - » Focus on the top end of the credit quality spectrum.
 - » Maintained a strong current yield of 5.59% and yield to expected call of 5.75%.
- **Investment Grade ("IG") Corporate Bond Allocation** - IG corporate bond exposure declined from 14% at the end of the first quarter to 10% by the end of the second quarter. We reduced the allocation during the quarter as valuations remain challenging with credit spreads near short (1Y) and long-term (10Y) lows. In addition, we currently see better relative value in other areas of credit including ABS and CLO Debt. *Short corporate bonds continue to offer a number of attractive attributes including straightforward bullet maturity, premium liquidity, and modest convexity if front-end rates were to move lower. However, short corporate bonds will likely remain at lower allocation levels until spread valuations reach more attractive levels.*

- CLO Allocation/Opportunity to Capture Yield and Total Return - We believe the Fund’s CLO allocation continues to be well-positioned to offer significant yield (especially on a risk adjusted basis) vs. corporates and other areas of IG rated fixed income securities. Short duration AAA-rated debt has been offering approximately 6.5% to 7.0% in current yield and about 6.0% yield to maturity, which is the highest it’s been in the past 10 years. Breakevens on short duration CLO AAAs are the widest we have ever seen. Given high SOFR* rates, the implied 1Y coupon on short AAAs is about 6.50%. In order to breakeven over a 1Y holding period, spreads would need to widen to 500bps or more. For reference, AAAs widened out to 300-325bps during the depths of the COVID crisis, and that opportunity only lasted a few days.¹
 - » CLO AAA yields remain attractive vs. IG corporates and are still wide on a historical spread basis. Over the past 12 years, CLO AAA yields averaged 22bps less than IG corporate bonds. Today, CLO AAA yields are 89bps **more**; which on a 10-year look-back ranks in the 99th percentile (i.e. CLO AAA yields have only been cheaper 1% of the time).
- Traditional Asset-Backed Securities/Mortgage-Backed Securities (MBS) Allocation - As of quarter-end, 17% of the portfolio was allocated to ABS/MBS positions. Our primary focus within the Fund is to maintain low spread duration, which should potentially generate positive performance for the portfolio.

<u>ABS/MBS Positions</u>	<u>6/30/2024</u>
Prime Autos	13%
Cards	1%
Equipment	2%
ABS (100% AAA)	16%
Single Asset/Single Borrower	1%
CMBS (100% IG)	1%

Asset-backed Securities (ABS), Mortgage-backed Securities (MBS), Commercial mortgage-backed securities (CMBS)

In summary, we believe the Fund is well-positioned and has potential to not only generate yield, but also provide investors with a low volatility alternative, which can help diversify a fixed income allocation. We believe we are opportune in our approach to relative value and could not be more excited about how this portfolio is positioned and its outlook.

*Please see Notes and Disclosures for definitions. ¹This example is provided for illustrative purposes only.

Performance Summary

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Fund Performance Net of Fees as of 6/30/2024 (inception 10/7/2016)

	Q2 2024	YTD 2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	YTD 2016
PSDSX	1.39%	2.89%	5.81%	-0.28%	0.05%	1.59%	3.00%	1.84%	1.50%	0.26%
ICE BofA ML U.S. Treasury Bill Index*	1.33%	2.65%	5.04%	1.47%	0.05%	0.67%	2.28%	1.88%	0.85%	0.09%

Fund Performance Net of Fees as of 06/30/2024 (inception 10/7/2016)

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception Annualized
PSDSX	6.19%	2.77%	2.21%	2.14%
ICE BofA ML U.S. Treasury Bill Index*	5.43%	3.05%	2.17%	1.93%

Annual Expense Ratio: Gross 0.70%/Net 0.52%. *Palmer Square has contractually agreed to waive its fees and/or pay for operating expenses of the Fund to ensure that total annual fund operating expenses (excluding acquired fund fees and expenses, interest, taxes, dividends and interest expenses on short positions, brokerage commissions and extraordinary expenses such as litigation expenses) do not exceed 0.50% of the average daily net assets of the Fund. This agreement is effective until October 31, 2024, and it may be terminated before that date only by Trust's Board of Trustees. The Fund's advisor is permitted to seek reimbursement from the Fund, subject to certain limitations, of fees waived or payments made to the Fund for a period ending three full fiscal years after the date of the waiver or payment. The performance data quoted represents past performance and that past performance does not guarantee future results. Investment return and principal value 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 information quoted. A portion of the fees charged is waived. Performance prior to waiving fees was lower than the actual returns. To obtain performance information current to the most recent month-end please call 866-933-9033.*

Summary

The Fund's diverse portfolio across corporate and structured credit has low spread duration, which may lessen the Fund's susceptibility to spread widening risk, (the Fund already maintains a low interest rate duration (the percentage price change of a bond's price given a 1% change in interest rates)), is positioned almost entirely in investment grade securities, yet has offered a strong current yield and potential opportunity for capital appreciation.

In essence, we believe the Fund is well-positioned and has potential to not only generate yield and some total return, but also exhibit lower price volatility should another dislocation hit the market. Please do not hesitate to contact us at investorrelations@palmersquarecap.com or (816)994-3200 should you desire more information. We would also be happy to set up a call and/or meeting at your convenience.

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