## **Total Return Fund**

## Monthly Fund Card

Category Intermediate-Term Bond
Dividend Frequency Monthly
Fund Inception Date 7/30/2010

A Shares: LCTIX I Shares: LCTIX C Shares: LCCTX Inv Shares: LCTRX

#### **PORTFOLIO MANAGERS**

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## **FUND STATISTICS**

Effective Duration	2.49
Current Yield	3.46%
Yield To Worst	3.54%

Effective duration provides a measure of a fund's interest-rate sensitivity. The longer a fund's duration the more sensitive the fund is to shifts in interest rates. Current Yield and Yield to Worst of the underlying holdings of the fund do not account for any fees.

RISK METRICS*	Fund**	Peers*
Sharpe Ratio	3.01	0.57
Sortino Ratio	18.52	1.24
Standard Deviation	1.84	2.89
Upside Capture Ratio	66.49	84.99
Downside Capture Ratio	(140.42)	77.67

<sup>\*</sup> All risk metrics above are measured on a 1 year basis and measured against the US Barclays Aggregate Bond Index

## **30-DAY SEC YIELDS**

A Shares:	2.36%	I Shares:	2.88%
C Shares:	1.92%	Inv Shares:	2.40%

The 30-Day SEC Yield is computed under an SEC standardized formula based on net income earned over the past 30 days

### **EXPENSE RATIOS**

A Shares:	2.31%	I Shares:	1.81%
C Shares:	2.81%	Inv Shares:	2.31%

Ratios listed are as of the 9/27/18 prospectus.

Sharpe Ratio: Average return earned in excess of the risk-free rate per unit of volatility or total risk. Subtracting the risk-free rate from the mean return, the performance associated with risk-taking activities can be isolated.

Sortino Ratio: Measures the risk-adjusted return of an investment asset, portfolio, or strategy. It is a modification of the Sharpe ratio but penalizes only those returns falling below a user-specified target or required rate of return, while the Sharpe ratio penalizes both upside and downside volatility equally.

Standard Deviation Known as historical volatility and is used by investors as a gauge for the amount of expected volatility. Upside Capture Ratio: Statistical measure of an investment manager's overall performance in up-markets. The up-market capture ratio is used to evaluate how well an investment manager performed relative to an index during periods when that index has risen.

**Downside Capture Ratio:** Statistical measure of an investment manager's overall performance in down-markets. It is used to evaluate how well an investment manager performed relative to an index during periods when that index has dropped.

An upside capture ratio over 100 indicates a fund has generally outperformed the benchmark during periods of positive returns for the benchmark. Meanwhile, a downside

# A total return bond fund that gives investors exposure across multiple fixed income sectors and a focus on total return.

Launched in 2010, Leader Total Return Fund has focused on maximizing total return potential through the ups and downs of bond market cycles. The Fund is a diversified portfolio of bonds across various fixed income sectors that is actively managed to maximize return and generate a high level of income.

A Broader Opportunity Set: The fund invests in a diversified portfolio of fixed income securities across multiple asset classes, taking advantage of dislocations and opportunities across various sectors.

**Opportunistic Approach:** The Fund's experienced managers look for strategic entry points across asset classes and single securities.

**Higher Income Potential:** Access to a wider range of income opportunities means the fund may offer higher income potential than other short-term investments.

## **Market & Fund Commentary**

Equity markets did not do much in March. Major indices were largely flat and choppy after the big run up in January and the follow through in February. Equity markets have not only recovered everything lost in December, but have seemed to set a new level support around S&P 2800 area (where that used to be a previous level of resistance back in October, November, and December). The Dow Jones Transportation Index broke above its 200 day moving average and with that, major indices are within a couple percent of reaching their old highs. Technically, these markets probably move higher and should clear the old highs if fundamental data such as trade deals can be printed.

High Yield credit spreads actually widening just a tad over March from February (+2bps), but were largely flat (inline with equity markets). Investment Grade spreads also widened slightly (+3bps). Treasuries yields dramatically fell as we saw the 2yr treasury yield fall from 2.51% to 2.26% (-25bps). 2yr and 5yr US Treasury yield inversion remains. 2yr and 10yr yields remain at roughly 15bps apart. The curve remains very flat and while equity markets are making pushes higher, the treasury curve tells us that it is setting up for something different. While we do not know at this juncture if the curve will normalize (equity markets should move higher alongside a curve that moves steeper), the flatness of the curve stresses the importance of credit quality in fixed income portfolios. If we do end up having a growth hiccup and this is the last hoorah for equity markets, we will see the flat curve turn into an inverted curve and credit quality will show its mettle in that scenario.

The portfolio continues to remain defensive  $\sim$ 87% IG. Oil continues to move higher and is trending positively so we have maintained our energy tilt. Duration remains about the same MoM.

We continue to look for opportunities across asset classes. We added some other credits over the month in addition to trimming our energy exposure. We continue to monitor inflation expectations and key technical levels on the 5-Year and 10-Year US Treasury yield for entry points. We also see some opportunities in short WAL ("weighted average life") CLOs.

## **Definitions:**

**S&P 500:** Standard and Poor's 500 Index is a capitalization-weighted index of 500 stocks. The index is designed to measure performance of the broad domestic economy through changes in the aggregate market value of 500 stocks representing all major industries.

**Dow Jones Transportation Index:** The Dow Jones Transportation Average is a price-weighted average of 20 U.S. transportation stocks. The average as it is known today began on October 26, 1896. It was formerly known as the Dow Jones Railroad Average..

**CLOs:** Collateralized loan obligations (CLOs) are a form of securitization where payments from multiple middle sized and large business loans are pooled together and passed on to different classes of owners in various tranches. A CLO is a type of collateralized debt obligation.

Basis Point ("bps"): one hundredth of one percent, used chiefly in expressing differences of interest rates

<sup>\*\*</sup> Institutional Share Class.

## **PORTFOLIO ALLOCATIONS\***

Investment Grade	86.92%
High Yield	13.08%

#### **CREDIT QUALITY\*\*\***

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Cash	4.14%
US Treasuries	11.75%
AAA	60.84%
AA	5.91%
A	1.48%
BBB	2.80%
BB	8.09%
В	2.28%
NR	2.71%
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\*\*\*Portfolio characteristics represent 100% of the portfolio and will vary over time. Credit qualities are shown as a percentage of net assets. A bond rated BBB or higher is considered investment grade. This chart reflects the highest security rating provided by Standard & Poor's. Ratings and portfolio credit quality will vary over time.

## **ASSET CLASS BREAKDOWN\***

US Treasuries	11.75%
Corporate Bonds	5.98%
Floating Rate Bonds	7.38%
Agency Mortgages	60.84%
Convertibles	4.99%
Variable/Hybrids	4.91%
Cash	4.14%

## **DURATION BREAKDOWN\*\***

< 1	31.08%
1 - 3	27.49%
3 - 5	31.25%
5 - 7	10.18%
7- 10	0.00%
10+	0.00%

\*This will change and the information provided should not be considered as a recommendation to purchase or sell a particular security. There is no assurance that the securities mentioned remain in the Fund's portfolio or that the securities sold have no been repurchased. Totals may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

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Average Annual Returns as of 03/31/2019	YTD	1Q19	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y	Inception
Institutional (LCTIX)	0.66%	0.66%	8.12%	6.39%	1.72%		4.27%
Investor (LCTRX)	0.58%	0.58%	7.50%	5.91%	1.04%		3.66%
A Class (LCATX)	0.59%	0.59%	7.56%	5.87%	1.03%		3.45%
C Class (LCCTX)	0.40%	0.40%	7.02%	5.36%	0.56%		3.10%
Morningstar Category Average <sup>1</sup>	3.13%	3.13%	3.97%	2.35%	2.48%		
Benchmark <sup>2</sup>	2.94%	2.94%	4.48%	2.03%	2.74%		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Intermediate Term Bond Category

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Barclays US Agg Interm TR USD

With Sales Charge	YTD	1Q19	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y	Inception
A Class	-0.92%	-0.92%	6.00%	5.33%	0.32%		2.92%
C Class	0.40%	0.40%	7.02%	5.36%	0.56%		3.10%

\*The share classes have different sales charges, fees and other features. Returns with sales charge reflect the deduction of current maximum initial sales charge of 1.5% for A shares and applicable contingent deferred sales charges (CDSC) for C shares of 1%.

Performance is annualized trailing returns as of 3/31/19 for the Leader Total Return Fund for all Share Classes (ticker symbols: LCTIX, LCTRX, LCATX, LCCTX); LCTIX & LCTRX are not subject to sales loads, however, LCATX & LCCTX might be subject to a sales load. More information about fees and expense levels can be found in the Fund's prospectus.

Past performance does not guarantee future results. The performance data quoted represents past performance and current returns may be lower or higher. Share prices and investment returns fluctuate and investor shares may be worth more or less than original cost upon redemption. To obtain performance as of the most recent month end, please call 1-800-269-8810.

Important Risks: Bonds offer a relatively stable level of income, although bond prices will fluctuate providing the potential for principal gain or loss. Intermediate-term, higher quality bonds generally offer less risk than longer term bonds and a lower rate of return. Generally, a fund's fixed income securities will decrease in value if interest rates rise and vice versa.

Mortgage-backed investments involve risk of loss due to prepayments and, like any bond, due to default. Because the sensitivity of mortgage-related securities to changes in interest rates, a fund's performance may be more volatile than if it did not hold these securities.

Foreign Investments can be riskier than U.S. investments. Potential risks include currency risk that may result from unfavorable exchange rates, liquidity risk if decreased demand for a security makes it difficult to sell at a desired price, and risks that stem from substantially lower trading volume on foreign markets. These risks are generally greater for investments in emerging markets, which are also subject to greater price volatility, and custodial and regulatory risks. Foreign Investments can be riskier than U.S. investments. Potential risks include currency risk that may result from unfavorable exchange rates, liquidity risk if decreased demand for a security makes it difficult to sell at a desired price, and risks that stem from substantially lower trading volume on foreign markets. These risks are generally greater for investments in emerging markets, which are also subject to greater price volatility, and custodial and regulatory risks.

Current Yield is the weighted average of the annual rate of return based on price. It is calculated by the coupon divided by the price. Average Yield-to-Worst is the weighted average of the percentage rate of return if the security is held to earliest call date/maturity/redemption.

The Barclays US Intermediate Aggregate Bond Index is a broad-based benchmark that measures the investment grade, US dollar-denominated, fixed-rate taxable bond market. The index includes Treasuries, government-related and corporate securities, MBS (agency fixed-rate and hybrid ARM pass-throughs), ABS and CMBS (agency and non-agency) with maturities of 1 to 9.999 years. This index is the funds benchmark. You cannot invest directly into an index.

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