# Quarterly Performance Attribution

## INTERMEDIATE AGGREGATE COMPOSITE

FIRST QUARTER 2024

#### INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE<sup>1</sup>

as of March 31, 2024

	1Q'24	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr
Intermediate Aggregate (before fees)	(0.03)	3.24	(1.17)	1.15	1.92
Intermediate Aggregate (after fees)	(0.09)	2.99	(1.41)	0.88	1.63
Bloomberg U.S. Intermediate Aggregate Bond Index	(0.42)	2.30	(1.66)	0.60	1.45
Value Added (before fees)	+0.39	+0.94	+0.50	+0.55	+0.47

#### PERFORMANCE RECAP

Galliard's Intermediate Aggregate Composite (composite) outperformed its benchmark, the Bloomberg U.S. Intermediate Aggregate Bond Index (index), during the first quarter (Q1). The composite returned (0.03)% versus the index return of (0.42)%. Overweight to the spread sectors remained the primary driver of outperformance.

## **PERFORMANCE ATTRIBUTION** (before fees)<sup>1</sup> as of March 31, 2024

	Attribution (basis points)		
Sector Allocation	+32		
Security Selection	+1		
Yield Curve/Duration	+3		
Residual Impact <sup>3</sup>	+3		
Total Attribution	+39		

#### COMMENTARY ON ATTRIBUTION

- Sector positioning drove performance over the period. Overweight allocations to CMBS, Taxable Municipals, Other U.S. Governments, and ABS each benefited relative returns.
- Issue selection did not materially impact performance.
- Neutral duration positioning did not materially impact performance. Yield curve positioning was slightly additive.

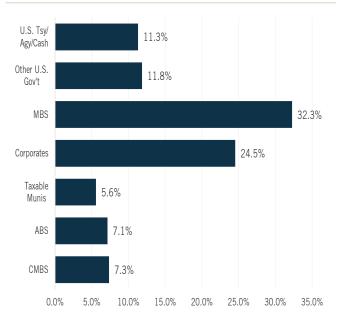
#### COMPOSITE CHARACTERISTICS

as of March 31, 2024

	Composite	Bloomberg U.S. Int. Agg. Bond Index
Weighted Average Quality <sup>2</sup>	AA	AA
Yield to Maturity	5.17%	4.83%
Effective Duration	4.28 Yrs	4.47 Yrs

### SECTOR ALLOCATION

as of March 31, 2024



#### CURRENT STRATEGY & OUTLOOK

- Portfolios are fully invested, generally speaking, and we remain comfortable with overall positioning.
- High quality spread assets look fair to rich, generally speaking, but some limited opportunities across specific sectors remain available.
- We continue to be mindful of downside risks and potential headwinds that may impact our portfolio allocation and positioning decisions.

1: For comparative purposes, Galliard Composite excess returns are shown gross of investment management fees and include all income, realized and unrealized gains and losses and all transactional costs. See further disclosures on the following page. 2: The Weighted Average Quality shown has NOT been assessed by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization. The Weighted Average Quality shown represents the individual holding's composite ratings, as rated by S&P, Moody's, and Fitch. If S&P, Moody's, and Fitch all provide a credit rating, the composite rating is the median of the three agency ratings. If only two agencies provide ratings, the composite is the more conservative rating. If only one agency provides a rating, the composite rating reflects that agency's rating. 3: Includes trading, cash flows and other residual impacts.



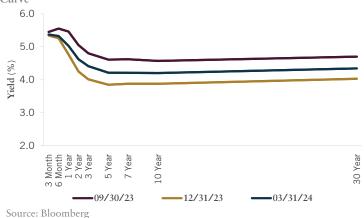
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#### Interest Rates Retraced Much of the Fourth Quarter Rally as Markets Reassessed Rate Cut Timing

#### CHANGES IN U.S. TREASURY RATES

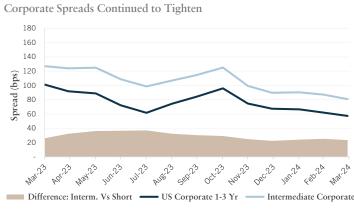
With Fewer Cuts Now Expected This Year, Interest Rates Rose Across the Curve



#### QUARTERLY MARKET COMMENTARY

- 1Q GDP growth is expected to be 1.5%-2.5% q/q annualized, with continued consensus regarding economic strength and the avoidance of recession. Full-year growth for 2024 is now projected to be 2.0%-2.5%.
- The Fed stayed on hold again in March and reiterated its message of patience. The updated SEP showed median year-end 2024 Fed Funds at 4.625%, suggesting the Fed still anticipates cutting three times this year. For now, market expectations have converged with Fed messaging.
- Progress towards meeting the Fed's 2% inflation target has slowed considerably, and there are signs that inflation is headed higher once again. At the very least, it is fair to say inflation has proven stickier than hoped, and the Fed has been justified in taking an extended pause before easing.
- There is nothing indicating the curve needs to "normalize" anytime soon. Personal consumption remains resilient, labor markets are relatively healthy, and business activity is on the upswing.
- Mortgage rates have increased, commensurate with a broader selloff in Treasury rates and reduced expectation of Fed cuts in 2024. Existing home sales activity has improved but is still at low levels, historically speaking. New home sales are back to very near the pre-pandemic trend.

#### CORPORATE CREDIT SPREADS



Source: Bloomberg

#### STRUCTURED PRODUCT

ABS and CMBS Performance Remained Positive; Agy MBS Sold Off Over the Quarter



Source: Bloomberg

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