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# The Archway Investment Fund - Fixed Income Portfolio Bryant University

## Monthly Report Data as of 1/31/2023

### **Fund Objective**

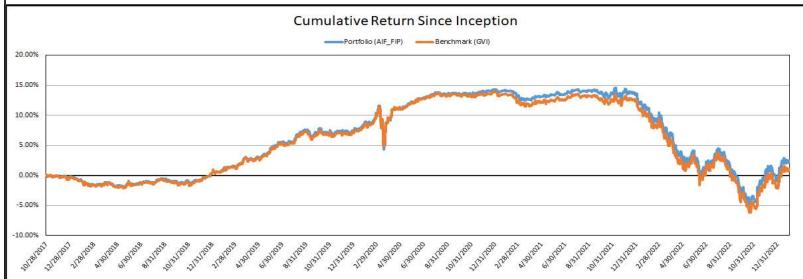
The primary objective of the Archway Investment Fixed Income Fund (the Fund) is to provide students in Bryant University's Fixed Income Portfolio Management course with a hands-on learning experience. The Fund launched on October 27, 2017 with \$500,000. After including subsequent capital inflows and outflows, the net capital contribution is \$815,000.

#### **Investment Strategy**

The Fund seeks returns from income and price appreciation, in excess of its Benchmark, while maintaining a volatility less than 120% of that of its Benchmark. The Benchmark was changed from the Fixed Income ETF GVI to the Fixed Income ETF AGG, which broadly tracks the Bloomberg Barclays Aggregate Index, on September 30, 2021. That index includes fixed rate debt securities priced in USD and traded in the US market, that are issued by the U.S. Treasury, U.S. government agencies, U.S. corporations, and taxable debt issued by sovereign, supranational and local government entities rated investment grade. It also includes highly rated MBS, CMBS and ABS securitized credit tranches. The benchmark was chosen for its diversification, and its use as a benchmark for both active and passive core fixed income portfolios. The tracking error of the portfolio versus its benchmark, defined as the annualized standard deviation of excess returns, is kept below 2%. Historical benchmark return and risk metrics use a chained return series reflecting the benchmark in use at the time.

#### Performance Commentary

The Archway Fixed Income Portfolio returned 3.51% during January, while the benchmark returned 3.33%. Economic data releases during January were generally stronger than expected, and inflation figures indicated to the market that a soft landing was possible. The labor market remains tight, and this has the attention of the Federal Reserve. Inflation continued to moderate, but it remains above the Fed's comfort level. Comments by Fed officials throughout January guided the market toward continued rate hikes, but at a slower pace. The market expects the FOMC to raise the Federal Funds rate by 25bp in February. The yield curve continued to invert throughout the month of January. The result was a flattening of the Treasury yield curve with the 2-year yield down by 22 bps, the 5-year down by 38 bps, the 10-year up down by 36 bps, and the 30-year down by 33 bps. The difference between the 2-year and the 10-year curve reached record levels at -69 bps. The Archway portfolio was slightly short in duration throughout January with an overweight at the 20-year point on the curve and underweights at the 3-year, 5-year and 30-year points. Those duration and curve exposures together contributed -0.02% in alpha for the month. The portfolio is also overweight in investment grade credit, high yield bank loans, agency debt, and MBS. It is underweight in Treasuries and the other smaller sectors within its benchmark where we cannot invest. Sector allocation contributed 0.17% to alpha during the month, while income and security selection contributed 0.03% in alpha in January. On January 31st, a Treasury note we held matured giving us \$11,000 to reinvest. We bought \$6000 face value of a 4% coupon Treasury maturing on 12/15/2025, and \$5000 face value of a 2.625% coupon Treasury maturing 04/15/2025. With this trade, the portfolio maintained is current sector allocation and its duration increased by 0.1 years. Since its inception in October 2017, the portfolio has an annualized return of 0.48% and outperformed the benchmark by 0.27%.



| Investment Perforn   | Portfolio and Benchmark Characteristics |           |        |                                 |              |           |
|--|---|-----------|--------|---------------------------------|--------------|-----------|
| Historical Returns through 1/31/2023                       | Portfolio                               | Benchmark | Excess |                                 | Portfolio    | Benchmark |
| Since Inception Return (Cumulative since October 27, 2017) | 2.53%                                   | 1.09%     | 1.44%  | Option Adjusted Duration        | 6.24         | 6.31      |
| Since Inception Return (Annualized)                        | 0.48%                                   | 0.21%     | 0.27%  | Current Yield                   | 3.28%        | 2.94%     |
| Month to Date Return                                       | 3.51%                                   | 3.33%     | 0.18%  | Yield to Worst                  | 4.49%        | 4.30%     |
| Academic Term to Date Return                               | 3.51%                                   | 3.33%     | 0.18%  | Number of Individual Bonds Held | 11           | 10682     |
| Year to Date Return  | 3.51%                                   | 3.33%     | 0.18%  | Number of ETFs Held             | 12           | 0         |
| 1 Year Trailing Return                                     | -7.86%                                  | -8.28%    | 0.42%  | Weight in Bonds                 | 18.88%       | 99.25%    |
| 3 Year Trailing Return (Annualized)                        | -2.02%                                  | -2.39%    | 0.37%  | Weight in ETFs                  | 80.43%       | 0.00%     |
| 5 Year Trailing Return (Annualized)                        | 0.70%                                   | 0.23%     | 0.47%  | Weight in Cash                  | 0.70%        | 0.75%     |
|  |   |           |        | Portfolio Market Value          | \$814.437.00 |           |

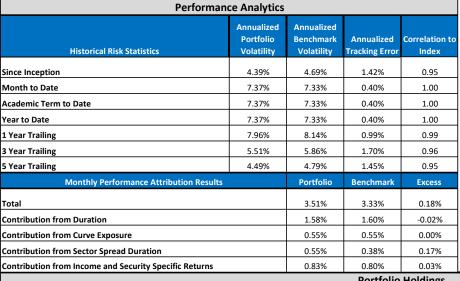


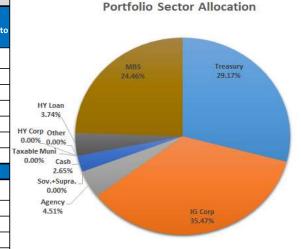
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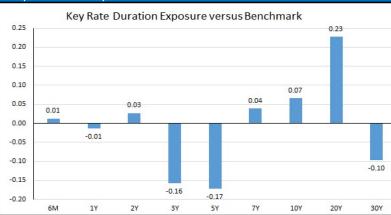
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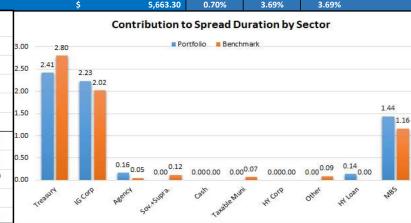
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| Portfolio Holdings                                    |           |            |             |    |              |        |               |                |                         |  |  |  |  |
|---|-----------|------------|-------------|----|--------------|--------|---------------|----------------|-------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Exchange Traded Funds                                 | Ticker    | Shares     | Share Price |    | Market Value | Weight | Current Yield | Yield to Worst | Option Adj.<br>Duration |  |  |  |  |
| iShares MBS ETF                                       | МВВ       | 1442.115   | \$ 95.88    | \$ | 138,269.99   | 16.99% | 3.04%         | 4.25%          | 5.72                    |  |  |  |  |
| SPDR Bloomberg Barclays Intermediate Corporate ETF    | SPIB      | 2432.593   | \$ 32.71    | \$ | 79,570.12    | 9.77%  | 3.52%         | 4.92%          | 4.10                    |  |  |  |  |
| SPDR Bloomberg Barclays Short Term Corporate Bond ETF | SPSB      | 2466.805   | \$ 29.70    | \$ | 73,264.11    | 9.00%  | 3.41%         | 4.88%          | 1.79                    |  |  |  |  |
| SPDR Bloomberg Barclays Mortgage Backed Bond ETF      | SPMB      | 3179.844   | \$ 22.45    | \$ | 71,387.50    | 8.77%  | 2.97%         | 4.26%          | 5.31                    |  |  |  |  |
| iShares Long Term (10+ year) Corporate ETF            | IGLB      | 1291.428   | \$ 53.49    | \$ | 69,078.48    | 8.49%  | 4.54%         | 5.15%          | 13.22                   |  |  |  |  |
| iShares 7-10 Year Treasury ETF                        | IEF       | 492.596    | \$ 99.21    | \$ | 48,870.45    | 6.00%  | 2.57%         | 3.45%          | 7.64                    |  |  |  |  |
| iShares 20+ Year Treasury ETF                         | TLT       | 395.024    | \$ 107.17   | \$ | 42,334.72    | 5.20%  | 3.08%         | 3.70%          | 17.82                   |  |  |  |  |
| iShares ESG Aware USD Corporate Bond ETF              | SUSC      | 1699.233   | \$ 23.28    | \$ | 39,552.54    | 4.86%  | 3.04%         | 5.00%          | 7.35                    |  |  |  |  |
| PowerShares Senior Loan Index ETF                     | BKLN      | 1779.447   | \$ 21.11    | \$ | 37,564.13    | 4.61%  | 6.94%         | 7.98%          | 0.12                    |  |  |  |  |
| iShares Intermediate (5 to 10 year) Corporate ETF     | IGIB      | 606.349    | \$ 51.68    | \$ | 31,336.12    | 3.85%  | 3.41%         | 4.96%          | 6.12                    |  |  |  |  |
| iShares 3-7 Year Treasury ETF                         | IEI       | 117.072    | \$ 117.30   | \$ | 13,732.55    | 1.69%  | 1.85%         | 3.65%          | 4.38                    |  |  |  |  |
| iShares 10-20 Year Treasury ETF                       | TLH       | 87.794     | \$ 114.89   | \$ | 10,086.65    | 1.24%  | 3.39%         | 3.74%          | 14.07                   |  |  |  |  |
| iShares 1-3 Year Treasury ETF                         | SHY       | 0.000      | \$ 81.80    | \$ | -            | 0.00%  | 2.24%         | 4.19%          | 2.10                    |  |  |  |  |
| Bonds   | CUSIP     | Face Value | Bond Price  |    | Market Value | Weight | Current Yield | Yield to Worst | Option Adj.<br>Duration |  |  |  |  |
| US Treasury 2.75% 02/28/2025                          | 9128283Z1 | 24000      | 97.20       | \$ | 23,609.52    | 2.90%  | 2.83%         | 4.14%          | 2.04                    |  |  |  |  |
| US Treasury 2.25% 11/15/2027                          | 9128283F5 | 25000      | 94.09       | \$ | 23,642.69    | 2.90%  | 2.39%         | 3.60%          | 4.50                    |  |  |  |  |
| US Treasury 2.75% 11/15/2042                          | 912810QY7 | 25000      | 86.06       | \$ | 21,663.76    | 2.66%  | 3.19%         | 3.74%          | 14.75                   |  |  |  |  |
| US Treasury TIPS 0.5% 04/15/2024                      | 9128286N5 | 15000      | 115.12      | \$ | 17,295.16    | 2.12%  | 0.51%         | 2.50%          | 1.25                    |  |  |  |  |
| US Treasury 1.25% 12/31/2026                          | 91282CDQ1 | 15000      | 91.14       | \$ | 13,687.67    | 1.68%  | 1.37%         | 3.69%          | 3.81                    |  |  |  |  |
| FFCB 3.43% 12/06/2028                                 | 3133EJ2D0 | 12000      | 97.00       | \$ | 11,702.76    | 1.44%  | 3.53%         | 3.94%          | 5.24                    |  |  |  |  |
| Federal Home LN MTG CORP Note 1.5% 2/12/2025          | 3137EAEP0 | 12000      | 94.80       | \$ | 11,460.02    | 1.41%  | 1.58%         | 4.16%          | 1.06                    |  |  |  |  |
| FFCB 2.37% 2/5/2024                                   | 3133EH5S8 | 10000      | 97.61       | \$ | 9,876.87     | 1.21%  | 2.43%         | 4.75%          | 1.06                    |  |  |  |  |
| US Treasury 3.125% 8/31/2029                          | 91282CFJ5 | 10000      | 97.53       | \$ | 9,886.07     | 1.21%  | 3.20%         | 3.54%          | 5.83                    |  |  |  |  |
| US Treasury 4% 12/15/2025                             | 91282CGA3 | 6000       | 100.35      | \$ | 6,052.74     | 0.74%  | 3.99%         | 3.86%          | 2.68                    |  |  |  |  |
| US Treasury 2.625% 04/15/2025                         | 91282CEH0 | 5000       | 96.89       | \$ | 4,883.83     | 0.60%  | 2.71%         | 4.09%          | 2.10                    |  |  |  |  |
| Fidelity Government Money Market                      |           |            |             | 4  | 5 663 30     | 0.70%  | 3 69%         | 3 69%          |                         |  |  |  |  |







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