

# Monthly Commentary (As of 2.29.2024) Macro Opportunities Fund

Mutual Fund | Fixed Income

## Performance Overview

Guggenheim Macro Opportunities Fund (GIOIX) returned 0.07 percent for the one-month period and 3.45 percent for the annualized 10-year period ended February 29, 2024. The fund outperformed the Morningstar Nontraditional Bond category average return of -0.02 percent for January. The fund has a four-star overall rating from Morningstar based on risk-adjusted returns and was ranked in the 8th percentile of all Nontraditional Bond funds for the 10-year period (9 out of 159) based on total return.<sup>1</sup>

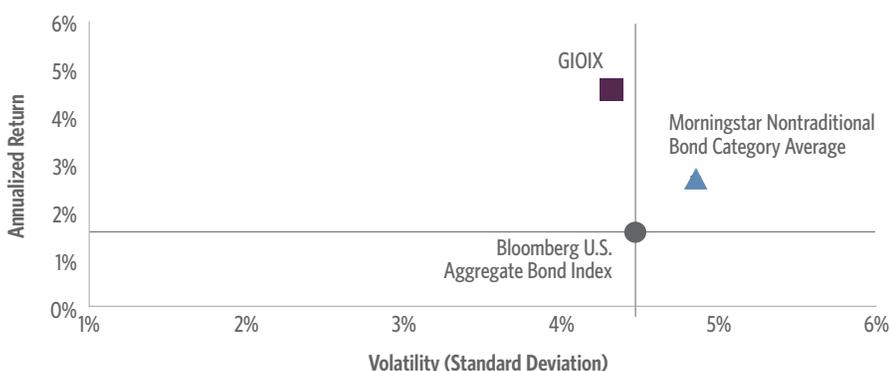
Duration was the largest driver of returns for the fund, detracting from performance as rates rose across the curve. That negative performance was mostly offset by credit positioning, which generated positive performance amid spread tightening that was particularly concentrated in structured credit sectors that had lagged the end-of-year rally in broader credit markets. The fund's carry, or earned income, continued to add to performance as the relatively high level of yields provides a buffer to bouts of volatility as we saw during February.

## Economic and Market Commentary

The U.S. economy has been through a sizable adjustment over the last two years as a result

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### Risk/Return Since Inception Period (11.30.2011-2.29.2024)<sup>2</sup>



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<sup>1</sup> Overall Morningstar Ratings are based on risk adjusted returns and Morningstar Rankings are based on average annual total return. As of 2.29.2024 Macro Opportunities Fund Institutional Class was rated 4 stars for overall, 3 stars for 3 years, 4 stars for 5 years, and 5 stars for 10 years among 281, 281, 251, and 159 Nontraditional Bond funds. The institutional class was ranked 63 out of 308 (25th percentile) Nontraditional Bond funds for the 1 year period, 105 out of 281 (42nd percentile) Nontraditional Bond funds for the 3 year period, 47 out of 251 (23rd percentile) Nontraditional Bond funds for the 5 year period, and 9 out of 159 (8th percentile) Nontraditional Bond funds for the 10 year period. <sup>2</sup> Source: Guggenheim Investments and Morningstar. Using monthly return data except where compared to Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index. Morningstar peer performance is Category Average. Data is Since Inception (11.30.2011) as of 2.29.2024.

### Overall Morningstar Rating™

★★★★ Institutional

Based on risk-adjusted returns out of 281 Nontraditional Bond funds as of 2.29.2024<sup>1</sup>

### Average Annual Total Returns (As of 2.29.2024)<sup>2</sup>

	GIOIX	Morningstar Category Average
MTD	0.07%	-0.02%
QTD	0.67%	0.38%
YTD	0.67%	0.38%
1-Year	8.02%	5.98%
3-Year	0.97%	0.14%
5-Year	3.29%	1.83%
10-Year	3.45%	1.96%
Since Inception	4.58%	2.68%

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### Since Inception Risk Statistics

(11.30.2011-2.29.2024)<sup>2</sup>

	GIOIX	Category Average
Volatility (Standard Deviation) (monthly)	4.31%	4.85%
Sharpe Ratio (monthly)	0.80	0.38
Correlation to Index*	0.54	0.40

\* Compared with the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index

### Investment Strategy

Seeks to provide total return, comprised of current income and capital appreciation.

### Portfolio Management Team

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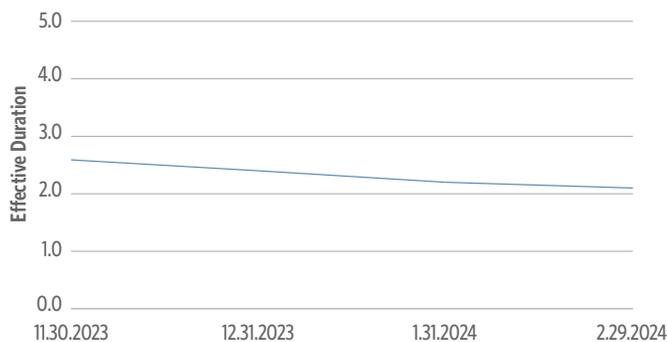
## Economic and Market Commentary (Continued)

of the Federal Reserve's (Fed) aggressive monetary policy tightening. Many of the usual consequences of a tightening cycle unfolded: the yield curve inverted, interest rate-sensitive sectors contracted, credit growth slowed, and the labor market softened. However, with recession avoided thus far and Fed rate cuts in sight, financial conditions have eased meaningfully in recent months, helping bring down near term recession risk. Based on our outlook for inflation, the Fed delivering on easing should help credit conditions recover further and default activity to stabilize. But while recession risk has been reduced, it is far from eliminated. The pockets of stress that remain, such as commercial real estate, carry potential spillover risks to small banks that could transmit the stress to the broader economy.

The yield on the two-year Treasury increased by 41 basis points to 4.62 percent in February, while the 10-year note increased by 34 basis points to 4.25 percent. Investment-grade corporate bond spreads were rangebound in February at around 90 to 95 basis points. Technicals remain supportive of investment-grade spreads, with demand driven by attractive yields and expectations for lower rates in the future. Demand for high yield corporate bonds remained firm with approximately \$4 billion of fund inflows on a year-to-date basis. About 75 percent of the high yield index was trading below par. The bank loan market continues to benefit from solid technicals: while the size of the market is unchanged for the year, there is approximately \$30 billion in visible demand for the asset class and year-to-date fund inflows at \$1.1 billion. The majority of primary

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### Portfolio Duration Change (As of 2.29.2024)



### Credit Quality Distribution (% of Gross Assets)<sup>1</sup>

Cash & Cash Equivalents	-0.2%
Government	0.3%
Agency	5.8%
Investment Grade	49.3%
Below Investment Grade	34.6%
Unrated Securities <sup>2</sup>	10.1%

<sup>1</sup> Source: BlackRock Solutions and Bloomberg, as of 2.29.2024. The fund credit quality ratings are measured on a scale that generally ranges from AAA (highest) to D (lowest). All securities except for those labeled or Fixed have been rated by a Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organization. For purposes of this presentation, when ratings are available from more than one NRSRO, the highest rating is used. Guggenheim Investments converts ratings to the equivalent S&P rating. A bond is considered investment grade if its credit rating is BBB- or higher. <sup>2</sup> Unrated securities do not necessarily indicate low credit quality.

### Yield/Duration (As of 2.29.2024)



Source (in charts above): Guggenheim Investments and Morningstar, using monthly return data. Morningstar peer performance is Category average. Data as of 2.29.2024.

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### Sector Allocation (% of Net Assets)

	2.29.2024	1.31.2024	+/-
<b>Fixed Income</b>			
HY Corporate Bonds	19.2%	20.0%	-0.8%
Asset-Backed Securities	11.6%	11.9%	-0.3%
Bank Loans	13.2%	12.7%	0.5%
IG Corporates	8.0%	8.6%	-0.6%
Agency Mortgage-Backed Securities	5.8%	7.3%	-1.5%
Collateralized Loan Obligations (CLOs)	7.2%	6.9%	0.3%
Non-Agency Mortgage-Backed Securities	5.9%	6.5%	-0.6%
Other <sup>4</sup>	5.4%	5.4%	0.0%
Preferred Securities	4.5%	4.6%	-0.1%
Non-Agency Commercial MBS	1.2%	1.3%	-0.1%
U.S. Treasuries & Agencies	0.3%	0.3%	0.0%
Net Short Term Investments <sup>5</sup>	17.6%	14.5%	3.1%

<sup>4</sup> Other may include municipals, private placements, military housing bonds, foreign government and agencies, fixed-income funds, derivatives, equities and/or other miscellaneous fixed-income securities. <sup>5</sup> Short Term Investments may include uninvested cash, net unsettled trades, money market funds, commercial paper, repos, and other liquid short duration securities.

market activity was focused on repricing or refinancing existing loans. ABS spreads were flat in February. Primary demand remains strong, with an uptick in commercial ABS trading as the basis to investment-grade corporate bonds compressed to the tightest levels since early 2022. In CLOs, we continue to expect range bound primary spreads and an increase in refinancings and resets.

## Portfolio Positioning

There were no material rotations within the fund for the month. The fund continued to find opportunities in the structured credit market, particularly in primary markets given the deluge in issuance activity. Similar to last month, we continued to lighten up on the lower-coupon Agency RMBS Passthrough pools held in the fund.

The clashing characteristics of January's economic data relative to recent trends provided a fresh reminder of the tenuous nature of the fixed-income market and the volatility that accompanies pivot points in business cycles. January's data should bring increased focus on February's round of data to see if it reverts to its pre-January trends. As we have emphasized, month-to-month data can (and should be expected to) be noisy, particularly as the lighter lifts of inflation normalization are behind us. And with this dynamic comes volatility in markets, which brings opportunity to investors who can take a more calculated and patient approach, leaning into higher conviction long-term views as opposed to allowing near-term volatility to whipsaw their resolve. Volatility is likely to persist in the interim, but that should create further opportunities to invest in high-credit quality

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### Average Annual Total Returns (As of 2.29.2024)

	3-Month	YTD	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year	Since Fund Inception (11.30.2011)	Expense Ratio Gross/Net <sup>2</sup> / Adjusted <sup>3</sup>	SEC 30-Day Yield (Subsidized) <sup>4</sup>	SEC 30-Day Yield (Unsubsidized) <sup>4</sup>
Guggenheim Macro Opportunities Fund (GIOIX)	6.11%	0.67%	8.02%	0.97%	3.29%	3.45%	4.58%	1.21%/1.06%/0.94%	5.91%	5.82%
ICE BofA 3-Month U.S. Treasury Bill Index	8.23%	0.84%	5.22%	2.43%	1.97%	1.33%	1.10%	—	—	—
Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index	1.35%	-1.68%	3.33%	-3.16%	0.56%	1.43%	1.60%	—	—	—
Morningstar Nontraditional Bond Category Average	5.74%	0.38%	5.98%	0.14%	1.83%	1.96%	2.68%	—	—	—

### Average Annual Total Returns (As of 12.31.2023)

	3-Month	YTD	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year	Since Fund Inception (11.30.2011)	Expense Ratio Gross/Net <sup>2</sup> / Adjusted <sup>3</sup>	SEC 30-Day Yield (Subsidized) <sup>4</sup>	SEC 30-Day Yield (Unsubsidized) <sup>4</sup>
Guggenheim Macro Opportunities Fund (GIOIX)	4.77%	9.65%	9.65%	0.98%	2.85%	3.67%	4.59%	1.21%/1.06%/0.94%	6.43%	6.34%
ICE BofA 3-Month U.S. Treasury Bill Index	1.38%	5.05%	5.05%	2.17%	2.85%	1.26%	1.05%	—	—	—
Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index	-3.23%	-1.21%	0.64%	-5.21%	0.10%	1.13%	1.23%	—	—	—
Morningstar Nontraditional Bond Category Average	4.12%	6.95%	6.95%	0.68%	2.56%	2.18%	2.34%	—	—	—

### Calendar Year Performance (As of 2.29.2024)

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Guggenheim Macro Opportunities Fund (GIOIX)	14.78%	4.19%	5.49%	-1.18%	10.66%	5.30%	0.53%	2.24%	11.56%	2.50%	-8.38%	9.65%
ICE BofA 3-Month U.S. Treasury Bill Index	0.11%	0.07%	0.03%	0.05%	0.33%	0.86%	1.87%	2.28%	0.67%	0.05%	1.47%	5.05%
Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index	4.21%	-2.02%	5.97%	0.55%	2.65%	3.54%	0.01%	8.72%	7.51%	-1.54%	-13.01%	0.64%
Morningstar Nontraditional Bond Category Average	8.36%	0.84%	1.25%	-1.41%	5.23%	4.39%	-1.29%	6.73%	3.75%	0.73%	-6.44%	6.95%

### Morningstar Rankings (As of 2.29.2024)

	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year
Macro Opportunities Fund (GIOIX) Percentile Ranking	25	42	23	8
Macro Opportunities Fund (GIOIX) Absolute Ranking	63	105	47	9
Number of funds in Nontraditional Bond Fund Category	308	281	251	159

Morningstar absolute and percentile ranks are based on average annual total return.

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**1** S&P bond ratings are measured on a scale that ranges from AAA (highest) to D (lowest). Bonds rated BBB- and above are considered investment-grade while bonds rated BB+ and below are considered speculative grade. **2** The Net Expense Ratio reflects a contractual fee waiver by the Adviser through February 1, 2025, to limit the ordinary operating expenses of the Fund. **3** The Adjusted Expense Ratio ("Adjusted") is based on the Net Expense Ratio, but excludes certain investment expenses, such as interest expense from borrowings and repurchase agreements and dividend expense from investments on short sales. **4** SEC 30-day yield is a standard yield calculation that allows for fairer comparisons of bond funds. It reflects dividends and interest ("income") earned during the most recent 30-day period after the deduction of the fund's expenses and is calculated by dividing the income per share by the maximum offering share price on the last day of the period. Unsubsidized SEC30-day yield is what the yield would have been had no fee waivers and/or expense reimbursement been in place.

## Market Outlook (Continued)

instruments at attractive risk-adjusted return profiles.

Though recession odds have decreased with the easing of financial conditions and the Fed acknowledging the balance of risks tilts towards overtightening, recession probability remains elevated relative to history and still calls for relatively defensive positioning. Furthermore, the distribution in which credit spreads have evolved across the fixed income universe also skews positioning to higher quality segments from a relative value point of view. To that end, we remain comfortable with the construction of the fund and think it stands to perform well across a variety of market environments and positioning remains nimble enough to potentially capitalize on any sudden shifts or opportunities on the valuation front.

## Market Outlook

More progress on inflation should lead to Fed rate cuts by midyear, and as the economy slows further in the second half, the Fed should ultimately cut more than current market pricing suggests. On the credit side, very tight spreads have priced in too much economic optimism given that the balance of risks still points to a weaker economy. With all-in yields still attractive, we continue to have a bias toward higher quality fixed income, generally focusing on borrowers better able to withstand the increasingly bifurcated economy.

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**Standard Deviation** is a statistical measure of the historical volatility of an investment, usually computed using the most recent 36-monthly returns and then annualized. More generally, it is a measure of the extent to which numbers are spread around their average. The higher the number, the more volatility is to be expected. **Sharpe Ratio:** A risk-adjusted measure developed by William F. Sharpe, calculated using standard deviation and excess return to determine reward per unit of risk. The higher the Sharpe Ratio, the better the fund's risk-adjusted performance. **Correlation:** A statistical measure of how two securities move in relation to each other. This measure ranges from -1 to +1, where -1 indicates perfect negative correlation and +1 indicates perfect positive correlation. **Carry:** Carry is the difference between the cost of financing an asset and the interest received on that asset. **Weighted average effective duration** of the securities comprising the fund portfolio or the index. Effective duration takes into account any embedded options (i.e., a put or a call) and reflects the expected change in future cash flows caused by the options in response to changing interest rates. **Duration** is a measurement of the change in the value of a bond in response to a change in interest rates, expressed in years. **Basis point:** One basis point is equal to 0.01%. **Beta** is a statistical measure of volatility relative to the overall market. A positive beta indicates movement in the same direction as the market, while a negative beta indicates movement inverse to the market. Beta for the market is generally considered to be 1. A beta above 1 and below -1 indicates more volatility than the market. A beta between 1 to -1 indicates less volatility than the market.

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