



# RiverPark Floating Rate CMBS Fund (RCRIX/RCRFX)

## **Fourth Quarter 2024 Performance Summary**

Performance: Net Returns as December 31, 2024										
	Current Quarter	Year to Date	One Year	Three Year	Five Year	Ten Year	Since Inception			
RCRIX	2.10%	10.01%	10.01%	6.26%	2.44%	2.94%	4.75%			
RCRFX	2.05%	9.56%	9.56%	5.87%	2.07%	2.66%	4.55%			
Bloomberg U.S. Investment- Grade CMBS Index	-1.42%	4.96%	4.96%	-0.53%	0.97%	2.19%	3.57%			
Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index	-3.06%	1.25%	1.25%	-2.41%	-0.33%	1.35%	2.18%			

Annualized performance since inception of the Fund (9/30/16) was 3.02% for RCRIX and 2.68% for RCRFX.

The performance quoted herein is net of all fees and expenses and represents past performance. Past performance does not guarantee future results. Performance shown for periods of one year or greater are annualized. The investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost, and current performance may be higher or lower than the performance quoted. For performance data current to the most recent month end, please call 888.564.4517.

The performance data quoted for periods prior to September 30, 2016 is that of the predecessor fund. The inception date of the Predecessor Fund was May 31, 2010. The performance of the Predecessor Fund includes the deduction of actual fees and expenses, which were higher than the fees and expenses charged to the Fund. Although the Fund is managed in a materially equivalent manner to its predecessor, the Predecessor Fund was not a registered mutual fund and was not subject to the same investment and tax restrictions as the Fund.

Expense Ratio: Institutional: 0.99% gross and 0.85% net, Retail: 1.34% gross and 1.25% net as of the most recent prospectus, dated January 26, 2024.

The Adviser has agreed to waive fees and reimburse expenses until at least January 31, 2025 to the extent necessary to assure that expenses will not exceed certain pre-agreed limits. The Adviser has the ability, subject to annual approval by the Board of Trustees, to recapture all or a portion of such waivers. The Gross Expense Ratio reflects actual expenses, and the Net Expense Ratio reflects the impact of such waivers or recaptures, if any.

Index returns are for illustrative purposes only and do not represent fund performance. Index performance returns do not reflect any management fees, transaction costs, or expenses. Indexes are unmanaged and one cannot invest directly in an Index.



# Year End 2024 Commentary – Attractive Coupons & Defensive Assets

Against an uncertain economic outlook, our defensive portfolio construction (both in terms of asset quality and capital structure) generated a 10.01% return, with a current gross annual coupon of 6.4% and a weighted average credit rating of Single A ("A")<sup>1</sup>. The portfolio, currently comprised of 95% floating rate assets, is well-positioned should interest rates rise or fall.

During the course of 2024, we increased the weighted average credit rating of the portfolio from BBB to A. Our portfolio loan-to-value ratio (our loans plus any senior debt divided by the estimated value of the underlying properties) is estimated at 40%. Further, we have constructed a durable and diverse portfolio that is thriving in the post-pandemic world, with occupancy levels of ~94% and long-term leases. Our roster of borrower/sponsors is comprised of many of the most successful investors in commercial real estate, including Blackstone, Brookfield, Centerbridge and Apollo. We continue to be invested only in securities backed by industrial assets (such as warehouses and distribution centers), apartment buildings (referred to as multifamily), and one AAA-rated luxury retail shopping center. We have no exposure to more volatile office or hotel assets and, as a result, we expect headwinds in the overall property market, concentrated in those sectors, to have little to no impact on our portfolio.

On the macro front, we see positive technical factors for CMBS in the year ahead with favorable supply/demand characteristics. Substantially all (95%) of our assets are floating-rate and the index now used for all of our loans (one-month SOFR) is currently 4.3%. All of our loans are performing and generating robust cash flows.

In terms of results, during 2024, the Fund returned 10.01%, outperforming the Bloomberg U.S. Investment-Grade CMBS Index whose return was 4.96%, and is currently valued at 99.8% of par (face) value.

In summary, we feel that the Fund had a great 2024 and is very well positioned for the year ahead.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Ratings for each security in the portfolio are sourced from Bloomberg and are based on the highest assigned rating of any of Moody's, S&P, Fitch, Kroll Bond Rating Agency and DBRS Morningstar.



#### **Portfolio Composition and Characteristics**

The greatest strengths of our portfolio are asset and sponsor quality. The Fund is comprised of three asset types in 23 investments: industrial, multi-family and one luxury shopping center. At year-end, our portfolio was secured by over 2,500 properties comprising over 600 million square feet across the United States. We feel that our portfolio has never been positioned more defensively and should deliver steady, floating rate returns at an attractive spread to SOFR for years to come.

These asset classes are discussed below with a detailed asset summary on the following page.

<u>Industrial Assets (80% of the portfolio in 17 investments)</u>. Industrial assets typically represent the backbone of distribution for retail and commercial goods in the US. The Fund's industrial assets are comprised of large and diversified portfolios of "last mile" warehouse and distribution properties used by such companies as Amazon and Wal-Mart. For example, at issuance, our Blackstone XL2 warehouse portfolio consisted of 121 properties totaling 17 million square feet in 10 states. Within industrial, we also include cold storage, self-storage and data storage assets.

<u>Multi-Family Apartments (17% of the portfolio in five investments)</u>. Our multi-family apartment assets are comprised of portfolios of typically ten or more complexes, typically with 100 or more units per complex, including both high-rise and garden style apartments.

<u>High-End Retail Shopping Mall (3% of the portfolio in one investment).</u> As mentioned above, this quarter we acquired AAA bonds secured by the Fashion Show Mall located on the Las Vegas Strip. The 1.7 million square foot mall is 99% occupied with annual sales of nearly \$750 million, one of the top malls in the U.S. in terms of size and sales per square foot.

The properties securing the Fund's CMBS investments are owned by many of the country's leading institutional real estate investors such as Apollo, Ares, Blackstone, Brookfield, Centerbridge and Industrial Logistics Properties Trust; our investments benefit not only from their experience but also from their deep pockets and significant equity investments in each transaction.



# **Fund Investments**

	<b>Property Type</b>	Sponsor	Ticker	Location	Ratings <sup>1</sup>	Percent of Net Assets <sup>2</sup>
1	Industrial/Distribution	Blackstone	2021-XL2 F	Nationwide	BB-	6%
2	Industrial/Distribution	Ares	2024-IND B	Nationwide	AA	6%
3	Industrial/Distribution	Ares	2024-IND2 C	Nationwide	A	6%
4	Industrial/Distribution	Indus Logistics	2022-LPF2 C	Nationwide	A-	6%
5	Industrial/Distribution	Blackstone	2024-CNYN A	Nationwide	AAA	5%
6	Apartment Portfolio	Blackstone	2021-RISE A	Nationwide	AAA	5%
7	Industrial/Distribution	Blackstone	2024-MDHS A	Nationwide	AAA	5%
8	Industrial/Self Storage	Centerbridge	2021-STOR F	Nationwide	BB-	5%
9	Industrial/Distribution	Blackstone	2022-IND E	Nationwide	BB-	4%
10	Industrial/Distribution	Blackstone	2021-CIP D	Nationwide	BBB	4%
11	Apartment Portfolio	Apollo	2021-MHC D	Nationwide	BBB	4%
12	Apartment Portfolio	Brookfield	2021-MHC2 B	Nationwide	AA	4%
13	Apartment Portfolio	Horizon	2021-MHC E	Nationwide	BB	4%
14	Industrial/Distribution	Blackstone	2021-SOAR C/E	Nationwide	A/BBB	4%
15	Industrial/Distribution	Blackstone	2021-ACNT A	Nationwide	AAA	4%
16	Industrial/Distribution	Blackstone	2022-PSB A	Nationwide	AAA	3%
17	Retail	Brookfield	2024-SHOW A	Las Vegas	AAA	3%
18	Industrial/Distribution	Brookfield	2024-IND2 A	Nationwide	AAA	3%
19	Industrial/Self Storage	NexPoint	2024-STOR C	Nationwide	A	2%
20	Apartment Portfolio	Blackstone	2021-MFM1 E	Nationwide	BB-	2%
21	Industrial/Distribution	Oxford/OMERS	2021-PORT F	Nationwide	BB	2%
22	Industrial/Data Center	Blackstone	2021-VOLT F	Nationwide	BBB	2%
23	Industrial/Distribution	Blackstone	2021-VINO A	Nationwide	AAA	1%

Holdings are as of 12/31/2024 and are subject to change.

 $<sup>^1</sup>$  Ratings are sourced from Bloomberg and based on the highest assigned rating of any of Moody's, S&P, Fitch, Kroll Bond Rating Agency and DBRS Morningstar.

 $<sup>^2</sup>$  Excludes Cash so total may not sum to 100%.



## **Conclusion and Looking Ahead**

The world is adapting to living with "higher for longer" interest rates that may abate somewhat in 2025 based on current revised estimates. Regardless, we have built a defensive portfolio constructed with floating-rate and highly collateralized assets that are thriving in this environment. We believe that this kind of portfolio should experience lower volatility and generate, as the Fund has done historically, steady and predictable monthly dividends. We are excited for the year ahead and the Fund's prospects. As a reminder, management of the Fund continues to be a major investor in the strategy.

Please reach out with any questions.

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