

Hartford Floating Rate Fund

Tickers A: HFLAX C: HFLCX F: HFLFX I: HFLIX R3: HFLRX R4: HFLSX R5: HFLTX Y: HFLYX

Morningstar® Category Bank Loan

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Lipper Peer Group Loan Participation

Market Overview

Global fixed-income markets generated strong positive total returns during the third quarter, as measured by the Bloomberg Global Aggregate Bond Index hedged to US dollars (USD). Sovereign yields declined sharply as inflation further moderated across most developed-market economies and central-bank policies generally trended toward providing more accommodation. Spread sectors outperformed government bonds as spreads compressed. Most currencies gained vs. the USD. In this environment, bank loans, as represented by the Morningstar LSTA US Leveraged Loan Index, returned 2.09%.

Performance Summary

- Hartford Floating Rate Fund (I Share) underperformed the Morningstar LSTA US Leveraged Loan Index during the quarter.
- Sector allocation had a positive effect on benchmark-relative performance over the period. An overweight to the wirelines sector and an underweight to transportation contributed to benchmark-relative performance over the period while an overweight to energy sector and an underweight to healthcare detracted.
- Security selection detracted from benchmark-relative performance over the period. Positive security selection in the transportation and food and beverage sectors contributed to relative returns while weaker selection within the consumer cyclical services and wireless sectors detracted.
- The fund's out-of-benchmark allocation to high-yield credit had a negative impact on relative performance.
- Quality positioning had a negligible impact on relative performance during the period.

Positioning & Outlook

- From a high level, bank-loan issuer earnings remain relatively strong, although the market is somewhat bifurcated as lower quality companies continue to be pressured by higher interest costs. However, we expect lower rates to decrease the debt-servicing costs for floating rate borrowers.
- We prefer companies with stable to improving credit profiles that are not overly exposed to the consumer. Bank-loan mutual fund flows have remained positive in 2024. Additionally, stable collateral loan obligation (CLO) formation and lighter new issuance has provided support. However, bank loans may experience outflows as the Federal Reserve continues to cut interest rates. Bank-loan defaults have trended lower in 2024, but when distressed exchanges are considered, the rate has increased throughout the year. While we expect default rates to modestly increase over the next 12 months, we don't see a full-scale default cycle on the horizon given the increased likelihood of lower debt servicing costs.
- Despite this, we're anticipating an increase in downgrade activity in the lower quality parts of the market given weakening fundamentals. Because of their senior secured position in corporate capital structures, loans have historically provided higher recovery rates in the event of default than unsecured high-yield bonds. We believe greater issuer dispersions in the bank-loan market may present opportunities for skilled credit selection to potentially drive enhanced returns.

Portfolio Managers from Wellington Management

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The portfolio managers are supported by the full resources of Wellington.

Top Ten Holdings (%)

SPDR Blackstone Senior Loan ETF	3.05
Asurion LLC	1.68
Caesars Entertainment, Inc.	1.37
MH Sub I LLC	1.34
First Brands Group LLC	1.29
Acrisure LLC	1.25
McAfee LLC	1.24
Peraton Corp.	1.09
ABG Intermediate Holdings 2 LLC	1.05
Invesco Senior Loan ETF	1.04
Percentage Of Portfolio	14.40

Holdings and characteristics are subject to change. Percentages may be rounded.

Class	Performance (%)		Average Annual Total Returns				Expenses ¹		
	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	SI	Gross	Net
A	1.88	5.52	8.24	4.22	3.88	3.61	3.84	1.06%	1.04%
A with 3% Max Sales Charge	—	—	4.99	3.17	3.24	3.30	3.67	—	—
F	1.84	5.77	8.58	4.54	4.18	3.94	4.12	0.71%	0.71%
I	1.94	5.72	8.55	4.46	4.14	3.89	4.09	0.78%	0.78%
R3	1.82	5.33	7.97	3.92	3.62	3.35	3.62	1.39%	1.29%
R4	1.88	5.52	8.25	4.18	3.89	3.61	3.84	1.12%	1.04%
R5	1.94	5.68	8.47	4.44	4.12	3.87	4.08	0.82%	0.82%
Y	1.81	5.71	8.52	4.44	4.14	3.90	4.14	0.80%	0.79%
Morningstar LSTA US Leveraged Loan Index	2.09	6.59	9.62	6.47	5.74	4.86	—	—	—
Morningstar Category	2.03	6.12	9.29	5.21	4.51	3.82	—	—	—
Lipper Peer Group	1.99	6.01	8.99	5.14	4.39	3.79	—	—	—

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Performance data quoted represents past performance and does not guarantee future results. 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. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted. For more current performance information to the most recent month ended, please visit hartfordfunds.com.

Share Class Inception: A, Y - 4/29/05; F - 2/28/17; I - 8/31/06; R3, R4, R5 - 12/22/06. Performance shown prior to the inception of a class reflects performance and operating expenses of another class(es) (excluding sales charges, if applicable). Had fees and expenses of a class been reflected for the periods prior to the inception of that class, performance would be different. Since inception (SI) performance is from 4/29/05. Performance and expenses for other share classes will vary. Additional information is in the prospectus. Only Class A assesses a sales charge.

Morningstar LSTA US Leveraged Loan Index is a market-value-weighted index that is designed to measure the performance of the US leveraged loan market based upon market weightings, spreads and interest payments. Indices are unmanaged and not available for direct investment.

¹Expenses as shown in the Fund's most recent prospectus. Gross expenses do not reflect contractual expense reimbursement arrangements, if any. Net expenses reflect such arrangements in instances when they reduce gross expenses. These arrangements remain in effect until at least 2/28/25. Without these arrangements, performance would have been lower.

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The Fund should not be considered an alternative to CDs or money market funds. This Fund is intended for investors who are looking to complement their traditional fixed-income investments.

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