



(BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COMPANIES)

AND CLOSED-END FUNDS

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What is a Closed-End Fund (CEF) / Business Development Company (BDC) ?

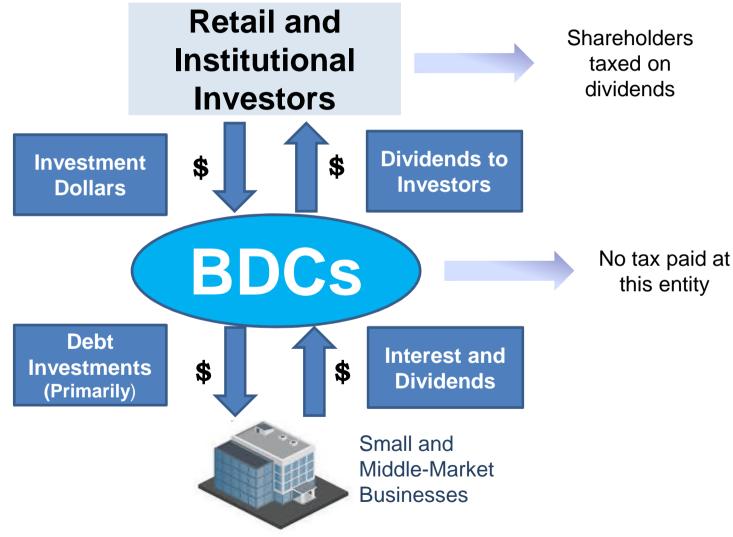
- 1940 Act Investment Company with Fixed-Capital,
 Active Management, and Daily Liquidity
- CEFs have traded on The NYSE since 1893
- Tax-advantaged and earnings are passed through to investors in the form of distributions
- CEFs can have debt leverage up to 33% net assets & preferred equity leverage up to 50% net assets.
- o BDCs Limited to 200%/150% asset coverage (total assets / total debt) excluding SBIC. (moving to 150% after SBCAA signed into law 3/23/18)
- Higher fee structure w/ carry

CLOSED-END FUND

- The CEF structure is not an asset class but an investment vehicle includes non listed funds like tender offer & interval funds (iCEFs).
- o BDCs were created by Congress in 1980 to provide an opportunity for individual non-accredited investors to participate in private investments
- o BDCs are closed-end funds that provide small, growing companies access to capital
- o BDCs are Domestically focused; required to offer portfolio companies 'managerial assistance'.



BDCs Provide Access to Private Debt Investments





Broad Investable Universe

Assets of Closed-End Funds/BDCs*

by type, as of June 30, 2018

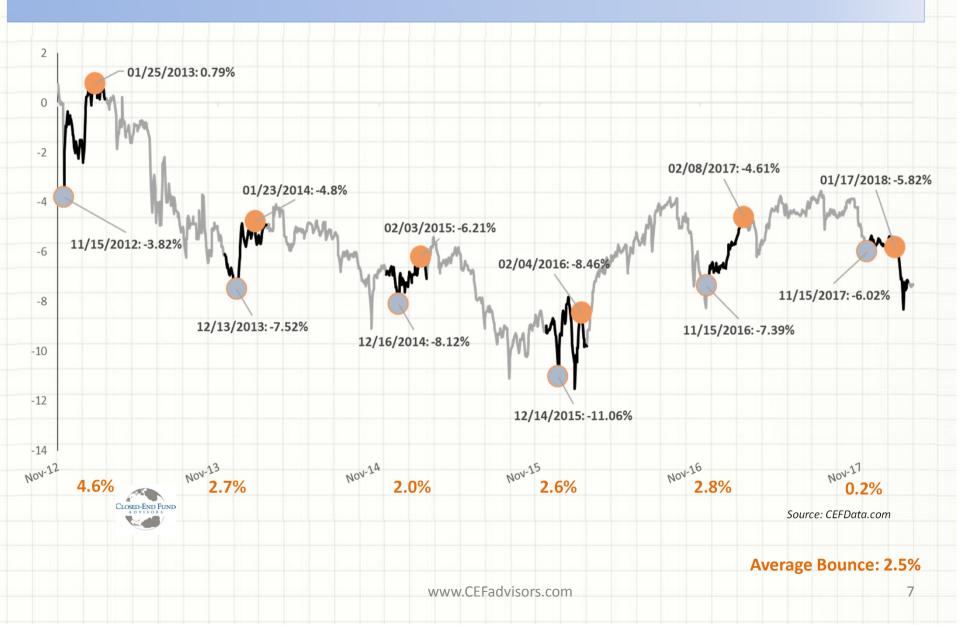
	# of Funds	Total Net Assets	Premium / Discount	Market Yield	Beta	Duration	Leverage	Non Lev Expense Ratio	Average Net Assets
Equity Funds	204	\$110,478	-4.98%	7.62%	0.72		15.67%	1.47	\$542
Taxable Bond	147	\$64,664	-4.38%	7.54%	0.17	3.9	26.12%	1.41	\$440
Municipal Bond	168	\$64,475	-8.39%	4.75%	-0.01	8.8	33.29%	1.00	\$384
BDCs	51	\$35,900	-12.38%	8.80%	0.53		39.03%	6.14	\$704
Total CEFs	570	\$275,517	-6.49%	6.86%	0.35	6.6	25.64%	1.73	\$483
National Muni Bond	89	\$46,442	-7.10%	5.06%	-0.01	8.3	32.17%	0.93	\$522
Debt Focused BDC	46	\$35,189	-9.96%	9.62%	0.54		41.06%	6.18	\$765
Covered Call	29	\$20,136	-0.83%	8.09%	0.74		3.52%	1.14	\$694
US Stock	29	\$20,642	-6.67%	6.95%	0.83		11.66%	1.56	\$712
MLP Funds	27	\$12,544	-3.69%	10.11%	1.08		30.67%	1.88	\$465
High Yield Bond	33	\$12,244	-7.42%	7.40%	0.19	3.4	22.64%	1.21	\$371
World Stock	47	\$12,793	-8.49%	6.36%	0.68		8.24%	1.52	\$272
Senior Loan	28	\$12,781	-7.02%	6.40%	0.08	1.4	31.98%	1.67	\$456
Preferred Equity	16	\$10,320	-1.63%	7.39%	0.19	4.9	32.42%	1.22	\$645
REIT Funds	11	\$5,904	-9.03%	8.00%	0.50		22.75%	1.39	\$537
Convertible Bond	11	\$4,237	0.38%	8.76%	0.72	5.2	31.71%	1.46	\$385
Investment Grade Bond	12	\$3,818	-1.07%	6.03%	0.10	5.3	19.83%	0.91	\$318

in total CEF assets

average discount exploitable undervaluation

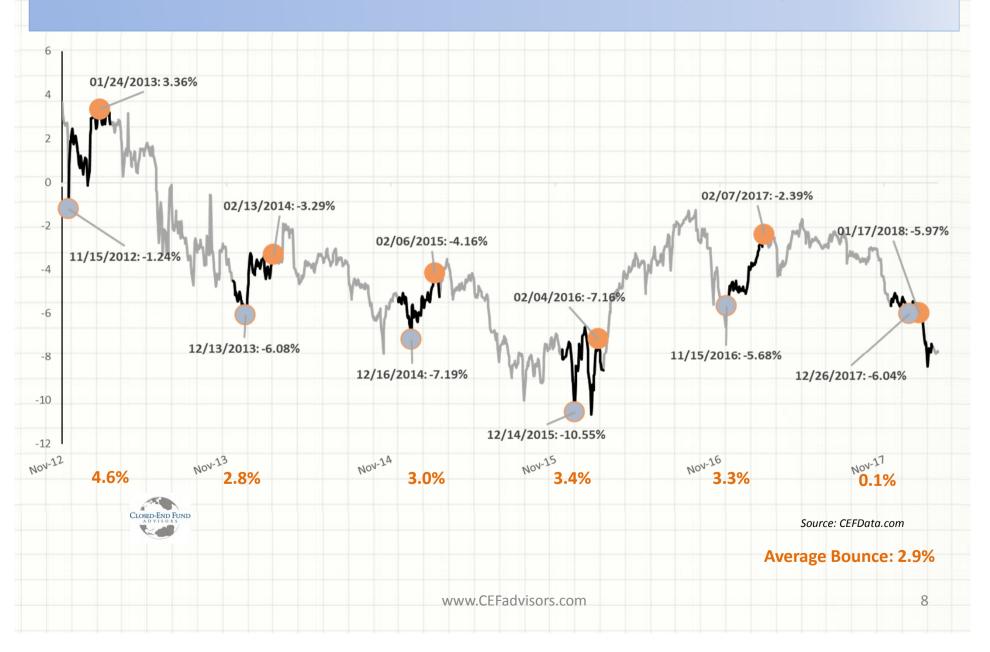
Discount Trends & Tax Loss Selling

12 Major Sectors CEFs (Nov – Feb)



Discount Trends & Tax Loss Selling

CEFs & BDCs with 1YR Price Return -5% or lower (Nov - Feb)





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Asset Class Annual Returns (NAV) 2008 - 2018

2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018 YTD	2008 - 2017
BDC	Senior Loan	MLP	Muni Bond	REIT	MLP	REIT	Preferred	MLP	World Stock	BDC	Preferred
-19.35%	69.91%	24.35%	9.73%	25.56%	28.71%	24.47%	6.37%	33.64%	25.80%	3.87%	8.13%
Investment Grade	World Stock	RЕП	MLP	Preferred	US Stock	Muni Bond	Muni Bond	HY Bond	US Stock	Convertible	REIT
-23.36%	54.35%	19.63%	4.14%	23.75%	25.62%	19.70%	5.53%	18.43%	19.79%	3.78%	6.61%
Muni Bond	HY Bond	World Stock	BDC	HY Bond	Convertible	Preferred	BDC	Senior Loan	Covered Call	Senior Loan	Senior Loan
-27.04%	52.35%	14.57%	-0.05%	20.49%	20.89%	17.57%	3.90%	14.91%	17.59%	2.77%	5.91%
Covered Call	Convertible	Preferred	Investment Grade	World Stock	Covered Call	US Stock	Covered Call	Convertible	Preferred	US Stock	HY Bond
-34.67	51.37%	13.01%	-0.21%	18.27%	16.31%	11.20%	1.35%	12.06%	14.19%	2.24%	5.86%
US Stock	MLP	Senior Loan	Preferred	Convertible	BDC	BDC	REIT	BDC	Convertible	MLP	US Stock
-39.26%	50.62%	7.40%	-2.15%	16.40%	13.36%	8.10%	0.95%	10.09%	12.57%	1.23	5.09%
Preferred	Preferred	HY Bond	Senior Loan	Muni Bond	HY Bond	Investment Grade	US Stock	Investment Grade	REIT	Covered Call	Muni Bond
-42.86%	42.35%	7.25%	-2.94%	15.38%	10.02%	7.73%	0.42%	8.74%	12.42%	1.02%	4.75%
HY Bond	REIT	Convertible	REIT	Investment Grade	Senior Loan	Covered Call	Investment Grade	Covered Call	Investment Grade	HY Bond	MLP
-47.59%	40.91%	5.91%	-5.08%	15.38%	8.49%	4.86%	-2.38%	8,67%	10,77%	0.54%	4.37%
MLP	Muni Bond	Investment Grade	US Stock	US Stock	REIT	MLP	Senior Loan	World Stock	BDC	REIT	Investment Grade
-53.03%	26.64%	5.78%	-6.53%	13.52%	3.65%	3.45%	-2.66%	8.45%	8.83%	-0.17%	4.30%
Senior Loan	Investment Grade	US Stock	HY Bond	BDC	World Stock	HY Bond	HY Bond	US Stock	HY Bond	Muni Bond	Convertible
-54.72%	22.04%	4.76%	-7.49%	13.13%	3.34%	1.59%	-4.99%	7.65%	8.50%	-0.32%	4.28%
Convertible	US Stock	вос	Covered Call	Senior Loan	Preferred	Senior Loan	World Stock	Preferred	Muni Bond	Preferred	World Stock
-55.22%	13.73%	2.87%	-8.92%	12.6%	2.15%	1.32%	-6.55%	6.89%	8.41%	-1.23%	3.85%
World Stock	Covered Call	Covered Call	Convertible	Covered Call	Investment Grade	Convertible	Convertible	RЕП	Senior Loan	Investment Grade	BDC
-57.57%	7.25%	-2.35%	-14.09%	9.47%	-1.5%	0.12%	-7.25%	6.84%	4.82%	-1.83%	3.58%
REIT	BDC	Muni Bond	World Stock	MLP	Muni Bond	World Stock	MLP	Muni Bond	MLP	World Stock	Covered Call
-63.22%	-5.10%	-4.08%	-21,93%	1.85%	-7.35%	-0.26%	-44.23%	0.61%	-5.77	-3.25%	1.96%

US Stock - CEFA's US Equity Index; REIT - CEFA's Global Real Estate, REIT & Real Asset Index; MLP - CEFA's Master Limited Partnership (MLP) Fund Index; BDC - CEFA's Debt-Focused Business Development Company (BDC) Index; High Yield Bond - CEFA's High Yield Bond Index; Preferred - CEFA's National Municipal Bond Index; Covered Call - CEFA's Govered Call - CEFA's Covered Call - Option Funds Index; Convertible - CEFA's Convertible Bond Index; Investment Grade - CEFA's Investment Grade Bond Index. Returns data are NAV total returns which include dividends and capital appreciation.

"2007 - 2017" column shows yearly average for each sector. You cannot invest directly in an index Past performance is not an indication of future results. Data for all indexes is sourced from CEFDATA.COM, as of 6/30/2018. Performance prior to 2015 was determined using index constituents as of 12/31/2014.

Discounts / Premiums

- CEFs and BDCs are often known for their 'infamous' discounts. The discount is the feature built into the "closed-ended structure' that makes them unique & potentially lucrative.
- We believe that many CEFs historically trade at discounts because they can, and you have to price this into the value of the fund. BDCs often trade above NAV in normal markets because they are a unique way to own access to the sector.







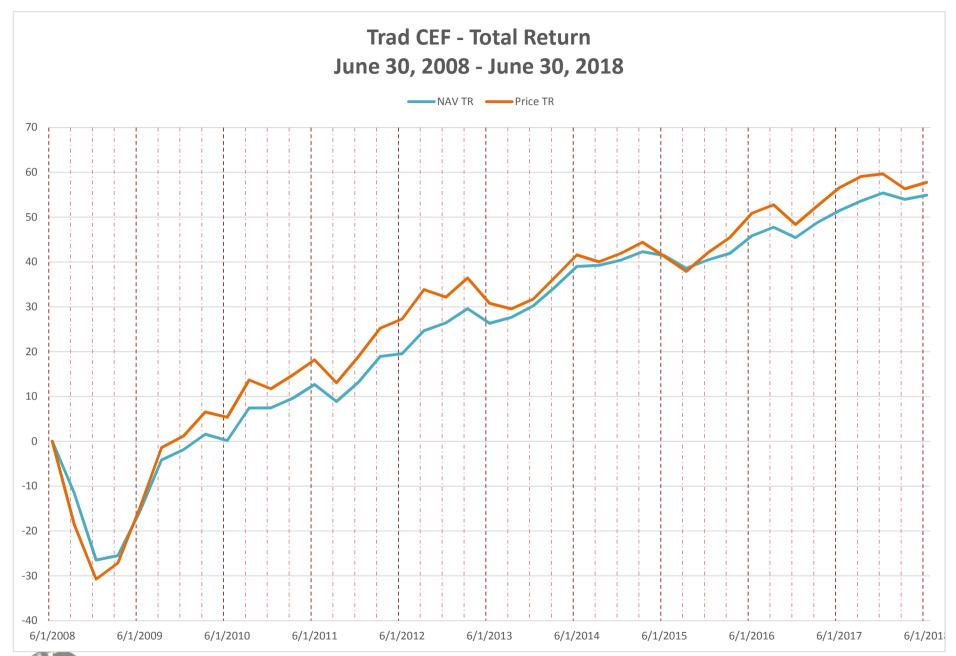
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Closed-End Fund Discount / Premium 2008 - 2018

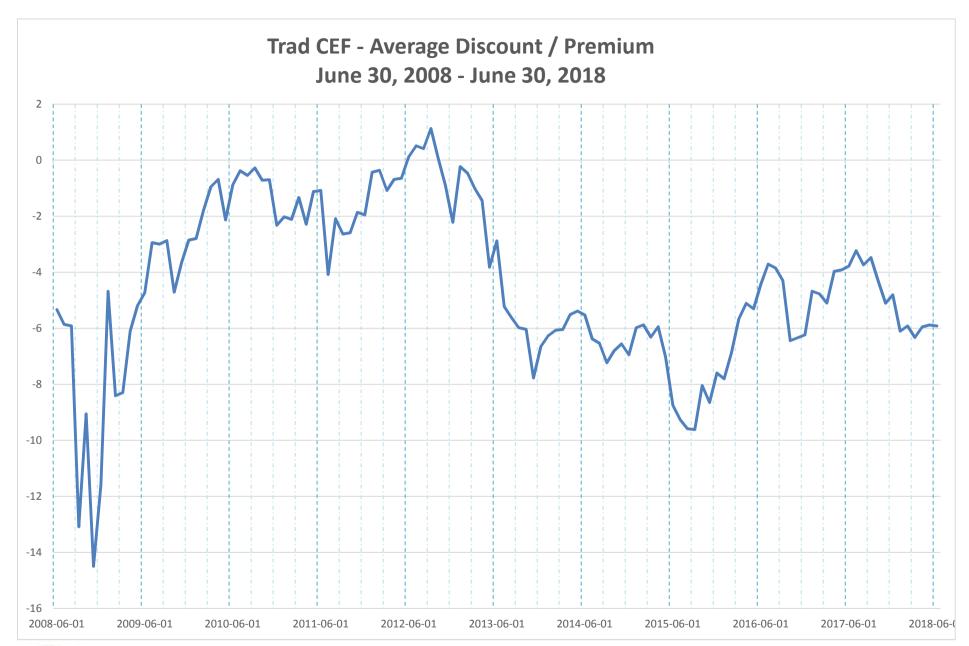
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MLP	MLP	MLP	HY Bond	HY Bond	BDC	BDC	MLP	Preferred	Preferred	MLP	MLP
-4.22%	10.99%	7.93%	4.81%	8.27%	8.03%	1.69%	-6.10%	-0.77%	0.03%	-2.01%	0.60%
REIT	Investment Grade	HY Bond	MLP	MLP	MLP	Convertible	Muni Bond	Muni Bond	Investment Grade	Investment Grade	HY Bond
-4.29%	0.49%	2.99%	3.36%	4.82%	1.95%	-3.17%	-6.44%	-1.88%		-2.18%	-1.99%
Investment Grade	HY Bond	Muni Bond	Investment Grade	Investment Grade	Senior Loan	HY Bond	Investment Grade	Investment Grade	MLP	Covered Call	Investment Grade
-5.75%	-2.97%	0.57%	0.14%	4.32%	-0.12%	-3.48%	-6.81%	-3.74%	-3.11%	-2.40%	-2.11%
Muni Bond	Muni Bond	Investment Grade	Muni Bond	Preferred	HY Bond	MLP	Preferred	HY Bond	Muni Bond	Convertible	Muni Bond
-6.20%	-3.31%	0.23%	-0.53%	2.87%	-0.63%	-4.54%	-6.89%	-4.84%	-3.32%	-2,59%	-2.92%
Preferred	Preferred	Senior Loan	Senior Loan	Muni Bond	Investment Grade	Investment Grade	Convertible	MLP	Convertible -4.00%	Preferred	Preferred
-8.28%	-4.24%	-0.02%	-1.27%	1.99%	-2.92%	-4.93%	-7.98%	-5.05%		-3.09%	-3.20%
Convertible	World Stock	Covered Call	Preferred	BDC	Muni Bond	Muni Bond	BDC	Covered Call	Covered Call	Senior Loan	Senior Loan
-8.66%	-5.31%	-1.97%	-1.61%	0.81%	-3.65%	-6.40%	-8.61%	-7.39%	-4.25%	-6.15%	-5.01%
World Stock	Convertible	Convertible	Convertible	Senior Loan	Preferred	Senior Loan	Covered Call	Senior Loan	Senior Loan	HY Bond	Convertible
-8.85%	-6.25%	-2.09%	-2.40%	-0.37%	-3.83%	-6.49%	-8.11%	-8.75%	-4,32%	-7.32%	-5.41%
US Stock	Covered Call	Preferred	BDC	Convertible	REIT	Covered Call	HY Bond	Convertible	BDC	US Stock	BDC
-8.86%	-7.30%	-2.55%	-2.92%	-3.25%	-5.65%	-6.62%	-8.41%	-10,08%	-4.48%	-7.35%	-6,98%
HY Bond	Senior Loan	вос	REIT	REIT	Convertible	Preferred	Senior Loan	BDC	HY Bond	Muni Bond	Covered Call
-10.47%	-8.43%	-3.37%	-4.48%	-5.20%	-6.22%	-6.73%	-8.70%	-10.98%	-5.19%	-7.80%	-7.15%
Covered Call	REIT	World Stock	World Stock	World Stock	Covered Call	World Stock	World Stock	US Stock	RЕП	World Stock	World Stock
-11.45%	-9.66%	-4.03%	-5.69%	-7.47%	-8.13%	-9.04%	-11.00%	-11.47%	-9.18%	-8.84%	-8.15%
Senior Loan	US Stock	US Stock	Covered Call	Covered Call	World Stock	US Stock	US Stock	REIT	US Stock	REIT	REIT
-11.64%	-10.56%	-7.34%	-7.41%	-8.83%	-8.15%	-9.63%	-11.00%	-11.62%	-9.44%	-8.65%	-8.20%
BDC	BDC	REIT	US Stock	US Stock	US Stock	REIT	REIT	World Stock	World Stock	BDC	US Stock
-18.23%	-31.78%	-9.10%	-8,27%	-9.66%	-9,32%	-10.63%	-12.21%	-12.44%	-9,50%	-11.50%	-9,56%

Historical Premium / Discount expressed as average value over each year. 2018 YTD Premium / Discount average value as of June 30, 2018, "2008 - 2017" column shows yearly average for each sector.

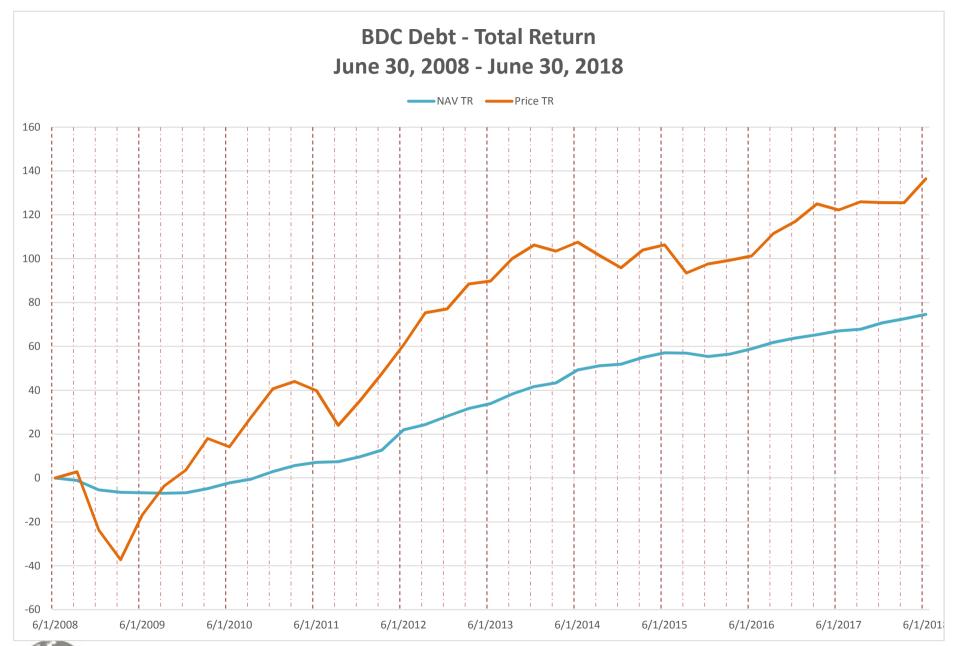
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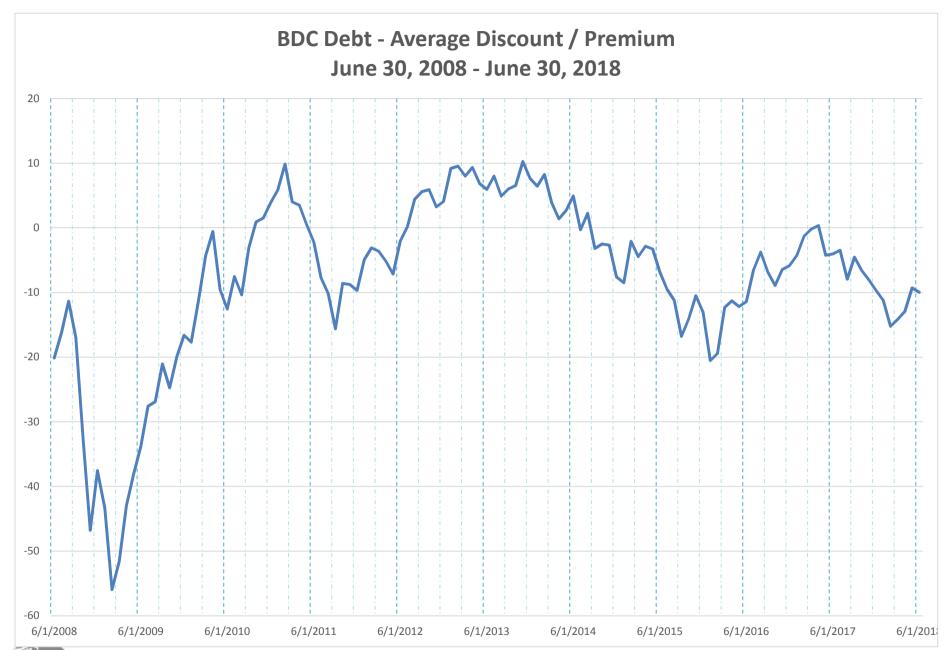




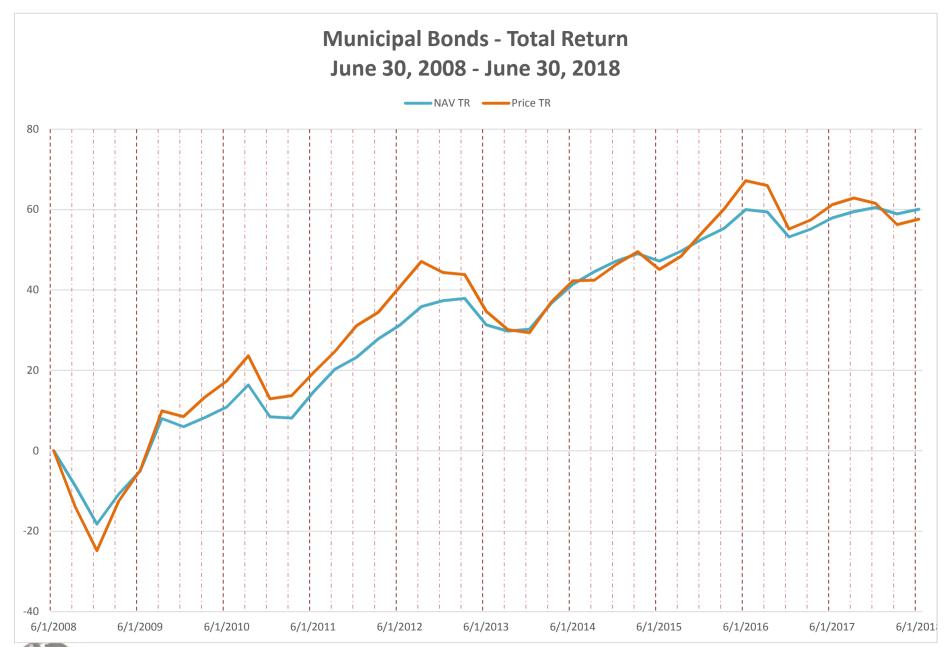




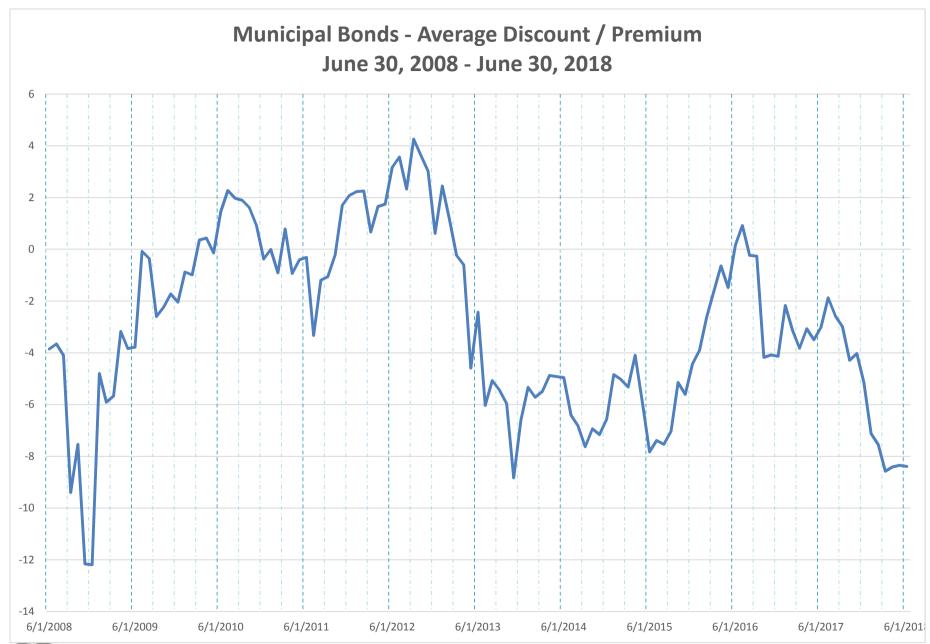




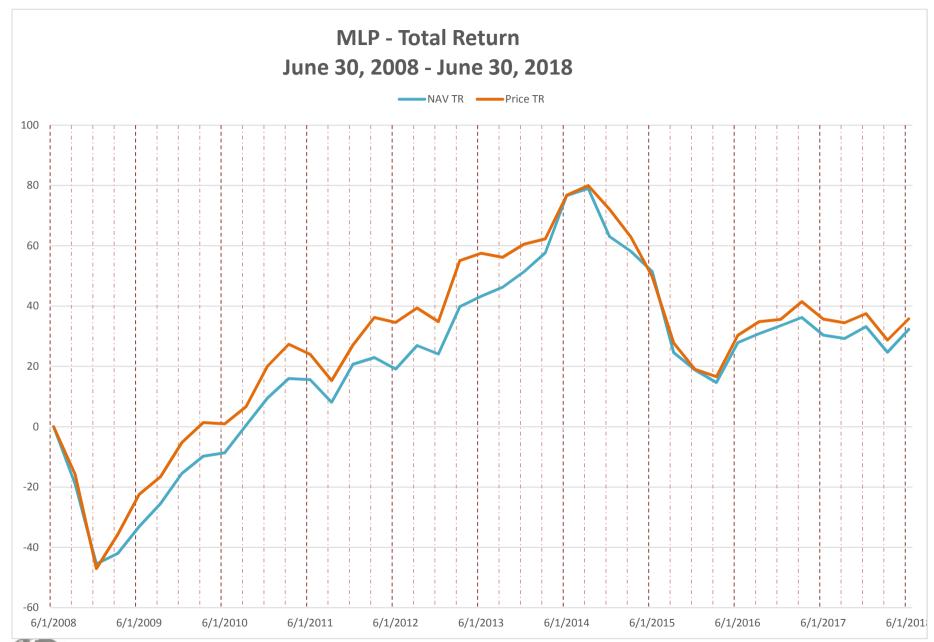




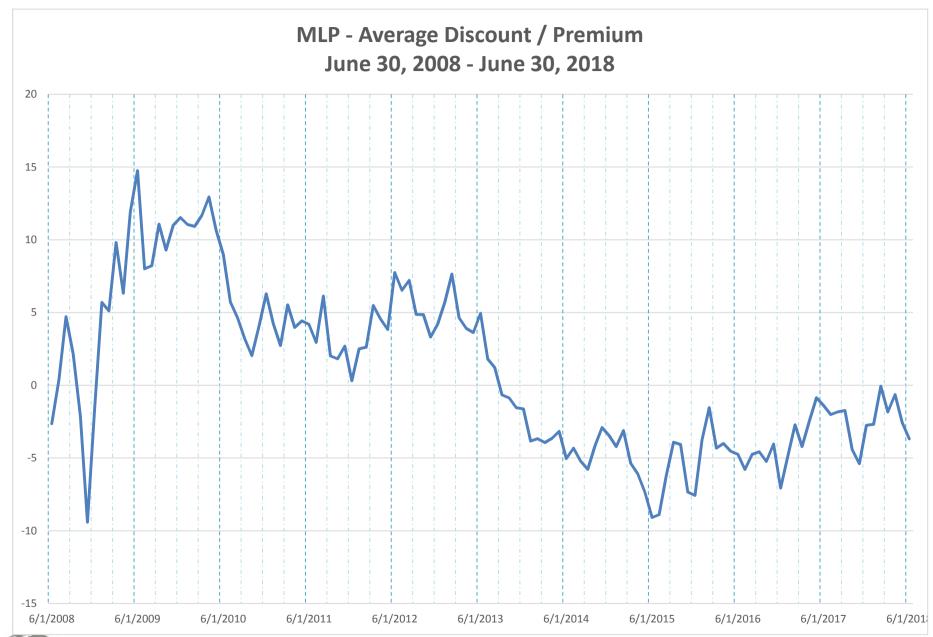
















Closed-End Fund Advisors Closed-End Funds - NAV Total Return Correlation (10 Year)

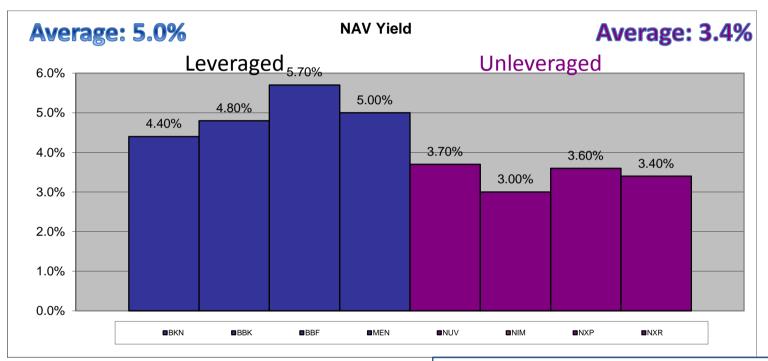
	MLP	BDC	Convertible	HY Bond	Muni Bond	Senior Loan	Preferred	World Stock	Cov Call	US Stock	REIT	Investment Grade
MLP	100%	44.2%	76.2%	74.9%	36.4%	68.9%	46.2%	62.5%	68.0%	67.8%	54.6%	58.6%
BDC	44.2%	100%	39.1%	38.1%	7.3%	35.3%	14.4%	30.3%	36.1%	38.9%	31.5%	22.3%
Convertible	76.2%	39.1%	100%	95.8%	49.1%	90.2%	73.6%	93.7%	91.4%	93.2%	82,9%	84.2%
HY Bond	74.9%	38.1%	95.8%	100%	55.5%	95.9%	75.2%	88.4%	82.0%	84.5%	85.2%	89.0%
Muni Bond	36.4%	7.3%	49.1%	55.5%	100%	57.2%	47.2%	40.9%	30.4%	31.4%	47.8%	55.2%
Senior Loan	68.9%	35.3%	90.2%	95.9%	57.2%	100%	64.9%	78.0%	72.3%	75.0%	77.8%	78,6%
Preferred	46.2%	14.4%	73.6%	75.2%	47.2%	64.9%	100%	80.6%	67.3%	72,8%	80.2%	94.6%
World Stock	62.5%	30.3%	93.7%	88.4%	40.9%	78.0%	80.6%	100%	92.9%	94.3%	82.4%	87.2%
Cov Call	68.0%	36.1%	91.4%	82,0%	30.4%	72.3%	67.3%	92.9%	100%	98.3%	81.6%	74.1%
US Stock	67.8%	38.9%	93.2%	84.5%	31.4%	75.0%	72.8%	94.3%	98.3%	100%	85.6%	78.7%
REIT	54.6%	31.5%	82.9%	85.2%	47.8%	77.8%	80.2%	82.4%	81.6%	85.6%	100%	86.7%
Investment Grade	58.6%	22,3%	84.2%	89.0%	55.2%	78.6%	94.6%	87.2%	74.1%	78.7%	86.7%	100%

Correlation of 3 Month NAV Total Return values between 6/30/2008 and 6/30/2018,

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Impact of Fund Leverage

Municipal (Tax-Free) Bond Funds



*Currently leverage is giving muni CEFs an average of 1.6% higher distribution yield

Credit Quality ranges from A $\,$ to AAA.

Source: CEFData.com, June 30, 2018

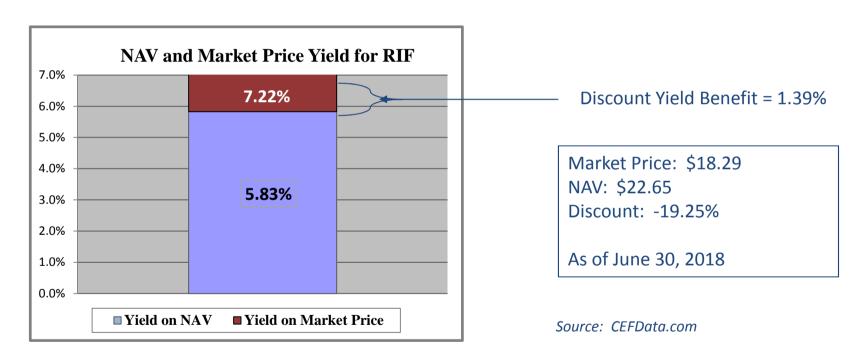
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Discount Yield Benefit

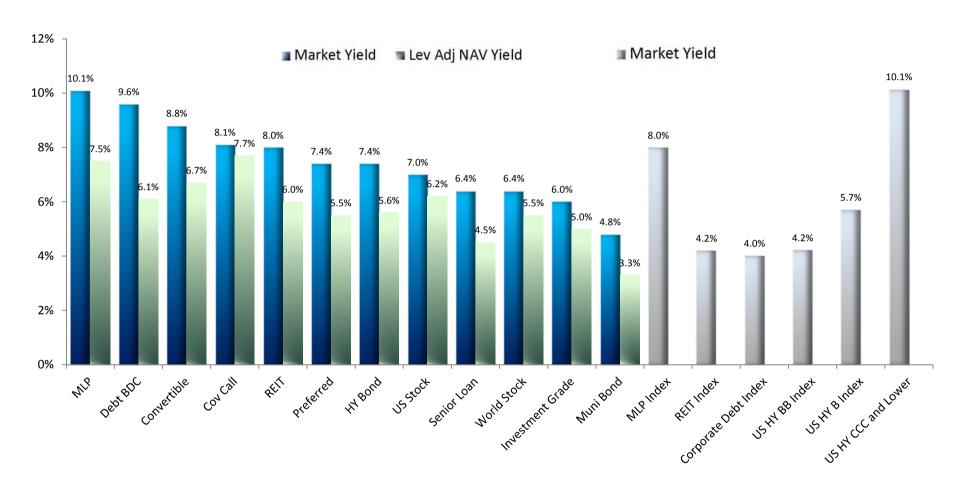
Advantage of Paying "90 cents for \$1.00 of Assets"

Example: RMR Rel-Est Incm Fd (NYSE: RIF)





CEF/BDC Yield Comparison

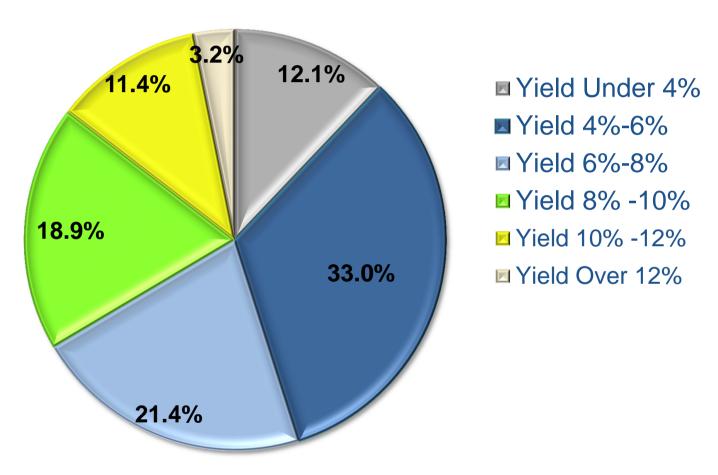


Data as of 6/30/2018.

MLP Index: Alerian MLP Index; REIT Index: Wilshire US REIT Index; Corporate Debt Index: S&P 500 Bond Index US High Yield Indices: BofA Merrill Lynch US High Yield (BB Rated, B Rated, CCC and Lower Rated)



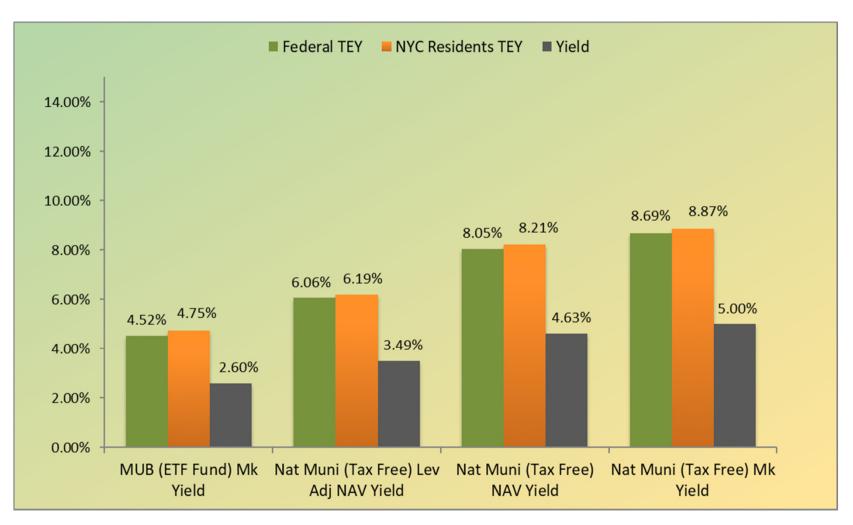
Closed-End Funds & BDCs: By Yield



Note: 570 CEFs; data as of 6/30/2018, cefdata.com



Tax Equivalent Yield Comparison Married Couple with W-2 Income of \$1MM+



Sources: CEFA's Universe Data as of 6/30/2018 and tax rates from IRS and NY State.

CEFA's 'Trifecta' Analysis

Suggested CEF/BDC Research Process

1. <u>Discount Direction:</u> CEFs/BDCs trade at prices in relation to their net asset value (NAV). NAVs are the 'anchor point' for market pricing. We seek generally funds where discounts can recover or are sustainable vs. potential to widen dramatically. Small premiums can be healthy for a BDC.

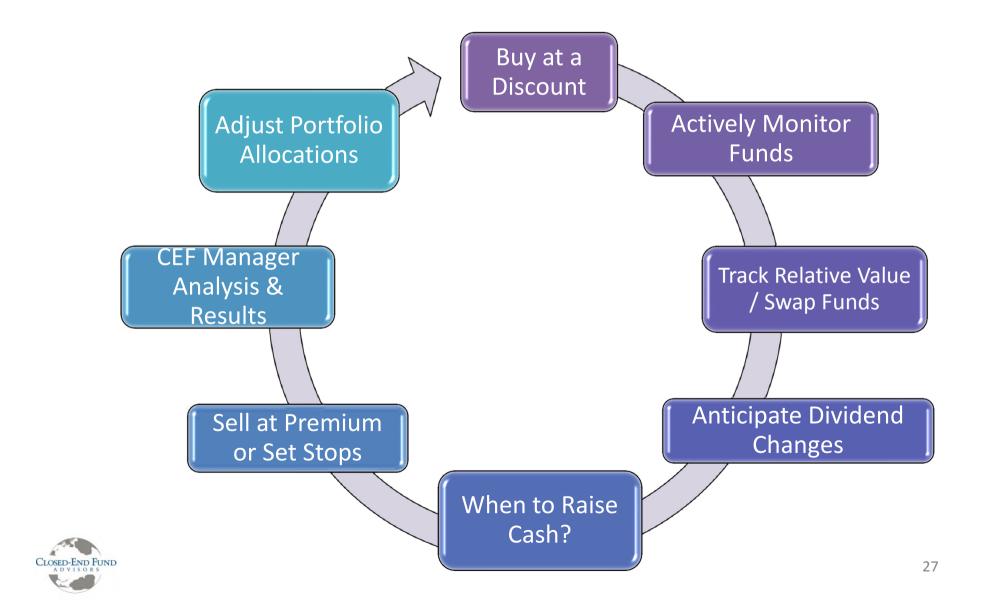


- 2. <u>Dividend Sustainability:</u> Research the reoccurring earnings/income produced by a bond CEF/BDC as well as trends in the sector and past policies of the Sponsor/ Board. NAV TR long-term should exceed the NAV Yield to make policy sustainable. Dividends are policies from the BoD are not promises like coupon payments on bonds or loans.
- **3.** <u>NAV Total Return:</u> Manager performance after costs is important as poor results often impact the price investors use as the 'anchor point' for Funds. This also helps confirm that management can produce investment returns after their cost. Example: BDC loan creation is not typically a cheap and easy task, but shareholders need to know that management costs are in check with their results. *Avg BDC NonLev Expense Ratio: 6.2%**

CEFA feels that getting any of these items wrong can negate good investment research



CEFA's Investment Philosophy



Types of Loans Held By BDCs

1. First Lien Loans: 54%

2. Second Lien Loans: 20%

3. Unsecured Loans: 8%

4. Equity/Other: 18%



➤ Avg Portfolio Turnover: 33.6%

> Avg Variable Loans: 77% / Fixed: 23%

Libor Floors: 44% at 1% Avg Level

> Avg Loan Size: \$9.6M

> 73% of Loans Under \$25MM

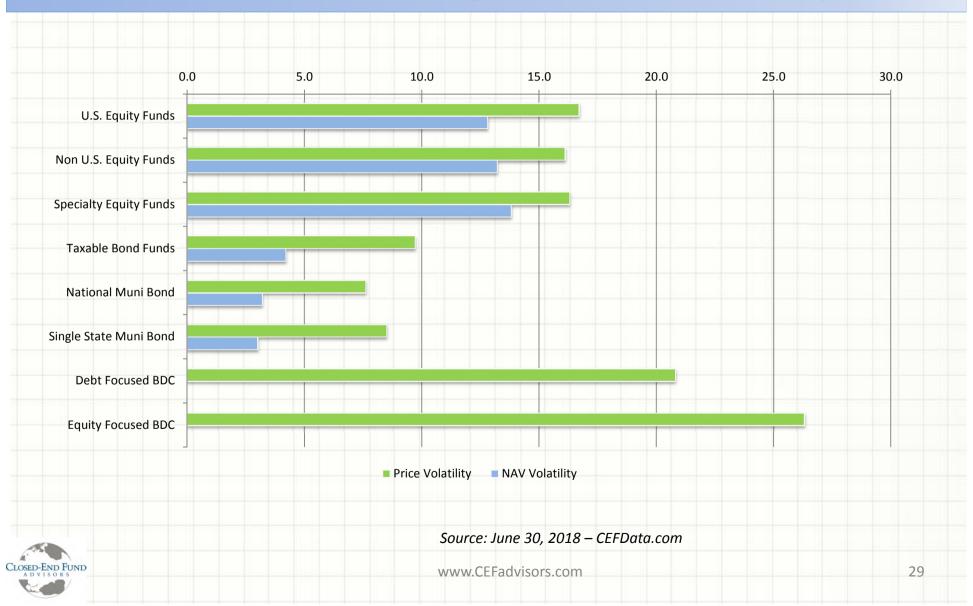
> Average Maturity 4.2 with a range of 2 Years to 6 years

> Avg No of Loans: 143 from 110 Companies

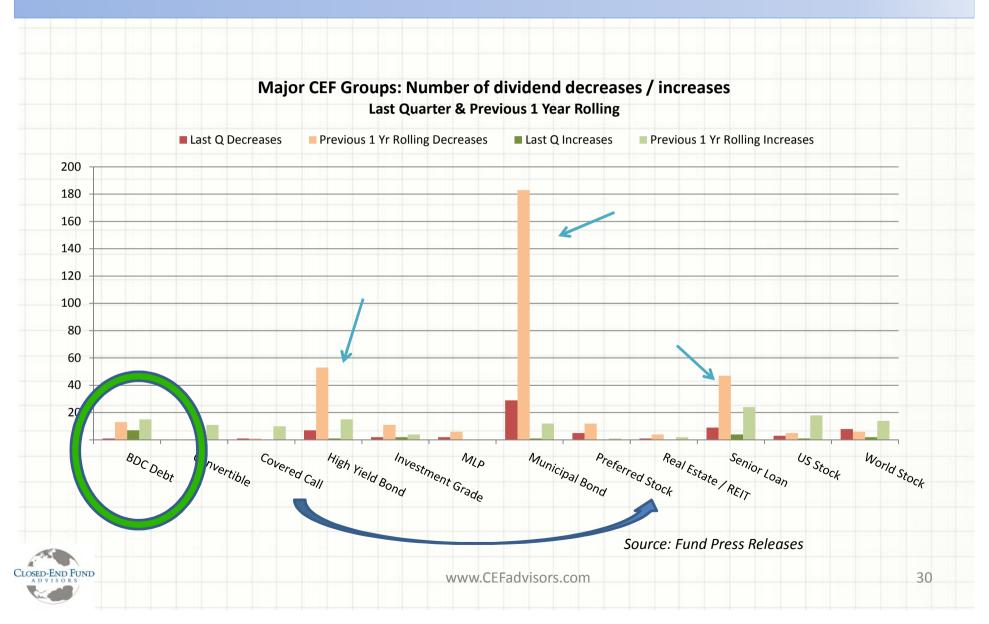


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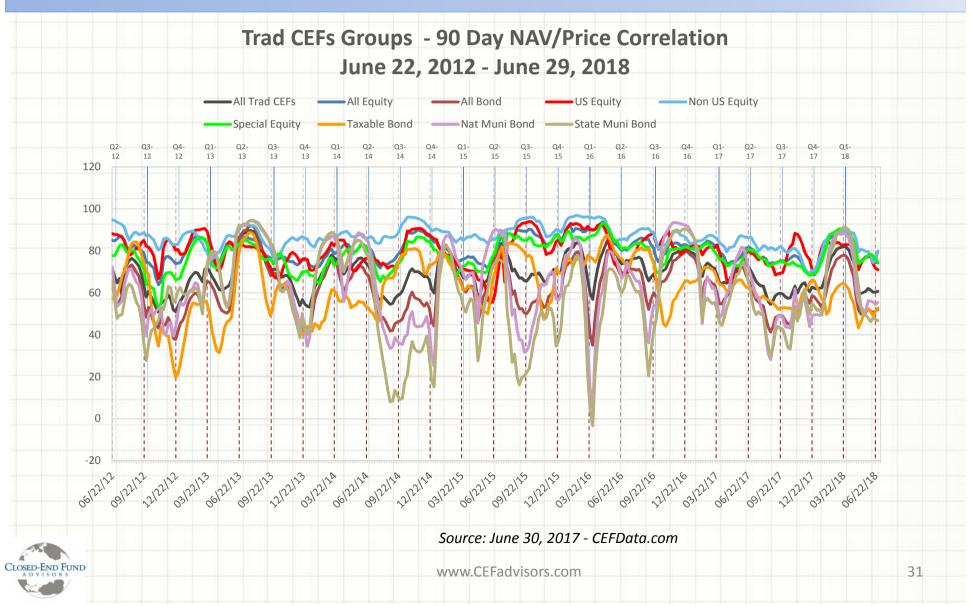
Closed-End Fund Market Price volatility vs. NAV volatility (1 Year)



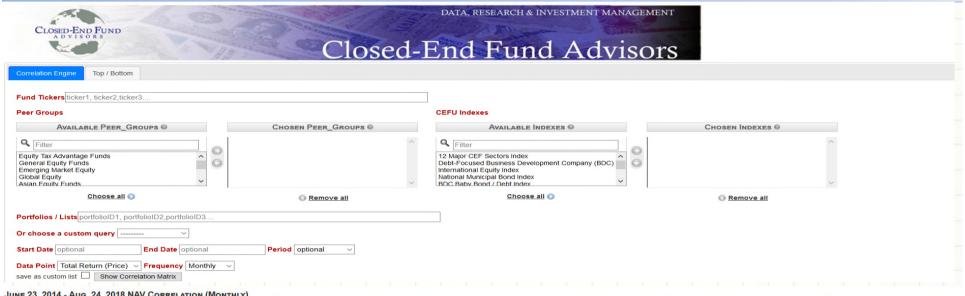
2Q 2018 Closed-End Fund Dividend Increases vs. Decreases



Traditional Closed-End Fund 90 Day NAV – Market Price Correlation



Inter Portfolio Correlation Analysis



JUNE 23, 2014 - Aug. 24, 2018 NAV CORRELATION (MONTHLY)

ф	ARCC	ASA	CSWC	ETJ	EXD	FEN	GBDC	GDL	GGZ	GLO	GRX	NHF	SAR	SOR	SPE	SUNS
ARCC	-	-0.05	0.24	-0.18	0.12	0.02	0.87	-0.00	-0.12	-0.17	0.01	-0.24	0.22	-0.27	-0.15	-0.01
ASA	-0.05	-	0.15	-0.13	0.09	0.38	-0.16	0.08	0.15	-0.08	0.16	0.06	-0.12	-0.02	0.18	0.13
CSWC	0.24	0.15	-	0.08	-0.16	0.28	0.16	0.16	0.17	0.12	0.25	0.19	0.05	0.22	0.17	0.48
ETJ	-0.18	-0.13	0.08		-0.32	0.52	-0.21	0.66	0.66	0.75	0.69	0.44	0.16	0.62	0.74	0.31
EXD	0.12	0.09	-0.16	-0.32	-	-0.21	0.18	-0.43	-0.43	-0.35	-0.30	-0.16	0.13	-0.58	-0.45	-0.32
FEN	0.02	0.38	0.28	0.52	-0.21	-	-0.13	0.49	0.38	0.38	0.55	0.52	-0.05	0.51	0.60	0.46
GBDC	0.87	-0.16	0.16	-0.21	0.18	-0.13	-	0.01	-0.11	-0.19	-0.04	-0.28	0.20	-0.30	-0.14	-0.28
GDL	-0.00	0.08	0,16	0.66	-0.43	0.49	0.01	-	0.70	0.60	0.61	0.25	-0.17	0.60	0.62	0.18
GGZ	-0.12	0.15	0.17	0.66	-0.43	0.38	-0.11	0.70	-	0.62	0.63	0.30	-0.17	0.60	0.76	0.31
GLO	-0.17	-0.08	0.12	0.75	-0.35	0.38	-0.19	0.60	0.62	-	0.65	0.46	0.01	0.70	0.72	0.34
GRX	0.01	0.16	0.25	0.69	-0.30	0.55	-0.04	0.61	0.63	0.65	-	0.28	-0.08	0.61	0.63	0.24
NHF	-0.24	0.06	0.19	0.44	-0.16	0.52	-0.28	0.25	0.30	0.46	0.28	-	0.06	0.51	0.59	0.45
SAR	0.22	-0.12	0.05	0.16	0.13	-0.05	0.20	-0.17	-0.17	0.01	-0.08	0.06	-	-0.13	-0.02	0.04
SOR	-0.27	-0.02	0.22	0.62	-0.58	0.51	-0.30	0.60	0.60	0.70	0.61	0.51	-0.13	-	0.69	0.37
SPE	-0.15	0.18	0.17	0.74	-0.45	0.60	-0.14	0.62	0.76	0.72	0.63	0.59	-0.02	0.69	-	0.34
SUNS	-0.01	0.13	0.48	0.31	-0.32	0.46	-0.28	0.18	0.31	0.34	0,24	0.45	0.04	0.37	0.34	-

Premiums: A 'Worst Case' Scenario

	AGD	AOD
6/18/10 – Monthly Dividend	\$0.11	\$0.12
6/18/10 – Premium	+38.5%	+31.5%
6/19/10 – Monthly Dividend	\$0.06 (-45%)	\$0.055 (-54%)
6/25/10 - Premium	+2.96%	- 4.25%
Relative Pricing Change	-35.5%	-35.8%





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CEF & BDC Historical IPOs (2Q 18)

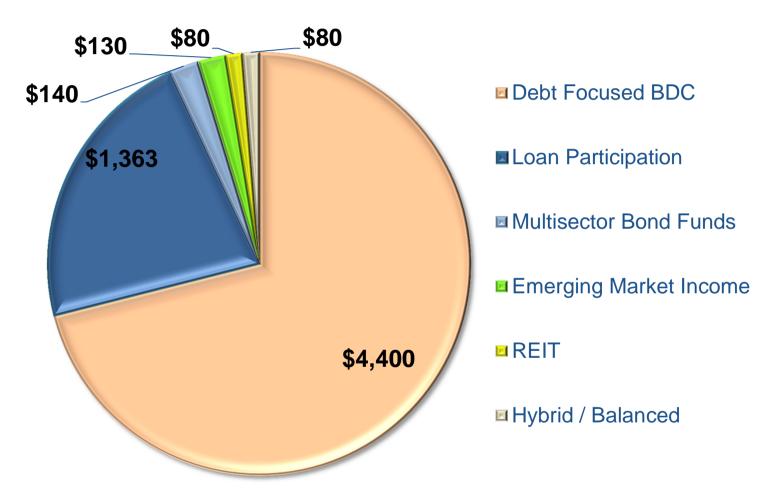
	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
Number of IPOs	1	13	8	9	15	29	28	26	22	14	3
Average Assets In \$ millions	\$80	\$646	\$225	\$272	\$511	\$511	\$442	\$258	\$371	\$192	\$134
Total New CEF IPO Assets in \$ Billions	\$.1B	\$8.4B	\$1.8B	\$2.4B	\$7.7B	\$14.8B	\$12.4B	\$6.7B	\$8.2B	\$2.7B	\$.4B

10 Year Average: 17 Funds per year, \$356MM Ave Fund, \$6.6 Billion Per Year



CEF&BDC IPOs: By Investment Focus

July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018

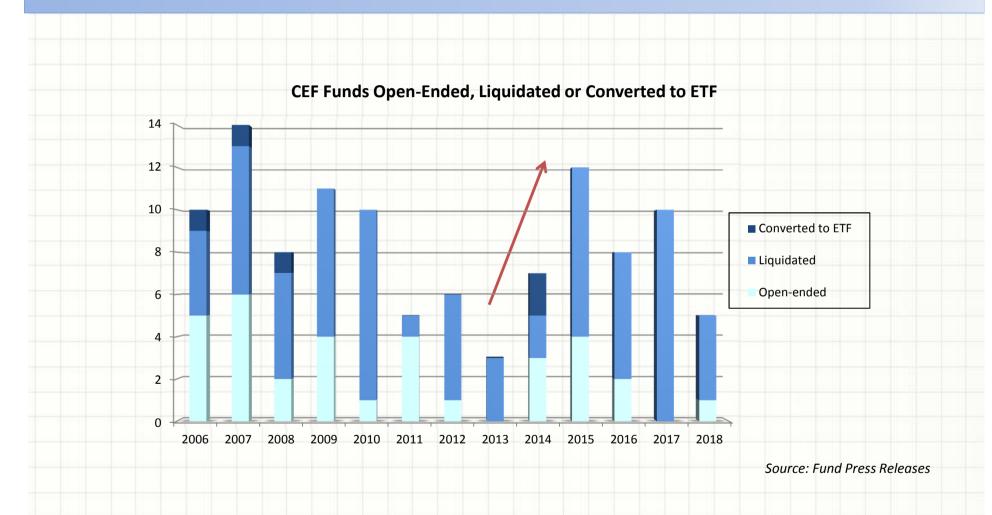


Note: Inception Assets in millions; data as of 6/30/2018, cefdata.com

Closed-End Fund Mergers



Closed-End Fund Deaths



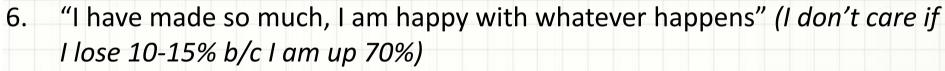
Causes: Open-ending, liquidation & conversion. (9 per year on average)



Common CEF Mistakes

(and non CEF-only mistakes)

- 1. Buying a CEF on the IPO
- 2. Only buying a CEF at a discount
- 3. Only buying a CEF because of yield
- Buying a selection of CEFs and holding them "forever" (not swapping funds over time)
- 5. "I have lost so much, I just want to get back to even"



- 7. Dividend Policies are the policies of the BoD not promises like bonds
- 8. Unknowingly buying a CEF at a high premium or high relative premium
- 9. Buy high correlating funds & think you are diversified b/c different sectors
- 10. Not balancing Beta, Duration and other risk factors
- 11. Not allocating funds properly (IRA vs. Trust) or taking your tax status into account when making investment decisions





Risks of CEF/BDC Investing

- 1. Poor Management, Credit Risk
- 2. Discount & Dividend Risk
- 3. Poor Fee / Shareholder Alignment
- 4. Quarterly NAV (BDC), subjective fair value estimates could take sudden and quick losses



- 5. Liquidity, Bid/Ask Spread Risk
- 6. Market Prices can be volatile, especially during earnings season, dividend changes, corporate actions or on 'headline risk' and 'risk off' trading.
- 7. Libor floors, variable leverage, spread widening,
- 8. Irrational trading behavior of retail shareholders



How Have CEFs/BDCs Faired in a Rising Rate Environment?



Group / Sector	# CEFs	Avg Total Return on Mkt Pr.	% Funds w/ Neg TR Perf	Avg Yield Change %	% CEFs with Dividend Changes					
Specialty Equity Funds	34	30.60%	11.8%	5.65%	79.4%					
Taxable Bond Funds	95	19.30%	4.2%	-2.06%	81.1%					
National Municipal Bond Funds	89	17.10%	2.3%	-18.91%	96.7%					
State Focused Muni Bond Funds	93	12.92%	12.4%	-15.70%	100%					
Debt Focused BDC Funds	5	31.94%	0.0%	4.42%	100%					
Average Traditional CEF	361	28.48%	6.4%	-2.50%	97.2%					
S&P 500 TR			42.33% T	R						
Barclays Global Agg. Bond Index	ex 16.96% TR									
Barclays Municipal Bond Index			13.26% T	% TR						

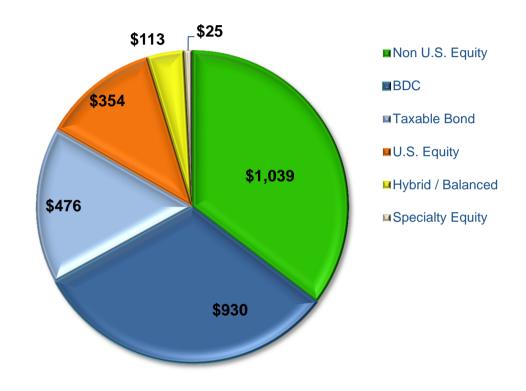
The time period for the tables in this article is March 1, 2004 through September 28, 2007. Avg. Yield change is expressed in percentage terms. If the yield went from 8% to 7% the calculation would be -12.5%, not -1%. Also, the column that shows the percentages of funds with dividend changes includes funds with increases, and is meant to help show which areas of the CEF universe are likely to have a higher number of funds that change their distribution policies over time..

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Activist Ownership (13D) by Investment Focus



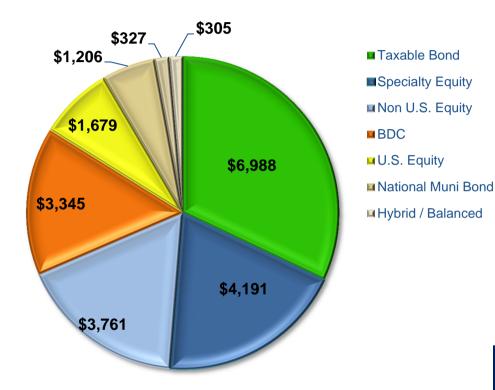
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CEF Activist Ownership	\$2,936
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Top 5 Peer Gro	ups
BDC Debt	\$980
Asian Equity	\$649
General Equity	\$354
US Government Bond	\$290
Global Equity	\$188



Activist & Follower Ownership (13D/13G) by Investment Focus



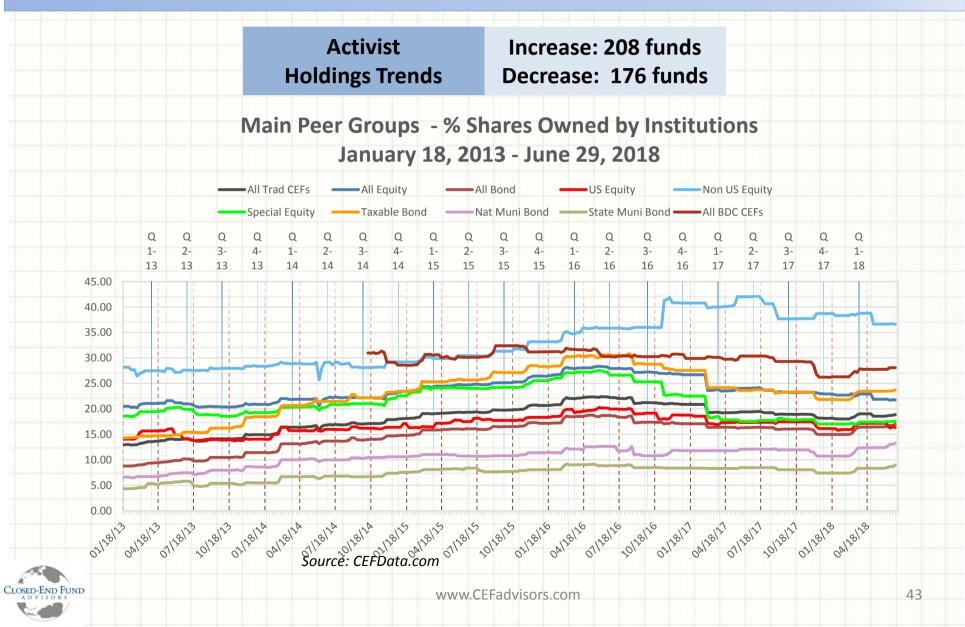
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CEF Activist Ownership	\$21,802
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Top 5 Peer Groups									
BDC Debt	\$3,201								
Asian Equity	\$1,933								
Loan Participation	\$1,722								
High Yield Bond	\$1,483								
Covered Call	\$1,454								

CEF Activist Holdings

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1.12 Major CEF Sectors Index	-3.29	-2.99	-4.98	-5.16	59.47	8.2	6.58	6.89	1.31	23.1	14.2	23.6	1.55	11.18	40.87	57.6	84	2.76	0.5	1.12	1.92	1164	3174
2. High Income Index	-2.1	-2.23	-4.39	-3.78	63.37	10.73	8.32	9.12	1.61	36.9	31.2	28.7	2.06	16.41	49.15	48.68	102	1.83	0.62	-0.2	2.03	524	1949
3. Equity Income Index	-4.51	-4.77	-7.13	-7.24	66.76	8.59	7.31	7.53	1.06	40.5	27.3	14.2	1.33	16.69	88.88	9.17	68	N/A	0.84	0.87	1.03	880	2306
4.60/40 Balanced (w/ BDCs) Index	-4.44	-4.71	-6.76	-6.42	64.11	8.16	6.64	6.74	1.42	21.1	13.7	20.1	1.6	12.06	55.3	42.59	175	1.74	0.61	0.68	1.24	820	2240
5. Tax-Advantaged Equity Dividend Index	-2.08	-3.9	-6.8	-7.08	73.66	7.93	7.19	7.22	0.71	58.3	22.2	8.7	1.26	14.12	96.54	1.65	32	N/A	0.79	0.95	1.76	611	1608
6. Tax-Sensitive Income Index	-4.74	-3.76	-4.61	-5.28	46.0	7.81	6.15	7.57	0.24	54.9	38.7	24.5	1.34	18.74	65.97	33.32	63	3,03	0.62	-0.53	0.18	760	1726
7. Taxable Bond & BDC Index	-2.96	-2.95	-4.71	-4.57	61.39	7.82	5.89	6.03	1.79	6.6	5.6	30.2	1.54	5.76	2.76	94.71	87	4.99	0.19	0.79	1.91	812	2282
8. Discount CEF/BDC Index	-15.2	-12.44	-11.82	-10.68	31.81	6.63	4.45	5.59	1.04	12.7	8.6	26.9	1.92	9.05	32.59	66.05	60	3.59	0.36	-1.21	-7.01	468	1114
9. Premium CEF/BDC Index	9.04	6.59	2.18	2.02	71.99	9.8	8.69	8.36	1.44	29.9	20.3	26.7	2.18	14.01	51.3	47.15	31	2,05	0.65	2.15	13.36	708	2806
10. All Sector Equity CEF Index	-5.47	-5.57	-7.88	-7.78	63.91	8.19	7.11	7.08		30.7	9.6	11.8	1,35	15.61	90.70	7.32	87	N/A	0.84	1.65	1.37	836	2,086
11. Alternative Income Index	-0.45	-1.04	-2.06	-2.02	60.95	9.14	7.40	7.51		23.8	11.1	26.0	2.24	11.83	43.93	53.65	79	1.79	0.44	0.70	2.46	879	2,772

Equity Sector Indexes

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1. International Equity Index	-10.97	-9.82	-11.28	-10.19	48.67	5.52	4.88	4.66	0.86	15.6	13.3	0.9	1.44	18.16	97.26	1.11	29	N/A	0.6	-0.69	0.13	297	657
2. US Equity Index	-0.57	-2.84	-5.13	-5.36	69.47	8.06	8.04	7.18	0.88	40.0	7.3	1.5	1.05	14.03	97.5	0.48	29	N/A	0.92	3.02	3.56	782	2408
3. Global Equity Index	-6.55	-7.28	-9.82	-9.34	67.15	7.59	6.68	6.45	1.14	21.0	13.0	9.4	1.27	15.77	90.76	6.56	45	N/A	0.84	0.88	1.4	639	1578
4. Covered Call / Option Funds Index	0.79	-2.16	-5.1	-5.67	79.2	7.74	7.61	7.04	0.7	55.0	12.9	2.3	1.07	12.38	96.77	2.21	23	N/A	0.8	1.4	1.65	845	2304
5. Global Real Estate, REIT & Real Asset Index	-9.36	-8.66	-11.09	-10.75	60.35	8.28	6.28	6.88	1.4	25.8	7.0	21.7	1.32	13.5	68.9	29.3	9	N/A	0.53	-0.77	-0.33	625	1485
6. Utilities / Infrastructure Index	-0.81	0.88	-2.38	-3.12	58.53	8.02	6.44	6.83	1.19	24.4	6.3	24.4	1,37	15.2	91.61	6.26	7	N/A	0.61	0.45	1.6	1132	2406
7. Master Limited Partnership (MLP) Fund Index	-3.17	-1.79	-3.7	-4.62	48.0	10.33	7.62	9.71	0.62	74.7	70.4	31.7	1.84	35.97	98.19	1.47	24	N/A	1.09	-1.11	0.66	515	1775
8. Preferred Equity Index	-1,25	-1.24	-2.21	-3.77	61.59	7.39	5.51	5.65	1.74	2.7	0.0	32,4	1.21	5.82	4.64	94.22	15	4.97	0.2	0.18	0.38	664	1404
9. Hybrid / Balanced Fund Index	-2.78	-4.99	-9.66	-9.75	77.48	9.45	7.45	7.81	1,64	21.6	15.3	24.6	1.59	11.83	66.0	29.82	13	N/A	0.72	0.29	-0.25	444	1487

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Taxable Bond Sector Indexes

Index	Discount	1 Yr Avg Discount	3 Yr Avg Discount	5 Yr Avg Discount	Rel Disc Range(3yr)	Mk Yield	Lev Adj NAV Yield	After Tax Yield*	Est. Tax Friction*	1 Yr RoC %	3 Yr Dest RoC %	Lev %	Non Lev Expense Ratio	3 Yr NAV Volatility	% Equity Exposure	% Bond Exposure	# Holdings	Cash Weighted	Beta (2yr)	Comp NAV TR	Comp Discount	Net Assets (M)	Liquidity 90 day (K)
1. Debt-Focused Business Development Company (BDC) Index	-3.77	-1.0	-2.2	0.72	50.21	9.73	6.51	7.3	2.43	0.0	0.6	40.8	3.6	5.1	10.23	87.2	29	N/A	0.54	2.02	6.42	1087	3920
2. BDC Baby Bond / Debt Index	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NA		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	32	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
3. High Yield Bond Index	-8.66	-7.27	-9.21	-7.79	43.3	7.54	5.53	5.7	1.84	2.1	0.7	23.6	1.22	5.63	0.94	97.16	24	3.46	0.2	-0.39	-1.24	449	1107
4. Senior Loan Index	-6.58	-5.8	-7.33	-6.91	53.88	6.12	4.3	4.6	1.52	8.0	0.0	32.8	1.56	2.79	1.27	97.64	18	0.89	0.07	-0.07	0.44	409	1143
5. Convertible Bond Index	-1.07	-2.98	-7.22	-6.0	79.86	8.91	6.67	7.29	1.62	23.5	16.3	32.6	1.41	10,2	7.04	90.59	10	5.22	0.7	-0.13	-1.46	421	1297
6. Investment Grade Bond Index	-1.18	-1.78	-2.75	-3.18	59.15	7.59	6.27	5.97	1.62	11.2	10.7	21.5	1.26	6.14	3.31	93.42	40	5,85	0.06	-0.16	1.44	506	1392
7. Multisector Bond Fund Index	4.35	2.51	3.32	3,56	67.21	9.04	7.43	6.99	2.05	7.4	4.3	30.4	1.38	5.54	2.89	95.0	17	4.89	0.16	0.67	3.33	893	3128
8. US Bond Index	-3.39	-3.1	-4.35	-3.77	53.69	7.26	5.55	5.5	1.76	2.3	0.7	27.8	1.37	4.98	2.2	95.66	96	3.69	0.13	0.53	1.42	495	1429
9. International Bond Index	-9.0	-7.73	-10.23	-9.9	61.06	9.6	7.31	7.83	1.77	22.6	26.1	21.6	1.41	8.38	0.13	92.75	12	5.24	0.17	-2.54	-3.63	486	1421

Tax-Free Bond Sector Indexes

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1. National Municipal Bond Index	-7.88	-5.0	-3.99	-4.86	20.6	5.27	3.53	5.27	0.0	0.3	0.0	37.5	0.95	3.86	0.0	99.63	36	9.34	-0.01	0.34	-0.47	881	1458
2. High Yield Municipal Index	-5.84	-3.02	-2.43	-2.23	29.34	5.56	4.02	5.56	0.0	0.1	0.0	30.3	1.03	3.13	0.11	99.47	8	8.61	0.0	0.33	-0.14	359	692
3. Term Municipal Fund Index	-2.74	-1.68	-1.64	-2.2	34.12	2.79	2.35	2.51	0.28	0.0	0,0	9.8	0.58	2.8	0.0	98.57	10	4.36	-0.01	-0.55	4.44	354	547
4. California Municipal Index	-5.7	-2.12	0.16	-1,23	16.47	4.87	3,31	4.87	0.0	0.9	0,0	39.3	1.01	3.64	0.0	99.09	12	10.49	-0.01	0.32	2.06	559	1090
5. New York Municipal Index	-9.27	-6.08	-4.13	-4.56	13.66	4.5	2.96	4.5	0.0	0.5	0.0	35.0	0.99	3.28	0.0	99.53	13	9.26	0.0	0.07	0.66	302	520
6. State Municipal Index (Non NY/CA)	-12.86	-9.32	-7.66	-8.2	10.53	4.53	2.86	4.53	0.0	0.0	0.0	37.1	1.03	3.46	0.01	99.68	22	10.31	-0.01	0.18	-1.65	263	361

^{*} Based on marginal tax rates of 25% and long-term capital gains rates of 15%.

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The seven most liquid funds by 90-day average trading dollar \$ liquidity in each of the 12 major groupings of funds: Business Development Companies (BDCs), Convertible Bonds, Covered Call Funds, Global Equity, High Yield Bonds, Investment Grade Bonds, Master Limited Partnership (MLP), Municipal Bonds, Preferred Equity, REITs/Real Assets, Senior Loans, and US Equity. Combine leverage and non-leverage groupings into one grouping when calculating the seven funds. The funds will be equal weight in the index. If there are less than seven available funds in a specific grouping, then equal weight the grouping with the smaller number of funds available. Each group will be 1/12 of the indexes over-all weighting. The index constituents will be rebalanced each quarter.

INDEX PERFORMANCE

	Current(\$)	Previous Day(%)	1 Week(%)	1 Month(%)	3 Month(%)	6 Month(%)	1 Year(%)	3 Year(%)	5 Year(%)	MTD(%)	QTD(%)	YTD(%)
Price	1,145.83	-0.53	-0.44	-0.66	3.07	0.64	5.10	7.02	6.57	-0.66	3.07	0.64
NAV	1,121.08	-0.76	-0.42	-0.04	2.45	0.56	5.89	4.71	6.44	-0.04	2.45	0.56
Difference		-0.23	0.02	0.62	-0.62	-0.07	0.79	-2.31	-0.13	0.62	-0.62	-0.07

* Periods greater than 1 Year are annualized. ** On Inception Date (12/30/16), Index Price was \$1,000 and NAV was \$1,000.00

					2018	B - Month	ly Perfor	mance (%	5)								Sho	w Previ	ous Years
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Q1	Apr	May	Jun	Q2	1H	Jul	Aug	Sep	Q3	Oct	Nov	Dec	Q4	2H	2018
Price	1.13	-2.81	-0.73	-2.43	1.98	1.74	-0.66	3.07	0.64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.64
NAV	2.26	-3.20	-0.88	-1.88	1.09	1.38	-0.04	2.45	0.56	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.56
Difference	1.14	-0.39	-0.15	0.54	-0.88	-0.36	0.62	-0.62	-0.07	-	-	-	_	-	-	-	-	-	-0.07

DISCOUNT



CHARACTERISTICS

		PORTFOI Weighted Aver		
Discount	1Yr Disc	3Yr Disc	5Yr Disc	Rel Disc Range (3yr)
-3.29%	-2.99%	-4.98%	-5.16%	59.47%
Mkt Yield	Lev Adj NAV Yield	After Tax Yield*	Est Tax Friction*	3Yr NAV Volatiliy
8.20%	6.58%	6.89%	1.31%	11.18
1 Yr RoC	3 Yr Dest RoC	Leverage	Non Lev Exp Ratio	Beta (2yr)
23.15%	14.23%	23.64%	1.55%	0.50
Equity Exposure 40.87%	Bond Exposure 57.60%	# Holdings 84	Cash Weighted Duration 2.76	
Comp NAV TR	Comp Discount	Net Assets (M)	Liquidity - 90d (K)	
1.12%	1.92%	1,164	3,174	
	* Based on margin	al tay rates of 25% and lo	ang-term canital gains rates of 15%	

Possible Trump Impact to BDCs and CEFs

(Sectors / DOL / Trends and Products)

CEF / BDC - Sectors

- Municipal Bond CEFs / QDI
- MLP / Infrastructure
- "Typical" Equity Funds
- Duration Bonds/Preferred
- Sr. Loans / BDCs

Products of BDCs/CEFs

- Index Inclusion ?
- Acquired Fund Fees
- Banks competing with BDCs?
- ETFs, CEFs, OEFs, A-ETFs

Market Trends

- Taxes
- Regulations
- Market Risk
- Interest Rates
- Cost & Type of Leverage

DOL

- CEF / BDC IPOs & Secondary's
- CEF Products UITs in IRAs?
- Pushed back How far? Ever?
- Fiduciary vs. Suitability
- Kill or fix BDC/CEFs IPOs ?



Source: CEFA's Closed-End Fund Universe Report

CEFA's Outlook for 3Q and 2018

- US Equity Funds
- Non-US Equity Funds
- Specialty Equity (Sector) Funds
- Taxable Bond Funds

CLOSED-END FUND

- National Municipal Bond (Tax-Free) Funds
- State Specific Municipal Bond (Tax-Free) Funds
- Debt-Focused Business Development Companies (BDCs)
- Equity-Focused Business Development Companies (BDCs)
- Sustainable CEF Portfolio Distribution Yields, Beta, Correlations,
 Duration and After-Tax Income, Gross Asset Exposure, Leverage



In Summary: Why We Like Closed-End Funds

- Total Return (Yield Driven)
- Diversification
- Professional Management
- Leverage Used by Fund
- Free Leverage of The Discount
- Control: Limit & Stop Orders
- Fixed Capitalization: No Redemption Pressures
- Capitalize on Market Inefficiencies
- Low Active Institutional Ownership / Mostly Retail





CEF Advisors' Services and Portfolio Options

- Professional Tactical Separate Account Management: \$1MM Household Minimum, 1% Fee by CEFA
- CEFA Investment Menu: www.cefdata.com/portfoliocomp
- Model Access: View access to current portfolio with email notice for changes with rationale. \$1,050 per quarter (1 Model)
- SmartTrust UIT "CEFA Select BDC Trust Series 11": \$1000 minimum purchase, 0.50% creation & development fee for non-commission cusip
- Daily CEF/BDC News & SEC Filings Alerts: \$160 per year (10 Day Trial)
- Weekly CEF/BDC Universe Data: \$398.75 per quarter (14 Day Trial) Individual License and \$795 for Investment Professional
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- One-Time & Ongoing Consulting: Cost varies with \$2000 minimum





CEFA Portfolio Strategies

- International Opportunity
- Diversified Equity
- Diversified Growth
- Hybrid (High) Income
- Discount Opportunity
- Alternative Income
 (IRA/Qualified and Tax-Advantaged)
- Foundation / Balanced (IRA/Qualified and Tax-Advantaged)
- Taxable Bond & BDC

- Dividend Confidence Model
- Low Correlation
- Diversified
 Tax-Sensitive Income
- Business Development Company (Select, Low Beta & Premium)
- Municipal Bond (National, CA, NY, Low Duration)
- Special Opportunities

Peer Strategies / Sub Advisors

Shaker Financial Discount Capture
Convergence Long/Short CEF Market Neutral
Spider Rock Option Overlay Strategies (add-on to CEFA Models)

04. CEFA HYBRID (HIGH) INCOME

DATA AS OF JULY 31, 2018. PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS: 31. LAST MODIFIED: JULY 24, 2018

DATA DEFINITIONS

FULL CEF PORTFOLIO Weighted Average Data			
Discount	1Yr Disc	5Yr Disc	
-5.91%	-5.62%	-8.38%	
Comp Discount	Mkt Yield	Lev Adj NAV Yield	
-0.70%	10.31%	7.77%	
Comp 1YR NAV TR	1Yr Price Volatility	3Yr NAV Volatility	
-0.62%	14.6	13.9	
Cash Weighted Duration	Gross Asset Exposure	2 Year Beta	
0.77	\$1.34	0.62	
1Yr RoC	3Yr Dest RoC	Estimated Tax Friction	
37.72%	29.76%	1.54%	
Leverage	Leverage Cost	Non Lev Exp Ratio	
26.11%	1.30%	2.27%	

^{*} Weighted data relative to full portfolio allocation
** Marginal Tax Rate: 25.00%, LT Gains Tax Rate: 15.00%

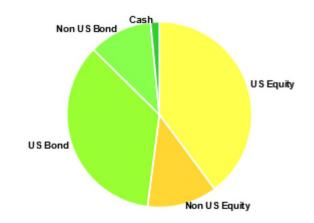
CEF BOND SPECIFIC DATA (22%) Weighted Average Data		
Earnings Coverage	99.5%	
Investment Grade	14.4%	
Non Investment Grade	75.1%	
Unrated Bonds	10.5%	
Duration	3.5	
* Weighted data relative to CEF Bond and	Preferred Equity Allocations	

MLP SPECIFIC DA Weighted Avera	
RoC (1yr)	92.7%
RoC (3Yr)	94.6%
Portfolio MLP Exposure %	12.7
% Pipeline Transportation	52.8
% Gathering Processing	26.3
DTL Adj Disc	-9.5%
* Weighted data relative to	MLP Allocations

INCOME	<u> </u>
Pending Distribution 0.27%	
0.27%	

	TOTAL RETURNS Weighted Average Data					
	1MO	3MO	6MO	1YR	3YR	
Price	2.61%	4.60%	0.99%	3.79%	16.70%	
NAV	2.47%	3.85%	0.26%	4.84%	9.73%	

GROUP ALLOCATION Weighted Average Data			
MLP Funds	13.5%		
Debt Focused BDCs	13.5%		
Hybrid / Balanced	11.0%		
Global Real Estate, REIT & Real Assets	10.0%		
General Equity	8.5%		
Global Income	7.5%		
High Yield Bond	7.5%		
Covered Call	7.5%		
Global Equity	6.5%		
Healthcare/Biotech	5.0%		
Multisector Bond	4.0%		
Collateralized Loan Obligation	3.0%		
Utilities	2.5%		
* Weighted data relative to fu	Il portfolio allocation		



DATA AS OF JULY 31, 2018. PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS: 31. LAST MODIFIED: JUNE 22, 2018

DATA DEFINITIONS

FULL CEF PORTFOLIO Weighted Average Data		
Discount	1Yr Disc	5Yr Disc
-8.36%	-7.82%	-9.04%
Comp Discount	Mkt Yield	Lev Adj NAV Yield
-2.50%	8.14%	6.17%
Comp 1YR NAV TR	1Yr Price Volatility	3Yr NAV Volatility
1.31%	14.3	12.7
Cash Weighted Duration	Gross Asset Exposure	2 Year Beta
1.20	\$1.33	0.61
1Yr RoC	3Yr Dest RoC	Estimated Tax Friction
17.87%	11.14%	1.52%
Leverage	Leverage Cost	Non Lev Exp Ratio
22.30%	1.04%	1.91%

^{*} Weighted data relative to full portfolio allocation ** Marginal Tax Rate: 25.00%, LT Gains Tax Rate: 15.00%

CEF BOND SPECIFIC DATA (29%) Weighted Average Data			
Earnings Coverage	91.4%		
Investment Grade	39.7%		
Non Investment Grade	51.4%		
Unrated Bonds	8.9%		
Duration	4.2		
* Weighted data relative to CEF	Bond and Preferred Equity Allocations		

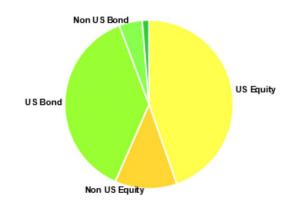
MUNICIPAL BONDS SPECIFIC DATA (8%) Weighted Average Data		
2 Year Call Risk	14.55%	
AMT%	0.52%	
Avg Price per Bond	\$87.36	

MLP SPECIFIC DATA (11%) Weighted Average Data		
RoC (1yr)	54.8%	
RoC (3Yr)	65.3%	
Portfolio MLP Exposure %	10.8	
% Pipeline Transportation	51.7	
% Gathering Processing	31.1	
DTL Adj Disc	-10.4%	
*Weighted data relative to	MLP Allocations	

INCOME	
Pending Distribution 0.04%	
0.04%	

	TOTAL RETURNS Weighted Average Data					
	1MO	3MO	6MO	1YR	3YR	
Price	2.49%	4.37%	1.03%	5.15%	21.44%	
NAV	2.39%	4.26%	0.83%	6.73%	17.34%	

GROUP ALLOCATION Weighted Average Data				
Debt Focused BDCs	12.0%			
Global Real Estate, REIT & Real Assets	11.0%			
MLP Funds	11.0%			
General Equity	10.5%			
Loan Participation	9.5%			
Taxable Municipal Bond	8.0%			
Healthcare/Biotech	6.5%			
Covered Call	6.0%			
Emerging Market Equity	4.0%			
Multisector Bond	4.0%			
Global Equity	4.0%			
Prefered Equity	4.0%			
Hybrid / Balanced	3.5%			
Convertible Bonds	3.0%			
Utilities	3.0%			
* Weighted data relative to fu	ull portfolio allocation			



DATA DEFINITIONS

	FULL CEF PORTFOLIO Weighted Average Data	
Discount	1Yr Disc	5Yr Disc
-7.25%	-6.37%	-7.47%
Comp Discount	Mkt Yield	Lev Adj NAV Yield
-2.16%	7.39%	5.69%
Comp 1YR NAV TR	1Yr Price Volatility	3Yr NAV Volatility
0.51%	14.7	14.0
Cash Weighted Duration	Gross Asset Exposure	2 Year Beta
2.13	\$1.31	0.62
1Yr RoC	3Yr Dest RoC	Estimated Tax Friction
32.53%	16.54%	1.05%
Leverage	Leverage Cost	Non Lev Exp Ratio
21.21%	0.84%	1.51%

^{*}Weighted data relative to full portfolio allocation ** Marginal Tax Rate: 35.00%, LT Gains Tax Rate: 20.00%

CEF BOND SPECIFIC DATA (31%) Weighted Average Data			
Earnings Coverage	85.2%		
Investment Grade	61.1%		
Non Investment Grade	26.0%		
Unrated Bonds	13.0%		
Duration	6.9		
* Weighted data relative to CEF Bond a	and Preferred Equity Allocations		

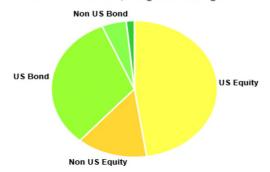
MUNICIPAL BONDS SP Weighted Ave		
2 Year Call Risk	18.12%	
AMT%	9.92%	
Avg Price per Bond	\$101.45	
* Weighted data relative to M	unicinal Bond Allocations	

MLP SPECIFIC DATA (15%) Weighted Average Data			
RoC (1yr)	68.6%		
RoC (3Yr)	76.7%		
Portfolio MLP Exposure %	15,4		
% Pipeline Transportation	48.2		
% Gathering Processing	34.2		
DTL Adj Disc	-11.6%		
DTL Adj Disc * Weighted data relative to			

INCOME	
Pending Distribution	
0.45%	

TOTAL RETURNS Weighted Average Data					
	1MO	ЗМО	6MO	1YR	3YR
Price	1.15%	2.93%	3.70%	6.57%	31.98%
NAV'	1.27%	3.86%	4.16%	8.63%	22.98%

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GROUP ALLOCATION Weighted Average Data					
	Covered Call			15.3%	
,	MLP Funds			14.8%	
Nation	al Municipal (tax-fre	e) Bond		13.5%	
	Hybrid / Balanced			10.0%	
	Muni High Yield			7.5%	
Global Equity		6.3%			
Emerging Market Income		5.0%			
Convertible Bonds		5.0%			
General Equity		4.8%			
Debt Focused BDCs		4.0%			
Energy Natural Resources			4.0%		
Global Real Estate, REIT & Real Assets		4.0%			
Emerging Market Equity		3.5%			
	Equity Tax Advantag	e	2.5%		
	*Wei	ghted data relative	to full portfolio alle	ocation	



DATA AS OF AUGUST 24, 2018 . PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS: 30 . LAST MODIFIED: AUGUST 7, 2018

DATA DEFINITIONS

FULL CEF PORTFOLIO Weighted Average Data				
Discount	1Yr Disc	5Yr Disc		
-7.32%	-7.36%	-8.65%		
Comp Discount	Mkt Yield	Lev Adj NAV Yield		
-2.42%	6.70%	5.06%		
Comp 1YR NAV TR	1Yr Price Volatility	3Yr NAV Volatility		
-1.97%	12.5	10.1		
Cash Weighted Duration	Gross Asset Exposure	2 Year Beta		
1.06	\$1.34	0.40		
1Yr RoC	3Yr Dest RoC	Estimated Tax Friction		
22.37%	7.95%	1.20%		
Leverage	Leverage Cost	Non Lev Exp Ratio		
24.49%	1.13%	2.08%		

^{*} Weighted data relative to full portfolio allocation
** Marginal Tax Rate: 25.00%, LT Gains Tax Rate: 15.00%

CEF BOND SPECIFIC DATA (22%) Weighted Average Data			
Earnings Coverage	90.9%		
Investment Grade	49.2%		
Non Investment Grade	47.1%		
Unrated Bonds	3.7%		
Duration	4.8		
* Weighted data relative to CEF Bond a	nd Preferred Equity Allocations		

MUNICIPAL BONDS SPECIFIC DATA (9%) Weighted Average Data			
2 Year Call Risk	14.55%		
AMT%	0.52%		
Avg Price per Bond	\$87.36		

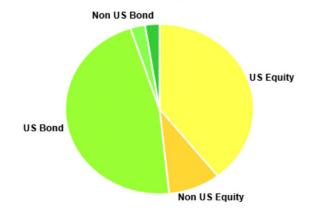
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83.2%
67.4%
5.0
64.2
19.5
-19.6%

INCOME	
Pending Distribution 0.36%	
0.36%	

			ETURNS werage Data		
	1MO	ЗМО	6MO	1YR	3YR
Price	0.60%	3.23%	4.96%	5.72%	29.18%
NAV	0.60%	2.50%	3.52%	6.92%	20.69%

GROUP ALLOCATION Weighted Average Data				
Hybrid / Balanced	14.0%			
Covered Call	13.5%			
Debt Focused BDCs	10.5%			
Loan Participation	10.0%			
Taxable Municipal Bond	9.0%			
Global Real Estate, REIT & Real Assets	8.0%			
General Equity	7.5%			
Global Equity	6.5%			
MLP Funds	5.5%			
Equity Tax Advantage	4.0%			
Energy Natural Resources	3.5%			
Healthcare/Biotech	3.0%			
Convertible Bonds	3.0%			
Utilities	2.0%			
*Weighted data relative to full p	ortfolio allocation			



DATA AS OF AUGUST 24, 2018 . PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS: 19 . LAST MODIFIED: AUGUST 7, 2018

DATA DEFINITIONS

FULL CEF PORTFOLIO Weighted Average Data				
Discount	1Yr Disc	5Yr Disc		
-6.60%	-5.21%	-6.21%		
Comp Discount	Mkt Yield	Lev Adj NAV Yield		
-1.58%	7.79%	6.06%		
Comp 1YR NAV TR	1Yr Price Volatility	3Yr NAV Volatility		
-1.56%	15.4	16.7		
Cash Weighted Duration	Gross Asset Exposure	2 Year Beta		
2.20	\$1.32	0.59		
1Yr RoC	3Yr Dest RoC	Estimated Tax Friction		
47.19%	25.80%	0.46%		
Leverage	Leverage Cost	Non Lev Exp Ratio		
22.91%	0.96%	1.39%		

^{*} Weighted data relative to full portfolio allocation ** Marginal Tax Rate: 25.00%, LT Gains Tax Rate: 15.00%

CEF BOND SPECIFIC DATA (31%) Weighted Average Data				
Earnings Coverage 103.1%				
Investment Grade	80.8%			
Non Investment Grade	11.2%			
Unrated Bonds	7.9%			
Duration 7.2				
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^{*} Weighted data relative to CEF Bond and Preferred Equity Allocations

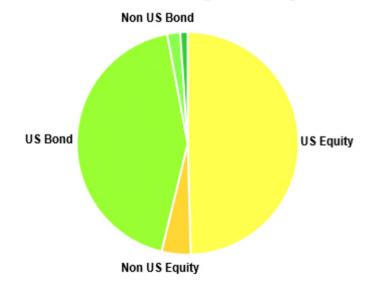
MUNICIPAL BONDS SPECIFIC DATA (31%) Weighted Average Data					
2 Year Call Risk 17.86%					
AMT%	9.81%				
Avg Price per Bond \$99.54					

^{*} Weighted data relative to Municipal Bond Allocations

MLP SPECIFIC DATA (35%) Weighted Average Data				
	76.3%			
	76.6%			
	33.1			
	46.0			
	24.5			
	-9.9%			
1LP Allocation	-			

		INC	OME			
		_	istribution 72%			
			RETURNS werage Data			
	1MO	3МО	6MO	1YR	3YR	
Price	1.76%	3.01%	4.69%	5.85%	22.50%	
NAV	1.92%	4.98%	5.74%	9.40%	15.51%	
			LOCATION werage Data			
	Covered Call			34.7%		
	MLP Funds			34.7%		
Nation	al Municipal (tax-fre	e) Bond		21.5%		
	Muni High Vield			0.0%		

* Weighted data relative to full portfolio allocation



Private Closed-End Funds List Data as of Aug. 27, 2018

Fund Name	Major Group		Sponsor	Inception	Min Investment	Lev(%)	Total Assets(M)	Av Net Exp Ratio	Avg NAV Yield	NAV TR (YDT)	NAV TR (1YR)	NAV TR (3YR)	NAV TR (5YR)
SharesPost 100 Fund	Equity	Venture / Private Equity	SP Investments	3/25/14	2,500	0.0	103	2.38	-	11.56	17.23	4.54	-
FS Energy Total Return Fund	Equity	Global Equity	FS Energy	-	2,500	27.4	41	3.17	4.8	7.55	14.7	-	-
Resource Real Estate Diversified Income Fund	Equity	Real Estate / Real Asset	Resource Real	3/12/13	2,500	20.2	311	3.11	5.4	6.74	9.0	6.93	6.18
FS Credit Income Fund	Bond	Global Credit	FS Credit	11/1/17	2,500	9,2	24	2.44	5.7	6.35	-	-	-
Wildermuth Endowment Fund	Equity	Global Equity	Wildermuth Advisory	12/31/14	2,500	0,0	83	2.67	2.2	6.22	12.29	10.34	-
ACAP Strategic Fund	Equity	Long / Short Equity	SilverBay Capital	3/1/10	50,000	2,5	4,199	4.11	-	5.96	6.76	9.07	7.01
Pioneer ILS Interval Fund	Bond	Reinsurance / Insurance Linked Securities	Pioneer	12/17/14	1,000,000	0.0	813	1.97	1.4	5.32	-6.12	4.15	-
Total Income+ Real Estate Fund	Equity	Real Estate / Real Asset	Bluerock	10/22/12	2,500	13.3	1,089	2.59	5.3	5.17	7.55	6,54	5.67
PIMCO Flexible Credit Income Fund	Bond	Global Credit	PIMCO	2/22/17	2,500	28.5	400	2.89	7.1	4.5	7.12	-	-
Nexpoint Real Estate Strategies Fund	Bond	Real Estate Debt	NexPoint	7/1/16	500	0,0	8	2.25	5.9	4.47	13.08	+	+
Cian Ares Diversified Credit Fund	Bond	Loans / Structured Credit	CION Ares	1/26/17	2,500	0.0	78	0.00	5.5	4.43	7.09	-	-
Angel Oak Strategic Credit Fund	Bond	Global Credit	Angel Oak	12/26/17	50,000	0.0	3	0.75	7.1	4.21	-	-	-
USQ Core Real Estate Fund	Equity	Real Estate / Real Asset	Union Square	9/27/17	2,500	0.0	26	0.85	4.0	4.17	•	-	-
Predex	Equity	Real Estate / Real Asset	PREDEX Capital	7/1/16	2,500	0.0	44	1.37	4.2	4.1	6.68	-	+
Invesco Senior Loan Fund	Bond	Loans / Structured Credit	Invesco	10/4/89	1,000	19.9	1,009	2.27	3.9	4.0	5.97	5.69	3.88
Griffin Institutional Access Real Estate Fund	Equity	Real Estate / Real Asset	Griffin Capital	6/30/14	2,500	5.3	2,275	2.42	5.2	3.88	6.5	6,24	-
Resource Credit Income Fund	Bond	Global Credit	Resource Alternative	4/17/15	2,500	0,0	107	2.74	6.1	3.76	5.23	8.5	-
Versus Cap Real Estate Income Fund	Equity	Real Estate / Real Asset	Versus Capital	7/9/12	10,000,000	0.0	2,194	1.24	4.4	3.74	5.97	6.41	6.01
Stone Ridge Reinsurance Risk Premium Interval Fund	Bond	Reinsurance / Insurance Linked Securities	Stone Ridge	12/9/13	-	0,0	6,076	-	-	3.56	-11.76	-3.7	-
Voya Senior Income Fund	Bond	Loans / Structured Credit	Voya	4/2/01	1,000	28.2	600	2,55	5.4	3.51	4.73	3,98	3.3



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PIMCO Flexible Credit Income Fund BOND - GLOBAL CREDIT Data as of Aug. 27, 2018

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	Fund Info
Website	https://www.pimco.com/
Sponsor	Pacific Investment Management Company
Custodian	State Street Bank and Trust Company
Transfer Agent	DST Systems, Inc
Fiscal Year	June
Redemption Details	Quarterly: 5% to 25%
	Fund seeks to provide attractive risk- d returns and current income.

Fundamental D	ata (Reported: Dec. 31, 2017)
Total Assets	\$400M
Net Assets	\$277M
Leverage (%)	28.5%
Leverage Expense (%)	0.00%
Leverage Type	Borrowings & Other Financing
Portfolio Turnover	6.00%

Top Holdings (%)	
Freddie Mac Mortgage-Backed Securities	2.5%
VMC Finance LLC	2.1%
GSMSC Resecuritization Trust	2.0%
Countrywide Home Loan Mortgage Pass-Through Trust	1.9%
Intrepid Aviation Group Holdings LLC	1.6%
Cedar Funding VI CLO, Ltd.	1.6%
Ardonagh Midco PLC	1.5%
Sapphire Aviation Finance Ltd.	1.5%
Full House Resorts, Inc.	1.5%
SMB Private Education Loan Trust	1.4%

FUND CLASSES

Class Info							
Ticker	Name	CUSIP	Inception	Div Freq			
PFLEX	Common	72202M106	Feb. 22, 2017	Q			

		1	Prospectus Data			
Ticker	Min Investment	Max Load	Early Withdrawal	Mgmt Fee	Other Fees	Waivers
PFLEX	2,500	-		1.78	0.82	0.01

Fundamental Data						
Ticker	Shares Outstanding	Gross Expense Ratio	Net Expense Ratio			
PFLEX	26,518,000	2.90	2.89			

Latest Repurchase Offer							
Ticker	Status	Start Date	End Date	Shares (%) to Repurchase			
PFLEX	Closed	July 13, 2018	Aug. 8, 2018	5.00			

Performance Data						
Ticker	NAV Yield	NAVTR (YTD)	NAV TR (1yr)	NAV TR (3yr)	NAVTR (5yr)	NAV TR (10yr)
PFLEX	7.1	4.50	7.12	-	-	-

CEFA Portfolio Model Summary Performance

CEFA Composite Performance (Net)* As of June 30, 2018

Investment Portfolio Model	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since Inception	Inception Date
Conservative Diversified	2.86%	-0.17%	5.09%	4.30%	4.19%	N/A	5.90%	5/1/2009
Diversified Low Beta	2.89%	-1.17%	1.98%	N/A	N/A	N/A	3.97%	4/1/2017
Low Correlation	3.68%	-0.93%	3.73%	N/A	N/A	N/A	4.52%	3/1/2017
Foundation/Balanced	3.45%	-0.72%	3.39%	4.12%	4.75%	N/A	6.85%	9/1/2009
Foundation/Balanced Tax-Advantage	3.47%	0.36%	6.94%	N/A	N/A	N/A	11.48%	1/1/2017
Global Growth & Income	2.37%	-0.67%	2.41%	3.18%	4.07%	2.49%	4.18%	1/31/1999
Globally Diversified Growth	1.90%	-0.90%	4.64%	6.32%	6.35%	4.27%	5.89%	1/31/1999
Hybrid Income	3.94%	-1.13%	2.63%	6.20%	6.54%	7.40%	5.55%	12/1/2006
International Equity	-1.74%	-3.98%	2.55%	1.65%	3.38%	2.52%	8.13%	11/1/2002
Managed Municipal Bond CEFs	2.61%	-5.72%	-4.61%	3.22%	N/A	N/A	3.63%	8/1/2014
Special Opportunities	0.00%	1.92%	5.65%	8.50%	9.22%	N/A	8.47%	6/1/2013

Benchmarks	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since Inception	Inception Date
CEF Advisors 12 Major CEF Sectors (MKT)	3.07%	0.64%	5.10%	N/A	N/A	N/A	10.06%	1/1/2017
S&P 500 Total Return	3.43%	2.65%	14.37%	11.93%	13.42%	10.17%	6.15%	1/31/1999
Barclays Capital Global Aggregate Bond	-2.79%	-1.46%	1.36%	2.58%	1.50%	2.58%	3.93%	1/31/1999
MSCI World (Ex-US)	-3.59%	-5.28%	4.58%	2.37%	3.31%	-0.18%	2.50%	1/31/1999
Barclays Municipal Bond	0.87%	-0.25%	1.56%	2.85%	N/A	N/A	2.90%	8/1/2014
Thomson Taxable Fixed Inc CEF TR	-0.31%	-0.18%	1.74%	4.18%	3.22%	5.80%	4.56%	12/1/2006
Thomson All Equity CEF TR	2.35%	1.39%	11.08%	6.06	5.91%	5.14%	4.46%	12/1/2006
CEF Advisors Debt- Focused BDC (MKT)	6.59%	2.41%	-0.32%	N/A	N/A	N/A	2.79%	1/1/2017
60/40 S&P 500/Barclays Bond	0.94%	1.01%	9.17%	8.19%	8.65%	7.13%	5.26%	1/31/1999
CEF Advisors 60/40 Balanced (w/ BDCs)	2.12%	0.50%	6.19%	N/A	N/A	N/A	13.15%	1/1/2017

Growth of \$1,000,000 Invested CEFA's Globally Diversified Growth model on January 31, 1999*

\$3,039,883
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nd Total Return \$2,114,402
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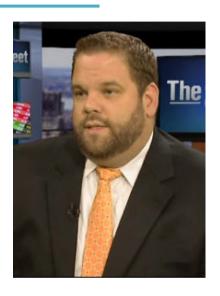
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