

When does duration work as an effective hedging tool?

SCENARIO 1

In the fourth quarter of 2022, concerns about high inflation persisted, and markets anticipated the US fed funds rate to hit 5 – 5.25%. This suggested that inflation would likely stay high, prompting the US Federal Reserve (Fed) to keep raising interest rates until inflation returned to its 2% target.

INVESTMENT TEAM'S RATIONALE²

We viewed US Treasury duration as an attractive hedge because intermediate treasuries (typically 4 – 10 years) seemed priced for persistent inflation and indicative of a Fed in favour of raising rates. We believed there was limited downside risk to Treasury prices, even if elevated inflation persisted. On the other hand, a slowdown in either inflation or growth could lead to a significant rally in US Treasuries as the market would reprice the Treasury curve lower, reducing the need for the Fed to hike interest rates aggressively. Ultimately, inflation data peaked shortly thereafter, and five-year Treasury yields rallied by about 100 basis points (bps).¹

SCENARIO 2

In early 2023, the market grew optimistic around falling inflation and signalling that the Fed planned a significant rate-cutting cycle from 4.5% in February.

INVESTMENT TEAM'S RATIONALE²

We did not view Treasuries as an attractive hedge, because the 200 bps of rate cuts were already reflected in the price. To generate excess returns investing in intermediate Treasuries relative to cash, which was approaching 5% at the time, the Fed would have to cut interest rates to 3% in the next two years. However, if economic and inflation data remained strong and the Fed opted not to cut rates, owning intermediate Treasuries could result in a negative principal return. In this scenario, we did not view owning intermediate Treasuries as a strong risk-reward trade-off; so, we reduced our duration substantially.² As data surprised on the upside, two-year Treasury yields rose by 100 bps over a four-week period.¹

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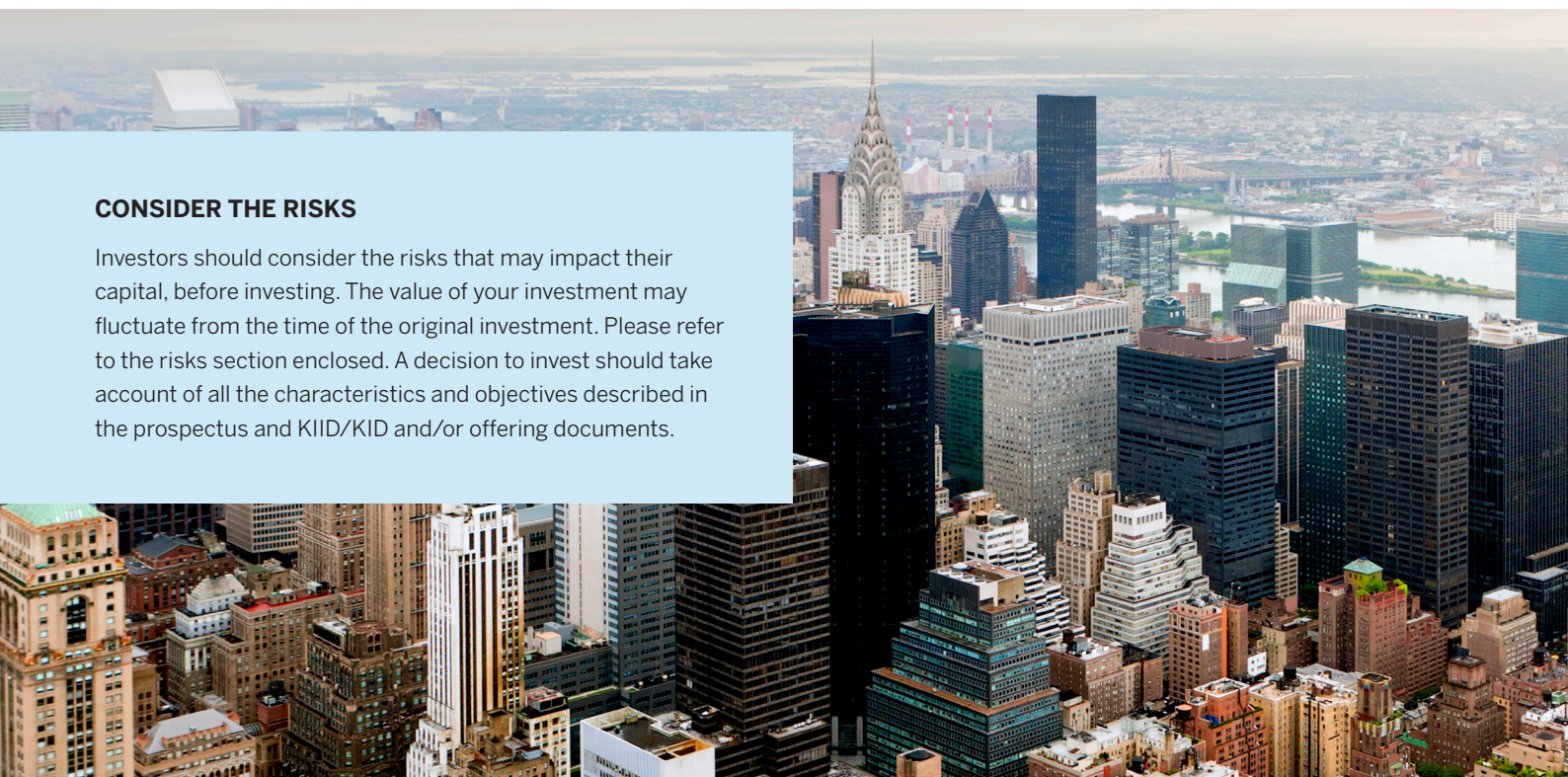
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