

# **RiverPark Floating Rate CMBS Fund** (RCRIX/RCRFX)

## Second Quarter 2021 Commentary – Slow & Steady

As we adjust to life after COVID, including travelling again and going back to the office, we are pleased to have a portfolio of assets that are thriving in the current environment. Our portfolio is now valued slightly above par value and is paying a monthly gross coupon of 2.7% (at the current one-month LIBOR rate of 0.09%). All of our investments are floating rate and, as a result, well positioned for inflation. Of note, the RiverPark Floating Rate CMBS Fund (the "Fund") has been investing in Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities ("CMBS") for over a decade with only one down year (2020). Year-to-date, our returns are 2.5%.

Our portfolio consists of 20 investments, exclusively in the industrial, life sciences and apartment sectors, with an average loan-to-value ratio of 56% (the amount of our investment and all senior or same class debt divided by the property value) and a debt-service-coverage-ratio of nearly four times (property cash flow divided by property debt-service). Regarding the CMBS market overall, the new issue CMBS market is quite active and demand is strong across the board, particularly for seasoned and performing assets such as ours.

In summary, we own a high-quality portfolio of CMBS secured by large and diverse portfolios owned by many of the most highly capitalized real estate investors in the world, including Blackstone, Brookfield, Fortress and KKR. At quarter-end, our portfolio was secured by nearly 2,000 properties comprising nearly 400 million square feet in over 30 states.

We feel that our portfolio has never been better positioned and should deliver consistent, floating rate returns at an attractive spread to LIBOR for years to come. Based on our portfolio composition, the strength of our underlying assets and sponsors, and the floating-rate nature of our portfolio, our outlook for 2021 is simple: slow and steady.



## **Portfolio Composition and Characteristics**

The greatest strengths of our portfolio are asset and sponsor quality. 100% of the Fund is comprised of three asset types: industrial, life sciences and apartments. These three asset classes are discussed below with a detailed asset-by-asset summary on the following page.

Industrial Assets (68% of portfolio). 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, our Blackstone XL distribution portfolio consists of 406 properties totaling 66 million square feet in 18 states. Within industrial, we also include cold storage assets and self-storage assets.

Life-Sciences Assets (18% of portfolio). Life-Sciences assets are highly specialized modern buildings that are built for biotechnology and pharmaceutical companies to develop and create new drugs such as for COVID and Cancer. These properties are typically located in close proximity to major universities and have specialty features including high-energy capacity, sterile laboratories, and typically higher than normal ceiling heights. These properties tend to be fully leased to leading pharma and biotech companies under long-term leases.

Multi-Family Apartments (14% of portfolio). The Fund's multi-family apartment assets are comprised of portfolios of ten or more apartment complexes, typically with 100 or more units per complex.

Regarding our loan sponsors, the Fund's CMBS investments are owned by many of the country's leading institutional real estate investors with decades of experience and substantial capital. Our loan sponsors include Blackstone, Brookfield, Fortress, KKR, and Lineage Logistics, among others. Our investments benefit not only from our sponsor experience but also from their significant equity in each transaction.



## **Fund Investments**

Below are the Fund's investments as of quarter-end.

	Property Type	Sponsor	Ticker	Location	Ratings	Percent of Net Assets
1	Industrial/Cold Storage	Lineage	2019-ICE4 F	Nationwide	BB	8%
2	Industrial/Distribution	Blackstone	2019-XL G	Nationwide	BB-	6%
3	Industrial/Distribution	Fortress	2020-UNFI A	IL/PA	BB*	6%
4	Industrial/Cold Storage	Lineage	2020-ICE5 F	Nationwide	BB-	6%
5	Apartment Portfolio	Blackstone	2019-MMP C	New York	A-	6%
6	Industrial/Distribution	Blackstone	2020-FOX E	Nationwide	BB-	6%
7	Life Sciences	Brookfield	2019-LIFE G	Massachusetts	B-	6%
8	Industrial/Distribution	KKR	2021-KDIP F	Nationwide	BB-	5%
9	Industrial/Distribution	KKR	2020-AIP E	Nationwide	BB-	5%
10	Industrial/Self Storage	Brookfield	2018-SELF D/F	Nationwide	BBB-/B	5%
11	Apartment Portfolio	Blackstone	2021-MFM1 E/F/G	Nationwide	BB-/B-/NR	5%
12	Life Sciences	Blackstone	2018-BIOA E	CA/MA/WA	BB-	4%
13	Industrial/Distribution	Blackstone	2021-SOAR F	Nationwide	BB-	4%
14	Industrial/Distribution	Blackstone	2018-IND G	Nationwide	BB-	4%
15	Industrial/Distribution	Blackstone	2020-BXLP F	Nationwide	BB-	4%
16	Life Sciences	Blackstone	2018-BIOD E	Nationwide	BBB-	4%
17	Life Sciences	Blackstone	2017-CLS F	Massachusetts	B+	4%
18	Industrial/Distribution	Blackstone	2020-VKNG G	Nationwide	В	4%
19	Industrial/Distribution	Blackstone	2021-VINO E	Nationwide	BB	3%
20	Apartment Portfolio	Horizen	2021-MHC E	Nationwide	BB	3%

#### Holdings are subject to change.

\* Assigned rating by manager - investment is an untranched first mortgage.



At quarter end, the Fund's assets under management were \$48 million.

## **Performance**

Performance: Net Returns as of June 30, 2021											
	Current Quarter	Year to Date	One Year	Three Year	Five Year	Ten Year	Since Inception				
RCRIX	0.59%	2.51%	3.67%	-0.54%	1.69%	3.78%	4.54%				
RCRFX	0.41%	2.26%	3.29%	-0.86%	1.41%	3.64%	4.41%				
Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Investment-Grade CMBS Index	1.92%	-0.22%	2.94%	5.92%	3.51%	4.08%	4.94%				
Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index	1.83%	-1.60%	-0.33%	5.34%	3.03%	3.39%	3.56%				

Annualized performance since inception of the Fund (9/30/16) was 1.28% for RCRIX and 0.99% 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 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: 0.87% gross and 0.85% net, Retail: 1.16% gross and 1.16% net as of the most recent prospectus, dated January 28, 2021.* 

The Adviser has agreed to waive fees and reimburse expenses until at least January 31, 2022 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.



## **Conclusion and Looking Ahead**

Despite COVID being substantially in the rear-view mirror, we believe that the knock-on effects from the pandemic have fundamentally changed the outlook and performance characteristics of certain property types such as retail, hotel and office. We therefore took the opportunity last year to reposition our portfolio out of those kinds of assets and into assets that are thriving post pandemic: industrial, life sciences, and apartments. We believe that this kind of a portfolio should experience lower volatility and generate, as the Fund has done historically, steady and predictable monthly dividends in a floating-rate inflation hedged investment. We are seeing numerous opportunities that fulfill these criteria and are excited about the path forward in the new normal. 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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To determine if a Fund is an appropriate investment for you, carefully consider the Fund's investment objectives, risk factors, charges and expenses before investing. This and other information may be found in the Fund's summary and full prospectus, which may be obtained by calling 1-888-564-4517 or by visiting the website at www.riverparkfunds.com. Please read the prospectus carefully before investing.

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