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1Q Highlights

- The Fund outperformed its benchmark during the quarter on the heels of favorable credit selection results, sector and rating emphases, and duration positioning.
- With spreads wider and positive net issuance, opportunities are emerging in pockets of the market.
- We continued to find durable credits offering attractive value even as valuations reflect a growing belief that the U.S. economy is slowing.

PERFORMANCE
Past performance does not predict future results

	Annual returns										
Fund/benchmark	**2024**	**2023**	**2022**	**2021**	**2020**	**2019**	**2018**	**2017**	**2016**	**2015**	**2014**
Class A	6.15%	7.20%	-1.46%	1.30%	3.18%	4.09%	1.72%	1.99%	2.50%	-0.58%	1.28%
Bloomberg U.S. 1-3 Year Treasury Bond Index	4.03%	4.29%	-3.82%	-0.60%	3.16%	3.59%	1.56%	0.42%	0.86%	0.56%	0.63%

AS OF 31 MARCH 2025

			Average annual total returns				
Fund/benchmark	**3 mo.**	**YTD**	**1 yr.**	**3 yr.**	**5 yr.**	**10 yr.**	**Since inception**
BBH Short Duration - Class A Shares	1.26%	1.26%	5.86%	4.76%	3.97%	2.71%	2.42%
Bloomberg U.S. 1-3 Year Treasury Bond Index	1.62%	1.62%	5.42%	2.84%	1.14%	1.49%	1.35%

Class A Inception: 31/01/2013
Class A Ongoing Changes: 0.50%
Class I shares redeemed 06/09/2023
Returns of less than one year are not annualized.

The past performance excludes the entry and exit charges. This figure may vary from year to year. It excludes portfolio transaction costs. Subscription may be subject to an entry charge up to, but not to exceed, 3% of the initial price or subscription price. Fund shares redeemed within 30 days of purchase may be subject to an exit charge of 1%. The entry and exit charges shown are maximum figures. In some cases you may pay less. Performance has been calculated in USD. Performance can be increased or reduced as a result of currency fluctuations.

Sources: Bloomberg and BBH & Co.

Market environment

First quarter 2025 may have been the calm before the storm. Treasury rates declined across the yield curve as concerns about muted growth prospects emerged due to indications the U.S. government planned to introduce protectionist trade policies. These concerns impacted investor predictions for forward-looking Fed interest rate decisions, indicating one additional Fed rate cut was expected and bringing the tally of expectations to four cuts by year end. The next Fed decision is scheduled for May 7th, and investors predict no change to the federal funds rate at that meeting.

The Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index returned 2.8% during the first quarter as interest rates declined and credit spreads widened modestly from a low base. Riskier market segments underperformed high-quality bonds. The Bloomberg U.S. Corporate High Yield Index returned 1.0%, and the S&P 500 Index returned -4.3%. All major credit segments of the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index had negative excess returns during the quarter.

EXHIBIT I: FIXED INCOME INDEXES RETURNS

	Duration	Total return (%)		Excess return (%)	
Index	**(Years)**	**QTD**	**YTD**	**QTD**	**YTD**
J.P. Morgan Leveraged Loan Index[1]	0.3	0.48	7.02	-0.56	2.00
Palmer Square CLO Debt Index[1]	0.3	1.53	10.24	0.49	5.22
Bloomberg ABS ex Stranded Cost Utilities Index	1.8	1.51	6.22	-0.08	0.78
Bloomberg 2 Year U.S. Treasury Bellwether Index	1.8	1.59	5.20	–	–
Bloomberg U.S. Corporate High Yield Index	3.1	1.00	7.69	-1.13	2.20
Bloomberg Non-Agency CMBS Index	3.7	2.30	7.10	-0.18	1.82
ICE BofA AA-BBB US Misc. ABS Index	3.9	2.13	7.34	-0.39	1.96
Bloomberg Intermediate Corporate Index	4.1	2.27	6.32	-0.29	1.11
Bloomberg U.S. TIPS Index	4.9	4.17	6.17	–	–
Bloomberg U.S. Treasury Index	5.9	2.92	4.51	–	–
Bloomberg MBS Index	5.9	3.06	5.39	-0.07	0.47
Bloomberg EM USD Aggregate Index	6.0	2.34	7.43	-0.63	2.96
Bloomberg Aggregate Index	**6.1**	**2.78**	**4.88**	**-0.23**	**0.33**
Bloomberg U.S. Corporate Index	6.9	2.31	4.90	-0.85	0.74
Bloomberg 10 Year U.S. Treasury Bellwether Index	7.9	3.99	3.93	–	–
Bloomberg Taxable Municipal Index	9.2	2.83	3.38	-0.99	-0.06
Bloomberg Long Corporate Index	12.6	2.38	2.11	-1.99	0.01

Data reported as of 31 March 2025

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Source: Bloomberg, J.P. Morgan, Palmer Square, ICE, Bank of America, BBH.

Unless otherwise noted Excess Returns are the returns in the excess of duration matched Treasuries.

[1] Excess return computed by BBH as total return less the return of the Bloomberg 3 Month T-Bill Bellwether Index, a proxy for the duration profile of floating-rate leveraged loans and CLO debt.

Credit issuance remained robust during the quarter, with issuers refinancing short maturities amid low credit spreads, muted volatility, and strong demand. High-grade corporate bond issuance increased 19% while high yield issuance (bonds plus loans) was flat year over year. Asset-backed securities (ABS) issuance was flat, but nontraditional ABS volumes increased 10% from 2024's pace. Commercial mortgage-backed securities (CMBS) volumes jumped 139% off a lower base year over year. Net issuance was modest but positive in all credit sectors.

With spreads wider and positive net issuance, opportunities are emerging in pockets of the market. The percentage of credits that screened as a "buy" increased to 11% from 4% for investment-grade corporate bonds and to 38% from 16% for high yield corporate bonds. The percentage of loans screening as a "buy" decreased though to 45% from 58%. Within the investment-grade corporate credit market, interest rate-sensitive sectors like life insurance, finance companies, and banks continue to screen attractively, while opportunities are also emerging in consumer cyclical companies. Tariff pressures should have a greater effect on more leveraged businesses in the high yield market, which drove credit spreads toward more appropriate ranges.

Away from credits in mainstream indexes, spreads in some ABS subsectors increased toward their long-term averages. Most nontraditional ABS continue to screen attractively in our valuation framework and offer appealing yield prospects. Data center ABS spreads widened from very low levels as concerns over long-term data center demand arose from artificial intelligence (AI) efficiency improvements and potential tariffs. CMBS spreads in select opportunities remain disconnected from their credit profiles, as property-level dynamics remain imperative for performance.

EXHIBIT II: OUTLOOK BY SECTOR

Sector	Outlook	Positioning
Reserves		
U.S. Treasuries/futures/reserves	Hold when attractive credits unavailable	Held to balance yield curve and duration exposures
Government-related	Unattractive valuations; better opportunities elsewhere	No positions in portfolios
Municipal	Valuations of select municipals are attractive for inclusion in taxable portfolios	Holdings include transportation revenue bonds
Structured credit		
U.S. MBS	No purchase opportunities in 15- or 30-year pools	No positions in portfolios
RMBS	Continued credit, technical, and valuation concerns	No positions in portfolios
CMBS	Opportunities exist among high-quality properties seeking to refinance	Hold positions in SASB CMBS deals where we have transparency into collateral dynamics
ABS	Opportunities returning as many sectors' spreads reverted towards long term averages	Hold positions across diversified set of nontraditional segments
Corporate credit		
IG corporate bonds	Amount of attractively valued opportunities in benchmarks remains low but is rising	Holdings remain in some interest rate sensitive sectors and among certain security selection opportunities
Corporate loans	Less than half the universe screens attractively	Holdings are diversified and include credits issued by healthcare, airlines, and technology companies
HY corporate bonds	Spreads widen towards long-term average and attractively valued opportunities emerging	Approaching new opportunities cautiously due to potential impact of tariff pressures
Other credit		
Emerging markets	Concerns remain about creditor rights in most emerging market countries	No positions in portfolios

As of 31 March 2025. Portfolio holdings and characteristics are subject to change.

MBS = Mortgage-Backed Securities; RMBS = Residential Mortgage-Backed Securities; CMBS = Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities; ABS = Asset-Backed Securities; IG = Investment Grade; HY = High Yield; SASB = Single Asset, Single Borrower; REIT = Real Estate Investment Trust
Source: BBH

Valuations

Valuations are not yet broadly attractive, and caution is still warranted in several areas of the market. Agency mortgage-backed securities (MBS) valuations remain broadly unattractive as spreads compressed further, with no cohort of the 15- or 30-year MBS market screening as a “buy” candidate. Negative excess returns remain possible for most of the investment-grade corporate bond universe. Less than half of the high yield corporate bond and loan markets screen attractively, highlighting the importance of a selective approach. Spreads on collateralized loan obligation (CLO) debt widened from very narrow levels to below-average levels. Emerging market credits remain unappealing due to concerns over creditor rights in most countries and its impact on their durability, compounded with the uncertainties that tariffs may impose on supply chains. We believe nonagency residential mortgage-backed securities (RMBS) remain plagued by poor issuance trends, unattractive valuations, and weak fundamentals.

Valuations reflect a growing belief that the U.S. economy is slowing. GDP estimates declined and suggested a recession is possible. Changing global tariff policies have weighed on business and consumer sentiment while also driving concerns about inflation.

Credit performance of business loans have been strong, although recent tariff policies may challenge future credit performance. Defaults trended lower, while recoveries improved. U.S. business bankruptcies remain low, and business loans held at banks are performing well. There has been an increase in pay-in-kind (PIK) interest for loans held in some private credit structures. We are monitoring the increase in PIK loans closely to distinguish between unique borrower business models vs. inabilities to service debt.

Performance

- The Fund outperformed its benchmark during the quarter on the heels of favorable credit selection results, sector and rating emphases, and duration profile contributed to total returns as interest rates fell.
- The Fund was allocated to strong-performing segments of the credit markets within its holdings of investment-grade corporate bonds.
- Security selection was additive to relative performance during the quarter as holdings of investment-grade corporate bonds issued by specialty finance companies, life insurers, and banks enhanced performance.

EXHIBIT III: FUND ATTRIBUTION

	Average weight (%)	Contribution (basis points)		
	Portfolio	Rates	Sector	Selection
Total portfolio	**100.0%**	**60**	**26**	**24**
Reserves	10.2%		0	0
Municipal	0.6%		0	0
U.S. MBS	0.0%		0	0
CMBS	0.3%		0	0
IG corporate bonds	84.6%		23	25
HY corporate bonds	4.3%		2	0

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Contribution figures are presented gross of fees
Data reported quarterly from 1 January 2025 to 31 March 2025
Basis point or "bp" is 1/100th of a percent (0.01% or 0.0001)
CMBS = Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities; ABS = Asset-Backed Securities; IG = Investment Grade; HY = High Yield
Source: BBH

Transaction summary

We continued to find durable credits offering attractive value even as valuations reflect a growing belief that the U.S. economy is slowing. The table below summarizes a few notable portfolio additions.

EXHIBIT IV: TRANSACTION SUMMARY

Obligor	Coupon	Maturity	Yield (YTM)	Rating	Spread	Spread reference	Duration	Sector	Subsector
Royal Bank of Canada	4.72	3/27/2028	4.7	AA-	68	Treasury	1.9	Corporate Bond	Banking
Mercedes-Benz Group AG	4.65	4/1/2027	4.7	A	65	Treasury	1.9	Corporate Bond	Automotive
Eli Lilly & Co	4.55	2/12/2028	4.6	AA-	27	Treasury	2.7	Corporate Bond	Pharmaceuticals
State Street Corp	4.54	2/28/2028	4.5	NR	44	Treasury	2.7	Corporate Bond	Banking
Deere & Co	4.85	3/6/2028	4.8	A+	50	SOFR	0.0	Corporate Bond	Construction machinery
Johnson & Johnson	4.50	3/1/2027	4.5	AAA	20	Treasury	1.9	Corporate Bond	Pharmaceuticals
Cargill Inc	4.63	2/11/2028	4.6	A	42	Treasury	2.7	Corporate Bond	Food And beverage
BMW Capital LLC	4.65	3/19/2027	4.7	A	65	Treasury	1.9	Corporate Bond	Automotive
Morgan Stanley	5.02	1/12/2029	5.0	NR	64	Treasury	2.7	Corporate Bond	Banking
Equitable Holdings Inc	5.00	3/27/2030	5.0	A+	95	Treasury	4.4	Corporate Bond	Life insurance

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Source: BBH

Characteristics

- At the end of the quarter, the Fund's duration was 0.9 years, relatively unchanged compared to the previous quarter.
- The Fund's weight to reserves increased to 21% from 14% while its weight to investment-grade corporate bonds declined to 74% from 81%.

– The Fund increased weight to AAA-rated assets and decreased weight to BBB, BB, and B-rated assets.

– The Fund's option-adjusted spread was 86 basis points (bps)[1] compared to 90 bps last quarter over Treasuries.

EXHIBIT V: FUND CHARACTERISTICS

Portfolio characteristics	Portfolio	Benchmark	Active
Effective duration (years)	0.90	1.75	-0.86
Spread duration (years)	1.29	0.00	1.29
Yield to maturity (%)	5.08	3.94	1.14
Option-adjusted spread (bps)	86	0	86

Credit rating (%)	Portfolio	Benchmark
AAA/TSY/cash	23.1	100.0
AA	12.8	0.0
A	33.0	0.0
BBB	27.2	0.0
BB	3.2	0.0
B	0.3	0.0
CCC & below/NR	0.6	0.0

Sector allocation (%)	Portfolio	Benchmark	Active
Reserves	21.3	100.0	-78.7
Municipal	0.6	0.0	0.6
MBS (agency)	0.0	0.0	0.0
CMBS	0.2	0.0	0.2
ABS	0.0	0.0	0.0
IG corporate bonds	73.8	0.0	73.8
HY corporate bonds	4.0	0.0	4.0

Portfolio holdings and characteristics are subject to change.

Benchmark is the Bloomberg US 1-3 Year Treasury Bond Index

Data reported as of 31 March 2025

TSY = Treasury; MBS = Mortgage-Backed Securities; RMBS = Residential Mortgage-Backed Securities; CMBS = Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities; ABS = Asset-Backed Securities; CLO = Collateralized Loan Obligation

Source: BBH

Concluding remarks

Uncertainty over tariffs is already having a recessionary impact on business activity and could pressure the performance of many industries and companies. We remain steadfast in our approach, focusing on identifying durable credits[2] – those that can withstand the worst environments faced by their issuer's industries – at attractive yields. We do this by evaluating individual opportunities bottom-up and not allowing top-down sentiments to alter the application of this approach. We believe this decision-making structure serves our clients well in all environments, whether markets calm and complacent or volatile and uncertain.

Sincerely,

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[1] Basis point (bp) is a unit that is equal to 1/100th of 1% and is used to denote the change in price or yield of a financial instrument.

[2] Obligations such as bonds, notes, loans, leases, and other forms of indebtedness, except for cash and cash equivalents, issued by obligors other than the U.S. Government and its agencies, totaled at the level of the ultimate obligor or guarantor of the Obligation. Durable means the ability to withstand a wide variety of economic conditions

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Definitions

Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index is a market value-weighted index that tracks the daily price, coupon, pay-downs, and total return performance of fixed-rate, publicly placed, dollar-denominated, and non-convertible investment grade debt issues with at least $300 million par amount outstanding and with at least one year to final maturity.

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