

# PIMCO Credit Opportunities Bond Fund

## PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

The PIMCO Credit Opportunities Bond Fund returned 0.99% after fees in March, outperforming the ICE BofA SOFR Overnight Rate Index by 0.53%. Year-to-date the Fund has returned 1.42% at NAV, while the benchmark returned 1.35%.

In the first quarter, global investment grade credit spreads tightened 13 bps, ending the quarter at 92 bps. The sector returned 0.05%, outperforming like-duration treasuries by 1.01%. Credit spreads tightened amid continued strong earnings results and heavy issuance to start the year. Global high yield bond spreads tightened 28 bps and the asset class returned 1.64% for the quarter. Spreads tightened amid resilient growth and dovish sentiment from the Federal Reserve.<sup>1</sup>

### Contributors

- Long exposure to financials
- Long exposure to US housing
- Long exposure to gaming/entertainment
- Long exposure to energy

### Detractors

- Long exposure to duration

	Month end performance 31 March 2024				Quarter end performance 31 March 2024			
	3 mos.	6 mos.	1 yr.	YTD	1 yr.	5 yrs.	10 yrs.	Since inception
■ PIMCO Credit Opportunities Bond Fund share class INST at NAV (%)	1.42	6.59	7.25	1.42	7.25	3.14	3.15	3.42
■ Benchmark (%)	1.35	2.74	5.44	1.35	5.44	2.24	1.64	1.38

■ PIMCO Credit Opportunities Bond Fund share class INST at NAV (%) ■ Benchmark (%)

**Benchmark:** ICE BofA SOFR Overnight Rate Index

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Differences in the Fund's performance versus the index and related attribution information with respect to particular categories of securities or individual positions may be attributable, in part, to differences in the pricing methodologies used by the Fund and the index.

There is no assurance that any fund, including any fund that has experienced high or unusual performance for one or more periods, will experience similar levels of performance in the future. High performance is defined as a significant increase in either 1) a fund's total return in excess of that of the fund's benchmark between reporting periods or 2) a fund's total return in excess of the fund's historical returns between reporting periods. Unusual performance is defined as a significant change in a fund's performance as compared to one or more previous reporting periods.

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A Shares	<b>PZCRX</b>	INST Shares	<b>PCARX</b>
C Shares	<b>PCCRX</b>	I-2 Shares	<b>PPCRX</b>

Fund Inception Date **31 August 2011**

Shareclass INST Inception Date **31 August 2011**

Total Net Assets (in millions) **\$358.8**

### Performance Characteristics

INST 30-day SEC yield<sup>1</sup>

Subsidized **5.91%**

Unsubsidized **5.89%**

<sup>1</sup>The 30 day SEC Yield is computed under an SEC standardized formula based on net income earned over the past 30 days. The Subsidized yield includes contractual expense reimbursements and it would be lower without those reimbursements. The Unsubsidized 30 Day SEC yield excludes contractual expense reimbursements.

### Basic Facts

Dividend frequency **Quarterly**

### Fund Expenses

INST share Gross Expense Ratio **0.61%**

INST share Adjusted Expense Ratio **0.60%**

The Adjusted Expense Ratio excludes certain investment expenses, such as interest expense from borrowings and repurchase agreements and dividend expense from investments on short sales, incurred directly by the Fund or indirectly through the Fund's investments in underlying PIMCO Funds (if applicable), none of which are paid to PIMCO.

### Portfolio Managers

Mark Kiesel, Alfred Murata, Sonali Pier, Jason Duko

### Fund Statistics

Effective Duration (yrs) **1.57**

Effective Maturity (yrs) **1.15**

Sharpe Ratio (10 year) **0.38**

Volatility (10 year) **4.71%**

## PORTFOLIO POSITIONING

The Fund maintains exposure to industries tied to housing, specifically building materials and residential MBS, where fundamentals remain strong with higher homeowner equity. Financials are a key allocation, particularly banks with solid balance sheets and higher equity capital ratios, while focusing on senior bonds issued by strong banks given attractive risk-adjusted valuations due to repricing in the sector across the capital structure. We favor healthcare issuers supported by favorable margin profiles and recurring revenue business models. Additionally, we are finding value in companies benefiting from the strong demand for broadband and connected devices, particularly tower companies and select wireless providers. Within emerging markets, we maintain exposure to select corporates and quasi-sovereigns, particularly credits with relatively strong fundamentals. We remain cautious on generic non-financial corporate credit, and sectors with weaker outlooks such as retail.

## Top Industries (% Market Value)

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Banks	9.0
Financial Other	6.2
Technology	5.8
Pipelines	5.8
Gaming	5.4
Lodging	3.9
Electric Utility	3.0
Aerospace/Defense	2.8
Real Estate	2.4
Independent E&P	2.3

## QUARTER IN REVIEW

The Fund's bottom-up sector and security selection drove positive performance, while macro positioning detracted. Long exposure to financials contributed to performance as banks' fundamentals and profitability generally remained strong. Long exposure to US housing contributed to performance as non-Agency RMBS spreads tightened during the quarter. Long exposure to gaming/entertainment contributed to performance as gaming spend per player continued to be robust relative to 2019 levels. Long exposure to energy contributed to performance as prices remained supported by low inventory levels. Conversely, the Fund's long exposure to duration detracted from performance as rates rose.

## OUTLOOK AND STRATEGY

Higher savings balances and a slower pass-through of monetary policy in the U.S. relative to other developed markets could, in our view, keep inflation above the Fed's 2% target over the cyclical horizon. We still expect the Fed to start normalizing policy at midyear, similar to other DM central banks; however, the Fed's subsequent rate-cutting path could be more gradual. Additionally, we believe that an economic soft landing is achievable, but both recessionary and inflationary risks remain elevated in the aftermath of unprecedented global shocks to supply and demand.

Credit market technicals are mixed as demand continues to be supported by higher yields, although net new supply has risen due to receding recession fears and growing expectation amongst issuers for yields to stay higher for longer. Valuations are below long term median levels which warrants a patient approach and focus on maintaining liquidity and flexibility in portfolios, capitalizing on opportunities as they present themselves. We continue to seek out high conviction opportunities, with a preference from sectors that have historically been more resilient to higher rates and non-cyclical sectors that may be better anchored in an economic slowdown. Our bottom-up positioning emphasizes companies with high barriers to entry, pricing power, asset coverage, and management teams that favor bondholders in the capital structure.

INST SHARE MORNINGSTAR RATING™



OVERALL MORNINGSTAR RATING™ as of 03/31/2024

Category	Nontraditional Bond
Number of funds in category	278
Criteria	Risk-Adjusted Return

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**Effective duration** is a measure of a portfolio's price sensitivity to interest rate changes, including expected changes in cash flows caused by embedded options. The **Sharpe Ratio** measures the risk-adjusted performance. The risk-free rate is subtracted from the rate of return for a portfolio and the result is divided by the standard deviation of the risk-free rate subtracted from the portfolio returns. **Volatility** is measured by the standard deviation, or dispersion of a set of data from its mean, based on historical portfolio returns. A larger spread of data indicates higher standard deviation and higher volatility. **Effective maturity** is a weighted average of all the maturities of the bonds in a portfolio, computed by weighting each bond's effective maturity by the market value of the security.

Monthly Morningstar Rating™ as of 31 March 2024 for the INST Shares; other classes may have different performance characteristics. The PIMCO Credit Opportunities Bond Fund was rated against the following numbers of Fixed Income, Corporate, Alternatives over the following time periods: Overall 4 Stars (278 funds rated); 3 Yrs. 4 Stars (278 funds rated); 5 Yrs. 4 Stars (250 funds rated); 10 Yrs. 4 stars (161 funds rated). Past performance is no guarantee of future results. A rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold a fund. ©2024 Morningstar, Inc. All Rights Reserved. The information contained herein: (1) is proprietary to Morningstar; (2) may not be copied or distributed; and (3) is not warranted to be accurate, complete or timely. Neither Morningstar nor its content providers are responsible for any damages or losses arising from any use of this information. The Morningstar Rating™ for funds, or "star rating", is calculated for managed products (including mutual funds, variable annuity and variable life subaccounts, exchange-traded funds, closed-end funds, and separate accounts) with at least a three-year history. Exchange-traded funds and open-ended mutual funds are considered a single population for comparative purposes. It is calculated based on a Morningstar Risk-Adjusted Return measure that accounts for variation in a managed product's monthly excess performance, placing more emphasis on downward variations and rewarding consistent performance. The top 10% of products in each product category receive 5 stars, the next 22.5% receive 4 stars, the next 35% receive 3 stars, the next 22.5% receive 2 stars, and the bottom 10% receive 1 star. The Overall Morningstar Rating for a managed product is derived from a weighted average of the performance figures associated with its three-, five-, and 10-year (if applicable) Morningstar Rating metrics. The weights are: 100% three-year rating for 36-59 months of total returns, 60% five-year rating/40% three-year rating for 60-119 months of total returns, and 50% 10-year rating/30% five-year rating/20% three-year rating for 120 or more months of total returns. While the 10-year overall star rating formula seems to give the most weight to the 10-year period, the most recent three-year period actually has the greatest impact because it is included in all three rating periods.

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<sup>1</sup>Bloomberg Global Aggregate Credit USD Hedged Index and BofA Merrill Lynch Developed Markets High Yield Constrained USD Hedged Index, respectively

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