

DoubleLine Rising Rates Webcast Recap



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About this Webcast Recap

On February 26, 2019, Portfolio Manager Philip Barach, and Director of Global Developed Credit, Robert Cohen held a webcast discussing the DoubleLine Low Duration Bond Fund (DBLSX/DLSNX) and the DoubleLine Floating Rate Fund (DBFRX/DLFRX) titled “DoubleLine Fund Offerings for a Rising Rate Environment.”

This recap is not intended to represent a complete transcript of the webcast. It is not intended as solicitation to buy or sell securities. If you are interested in hearing more of the portfolio managers’ views, please listen to the full version of this webcast on www.doublelinefunds.com on the “Webcasts” tab under “Latest Webcast.” You can use the “Jump to” feature to navigate to each slide.

Low Duration Bond Fund

Month-End Returns February 28, 2019	Annualized						Since Inception (9-30-11 to 2-28-19)	1-Yr Std Deviation
	February	YTD	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year			
I-share	0.47%	1.25%	2.76%	2.70%	2.05%	2.30%		
N-share	0.45%	1.21%	2.51%	2.44%	1.77%	2.04%		
ICE BAML 1-3 Yr. Treasury	0.10%	0.37%	2.29%	0.84%	0.83%	0.73%		

Quarter-End Returns December 31, 2018	Annualized						Since Inception (9-30-11 to 12-31-18)
	4Q18	YTD	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year		
I-share	0.18%	1.40%	1.40%	2.27%	1.89%	2.17%	
N-share	0.12%	1.15%	1.15%	2.02%	1.64%	1.92%	
ICE BAML 1-3 Yr. Treasury	1.29%	1.58%	1.58%	0.96%	0.81%	0.69%	

Expense Ratio: I-share (Gross) 0.43%; N-share (Gross) 0.68%

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The performance information shown assumes the reinvestment of all dividends and distributions.

Standard Deviation - A measure of the dispersion of a set of data from its mean. The more spread apart the data, the higher the deviation. Calculated by the square-root of the variance.

The ICE BofA/Merrill Lynch 1-3 Year Treasury Index is an unmanaged index that tracks the performance of the direct sovereign debt of the U.S. Government having a maturity of at least one years and less than three years. It is not possible to invest directly in an unmanaged index.

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DoubleLine Floating Rate Fund

Month-End Returns February 28, 2019	Annualized					Since Inception (2-1-2013 to 2-28-19)	1-Yr Std Deviation
	February	YTD	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year		
I-share	1.71%	3.73%	2.87%	4.57%	3.07%	3.14%	2.94%
N-share	1.68%	3.67%	2.71%	4.30%	2.83%	2.92%	2.90%
S&P/LSTA Leveraged Loan Index	1.59%	4.18%	3.44%	6.69%	3.73%	3.90%	3.25%

Quarter-End Returns December 31, 2018	Annualized					Since Inception (2-1-2013 to 12-31-18)
	4Q18	YTD	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	
I-share	-3.06%	0.05%	0.05%	3.00%	2.43%	2.59%
N-share	-3.12%	-0.19%	-0.19%	2.74%	2.19%	2.38%
S&P/LSTA Leveraged Loan Index	-3.45%	0.44%	0.44%	4.83%	3.05%	3.30%

Expense Ratio: I-share (Gross) 0.67%; N-share (Gross) 0.92%

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S&P/LSTA Leveraged Loan Index is comprised of non-investment grade and non-rated loans and strips our defaulted issue at the price directly following the default. You cannot invest directly in an index.

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The Fed versus the Market

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- The bond market and the Fed have discernably different views on the direction of interest rates in 2019 and beyond:
 - The bond market is expecting zero rate hikes, with the potential for a rate cut in 2019 (as measured by Bloomberg's World Interest Rate Probability Calculator).
 - Meanwhile, the Fed's dot plot is forecasting two rate hikes in 2019.
 - Market expectations can quickly change: as of 2/25/2019, the market probability of a Fed rate hike in March is 1.7%. Looking back to September of 2018, the market was forecasting a 99.2% probability of a rate hike in March.

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Economic Indicators

- The U.S. Conference Board of Leading Economic Indicators is rolling over, declining to 3.5% on 1/31/2019.
- The 2s10s Bond Yield Spread remains on watch at 16.44 basis points.
- ISM Manufacturing PMI and ISM Non-Manufacturing NMI are still in expansionary territory and have recently been correlated to the S&P, along with the market to 56.6 and 56.7, respectively.
- The New York Fed Underlying Inflation Gauge is forecasting Core CPI to rise from its current level of 2.2.

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Economic Indicators (cont'd)

- Fed Chairman Jerome Powell has indicated he's willing to tolerate CPI above 2% since CPI has hovered below 2% for quite some time.
- Wages are rising at 3.4% (as measured by the year over year (YoY) change in U.S. Average Hourly Earnings), partially due to 18 states raising the minimum wage in 2018 with 19 states expected to increase the minimum wage in 2019.

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Low Duration Bond Fund Statistics

	DBLSX	DLSNX
Assets	1,000	1,000
Assets	1.24	2.76
Weighted average life	1.24	2.76
Duration	1.24	2.76
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DoubleLine Low Duration Bond Fund (DBLSX/DLSNX)

- A multi-sector asset allocation fixed income fund that strives to mitigate risk and achieve better risk-adjusted returns than its benchmark, the ICE BofA Merrill Lynch 1-3 Year U.S. Treasury Index.
 - The Fund generally maintains a duration between zero and three years.
 - DBLSX as of February 28, 2019:
 - Duration: 1.24
 - Weighted average life: 2.76
 - The portfolio managers are actively managing and limiting spread duration in the portfolio by investing in the senior parts of the capital structure.

Bank Loan Market Update

- After a sell-off in the bank loan market at the end of 2018, the asset class experienced a sharp snapback in performance in January and February and recovered most of the sell-off from November and December.
 - As of February 20, 2019, bank loans (as measured by the S&P LSTA Leveraged Loan Index) are up 3.42% year-to-date.
- Retail funds flowed out of bank loans to the tune of -\$27.4 billion in the fourth quarter, which coincided with the Fed's more dovish narrative. When outflows are strong, demand for bank loans falls and thus banks issue fewer loans.
- Overall, the size of the bank loan market has exceeded \$1 trillion for the first time in its history – approximately matching the size of the high yield market.
- 2018 new issue bank loan volume proceeds:
 - 63% of financing went to mergers & acquisitions activity.
 - 27% of financing went to refinancing.
 - 8% of financing went to dividend funding.
- Spreads relative to the London Interbank Offering Rate (LIBOR) retraced the majority of losses after the significant sell-off at the end of 2018.
 - All loans spread-to-maturity: LIBOR +419 bps
 - Leveraged Loan 100 spread-to-maturity: LIBOR +342 bps
 - The Leveraged Loan 100 is one of the most widely followed indexes in the institutional leveraged loan market. It consists of 100 of the most liquid names within the S&P/LSTA Leveraged Loan Index.

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Retail Fund Flows



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Bank Loan Market Update (cont'd)

- Defaults in the bank loan market are 1.63% (on a rolling 12-month basis), which is below their historic averages.
- Total leverage for large corporate loans at 5.3x in 2018 was at its highest level since 5.9x in 2012, indicative of the hot credit market as corporations have been loading up on debt in today's low absolute interest rate environment.
- Further, interest coverage ratio for large corporate loans at 3.1x in 2018 was at its lowest level since 2.6x in 2012, which is a function of LIBOR moving up since earnings in the loan market have been positive.
- Current leverage rates in bank loans are at manageable levels in the near-term as interest coverage levels look healthy as corporate earnings are rising faster than LIBOR.

DoubleLine Floating Rate Fund (DBFRX/DLFRX)

- DBFRX as of February 28, 2019:
 - The Fund has 227 holdings.
 - No large bets are taken on any single credit.
 - Duration of 0.26
 - 58.63% DBFRX's credit quality is B-rated.
 - 28.99% DBFRX's credit quality is BB-rated.
 - 5.15% DBFRX's credit quality is BBB-rated.
 - 4.67% DBFRX is in Cash, with the remaining ~1.81% in CCC-rated bonds and below.
 - We remain underweight CCC-rated bonds due to liquidity and risk concerns.

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Floating Rate Fund Portfolio Statistics

Fund Name: DBFRX	
Assets Under Management	\$1.2B
Number of Holdings	227
Duration	0.26
Weighted Average Maturity	0.26
Weighted Average Coupon	4.50%
Weighted Average Credit Quality	B
CCC	1.81%
CCC+	0.00%
CCC-	0.00%
CCC	0.00%
CCC-	0.00%
CCC	0.00%
CCC-	0.00%

Question and Answer

- What's your interest rate forecast for 2019?
 - It's always hard to make a forecast. I think my bet is in 2019 the yield curve will steepen. I think that we're going to see some inflation increases, and as a result of that, the long end will start moving up. Then the Fed will be a little slow raising rates, so I think you'll see a steepening of the yield curve in 2019.

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Definitions

Basis Point (bps) - A basis point is a unit that is equal to 1/100th of 1%, and is used to denote the change in a financial instrument.

Correlation - A statistical measurement of the relationship between two variables. Possible correlations range from +1 to -1. A zero correlation indicates that there is no relationship between the variables. A correlation of -1 indicates a perfect negative correlation and +1 indicates a perfect positive correlation.

Consumers Price Index (CPI) - A measure that examines the weighted average of prices of a basket of consumer goods and services, such as transportation, food and medical care. The CPI is calculated by taking price changes for each item in the predetermined basket of goods and averaging them; the goods are weighted according to their importance. Changes in CPI are used to assess price changes associated with the cost of living.

Duration: A measure of the sensitivity of the price of a fixed income investment to a change in interest rates, expressed as a number of years.

Investment Grade: A level of credit rating for stocks regarded as carrying a minimal risk to investors. Ratings are based on corporate bond model. The higher the rating the more likely the bond will pay back par/100 cents on the dollar.

ISM Manufacturing PMI Index: An index made up of data from 300 manufacturing firms collected by the Institute of Supply Management (ISM). It indicates the economic health of the manufacturing sector.

ISM Non-Manufacturing Index (NMI): An index made up of data from 400 non-manufacturing firms collected by the Institute of Supply Management (ISM).

Leading Economic Indicators - Phenomena, such as the unemployment and new construction rates, used by the Conference Board to predict the financial condition of a particular industry or the economy in general.

London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR): An indicative average interest rate at which a selection of banks known as the panel banks are prepared to lend one another unsecured funds on the London money market.

Spread – Spread is the percentage point difference between yields of various classes of bonds compared to treasury bonds.

Spread-to-Maturity: The spread to maturity adjusts the value of the spread over base rate for any nonpar price, over the life of the loan.

S&P 500® Index - Is the American stocks market index based on market capitalizations of 500 largest companies having common stocks listed on NYSE and NASDAQ.

S&P/LSTA U.S. Leveraged Loan 100 Index: An index designed to track the market-weighted performance of the 100 largest institutional leveraged loans based on the market weightings, spreads and interest payments.

Weighted Average Life: The average number of years for which each dollar of unpaid principal on a loan or mortgage remains outstanding.

World Interest Rate Probability (WIRP): A Bloomberg function based on futures trading data that gives probabilities of rate increases by central bank meeting date.

Yield Curve: A line that plots the interest rates, at a set point in time, of bonds having equal credit quality but differing maturity dates.