



## **Quarterly Commentary**

# **Long Duration Total Return Bond Fund DBLDX/DLLDX**

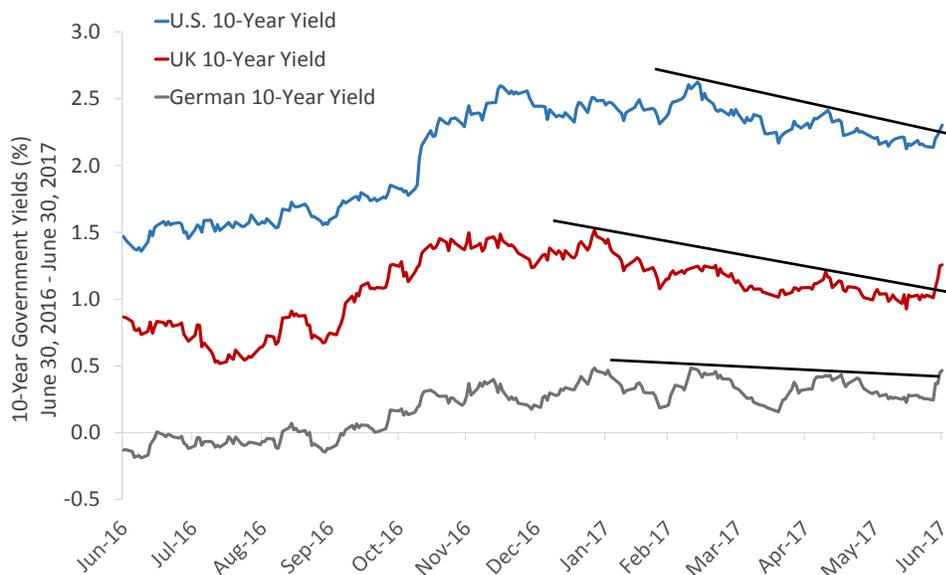
**June 30, 2017**

Overview

A few main themes dominated headlines at the close of the second quarter: changes to Federal Reserve (Fed) monetary policy, the direction of U.S. Treasury (UST) rates, and persistent low volatility across several asset classes. For the most part, however, the first half of the year was a continuation of the latter half of 2016 as more credit sensitive sectors such as convertible bonds, high yield (HY) and emerging market (EM) debt continued to outperform. Although sectors such as mortgage-backed securities (MBS) and U.S. Treasuries were the laggards, they too maintained a positive total return.

As anticipated, the Fed was all the talk during the second quarter after another successful rate hike during June brought the benchmark target to between 1.00% and 1.25%. After two successful hikes through the first half of the year, it appears that the Fed has finally been able to meet their own expectations after years of disappointing the market. According to Bloomberg's World Interest Rate Probability (WIRP) function, the implied probability of another hike by year-end is just over 50%. We believe the true probability is accurately reflected in the futures market as it will be difficult for the Fed to hike once more by year-end. Aside from subpar Gross Domestic Product (GDP) which came in at 1.4% during the first quarter, the Fed will have to fight falling inflation, which appears to have peaked for the year barring any exogenous shocks to the base effects. Headline Consumer Price Index (CPI)

10-Year Government Yields  
June 30, 2016 to June 30, 2017



Source: DoubleLine, Bloomberg

fell to 1.9% year-over-year (YoY) during May after reaching a high of 2.7% in February 2017. Core CPI fell to 1.7% YoY after reaching a high of 2.3% in January 2017. Flat-to-weaker energy prices will likely keep a lid on any higher inflation expectations through the second half of the year.

The UST curve continued to flatten for most of the second quarter as it has for most of the year. The benchmark yield spread between the long end of the 10-year bond and the short end of the 2-year note (2s10s) began the year at 125 basis points (bps) but later fell as low as 79 bps ahead of the Fed's rate hike. Meanwhile, the 2-year UST ended the quarter at 1.38%, an 8-year high, validating the notion that short-term interest rates have been in a secular rising interest rate environment for the better part of five years. Most notably, price action on the 10-year

UST is worth keeping an eye on through the second half of the year as the 10-year yield broke out to the upside during the last week of June to end the month at 2.30%. The move coincided with a jump in global developed sovereign yields as stronger growth and talk of less accommodative policy in Europe led to a 21 bps spike in 10-year German Bund yield and a 23 bps spike in 10-year UK Gilt yields during the last week of June. The 10-year German Bund and 10-year UK Gilt ended the quarter at 0.47% and 1.26%, respectively. All told, it is clear that pressure has remained to the upside for yields as we move into the second half of the year.

Lastly, we continue to keep an eye on the lack of volatility across risk assets as the quiet summer months could give investors a false sense of calm. The CBOE Volatility Index (VIX), which

measures the volatility across the S&P 500, fell to all-time lows during June and ended the month near levels not seen since 1993. While we do not forecast a recession in the immediate future, further delays and disappointments in economic policy, rising bond yields and subpar growth are all events that could lead to investor uncertainty. Although Fed Chair Janet Yellen does not expect “another financial crisis in our lifetime,” we believe any market dislocations and mispricings can be opportunities over the long term.<sup>1</sup>

### Agency Mortgage-Backed Securities

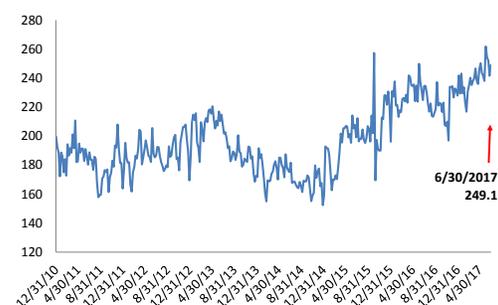
- Overall aggregate prepayment speeds increased by roughly 7% month-over-month (MoM) and by roughly 15% quarter-over-quarter (QoQ). Higher speeds were primarily attributed to higher seasonal housing turnover over this time; however, the trend continues to be range bound with aggregate conditional prepayment rate (CPR) across all agencies only increasing by about 1 CPR. Lower coupon collateral has shown the highest increase in speeds, which

is likely due to those coupon cohorts having less burnout than their higher coupon counterparts. According to First Tennessee, based on current mortgage rates, loan balances, FICO scores, and loan-to-value (LTV), only about 13% of 30-year borrowers and 8% of 15-year borrowers have at least a 50 bps incentive to refinance their mortgage loans.<sup>2</sup>

- 30-year Freddie Mac Commitment Rates ended the quarter at 3.88%, a decline of about 25 bps since last quarter. Based on Mortgage Bankers Association (MBA) data, purchasing activity has increased, but refinancing activity has been stagnant as it has been for most of 2017.
- Total gross issuance for the month was roughly \$115 billion, \$320 billion for the quarter, and \$666 billion on a year-to-date (YTD) basis. Overall issuance levels have been fairly consistent and steady, consistent with overall prepayment trends. The slight increase MoM is likely tied to higher seasoning turnover in the housing markets.

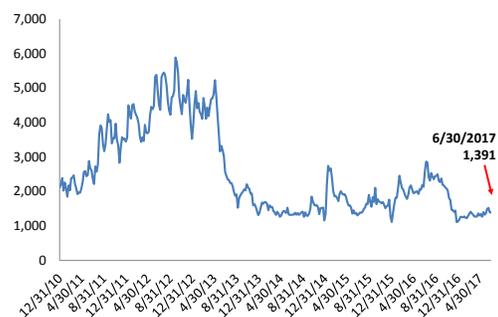
- 30-year current coupon spreads against 10-year yields have tightened in since the beginning of the year. Based on the Bloomberg Barclays U.S. MBS Index, the Agency Residential MBS (RMBS) sector had a -0.40% return for the month of June, 0.87% for the sec-

**Mortgage Bankers Association (MBA) Purchase Index**  
As of June 30, 2017



Source: Bloomberg

**MBA Refinance Index**  
As of June 30, 2017



Source: Bloomberg

| Conditional Prepayment Rates (CPR)            |           |           |           |        |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |     |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|
| 2017  | July      | Aug       | Sept      | Oct    | Nov   | Dec   | Jan   | Feb   | Mar   | Apr   | May   | June  |     |
| Fannie Mae (FNMA)                             | 15.0%     | 20.0%     | 18.9%     | 17.9%  | 17.0% | 15.1% | 10.7% | 8.6%  | 10.6% | 9.7%  | 11.5% | 12.3% |     |
| Freddie Mac (FHLMC)                           | 14.8%     | 19.8%     | 18.6%     | 17.7%  | 16.6% | 14.7% | 10.4% | 8.6%  | 13.6% | 12.5% | 14.5% | 15.4% |     |
| Ginnie Mae (GNMA)                             | 19.9%     | 23.8%     | 22.5%     | 21.7%  | 21.2% | 18.5% | 13.1% | 11.8% | 10.2% | 9.6%  | 11.3% | 12.1% |     |
| Bloomberg Barclays Capital U.S. MBS Index     |           |           |           |        |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       | MoM |
| Average Dollar Price                          | 4/30/2017 | 5/31/2017 | 6/30/2017 | Change |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |     |
| Duration                                      | \$103.61  | \$104.03  | \$103.38  | \$0.42 |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |     |
|   | 4.74      | 4.53      | 4.72      | -0.21  |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |     |
| Bloomberg Barclays Capital U.S. Index Returns |           |           |           |        |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |     |
| Aggregate                                     | 4/30/2017 | 5/31/2017 | 6/30/2017 |        |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |     |
| MBS   | 0.77%     | 0.77%     | -0.10%    |        |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |     |
| Corporate                                     | 0.65%     | 0.62%     | -0.40%    |        |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |     |
| Treasury                                      | 1.00%     | 1.08%     | 0.26%     |        |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |     |
|   | 0.69%     | 0.65%     | -0.16%    |        |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |     |

Source: eMBS, Barclays Capital

1. Source: Fox Business, “Yellen: I ‘don’t believe’ we’ll see another financial crisis in our lifetime.”  
2. FICO = Fair, Isaac and Company

ond quarter of 2017, and 1.35% on a YTD basis. The sector ended the quarter with a duration of 4.72 years, which is roughly where we ended 2016.

### U.S. Government Securities

- According to the Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Treasury Index, the UST market posted a modest loss of 0.16% in June 2017, pushing the second quarter return down to 1.19%.
- The benchmark 10-year yield touched a high point of 2.41% on May 10<sup>th</sup> before moving downward until it reached the low of 2.12% on June 14<sup>th</sup>. The 2-year yield closed at a YTD high of 1.38% on June 30<sup>th</sup>. The 30-year yield closed at 2.83% on June 30<sup>th</sup>.

#### U.S. Treasury Yield Curve

|         | 5/31/2017 | 6/30/2017 | Change |
|---------|-----------|-----------|--------|
| 3 month | 0.97%     | 1.01%     | 0.04%  |
| 6 month | 1.07%     | 1.13%     | 0.06%  |
| 1 year  | 1.15%     | 1.23%     | 0.08%  |
| 2 year  | 1.28%     | 1.38%     | 0.10%  |
| 3 year  | 1.43%     | 1.55%     | 0.12%  |
| 5 year  | 1.75%     | 1.89%     | 0.14%  |
| 10 year | 2.20%     | 2.30%     | 0.10%  |
| 30 year | 2.86%     | 2.83%     | -0.03% |

Source: Bloomberg

- Yields rebounded during final week of June led by steeper increases in gilt and bund yields amid signs the Bank of England (BoE) and the European Central Bank (ECB) are moving toward raising interest rates. The U.S. 10-year yield spread versus the UK 10-year shrank to YTD lows, and the U.S.-

German yield spread sinking to its lowest since November.

- The yield spread between the long end of the 30-year bond and the short end of the 2-year note (2s30s) flattened significantly in June, falling from above 110 bps to around 94 bps, the lowest level since 2007.
- Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities (TIPS) breakevens fell to YTD lows on June 20<sup>th</sup>, extending steep declines triggered by weak May CPI and retail sales data on June 14<sup>th</sup>; the 5-year breakeven closed at 1.57%, the lowest since election day.
- Top performing days include May 17<sup>th</sup>, when 10-year yield fell 10 bps in a day. It was triggered by a New York Times report, which sparked concerns whether Trump is guilty of obstruction of justice by asking former FBI director Comey to drop an investigation into former national security advisor Michael Flynn. This concern drove investors to seek "safe haven" in treasuries. The worst performing day was June 27<sup>th</sup>, when 10-year yield rose about 7 bps. The sharp sold-off came after ECB President Mario Draghi's comment was interpreted as hawkish, as he acknowledged "reflationary forces" and highlighted willingness to look through "temporary factors" that weighed on inflation.

#### Fund Performance

| Month-End Returns<br>June 30, 2017 | June   | Year-to-Date | Annualized |  | 1-Yr<br>Std Deviation <sup>2</sup> |
|------------------------------------|--------|--------------|------------|--|------------------------------------|
|                                    |        |              | 1-Year     | Since Inception<br>(12-15-14 to 6-30-17) |                                    |
| I-share                            | -0.30% | 4.90%        | -5.21%     | 3.15%                                    | 8.14%                              |
| N-share                            | -0.22% | 4.78%        | -5.36%     | 2.90%                                    | 8.07%                              |
| Benchmark <sup>1</sup>             | 0.76%  | 6.03%        | -1.07%     | 3.77%                                    | 8.19%                              |

| Quarter-End Returns<br>June 30, 2017 | 2Q17  | Year-to-Date | Annualized |  |
|--------------------------------------|-------|--------------|------------|--|
|                                      |       |              | 1-Year     | Since Inception<br>(12-15-14 to 6-30-17) |
| I-share                              | 3.03% | 4.90%        | -5.21%     | 3.15%                                    |
| N-share                              | 3.08% | 4.78%        | -5.36%     | 2.90%                                    |
| Benchmark <sup>1</sup>               | 4.39% | 6.03%        | -1.07%     | 3.77%                                    |

| Calendar Year Returns  | 2016  | 2015   | 2014 <sup>3</sup> | Expense Ratio | Gross | Net <sup>4</sup> |
|------------------------|-------|--------|-------------------|---------------|-------|------------------|
| I-share                | 1.71% | 1.13%  | 0.26%             | I-share       | 0.84% | 0.65%            |
| N-share                | 1.45% | 0.89%  | 0.26%             | N-share       | 1.09% | 0.90%            |
| Benchmark <sup>1</sup> | 6.67% | -3.30% | 0.45%             |               |       |                  |

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

#### Performance Attribution

For the second quarter of 2017, the DoubleLine Long Duration Total Return Bond Fund underperformed the Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Long Government/Credit Index return of 4.39%. During this period, the UST curve flattened with 2-year yields increasing by about 13 bps, 10-year yields decreasing by about 8 bps, and 30-year yields decreasing by about 18 bps. Long Corporate credit spreads tightened in during this period by about 11 bps with the duration of the Fund slightly shorter than the index by about half a year. The combination of a slightly shorter duration and spread compression in the corporate sector (which the Fund has no exposure to), are the main factors for the underperformance during this period. The Fund continues to have a combination of Government exposure via TIPS, Debentures, and U.S. Treasuries for the purposes of duration/convexity management. Within Agency RMBS, fixed-rate Collateralized Mortgage Obligations (CMOs) were the highest contributors to total return due to the combination of price gains and healthy interest carry, while principal-only bonds detracted from performance due to a decline in valuations.

#### Fund Statistics

##### Portfolio Characteristics

|                                |              |
|--------------------------------|--------------|
| # of Issues                    | 36           |
| Ending Market Value            | \$65,778,602 |
| Market Price <sup>1</sup>      | \$96.95      |
| Duration <sup>2</sup>          | 15.15        |
| Weighted Avg Life <sup>3</sup> | 20.23        |

##### Duration Breakdown<sup>2</sup>

| (Percent of Portfolio) |               |
|------------------------|---------------|
| Less than 10 years     | 2.6%          |
| 10 to 15 years         | 53.1%         |
| 15 to 20 years         | 33.8%         |
| 20 to 25 years         | 10.2%         |
| 25+ years              | 0.0%          |
| Cash                   | 0.3%          |
| <b>Total:</b>          | <b>100.0%</b> |

##### Current Quality Credit Distribution<sup>5</sup>

| (Percent of Portfolio)              |               |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| Government                          | 18.5%         |
| Agency                              | 81.1%         |
| Investment Grade <sup>6</sup>       | 0.0%          |
| Below Investment Grade <sup>7</sup> | 0.0%          |
| Unrated Securities                  | 0.0%          |
| Cash                                | 0.3%          |
| <b>Total:</b>                       | <b>100.0%</b> |

##### Sector Breakdown<sup>4</sup>

###### (Percent of Portfolio)

|                   |               |
|-------------------|---------------|
| Treasury          | 9.6%          |
| Agency Debentures | 13.5%         |
| Agency CMOs       | 76.6%         |
| Other             | 0.0%          |
| Cash              | 0.3%          |
| <b>Total:</b>     | <b>100.0%</b> |

##### Weighted Average Life<sup>3</sup> Breakdown

###### (Percent of Portfolio)

|                    |               |
|--------------------|---------------|
| Less than 10 years | 2.6%          |
| 10 to 15 years     | 20.2%         |
| 15 to 20 years     | 47.2%         |
| 20 to 25 years     | 8.5%          |
| 25+ years          | 21.1%         |
| Cash               | 0.3%          |
| <b>Total:</b>      | <b>100.0%</b> |

##### Asset Mix

###### (Percent of Sector)

|               |               |
|---------------|---------------|
| Fixed Rate    | 99.7%         |
| Floating Rate | 0.0%          |
| Cash          | 0.3%          |
| <b>Total:</b> | <b>100.0%</b> |

##### SEC 30-Day Yield

|       | I-Share | N-Share |
|-------|---------|---------|
| Gross | 2.60%   | 2.35%   |
| Net   | 2.45%   | 2.19%   |

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**Basis Point** -A basis point (bps) equals to 0.01%.

**Chicago Board Options Exchange (CBOE) Volatility Index (VIX)** - An index that represents the cash-pay securities of the Citigroup High-Yield Market Capped Index, a modified version of the High Yield Market Index, by delaying the entry of fallen angel issues and capping the par value of individual issuers at \$5 billion par amount outstanding.

**Consumer 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.

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