

# Floating-Rate Fund (R6)

A diversified, research-driven approach to floating-rate loan investing.

R6 ▾  
Share Class

ESBLX  
Symbol

\$8.42 ▲\$0.01  
NAV as of Apr 24, 2024



**Fact Sheet**  
Mar 31, 2024



**Floating-Rate Loan Funds Quarterly Investment Review**  
Mar 31, 2024



**Monthly Review**  
Mar 31, 2024

## The Fund

Managed by Eaton Vance, a pioneer in floating-rate loans since 1989, this portfolio diversifier provides broad exposure to the floating-rate loan market. In-depth, bottom-up credit research and broad diversification<sup>1</sup> are this Fund's cornerstones, managed by one of America's largest and most experienced loan managers.

## The Approach

Invests broadly across the floating-rate loan market, providing diversified exposure to the asset class. Provides exposure to the loan market's many sectors, credit tiers and issuers. A focus on research and diversification may help provide lower volatility than the overall market, while seeking to contain risk in difficult environments.

## The Features

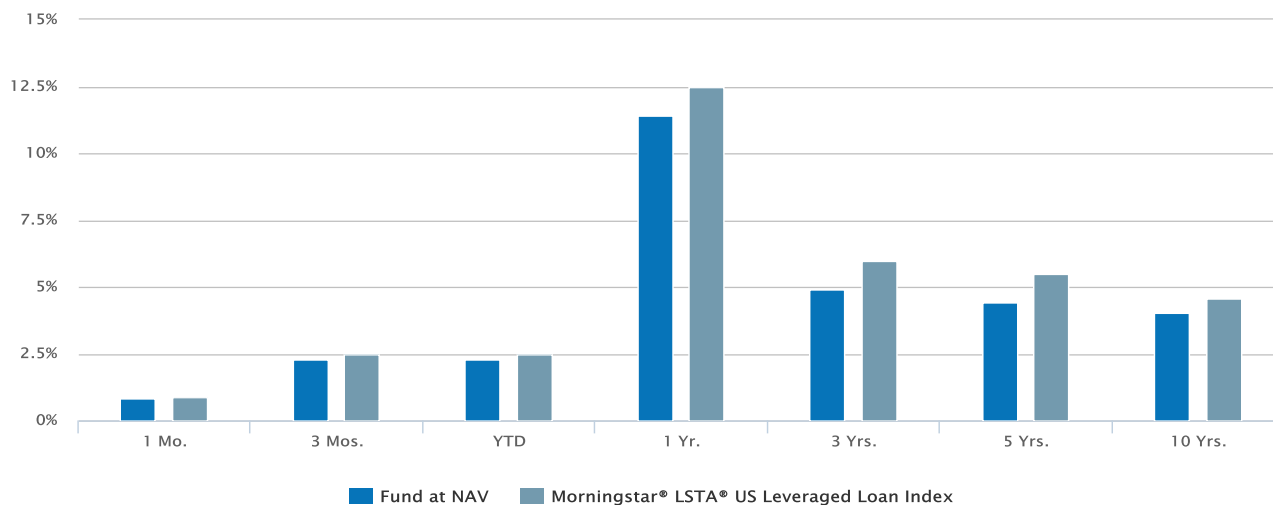
Floating-rate loans have typically performed with low correlation to traditional equity and fixed-income markets, providing important diversification benefits for investor portfolios. Low duration and loans' floating-rate structure may help reduce interest-rate risk and lower portfolio volatility.

## Overview

## Historical Returns (%)

as of Mar 31, 2024

03/31/2024



|   |      |      |      |       |      |      |      |
|---|------|------|------|-------|------|------|------|
| Fund at NAV   | 0.84 | 2.29 | 2.29 | 11.42 | 4.91 | 4.42 | 4.01 |
| Morningstar® LSTA® US Leveraged Loan Index <sup>2</sup> | 0.85 | 2.46 | 2.46 | 12.47 | 5.99 | 5.47 | 4.54 |

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## Fund Facts

as of Mar 31, 2024

Class R6 Inception

12/01/2016

## Top 10 Issuers (%)<sup>4</sup>

as of Mar 31, 2024

Carnival Corporation

1.19

|  |                     |
|--|---------------------|
| <b>Performance Inception</b>   | 01/30/2001          |
| <b>Investment Objective</b>  | High current income |
| <b>Total Net Assets</b>  | \$4.7B              |
| <b>Minimum Investment</b>  | \$5000000           |
| <b>Expense Ratio <sup>3</sup></b>  | 0.75%               |
| <b>Adjusted Expense Ratio</b>  | 0.71%               |
| <b>CUSIP</b>   | 27826A730           |
| Adjusted Expense Ratios excludes certain investment expenses such as interest expense from borrowings and repurchase agreements and dividend expense from short sales, incurred directly by the Fund or indirectly through the Fund's investment in underlying Eaton Vance Funds, if applicable none of which are paid to Eaton Vance. |                     |

|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| <b>TransDigm Inc.</b>                  | 1.03        |
| <b>Ineos US Finance LLC</b>            | 0.96        |
| <b>Uber Technologies Inc.</b>          | 0.84        |
| <b>Go Daddy Operating Company LLC</b>  | 0.83        |
| <b>American Airlines Inc.</b>          | 0.83        |
| <b>Stars Group Holdings B.V. (The)</b> | 0.79        |
| <b>Applied Systems Inc.</b>            | 0.79        |
| <b>UKG Inc.</b>                        | 0.78        |
| <b>Avolon TLB Borrower 1 (US) LLC</b>  | 0.73        |
| <b>Total</b>                           | <b>8.76</b> |

## Portfolio Management

[Andrew N. Sveen, CFA](#)

[Managed Fund since 2019](#)

[Ralph Hinckley, CFA](#)

[Managed Fund since 2021](#)

[Jake Lemle, CFA](#)

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1. Diversification cannot ensure a profit or eliminate the risk of loss.

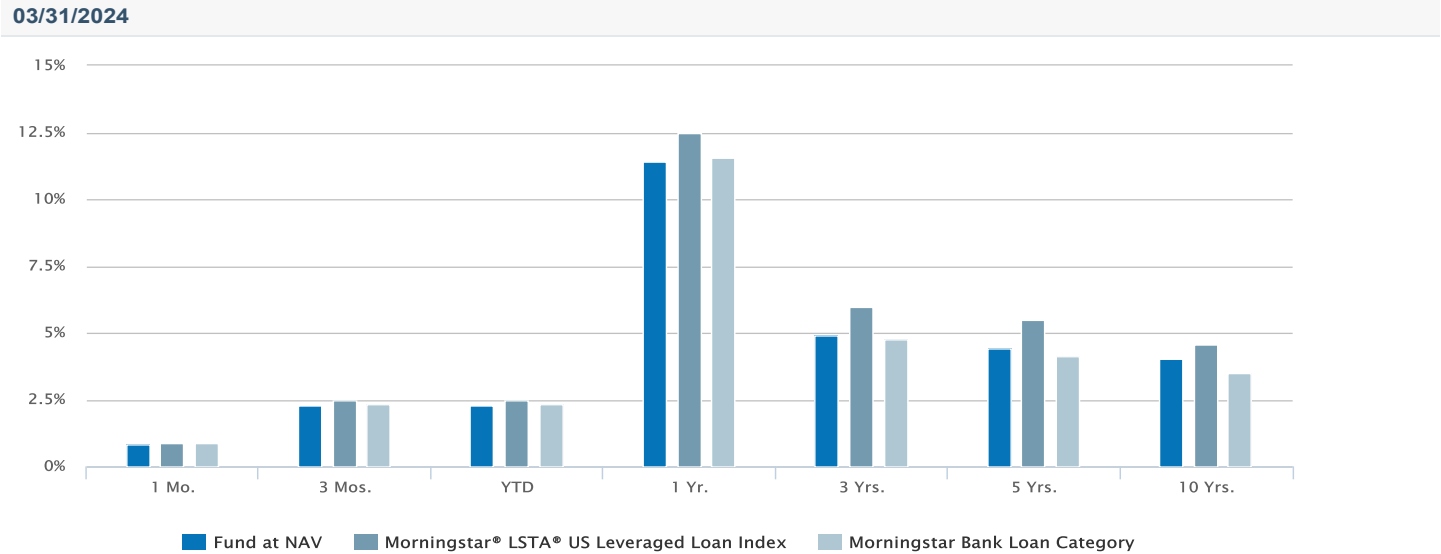
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3. Source: Fund prospectus.  
4. Percent of total net assets.

Performance

Historical Returns (%)

as of Mar 31, 2024



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| Morningstar Bank Loan Category <sup>5</sup>             | 0.86 | 2.33 | 2.33 | 11.57 | 4.77 | 4.14 | 3.49 |

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Calendar Year Returns (%)

|   | 2014 | 2015  | 2016  | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022  | 2023  |
|---|------|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|-------|
| Fund at NAV   | —    | -1.64 | 11.18 | 4.41 | 0.95 | 7.11 | 2.43 | 4.35 | -2.30 | 12.27 |
| Morningstar® LSTA® US Leveraged Loan Index <sup>2</sup> | 1.60 | -0.69 | 10.16 | 4.12 | 0.44 | 8.64 | 3.12 | 5.20 | -0.77 | 13.32 |

Fund Facts

|                            |            |
|----------------------------|------------|
| Class R6 Inception         | 12/01/2016 |
| Performance Inception      | 01/30/2001 |
| Expense Ratio <sup>3</sup> | 0.75%      |
| Adjusted Expense Ratio     | 0.71%      |
| Distribution Frequency     | Monthly    |

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Yield Information

as of Mar 31, 2024

|                               |       |
|-------------------------------|-------|
| Distribution Rate at NAV      | 8.55% |
| SEC 30-day Yield <sup>6</sup> | 8.68% |

# Morningstar Rating™

as of Mar 31, 2024

| Time Period | Rating | Funds in Bank Loan Category |
|-------------|--------|-----------------------------|
| Overall     | ★★★★   | 214                         |
| 3 Years     | ★★★★   | 214                         |
| 5 Years     | ★★★★   | 206                         |
| 10 Years    | ☆☆☆☆   | 169                         |

The Morningstar Rating™ for funds, or "star rating", is calculated for managed products (including mutual funds and exchange-traded funds) 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.

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## NAV History

| Date         | NAV    | NAV Change |
|--------------|--------|------------|
| Apr 24, 2024 | \$8.42 | \$0.01     |
| Apr 23, 2024 | \$8.41 | \$0.01     |
| Apr 22, 2024 | \$8.40 | \$0.00     |
| Apr 19, 2024 | \$8.40 | -\$0.01    |
| Apr 18, 2024 | \$8.41 | \$0.00     |
| Apr 17, 2024 | \$8.41 | \$0.00     |
| Apr 16, 2024 | \$8.41 | -\$0.01    |
| Apr 15, 2024 | \$8.42 | \$0.00     |
| Apr 12, 2024 | \$8.42 | \$0.00     |
| Apr 11, 2024 | \$8.42 | -\$0.01    |

## Distribution History<sup>7</sup>

| Ex-Date      | Distribution | Reinvest NAV |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Mar 28, 2024 | \$0.06111    | \$8.44       |
| Feb 29, 2024 | \$0.05793    | \$8.43       |
| Jan 31, 2024 | \$0.06252    | \$8.42       |
| Dec 29, 2023 | \$0.09038    | \$8.43       |
| Nov 30, 2023 | \$0.06295    | \$8.38       |

| Ex-Date      | Distribution | Reinvest NAV |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Oct 31, 2023 | \$0.06083    | \$8.31       |
| Sep 29, 2023 | \$0.05687    | \$8.39       |
| Aug 31, 2023 | \$0.06398    | \$8.42       |
| Jul 31, 2023 | \$0.06083    | \$8.39       |
| Jun 30, 2023 | \$0.05782    | \$8.33       |

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[Fund prospectus](#)

## Capital Gain History<sup>7</sup>

| Ex-Date | Short-Term | Long-Term | Reinvest NAV |
|---------|------------|-----------|--------------|
|---------|------------|-----------|--------------|

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5. The Morningstar Bank Loan Category includes funds that invest primarily in floating-rate bank loans, instead of bonds, with interest payments that typically float above a common benchmark.

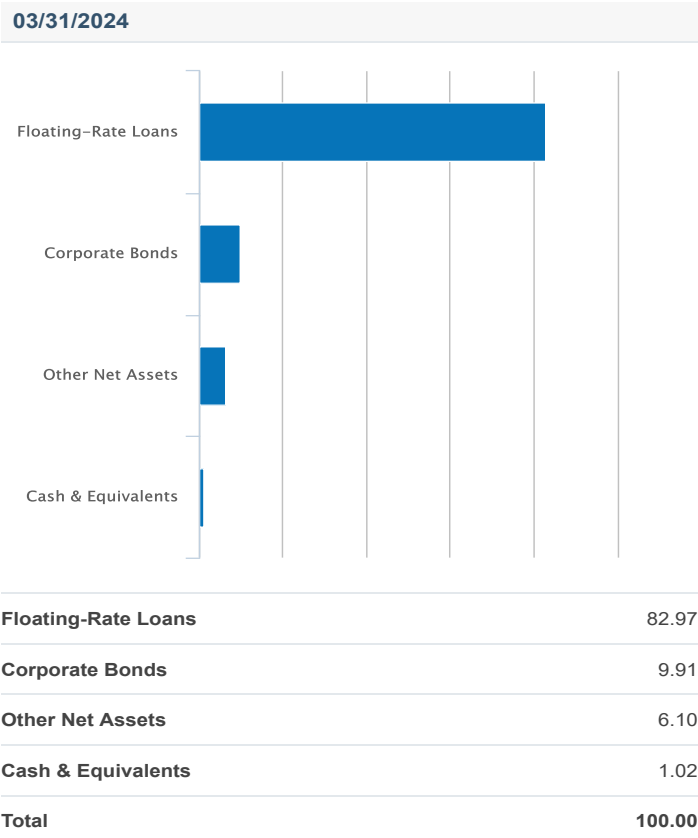
6. SEC 30-day yield is a standardized measure based on the estimated yield to maturity of a fund's investments over a 30-day period and is based on the maximum offer price at the date specified. The SEC 30-day yield is not based on the distributions made by the fund, which may differ. Distribution Rate at NAV is calculated by dividing the last distribution paid per share (annualized) by NAV. The Fund's monthly distribution may be comprised of ordinary income, net realized capital gains and returns of capital.

7. A portion of the Fund's returns may be comprised of return of capital or short term capital gains. The Fund will determine the tax characteristics of all Fund distributions after the end of the calendar year and will provide shareholders such information at that time. Please consult your tax advisor for further information.

Portfolio

Asset Mix (%)<sup>4</sup>

as of Mar 31, 2024



Portfolio Statistics

as of Mar 31, 2024

|                              |           |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| Number of Loan Issuers       | 371       |
| Number of Industries         | 53        |
| Average Coupon               | 8.64      |
| Average Maturity             | 4.67 yrs. |
| Average Loan Size (% of TNA) | 0.22%     |
| Average Loan Size            | \$12.4M   |
| Average Duration             | 0.44 yrs. |
| Average Price                | \$96.05   |

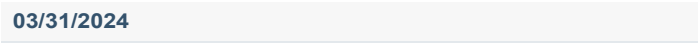
Sector Breakdown (%)<sup>4</sup>

as of Mar 31, 2024

|                                  |       |
|----------------------------------|-------|
| Software                         | 12.50 |
| Hotels Restaurants & Leisure     | 6.34  |
| Machinery                        | 4.96  |
| Chemicals                        | 4.92  |
| Health Care Providers & Services | 4.42  |
| Capital Markets                  | 4.15  |
| Professional Services            | 3.68  |
| IT Services                      | 3.49  |
| Trading Companies & Distributors | 2.95  |
| Commercial Services & Supplies   | 2.16  |
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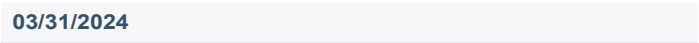
Credit Quality (%)<sup>8</sup>

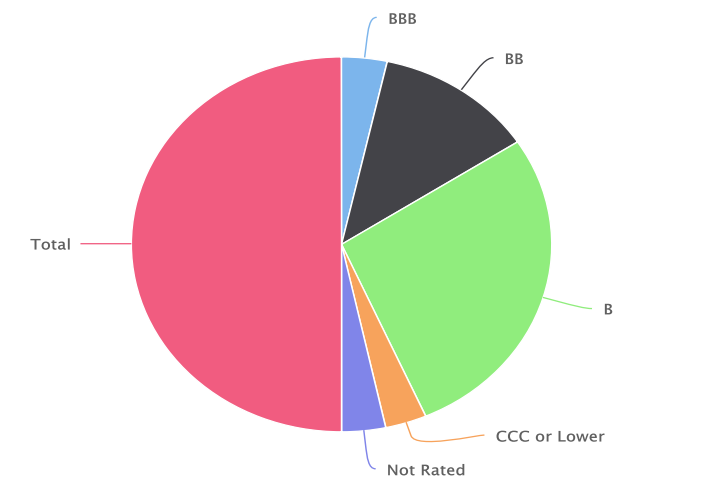
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Maturity Distribution (%)<sup>4,9</sup>

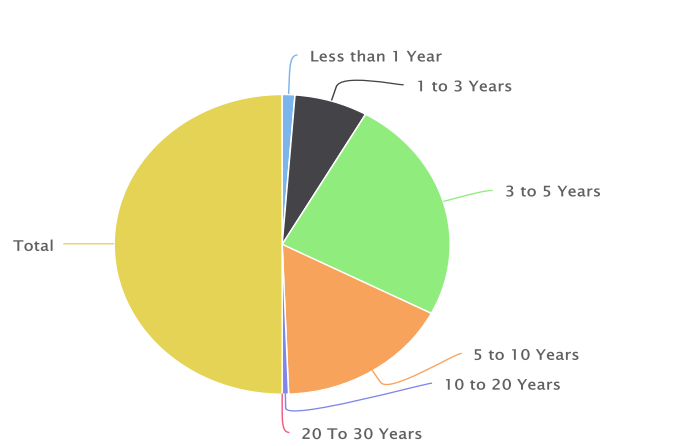
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|              |        |
|--------------|--------|
| BBB          | 7.01   |
| BB           | 24.60  |
| B            | 55.28  |
| CCC or Lower | 6.36   |
| Not Rated    | 6.76   |
| Total        | 100.00 |

Credit ratings are categorized using S&P. Ratings, which are subject to change, apply to the creditworthiness of the issuers of the underlying securities and not to the Fund or its shares. Credit ratings measure the quality of a bond based on the issuer's creditworthiness, with ratings ranging from AAA, being the highest, to D, being the lowest based on S&P's measures. Ratings of BBB or higher by S&P are considered to be investment-grade quality. Credit ratings are based largely on the ratings agency's analysis at the time of rating. The rating assigned to any particular security is not necessarily a reflection of the issuer's current financial condition and does not necessarily reflect its assessment of the volatility of a security's market value or of the liquidity of an investment in the security. Holdings designated as "Not Rated" are not rated by S&P.



|                  |        |
|------------------|--------|
| Less than 1 Year | 2.44   |
| 1 to 3 Years     | 14.10  |
| 3 to 5 Years     | 48.70  |
| 5 to 10 Years    | 33.56  |
| 10 to 20 Years   | 1.20   |
| 20 To 30 Years   | 0.00   |
| Total            | 100.00 |

## Assets by Country (%)<sup>4</sup>

as of Mar 31, 2024

|                |       |
|----------------|-------|
| United States  | 80.88 |
| Luxembourg     | 4.77  |
| Netherlands    | 3.07  |
| Canada         | 2.66  |
| United Kingdom | 2.17  |
| Germany        | 2.08  |
| France         | 2.03  |
| Other          | 2.34  |

## Loan Type (%)<sup>10,11,12</sup>

as of Mar 31, 2024

|             |       |
|-------------|-------|
| First Lien  | 98.55 |
| Second Lien | 1.45  |

## Fund Holdings<sup>4,13,14</sup>

as of Feb 29, 2024

| Holding                    | Coupon Rate | Maturity Date | % of Net Assets |
|----------------------------|-------------|---------------|-----------------|
| MSILF GOVERNMENT PORTFOLIO | 5.21%       | 12/31/2030    | 2.60%           |
| EURO                       |             |               | 1.08%           |
| Uber Technologies Inc      | 8.08%       | 03/04/2030    | 1.00%           |

| Holding                      | Coupon Rate | Maturity Date | % of Net Assets |
|------------------------------|-------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Go Daddy                     | 7.33%       | 11/09/2029    | 1.00%           |
| Applied Systems Inc          | 8.82%       | 02/07/2031    | 0.94%           |
| Avolon TLB Borrower 1 US LLC | 7.86%       | 06/22/2028    | 0.88%           |
| Select Medical Corporation   | 8.33%       | 03/06/2027    | 0.76%           |
| UKG Inc.                     | 8.81%       | 02/10/2031    | 0.76%           |
| Coinmach                     | 9.62%       | 03/04/2028    | 0.75%           |
| Epicor                       | 8.69%       | 07/30/2027    | 0.74%           |

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4. Percent of total net assets.

8. Percent of bond holdings.

9. The "Equity/Other" category includes securities that have no maturity date. Cash & equivalents are included within the "Less Than 1 Year" category.

10. Percent of loan holdings.

11. Includes 87.27% Covenant-Lite Loans.

12. Second lien loans are subordinate to first lien loans and therefore have a lesser claim to collateral. Covenant-lite first lien loans do not require financial maintenance covenants.

13. The following list reflects unaudited securities holdings (excluding derivatives positions). Holdings information may differ if presented as of trade date. Due to rounding, holdings of less than 0.005% may show as 0.00%. Portfolio information subject to change due to active management.

14. The stated interest rate represents the weighted average interest rate of all loans made under senior loan facility and includes commitment fees on unfunded loan commitments, if any, and will vary over time.



**Andrew N. Sveen, CFA**

Managing Director, Chairman of MSIM  
Fixed Income and Head of Floating-Rate  
Loans  
Joined Eaton Vance 1999

### Biography

Andrew Sveen is the Chairman of MSIM Fixed Income. In addition, he is the Head of Floating-Rate Loans and a portfolio manager on the Floating-Rate Loans team. He is responsible for buy and sell decisions, portfolio construction, and risk management for the firm's floating-rate loan strategies. He joined Eaton Vance in 1999. Morgan Stanley acquired Eaton Vance in March 2021.

Andrew began his career in the investment industry in 1995. Previously at Eaton Vance, he was a Director within Loan Trading and Capital Markets. Before joining Eaton Vance, he worked as a corporate lending officer at State Street Bank.

Andrew earned a B.A. from Dartmouth College and an M.B.A. from the William E. Simon School at the University of Rochester. He also holds the Chartered Financial Analyst designation. Andrew serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the Loan Syndications and Trading Association (LSTA).

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### Education

- B.A. Dartmouth College
- M.B.A. University of Rochester

### Experience

- Managed Fund since 2019

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### Other funds managed

- [Floating-Rate & High Income Fund](#)
  - [Floating-Rate Advantage Fund](#)
  - [Floating-Rate Opportunities Fund](#)
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**Ralph Hinckley, CFA**

Managing Director, Portfolio Manager  
Joined Eaton Vance 2003

### Biography

Ralph Hinckley is a portfolio manager on the Floating-Rate Loans team. He is responsible for buy and sell decisions, portfolio construction and risk management for the firm's floating-rate loan strategies. He joined Eaton Vance in 2003. Morgan Stanley acquired Eaton Vance in March 2021.

Ralph began his career in the investment management industry in 1997. Before joining Eaton Vance, he was a vice president in the communications lending division of Citizens Bank and its credit training program and a lending officer at State Street Bank.

Ralph earned a B.A. from Bates College and an MBA, with honors, from Boston University Graduate School of Management. He is a member of the CFA Society Boston and is a CFA charterholder.

### Education

- B.A. Bates College
- M.B.A. Boston University

### Experience

- Managed Fund since 2021

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### Other funds managed

- [Floating-Rate & High Income Fund](#)
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**Jake Lemle, CFA**

Managing Director, Portfolio Manager  
Joined Eaton Vance 2007

### Biography

Jake Lemle is the director of loan trading and a portfolio manager on the Floating-Rate Loans team. He is responsible for trading high-yield loans and bonds for the senior debt group as well as public funds, separate accounts, commingled institutional accounts and structured products. He also has responsibilities for buy and sell decisions, portfolio construction and risk management. He began his career in the investment management industry with Eaton Vance in 2007. Morgan Stanley acquired Eaton Vance in March 2021.

Jake earned a B.S. from Georgetown University. He is on the board of advisors of Artists for Humanity in South Boston and a member of the Acquisitions Circle of the Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston. He is a CFA charterholder.

### Education

- B.S. Georgetown University

### Experience

- Managed Fund since 2021

### Other funds managed

- [Floating-Rate & High Income Fund](#)
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