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## Floating-Rate & High Income Fund (Advisers)

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



**EAFHX** 

NAV as of Apr 23, 2024 Symbol





**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 diversification1 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. Fund also provides exposure to high-yield corporate bonds, which may increase risk and return potential. High-yield bond exposure is limited to no more than 20% of Fund assets.

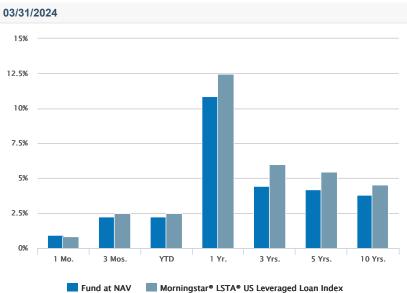
#### The Features

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



Fund at NAV	0.91	2.24	2.24	10.85	4.42	4.18	3.80
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

ADV Class Inception	09/07/2000
Investment Objective	High current income
Total Net Assets	\$905.4M
Minimum Investment	\$1000
Expense Ratio <sup>3</sup>	1.08%
Adjusted Expense Ratio	1.05%
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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.

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

as of Mar 31 2024

Carnival Corporation	1.19
TransDigm Inc.	1.03
Ineos US Finance LLC	0.96
Uber Technologies Inc.	0.84
Go Daddy Operating Company LLC	0.83
American Airlines Inc.	0.83
Stars Group Holdings B.V. (The)	0.79
Applied Systems Inc.	0.79
UKG Inc.	0.78
Avolon TLB Borrower 1 (US) LLC	0.73
Total	8.76

Portfolio Management

Andrew N. Sveen, CFA	Managed Fund since 2019
Kelley Gerrity	Managed Fund since 2014
Stephen C. Concannon, CFA	Managed Fund since 2014
Jeffrey D. Mueller	Managed Fund since 2019
Ralph Hinckley, CFA	Managed Fund since 2021
Jake Lemle, CFA	Managed Fund since 2021

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### **RISK CONSIDERATIONS**

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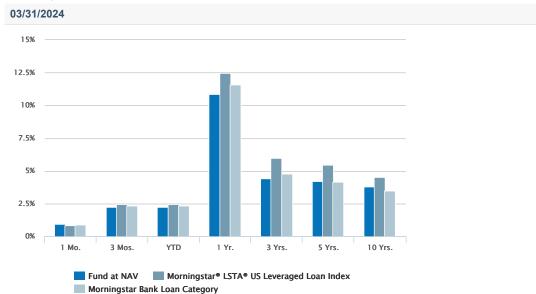
the risk and return potential of the Fund), and involve risks in addition to the risks of the underlying instrument on which the derivative is based, such as counterparty, correlation and liquidity risk. If a counterparty is unable to honor its commitments, the value of Fund shares may decline and/or the Fund could experience delays in the return of collateral or other assets held by the counterparty. The Fund is exposed to liquidity risk when trading volume, lack of a market maker or trading partner, large position size, market conditions, or legal restrictions impair its ability to sell particular investments or to sell them at advantageous market prices. The impact of the coronavirus on global markets could last for an extended period and could adversely affect the Fund's performance. No fund is a complete investment program and you may lose money investing in a fund. The Fund may engage in other investment practices that may involve additional risks and you should review the Fund prospectus for a complete description.

- 1. Diversification cannot ensure a profit or eliminate the risk of loss.
- 2. Morningstar LSTA US Leveraged Loan TR USD Index is an unmanaged index of the institutional leveraged loan market. Prior to August 29, 2022, the index name was S&P/LSTA Leveraged Loan Index.Unless otherwise stated, index returns do not reflect the effect of any applicable sales charges, commissions, expenses, taxes or leverage, as applicable. It is not possible to invest directly in an index. Historical performance of the index illustrates market trends and does not represent the past or future performance of the fund.
- 3. Source: Fund prospectus.
- 4. Shown as a percentage of Floating Rate Portfolio's total investments.

#### Performance

### Historical Returns (%)

as of Mar 31, 2024



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Morningstar® LSTA® US Leveraged Loan Index <sup>2</sup>	0.85	2.46	2.46	12.47	5.99	5.47	4.54
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	0.65	-1.86	11.29	4.49	-0.14	7.91	2.55	4.48	-3.38	11.74
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**

ADV Class Inception	09/07/2000
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Adjusted Expense Ratio	1.05%
Distribution Frequency	Monthly

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#### **Yield Information**

as of Mar 31 2024

Distribution Rate at NAV	7.92%
SEC 30-day Yield <sup>6</sup>	8.01%

## 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.

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. Star ratings do not reflect the effect of any applicable sales load. Hollow stars denote Morningstar Extended Performance Ratings and are considered estimates based on the performance of the fund's oldest share class, adjusted for fees and expenses.

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## **NAV History**

Date	NAV	NAV Change
Apr 23, 2024	\$8.29	\$0.01
Apr 22, 2024	\$8.28	\$0.01
Apr 19, 2024	\$8.27	-\$0.01
Apr 18, 2024	\$8.28	\$0.00
Apr 17, 2024	\$8.28	\$0.00
Apr 16, 2024	\$8.28	-\$0.01

Date	NAV	NAV Change
Apr 15, 2024	\$8.29	-\$0.01
Apr 12, 2024	\$8.30	\$0.00
Apr 11, 2024	\$8.30	-\$0.01
Apr 10, 2024	\$8.31	-\$0.01

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

Ex-Date	Distribution	Reinvest NAV
Mar 28, 2024	\$0.05586	\$8.33
Feb 29, 2024	\$0.05243	\$8.31
Jan 31, 2024	\$0.05610	\$8.30
Dec 29, 2023	\$0.05714	\$8.31
Nov 30, 2023	\$0.05643	\$8.21
Oct 31, 2023	\$0.05502	\$8.11
Sep 29, 2023	\$0.05149	\$8.21
Aug 31, 2023	\$0.05707	\$8.25
Jul 31, 2023	\$0.05427	\$8.22
Jun 30, 2023	\$0.05205	\$8.17
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## Capital Gain History<sup>7</sup>

Ex-Date Short-Term Long-Term Reinvest NAV

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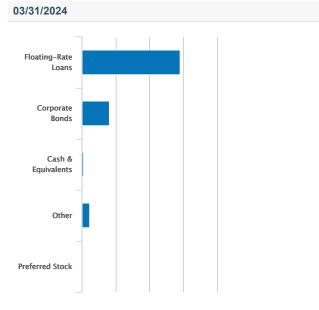
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- 5. The Morningstar Bank Loan Category includes funds that invest primarily in floating-rate bank loans, instead of bonds, with interest payments that typically float above a common benchmark.
- 6. SEC 30-day yield is a standardized measure based 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>8</sup>

as of Mar 31, 2024



### Portfolio Statistics

as of Mar 31, 2024

Number of Issuers	371
Average Coupon	8.24%
Average Maturity	4.88 yrs.
Average Duration	0.81 yrs.
Average Price	\$95.82

Total	100.00
Preferred Stock	0.04
Other	5.70
Cash & Equivalents	1.16
Corporate Bonds	20.15

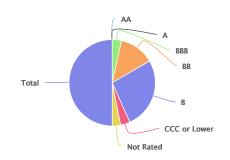
# Sector Breakdown (%)<sup>4</sup> as of Mar 31, 2024

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 (%)9

as of Mar 31, 2024

#### 03/31/2024



AA	0.03
A	0.00
BBB	6.94
ВВ	26.30
В	53.34
CCC or Lower	7.15
Not Rated	6.25
Total	100.00

Credit quality ratings on underlying securities of the fund are provided by S&P, Moody's and Fitch. This breakdown assigns a numeric equivalent to the ratings from the aforementioned agencies and the mean is rounded to the nearest integer and converted to an equivalent S&P major rating category. 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 an issuance 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 or Fitch (Baa or higher by Moody's) 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 the national ratings agencies stated above.

## Maturity Distribution (%)<sup>8,10</sup>

as of Mar 31, 2024

03/31/2024



# Assets by Country (%)<sup>8</sup> as of Mar 31, 2024

United States	81.36
Luxembourg	4.25
Canada	3.04
Netherlands	2.74
United Kingdom	2.30
France	1.91
Germany	1.81
Other	2.60

Less Than 1 Year	2.23
1 To 3 Years	13.97
3 To 5 Years	46.68
5 To 10 Years	35.60
10 To 20 Years	1.36
20 To 30 Years	0.03
More Than 30 Years	0.13
Equity/Other	0.00
Total	100.00

## Loan Type (%)<sup>11,12,13</sup>

as of Mar 31, 2024 First Lien 98.55 Second Lien 1.45

## Fund Holdings<sup>8,14,15</sup>

as of Feb 29, 2024

Holding	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	% of Net Assets
MSILF GOVERNMENT PORTFOLIO	5.21%	12/31/2030	2.65%
EURO			0.91%
Uber Technologies Inc	8.08%	03/04/2030	0.84%
Go Daddy	7.33%	11/09/2029	0.83%
Applied Systems Inc	8.82%	02/07/2031	0.79%

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Avolon TLB Borrower 1 US LLC	7.86%	06/22/2028	0.74%
Select Medical Corporation	8.33%	03/06/2027	0.64%
UKG Inc.	8.81%	02/10/2031	0.63%
Coinmach	9.62%	03/04/2028	0.63%
Epicor	8.69%	07/30/2027	0.62%
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- 4. Shown as a percentage of Floating Rate Portfolio's total investments.
- 8. Percent of total net assets.
- 9. Percent of bond and loan holdings.
- 10. The "Equity/Other" category includes securities that have no maturity date. Cash & equivalents are included within the "Less Than 1 Year" category.
- 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 convenants.
- 13. Shown as a percentage of Floating Rate Portfolio's loan investments.
- 14. 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.
- 15. 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.

### Management



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).

#### Education

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

#### **Experience**

· Managed Fund since 2019

#### Other funds managed

- Floating-Rate Advantage Fund
- Floating-Rate Fund
- Floating-Rate Opportunities Fund



Kelley Gerrity
Managing Director, Portfolio Manager

#### **Biography**

Kelley Gerrity is a portfolio manager on the High Yield team. She is responsible for buy and sell decisions, portfolio construction and risk management for the firm's high yield strategies. She joined Eaton Vance in 2005. Morgan Stanley acquired Eaton Vance in March 2021.

Kelley began her career in the investment management industry in 2000. Before joining Eaton Vance, she was the director of high-yield distressed research at Fieldstone Capital Group. Previously, she was associate director of fixed-income research at Scotia Capital Markets, Inc.

Kelley earned a B.A. from Boston College and a certificate in credit analysis from New York University.

#### Education

• B.A. Boston College

#### **Experience**

Managed Fund since 2014

#### Other funds managed

- High Income Opportunities Fund
- Income Fund of Boston
- Multi-Asset Credit Fund
- Short Duration High Income Fund



Stephen C. Concannon, CFA

Managing Director, Co-Head of High Yield
Joined Eaton Vance 2000

#### **Biography**

Stephen Concannon is the Co-Head of High Yield and a portfolio manager on the high yield team. He is responsible for buy and sell decisions, portfolio construction and risk management for the firm's high yield strategies. He joined Eaton Vance in 2000; Morgan Stanley acquired Eaton Vance in March 2021.

Steve began his career in the investment management industry in 1993. Before joining Eaton Vance, he was a research analyst for Wellington Management.

Steve earned a B.A. from Bates College. He is a member of the CFA Society of Boston and is a CFA charterholder.

#### Education

• B.A. Bates College

#### Experience

· Managed Fund since 2014

#### Other funds managed

- High Income Opportunities Fund
- Income Fund of Boston
- Short Duration High Income Fund



Jeffrey D. Mueller
Managing Director, Co-Head of Fixed
Income and Co-Head of High Yield
Joined Eaton Vance 2015

#### **Biography**

Jeffrey Mueller is Co-Head of Fixed Income. In this capacity he, along with his Co-Head, is responsible for managing the seven fixed income investment teams and developing and growing the business. In addition, Jeff is the Co-Head of High Yield and a portfolio manager on the High Yield team. In this capacity he is responsible for buy and sell decisions, portfolio construction, and risk management for the firm's High Yield and Multi-Asset Credit Strategies. He joined Eaton Vance in 2015. Morgan Stanley acquired Eaton Vance in March 2021.

Jeff began his career in the investment management industry in 2004. Before joining Eaton Vance, he was a high-yield portfolio manager with Threadneedle Investments. He was previously affiliated with Centaurus Capital Ltd. and Amaranth Advisors LLC.

Jeff earned a B.B.A. from the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

#### Education

. B.B.A. University of Wisconsin at Madison

#### **Experience**

• Managed Fund since 2019

#### Other funds managed

- Global Income Builder Fund
- High Income Opportunities Fund
- Income Fund of Boston
- Multi-Asset Credit Fund



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

#### Other funds managed

- Floating-Rate Advantage Fund
- Floating-Rate Fund
- Floating-Rate Opportunities Fund



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 Advantage Fund
- Floating-Rate Fund

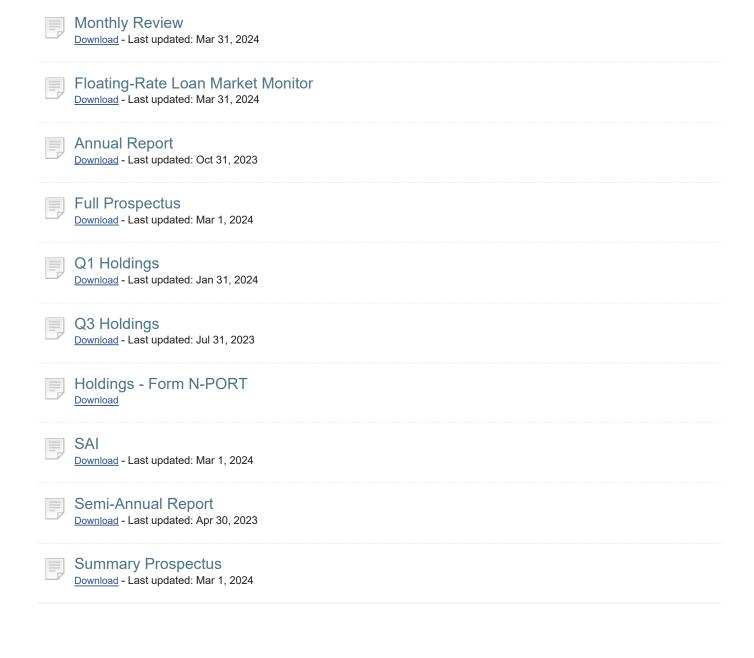
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