

# Cohen & Steers Low Duration Preferred and Income Fund

We would like to share with you our review and outlook for investments in low-duration preferred securities as of March 31, 2024. For comparison, the ICE BofA 1–3 Year U.S. Corporate Index had a total return of 0.85% for the quarter. The Fund's primary objective is to provide high current income. The Fund's secondary objective is to seek capital preservation, which we believe is consistent with the ICE BofA 1–3 Year U.S. Corporate Index over time. However, to help meet its objectives, the Fund invests in low-duration preferred securities as well as shorter-term corporate bonds.

## Investment Review

**Low-duration preferred securities had positive total returns in the first quarter as economic growth remained resilient and interest rates rose.** The world's major economies remained healthy during this period, driven by solid consumer spending. After bottoming last summer, headline U.S. inflation remained around 3% (well above the Federal Reserve's 2% target). Interest rates, consequently, moved higher as the market debated the timing and magnitude of interest rate cuts. Preferred securities considerably outperformed other areas of fixed income as credit spreads narrowed materially. Against the backdrop of rising interest rates, investment-grade bonds declined modestly, while the 10-year U.S. Treasury note returned –1.7%.

Within the preferreds market, exchange-listed \$25-par

### Index Performance (US\$)

	ICE BofA 1-3 Year US Corporate Index	S&P 500 Index
Q1 2024	0.85%	10.56%
1 Year	5.15%	29.88%
3 Year	0.71%	11.49%
5 Year	1.96%	15.04%
10 Year	1.92%	12.96%

For some periods shown, blended index was not yet in existence.

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**Periods greater than 12 months are annualized.**

**securities generated the most substantial total returns.**

Despite their generally long durations (and thus sensitivity to rising interest rates), \$25-par securities were partially supported by a lack of new supply early in the year, along with strong inflows into preferred securities exchange-traded funds (which generally limit their holdings to \$25-par securities). Over-the-counter (OTC) preferred issues and contingent capital securities (CoCos) also had healthy returns, outperforming high-yield bonds and other fixed income categories.

**After a slow start to the year, new preferred issuance has picked up, along with call activity.**

Given the recent performance, the preferreds market is "open," particularly in the institutional OTC and CoCos markets. Issuers are motivated by deals being priced with lower-than-average credit spreads, while investors are capturing new issues with attractive yields and call protection that represent potentially good investments for the medium to longer term. Companies are also redeeming currently callable preferreds at a pace not seen in recent years. As existing securities are retired, the remaining issues have rallied, as the proceeds are frequently reinvested.

### Fund Performance\*

The Fund had a positive total return in the first quarter (net) and outperformed the ICE BofA 1–3 Year U.S. Corporate Index. The performance reflected generally better returns from the low-duration preferreds targeted by the strategy, compared with short-duration bonds. From a sector standpoint, the Fund's banking, insurance and utilities sector holdings were among its top performers. The Fund's finance sector holdings modestly detracted from relative performance in the quarter.

## Investment Outlook

**With rate cuts possible in the second half of 2024, we see the potential for further healthy returns from low-duration preferred securities.** Even though markets have reduced rate-cut expectations for 2024, we expect preferreds' performance to be strong, as valuations are generally still attractive for long-term buyers, in our view. Preferreds also offer some of the highest yields found among investment-grade securities, with income rates of 6–10%. As the rate-cutting cycle unfolds, lower yields on money market funds and short-term bonds are likely to lessen the appeal of those "safe havens" and result in investor demand for higher-income solutions such as preferred securities.

**Markets see little risk of recession, but we remain somewhat cautious.** More resilient economic activity and the recent stalling of inflation normalization have raised uncertainty

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around Fed policy and future rate cuts. If rate cuts do not materialize as expected, and if interest rates remain elevated for a longer period of time, then downside risks to the economy will increase. (So far, these risks have been mitigated by the strong economy and the generally strong state of consumer balance sheets.) For these reasons, combined with the strong performance of credit spreads, we are approaching security selection somewhat more cautiously. We generally favor higher-quality issuers as well as more defensive security structures. That said, we still see good value in select higher-yielding issues, including certain recently issued securities with attractive income rates and satisfactory credit spreads.

**Low-duration preferred securities, as a whole, offer solid credit quality and should perform well even in a weaker economic environment.** Financial issuers, including banks and insurance companies, are the largest issuers of preferreds (followed by utilities, telecoms and other more utility-like issuers). The asset quality, funding and capital of the majority of large banks in the U.S.—as well as in other developed markets, including Europe—are strong, and banks have taken numerous steps to improve their capital and funding positions in the wake of the early-2023 bank turmoil. A rate-cutting cycle would benefit capital and funding further; unrealized losses on bond holdings would diminish, and lower short rates would take pressure off funding costs and sources. Finally, we believe that the measures bank regulators have proposed in the wake of the failures—including demands for still higher capital ratios—will further galvanize the industry and support tighter credit spreads over the long term.

**Diversification in insurance, utility, telecom and other sectors makes sense to us, and tax advantages could become more important.** In addition to banks, the preferred securities universe includes issuance from the insurance, utility and telecom sectors, among others. We believe the health of these major sectors to be good, and we also believe it is important to diversify preferred holdings, particularly if the economy slows. In addition, as we look to the U.S. election in November, we note the swelling of the U.S. deficit in recent years, which was caused in part by Covid-related spending. We do not currently expect changes to tax rates, but we do believe the deficit will become a significant focus in the coming years. In this environment, we believe U.S. investors should favor tax-advantaged issues such as preferred securities, which offer distributions taxed at QDI rates (23.8% for top earners).

(\*) The investment being promoted concerns the acquisition of units or shares in a fund, and not in a given underlying asset.

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# Cohen & Steers Low Duration Preferred and Income Fund

The primary investment objective of Cohen & Steers Low Duration Preferred and Income Fund, Inc. (the "Fund") is to seek to provide shareholders with high current income, and the secondary objective is to provide capital preservation.

## General Information

	CUSIP	Symbol
A Shares	19249L104	LPXAX
C Shares	19249L203	LPXCX
F Shares	19249L609	LPXFX
I Shares	19249L302	LPXIX
R Shares	19249L401	LPXRX
Z Shares	19249L500	LPXZX
NAV per Share (Class A)		\$9.28
Total Net Assets		\$1.8 Billion
Number of Holdings		193
Dividend Frequency		Monthly
Expense Ratio Gross (Class A) <sup>(1)</sup>		1.10%
Expense Ratio Net (Class A) <sup>(1)</sup>		0.95%
Average Modified Duration <sup>(2)</sup>		1.9
SEC Yield (Class A–30 Days ending 03/31/2024–Subsidized) <sup>(3)</sup>		5.13%
SEC Yield (Class A–30 Days ending 03/31/2024–Unsubsidized) <sup>(3)</sup>		5.00%
12-Month Distribution Yield <sup>(4)</sup>		4.64%

(1) As disclosed in the September 1, 2023 prospectus, supplemented on January 17, 2024, Cohen & Steers Capital Management, Inc., the Fund's investment advisor (the "Advisor"), has contractually agreed to waive its fee and/or reimburse expenses through June 30, 2025 so that the Fund's total annual operating expenses (excluding acquired fund fees and expenses, taxes and extraordinary expenses) do not exceed 0.95% for Class A shares. Absent such arrangements, returns would have been lower. This contractual agreement can only be amended or terminated by agreement of the Fund's Board of Directors and the Advisor and will terminate automatically in the event of termination of the investment advisory agreement between the Advisor and the Fund.

(2) Average modified duration measures a preferred security's sensitivity to interest rates by indicating an approximate percentage of change in a preferred security or preferred security fund's price given a 1% change in interest rates.

(3) The SEC yield is calculated by dividing annualized net investment income per share during a 30-day period by the maximum offering price per share as of the close of that period. SEC yield reflects the rate at which the fund is earning income on its current portfolio of securities. Since certain distributions received by the funds from real estate investment trusts (REITs) may consist of dividend income, return of capital and capital gains, and the character of these distributions cannot be determined until after the end of the year, the SEC yield has been adjusted for the funds that invest significantly in REITs based on estimates of return of capital and capital gains. Subsidized yields reflect fee waivers, without such waivers, yields would be reduced. Unsubsidized yields do not reflect fee waivers in effect.

(4) 12-month distribution yield is calculated by adding the fund's trailing 12-month income distributions, and dividing the sum by the fund's most recent month ended NAV. Note that the number of income distributions is based on the fund's distribution payment frequency (i.e., monthly, quarterly or semi-annually) as disclosed in the fund's prospectus. A fund may pay distributions in excess of its net investment company taxable income and, to the extent this occurs, the distribution yield quoted will include a return of capital. Shareholders of record will be notified of the estimated return of capital for each distribution and this information is also available at [cohenandsteers.com](http://cohenandsteers.com).

## Portfolio Managers

	Managing Fund Since	Years of Experience
Elaine Zaharis-Nikas, CFA	Inception	27
William Scapell, CFA	Inception	32
Jerry Dorost, CFA	2022	21
Robert Kastoff, CFA	2024	14

## Total Returns (A Share Class)

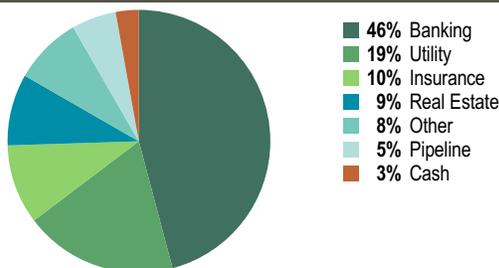
	Excluding Sales Charge	Including Sales Charge <sup>(1)</sup>	ICE BofA 1-3 Year US Corporate Index	S&P 500 Index
QTD	2.54%	0.49%	0.85%	10.56%
1 Year	10.48%	8.27%	5.15%	29.88%
3 Year	1.44%	0.76%	0.71%	11.49%
5 Year	2.98%	2.57%	1.96%	15.04%
Since Inception (11/30/15)	3.24%	2.99%	2.08%	13.82%

(1) Maximum 2% sales charge; returns for other share classes will differ due to differing expense structures and sales charges.

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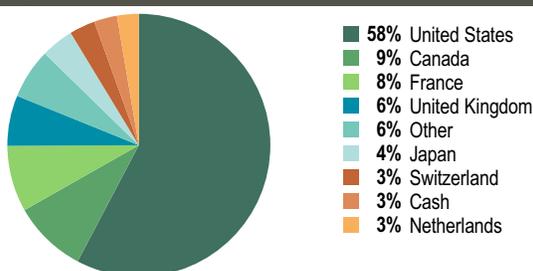
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## Geographic Diversification



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**Credit Quality**

A-	7%	BB	6%
BBB+	7%	BB-	5%
BBB	11%	B+	1%
BBB-	40%	Not Rated	4%
BB+	16%	Cash	4%

Source: Standard & Poor's. The letter ratings are provided to indicate the proposed credit worthiness of the underlying holdings in the portfolio and generally range from A (highest) to D (lowest). Credit ratings are subject to change. Holdings designated NR are not rated by Standard & Poor's. Ratings do not apply to the Fund's shares.

**Top Ten Holdings**

Name	Sector	% of Market Value
Charles Schwab Corp Flt Perp Sr:G	Banking	2.3%
Bank of America 6.10%	Banking	1.8%
Emera 6.75% 6/15/76-26	Utility	1.8%
Spdr Port Shrt Trm Corp Bnd	Funds	1.6%
Energy Transfer Lp Flt Perp Sr:E	Pipeline	1.5%
Jpmorgan Chase & Co 6.875% Flt Perp	Banking	1.5%
Nippon Life Insurance 5.1% 10/16/44	Insurance	1.5%
Dai-ichi Mutual Life 5.1%	Insurance	1.4%
Enbridge Inc 8.250% Flt 01/15/84 Sr:NC5	Pipeline	1.4%
WFC 0 02/15/27	Banking	1.4%

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