

Chris Lakumb

Steve, let's talk about RIV.

Steve O'Neill

Thanks, Chris. Looking at RIV, I mean, I think a couple of things are worth noting at a high level. SPACs (special purpose acquisition companies) continue to roll off in this portfolio. Today, we're less than 10%. A couple of years ago, we had a third of the portfolio in SPACs. And that just reflects fewer new issues and acceleration in terminations as many of these hit their endpoint. Beyond SPACs, I would say it's worth noting the increase in BDC (business development company) debt. Again, a couple of years ago, we were about 5% invested in BDC debt. Now we're about 15%. So we tripled that allocation in large part due to the jump in rates and the widening of spreads coming out of 2022. And then I would also add just in addition to kind of the SPACs and the BDCs, our closed-end funds, which have really been the core of this portfolio since inception, we have continued to increase exposure there. That was really just a reaction to discount volatility in the fourth quarter. And so the numbers would be kind of a 59% exposure at the end of the third quarter, and that bumped up to 65% at year-end. Within that, we did make a sizable investment in municipal (muni) closed-end funds. And so that's about 20% of the portfolio today. We didn't put all that on in the fourth quarter, but we certainly ramped it up near year-end and are happy with our allocation today.

And so I'd say those are kind of the big changes. Again, this portfolio is closed-end funds, BDC debt, and SPACs. We highlighted some recent movements. Looking forward, the portfolio still looks very attractive. As I said, we just added munis. Those look exceptionally cheap. When we look at our hybrid and equity closed-end fund exposure, those discounts are absolutely wide and I think have some potential for some corporate action alpha. And then the last piece would be the taxable bond or credit. Those closed-end funds have narrowed a bit. I'd say that those have the least runway at this point. But there are some select opportunities, and we certainly like the yield pickup that we have in that part of the market.

Chris Lakumb

Great. Thanks, Steve. Anything else you want to share or anything else that should be top of mind for investors as they think about the fund and on a going-forward basis?

Steve O'Neill

Sure. We continue to have a decent cash position. That can be 10% of the portfolio at times. The way we think about that is just dry powder for opportunistic investments. But as I mentioned earlier, the closed-end fund market, there still are some interesting opportunities there. And so we've been chipping away at the cash based on the belief that discounts on average are quite wide. And I think there's some positive catalysts here in 2024, namely the expectation that short-term rates are going to decline, which could really boost the discount narrowing in the air. So again, cash is kind of a steady allocation in the portfolio. At times, it can be kind of 10% of the book. But I do think that that comes down as we put more capital to work in this opportunity set.

Chris Lakumb

Excellent. Let's move on to the Core Opportunity Fund, ticker symbol RNCOX and RNCIX.

Steve O'Neill

Yeah. So when we look at RNCOX, this portfolio is we've got about 80% of the book in closed-end funds. We've got an ETF (exchange-traded fund) position, which is relatively new, which is really just an active fixed-income ETF. And then the balance is invested in BDC debt and cash. And so that's how we've allocated the capital. In terms of the asset allocation of this fund, it continues to be about 70% fixed income, 20% equity, and 10% cash and bills. We consider this portfolio to be fully invested. We didn't make many changes, either kind of the vehicle allocation, closed-end funds, ETFs, or asset allocation for the fourth quarter. I guess if I'm looking bottom-up at this point, I think some of the highlights are the concentration of this portfolio. We still have about 30% of our portfolio and the top three names.

We also have a preference for term trust in this portfolio. I know we've talked about these in the past, but really any closed-end fund that was issued since 2018 has a term on that. That term can be up to 10 years, but time's passed since a number of these have been issued. And I think it's interesting to buy a closed-end fund, even if it has 10 years life left. If you're buying that at a double-digit discount, that's a nice anchor of value. And it provides kind of a potential source of annualized alpha if you just kind of straight-line it towards its liquidation date. And so for us in this portfolio, we've got over half of our closed-end fund portfolio in these term trusts. And I do think that that provides a damper on discount volatility. And also, it's our belief that these can trade meaningfully more narrow given the fact that they are term trust.

I'd also add, when we think about the closed-end fund book, there was an opportunity to-- there was and is an opportunity to invest in muni close-end funds. The valuations there are really interesting. They're in the 99.5 or 99.4th percentile valuation. And a lot of positive things have happened. We've

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seen some distribution increases. We've seen some deleveraging. We've seen a really strong rally in the shares in the fourth quarter. And typically, when good things happen, discounts narrow. And so we've been able to take a position under 10% of our portfolio. But we do think that it's a potential source of future returns. And we certainly like the discount of the muni closed-end fund space today. And so that's how I think about kind of the top-down and bottom-up of RNCOX.

Chris Lakumb Let's move on to the RiverNorth/Oaktree High Income Fund, ticker symbol RNOTX and RNHIX.

Steve O'Neill Yeah, sure, Chris. When we look at the RiverNorth/Oaktree Fund, Oaktree's managing about 80% of this portfolio. They're invested in bank loans and high-yield bonds, mostly bank loans-- I'm sorry, mostly high yield at this point in time. The RiverNorth sleeve, we're investing in closed-end funds, and today we're also invested in debt issued by business development companies. I'd say about two-thirds of our portfolio, two-thirds of our 20% is invested in BDC debt. And again, the third would be invested in closed-end funds. We did make a relatively big bet on BDC debt within our sleeve really because we liked the short-duration nature of this paper. We liked the investment-grade quality. And we thought spreads and the absolute yields were attractive for this portfolio. And so that's a relatively new allocation for this portfolio. It really kind of started in '22, '23. And our expectation would be that it likely rolls off in '25 and '26. But between now and then, we're very likely to reduce BDC debt as spreads have narrowed a lot and rates have come down, and look to redeploy that in the closed-end fund space. But that will be kind of week-by-week, quarter-by-quarter. But together, the BDC debt and close-end fund portfolios, they are kicking off some nice income. We certainly were a nice compliment to our partners at Oaktree last year. And overall, we thought performance for the strategy was really strong in 2023.

Chris Lakumb Thanks, Steve. Let's wrap it up with the RiverNorth Capital and Income Fund, ticker symbol RSF.

Steve O'Neill Sure, Chris. When we look at RSF, this is a portfolio with a couple of different strategies. We've got the square small business loans. We have investments in BDC debt. And then we also have closed-end funds. Looking at the portfolio from a top-down, almost half the portfolio is invested in square small business loans, about a quarter of the portfolio of BDC debt. And we've got 20% invested in closed-end funds. If you look at our allocation over the past few quarters, it would look pretty similar except for the fact that we have increased closed-end fund exposure meaningfully in the past 90 days. Looking at quarter end, September 30th, we were about 10% invested in closed-end funds. And we doubled that going into year-end. And really, that was just an effort to try to capture some of the weakness in the closed-end fund market and essentially add potentially more alpha to this portfolio. So that so far has been a nice tactical allocation. We put on some more leverage to do that. And also, we've had SPACs that are rolling off. SPACs were a larger part of this portfolio, but that market is shrinking, and our allocation is shrinking as well.

When we think about kind of the outlook for this portfolio, it continues to be more of a short-duration credit portfolio. The square loans are certainly short-duration. Those also have attractive yields. Again, that's half the portfolio. The BDC debt that we own is kind of in the two- to three-year range. So that would also be considered short duration. And so I think performance will really be driven by yield. Not a lot of capital appreciation opportunities in very short-duration paper. But we do think the yields are attractive and kind of touching back on the closed-end funds. Again, that's 20% of the book today. It wouldn't surprise me to see that as 10% of the book sometime soon. I really view that part of the portfolio is really just opportunistic trades. The opportunity set in closed-end funds continues to be good, but it's a seasonal trade for us to some degree that we like to reduce in the first quarter. So that's how I kind of sum up the asset allocation here for RSF.

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