Fixed Income Substitute?

Interactive Fund Factsheet as of 3/31/2017

Bonds play a critical role in asset allocation because of their low correlation to stocks and their modest volatility. Merger arbitrage, whose risk and returns are dependent on the successful or unsuccessful completion of a merger – as opposed to bonds' risk drivers of credit and duration – has also had, historically, low correlation to stocks and modest, bond-like volatility.

Mathematically, however, bonds are cursed by rising rates. In contrast, merger arbitrage returns are poised to benefit when interest rates rise, as deal spreads incorporate a higher risk-free rate of return. As a result, for investors who don't need regular income, we believe merger arbitrage may be an appropriate fixed-income substitute and diversifier for investors as the U.S. Federal Reserve looks to unshackle interest rates from their historically low levels.

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MERGER ARBITRAGE FUND

Class Instl: ***SPAIX*** | *Class Adv:* ***SPABX***

★★★★★ ★★★★★

MORNINGSTAR RATING™
Overall rating out of 114 Market Neutral funds as of 3-31-17

Investment Strategy: Enduring Advantages

Small Asset Base: In merger arbitrage we believe smaller is better. With a small asset base, we can be "picky." We only invest in deals that we believe have a high probability of closing, and we don't have to take on riskier deals just to get our portfolio fully invested. To maintain the benefits of a small asset base, we anticipate a "soft" close at $500 million in assets.

Small-Cap Appetite: Because we are committed to a smaller asset base, we can make meaningful investments in smaller companies. Because there is less competition in these mergers, spreads tend to be larger.

Leverage: We use it. Leverage has both good and bad attributes because it magnifies both gains and losses. The degree of leverage used is not constant, but opportunistic. It is based on the specific characteristics of each merger and the overall current portfolio positioning. Currently, the portfolio is 109% long, 44% short, or a total of 154% gross exposure to merger investments.

Appropriate Diversification: In stock and bond portfolios, holding 80 positions is generally considered less risky than 30 positions. In merger arbitrage, however, as more mergers are included, deal quality tends to fall. Investors accept more risk that a merger does not close as scheduled due to anti-trust, financing, regulatory and divestiture complications. With 25 to 35 positions, our goal is diversification among merger deals while attempting to maintain overall deal quality.

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Expert

Battle-Tested Hedge Fund Manager, Steve Gerbel. As the founder of Chicago Capital Management, and portfolio manager of Chicago Capital Management, LP, Steve has specialized in merger arbitrage investing since 1998.

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Our Story

SilverPepper specializes in offering "hedged" investment strategies within the regulatory structure of a mutual fund, making them easily accessible *For The Rest Of Us*. The value we offer smart investors can be crisply explained as:

- Hedged investment strategies, that until now, have only been accessible to wealthy individuals and large institutional investors.
- Hedge Fund Experts who have been independently selected, based on their long and demonstrable track records of success managing assets for their exclusively-offered, private hedge funds.
- We offer "Hedge Fund Experts at Mutual Fund Prices."

Top Five Merger Deals*

Target	Acquirer	Position Size	Deal Type
VCA	Mars Inc.	10.50%	Cash
Oneok Partners	Oneok Inc.	8.45%	Stock
IXIA	Keysight Technologies	7.50%	Cash
CEB Inc.	Gartner Inc.	7.50%	Cash & Stock
Level 3 Communications	CenturyLink	7.30%	Cash & Stock

Performance as of 3.31.17 (Annualized Returns)

Inception Date: 10.31.13	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	Since Inception	2014	2015	2016
Class Institutional: SPAIX	0.18%	2.94%	5.07%	4.81%	2.44%	8.49%	4.30%
Class Advisor: SPABX	0.09%	2.77%	4.84%	4.57%	2.24%	8.22%	4.14%
S&P 500 Index	6.07%	17.17%	10.39%	11.41%	13.69%	1.38%	11.96%

Fund Information

Share class	Ticker	Investment Minimum	Shareholder Servicing Fee	Expense Ratios	
				Net	Gross
Institutional	SPAIX	$100,000	None	5.78%	6.26%
Advisor	SPABX	$5,000	0.25%	6.03%	6.51%

*Expense Limitation: 1.99% for SPAIX; 2.24% for SPABX. See full disclosure below.

Deals by Market Capitalization**

Number of Deals in Portfolio:	**35**
< $2 billion	21
$2 billion to $10 billion	9
$10 billion+	5

*The Advisor has contractually agreed to waive its fees and/or pay for expenses to ensure that total fund operating expenses (excluding, as applicable taxes, leverage interest, brokerage commissions, dividend and interest expenses on short sales, acquired fund fees and expenses (as determined in accordance with Form N-1A), incurred in connection with any merger or reorganization, or any extraordinary expenses such as litigation expenses) do not exceed 1.99% for the Institutional class and 2.24% for the Advisor class. This agreement is in effect until October 31, 2026.

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All investing involves risk, including the possible loss of principal. There can be no assurance that either Fund will achieve its investment objective. The primary risk of the Merger Arbitrage Fund is event risk, which revolves around the successful or unsuccessful completion of an announced merger or acquisition. If a merger doesn't close as expected, the Fund could lose money. Other risks include smaller companies risk, foreign investment risk, derivatives risk and non-diversification risk. Long positions could fall in value and short positions may rise or be imperfect hedges. Specific risks include derivatives risk, high-fee risk, tax risk, foreign investment risk and non-diversification risk. Please see the prospectus for a complete discussion of the risks of investing in these Funds.

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