

### March 29, 2021

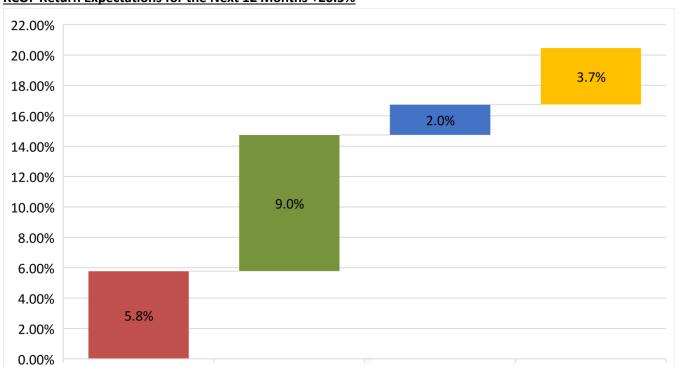
Investors and Friends,

In this letter, we will discuss:

- Recent Performance
- Returns Expectations Over the Next 6-12 Months
- Market Commentary & Non-Agency Specific Commentary
- Regan Mutual Fund

#### **Recent Performance**

Regan Enhanced Credit Opportunities Fund ("RECOF") was up +3.17% for February, net of fees. Our loss-adjusted book yield sits at 5.8%. We project an additional 8.97% of upside in price appreciation. We continue to outperform our targeted trading profit of 2%. The portfolio stands to benefit an additional 3.7% from a 25bp-50bp rise in interest rates. A further rise would additionally push our book yield higher. We estimate returns over the next 12 months to be +20.5%.



RCOF Return Expectations for the Next 12 Months +20.5%

Source: Regan Capital; estimates as of February 26, 2021.

Yield

**Price Appreciation** 

**Trading Profit** 

**Rising Rates** 

#### **Market Commentary**

On our most recent investor call we discussed how investors should be compensated for taking on three key risks: liquidity risk, credit risk, and leverage risk. Our current portfolio is layered to produce what we consider to be a higher risk-adjusted return when looking at these interrelated metrics.

**Liquidity Risk:** We maintain a portfolio that's 90% senior in the capital structure, 15+ years old and backed by loans where the borrower has over 40% of equity in their homes. Our liquidity position is bolstered by low structural leverage (90% of positions are senior in the capital structure) and our very limited utilization of financing. By removing financing liabilities, we mitigate our risk of being a forced seller in a period of market turmoil.

Credit Risk: We underwrite our portfolio monthly to arrive at our current loss-adjusted book yield of 5.8%. This process involves using the most recent trustee data on each individual line-item and adjusting our prepayment/loss assumptions to forecast how each position will perform. The 5.77% yield figure is markedly lower than our carry numbers over the last few months because we are purposefully onerous in our assumptions. Our base run liquidates ~90% of all loans over 60 days delinquent. Actual cure rates are higher than our projection and loss severities are lower, buoyed partially by strong HPI. In short, we feel very confident that we are adequately pricing the portfolio credit risk.

**Leverage Risk:** The current portfolio leverage sits at only 15.5% and we have not elected to use funding for any new purchases in 2021. Our current leverage utilization rate is the lowest level since inception.

IG Legacy RMBS bonds are trading at +100-150 spread. Assuming a +125-spread purchase, we breakdown the yield to maturity, using leverage on a relatively "safe" asset.

Investment Amount	7,500,000		
Discount Margin	125	Equity	750,000
Repo Rate (Libor +)	70	Loan	6,750,000
Haircut	10.0%		
		Yield	102,019
		Loan Cost	54,692
		Profit	47,327
		Levered Yield	6.31%

Investing at a +125 spread and taking on 10x leverage to only get 6.3% yield is not worth it, in our eyes. Not when we can achieve a 5+% yield, unlevered. Investing and financing assets also ties up capital and prevents us from actively trading those positions.

## **Liquidity Buckets and Risk Curves**

If the base case yield is 5% of a short-term investment, what premiums are required to go out the curve in terms of risk and liquidity?

Base Case	5%				
Liquidity	90 days	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years
Premium	2%	4%	6%	8%	12%
Yield Target	7%	9%	11%	13%	17%
Example	Hedge Funds	Private Debt	Opportunity Funds	Real Estate	Private Equity
Credit Risk Premium Yield Target Example	Medium 3% 8% High Yield	Medium-High 8% 13% Distressed	High 15% 20% Venture	marke	ur view, current et rates do not ensate for risk
Leverage	25%	100%	400%	600%	2000%
Premium	1%	3%	8%	10%	12%
Yield Target	6%	8%	13%	15%	17%
Example	Closed-End Funds	Hedge Funds	Real Estate	Private Equity	Subordinate Bonds

#### **Non-Agency Commentary**

Spreads across Non-Agency products moved marginally wider to start the month as investors grappled with the prospect of a continued rise in rates. Following the mid-month dovish commentary from the Fed, prices settled in slightly wide of the all-time highs seen in February. Legacy RMBS BWIC volume spiked the first two weeks of March and was absorbed without incident as institutional buyers continue to seek exposure to mortgage credit.

After peaking at 9% in April/May 2020, US Mortgage holders seeking forbearance hit a post-covid low of 4.9% on March 19<sup>th</sup> More than 42% of borrowers who originally sought forbearance have now exited the program, and over half of those original borrowers are working their way towards current.

#### **Regan Mutual Fund**

Regan's mutual fund launched on October 1, 2020. Please <u>visit our website</u> or <u>contact us for more info</u>. We just got approved on the Schwab Platform for RIAs and are in the process of getting approved on the Pershing platform as well. For Schwab, purchasing RCIRX should be point and click.

#### **Appendix**

We have appended some charts and commentary to this letter. On the non-agency side, we will cover spreads and new issuance. On the agency side, we will cover rates, issuance, affordability, and spreads.

As always, please reach out if we can answer any questions or be of service.

Kind regards,

Skyler Weinand, CFA Founder & CIO Regan Capital, LLC

#### Disclosures:

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**Appendix** 

# **Non-Agency RMBS Performance Trends**

Non-Agency Credit Spreads						
Benchmark	Sector	2/27/2021	3/6/2021	3/13/2021	3/20/2021	
DM (1month LIBOR)	CRT BBB	63	81	81	82	
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OAS	Prime JUMBO	87	90	115	105	
Swaps	NQM AAA	65	75	70	75	
Swaps	RPL AAA	60	60	65	65	
Swaps	RPL BBB	160	155	150	140	
DM (1month LIBOR)	SFR AAA	88	83	79	79	
DM (1month LIBOR)	LEGACY RMBS	289	275	275	268	
Source: JP Morgan, Nomura						

New Issue Activity (\$billions, as of March 22, 2021)					
Sector	2018	2019	2020	2021 202	1 Projected
CRT	17.8	19.93	18.00	5.00	32 to 40
Prime 2.0	17.36	17.49	17.00	6.00	24.00
NPL/RPL/Seasoned	47.64	38.84	31.00	5.29	45.00
SFR	6.86	3.89	9.00	1.00	5.00
Non-QM	11.35	25.24	18.00	4.00	32.00

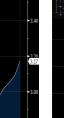
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### **Agency Appendix:**

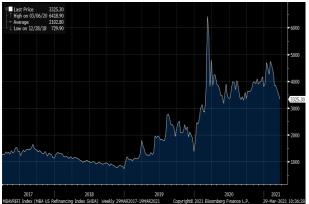
### **30 Year-Mortgage Rates**: On the rise, 3.17%



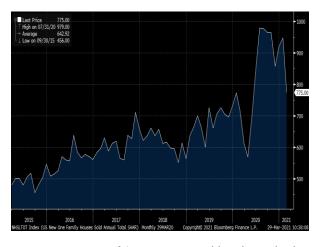
## US New Home Sales: Down off the recent highs



**US Refinancing Index**: Signs of slowing down



US Home Price Index: Prices going up



**US Home Ownership Rate:** Trend has been higher



Mtge Spread vs 5-year Treasury Yield: +117 bps



