

# Shenkman Capital Floating Rate High Income Fund

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## INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY

The investment strategy is to seek to maximize risk-adjusted returns by investing in primarily first lien, senior secured, floating rate bank loans of non-investment grade (i.e., high yield) companies. The Shenkman Capital Floating Rate High Income Fund employs a conservative approach which focuses on principal preservation. Portfolios are well diversified across issue, issuer, and industry.

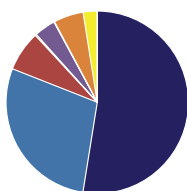
## FUND FACTS

Ticker	SFHIX	SFHFX
CUSIP	00770X576	00770X485
Inception Date	10/15/14	3/1/2017
Min. Investment	\$1,000,000	\$1,000
Subs. Investment	\$100,000	\$100
Net Asset Value	\$9.16	\$9.16
Gross Exp. Ratio	0.70%	0.80%
Net Exp. Ratio <sup>^</sup>	0.54%	0.64%

## SEC YIELDS

	Institutional Class	Class F
30-Day SEC Yield Subsidized	8.43%	8.39%
30-Day SEC Yield Unsubsidized	8.25%	8.20%

## CREDIT QUALITY DISTRIBUTION<sup>1</sup>



- B Rating 52.05%
- BB Rating 28.74%
- BBB Rating 7.19%
- CC Rating 0.26%
- CCC Rating 3.79%
- D Rating 0.12%
- Not Rated 5.33%
- Cash 2.52%

## FUND OBJECTIVE

- The Shenkman Capital Floating Rate High Income Fund seeks a high level of current income.

## WHY SHENKMAN FOR SENIOR SECURED LOAN INVESTING

- Loan & Bond Expertise:** David Lerner's 20+ years of dedicated leveraged loan experience combined with the clout of a \$30.9 billion\* high yield platform facilitates strong capital market relationships that enable us to source paper, garner additional access to company management and work closely with our research coverage.
- Prudent Investment Philosophy:** As a firm, Shenkman focuses first and foremost on identifying money good credits, a key element of success in this asset class.
- Depth of Research Team:** The quality of Shenkman's 21 member credit research team allows our bank loan portfolio managers to feel confident seeking out price anomalies and relative value trades.
- Mandatory Management Contact:** We believe the significant overlap between Bond and Loan issuers is a key advantage for Shenkman as we often have had a meaningful dialogue that can include one-on-one meetings, a rarity for loan-only managers.
- Track Record Through Many Market Cycles:** While there are many bank loan strategies, Shenkman Capital is one of a few managers with a track record dating back to 1998.

\*The Shenkman Group of Companies AUM represents \$27.8bn managed by Shenkman Capital Management Inc. and \$3.1bn managed by Romark Credit Advisors LP and its relying advisors. See disclaimers for additional important information on the Shenkman Group of Companies.

## FUND PERFORMANCE (as of 02/29/24)

(as of 12/31/23)

	MTD	YTD	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr**	Since Inception**	1 Yr	5 Yr**	Since Inception**
Institutional Class (I)	0.77%	1.13%	9.86%	4.62%	4.29%	3.95%	11.50%	4.88%	3.89%
Class F	0.77%	1.13%	9.82%	4.60%	4.30%	3.90%	11.46%	4.89%	3.84%
Morningstar LSTA US B-Rating & Above Loan Index	0.82%	1.44%	11.31%	5.79%	5.25%	4.68%	13.18%	5.84%	4.61%

\*\*The Institutional Class inceptioned on October 15, 2014, and Class F inceptioned on March 1, 2017. Since Inception Performance for Class F reflects performance since October 15, 2014. Class F performance for the period from October 15, 2014 to March 1, 2017 reflects the performance of the Institutional Class, adjusted to reflect Class F fees and expenses.

Performance data quoted represents past performance and does not guarantee future results. The investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Fund performance current to the most recent month-end may be lower or higher than the performance quoted and can be obtained by calling 1-855-SHENKMAN.

The fund imposes a redemption fee of 1.00% on shares held for 30 days or less. Performance data does not reflect the redemption fee. If it had, returns would be reduced.

<sup>1</sup>Rating Agency: Standard and Poors; All ratings include each tranche within their respective ratings category.

<sup>^</sup>The adviser has contractually agreed to waive a portion of the fund expenses through January 27, 2025.

## MONTHLY COMMENTARY

The Morningstar LSTA US Leveraged Loan Index (the "Index") gained 0.91% as hopes faded for imminent rate cuts and Treasury yields jumped concurrent with a historic wave of repricing and refinancing activity. In terms of performance for the Period, high yield bonds, investment grade bonds, and Treasuries, as measured by the ICE BofA US High Yield Index (H0A0), ICE BofA Corporate Index (C0A0), and the ICE BofA Current 10-year Treasury Index (GA10), posted returns of 0.30%, -1.40%, and -2.06%, respectively, while the Index returned 0.91%. A hardening in tone from the Fed, which re-affirmed the higher-for-longer rhetoric of last year has pressured returns for U.S. Treasuries and investment grade bonds. For context, for full year 2023, high yield bonds (H0A0), investment grade bonds (C0A0), and Treasuries (GA10) posted returns of 13.46%, 8.40%, and 2.83%, respectively, while leveraged loans (the Index) returned 13.32% during a year marked by sharply higher rates.

Lower-rated tiers of the market outperformed again in February, with the riskier CCC & below-rated cohort jumping 2.10%, while B and BB-rated loans returned 0.89% and 0.67%, respectively. Liquid loans, as measured by the Morningstar LSTA US Leveraged Loan 100 Index, outperformed the Index for the period (1.12% versus 0.91%) as primary issuance subsided, shifting investor attention to the secondary market. The top performing industries included Diversified Telecommunication Services, Automobile Components, and Health Care Providers & Services, while the performance laggards included Electronic Equipment, Instruments & Components, Media, and Pharmaceuticals as 58 of the 62 industries showed a positive return for the Period.

Primary issuance activity in the leveraged loan market declined more than 50% from January's monthly volume record of \$136.1 billion, with \$63.7 billion coming to market in February. Repricing/refinancing activity has accounted for approximately 88% of total volume this year, according to J.P. Morgan Research. This follows full year 2023 primary issuance of \$370.1 billion (gross) and \$81.8 billion (net). From a demand standpoint, gross collateralized loan obligation (CLO) formations totaled \$30.8 billion in 67 deals in February, jumping 82% versus the previous month and remaining well above the FY22 and FY23 monthly averages of \$12.7 billion and \$11.6 billion, respectively. Full year 2023 totaled \$138.9 billion, a 9% decline versus 2022. Seven leveraged loan issuers defaulted in February affecting \$4.5 billion and the J.P. Morgan twelve-month par-weighted leveraged loan default rate declined 18 basis points (bps) to 1.77%, remaining below the historical average default rate of approximately 3%.

The fourth quarter marked a turning point in many investors' sentiments, as the Fed seemed to soften its rhetoric, with the first talk of potential rate cuts being forecast for 2024. However, hotter-than-expected jobs numbers and CPI coming in higher than expectations seemed to stiffen the tone from the Fed, dimming hopes for imminent rate cuts in the first half of the year. The coming year is likely to be Fed-focused as any unexpected rise in inflation could cause rates to remain at recent highs. While many investors are forecasting the Fed will reduce rates, the question is how many cuts are already priced into the market, a quandary that seems to resurface after each economic release. We believe the lowering of rates could unplug the global financial system, resulting in an acceleration in mergers and acquisitions (M&A) activity, a surge in new issuance, and improved liquidity. The coming months could be a crucial test of market resilience as consumers and corporations continue to adapt to the "new normal" of high borrowing costs, while geopolitical risks continue to loom large. We continue to monitor developments across industries and the broader economy, seeking to assess the potential impact on the leveraged loan market. Given the current attractive all-in credit spreads, we believe the leveraged loan market presents compelling relative value opportunities, particularly given high current base rates likely to remain elevated for the foreseeable future as Fed rate decreases are likely to be small barring a major catalyst for significant cuts. As we seek to proactively manage the portfolio and trade exposures across our global platform, our goal remains to safeguard against potential downside risks while concurrently optimizing returns.



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### ABOUT SHENKMAN

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### FUND CHARACTERISTICS (as of 02/29/24)

Total Fund Assets	\$275.5 million
Number of Holdings	438
Average Maturity*	4.48 Yrs
Distribution Frequency	Monthly
Redemption Fee	30 days/1.00%

\* Based on Shenkman's internal valuations, classifications, and records.

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### TOP 10 HOLDINGS

Name	Coupon	Maturity	S&P Rating	% of Fund
Verscend Holding Corp.	9.447%	8/27/2025	B+	0.86%
Gen Digital, Inc.	5.00%	4/15/2025	BB-	0.84%
Flutter Financing B.V.	7.698%	11/10/2030	BBB-	0.81%
Asurion, LLC	8.697%	12/23/2026	B+	0.77%
Alterra Mountain Co.	8.947%	8/17/2028	B+	0.68%
Medline Borrower, LP	8.451%	9/29/2028	B+	0.67%
Garda World Security Corp.	9.646%	2/10/2029	B	0.66%
Cotiviti Holdings, Inc.	8.32%	3/31/2031	B	0.63%
TransDigm, Inc.	6.25%	3/15/2026	B+	0.61%
UKG Inc.	8.835%	1/31/2031	B-	0.61%

### TOP 5 INDUSTRIES

Name	% of Fund
Technology - Software & Services	11.38%
Commercial Services	6.84%
Leisure - Casinos & Gaming	5.51%
Industrial Machinery	5.30%
Healthcare - Facilities	4.43%

### FUND MANAGEMENT TEAM

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