

# Shenkman Capital Floating Rate High Income Fund

May 31, 2022

## 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.

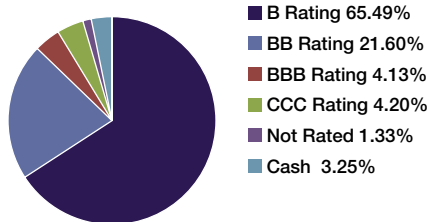
## FUND FACTS

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	\$9.12	\$9.11
Gross Exp. Ratio	0.76%	0.86%
Net Exp. Ratio <sup>^</sup>	0.54%	0.64%

## SEC YIELDS

	Institutional Class	Class F
30-Day SEC Yield Subsidized	4.47%	4.44%
30-Day SEC Yield Unsubsidized	4.29%	4.26%

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



## 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 \$29.9 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.

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## FUND PERFORMANCE (as of 05/31/22)

(as of 03/31/22)

	MTD	YTD	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr**	Since Inception**	1 Yr	5 Yr**	Since Inception**
<b>Institutional Class (I)</b>	-1.80%	-2.30%	-0.63%	2.23%	2.86%	3.05%	2.30%	3.40%	3.39%
<b>Class F</b>	-1.92%	-2.42%	-0.76%	2.21%	2.83%	2.98%	2.17%	3.35%	3.32%
<b>S&amp;P/LSTA B- &amp; Above Leveraged Loan Index</b>	-2.45%	-2.24%	-0.16%	2.78%	3.27%	3.57%	3.09%	3.88%	3.96%

\*\*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, 2023.

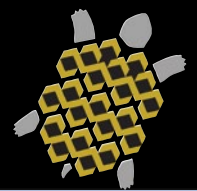
## MONTHLY COMMENTARY

The S&P/LSTA Leveraged Loan Index (the "Index") declined by -2.56% in May, the sharpest decline since March 2020, as the rapid rise in Treasury yields subsided during the month, giving a respite to fixed income peers. The risk-off sentiment that has affected most fixed income markets this year finally reached the floating rate market in May as something of a "catch-down" took place in leveraged loans. On a year-to-date basis, leveraged loans have returned -2.45% while investment grade bonds, as measured by the ICE BofA US Corporate Index (COAO), and the 10-year US Treasury, as measured by the ICE BofA 10-year Current US Treasury Index (GA10), returned -11.86% and -10.57%, respectively. The confluence of sharply higher interest rates, persistent inflation, surging commodity prices, and the outbreak of war in Ukraine has spurred heightened volatility across most markets.

Performance by rating showed a quality bias in favor of higher-rated loans as B- & above outperformed CCC & below by more than 230 basis points (bps) in May (-2.45% versus -4.82%, respectively). Liquid loans, as measured by the S&P/LSTA LL100 Index, performed largely in line with the Index (-2.50% versus -2.56%). The best performing sectors included Food & Drug Retailers and Lodging and Casinos while the worst performing included Home Furnishings and Beverage & Tobacco. All 33 index sectors showed a negative return for the month.

Institutional new issue loan market volume remained muted in May, with volume totaling just \$17.3 billion (bn), the lowest monthly issuance in 22 months. From a demand standpoint, following a banner year of issuance, collateralized loan obligation (CLO) formations got off to a comparatively slow start as managers adjusted to the Secured Overnight Financing Rate (SOFR) transition; however, formations hit a three-month high in February as \$14.3bn came to market, with a further \$11.5bn, \$13.6bn, and \$14.1bn issued in March, April, and May. Retail fund flows showed the first monthly outflow in 18 months as \$4.3bn left loan mutual funds, bringing year-to-date total inflows to \$23.4bn following inflows of \$47.5bn in 2021. There was one loan default in May totaling \$427.5bn in loans after three small issuer defaults in April affecting \$966 million (mn) in loans, according to J.P. Morgan Research. As a result, the J.P. Morgan twelve-month par-weighted leveraged loan default rate rose 2 basis points (bp) to end the month at 0.48%. The group recently raised its forecast for the full year 2022 leveraged loan default rate by 50bps to 1.25% shortly after raising their 2023 default rate forecast by 50bps to 1.75%, levels still well below the historical average of over 3%.

The last two years were largely centered on the global pandemic and subsequent reopening of global economies. However, 2022 has ushered in a new era of interest rate hikes, a Fed balance sheet winddown, rapidly rising inflation, soaring energy costs, and an armed conflict that is threatening to reverse decades of globalization as already strained supply chains become further ensnared. The overall market volatility began this year as technical-driven and we continue to monitor developments on all fronts to assess the potential impacts across industries and the overall economy. Fundamentals have remained positive for the leveraged loan asset class as the default environment remains historically benign, inflows have been strong, and rates are trending upward. We believe the leveraged loan market offers compelling relative value, especially with the Fed initiating more aggressive action, with further tightening expected in the coming months. We will remain vigilant and proactively manage the portfolio and trade exposures across our global platform seeking to mitigate risk and maximize returns.



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### FUND CHARACTERISTICS (as of 05/31/22)

Total Fund Assets	\$332.1 million
Number of Holdings	376
Average Maturity*	4.84 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
Stars Group Holdings B.V.	3.26%	7/10/2025	BBB-	1.13%
CenturyLink, Inc.	3.01%	3/15/2027	BBB-	1.06%
Asurion, LLC	4.01%	12/23/2026	B+	1.01%
Optiv Security, Inc.	4.25%	2/1/2024	B-	0.97%
Almonde, Inc.	4.74%	6/13/2024	B-	0.89%
Hyland Software, Inc.	4.26%	7/1/2024	B-	0.86%
TIBCO Software, Inc.	4.52%	6/30/2026	B-	0.84%
Connect U.S. Finco, LLC	4.50%	12/11/2026	B+	0.81%
ABG Intermediate Holdings 2, LLC	4.00%	9/27/2024	B	0.78%
IRI Holdings, Inc.	5.01%	11/7/2025	B-	0.77%

### TOP 5 INDUSTRIES

Name	% of Fund
Technology - Software & Services	15.37%
Commercial Services	6.45%
Media - Cable & Satellite	5.52%
Healthcare - Facilities	4.59%
Healthcare - Equipment & Supplies	4.49%

### FUND MANAGEMENT TEAM

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