



## MBSM Agg Plus Alpha Feb 2018 returns - Optimal Portfolio of Fixed Income Funds

Hello.

Our portfolio of Fixed Income Funds continues to outperform all its bond market benchmarks.

|               | <b>Agg Plus -<br/>Inst</b> | <b>Agg Plus -<br/>Retail</b> | <b>BM1 -<br/>AGG</b> | <b>BM2 -<br/>MBB</b> | <b>BM3 -<br/>HYG</b> | <b>BM4 -<br/>GOVT</b> |
|---------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>MTD</b>    | <b>-0.42%</b>              | <b>-0.38%</b>                | <b>-1.01%</b>        | <b>-0.66%</b>        | <b>-0.87%</b>        | <b>-0.70%</b>         |
| <b>QTD</b>    | <b>-0.73%</b>              | <b>-0.67%</b>                | <b>-2.12%</b>        | -1.81%               | -0.82%               | -2.01%                |
| <b>YTD</b>    | <b>-0.73%</b>              | <b>-0.67%</b>                | <b>-2.12%</b>        | -1.81%               | -0.82%               | -2.01%                |
| <b>1 Year</b> | <b>4.05%</b>               | <b>3.04%</b>                 | <b>0.49%</b>         | 0.07%                | 2.67%                | -0.56%                |
| <b>2012-</b>  | <b>46.23%</b>              | <b>38.75%</b>                | <b>12.45%</b>        | 9.64%                | 36.75%               | 6.31%                 |

The Institutional version of this fixed income funds portfolio returned -0.42% net in Feb 2018, while the Retail version returned -0.38% net.

**Both portfolios, however, handily outperformed the Barclays Agg Index and AGG ETF.**

**YTD outperformance is 139 and 146 bps respectively!** (The AGG ETF is down -2.12% to date this year.)

To recap - these portfolios of fixed income funds are constructed through portfolio optimization techniques to match the standard deviation of the Barclays Agg index, and provide an Alpha generating source of bond market exposure, with reasonable liquidity.

We can implement these strategies in Separate Accounts, as Sub-Advisors, or on an Advisory basis.

A long/short version might also be possible - any of our benchmark ETFs can be shorted.

We can use our technology to create portfolios against any benchmark - please challenge us!

Regards, Samir.

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