

# PIMCO TRENDS Managed Futures Strategy Fund

## PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

The PIMCO TRENDS Managed Futures Strategy Fund returned 1.45% (Institutional, Accumulation net of fees) in March outperforming the ICE BofA SOFR Overnight Rate Index by 0.99%. Year-to-date the Fund has returned 2.11% (Institutional, Accumulation net of fees), while the benchmark returned 1.35%.

The portfolio generated positive returns overall in March as gains in equities and currencies outweighed the reversal headwinds in commodities and interest rates. Global sovereign yields reversed prior trends and ended lower in March while global equities continued to rally. Meanwhile, commodity prices ended higher across the board. The MSCI World Equity index returned +3.3%, the Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index rose +0.6%, the Bloomberg Commodity Index was up +2.9%, and the Bloomberg Dollar Spot Index rose +0.2%.

### Contributors

- Long positions in APAC and European equity indices
- Short DM APAC FX vs. USD
- Long LatAm FX vs. USD

### Detractors

- Short positions in industrial metal commodities
- Short positions in agricultural commodities
- Positioning in precious metals

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Performance (Net of Fees)	1 Mo.	3 Mos.	6 Mos.	1 Yr.	3 Yrs.	5 Yrs.	SI
Institutional, Acc (%)	1.45	2.11	2.03	7.15	3.15	3.80	2.67
Benchmark (%)	0.46	1.35	2.74	5.44	2.80	2.24	—

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Performance (Net of Fees)	Mar'2019-Mar'2020	Mar'2020-Mar'2021	Mar'2021-Mar'2022	Mar'2022-Mar'2023	Mar'2023-Mar'2024
Institutional, Acc (%)	6.22	3.33	4.62	-2.08	7.15
Benchmark (%)	2.27	0.56	0.18	2.86	5.44

The following information is additional to, and should be read only in conjunction with, the calendar year performance data presented below.

Calendar Year (Net of Fees)	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	YTD
Institutional, Acc (%)	5.31	5.75	0.10	2.48	5.12	2.12	10.75	-3.52	2.11
Benchmark (%)	0.68	1.20	2.20	2.49	0.98	0.18	1.78	5.20	1.35

Current MIFID legislation prevents us from reporting performance data for funds with less than a 12 month track record. The benchmark is the ICEBofA SOFR Overnight Rate Index. All periods longer than one year are annualised. SI is the performance since inception.

The fund is considered to be actively managed in reference to the below benchmark as further outlined in the prospectus and key investor information document/key information document.

ICE BofA SOFR Overnight Rate Index tracks the performance of a synthetic asset paying SOFR to a stated maturity. The index is based on the assumed purchase at par of a synthetic instrument having exactly its stated maturity and with a coupon equal to that days fixing rate. That issue is assumed to be sold the following business day (priced at a yield equal to the current day fixing rate) and rolled into a new instrument. It is not possible to invest directly in an unmanaged index.

### Key Facts

	Accumulation
Bloomberg Ticker	PITMFIA
ISIN	IE00BWX5WG52
Sedol	BWX5WG5
CUSIP	G7112D229
Valoren	27972054
WKN	A14R0Y
Inception Date	30/06/2015
Distribution	-
Unified Management Fee	1.40% p.a.
Fund Type	UCITS
Portfolio Manager	Matt Dorsten, Graham Rennison
Total Net Assets	236.3 (USD in Millions)
Fund Base Currency	USD
Share Class Currency	USD

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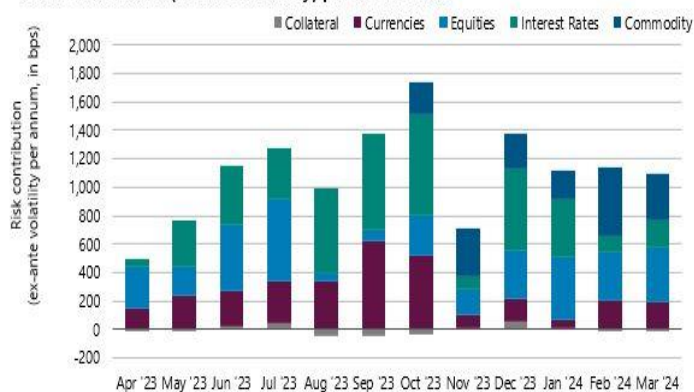
## MONTH IN REVIEW

Global sovereign yields ended lower while equities rose, and the U.S. Dollar ended higher relative to its developed market counterparts over the month. Meanwhile, commodity prices reversed prior losses and broadly rallied.

The portfolio generated overall positive returns over the month, driven by rallies in equities and the USD through long positions in APAC and European equity indices and short positions in DM APAC FX vs. USD. The portfolio's long LatAm FX position vs. USD also added, as the Mexican peso appreciated against the Dollar.

Meanwhile, detractors were primarily driven by short positions in industrial metal, agricultural commodities, and precious metal positioning as prices rose moderately over the month.

## Risk contribution (ex-ante volatility) per asset class



Source: PIMCO as of 31 March 2024. Ex-ante volatility is a forward-looking risk statistic that estimates a portfolio's volatility given the current positioning of the portfolio and estimated covariances over the previous 12-months. Portfolio allocations and other information in the charts are based on the fund's net assets. These percentages may differ from those used for the fund's compliance calculations, including the fund's prospectus, regulatory, and other investment limitations and policies, which may be based on total assets of the fund or other measurements, may include or exclude various categories of investments from those covered in the portfolio allocation categories shown in this report, and may be based on different classifications and measurements of the fund's investments and other criteria.

## PORTFOLIO POSITIONING

The overall volatility decreased slightly in March as the portfolio reversed to a slightly net short duration exposure and trimmed its overall short commodity positions. Meanwhile, the Fund added to its net long USD and equity exposure over the month.

Over the long-run, the portfolio continues to deliver low correlations to underlying asset classes. Since inception (June 30, 2015) correlations:

- MSCI World Equity Index: -0.25,
- Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index -0.14,
- Bloomberg Commodity Index -0.15,
- Bloomberg Dollar Spot Index 0.19.

## OUTLOOK AND STRATEGY

The fund pursues a disciplined approach to trend following, providing exposure to global markets including currencies, equities, interest rates and commodities\*. The fund uses proprietary quantitative models that are designed to identify price trends through both long positions that seek to benefit from rising prices and short positions that seek to benefit from falling prices. The fund is exposed to a wide range of global markets across asset classes, but seeks low long-term correlations to any particular asset class through its ability to dynamically take both long and short positions. Accordingly, market environments with persistently high volatility and persistent trends may be more favorable for the fund than market environments characterized by sharp trend reversals or persistently low market volatility without persistent trends.

Importantly, the dynamic nature of the strategy allows the portfolio to adapt quickly to changing market conditions.

\*Starting in October 2023, the GIS TRENDS portfolio expanded its investment universe to include commodities consistent with its investment policy.

## Fund Statistics

Effective Duration (yrs)	-0.41
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Break-even inflation is the difference between the nominal yield on a fixed-rate investment and the real yield on an inflation-linked investment of similar maturity and credit quality.

U.S. Federal Reserve (Fed); Mortgage-Backed Securities (MBS)

U.S. interest rate strategies encompass the Fund's duration, yield curve, convexity strategies and instrument selection.

Carry is the rate of interest earned by holding the respective securities.

Credit spreads are the difference in yield between any type of bond, and a U.S. treasury of the same maturity.

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