

# Thornburg Summit Fund

Portfolio Manager Commentary  
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## Market Review

The third quarter was a tale of two halves for global equity and fixed income markets. Both saw strong rallies through July into mid-August as many of the major inputs driving inflation (e.g. oil, wheat and copper) had fallen dramatically from their June highs. Sentiment was improving as investors began imagining a path where further monetary tightening might be less dramatic than anticipated, and the possibility of a “soft landing” looked more attainable.

However, the summer rally was all but declared dead when Fed Chairman Powell took the stage at Jackson Hole and reaffirmed his hawkish sentiment and the dangers of pivoting too early. Confirmation of the central bank’s commitment to curbing inflation, regardless of the perceived risks to economic growth, sent bond yields sharply higher and drove a precipitous decline for global equities during September.

In aggregate, the first three quarters of 2022 have been the worst nine-month performance period for traditional 60/40 multi-asset portfolios since the 2008 financial crisis. While bonds bolstered multi-asset portfolio performance during the global equity selloff of 2008, stocks and bonds have plunged in tandem during the current drawdown. While the equity selloff has been painful, the Bloomberg Global-Aggregate Total Return Index Value Unhedged USD Index’s -19% YTD return has been far and away the worst rolling nine-month period in the index’s 30+ year history.

Given these challenges, we have been pleased with the relative defensiveness of the Summit Fund, which has outperformed its blended benchmark (60% MSCI ACWI Net Total Return USD Index and 40% Bloomberg Global-Aggregate Total Return Index Value Unhedged USD Index) by more than 600 basis points year-to-date.

While we expect elevated levels of volatility to persist for the foreseeable future, we continue to see favorable short- and longer-term prospects for our actively managed strategy.

## Portfolio Managers

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## Average Annual Returns (% , as of 30 Sep 2022)

	QTR	YTD	1-YR	3-YR	5-YR	10-YR	ITD
<b>A Shares TSAMX (Incep: 26 Jan 2022)</b>							
Without Sales Charge	-4.49	-	-	-	-	-	-13.02
With Sales Charge	-8.77	-	-	-	-	-	-16.95
<b>I Shares* TSUMX (Incep: 1 Mar 2019)</b>	-4.51	-16.11	-13.36	8.55	-	-	8.71
<b>Multi-Asset Blend Index</b>	-6.82	-23.27	-20.41	0.14	-	-	1.50

ITD = Inception to Date

Periods less than one year are not annualized.

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## Third-Quarter 2022 Performance Highlights

- The Thornburg Summit Fund declined 4.5% (I shares), outperforming its blended benchmark (60% MSCI ACWI Net Total Return USD Index and 40% Bloomberg Global-Aggregate Total Return Index Value Unhedged USD Index), which was down 6.8%.
- Health care, consumer discretionary and industrials contributed positively to the fund's relative performance. In each sector stock selection was the primary driver of outperformance. An overweight allocation to communication services, the worst performing sector within the MSCI ACWI Net Total Return USD Index, detracted from the fund's relative performance.
- From a geographic perspective, stock selection within the United States and Latin America both added to the portfolio's relative performance. Stock selection within the Eurozone, detracted from relative performance. Currency effect related to equities was also a headwind to performance, as the fund was relatively underweight to the U.S. and the strengthening dollar.
- Given the environment of global rising interest rates and dollar strength, the portfolio's shorter duration positioning and higher allocation to U.S. dollar denominated bonds were primary drivers of relative performance vs the index. An overweight allocation to asset backed securities also contributed positively to relative performance.

## Current Positioning and Outlook

Global central banks continue to be the driving force behind market movements. Apart from Japan, major central banks across the world are on a mission to restrain pricing power and curb notably high levels of inflation. As a result, global economic growth is slowing, yield spreads are widening, and investor sentiment is bearish to a degree that we haven't seen since the 2007-2008 financial crisis.

Paradoxically, when sentiment is this extreme, markets often present attractive opportunities for long-term oriented active investors. This time feels no different. With an intentional focus on inflation and downside protection, and the flexibility to opportunistically pursue alpha when markets act irrationally, we believe this is an ideal environment for the Thornburg Summit Fund.

From a positioning perspective, as always, we are comparing relative value within and across asset classes, adding diversified exposure where we see compelling opportunities. Rising bond yields are increasingly presenting attractive relative value and the fund's 43% exposure to fixed income is the highest it's been since 2019. While we continue to take a defensive posture both from a rates and credit perspective, we have incrementally added duration as rates have risen and are taking advantage of high yielding opportunities within the securitized sector.

Within equities, broadly, we continue to lean into high quality companies that we believe can be resilient through a slowing economy. As we have taken incrementally more duration within fixed income, we have trimmed some of the portfolio's higher

## Top Performers (3Q22)

Name	Contrib. (%)	Avg. Weight (%)
Chemocentryx, Inc.	0.64	0.25
MercadoLibre, Inc.	0.25	0.40
Ashtead Group plc	0.19	0.44
Cisco Systems, Inc.	0.17	0.62
XP Inc.	0.17	0.35

## Top Detractors (3Q22)

Name	Contrib. (%)	Avg. Weight (%)
Orange SA	-0.34	1.34
First Republic Bank	-0.24	0.50
Alphabet Inc.	-0.24	2.93
Converge Information & Communications Technology Solutions Inc.	-0.21	0.43
TotalEnergies SE	-0.19	1.77

## Ten Largest Holdings (as of 31 Aug 2022)

Holding	Weight (%)
United States Treasury Inflation Indexed Bonds	4.3%
United States Treasury Note/Bond	2.4%
Alphabet, Inc.	2.3%
United States Treasury Note/Bond	2.2%
Merck & Co., Inc.	2.0%
Microsoft Corp.	1.9%
TotalEnergies SE	1.9%
SPDR Gold Shares	1.9%
NN Group N.V.	1.8%
United States Treasury Note/Bond	1.6%

growth-oriented stocks and are selectively adding some shorter duration equities that derive a larger share of their cash flows in the nearer term. Overall though, we are striving to maintain balance from a style perspective and are not trying to time whether growth or value will lead from here.

While we are optimistic around the opportunities for our active portfolio, we remain cautious of the risks, anchoring to fundamentals, and targeting durable businesses we believe can perform across a variety of macro environments.

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Thornburg Summit Fund's Blended Index is composed of 60% MSCI ACWI Net Total Return USD Index and 40% Bloomberg Global-Aggregate Total Return Index Value Unhedged USD, rebalanced monthly.

The MSCI ACWI Net Total Return USD Index is a market capitalization weighted index that is representative of the market structure of 47 developed and emerging market countries in North and South America, Europe, Africa, the Middle East, and the Pacific Rim. The index is calculated with net dividends reinvested in U.S. dollars.

The Bloomberg Global-Aggregate Total Return Index Value Unhedged USD Index provides a broad-based measure of the global investment-grade fixed-rate debt markets. It is comprised of the U.S. Aggregate, Pan European Aggregate, and the Asian-Pacific Aggregate indices. It also includes a wide range of standard and customized sub-indices by liquidity constraint, sector, quality, and maturity.

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