

Impact of the Coronavirus Outbreak on the Markets

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As fear grows over coronavirus (now known as COVID-19), concerns surrounding growth and potential for recession have reemerged. Equity weakness and the widening of credit spreads in high-yield corporates and bank loans have been swift and pronounced. Riskfree yields are now at or approaching all-time lows, as the market is pricing in potentially three rate cuts in 2020. Amid the volatility, the structured credit markets have been relatively resilient, especially in areas of mortgage credit. Because of our conservative positioning going into this environment, we believe we are well positioned to take advantage of any widening in high-quality areas of structured credit.

Within structured products, we continue to have a high degree of conviction toward mortgage credit thanks to positive and improving residential credit fundamentals and high current income. The incredibly swift and historic move lower in risk-free rates is positive for RMBS, CMBS, and consumer ABS and all have, thus far, exhibited spread stability in spite of this uncertain environment. Low rates should drive higher prepayments, which should continue to be supportive for both legacy RMBS as well as RMBS 2.0, further corroborating our position.

Fear of the unknown gripping markets could potentially end as swiftly as it began. The relatively short-duration, high-quality exposure in the Angel Oak Multi-Strategy Income Fund is well positioned to rotate quickly into attractive opportunities that may emerge in the coming weeks. As we have done since inception, we will continue to target high current income by identifying high-quality cash flows that will likely perform over the long-term credit cycle. The coming weeks may present some very compelling opportunities to do just that.



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