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The following has been prepared by the Manager to discuss the potential impacts to the KKR Credit Income Fund (KKC) portfolio as a result of recent increases to US bond yields and rising inflation expectations.

KKR believes the short term impact to KKC's portfolio of assets is small, and KKC should be positioned to perform well in times where higher growth expectations drive government bond yields higher.

As a reminder, KKC is allocated to both the Opportunistic Credit Strategy and the European Direct Lending (EDL) strategy. Floating rate loans, which will benefit from rising rates, currently make up half of the Opportunistic Credit strategy and all of EDL's assets. Historically, the Opportunistic Credit Strategy has had a low correlation to interest rates and currently has a duration of 1.41 years compared to a duration of the Overall High Yield market of close to 4 years.

The key risk of the KKC portfolio is credit risk, so over the medium term, it is important to consider what is driving the higher inflation stance. If positive economic growth is pushing inflation off the current low levels, then that is a positive outcome for credit.

The KKR macroeconomics team feel that current inflation concerns are somewhat overblown and the team has targets for the 10 year bond yield being in a range of 1.5% and 2.0% in 2021 and 1.75-2.00% in 2022. The macroeconomics team also believe that the Federal Reserve is committed to keeping short-term interest rates pinned at zero through 2023, that government bond yields are becoming oversold in the near-term (but do think the longer-term trend is higher), and that risk assets, and in particular cyclicals, are headed higher, albeit with some volatility.

Thank you for your continued support of KKC and look forward to keeping you updated on the fund.

Yours sincerely,

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