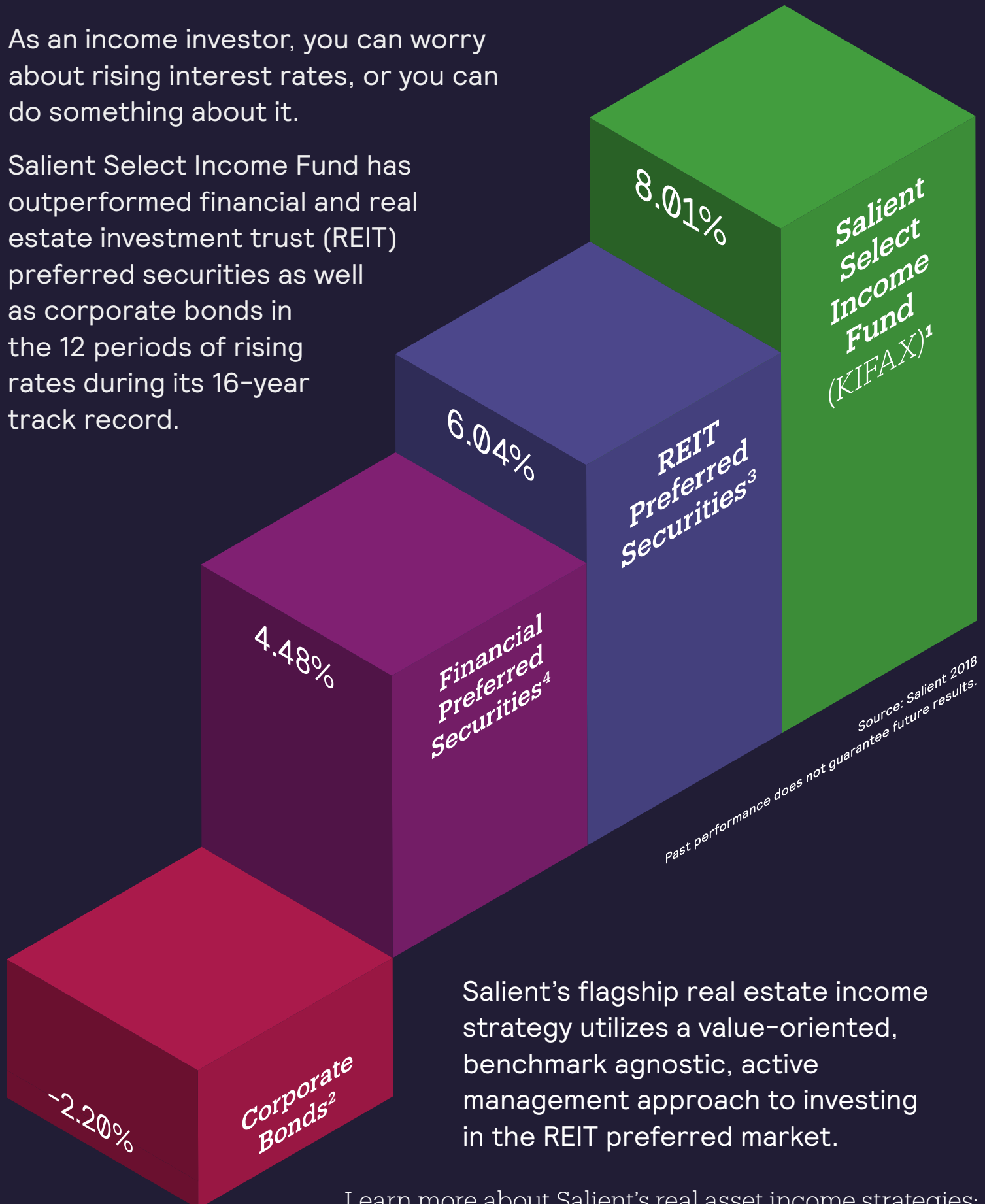


# Rising Above Rising Rates

As an income investor, you can worry about rising interest rates, or you can do something about it.

Salient Select Income Fund has outperformed financial and real estate investment trust (REIT) preferred securities as well as corporate bonds in the 12 periods of rising rates during its 16-year track record.



Past performance does not guarantee future results.  
Source: Salient 2018

Salient's flagship real estate income strategy utilizes a value-oriented, benchmark agnostic, active management approach to investing in the REIT preferred market.

Learn more about Salient's real asset income strategies:

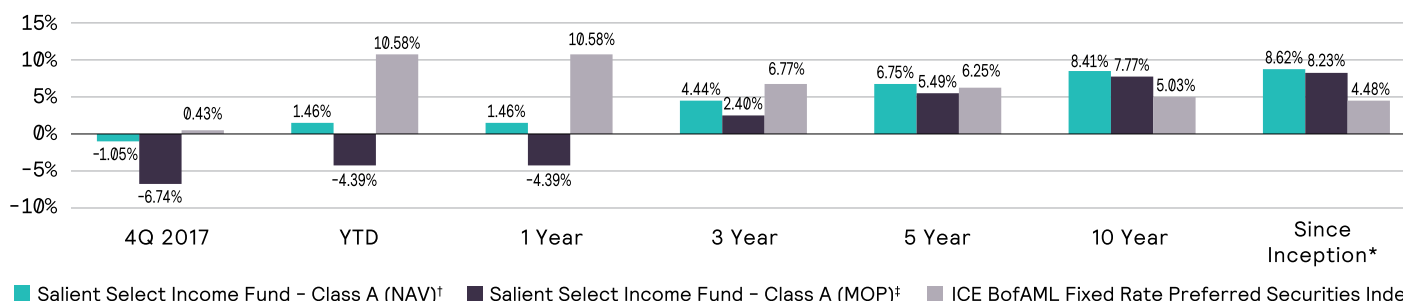
## Fund Performance in Rising Interest Rate Environments

Period	10-Year U.S. Treasury Yield			Select Income <sup>1</sup>	Corporate Bonds <sup>2</sup>	REIT Preferreds <sup>3</sup>	Financial Preferreds <sup>4</sup>
	Begin	End	Change				
11/07/01 - 04/01/02	4.18%	5.43%	1.25%	12.80%	-2.44%	5.40%	n/a
06/13/03 - 09/02/03	3.11%	4.60%	1.49%	2.17%	-4.51%	0.13%	n/a
03/23/04 - 06/14/04	3.69%	4.87%	1.18%	-7.16%	-4.29%	-4.11%	-5.90%
06/01/05 - 06/28/06	3.88%	5.24%	1.36%	1.80%	-1.28%	3.86%	-0.09%
03/07/07 - 06/12/07	4.49%	5.29%	0.81%	2.44%	-2.00%	-0.27%	-2.73%
03/19/08 - 06/16/08	3.33%	4.27%	0.94%	8.05%	-2.29%	6.03%	-1.73%
12/18/08 - 06/10/09	2.08%	3.95%	1.87%	40.42%	-0.14%	34.66%	27.82%
11/30/09 - 04/05/10	3.20%	3.99%	0.79%	18.63%	-0.50%	15.84%	17.08%
10/07/10 - 02/08/11	2.38%	3.74%	1.35%	4.73%	-3.02%	4.35%	0.75%
07/24/12 - 09/10/13	1.39%	2.96%	1.58%	8.36%	-3.32%	-1.68%	1.78%
01/30/15 - 06/26/15	1.64%	2.47%	0.83%	-1.03%	-2.76%	0.21%	0.97%
07/08/16 - 12/31/17	1.36%	2.41%	1.05%	4.88%	0.11%	8.08%	6.84%

1. Salient Select Income Fund (KIFAX)
2. Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index (Total Return Value Unhedged USD)
3. Wells Fargo Hybrid and Preferred Securities REIT Index
4. Wells Fargo Hybrid & Preferred Securities Financial Index

Periods Up	10	1	9	6
Periods Down	2	11	3	4
Total Periods	12	12	12	10
Up Periods	83%	8%	75%	60%
Simple Average	8.01%	-2.20%	6.04%	4.48%

### Select Income Fund Performance



Source: Bloomberg, as of 12/31/17

Gross Expenses/Net Inclusive/Net Exclusive: 2.35% / 2.35% / 1.75%

Returns for periods greater than one year are annualized.

\* 03/31/01

† Excludes the effects of the 1% contingent deferred sales charge.

‡ Reflects effects of the fund's maximum sales charge of 5.75%.

The performance quoted represents past performance, does not guarantee future results and current performance may be lower or higher than the data quoted. The investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Performance data current to the most recent month-end may be obtained at [www.salientfunds.com](http://www.salientfunds.com). Investment performance may reflect fee waivers in effect. In the absence of fee waivers, total return would be lower. Total return is based on NAV, assuming reinvestment of all distributions. Performance does not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on fund distributions or the redemption of fund shares.

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Salient Select Income Fund seeks high current income and potential for modest long-term growth of capital.

There are risks involved with investing, including loss of principal.

#### RISKS

Past performance does not guarantee future results, share prices will fluctuate and you may have a gain or loss when you redeem shares.

Borrowing for investment purposes creates leverage, which can increase the risk and volatility of a fund.

Concentration in a particular industry will involve a greater degree of risk than a more diversified portfolio.

Debt securities are subject to interest rate risk. If interest rates increase, the value of debt securities generally declines. Debt securities with longer durations tend to be more sensitive to changes in interest rates and more volatile than securities with shorter durations.

Derivative instruments involve risks different from those associated with investing directly in securities and may cause, among other things, increased volatility and transaction costs or a fund to lose more than the amount invested.

Investing in lower-rated ("high yield") debt securities involves special risks in addition to those associated with investments in higher rated debt securities, including a high degree of credit risk.

Mortgage and asset-backed securities are debt instruments that are secured by interests in pools of mortgage loans or other financial instruments. Mortgage-backed securities are subject to, among other things, prepayment and extension risks.

Investing in the real estate industry or in real estate-related securities involves the risks associated with direct ownership of real estate which include, among other things, changes in economic conditions (e.g., interest rates), the macro real estate development market, government intervention (e.g., property taxes) or environmental disasters. These risks may also affect the value of equities that service the real estate sector.

Investing in smaller companies generally will present greater investment risks, including greater price volatility, greater sensitivity to changing economic conditions and less liquidity than investing in larger, more mature companies.

**Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index** represents securities that are U.S. domestic, taxable and dollar denominated. The index covers the U.S. investment-grade, fixed-rate bond market, with index components for government and corporate securities, mortgage pass-through securities and asset-backed securities.

**ICE BofAML Fixed Rate Preferred Securities Index** consists of investment-grade, fixed and fixed-to-floating rate U.S. dollar-denominated preferred securities.

**Wells Fargo Hybrid and Preferred Securities REIT Index** is a modified market capitalization-weighted index that tracks the performance of preferred securities issued in the U.S. market by real estate investment trusts.

**Wells Fargo Hybrid & Preferred Securities Financial Index** is a market capitalization-weighted index designed to track the performance of preferred securities traded in the U.S. market by financial institutions.

One cannot invest directly in an index.

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