

# Market Neutral Income Fund

## Fourth Quarter 2014 Report

# CALAMOS®



### MORNINGSTAR OVERALL RATING™†

among 110 Market Neutral Funds  
The fund's load-waived Class A shares (CVSIX.lw) received 5 stars for 3 years, 5 stars for 5 years, and 3 stars for 10 years out of 110, 64, and 27 Market Neutral funds, respectively, for the period ended 12/31/14.

### OVERVIEW

The fund's core market strategies include covered call writing and convertible arbitrage, complemented by an opportunistic sleeve. Together, these strategies are intended to provide the fund with an enhanced potential for risk-managed returns due to their differing responses to volatility.

### KEY FEATURES

- » **One of the first alternative mutual funds**, capitalizing on experience in the convertible space going back more than three decades
- » **Low correlation** with most fixed income benchmarks
- » **Risk management is a primary focus**, as the three primary strategies are managed together with the intent of maximizing risk/reward characteristics

### FUND TICKER SYMBOLS

A Shares C Shares I Shares  
CVSIX CVSCX CMNIX

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There can be no assurance that the Fund will achieve its investment objective.

**NOT FDIC INSURED | MAY LOSE VALUE |  
NO BANK GUARANTEE**

### Key Drivers of Performance

- » The Market Neutral Income Fund had a positive return in the fourth quarter and continued to outperform its Morningstar peer average for the quarter and through other standard time periods.
- » Volatility increased significantly, which increased the selling price on the fund's sales of call options.
- » The long/short strategy return was positive as smaller-cap equities outperformed their larger-cap counterparts. As the long selections favored names with smaller-cap attributes, this was supportive to the return.
- » In the convertible arbitrage strategy, increased volatility supported convertible prices and the arbitrage strategy, but widened credit spreads and the lack of interest from proceeds on short equity sales were negatives.

### AVERAGE ANNUAL RETURNS

	QTD	YTD	1-YEAR	3-YEAR	5-YEAR	10-YEAR	SINCE I SHARE INCEPTION (5/10/00)	SINCE A SHARE INCEPTION (9/4/90)
<b>Calamos Market Neutral Income Fund</b>								
I shares – at NAV	0.46%	2.21%	2.21%	4.79%	4.46%	3.42%	4.76%	N/A
A shares – at NAV	0.39	2.00	2.00	4.54	4.20	3.15	N/A	6.68%
A shares – Load adjusted	-4.36	-2.87	-2.87	2.86	3.19	2.65	N/A	6.46
<b>Barclays U.S. Government/Credit Bond Index</b>	1.82	6.01	6.01	2.76	4.69	4.70	5.87	6.62
<b>Citigroup 30-Day T-Bill Index</b>	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.04	0.06	1.38	1.74	2.80
<b>Morningstar Market Neutral Category</b>	-0.43	0.76	0.76	1.44	1.25	1.89	2.07	4.27

The Barclays U.S. Government/Credit Bond Index and Citigroup 30-Day T-Bill Index return "Since A share Inception" start date is 8/31/90. The Barclays U.S. Government/Credit Bond Index and Citigroup 30-Day T-Bill Index return "Since I share Inception" start date is 4/30/00.

Performance data quoted represents past performance, which is no guarantee of future results. You can obtain performance data current to the most recent month end by visiting [www.calamos.com](http://www.calamos.com). Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance quoted. The principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that your shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Load-adjusted returns take into account the Fund's maximum 4.75% front-end sales load. Returns for periods greater than 12 months are annualized.

Performance may reflect waivers or reimbursement of certain expenses. Calendar year returns measure net investment income and capital gain or loss from portfolio investments for each period specified. Average annual total return measures net investment income and capital gain or loss from portfolio investments as an annualized average. All performance shown assumes reinvestment of dividends and capital gains distributions. In calculating net investment income, all applicable fees and expenses are deducted from the returns. As of the prospectus dated 3/1/14, the Fund's gross expense ratios for Class A shares is 1.28%; Class I Shares is 1.02%, respectively.

The offering price for Class I shares is the NAV per share with no initial sales charge. There are no contingent deferred sales charges or distribution or service fees with respect to Class I shares. The minimum initial investment required to purchase each Fund's Class I shares is \$1 million. Class I shares are offered primarily for direct investment by investors through certain tax-exempt retirement plans (including 401(k) plans, 457 plans, employer-sponsored 403(b) plans, profit sharing and money purchase pension plans, defined benefit plans and non qualified deferred compensation plans) and by institutional clients, provided such plans or clients have assets of at least \$1 million. Class I shares may also be offered to certain other entities or programs, including, but not limited to, investment companies, under certain circumstances.

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## Attribution Analysis

### QUARTERLY REVIEW

**Covered Call Strategy.** The positive return of the S&P 500 supported the covered call strategy in the quarter as the value of the equity basket increased. Volatility increased significantly, which supported sales of call options. To protect against downside equity movements, we also purchase put options as part of the covered call strategy. Puts remain relatively expensive, which was a challenge for the strategy.

**Convertible Arbitrage.** The increased volatility mentioned earlier supported performance to the extent that higher volatility improved the values of the embedded options in the convertibles. Also, the increased volatility provided some opportunity to capture trading profits related to our arbitrage strategy. However, credit spreads widened by 79 basis points during the quarter, which negatively impacted the bond component of the convertibles in the portfolio.

The near-zero short-term yields continued to provide a headwind to the convertible arbitrage strategy. The low-interest-rate environment has meant that the fund has not received short interest credit from the proceeds of the short sale of common stock in the portfolio. Additionally, the lower-interest-rate environment has contributed to lower coupons on new convertibles being issued.

**Long/Short Strategy.** We incepted the long/short portion of the portfolio in January 2013. The strategy seeks to minimize market risk by taking long positions in an economic sector or industry while also simultaneously utilizing short positions in the same sector or industry. The strategy had a positive return in the fourth quarter as smaller-cap equities outperformed their larger-cap counterparts. As the long selections favored names with smaller-cap attributes, this was supportive to the return. The long/short portfolio continues to benefit the fund because it has low correlations to the covered call and convertible arbitrage strategies. It remains a helpful tool in aiding our management of the fund's risk attributes.

### POSITIONING

The allocation in the portfolio ended at 48.6% in convertible arbitrage, 45.1% in covered call writing and 6.3% in the long/short allocation. This reflected a slight increase to the convertible arbitrage portion of the portfolio and a slight reduction to the covered call allocation since the end of the third quarter. We have continued to look to increase the convertible arbitrage allocation going forward given the recent increase in volatility.

### OUTLOOK

We continue to see rising volatility in the markets. Geopolitical events, continued speculation on the Federal Reserve and interest rates, and concerns about a slowing global economy are among just a few items that will provide fuel to volatility. We remain optimistic that this environment may be favorable to the Market Neutral Income Fund. The fund derives benefits from "volatility in volatility," whether from the rebalancing opportunities higher volatility provides to convertible arbitrage or the potential to receive higher call premiums in the covered call allocation. Within the portfolio allocation, we continue to see opportunities for investors in the fund. As the fund has lower correlations to other asset classes, portfolios may benefit as the fund can provide stability in a market environment that turns increasingly volatile.

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## Fund Information

### CREDIT QUALITY ALLOCATION OF BONDS\*

AAA	0.0%
AA	0.5
A	7.7
BBB	13.3
BB	27.0
B	7.1
CCC and below	1.1
Unrated Securities	43.3

‡ Bond credit quality allocation reflects the higher of the ratings of Standard & Poor's Corporation; Moody's Investors Service, Inc. or Fitch, Inc. Ratings are relative, subjective and not absolute standards of quality, represent the opinions of the independent, Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organizations (NRSRO), and are adjusted to the Standard & Poor's scale shown. Ratings are measured using a scale that typically ranges from AAA (highest) to D (lowest). In addition, CAL has assigned its own ranking to the "unrated bonds," based on its fundamental and proprietary investment process and has years of experience actively managing risk. The security's credit rating does not eliminate risk. The table excludes equity securities, cash and cash equivalents. For more information about securities ratings, please see the Fund's Statement of Additional Information at calamos.com. Additional information on ratings methodologies are available by visiting the NRSRO websites: www.standardandpoors.com, www.moody's.com, and www.fitchratings.com.

### RISK MEASURES SINCE FUND INCEPTION

	FUND	S&P 500 INDEX
Alpha	4.01%	N/A
Beta	0.25	1.00
Sharpe Ratio	0.75	0.50
Annualized Standard Deviation	4.88%	14.48%
R-squared	53.23	100.00
Upside Capture	31.11	100.00
Downside Capture	18.63	100.00
Tracking Error	11.42%	N/A

### MORNINGSTAR RATINGS (MARKET NEUTRAL CATEGORY)

Load-waived A shares (CVSIX.lw)

		NUMBER OF FUNDS
Overall Morningstar Rating™	★★★★	110
10-Year Morningstar Rating™	★★★	27
5-Year Morningstar Rating™	★★★★★	64
3-Year Morningstar Rating™	★★★★★	110

Morningstar Ratings™ are based on risk-adjusted returns and are through 12/31/14 for load-waived Class A shares (CVSIX.lw) and will differ for other share classes. Morningstar Ratings based on a risk-adjusted return measure that accounts for variation in a fund's monthly historical performance (reflecting sales charges), placing more emphasis on downward variations and rewarding consistent performance.

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### FUND FACTS

	FUND
Total Net Assets	\$4.19 billion
Portfolio Turnover (12 months)	69.87%

### STRATEGY ALLOCATION

Convertible Arbitrage	48.6%
Covered Call	45.1
Opportunistic	6.3

### FUND INFORMATION

	A SHARES	B SHARES	C SHARES	I SHARES
Sales Load/Maximum Sales Charge	Front-End/4.75%	Back-End/5.00%	Level-Load/1.00%	N/A
Gross Expense Ratio*	1.28%	2.05%	2.03%	1.02%
Net Expense Ratio*	1.28%	2.05%	2.03%	1.02%

\* As of prospectus dated 3/1/14

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## Term Definitions

**Alpha** is the measurement of performance on a risk adjusted basis. A positive alpha shows that performance of a portfolio was higher than expected given the risk. A negative alpha shows that the performance was less than expected given the risk. **Beta** is a historic measure of a fund's relative volatility, which is one of the measures of risk; a beta of 0.5 reflects 1/2 the market's volatility as represented by the Fund's primary benchmark, while a beta of 2.0 reflects twice the volatility. **Sharpe ratio** is a calculation that reflects the reward per each unit of risk in a portfolio. The higher the ratio, the better the portfolio's risk-adjusted return is. **Annualized standard deviation** is a statistical measure of the historical volatility of a mutual fund or portfolio. **R-squared** is a mathematical measure that describes how closely a security's movement reflects movements in a benchmark. **Upside capture ratio** measures a manager's performance in up markets relative to the named index itself. It is calculated by taking the security's upside capture return and dividing it by the benchmark's upside capture return. **Downside capture ratio** measures manager's performance in down markets as defined by the named index. A down-market is defined as those periods (months or quarters) in which named index return is less than 0. In essence, it tells you what percentage of the down-market was captured by the manager. **Tracking error** is a measure of the volatility of excess returns relative to a benchmark.

**Convertible Arbitrage** involves buying convertible bonds and short selling their underlying equities to attempt to hedge against equity risk, while still providing the potential for upside returns. A **Covered Call Writing strategy** begins with a portfolio of stocks, most of which pay dividends. (Stock provisions include securities

convertible into the underlying stocks.) We then write (sell) calls and buy protective puts against a portion of this basket. A **call option** gives the buyer the right to purchase stocks at a predetermined strike price. If these securities rise above the strike price, the buyer may exercise the option and the fund (seller) must pay the buyer the difference as determined by the option contract. By writing calls on securities held in the portfolio, the fund can generate income from option premiums. A **put option** gives the purchaser the right to sell a security to the writer at a pre-determined price. Put options rise in value as the underlying securities decline in value. Through put options, the fund seeks to offset some of the risk of a potential decline in a portfolio holding.

## Index Definitions

**The Barclays U.S. Government/Credit Bond Index** comprises long-term government and investment-grade corporate debt securities and is generally considered representative of the performance of the broad U.S. bond market. Unlike convertible bonds, U.S. Treasury bills are backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government and offer a guarantee as to the timely repayment of principal and interest. **The Citigroup 30-Day T-Bill Index** is generally considered representative of the performance of short-term money market instruments. **The S&P 500 Index** is generally considered representative of the U.S. stock market. **The Chicago Board Options Exchange Volatility Index (VIX)** shows the market's expectation of 30-day volatility by using the implied volatilities of a wide range of S&P 500 index options. Morningstar Market Neutral Category represent funds that attempt to eliminate the risks of the market by holding 50% of assets in long positions in stocks and 50% of assets in short positions.

Unmanaged index returns assume reinvestment of any and all distributions and, unlike fund returns, do not reflect fees, expenses or sales charges. Investors cannot invest directly in an index.

## Additional Information

Past performance does not indicate future results. No investment strategy or objective is guaranteed and a client's account value can fluctuate over time and be worth more or less than the original investment. The opinions referenced are as of the date of publication and are subject to change due to changes in the market or economic conditions and may not necessarily come to pass. Information contained herein is for informational purposes only and should not be considered investment advice.

## Important Fund Risk Information.

An investment in the Fund(s) is subject to risks, and you could lose money on your investment in the Fund(s). There can be no assurance that the Fund(s) will achieve its investment objective. Your investment in the Fund is not a deposit in a bank and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) or any other government agency. The risks associated with an investment in the Fund(s) can increase during times of significant market volatility. The Fund(s) also has specific principal risks, which are described below. More detailed information regarding these risks can be found in the Fund's prospectus.

The principal risks of investing in the Market Neutral Income Fund include: equity securities risk consisting of market prices declining in general, convertible securities risk consisting of interest rate risk and credit risk, synthetic convertible instruments risk, convertible hedging risk, covered call writing risk, options risk, short sale risk, interest

rate risk, credit risk, high yield risk, liquidity risk, portfolio selection risk, and portfolio turnover risk. In addition, emerging markets may present additional risk due to potential for greater economic and political instability in less developed countries.

**Covered Call Writing Risk:** As the writer of a covered call option on a security, the fund foregoes, during the option's life, the opportunity to profit from increases in the market value of the security, covering the call option above the sum of the premium and the exercise price of the call.

**Convertible Securities Risk:** The value of a convertible security is influenced by changes in interest rates, with investment value declining as interest rates increase and increasing as interest rates decline. The credit standing of the issuer and other factors also may have an effect on the convertible security's investment value. **Convertible Hedging Risk:** If the market price of the underlying common stock increases above the conversion price on a convertible security, the price of the convertible security will increase. The fund's increased liability on any outstanding short position would, in whole or in part, reduce this gain.

*Before investing carefully consider the fund's investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses. Please see the prospectus and summary prospectus containing this and other information or call 1-800-582-6959. Read it carefully before investing.*

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