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Are unconstrained fixed income strategies the solution of the current low interest rate problem?

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What can the investor hope for from this strategy? What instruments are used in unconstrained fixed income strategies? How liquid is this asset class in a stress situation? What are the opportunities and risks of such strategies? Are unconstrained fixed income investments genuinely fixed income investments, or simply pure "alternative investments" (and not just from a BVG perspective)?

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