



# SiM U.S. High Yield Opportunities

Performance data (eVestment) as of 31/07/2024, gross of fees

Morningstar Rating ★★★★★



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Section One:

# About Strategic Income Management



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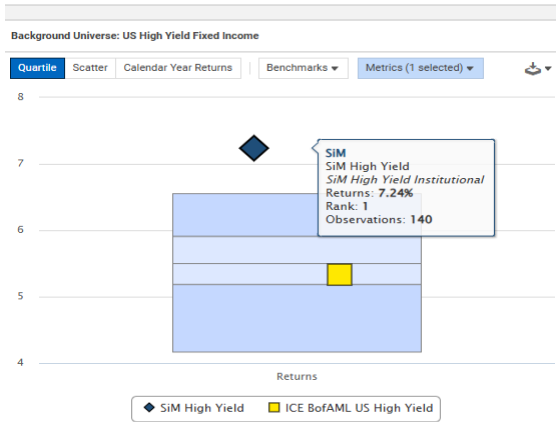
# Strategic Income Management (SiM)

Recent success of the SiM US HY Opportunities strategy



## SiM beats all US and GHY peers since inception in largest global database, eVestment:

Configuration - Monthly Returns from Mar 2011 to Jun 2024 displayed in US Dollar (USD)

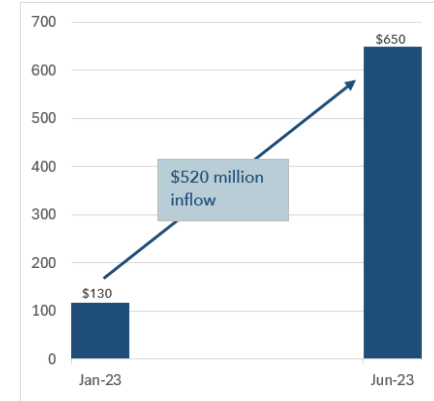


## Morningstar Rating:



## AUM in Europe grows fast!

Institutional investors invested, including: a State Pension fund and Large Family office



## SiM won the Lipper award for best GHY manager all periods, 3,5,10 year



### American Beacon SiM High Yield Opportunities Fund; R5

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# Strategic Income Management (SiM)

Value Driven, Income Focused



## SiM: Utilizing the Same High Yield Team and Philosophy Since 1998 to Achieve Top Decile Performance

- Same strategy for 25 years managing dedicated high yield portfolios, long term continuity secured by second generation Co-Lead PM Ryan Larson and PM Kevin Power.
- Public US mutual fund track record from 1998-2009 at Principal and under current fund with American Beacon from 2011-present achieving top decile performance across 3, 5, and 10-year periods, as ranked by Morningstar.
- Total firm AUM: \$2.5 billion as of 07/31/24
  - Clients include: Public Pension Funds, Insurance Companies, sub-advisor for US '40 Act registered Mutual Fund and UCITs Fund.
- Focused on one strategy applied across all portfolios
- Based in Seattle, Washington
- Partnership between Candoris and SiM dates back to 2014



# Strategic Income Management (SiM)

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## Performance

20+ years of *Top Decile Performance*

*13-Years American Beacon, 10-Years Principal/WM*

	<b>5/31/1999 - 4/30/2009</b>			
	<i>Peer Group Ranking</i>			
	1yr	3yr	5yr	10yr
<b>Principal High Yield Inst (PHYTX)</b>	27	5	2	3

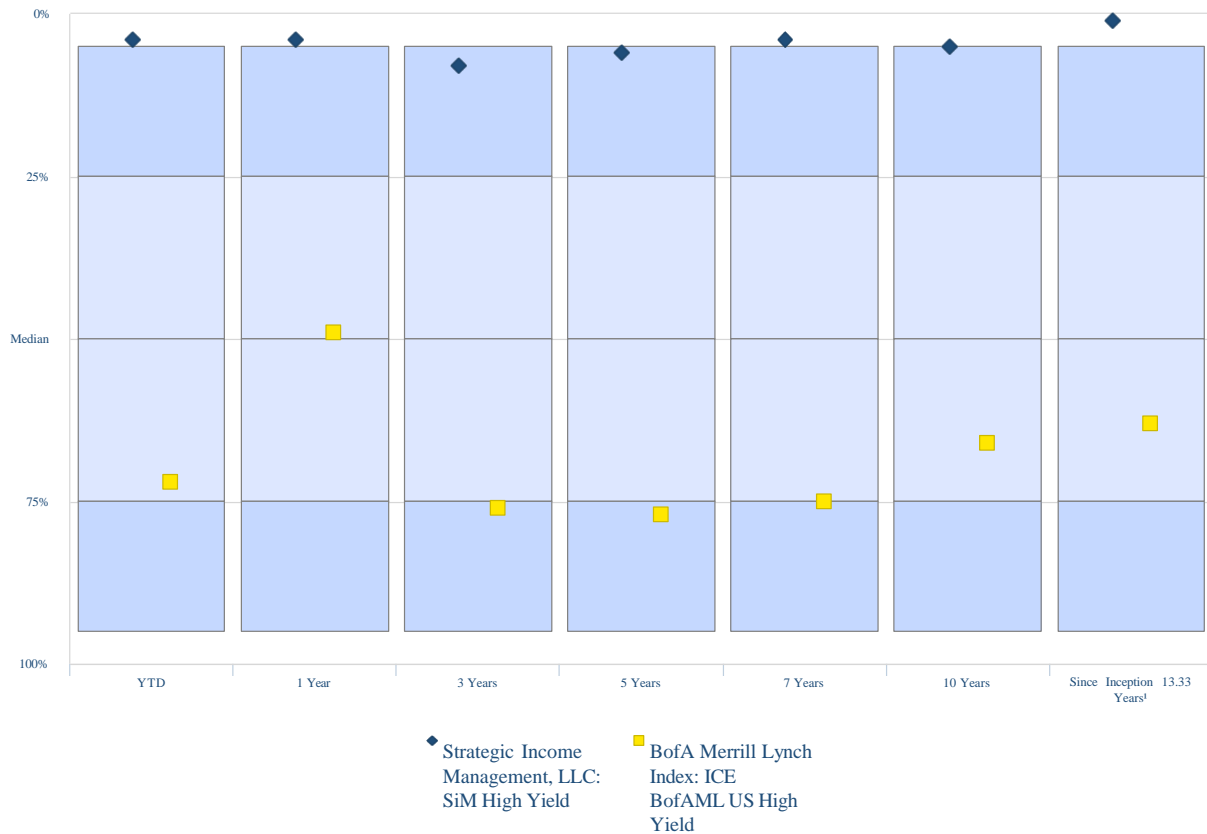
  

	<b>07/31/2014 - 07/31/2024</b>			
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# Performance v. Peers

## SiM US High Yield Opportunities v. Benchmark & Peers



Universe: eVestment US High Yield Fixed Income

Results displayed in USD using Spot Rate (SR).

<sup>1</sup>03/2011 - 06/2024

Source: eVestment; based on GIPS Compliant Composite Performance  
 Data quoted is past performance gross of fee and current performance may be lower or higher. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate.

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# SiM's Unique Investment Philosophy

"The wind at your back"



## SiM's Principles of Investing:

- Capture long-term trends that put "the wind at the back" of the investments
- Invest in the "right" industries - avoid those inappropriate for High Yield
- Analyze companies as if CFO/sole owner

***These principles lead to a core portfolio of companies that has historically been less cyclical and provided better downside protection and repeatable alpha over the long run.***

## SiM then applies these same principles to supplement the core with:

- Industries out-of-favor due to intermediate dislocations
- Non-traditional HY out-of-favor with their natural buyers
- Small cap issuers that offer attractive risk premia





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## Philosophy

- SiM believes that active management based on a long investment horizon is able to outperform the markets over time.
- The investment philosophy is based on the premise that a core portfolio, built around long-term trends, and within the appropriate industries will outperform over a cycle and provide stability and downside protection.
- Additional alpha is added by investing in small cap bond issuers, out-of-favor industries, and non-traditional high-yield instruments.

## Investment Style

- SiM's strategy places emphasis on maximizing current income while allowing for capital appreciation to enhance risk adjusted returns.
- The portfolio may be totally absent in sectors SiM feels are inappropriate to high yield.
- The portfolio is well-diversified, but concentrated in 70 to 100 names, with a focus on credit and long-term trends.
- Managers seek to be relatively neutral to the duration and the quality of the benchmark while being fully invested.



# What makes SiM US High Yield Opportunities unique?

A distinctive approach to High Yield investing



## High Conviction, Capacity Constrained and Benchmark Agnostic.

### Typical US High Yield Manager:

- Closet indexers + or minus 1-2% of an industry
- 250+ Issuers/Names
- Diluted by Large Teams
- Match index performance as a goal

### The SiM US High Yield Opportunities Approach:

- Differentiated
- Unique Strategy
  - Core - Appropriate Companies for HY
  - Out-of-Favor - Exploit Greed and Fear
  - Small Cap - Extra 100 bps Coupon
- Index Agnostic
- High Conviction ~80 Issuers/Names
- Portfolio Managers are Analysts first
- Differentiation has allowed SiM to consistently outperform



# Organization

An experienced team with a long history

## Ownership Structure

### *Strategic Income Management, LLC*

**Ryan Larson, CFA, CAIA**

*Co-Lead Portfolio Manager*

**20%**

*Experience: 15 years SIM: 13 years*

**Gary Pokrzywinski, CFA**

*Co-Lead Portfolio Manager*

**45%**

*Experience: 37 years SIM: 13 years*

**Kevin Power, CFA**

*Portfolio Manager*

**8.75%**

*Experience: 11 years SIM: 8 years*

**Tim Black, JD**

*CCO*

**17.5%**

*Experience: 23 years SIM: 13 years*

- 100% employee owned (8.75% owned by retired co-founder Brian Placzek)
- Ownership sold to key employees





Section Two:  
**Strategy Overview**

# SiM's Unique Investment Approach

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## Core

- Long-term secular trends
- Suitable Industries
- Good Businesses

## Out of Favor

- Viable Industry
- Catalyst for Change
- Long Runway

## Small Cap

- Rating Agency
- Neglected by larger peers
- More accessible management



# SiM's Unique Investment Approach

A distinctive approach to High Yield investing

Principle One:  
Identify long term trends  
and themes

Principle Two:  
Focus on the right industries

Principle Three:  
Analyze as a CFO/owner

## The Portfolio



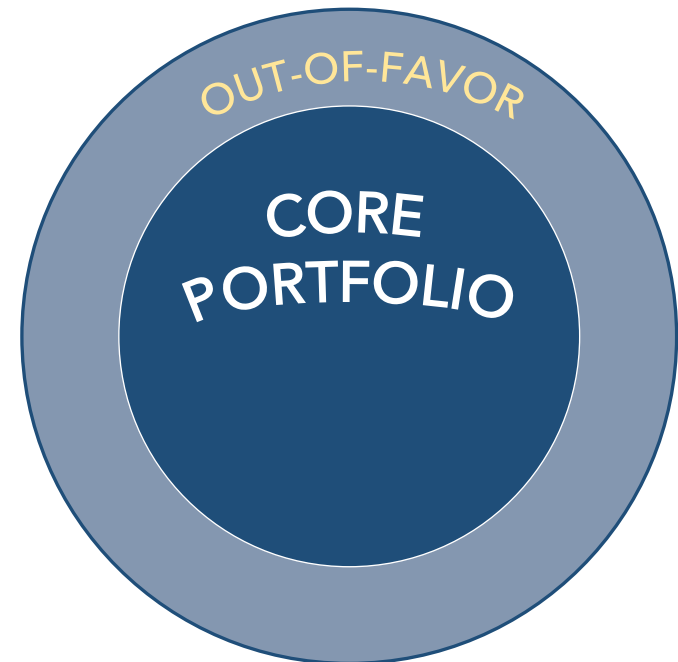
# The Core Portfolio

Building SiM's High Yield Opportunities Portfolio

SiM's three principles - Identifying long-term trends, focusing on the "right industry," and performing a "CFO-level analysis" - are applied to create the *core* of the portfolio.

**The core results in a portfolio that:**

- Tends to be less cyclical
- Provides better downside protection
- Provides more alpha over the long run

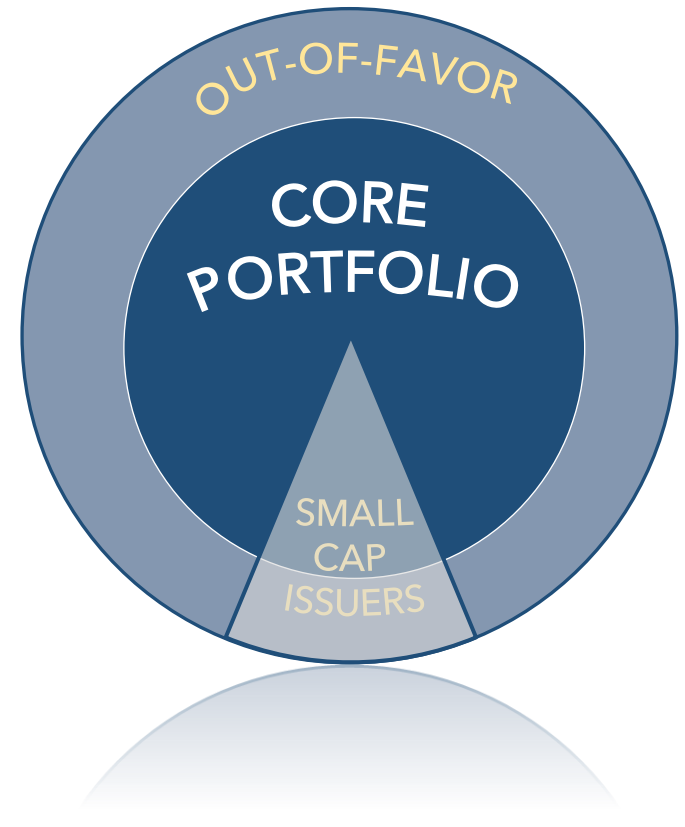


# Out-of-Favor Sectors

Building SiM's High Yield Opportunities Portfolio

## Same Principles applied to Core are applied in Out-of-Favor Sectors:

- Invest in sectors supported by long term trends.
  - Invests in out-of-favor sectors that have long-term viability and only suffer from temporary dislocations.
- Invest in the right industries.
  - There should be a clear pathway to a rebalancing of the industry, usually through a removal of excess supply.
- Analyze as a CFO to ascertain that the company can endure.
  - Rebalancing of industry can take years. Company should have the cashflow, balance sheet, product and management to endure.





# Out-of-Favor Sectors

Supplementing the core of the portfolio



## Market continually offers Out-of-Favor opportunities

*Throughout cycles over the past 18 years, the SiM team has consistently exploited out-of-favor opportunities.*

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1998	Asian Crisis
2000	Tech Bubble
2002	Telecom Bubble
2004	Healthcare
2008	Auto
2008	Financial Crisis
2011	European Financial Crisis
2012	Airlines
2013	Farm Economy
2015	Oil collapse
2018	Shipping
2020	Leisure
2023	Real Estate & Retail

SiM often has little or no exposure to some of the more cyclical sectors, but when they fall deeply out-of-favor SiM may take an overweight position.

Once a sector recovers, SiM may exit and not return for years. (One argument against a pool of specialized analysts.)



# Investing in Small Cap Issuers

Rounding out the portfolio

## Advantages of Investing in Small Cap Issuers

*(w/ total bonds outstanding <\$500m)*

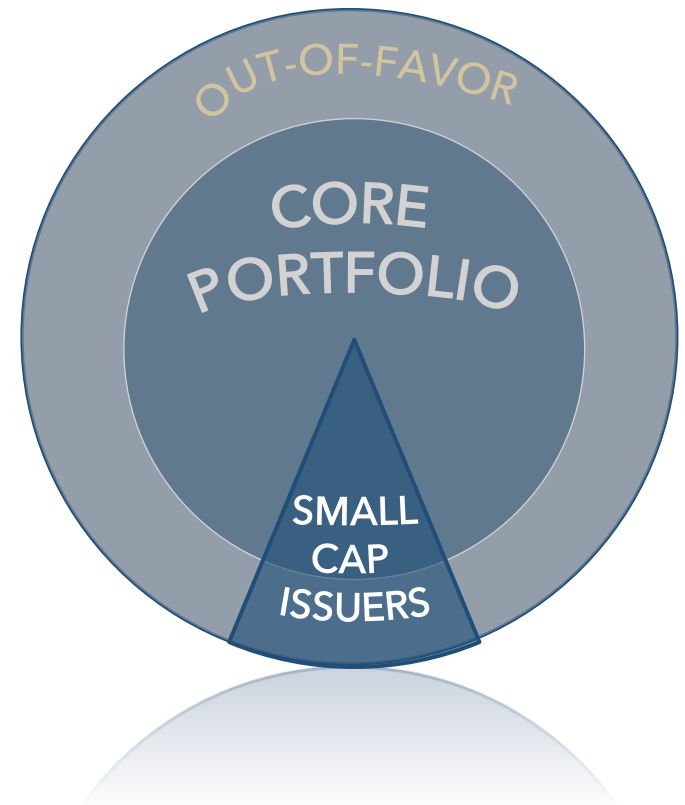
- Small Cap single-B issuers in the index offer higher OAS than Large Caps with same rating.

## Nature of Small Cap

- Comprise more than third of issuers in the Index.
- Large AUM investors ignore—cannot take position large enough to make a significant contribution.
- Rating agencies penalize companies just for being small.

## Liquidity

- 96% of SiM Small Cap classified as moderate to highly liquid by a third party. Liquidate position in <7 days.
- 70% of SiM Small Cap has publicly traded equity.
- Team has managed liquidity with small cap for 18 years.
- More focused portfolio of 80+ issuers enables SiM trader to be more in touch with buyers/sellers than large funds juggling hundreds of names.



# Investing in Small Cap Issuers

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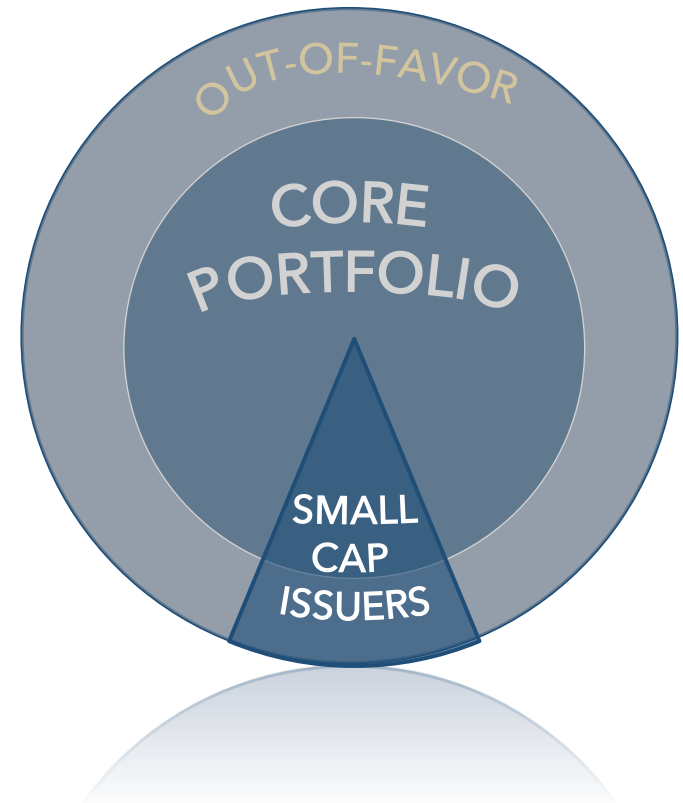
Persistent liquidity premiums for taking on smaller cap structure risk



Source: BofA Global Research

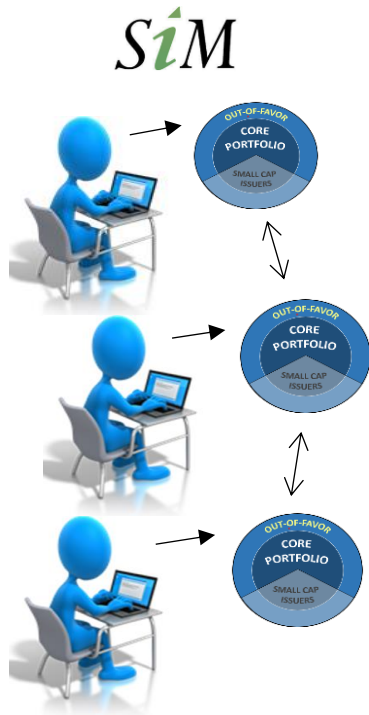
## Spread Premium

- 75-125bps premium for BB small cap issuers
- 150-200bps premium for single B small cap issuers

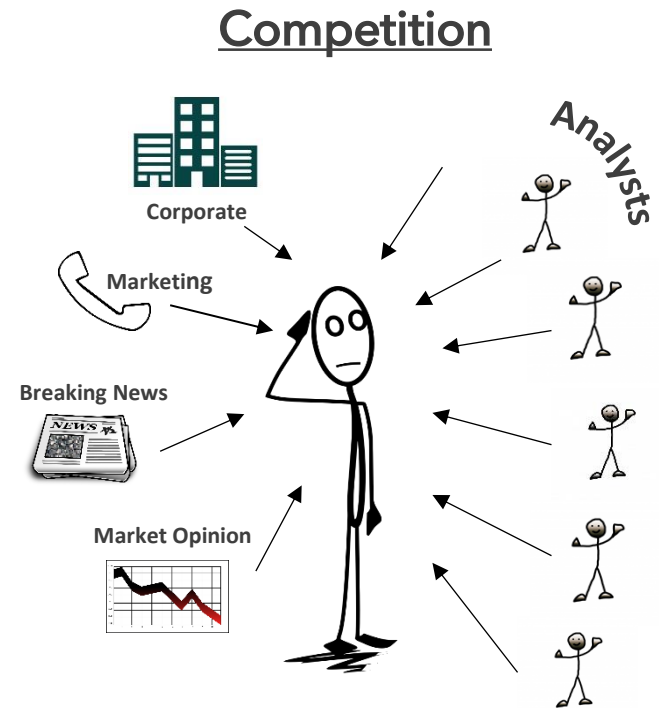


# The Resulting Portfolio

SiM's distinctive approach to High Yield investing



VS.



➤ All Day Analysis and Portfolio Management

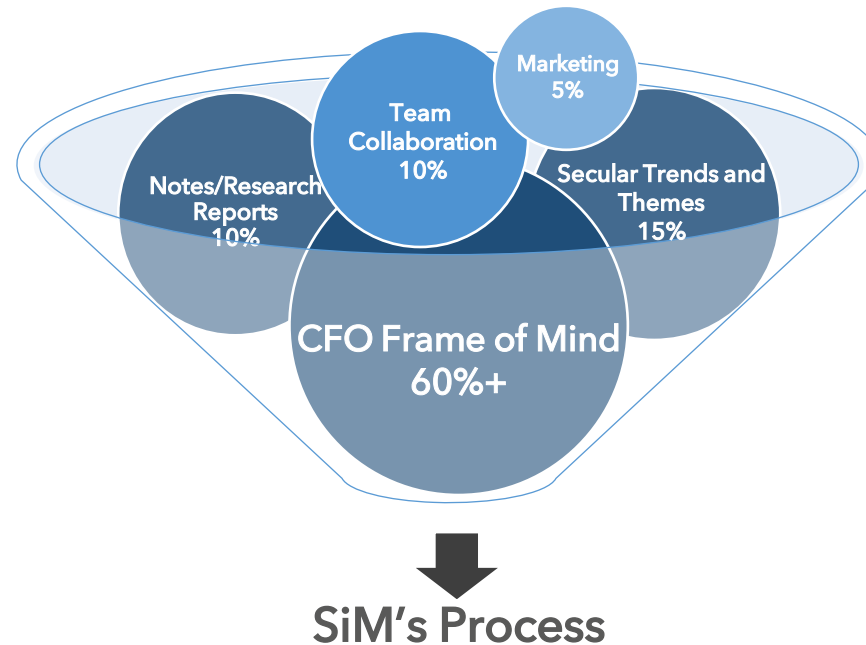
➤ What does my calendar look like today?

	Resulting Portfolios	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Defined Strategy</li><li>• High Conviction</li><li>• 80 Holdings</li></ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Index Following</li><li>• Broad Market Calls</li><li>• 250+ Holdings</li></ul>

# SiM's Unique Process

- Process is a product of SiM strategy
  - ✓ Secular themes
  - ✓ Industry first
  - ✓ CFO Frame of Mind
- Small team allows for
  - ✓ Effective communication
  - ✓ No jockeying
- Corporate partnerships allow the SiM team to focus on Research not Marketing

## How SiM team spends their time



# SiM's Unique Process

A distinctive approach to High Yield Investing



## High Yield Universe

2000+ issuers  
100+ Unique Industries



Identify long term trends and themes



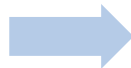
Focus on Core Industries ideally suited for HY Bonds



Evaluate Out of Favor Industries and Asset Classes



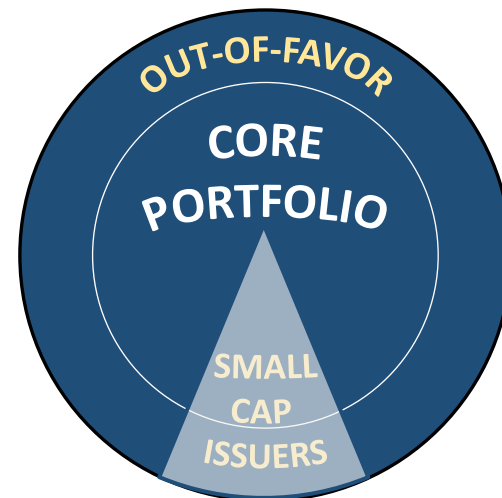
500 issuers  
30-40 Unique Industries



## SiM Portfolio

80-100 issuers  
30-40 Unique Industries

## The Portfolio





## Position Sizing

- Initial positions will vary in size between 0.5% and 2.25% based on risk return profile and liquidity of issue
- Positions are typically trimmed if they grow to >2.75%
- No more than 10% in any given issuer
- Rarely more than 20% exposure to any industry (especially Out of Favor)
- We target cash to be 0.5%-1% of the portfolio. We maintain a cash position strictly for liquidity purposes
- Country allocation is predominately US and Canada with any FX exposure hedge back to the USD





## Sell Discipline

- 5 circumstances that will cause us to sell a position
  - Position gets too large (>2.75% of portfolio). *STNG*
  - Selling a core position to fund the purchase of an out of favor position.  
*BWXT*
  - Selling a position when it becomes too rich. *HCA*
  - Selling a position when results differ materially from management guidance and our expectations (~2 quarters). *SN/TECHNIPLAS*
  - Our rationale is challenged by changing Industry dynamic.  
*CNK/DSPORT*
- Historical Portfolio Turnover 30%-50% (Currently ~40%)







## Risk Management Philosophy/Process

### ➤ Qualitative

- Non-cyclical/counter-cyclical Core
- Low CAPEX/Predictable cashflow
- SiM doesn't reach (best of breed businesses)
- PM's are Analysts first

### ➤ Quantitative

- Core vs. Out of Favor
- Ex-Post & Ex-Anti Beta
- Standard Deviation, Tracking Error, Correlation
- Scenario Analysis (Bloomberg Port)
- Stress test Individual Issuers (Out of Favor)



# SiM's Unique Process

A distinctive approach to High Yield Investing

## Liquidity

- ~96% of SiM holdings are classified as moderate to highly liquid by a third party. Liquidate position in <7 days
- ~90% of SiM holdings are Public Companies vs. ~75% for Index
- No more than ~10% of any given issue to reduce liquidity risk
- Team has managed liquidity for 24 years through multiple cycles and various large redemptions without a problem
- More focused portfolio of ~80 issuers enables SiM trader to be more in touch with buyers/sellers than large funds juggling hundreds of names



# ESG Investing

Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) Criteria for investing

Strategic Income Management, LLC is UN PRI Signatory since 2018



The SIM U.S. High Yield Opportunities Fund is invested in accordance with the Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Criteria set forth by Norges Bank.

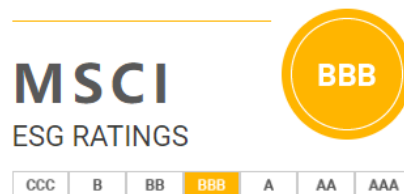
- **Product based exclusions lead to no investments in companies (including entities under control) that:**
  - Produce weapons that violate fundamental humanitarian principles through their normal use
  - Produce Tobacco
  - Sell weapons or military material to states subject to investment restrictions on Gov't Bonds
  - Observation or exclusion may be decided for mining companies and power producers (including controlling entities) that derive 30% or more of their income (or operation) from thermal coal.
- **Conduct based exclusions lead to the fact that companies may be put under observation or be excluded if there is unacceptable risk that the company contributes to or is responsible for:**
  - Serious or systematic human rights violations, forced labor and the worst forms of child labor
  - Serious violations of the rights of individuals in situations of war or conflict
  - Severe environmental damage
  - Acts or omissions that on aggregate company level lead to unacceptable greenhouse emissions
  - Gross corruption
  - Other particularly serious violations of fundamental ethical norms

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The fund ranks in the 52nd percentile within the Bond Global High Yield USD peer group according to MSCI, the higher the better.

The fund is classified as an article 8 fund under SFDR.

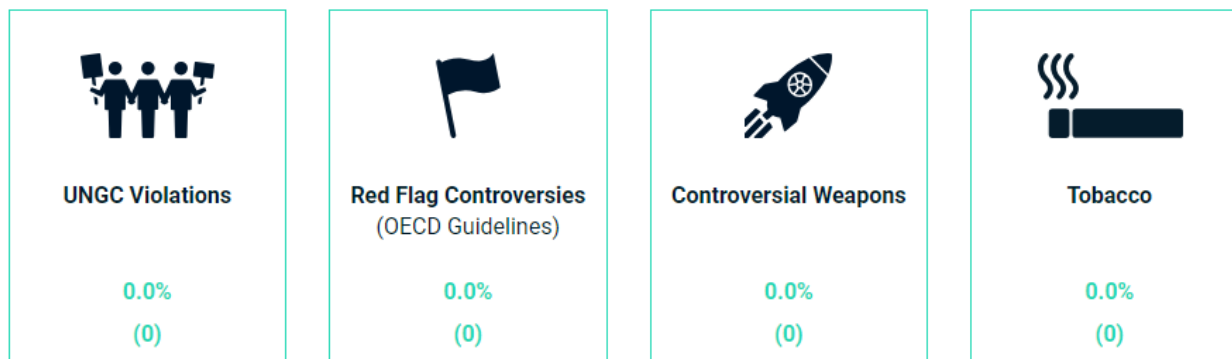


### ESG Rating distribution of fund holdings

17% of the fund's holdings receive an MSCI ESG Rating of AAA or AA (ESG Leaders) and 10% receive an MSCI ESG Rating of B or CCC (ESG Laggards).

### Social safeguards screens

The fund's exposure to companies flagged for certain frequently used social safeguards screens.



# SiM's Risk Management

## Portfolio Management

- Portfolio management team in the industry for 30 years, in charge of dedicated High Yield since 1998 and managed risk through multiple business cycles while achieving top decile performance
- Dedicated trader and systems to monitor daily trading, price movement, and company news
- Monitoring of credit and liquidity is possible by the smaller number of names (70 - 110) in the portfolio
- Attribution analysis run monthly and if needed to analyze portfolio risk and beta

## Operations Compliance

- CCO/COO oversees compliance and adherence to code of ethics
- Portfolio monitored and reconciled daily
- Pre- and post-trade compliance systems to ensure investments within client guidelines
- American Beacon provides additional layer of oversight
- SEC completed an examination of SiM in August 2016





Section Three:  
**US High Yield Market**

# Strategic Income Management (SiM)

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## Rising Stars

~20% of HY Market

Examples:



## Long-term HY

~60% of HY Market

Examples:



## Fallen Angels

~20% of HY Market

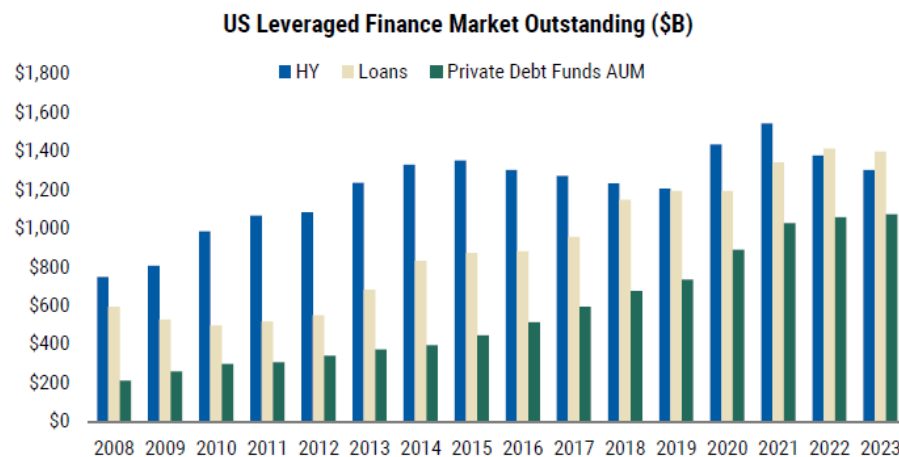
Examples:



## Global Leveraged Credit is a \$5 trillion market



Source: Morgan Stanley Research, Bloomberg, Federal Reserve Bank of New York



Source: ICE, Pitchbook, Morgan Stanley Research estimates; Note: Private debt data as of 3/31/2023

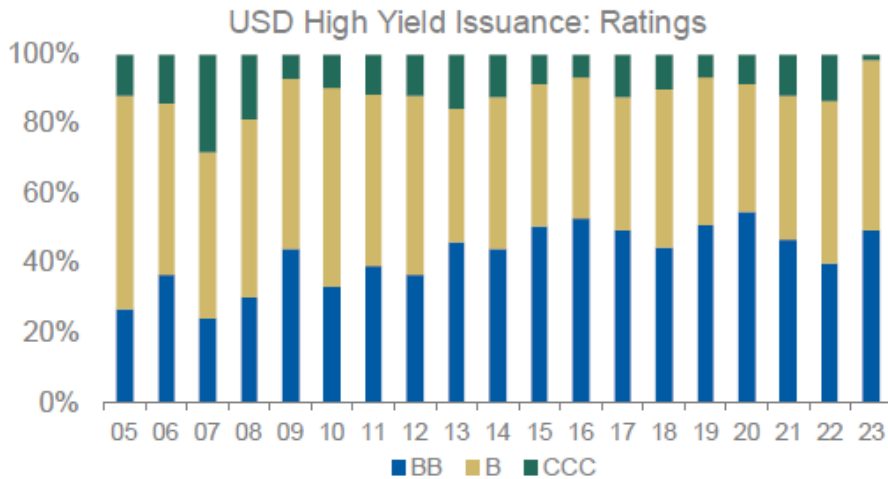
- Since 2008, Private Credit and Leveraged Loans AUM have grown substantially more than High Yield.



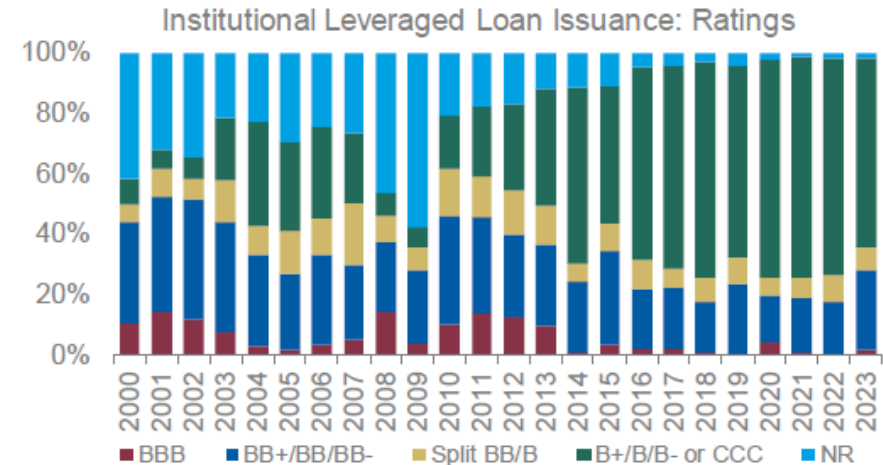




## High-Yield Bonds have Structurally Improved over Time vs Loans



Source: Morgan Stanley Research, PitchBook LCD

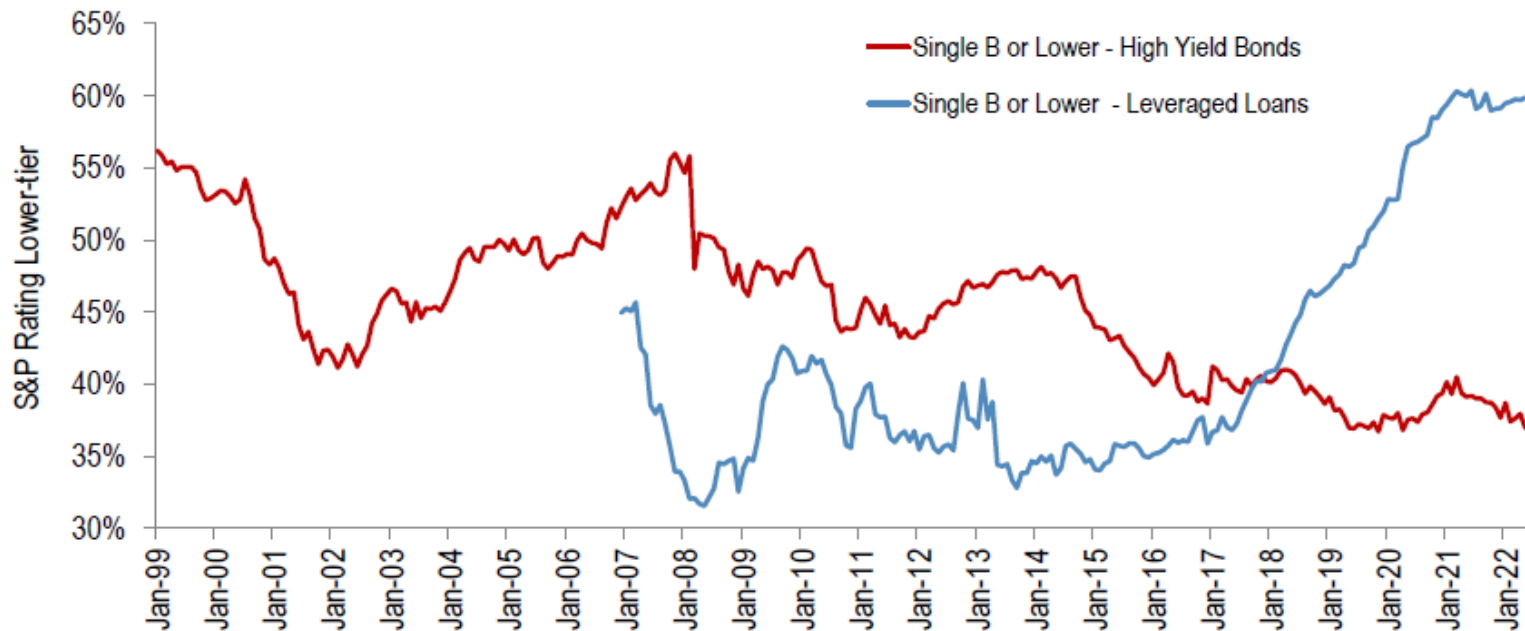


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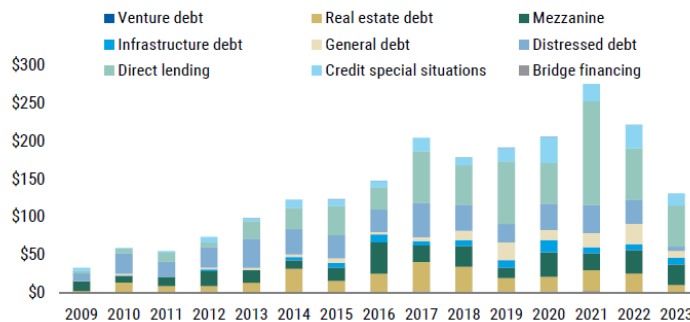


Source: J.P. Morgan.



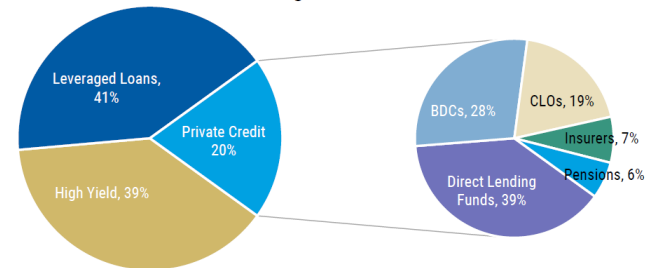
## Private Credit has emerged and takes on the most risk

Global Private Debt Capital Raised By Type (\$bn)



Source: Pitchbook, Morgan Stanley Research; Note: Data as of 9/30/2023

US Leveraged Credit Market



Source: ICE, Pitchbook LCD, Morgan Stanley Research

### Middle Market Companies

Fitch

S&P

Lincoln International

### Public Credit Companies

HY (Public Reporters)

Loans (Public Reporters)

S&P's Spec-Grade Universe (Public + Private)

### Median LTM EBITDA

\$38 million

~\$30 million, with 70% less than \$50 million

\$30-50 million, with 60% less than \$50 million

### Median LTM EBITDA

\$565 million

\$282 million

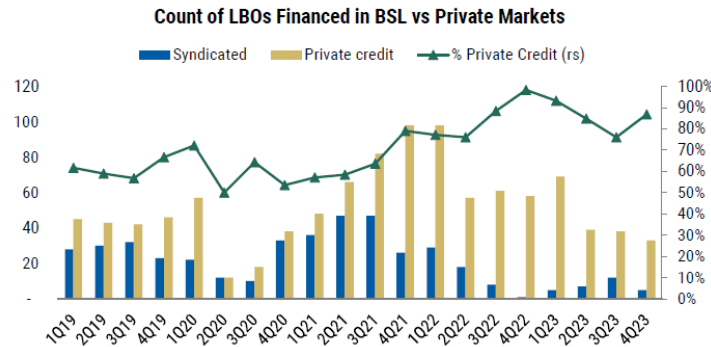
~\$300 million

Source: S&P, Fitch, PitchBook LCD, Lincoln International, ICE, Bloomberg, S&P CapIQ, Morgan Stanley Research; Note: data as of 3Q23

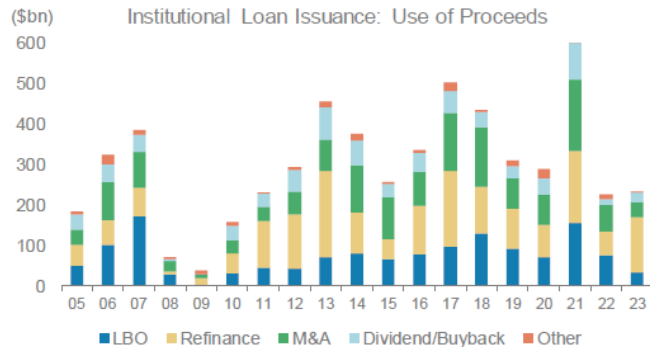




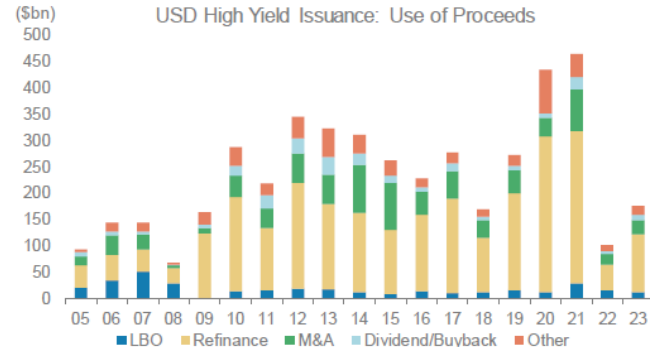
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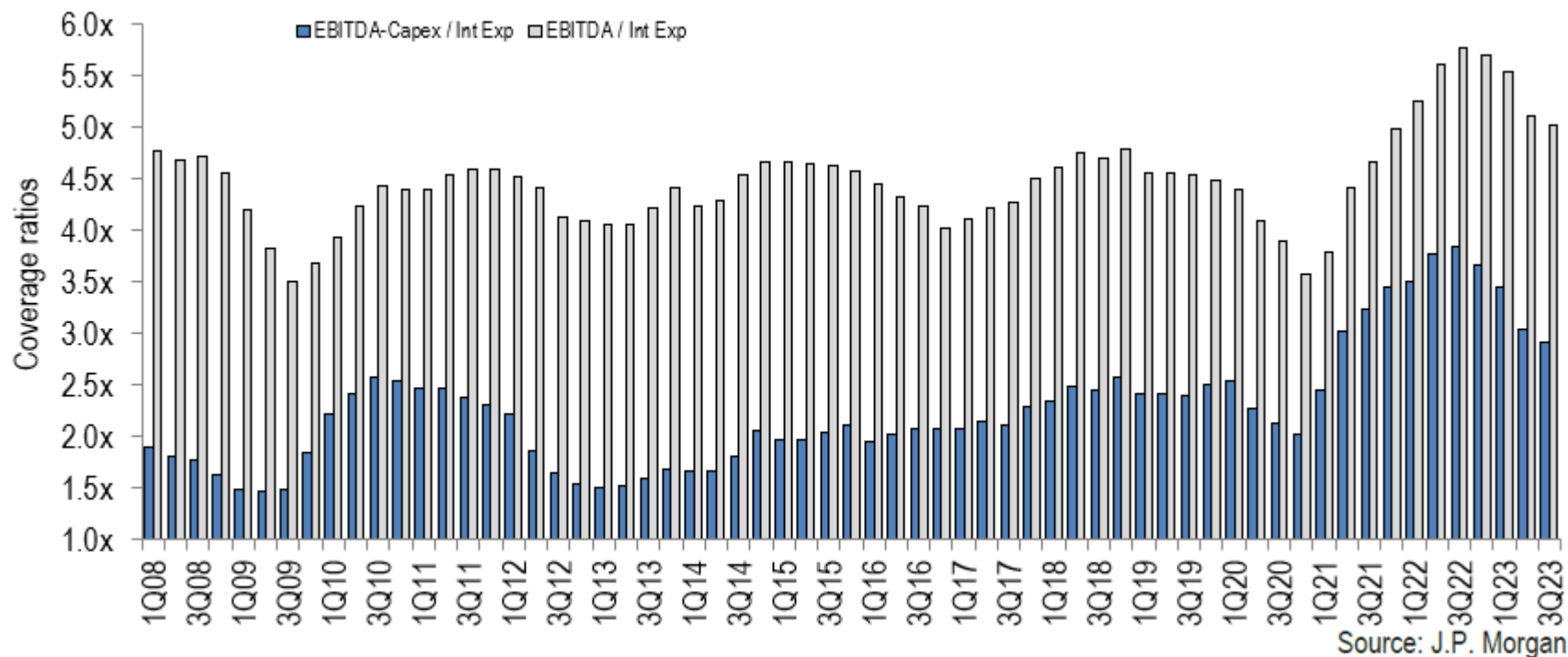


## High-Yield Bonds are very strong structural



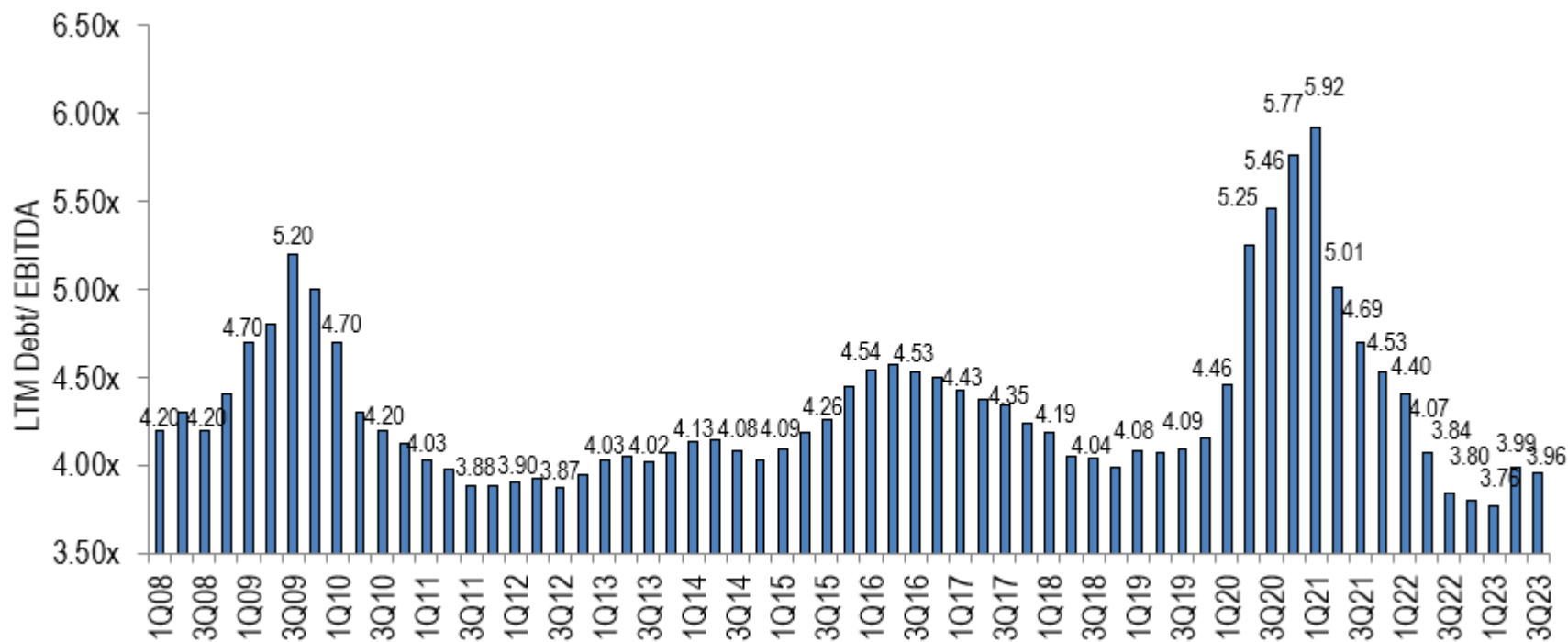


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Source: J.P. Morgan





## High-Yield Bonds are structurally stronger than Leveraged Loans and Private Credit

### High Yield credit metric highlights

LTM	4Q23
Leverage (Debt/EBITDA)	3.89x
Net Leverage ((Debt-Cash)/EBITDA)	3.37x
EBITDA Margin	16.1%
Coverage (EBITDA/Net Int Exp)	5.02x
EBITDA-Capex/Net Int Exp	2.85x

Source: J.P. Morgan; S&P Capital IQ

### Leveraged Loan credit metric highlights

LTM	4Q23
Leverage (Debt/EBITDA)	4.81x
Net Leverage ((Debt-Cash)/EBITDA)	4.31x
EBITDA Margin	16.4%
Coverage (EBITDA/Net Int Exp)	3.35x
EBITDA-Capex/Net Int Exp	2.24x

Source: J.P. Morgan; Capital IQ; Bixby Research and Analytics Inc.

	Credit Metrics Comparison		
	High Yield	Leveraged Loans	Ares Capital (Largest publicly trade BDC)
Net Leverage Ratio	3.4x	4.3x	5.9x
Interest Coverage Ratio	5x	3.4x	1.6x

Source: Ares Capital ARCC Q1-24 Earnings Presentation

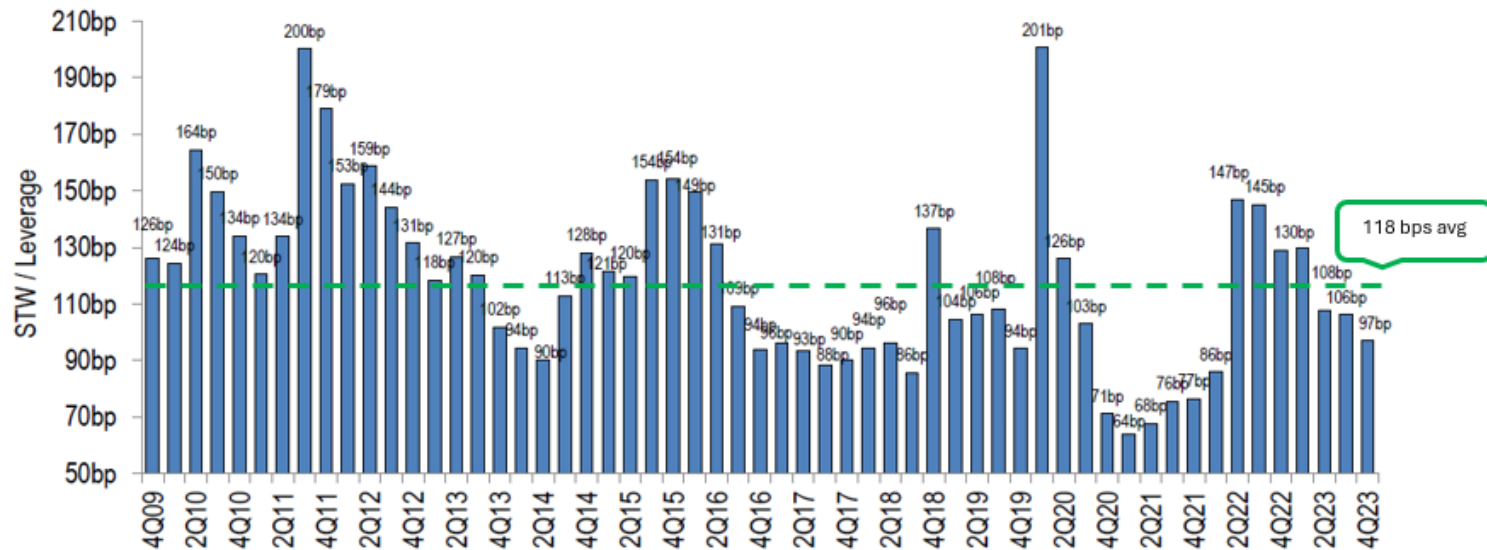






## High-Yield spreads per turn of leverage

Spread per unit of leverage declined for a sixth consecutive quarter

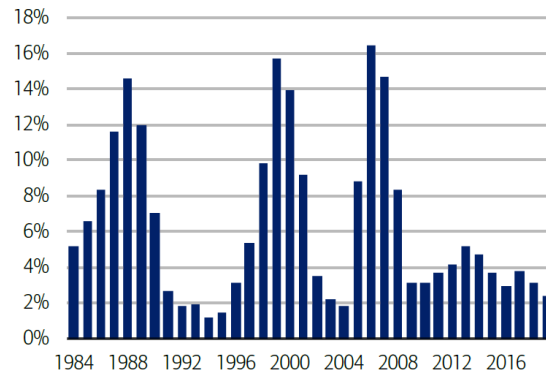


Source: J.P. Morgan; S&P Capital IQ



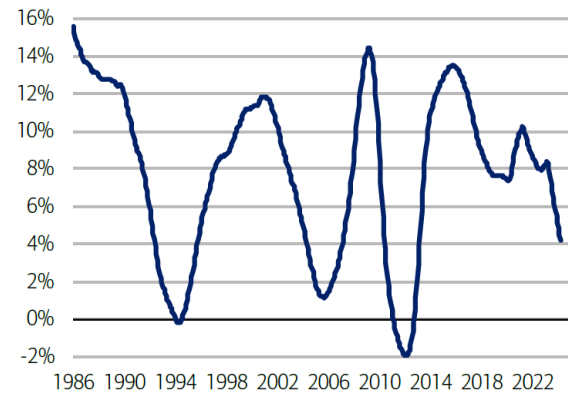
## US Credit Cycle & Defaults

**Figure 1: Cumulative next-3yr corporate default rate**  
Aggregate across IG, HY, loans



Source: BofA Global Research, Moody's

**Figure 2: Cumulative last-3yr corporate debt growth**  
Aggregate across IG, HY, loans, private debt



In previous US corporate credit cycles the cumulative 3-year default rate in IG, HY & Loans peaked at ~15%. It's predicted that US corporate credit defaults will be lower in the next recession, roughly 8%, due to

- 1) 5% excess defaults experienced since the GFC with peaks in 2015-16 & 2019-20.
- 2) lower debt growth in US corporate credit.

An 8% cumulative 3-year default rate in US corporate credit implies a 12% default rate in HY.

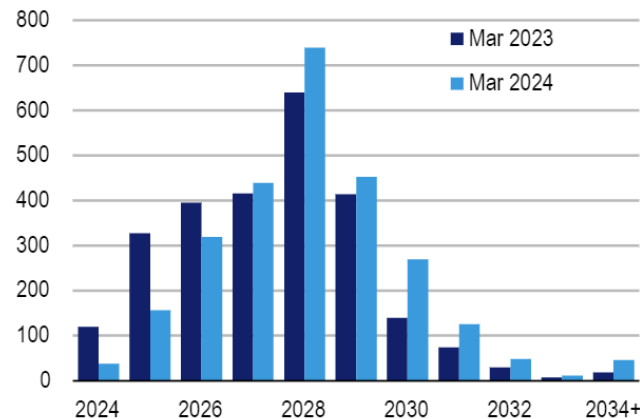
If 12% of the most distressed HY bonds restructure (currently trading a ~\$70 price) over a 3-year period and have a 40% recovery (25-year average recovery rate), the HY market would have an annual default rate of 4% with a ~1.7% loss from defaults/restructures during the next recession.





## High Yield Bonds and Leveraged Loan Maturity Wall

Latest vs one year ago



Source: BofA Global Research

- 2024-2026 Maturities have dropped 40% from March 2023 though March 2024. Syndicated bond and loan market is open to high quality issuers.





## High-Yield has Fewer Drawdowns Vs. Equity

### Drawdowns over past 44 years

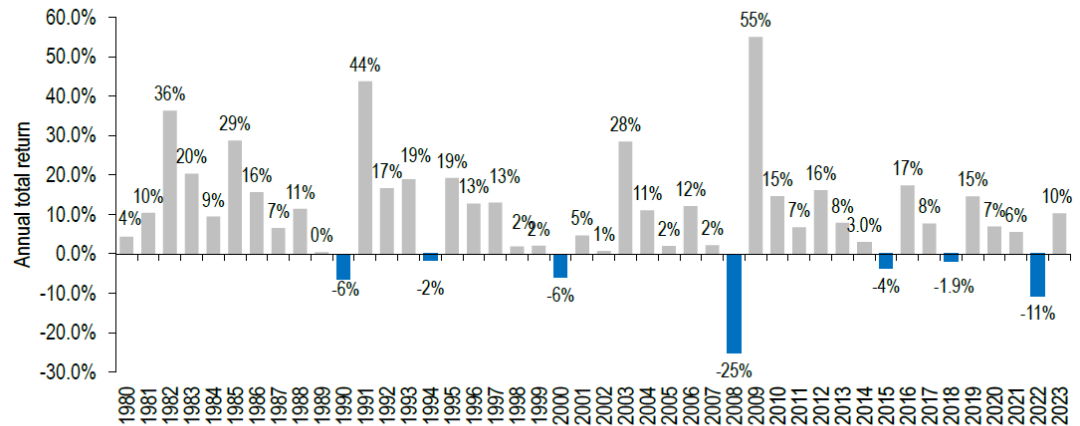
#### S&P 500

- 9 down years
- 4 years 10% or greater loss
- Tech Bubble ~6yrs to recover
- GFC ~4.5yrs to recover

#### High Yield Bonds

- 7 down years
- 1 year 10% or greater loss
- Tech Bubble ~2yrs to recover
- GFC ~2yrs to recover

High-yield bonds have only posted seven losses in 44yrs



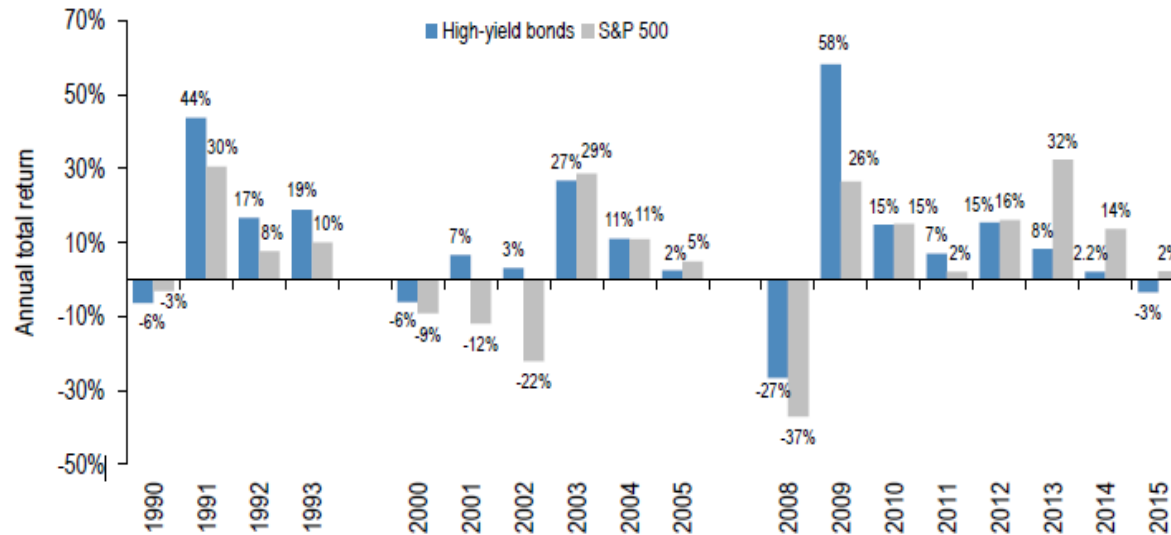
Source: J.P. Morgan.





## High-Yield has Recovered Quicker vs. Equities

Figure 11: High-yield bond versus equity performance during and emerging from recessions



Source: J.P. Morgan.

- High-Yield bonds have outperformed equities during down years, while exhibiting equal or greater performance in the years leading out of a recession.



# Strategic Income Management (SiM)

Value Driven, Income Focused

## High-Yield is an Ideal Diversifier

25-yrs ended November 30, 2023	5-yr Trsy	10-yr Trsy	JPM JULI	JPM HY Bd Idx	S&P 500	Russell 2000	JPM EMBI
10-yr Trsy	0.93						
Investment-grade bonds	0.59	0.65					
<b>JPM HY Bond Index</b>	<b>-0.10</b>	<b>-0.07</b>	<b>0.57</b>				
S&P 500	-0.21	-0.18	0.33	<b>0.68</b>			
Russell 2000	-0.26	-0.24	0.27	<b>0.68</b>	0.84		
JPM EMBI- Global Composite	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Leveraged loans	-0.32	-0.31	0.33	<b>0.79</b>	0.52	0.54	-

Source: J.P. Morgan; S&P/ IHS Markit; Bloomberg Finance L.P.

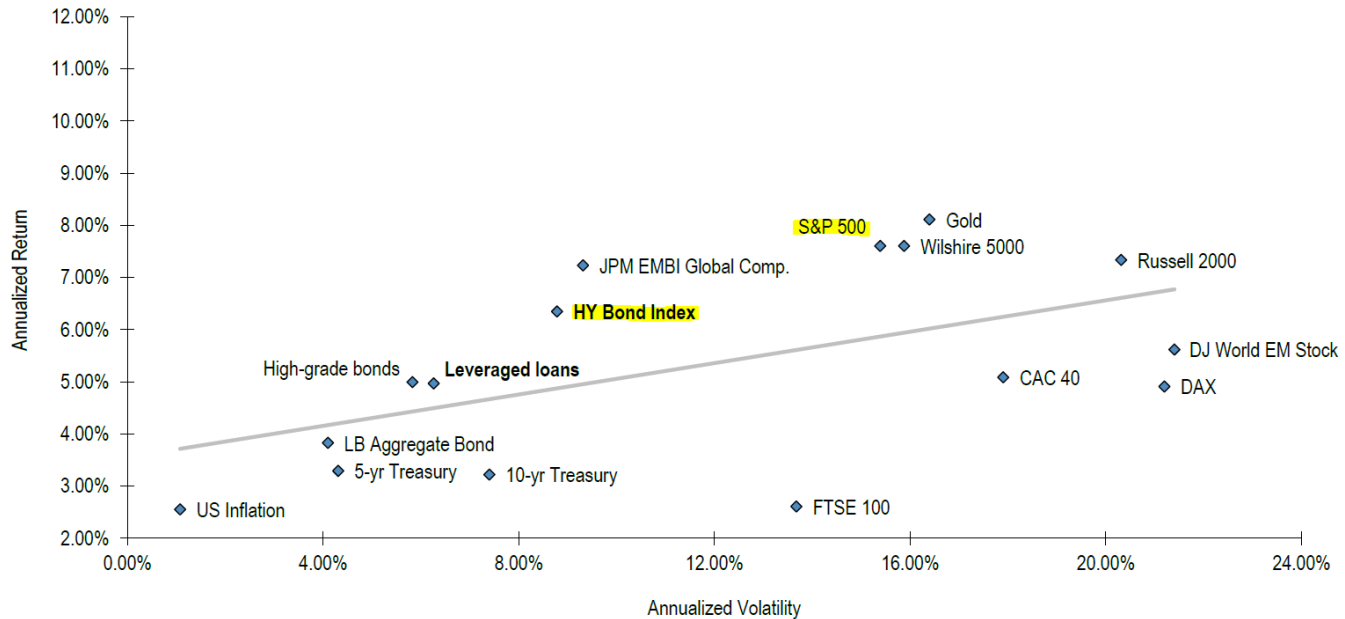
➤ Historically lower correlations during market downturns



## High-Yield remains excellent substitute for equity

*(Statistics over past 25 years as of November 2023)*

Twenty-five-years ended November 30, 2023



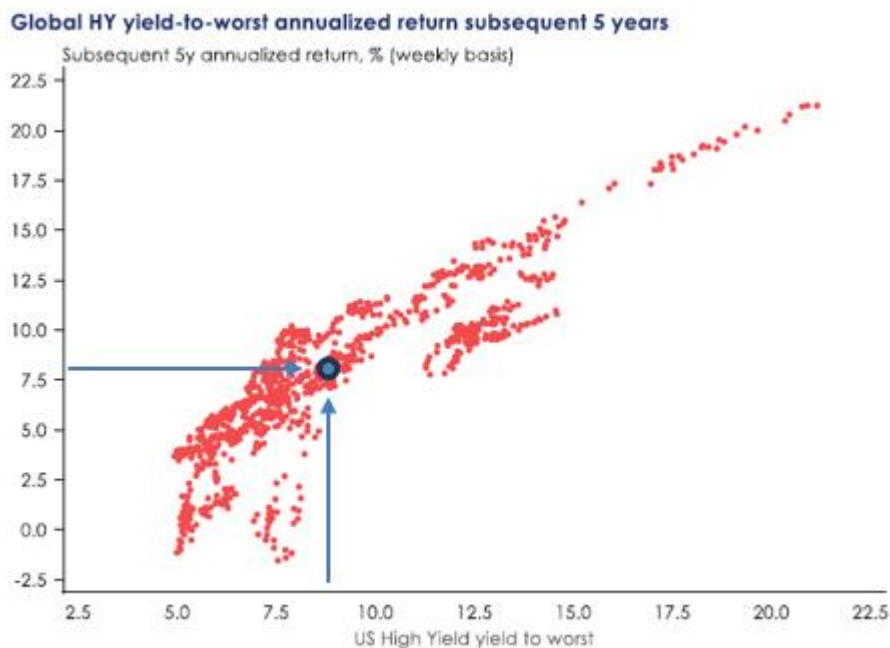
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## Historical Yield to Worst vs HY subsequent annualized returns

Correlation between yield to worst and annual returns next 5yrs.



Sources: Clarksons Securities AS, Macrobond, Bloomberg







Section Four:  
**Performance & Characteristics**

# SiM Portfolio Characteristics

07/31/2024

Characteristics Summary		
	SiM	HY Index*
Price	96.0	95.9
Yield To Worst	7.5%	7.6%
Option Adjusted Spread	319	313
Coupon	6.3%	6.3%
Rating	B+	B+
Current Yield	6.5%	6.7%
Yield To Maturity	7.6%	7.8%
Effective Duration	3.0	3.0

**CORE:**  
**58%**

**Out Of Favor:**  
**27%**

**Deep Out Of Favor:**  
**15%**

\*ICE BofA ML US High Yield Master II

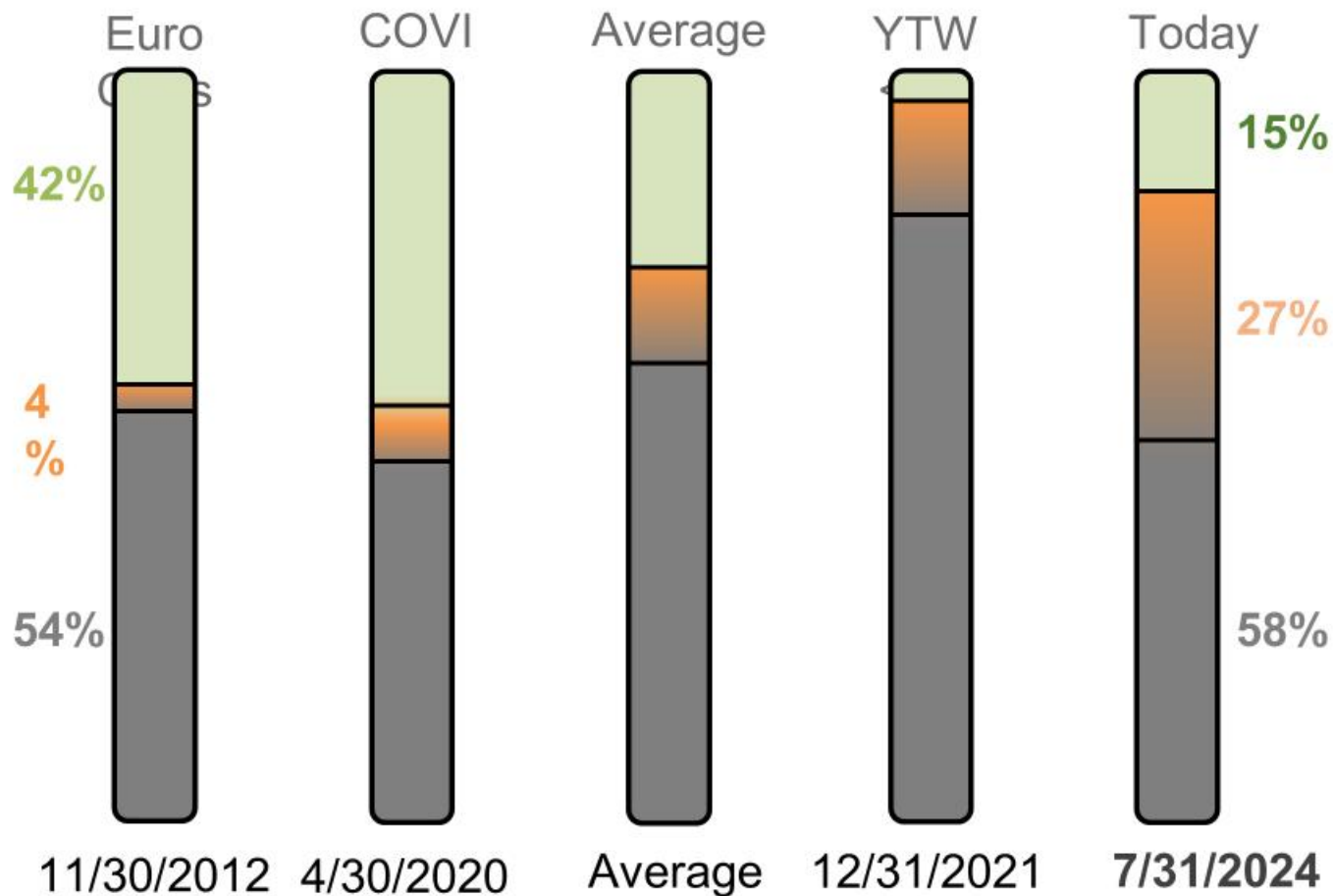
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# Strategic Income Management (SiM)

Value Driven, Income Focused

## Deep Out of Favor, Out of Favor, Core Range



## 2022 & 2023 Additions to Out of Favor

- Increased Out of Favor from 19% to 48%
- Added high quality energy names
- Added to beaten-up Retail names and Real Estate
- Increased exposure to Europe (Hedged back to USD)
- Increased counter-cyclical exposure
- Market pullback has been orderly thus far so no industry specifically Out of Favor

### Sample Company additions

Encore Capital

PRA Group

QVC Inc

Victoria's Secret

EZ Corp

Crestwood Midstream

Partners

Calumet Specialty Products

Anywhere Now

AGNC

Heimstaden

Samhallsbygg (SBB)

Transocean Inc

Tidewater

Seadrill

Odfjell Rig





## 2024 Additions and Exits thru Q2

### Out of Favor

<i>Additions</i>	<i>Exits</i>
ARCHER NORGE AS CRUISE YACHT UPP FLOATEL INTL PARATUS ENERGY TRANSOCEAN INC TALOS PRODUCTION ALTERA SHTL TNKR TORM PLC	NONE

### Core

<i>Additions</i>	<i>Exits</i>
AAR ESCROW CES ENERGY SOL CONCENTRA ESCROW CPI CG INC FLUTTER TREASURY NEOGEN FOOD PHARMING NV SECURE ENERGY SE TRIUMPH GROUP	NONE



### SiM Default Rate (6/30/2024)

Year	SiM Default (%)	US HY Default (%)**	SiM Recovery Rate (%)	US HY Recovery Rate (%)**
YTD 2024	0.00%	1.79%	NA	39.00%
2023	2.87%	2.84%	25.20%	32.80%
2022	0.00%	1.65%	NA	56.50%
2021	0.00%	0.29%	NA	47.00%
2020	5.19%	6.76%	14.04%	20.90%
2019	0.00%	2.50%	NA	23.20%
2018	0.00%	2.00%	NA	39.80%
2017	0.00%	1.30%	NA	52.55%
2016	0.00%	3.57%	NA	31.10%
2015	1.04%	1.80%	80.00%	25.19%
2014	0.00%	2.90%	NA	48.05%
2013	1.34%	0.70%	14.00%	52.74%
2012	0.00%	1.30%	NA	53.23%
2011*	0.00%	1.70%	NA	48.56%
<b>Avg</b>	<b>0.73%</b>	<b>1.96%</b>	<b>30.02%</b>	<b>40.75%</b>

\*Since Inception \*\*JP Morgan Statistics

\*ICE BofA ML US High YieldMaster II  
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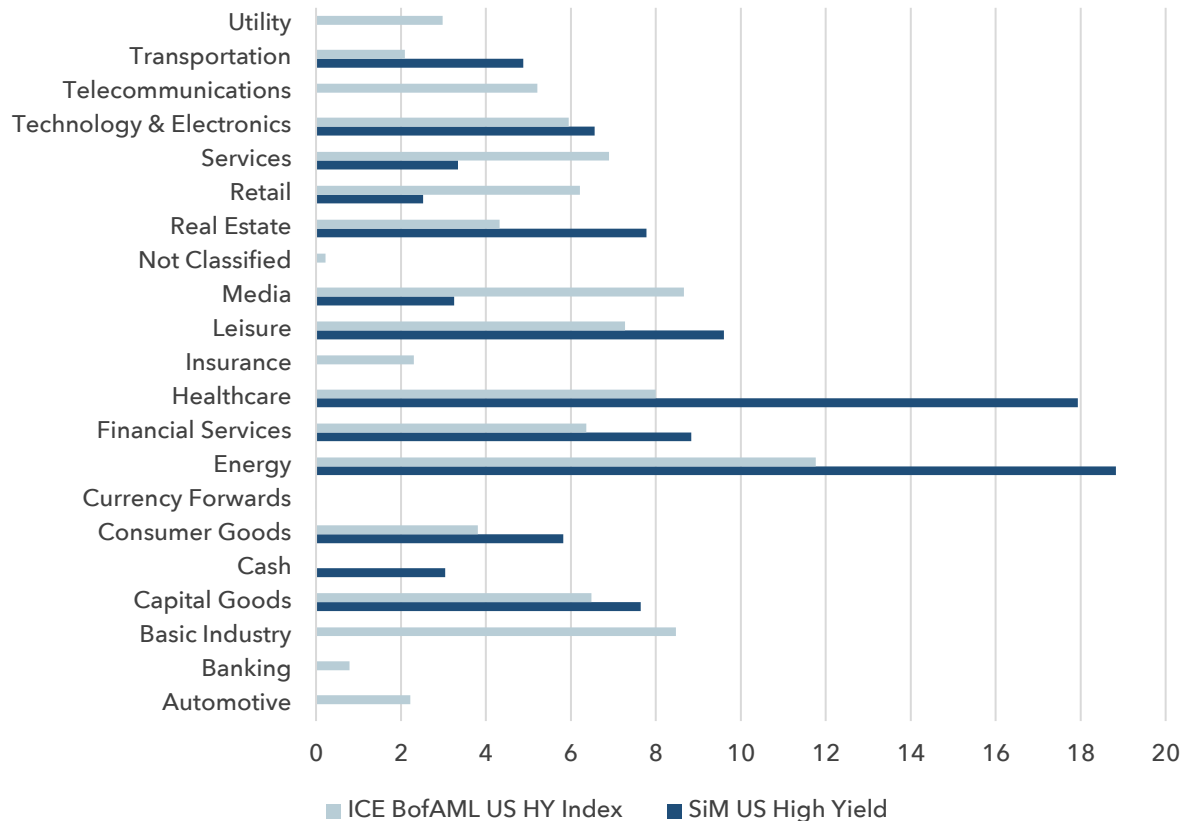


# Strategic Income Management (SiM)

Portfolio Characteristics

## SiM Sector Distribution

06/30/2024

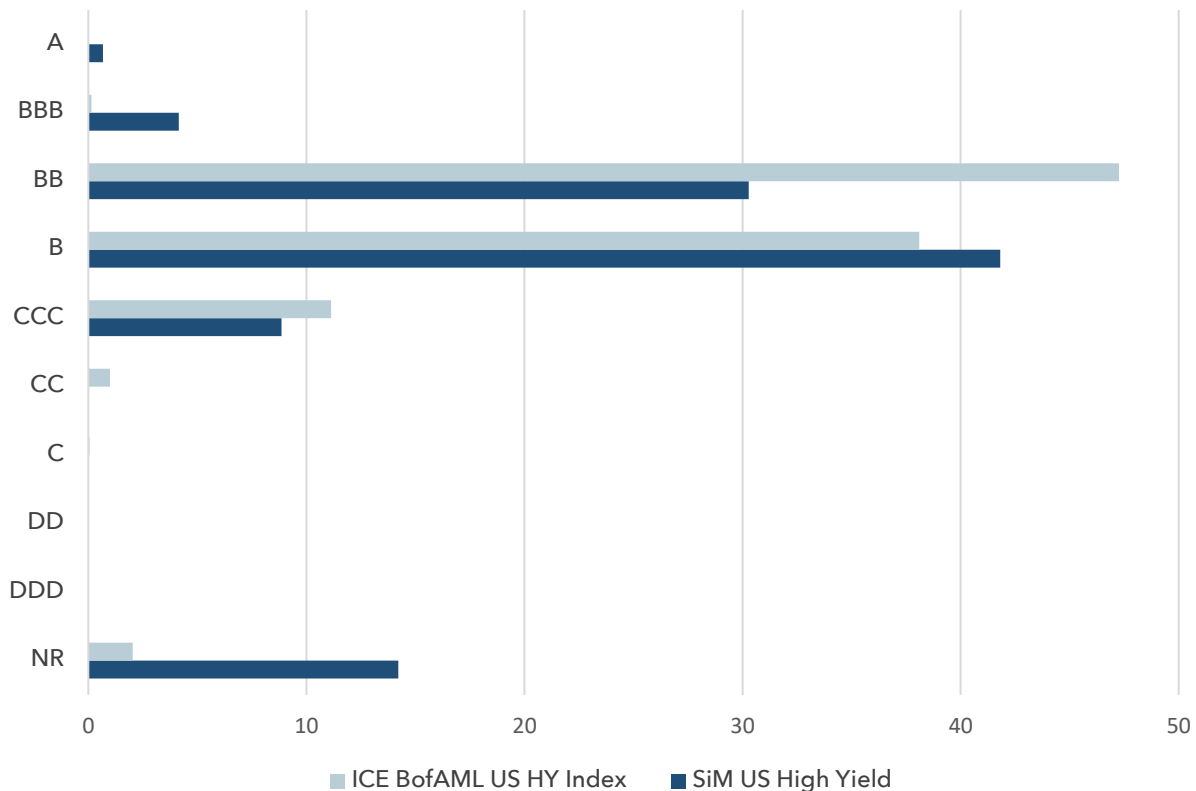


# Strategic Income Management (SiM)

Portfolio Characteristics

## SiM Rating Distribution

06/30/2024







## Changes during COVID-19

### Additions

- Leisure/Consumer Discretionary +6.75%
  - Theme Parks (1%)
  - Restaurants (0.5%)
  - Auto Retail (1.25%)
  - Online Retail (1%)
  - Theaters (1.5%)
  - Vacation Time Share (1%)
  - Airline Supplier (0.5%)
- Busted Convertibles +5.5%
  - Technology (1.75%)
  - Consumer Discretionary (3%)
  - Other (0.75%)
- Energy +8.5%
  - High Quality BB-Rated E&P (8.5%)

### Sample Companies

Winnebago  
Marriot Vacations  
Square  
Six Flags  
Boyd Gaming  
Chefs' Warehouse  
Twitter  
Etsy  
Cinemark  
Brinker (Chili's)  
QVC  
Cenovus Energy  
Canadian Natural Resources  
Penske Auto Group



# Performance SiM US High Yield Opportunities

Historical Performance



## GIPS Compliant Gross Composite Performance

Data as of 30-06-2024	YtD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since Inception
US High Yield (in USD)						
SiM US High Yield (Inception - Feb 11)	4.91%	13.00%	4.07%	6.27%	6.06%	7.24%
BofA ML US High Yield Master II	2.62%	10.45%	1.65%	3.73%	4.21%	5.33%
Performance versus BofA ML US High Yield Master II	+2.29%	+2.56%	+2.42%	+2.54%	+1.84%	+1.90%

Performances in the table above is annualized

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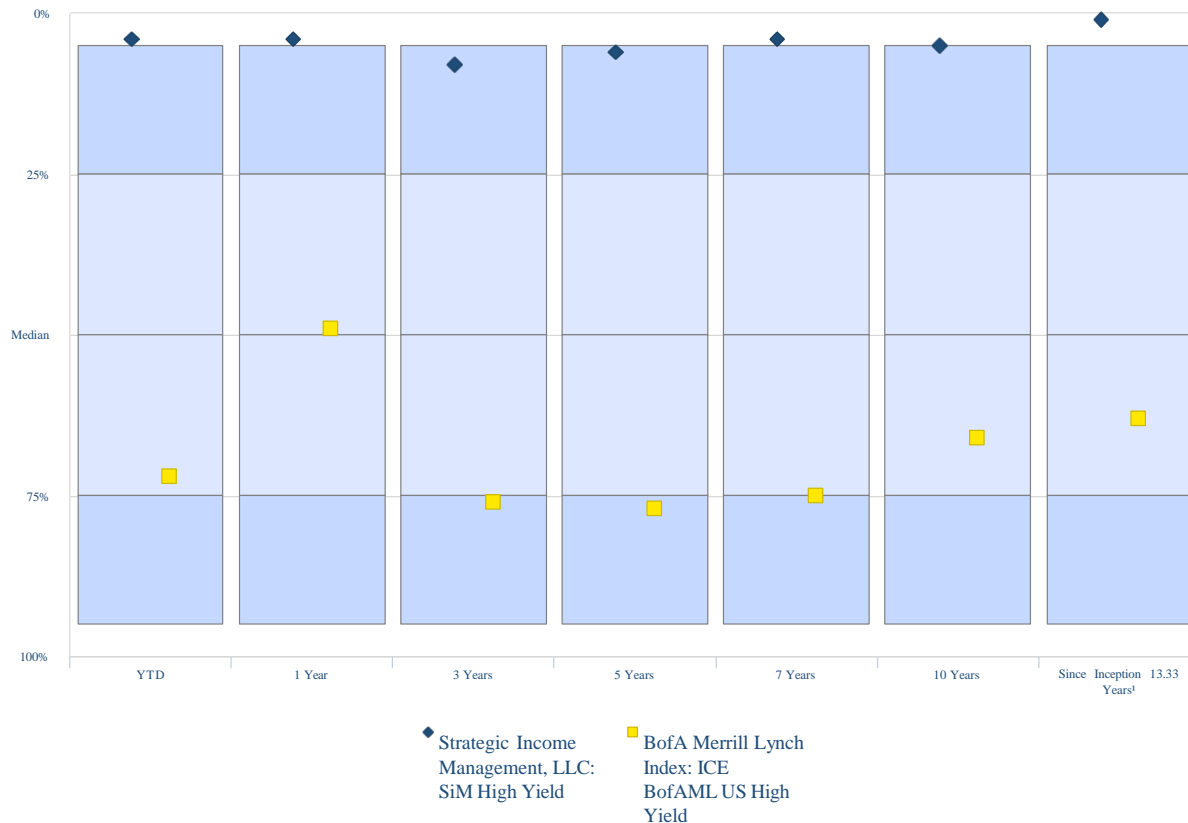


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# Returns

## SiM US High Yield Opportunities v. Benchmark & Peers



Universe: eVestment US High Yield Fixed Income

Results displayed in USD using Spot Rate (SR).

\*03/2011 - 06/2024

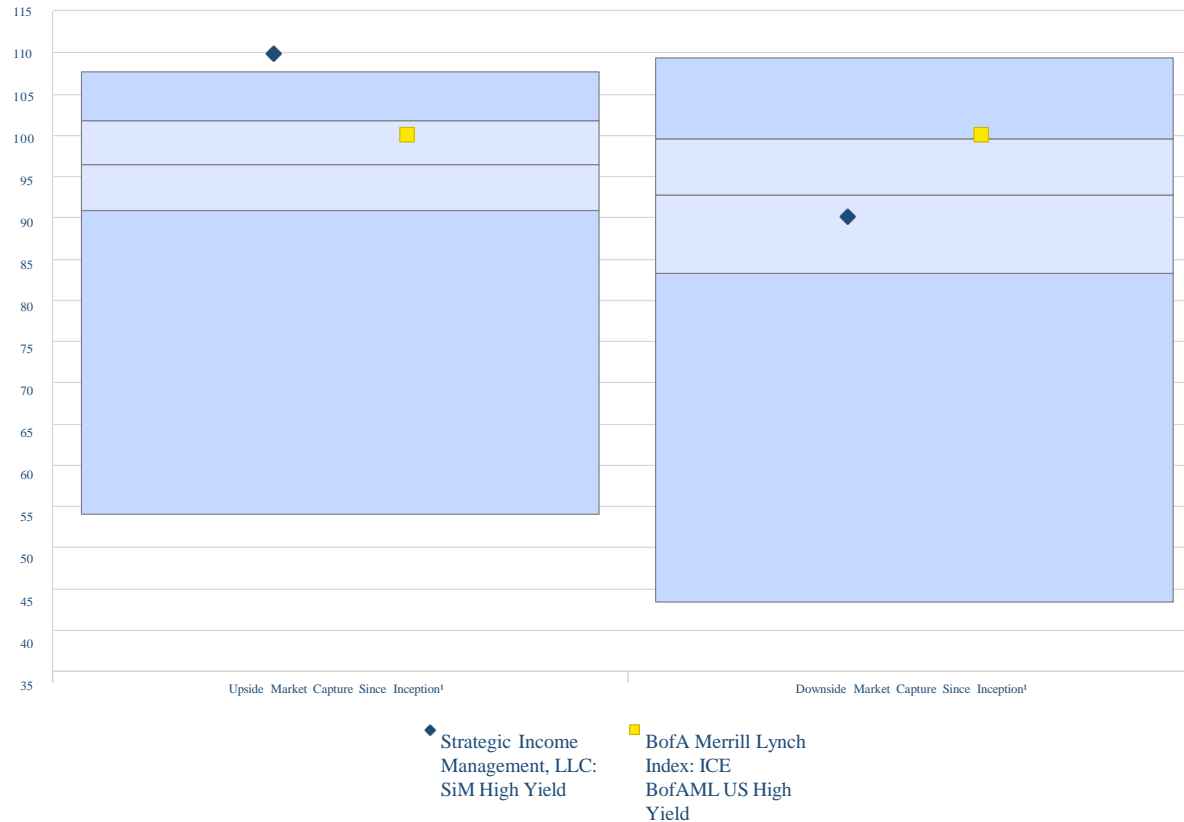
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# Upside/Downside Market Capture

SiM US High Yield Opportunities v. Benchmark & Peers



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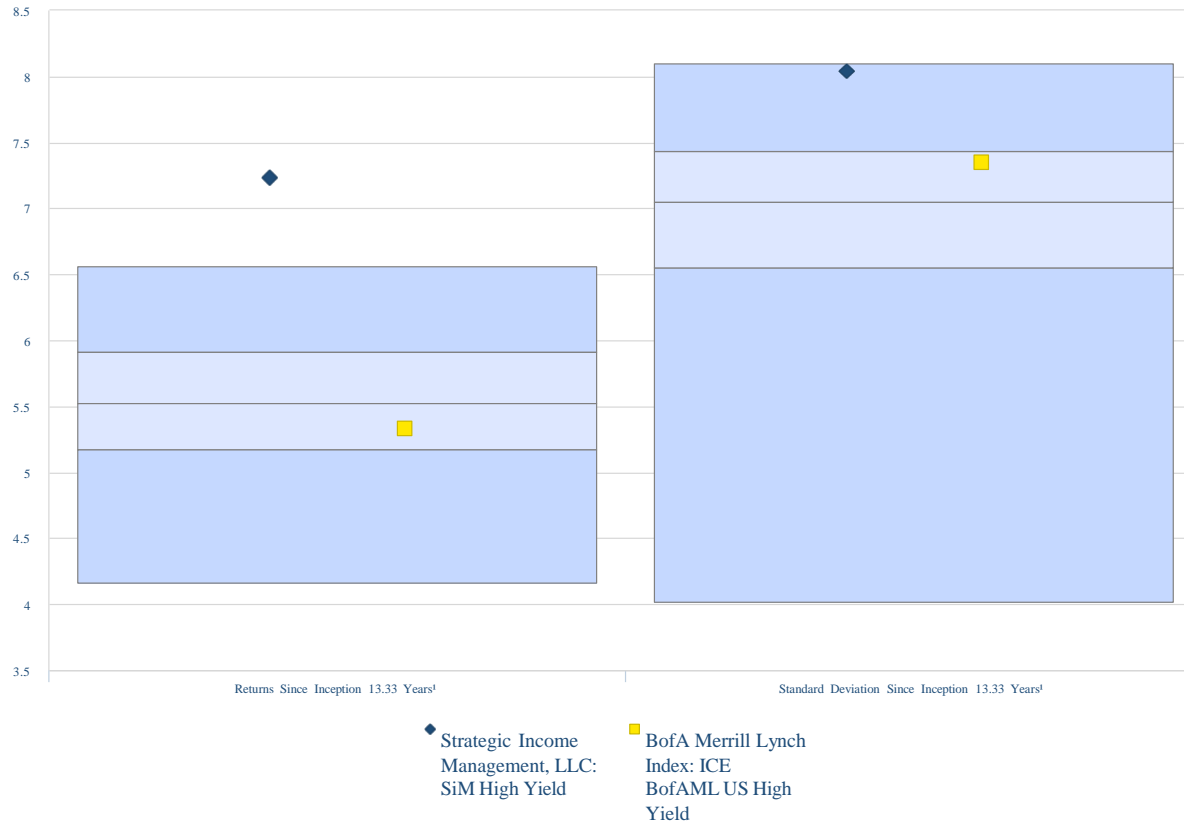


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# Return and Standard Deviation

SiM US High Yield Opportunities v. Benchmark & Peers



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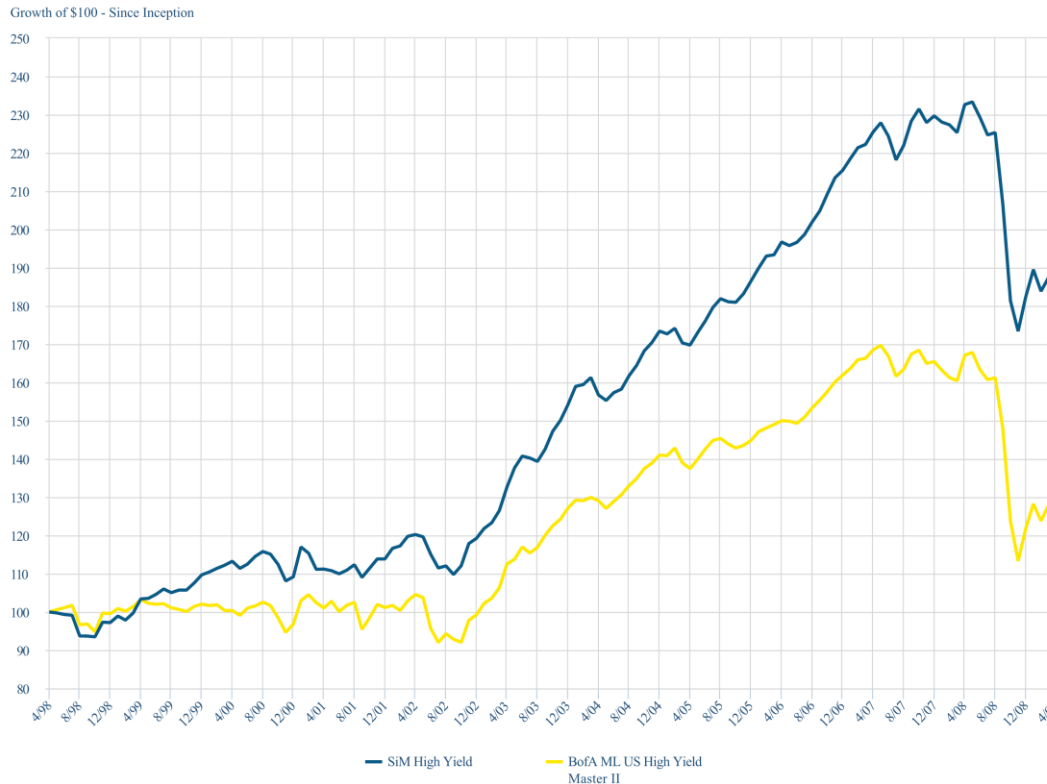
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SiM US High Yield Opportunities v. Benchmark



## Growth of \$100

Hypothetical growth of \$100 versus benchmark May 1998- April 2009



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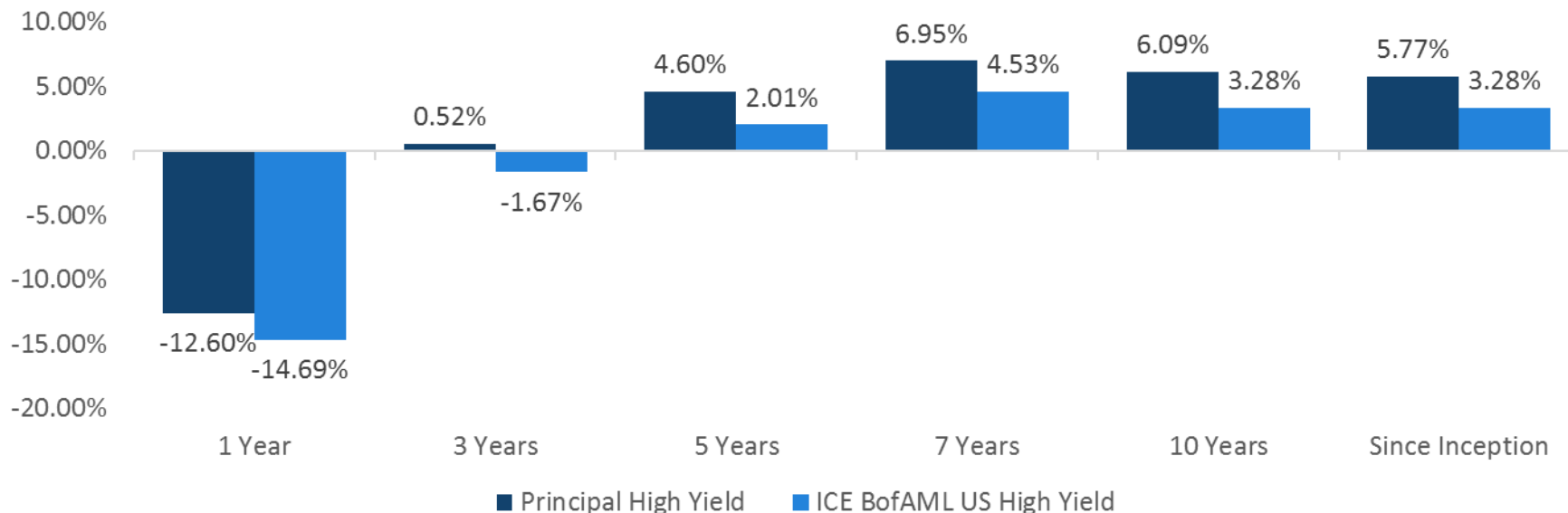
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Portfolio Performance

**Principal Global Investors High Yield – Gross Annualized Returns  
May 1998 – April 2009**



	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	7 Years	10 Years	Since Inception
Principal High Yield	-12.60%	0.52%	4.60%	6.95%	6.09%	5.77%
ICE BofAML US High Yield	-14.69%	-1.67%	2.01%	4.53%	3.28%	3.28%
<b>Active Return</b>	<b>2.09%</b>	<b>2.19%</b>	<b>2.59%</b>	<b>2.42%</b>	<b>2.81%</b>	<b>2.49%</b>

\*The track record shown is based on the Principal Global Advisors US High Yield composite portfolio managed by the Strategic Income Management investment team while at Principle Global Advisors from 8 April 1998 to 4 May 2009. Inception date for the Strategy is 8 April 1998. Annual Returns for the Strategy and benchmark in 1998 were for a period of 8 months from May through December and in 2009 were for a period of 4 months January through April. Performance is computed on a gross of fees basis, US Dollar based. Returns for periods in excess of 1 year are annualised. Past performance is not indicative of future performance. Any comparison between an actively managed portfolio and a benchmark may have material inherent limitations and therefore should not be relied upon.

Performance returns do not reflect the deduction of investment advisory fees. Stated returns would be reduced by investment advisory fees and any other expenses.

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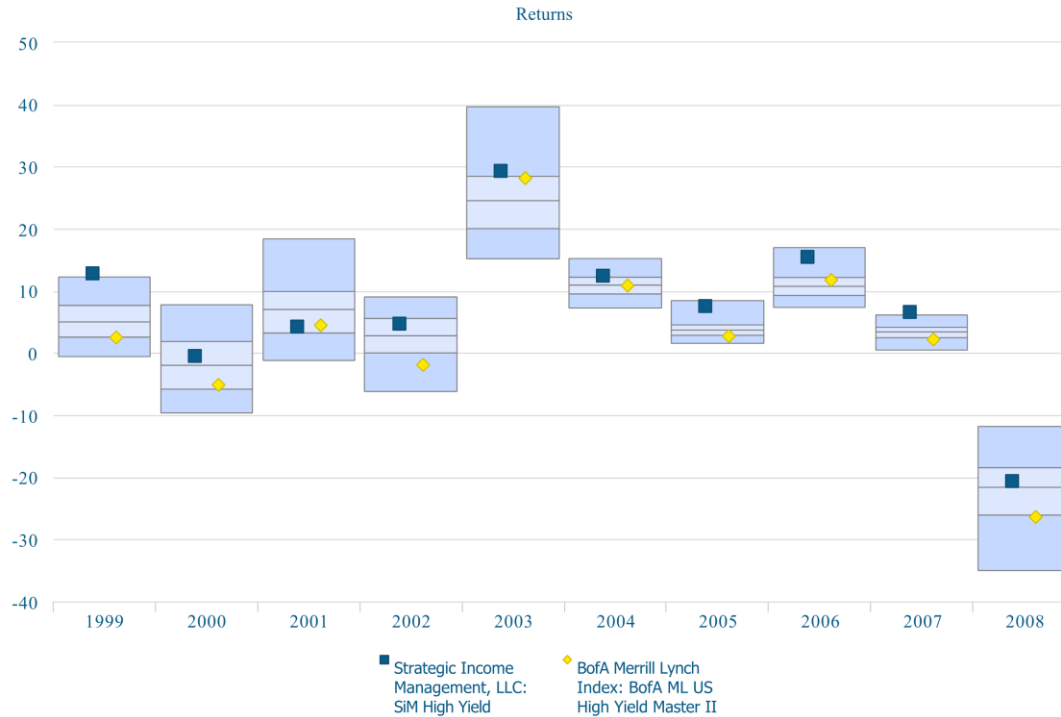
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SiM US High Yield v. Benchmark



## Full Calendar year returns

The years 1998 and 2009 were no full performance years and are therefore not included in the graph below



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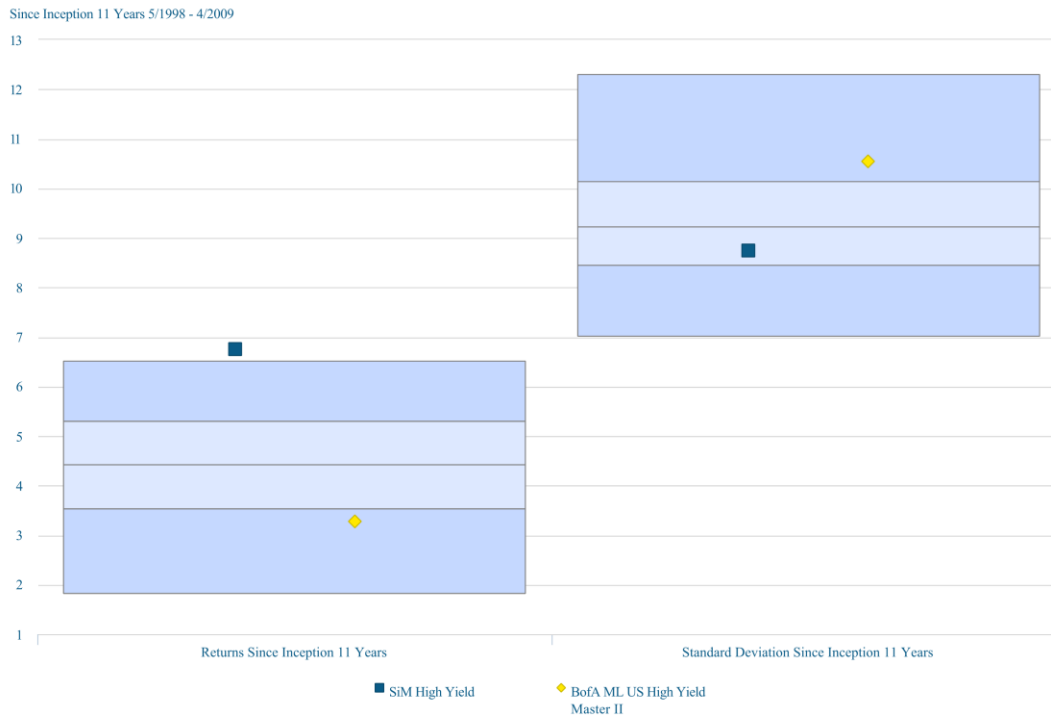


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SiM US High Yield v. Benchmark

## Returns and Standard Deviation

SiM provided superior returns with a much lower risk.



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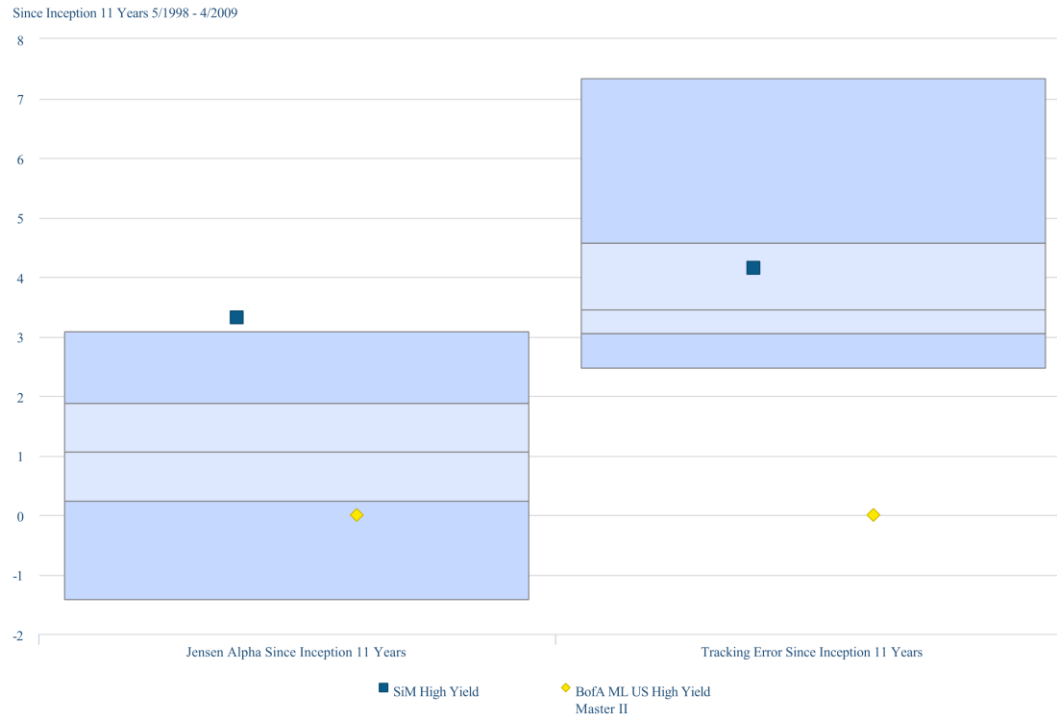


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SiM US High Yield v. Benchmark



## Superior Alpha and higher Tracking Error



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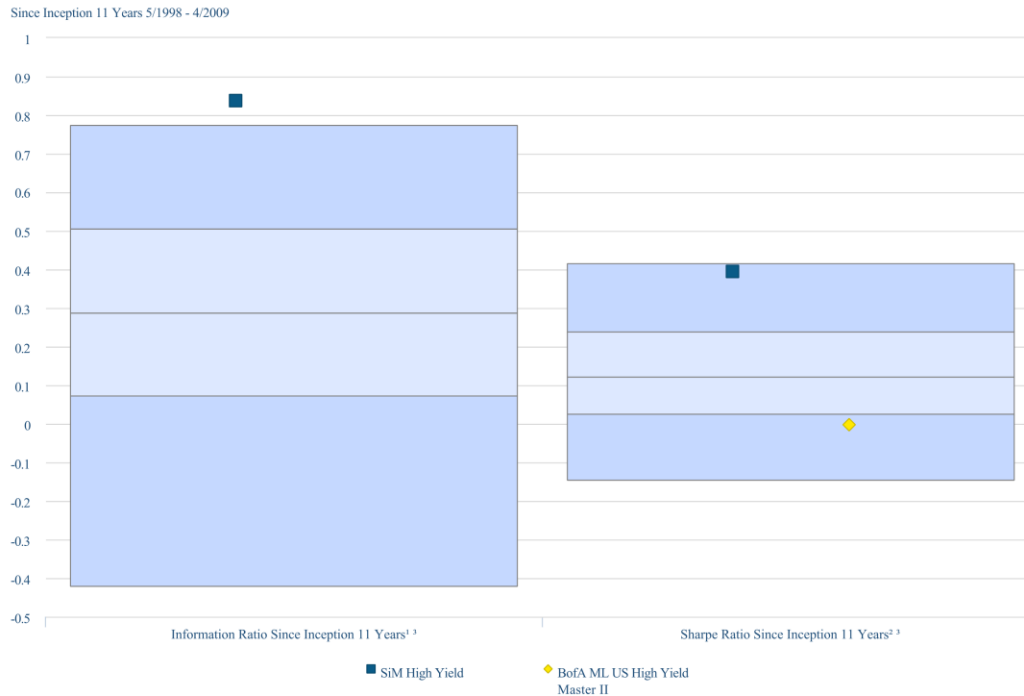
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SiM US High Yield v. Benchmark

## Higher Information Ratio and Sharpe Ratio have led to superior performance



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Results displayed in USD.

<sup>1</sup>BofA ML US High Yield Master II; <sup>2</sup>Citigroup 3-Month T-Bill; <sup>3</sup>05/1998 - 04/2009

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## SiM US High Yield v. Benchmark



### Prior Firm Performance

Prior to founding Strategic Income Management in October of 2010, Gary Pokrzywinski and Brian Placzek were, respectively, the Portfolio Manager and Head of Fixed Income/Research for the Principal High Yield Fund (the "Prior High Yield Fund") from April 8, 1998 until May 4, 2009. Performance results for the Prior High Yield Fund during their management of that fund are set forth below. Peer group was comprised of between 270 members in 1998 to 476 members in 2009.

### Prior High Yield Fund Performance (Class A)

Year	Fund at NAV	Lipper Peer Group Median	Lipper Peer Group % Rank
2009 <sup>1</sup>	14.6%	14.8%	53%
2008	-21.9%	-25.0%	24%
2007	5.7%	1.9%	2%
2006	14.5%	9.9%	3%
2005	6.5%	2.4%	3%
2004	11.4%	9.8%	17%
2003	28.1%	24.0%	23%
2002	3.7%	-1.1%	10%
2001	3.1%	2.9%	48%
2000	-1.5%	-7.6%	14%
1999	12.0%	4.2%	7%
1998 <sup>2</sup>	-3.3%	-4.1%	41%

<sup>1</sup>Results for 2009 are through 5/4/2009

<sup>2</sup>Results for 1998 are from 4/8/1998

### Prior High Yield Fund Performance (Class A)

Time Period <sup>1</sup>	Fund at NAV	Lipper Peer Group Median	Annualized Difference	Cumulative Difference	Lipper Peer Group % Rank
1 Year	-11.1%	-14.6%	3.5%	3.5%	21%
3 Year	1.2%	-2.2%	3.4%	10.5%	3%
5 Year	5.1%	1.4%	3.7%	19.9%	1%
10 Year	6.2%	2.5%	3.7%	43.8%	3%

<sup>1</sup>Results are as of 5/4/2009

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SiM US High Yield v. Benchmark



## Principal High Yield Fund 10 Years of Remarkable Performance

*The Principal High Yield Fund has outperformed the Morningstar High Yield Bond Category every calendar year since its inception in 1998. In the overall category, as well as the 5- and 10-year periods, the Fund has achieved five-star ratings from Morningstar.*

Morningstar Ratings for Class A Shares				
Morningstar Category: High Yield Bond Funds (as of 3/31/09)				
Principal High Yield Fund	Overall	3-year	5-year	10-year
Class A (load-waived)	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★
Class A	★★★★★	★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★
# Funds	-	473	405	259

*The Principal High Yield Fund scored just as strongly in the Lipper rankings, placing the Fund within the top 1-6% for the 3-, 5- and 10-year periods.*

Lipper Rankings for Class A Shares				
Lipper Classification: High Current Yield Fund (as of 3/31/09)				
Principal High Yield Fund	Overall	3-year	5-year	10-year
Lipper Rankings	Top 36%	Top 6%	Top 3%	Top 4%
	#165 of 461	#20 of 390	#9 of 335	#7 of 207

*The Fund has performed with remarkable consistency within its Lipper High Current Yield category, earning high rankings for each period.*

*Morningstar Star Rating- For each fund with at least a three-year history, Morningstar calculates a Morningstar Rating(TM) based on a Morningstar Risk-Adjusted Return measure that accounts for variation in a fund's monthly performance (including the effects of sales charges, loads, and redemption fees), placing more emphasis on downward variations and rewarding consistent performance. The top 10% of funds in each category receive 5 stars, the next 22.5% receive 4 stars, the next 35% receive 3 stars, the next 22.5% receive 2 stars, and the bottom 10% receive 1 star. (Each share class is counted as a fraction of one fund within this scale and rated separately, which may cause slight variations in the distribution percentages.) The Overall Morningstar Rating for a fund is derived from a weighted-average of the performance figures associated with its three-, five-, and ten-year (if applicable) Morningstar Rating metrics.*

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# SiM US High Yield Opportunities

## Portfolio Characteristics & Construction



### Portfolio Construction\*

Targeted Universe:	Full High Yield universe, Senior Loans and other non-traditional investments such as REITs, preferreds, convertible bonds
High Yield Bonds:	Minimum of 80%
Exposure outside US	Maximum 35% (Benchmark has 18.5% as a maximum)
Maximum capacity	~5 billion
Minimum average rating	B-
Swing Pricing	To protect existing investors ( <i>As of 30/06/2021</i> )
Number of holdings	Between 70-100
Liquidity:	Maximum 10% of an issue
Sector Allocation:	Minimum 15 industries; maximum 25% in one industry
Diversification:	Maximum 5% per issuer
Duration:	+/- 15% of the Index duration
Foreign Currency Exposure:	Unhedged exposure to non-USD limited to 5%
Cash:	Minimize cash to levels sufficient for liquidity. No tactical allocation to cash.
Leverage	None
Derivatives	Only for currency hedging purposes
ESG	ESG criteria of Norges Bank are implemented
UNPRI	SIM is UNPRI Signatory



# SiM US High Yield Opportunities Fund

Fund information

## Fund Launch:

September 2017

## Structure:

UCITS

## Investment Policy

The SiM US High Yield Opportunities invests in fixed income securities and is actively managed. The fund is not managed in reference to a benchmark index, but a benchmark is solely used for performance comparison purposes.

## AUM:

\$364 million as of 30/06/2024

## Exchange:

Ireland

## Benchmark:

BofA ML US High Yield Master II

## Liquidity:

Daily Liquidity & Valuation

## Management Fee:

Institutional	60bps
Retail	100bps

## Other Fees:

Institutional	Fixed at 15bps
Retail	Fixed at 25bps

Euro Hedging Costs (Execution only)	Fixed at 7bps
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Active Share Classes	ISIN
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Euro Hedged Institutional (Cap):	IE00BF1XKR94
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Euro Hedged Institutional (Dis):	IE00BF1XKQ87
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Euro Hedged Retail (Cap):	IE00BF1XKS02
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USD Institutional (Cap):	IE00BF1XKP70
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GBP Hedged Institutional (Cap):	IE00BMT7P228
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## Custodian:

CACEIS

## Central Admin:

CACEIS

## Transfer Agent:

CACEIS

## Auditor:

Deloitte

## Morningstar Rating:

5 Stars



### Composite data since inception in 2011: High Yield Institutional\*

Alpha	1.67
Beta	1.04
Std Dev	8.04
UMC	109.86
DMC	90.05
Information Ratio	0.74
Tracking Error	2.58
Sharpe Ratio	0.76

Copies of the Prospectus, Supplement and PRIIPS KIDs are available free of charge from: [www.candoris.nl](http://www.candoris.nl)

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Section Five:

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Section Six:

## Appendix - Beta of SiM Explained



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# Beta Explained - Monthly vs Daily

SiM US High Yield



## The Beta, Standard Deviation and Max Drawdown of the SiM Track Record show a different and more accurate picture when looking at Daily Data instead of Monthly Data

The overall Beta, Standard deviation and max drawdown of the SiM track record since inception is significantly negatively impacted by the one month of March 2020 (Covid-19). The core holdings in Leisure were supposed to protect, but ended up detracting as restaurants, hotels, cinema's etc had to close down, making March 2020 look like a very bad month for SiM.

However; the monthly data in databases looks much worse than the actual daily data indicates for the following reason:

As you might remember the FED intervened in the HY market and announced large purchases of JNK & HYG (US HY ETF's) in March of 2020 around the 20<sup>th</sup> day of the month. As a result, the high conviction, index agnostic and partly smaller cap SiM portfolio lagged peers by roughly a couple of weeks. ETF names bounced back first and SiM holdings that were partially not in the ETF's followed later. Right at month end the performance difference was about the largest. This caused a large increase in standard deviation and max drawdown at month end (see next slide).

However daily return series show a very different outcome. The max drawdown gap vs the index and peers is much smaller and the standard deviation actually remains in line or below that of benchmark and peers. Once the FED stepped in and ETF holdings bounced back first, the SiM portfolio holding small caps and being index agnostic followed a few weeks later. This is why we think our volatility is more accurately reflected in a daily rather than a monthly data set (see the March 2020 impact on the next slides).



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## Max Drawdown in March 2020

### Drawdown March (MONTHLY)

Time Period: 3/1/2020 to 3/31/2020 Calculation Benchmark: ICE BofA US High Yield TR USD

	Max Drawdown	Max Drawdown # of Periods	Max Drawdown Peak Date	Max Drawdown Valley Date	Omega
American Beacon SiM High Yld Opps Y	-17.21	1.00	3/1/2020	3/31/2020	—
iShares iBoxx \$ High Yield Corp Bd ETF	-10.06	1.00	3/1/2020	3/31/2020	—
ICE BofA US High Yield TR USD	-11.76	1.00	3/1/2020	3/31/2020	—

### Drawdown March (DAILY)

Time Period: 3/1/2020 to 3/31/2020 Calculation Benchmark: ICE BofA US High Yield TR USD

	Max Drawdown	Max Drawdown # of Periods	Max Drawdown Peak Date	Max Drawdown Valley Date	Omega
American Beacon SiM High Yld Opps Y	-22.31	19.00	3/5/2020	3/23/2020	0.70
iShares iBoxx \$ High Yield Corp Bd ETF	-20.59	19.00	3/5/2020	3/23/2020	0.75
ICE BofA US High Yield TR USD	-20.57	19.00	3/5/2020	3/23/2020	0.72

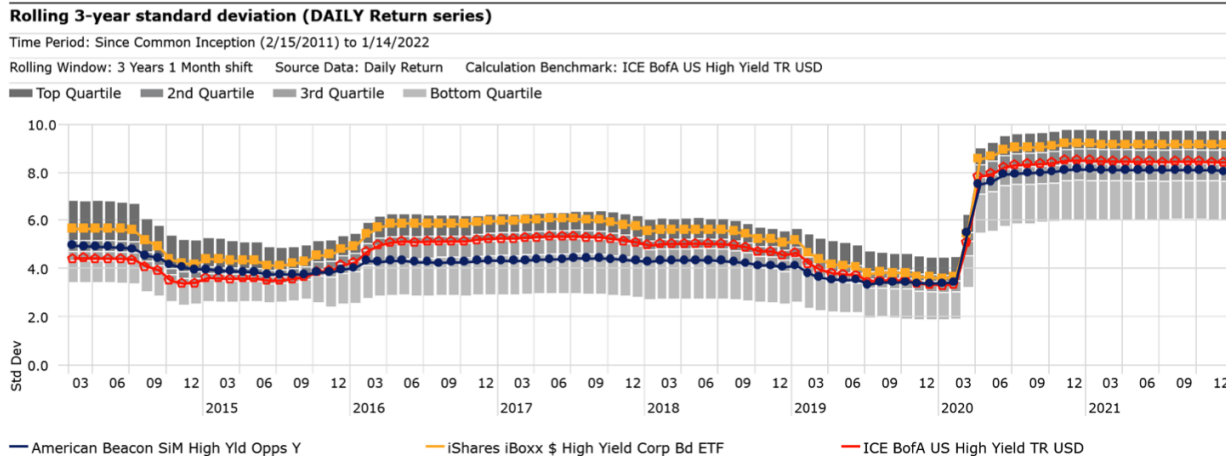
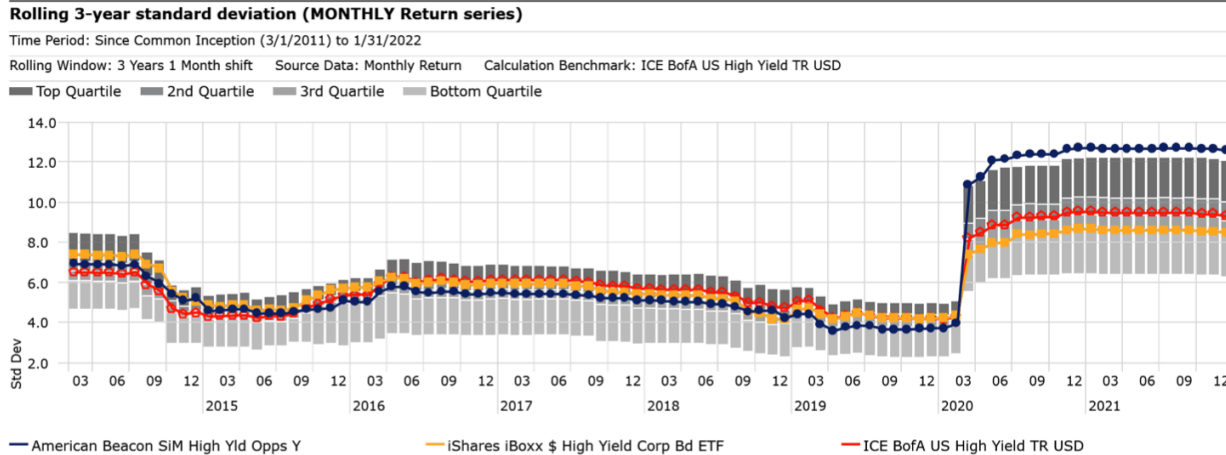
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## Standard Deviation



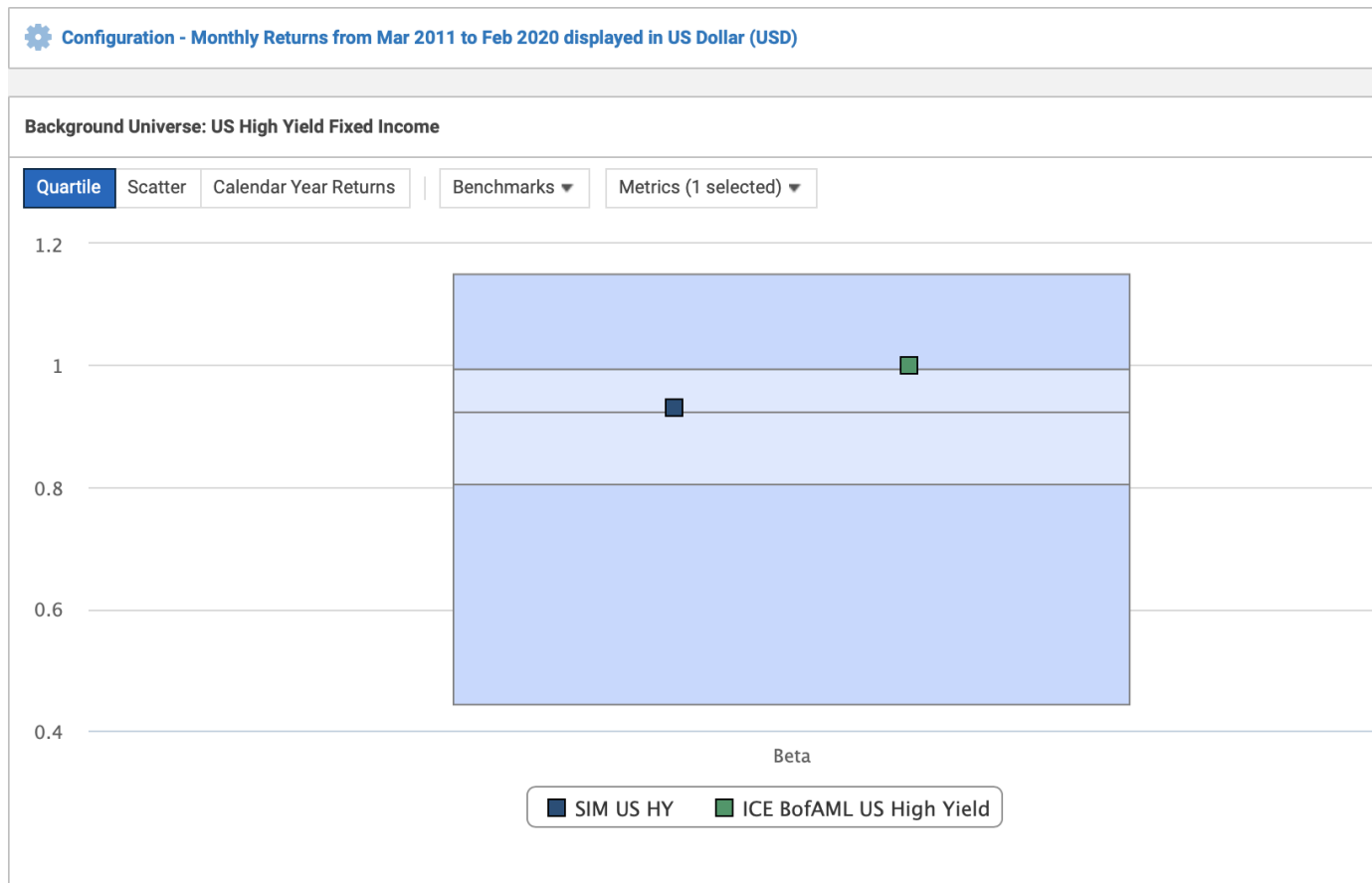
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