

Protection against rising rates with compelling yields

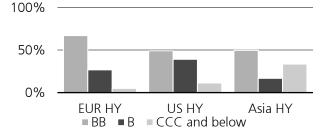
UBS Asset Management—European High Yield

Why European High Yield now?

Overall, the European High Yield (HY) market today is rated higher (within Global HY) compared to US and Asia, and a less volatile market for medium to long-term investors. Additionally, the market size today is bigger and more diversified and thus now provides a larger opportunity set for investors compared to ten years prior. While the opportunity set for HY remains vast and varied European HY still maintains more of a tilt towards more defensive sectors, which has created a long-term, lower default environment versus other HY markets.

MV% by rating

((EUR HY¹ vs Asia HY² and US HY³)



1 ICE BofA Eur High Yield Constrained index, as of September 2023; 2 JACI Non-Investment Grade Index, as of September 2023; 3 ICE BofA US Cash Pay High Yield Constrained index, as of September 2023

Why invest in European High Yield strategy now?

Protection against rising interest rates alongside higher yield potential

The market has a low duration and therefore is less impacted when rates rise



Attractive Yields

With yields at 7.87%⁴ for the Euro High Yield strategy (7.82%⁴ benchmark yield), it offers a great cushion against rising rates for investors as well as a high all-in yields



We estimate total returns could be in the range of 6 – 11%

The lower bound would be driven by spread widening if a recession suddenly occurs (downside case), with the upper bound driven by a continuation of todays market sentiment

4 Source: UBS Asset Management data as of September 2023.

Key differentiators vs. peers



High-Conviction Investing from a diversified universe

- 39%⁵ of our portfolio in our top 20 issuers
- Peers typically focus on market beta whilst our focus is to generate alpha
- Bottom-up company research combined with strong top-down risk management through hedging or P&L (buy and sell) discipline



Benchmark-aware but not constrained

- Active management allows us to invest in off-benchmark names
- We tactically use Investment Grade, EM and government bonds, based on best ideas from our Global team, to improve risk/reward characteristic and increase the yield available to investors



High information ratio

- 1st quartile information ratio across 3, 5,
 10 years (Evestment June 2023)
- The strategy has an upside capture ratio of > 100 and a downside capture ratio of < 100—meaning that the strategy is capturing less negative return than benchmark when it's going down and more return than benchmark when it's going up

Established investment process

Continuous active portfolio management





Bottom-Up Strategy

- Responsibility: PM team, Credit research, Strategy, SI-team
- Fundamental company analysis, ESG, Relative Value and Capital Structure analysis



Top-Down Strategy

- Responsibility: Strategy and PM-team, credit research, Fixed Income Forum
- Establish and monitor strategic views of key global investment themes that



Portfolio Construction

- Responsibility: Strategy and PM-team
- Alignment of client needs, investment goals and market environment



Implementation

- Responsibility: Strategy and PM-team
- Best execution and timing



Risk Management and Performance Evaluation

- Responsibility: Strategy and PM-team and independent Risk-Control Team
- Quarterly Portfolio Reviews by senior management
- AM Senior Management set risk framework and raise risk awareness

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EUR HY compelling performance vs benchmark and peers

Total returns for periods ending 30 September 2023 (EUR)

								Annualized				
	1 month	3 months	YTD	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 Years	Since inception 1	Risk 2	Active risk ³	Info ratio⁴	
EUR High Yield Bond Composite	0.40	2.09	7.88	13.08	2.89	2.58	4.09	4.44	9.88	1.20	1.02	
ICE BofA EUR High Yield 3% Constrained	0.32	1.67	6.11	11.08	0.79	1.35	3.22	-	9.62			
Value added	0.09	0.42	1.78	2.01	2.10	1.22	0.87	-				

The UBS Euro High strategy has ranked:

- 1st quartile⁵ in its Morningstar peer group over 1, 3, 5 year periods
- 1st quartile information ratio 3, 5 and 10 year periods

Source: UBS Asset Management
Note: The returns shown above are based on currently available information and are subject to revision. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Performance figures are

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 1 Inception as of 31 May 1998. The composite did not have a benchmark at launch.
- Standard deviation based on monthly logarithmic returns (5 years).

 Active risk is defined as annualized standard deviation of the difference between the monthly logarithmic returns of the portfolio and its benchmark (5 years). Please note that historical active risk is not a guide to the future. Active risk levels will vary according to market conditions and our views.

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