

Fidelity American High Yield Fund

Quarterly Investment Review

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Overview

INCEPTION DATE: October 01, 2003
BENCHMARK: ICE BofA U.S. High Yield Constrained Index
FUND MANAGER: Harley J Lank, Alexandre Karam

OBJECTIVE

The Fund aims to achieve a combination of a high level of income and the potential for capital gains by investing primarily in higher yielding securities issued by U.S. companies.

APPROACH

- Offers the potential for higher yield and capital growth than an investment-grade fixed-income fund.
- Can enhance diversification in a fixed-income portfolio.
- Leverages Fidelity's global resources and expertise in high-income investing.

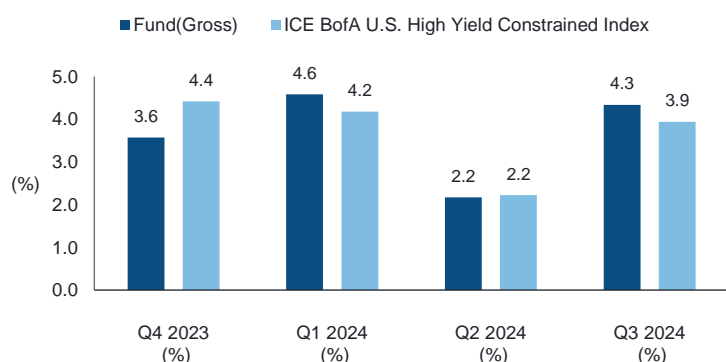
PERFORMANCE RETURNS (%)

	Cumulative					Annualized				
	Q4 2023	Q1 2024	Q2 2024	Q3 2024	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since Inception
Fidelity American High Yield Fund - Series O	3.57	4.58	2.17	4.34	11.49	15.47	6.98	6.20	7.83	7.41
ICE BofA U.S. High Yield Constrained Index	4.42	4.18	2.22	3.94	10.68	15.58	5.31	4.95	6.96	6.85
Relative Return	(0.85)	0.40	(0.05)	0.40	0.81	(0.11)	1.67	1.25	0.87	0.56

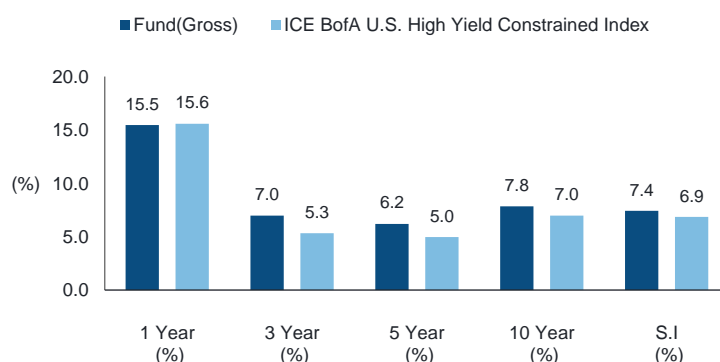
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Cumulative Quarterly Performance



Annualized as of September 30, 2024



Overview

PERFORMANCE RETURNS (%): CALENDAR YEAR RETURNS

	Calendar Year Returns									
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Fidelity American High Yield Fund - Series O	10.21	(1.16)	8.26	1.90	9.73	6.29	1.76	10.65	16.35	13.70
ICE BofA U.S. High Yield Constrained Index	10.43	(4.76)	4.45	4.21	8.63	6.54	0.42	13.42	14.40	11.75
Relative Return	(0.22)	3.60	3.81	(2.31)	1.10	(0.25)	1.34	(2.77)	1.95	1.95

Performance returns are unaudited and time-weighted.

Note: Differences may be due to rounding.

Quarterly Fund Commentary

- The Fund's security selection in the real estate industry and the media industry contributed to relative returns over the quarter.
- In real estate, investments in Communications Sales and Leasing and Anywhere Real Estate contributed. In media, investments in Dish Network and Altice USA contributed. In other industries, investments in Vistra Operations and Community Health Systems contributed.
- The Fund's security selection in the technology and electronics industry and the banking industry detracted from relative returns.
- In technology and electronics, lack of exposure to an American network infrastructure provider was the main detractor from relative returns. In banking, investments in Citigroup and Bank of America detracted. In other industries, investments in Lumen Technologies and Tidewater detracted.

12 Month Fund Commentary

- The Fund's security selection in the energy industry and the telecommunications industry contributed to relative returns over the year.
- In energy, investments in Vistra Operations and MC Brazil contributed. In telecommunications, investments in Lumen Technologies and Frontier Communications contributed. In other industries, investments in Community Health Systems and Dish Network also contributed.
- The Fund's security selection in the retail industry and the financial services industry detracted from relative returns over the year.
- In retail, investments in Southeastern Grocers and Carvana detracted. In financial services, investments in SoftBank Group and Charles Schwab detracted. In other industries, investments in Bausch Health Companies and California Resources detracted.

Positioning and Outlook

- Portfolio managers Harley Lank and Alexandre Karam acknowledge that strong performance in the third quarter was supported by resilient corporate fundamentals, high coupon yields and the U.S. Federal Reserve's long-anticipated pivot to cutting interest rates.
- Demand for higher-yielding assets remained firm in a risk-on environment, supporting the market's advance over the past three months.
- High-yield issuance and capital market activity both reached a three-year high in September amid sharply lower yields.
- Lower-quality credits rated CCC and below performed the best, while B and BB tiers gained slightly during the quarter.
- The managers believe the fundamental outlook for the U.S. economy remains solid despite the high interest rate environment. The labour market remains quite robust, and growth remains in positive territory.
- The risk/reward environment is not particularly appealing – credit spreads are well inside long-term averages.
- An interest rate policy error in either direction remains possible: if rates are taken down too fast, inflation may return; if lagging effects of higher rates take time to materialize, there is a risk that rates could be brought down too slowly.
- Harley and Alexandre have therefore positioned the portfolio neutrally to slightly underweight relative to its benchmark from a risk perspective.

Investment Process

- Fidelity's American High Yield Fund employs an active management approach characterized by high-quality non-investment-grade debt securities, highly diversified portfolio exposures across industries and issuers, and a strict focus on controlling overall absolute and relative portfolio volatility. Company fundamentals are emphasized over yield, with particular focus on cash-flow-generating capability and strong capital structures.
- Portfolio construction is the culmination of the integrated contributions of the analysts and portfolio manager. The portfolio managers, Harley Lank and Alexandre Karam, are responsible for assimilating the recommendations of the research analysts into a portfolio that is diversified and risk-controlled. Individual positions are weighted in accordance with the manager's level of confidence with respect to the issuer's prospects. Consistent with our active investment style, portfolios are constantly monitored to determine whether new or secondary issues that may offer better value should replace existing holdings. Our large research team enables us to cover approximately 80% of the high yield universe on a market capitalization basis, including virtually all new issues brought to the market.
- The foundation of Fidelity's high yield bond investment process is fundamental, bottom-up credit research, combining quantitative and qualitative analysis. Quantitative analysis includes extensive financial modeling to properly assess a company's historical performance and formulating pro forma estimates for future operations. These models help analyze trends such as revenue growth, gross and net profit margins, and cash flow growth. Most importantly, this modeling enables us to determine whether current and future cash flows are sufficient to adequately service the company's liabilities. Qualitatively, our analysts perform extensive bottom-up research and rely on interaction with company management to discuss industry trends, business plans, and earnings and cashflow estimates. This is supplemented through the use of external consultants and industry surveys.
- The security selection process, done on both an absolute and relative basis, has the greatest influence on returns in the investment process. Once our fundamental analysis determines that a company is appealing, we determine whether the company's securities are attractively priced. We analyze the entire capital structure of each issuer ranging from senior bank debt to preferred stock/equity, and will invest where we believe the best risk/reward profile exists. The output of our analysts' research includes internal company ratings as well as comprehensive research that are published on a daily basis. Given our bottom-up focus, specific industries generally are not targeted for investment; however, industry overweighting or underweighting relative to the benchmark may occur when many companies within the same industry offer solid or deteriorating values. Mr. Lank and Mr. Karam reviews the portfolio continuously to ensure that imprudent exposure to individual industries is avoided.

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