

MORNINGSTAR RATINGS AND PEER GROUP RANKINGS as of 12/31/23
I shares rated within High Yield Bond category

Overall Rating  among 618 Funds

Time Period	# of Stars	# of Funds
3 Year		618
5 Year		586
10 Year		432

Time Period	Percentile Ranking	Ranking/# of Peers
1 Year	32nd	175/670
3 Year	57th	338/618
5 Year	22nd	106/586
10 Year	25th	88/432

Morningstar ratings are based on risk-adjusted returns. **Morningstar rankings** are based on fund share class total return and do not include the effect of the fund's sales load, if applicable. Each fund is ranked within a universe of funds similar in portfolio characteristics and capitalization. Strong ratings or rankings are not indicative of positive fund performance.

Focus on Higher Quality High Yield

Typically invests in BB and strong B credits that are believed to be among the healthier and most undervalued in the non-investment grade space, as identified through extensive bottom-up credit research.

Emphasis on Risk Management

Strict focus on fundamental research, controls around portfolio construction, sell discipline, and trading strategy in an effort to mitigate downside exposure.

Consistently Generated Excess Risk-Adjusted Returns

While striving to add alpha, Seix also seeks to mitigate downside risk. Seix has relied on individual company selection through careful bottom-up, fundamental analysis to historically provide excess risk-adjusted returns.



"We identify misunderstood, unloved, and/or under-followed sectors for investment as we search for the best value in the market. These segments include fallen angels, cross-over BBBs, small cap issuers, orphan credits, and misunderstood or unloved sectors."

Michael Kirkpatrick
Managing Director, Senior Portfolio Manager

High Yield: A Different Way Home

Investing in higher-yield credit may help manage equity risk without forgoing the pursuit of attractive longer-term returns. Over the past 40 years high yield has underperformed large-cap equities by less than three percentage points and small-cap equities by less than two percentage points with roughly half the volatility, resulting in a higher return per unit of risk.

HIGH YIELD BONDS VS. EQUITIES (07/01/83 – 12/31/23)

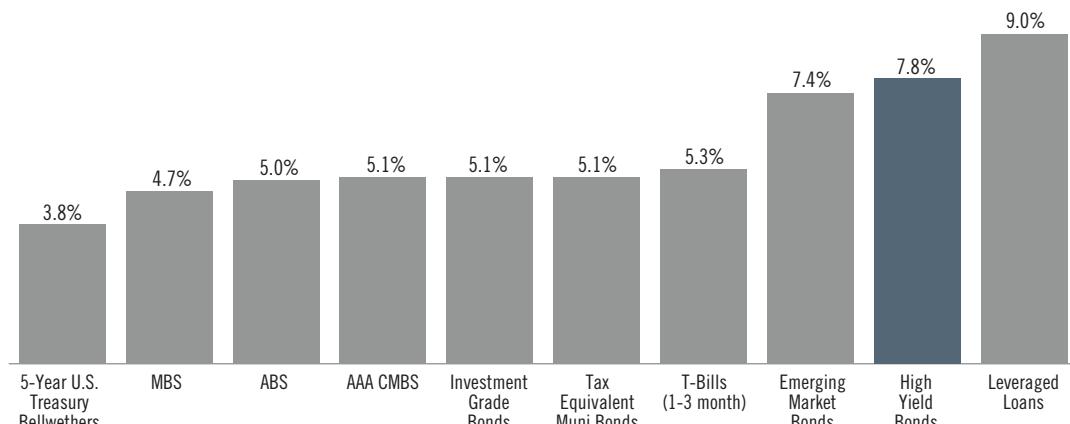
	Annualized Return	Standard Deviation	Return per Unit of Risk	Rolling 3-Year Periods		
				Best	Worst	% Negative
High Yield Bonds	7.27%	8.37%	0.9	26.1%	-7.6%	6%
Large-Cap Equity	10.06%	14.80%	0.7	32.8%	-16.1%	17%
Small-Cap Equity	9.17%	19.45%	0.5	29.6%	-17.8%	13%

Past performance is not indicative of future results.

The High Yield, Large-Cap Equity, and Small-Cap Equity markets are represented by the Bloomberg U.S. Corporate High Yield Bond Index, S&P 500® Index, and Russell 2000® Index, respectively. Returns were calculated using monthly data.

Source: Standard & Poor's, FTSE Russell, Bloomberg.

High Yield Bonds Offer Compelling Yields in Current Market Environment



Leveraged finance (high yield bonds and leveraged loans) offer some of the best income opportunities in fixed income.

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As of 12/31/23. Sources: Bloomberg, JPMorgan, Credit Suisse. Yield to worst and duration statistics above represented by the Bloomberg U.S. Treasury Bellwethers 10 Year Index, Bloomberg Asset-Backed Securities Index, Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index, Bloomberg U.S. Mortgage-Backed Securities Index, Bloomberg Municipal Bond Index (assuming 37% tax rate), Bloomberg U.S. High Yield Index, J.P. Morgan Emerging Markets Bond Index Plus, and Credit Suisse Leveraged Loan Index yield 3-year life. Indexes are unmanaged, their returns do not reflect any fees, expenses, or sales charges, and are not available for direct investment.

Historical Outperformance vs. Peers

Seix seeks to maximize the upside potential in high yield bonds with a focus on comprehensive credit research to reduce downside risk potential. Pursuing this strategy has enabled the Fund to consistently outperform its peers on an absolute and risk-adjusted return basis over the long term.

● Returns — I Shares

● Sharpe Ratio — I Shares

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MORNINGSTAR PERCENTILE RANKING

High Yield Bond Category Based on Total Returns as of 12/31/23

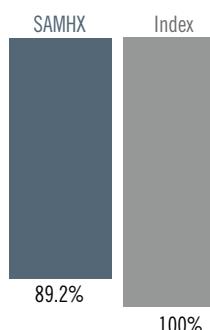


Seeks to Mitigate Downside Risk

Since inception, the Fund has outperformed in down markets compared to the ICE BofA US High Yield BB-B Constrained Index and the Morningstar High Yield Bond Category.

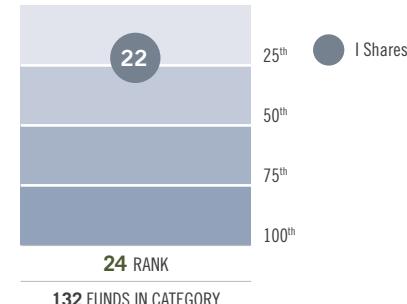
DOWNSIDE CAPTURE

Since Inception



MORNINGSTAR PERCENTILE RANKINGS

High Yield Bond Category Since Inception Based on Downside Capture as of 12/31/23



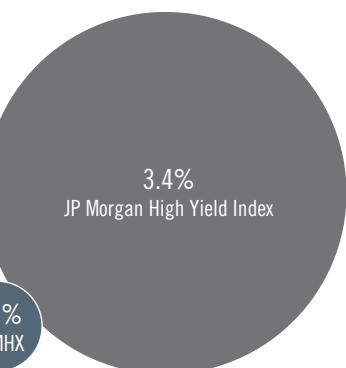
Lower Default Rate

Compared to the JP Morgan High Yield Index, the Fund has delivered a lower default rate, since inception.

AVERAGE ANNUAL DEFAULT RATE

01/01/01 – 12/31/23

Source: JP Morgan

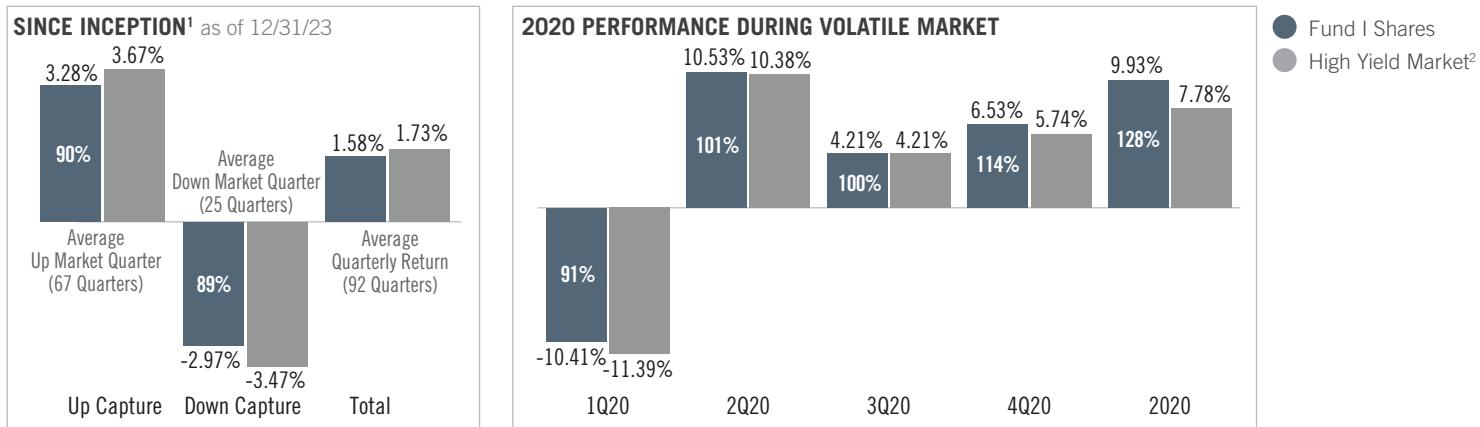


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Source: ICE Morningstar Data Services.

Focus on Risk Management Has Provided Compelling Downside Capture Relative to Broad High Yield Market

Since inception, the Fund has captured 90% of the upside of the high yield market, while capturing only 89% of the downside. During the COVID-19 pandemic-related market volatility of 1Q20, the Fund delivered 91% of the downside. When the market rebounded in 2Q20, SAMHX delivered 101% of the high yield market returns.



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¹Inception date is 12/29/00. ²Bloomberg Ba to B U.S. High Yield Index represents high yield market in charts above.
Source: Bloomberg

AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (%)

as of 12/31/23

	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since Inception 12/29/00
Class I	6.44	12.87	12.87	1.62	5.43	4.21	6.14
ICE BofA US High Yield BB-B Constrained Index	7.12	12.58	12.58	1.73	5.19	4.53	6.54

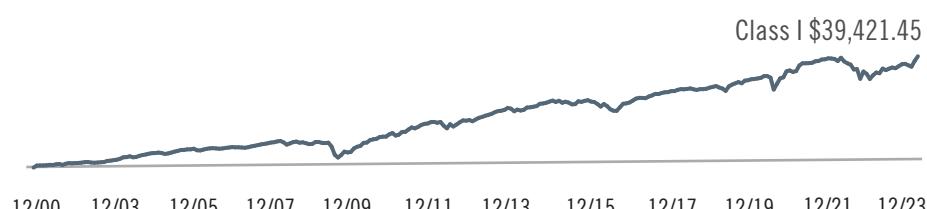
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The fund class gross expense ratio is 0.75%. The net expense ratio is 0.64%, which reflects a contractual expense reimbursement in effect through 04/30/24.

Average annual total return is the annual compound return for the indicated period and reflects the change in share price and the reinvestment of all dividends and capital gains. Returns for periods of one year or less are cumulative returns.

GROWTH OF \$10,000 SINCE FUND INCEPTION

as of 12/31/23



This chart assumes an initial investment of \$10,000 made on 12/29/00. As of 12/31/23 the fund value would have been \$39,421.45. Fund performance assumes reinvestment of dividends and capital gain distributions. This growth reflects no front end sales charges.

RATINGS DISTRIBUTION

Aa	Bbb	Bb
0.00	6.65	40.15
B	Ccc	Cash & Equiv
49.91	1.47	1.82

INCOME DISTRIBUTIONS

Month	NAV at Month-End
October 2023	\$0.043414
November 2023	\$0.042974
December 2023	\$0.045647

RISK STATISTICS (3 YEAR)

Alpha	Fund	Index
-0.14	n/a	
Beta	0.96	1.00
R ²	0.99	1.00
Sharpe Ratio	-0.08	-0.06
Standard Deviation	8.07	8.31

Index: ICE BofA US High Yield BB-B Constrained Index

CHARACTERISTICS

Effective Duration	2.61
Weighted Average Maturity	3.97
30-day SEC Yield	7.04
30-day SEC Yield (unsubsidized)	6.88

TOP TEN HOLDINGS

	% Fund
Ford Motor Credit Co LLC, 6.9500% 03/06/2026	1.96
CCO Holdings LLC / CCO Holdings Capital Corp, 7.3750% 03/01/2031	1.29
VOC Escrow Ltd, 5.0000% 02/15/2028	1.14
Vector Group Ltd, 5.7500% 02/01/2029	1.13
LCPR Senior Secured Financing DAC, 6.7500% 10/15/2027	1.11
Installed Building Products Inc, 5.7500% 02/01/2028	1.11
FirstCash Inc, 5.6250% 01/01/2030	1.09
Entegris Escrow Corp, 5.9500% 06/15/2030	1.09
Uber Technologies Inc, 7.5000% 09/15/2027	1.07
American Airlines Inc/AAdvantage Loyalty IP Ltd, 5.7500% 04/20/2029	1.06

Holdings are subject to change.

FUND INFORMATION

Inception Date	12/29/00
AUM (\$ millions)	237.0
Number of Holdings	184
Dividends	Daily
Morningstar Category	High Yield Bond
Index	ICE BofA US High Yield BB-B Constrained Index

Index: The ICE BofA US High Yield BB-B Constrained Index measures performance of BB/B U.S. dollar denominated corporate bonds publicly issued in the U.S. domestic market, and is restricted to a maximum of 2% per issuer. The index is calculated on a total return basis. The index is unmanaged, its returns do not reflect any fees, expenses, or sales charges, and is not available for direct investment.

INDEX DEFINITIONS

Bloomberg U.S. Treasury Bill 1-3 Month Index includes all publicly issued zero-coupon U.S. Treasury Bills that have a remaining maturity of less than 3 months and more than 1 month, are rated investment grade, and have \$250 million or more of outstanding face value. In addition, the securities must be denominated in U.S. dollars and must be fixed rate and non-convertible. **Bloomberg U.S. Treasury Bellwethers** indices track on-the-run US Treasury issuance for the 3m, 6m, 2y, 3y, 5y, 10y, and 30y issues. **Bloomberg Asset-Backed Securities Index** include pass-through, bullet, and controlled amortization structures. The ABS Index includes only the senior class of each ABS issue and the ERISA-eligible B and C tranche. **Bloomberg CMBS Investment Grade Aaa Index** is the Aaa component of the CMBS: Erisa Eligible index, which includes investment grade securities that are ERISA eligible under the underwriter's exemption. **Bloomberg U.S. Mortgage Backed Securities Index** measures agency mortgage-backed pass through securities (fixed-rate and hybrid ARM) issued by GNMA, FNMA, and FHLMC. **Bloomberg U.S. Corporate Investment Grade Bond Index** measures performance of investment grade corporate bond funds. **Bloomberg Municipal Bond Index** is a market capitalization-weighted index that measures the long-term tax-exempt bond market. **Bloomberg U.S. Corporate High Yield Bond Index** measures fixed rate non-investment grade debt securities of U.S. corporations, calculated on a total return basis. **Credit Suisse Leveraged Loan Index** is a market-weighted index that tracks the investable universe of the U.S. dollar denominated leveraged loans. **J.P. Morgan Emerging Markets Bond Index Plus (EMBI+)** is a traditional, market capitalization weighted USD denominated sovereign emerging markets index with a unique liquidity ranking methodology to provide investors with the most liquid set of issues within the asset class. **S&P 500® Index** is a free-float market capitalization-weighted index of 500 of the largest U.S. companies. **Russell 2000® Index** is a market capitalization-weighted index of the 2,000 smallest companies in the Russell Universe, which comprises the 3,000 largest U.S. companies. The indexes are unmanaged, do not reflect any fees, expenses, or sales charges, and are not available for direct investment.

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PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

Michael Kirkpatrick

Industry start date: 1991

Start date as Fund Portfolio Manager: 2007



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Industry start date: 1996

Start date as Fund Portfolio Manager: 2013

GLOSSARY

Effective Duration: The change in the value of a fixed income security that will result from a 1% change in interest rates while taking into account the way changes in rates will affect the expected cash flows of any bond with an embedded option such as call or prepayment option. This measure assigns a probability to the exercise of a call option, where applicable, based on specified shifts in the yield curve. Duration is expressed as a number of years, and generally, the larger the duration, the greater the interest rate risk or reward for a portfolio's underlying bond prices. **Weighted Average Maturity:** The length of time until the average security in a fund will mature, be redeemed by its issuer, or paid down over time, which is the case with most securitized assets. **30-day SEC Yield** is a standardized yield calculated according to a formula set by the SEC, and is subject to change. **30-day SEC Yield (unsubsidized)** is the 30 day SEC yield without the effect of applicable expense waivers. **Alpha:** A risk-adjusted measure of an investment's excess return relative to a benchmark. **Beta:** A quantitative measure of the volatility, or systematic risk, of a security or a portfolio in comparison to the market as a whole. **R²:** A measure that represents the percentage of a fund or security's movements that can be explained by movements in a benchmark index. **Sharpe Ratio:** A risk-adjusted measure calculated using standard deviation and excess return to determine reward per unit of risk. **Standard Deviation:** Measures variability of returns around the average return for an investment portfolio. Higher standard deviation suggests greater risk.

RATINGS DISTRIBUTION METHODOLOGY

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