

## Robeco High Yield Bonds IH USD

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Sander Bus, Roeland Moraal  
Fund manager since 01-03-2001

### Performance

	Fund	Index
1 m	-1.95%	-1.42%
3 m	-2.45%	-2.19%
Ytd	-3.64%	-3.81%
1 Year	-0.33%	0.27%
2 Years	3.17%	4.54%
3 Years	4.47%	5.00%
5 Years	4.64%	4.72%
10 Years	6.27%	5.91%
Since 01-2009	9.38%	9.25%

Annualized (for periods longer than one year)

Note: due to a difference in measurement period between the fund and the index, performance differences may arise. For further info, see last page.

### Calendar year performance

	Fund	Index
2021	3.81%	5.14%
2020	4.90%	6.41%
2019	15.05%	13.95%
2018	-1.74%	-1.78%
2017	8.42%	7.51%
2019-2021	7.81%	8.43%
2017-2021	5.95%	6.12%

Annualized (years)

### Index

Bloomberg US Corporate High Yield + Pan Euro HY ex Financials 2.5% Issuer Cap

### General facts

Morningstar	★★★★★
Type of fund	Bonds
Currency	USD
Total size of fund	USD 9,203,390,475
Size of share class	USD 2,701,330,967
Outstanding shares	8,271,806
1st quotation date	13-01-2009
Close financial year	31-12
Ongoing charges	0.68%
Daily tradable	Yes
Dividend paid	No
Ex-ante tracking error limit	5.00%
Management company	Robeco Institutional Asset Management B.V.

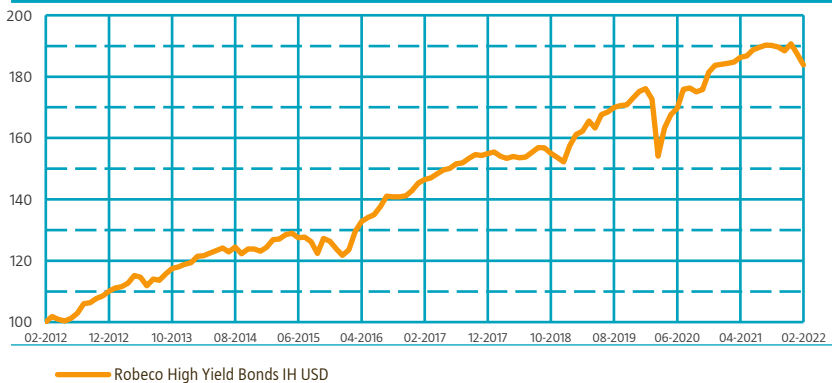
### Sustainability profile

- Exclusions
- ESG Integration
- Engagement

For more information on exclusions see <https://www.robeco.com/exclusions/>

### Performance

Indexed value (until 28-02-2022) - Source: Robeco



### Performance

Based on transaction prices, the fund's return was -1.95%.

The high yield bond index delivered a total return of -1.47% in February, which is the second consecutive month of negative returns. Excess returns were -0.97%, where underlying sovereign rates widened, detracting another 0.5% from total returns. The fund underperformed its benchmark by 14 bps. Our underweight beta contribution was positive by 12 bps, as spreads widened for the month. Issuer selection was negative and detracted 26 bps. Our quality bias, overweighting BBs versus an underweight in Bs and CCCs, did not contribute positively, as higher rating categories underperformed on a risk-adjusted basis. The lack of liquidity and stale pricing are the main reasons why lower quality outperformed. Our regional allocation, being overweight European versus underweight US high yield, detracted 20 bps. Spreads in the EUR market were significantly weaker. Energy was best-performing sector, as oil prices kept rising, which also contributed to the outperformance of CCCs in the US. On an issuer level, we benefited from not owning Veon (Dutch-listed Russian telecom player), adding 11 bps. We lost some relative performance with our overweights in Netflix, Faurecia and IQVIA.

### Market development

High yield bonds continued their 2022 slump, posting another loss in February after an already weak start of the year. Markets were anticipating an aggressive pace of interest rate hikes by the Fed in response to increasing inflationary pressures. The US 10-year Treasury yield was on an upward trend, rising above 2% for the first time in three years, before ending the month around a level of 1.85%. In Europe, geopolitical tensions reached new highs with Russia's unexpected and aggressive invasion of Ukraine. The Western world responded by imposing fierce economic sanctions on Russia. Next to the devastating effects of the war on innocent lives, the economic implications will have major consequences as well. The reaction in the high yield market was rather muted compared to equities and commodities. Commodity prices continued to go up, where a barrel of oil surpassed the magic threshold of USD 100. This effect was also visible in European natural gas futures that accelerated to all-time highs. The primary market was very soft on the back of these increased risk factors. Global high yield spreads widened 33 bps and are now at 379 bps with an average yield of 5.38%.

### Expectation of fund manager

The world has probably changed for the worse after the invasion of Ukraine. So far, markets have been enjoying the economic recovery fueled by the reopening of economies and central banking stimulus. How to deal with rising inflation and whether or not this is transitory has been the main rhetoric in the market. Now, there is growing consensus that an extended period of aggravated geopolitical tensions and elevated commodity prices will persist, leading to an even stickier inflation figure. The jury is still out on whether we will have economic growth after all the imposed sanctions and repercussions. Will we put an end to our Russian natural gas dependency? Will this lead to stagflation in Europe and the US? Central banks were ready to change their trajectory, but how will they react in this new environment? In the past few days, valuations have moved closer to longer-term averages, and opportunities will arise as markets are pricing in a new reality. We are still cautious but looking to increase the beta when we deem that risk premiums are priced in correctly.

### Top 10 largest positions

Our top ten holdings consist mostly of BB-rated large caps in sectors such as communications and consumer cyclicals. The telecom sector is highly concentrated, with a number of large issuers. We have a more cautious view on the sector as a whole, but there are still some investable large caps such as cable companies Level 3 and Charter. A large overweight in media is Netflix, a company we like for its strong content and distribution platform. In the automotive sector you can find some highly rated suppliers with strong market shares and good relative value. Hence, large positions in quality names such as Goodyear, Faurecia and ZF Industries.

### Fund price

28-02-22	USD	324.64
High Ytd (04-01-22)	USD	336.46
Low Ytd (24-02-22)	USD	322.35

### Fees

Management fee	0.55%
Performance fee	None
Service fee	0.12%
Expected transaction costs	0.00%

### Legal status

Investment company with variable capital incorporated under Luxembourg law (SICAV)

Issue structure	Open-end
UCITS V	Yes
Share class	IH USD
This fund is a subfund of Robeco Capital Growth Funds, SICAV	

### Registered in

Austria, Chile, Finland, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Peru, Singapore, Spain, Switzerland, United Kingdom

### Currency policy

All currency risks are hedged.

### Risk management

Risk management is fully embedded in the investment process to ensure that positions always meet predefined guidelines.

### Dividend policy

The fund does not distribute dividend. The income earned by the fund is reflected in its share price. The fund's entire result is thus reflected in its share price development.

### Derivative policy

Robeco High Yield Bonds make use of derivatives for hedging purposes as well as for investment purposes. These derivatives are very liquid.

### Fund codes

ISIN	LU0398248921
Bloomberg	RGHYBID LX
Sedol	B8J9SN2
WKN	A0YFGL
Valoren	3251005

### Top 10 largest positions

#### Holdings

Sprint Corp  
CCO Holdings LLC / CCO Holdings Capital Corp  
Kraft Heinz Foods Co  
Level 3 Financing Inc  
Occidental Petroleum Corp  
Netflix Inc  
United Rentals North America Inc  
Albertsons Cos Inc / Safeway Inc / New Albertsons  
Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co/The  
Faurecia SE  
**Total**

Sector	%
Communications	2.02
Communications	1.84
Consumer Non Cyclical	1.60
Communications	1.50
Energy	1.34
Communications	1.34
Capital Goods	1.33
Consumer Non Cyclical	1.28
Consumer Cyclical	1.20
Consumer Cyclical	1.18
<b>Total</b>	<b>14.63</b>

### Statistics

	3 Years	5 Years
Tracking error ex-post (%)	1.37	1.27
Information ratio	0.18	0.42
Sharpe ratio	0.53	0.60
Alpha (%)	0.62	0.86
Beta	0.90	0.89
Standard deviation	8.33	6.78
Max. monthly gain (%)	5.23	5.23
Max. monthly loss (%)	-10.67	-10.67

Above mentioned ratios are based on gross of fees returns.

### Hit ratio

	3 Years	5 Years
Months outperformance	17	33
Hit ratio (%)	47.2	55.0
Months Bull market	27	43
Months outperformance Bull	10	20
Hit ratio Bull (%)	37.0	46.5
Months Bear market	9	17
Months Outperformance Bear	7	13
Hit ratio Bear (%)	77.8	76.5

Above mentioned ratios are based on gross of fees returns.

### Characteristics

	Fund	Index
Rating	BA1/BA2	BA3/B1
Option Adjusted Modified Duration (years)	3.7	3.9
Maturity (years)	5.4	5.3
Yield to Worst (% , Hedged)	4.9	5.5
Green Bonds (% , Weighted)	1.5	1.5

### Changes

Benchmark changes: Since start - 31/3/2005 Barclays Global High Yield (Hedged into USD) 1/4/2005 - 30/4/2005 Barclays US Corporate High Yield & Pan European High Yield (Hedged into USD) 1/5/2005 - 31/3/2009 Barclays US Corporate High Yield & Pan European High Yield 2.5% Issuer Cap (Hedged into USD) 1/4/2009 - now Barclays US Corporate High Yield & Pan European High Yield ex Financials 2.5% Issuer Cap (Hedged into USD)

### Sustainability

The fund incorporates sustainability in the investment process via exclusions, ESG integration and engagement. The fund does not invest in credit issuers that are in breach of international norms or where activities have been deemed detrimental to society following Robeco's exclusion policy. Financially material ESG factors are integrated in the bottom-up security analysis to assess the impact on the issuer's fundamental credit quality. In the credit selection the fund limits exposure to issuers with an elevated sustainability risk profile. Lastly, where issuers are flagged for breaching international standards in the ongoing monitoring, the issuer will become subject to engagement.

### Sector allocation

Overweights are in less cyclical sectors such as food and packaging, as well as in financials, which is an off-benchmark position. The fund also holds an overweight in the cyclical automotive sector, which trades at a spread premium to other sectors. Underweights are in sectors such as energy, telecom and pharma/healthcare.

Sector allocation		Deviation index
Communications	17.4%	-2.4%
Capital Goods	15.8%	5.8%
Consumer Non Cyclical	13.5%	-1.3%
Consumer Cyclical	12.3%	-11.6%
Basic Industry	10.9%	5.6%
Energy	9.2%	-2.1%
Technology	4.7%	-1.6%
Banking	2.9%	2.9%
Transportation	2.0%	-1.9%
Industrial Other	1.1%	-0.4%
REITS	0.9%	0.9%
Other	3.3%	0.0%
Cash and other instruments	6.0%	6.0%

### Currency denomination allocation

All currency risks are hedged to the currency of the share class. The currency denomination allocation shows the currency distribution of the portfolio before hedging.

Currency denomination allocation		Deviation index
U.S. Dollar	63.1%	-13.3%
Euro	33.9%	12.9%
Pound Sterling	3.1%	0.6%
Chinese Renminbi Offshore	0.4%	0.4%
Chinese Renminbi (Yuan)	-0.4%	-0.4%
Swiss Franc	0.0%	-0.1%

### Duration allocation

Robeco High Yield Bonds does not pursue an active duration policy. HY bonds tend to have a limited effective sensitivity to underlying moves in government bond yields. In our 0- to 6-month share classes, the underlying rate risk is hedged to 0- to 6-month duration.

Duration allocation		Deviation index
U.S. Dollar	2.9	-0.2
Euro	0.6	-0.2
Pound Sterling	0.1	0.0

### Rating allocation

Most exposure is in Ba and B issuers. The fund has a large underweight in the categories Caa and below. We have an allocation to BBBs, mainly consisting of former rising stars that still trade at attractive spread levels, as well as positions lower in the capital structure of European banks.

Rating allocation		Deviation index
BAA	9.8%	9.8%
BA	55.2%	3.1%
B	22.8%	-14.2%
CAA	5.9%	-4.7%
CA	0.1%	-0.1%
C		-0.1%
NR	0.2%	0.2%
Cash and other instruments	6.0%	6.0%

### Country allocation

Country risk analysis is incorporated in our proprietary credit research, but we do not implement any specific top-down country policy in the portfolio. We have a preference for Europe versus the United States based on valuations.

Country allocation		Deviation index
United States	60.8%	-10.2%
France	5.8%	1.7%
Germany	5.6%	2.2%
United Kingdom	4.6%	-0.8%
Netherlands	2.9%	1.2%
Canada	2.2%	-0.6%
Italy	2.0%	-1.0%
Belgium	1.7%	1.4%
Luxembourg	1.2%	-0.5%
Switzerland	1.2%	0.7%
Spain	1.1%	-1.3%
Other	4.8%	1.2%
Cash and other instruments	6.0%	6.0%

## Investment policy

Robeco High Yield Bonds is an actively managed fund that invests in high yield corporate bonds. The selection of these bonds is mainly based on fundamental analysis. The fund's objective is to provide long-term capital growth. The fund promotes certain ESG (environmental, social and corporate governance) characteristics within the meaning of Article 8 of the European Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation, and integrates ESG and sustainability risks in the investment process. In addition, the fund applies an exclusion list based on controversial behavior, products (including controversial weapons, tobacco, palm oil and fossil fuel) and countries. The fund invests in corporate bonds with a sub-investment grade rating, issued primarily by issuers from developed markets (Europe/US). The portfolio is broadly diversified, with a structural bias towards the higher rated part in high yield. Performance drivers are the top-down beta positioning as well as bottom-up issuer selection. The majority of bonds selected will be components of the benchmark, but bonds outside the Benchmark index may be selected too. The fund can deviate substantially from the weightings of the benchmark. The fund aims to outperform the benchmark over the long run, while still controlling relative risk through the application of limits (on currencies and issuers) to the extent of the deviation from the benchmark. This will consequently limit the deviation of the performance relative to the benchmark. The Benchmark is a broad market-weighted index that is not consistent with the ESG characteristics promoted by the fund.

## Fund manager's CV

Sander Bus is Co-Head of the Credit team and Lead Portfolio Manager Global High Yield Bonds. He has been dedicated to High Yield at Robeco since 1998. Previously, Sander worked for two years as a Fixed Income Analyst at Rabobank where he started his career in the industry in 1996. He holds a Master's in Financial Economics from Erasmus University Rotterdam and is a CFA® charterholder. Mr. Roeland Moraal, Vice President, CEFA, Portfolio Manager. Roeland is a Senior Portfolio Manager High Yield within Robeco's Credit team since January 2004. Before assuming this role, he was portfolio manager in our Rates team for two years and worked as an analyst with the Institute for Research and Investment Services for three years. Roeland Moraal is Lead Portfolio Manager European High Yield in the Credit team. Before assuming this role, he was Portfolio Manager in the Robeco Duration team and worked as an Analyst with the Institute for Research and Investment Services. Roeland started his career in the industry in 1997. He holds a Master's in Applied Mathematics from the University of Twente and a Master's in Law from Erasmus University Rotterdam.

## Team info

The Robeco High Yield fund is managed within Robeco's credit team, which consists of nine portfolio managers and twenty-three credit analysts. The portfolio managers are responsible for the construction and management of the credit portfolios, whereas the analysts cover the team's fundamental research. Our analysts have long term experience in their respective sectors which they cover globally. Each analyst covers both investment grade and high yield, providing them an information advantage and benefiting from inefficiencies that traditionally exist between the two segmented markets. Furthermore, the credit team is supported by three dedicated quantitative researchers and four fixed income traders. On average, the members of the credit team have an experience in the asset management industry of seventeen years, of which eight years with Robeco.

## Fiscal product treatment

The fund is established in Luxembourg and is subject to the Luxembourg tax laws and regulations. The fund is not liable to pay any corporation, income, dividend or capital gains tax in Luxembourg. The fund is subject to an annual subscription tax ('tax d'abonnement') in Luxembourg, which amounts to 0.01% of the net asset value of the fund. This tax is included in the net asset value of the fund. The fund can in principle use the Luxembourg treaty network to partially recover any withholding tax on its income.

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