



PORTFOLIO UPDATE

Institutional High Yield Fund

As of September 30, 2020



Portfolio Manager:
Rodney Rayburn

Managed Fund Since:
2019

Joined Firm:
2014

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The fund seeks high current income and, secondarily, capital appreciation.

FUND INFORMATION

Symbol	TRHYX
CUSIP	77958B204
Inception Date of Fund	May 31, 2002
Benchmark	J.P. Morgan Global HY Index
Expense Information (as of the most recent Prospectus)	0.50%
Fiscal Year End	May 31
12B-1 Fee	-

MARKET COMMENTARY

After five consecutive monthly gains, high yield bonds posted a loss in September. Equity weakness, gridlock in Washington over another round of stimulus, the runoff to the U.S. presidential election, and concerns over a rise in coronavirus infections fostered broad risk-off sentiment, while heavy new issuance and negative flows challenged the technical support the asset class has enjoyed most of the year. Oil prices retreated, causing energy to significantly underperform as most high yield industries ended in the red. In terms of quality, CCC bonds held up best as all rating tiers declined.

Treasury yields ended little changed from where they began. Negotiations over the size and scope of a "Phase 5" stimulus package showed few signs of progress, and investors appeared particularly concerned about the lack of additional aid for fiscally strained states and municipalities. The controversy over appointing a new Supreme Court Justice deepened worries that the two parties would fail to reach an agreement. The month's economic data generally pointed to a continuing but slowing recovery. August's inflation readings surprised on the upside, with core consumer prices rising 1.7% on a year-over-year basis, the fastest pace since March. Declines in weekly jobless claims stalled, although gauges of consumer confidence rose sharply. Fears over a second wave of the coronavirus in Europe as well as an uptick in cases in the U.S. seemed to weigh on markets late in the month.

High yield funds reported outflows totaling USD 4.3 billion. According to J.P. Morgan, new issuance declined month over month but remained strong as 77 bonds priced for USD 50.9 billion. Net issuance was considerably lower, however, as refinancing transactions accounted for 80% of the total volume, which helped companies lower financing costs and extend maturities. Four companies defaulted and one completed a distressed exchange, affecting USD 3.2 billion in bonds and loans. J.P. Morgan's par-weighted U.S. default rate ticked up to 5.80% from 5.77% in August.

PERFORMANCE

(NAV, total return)

	One Month	Three Months	Year-to-Date	One Year	Annualized				30-Day SEC Yield
					Three Years	Five Years	Ten Years	Fifteen Years	
Institutional High Yield Fund	-1.08%	4.17%	-0.91%	1.53%	3.62%	6.26%	6.08%	6.58%	3.86%
J.P. Morgan Global High Yield Index	-0.75	4.90	-1.12	1.83	3.72	6.77	6.51	7.14	-

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The fund(s) may have other share classes available that offer different investment minimums and fees. See the prospectus for details. For Sourcing Information, please see Additional Disclosures.

RISK RETURN CHARACTERISTICS

(Five Years ended September 30, 2020)

	Annualized Std. Deviation	Alpha	Beta	R-Squared	Information Ratio	Sharpe Ratio	Tracking Error
Institutional High Yield Fund	7.84%	-0.03%	0.91	0.98	-0.36	0.64	1.44%
J.P. Morgan Global HY Index	8.51	0.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.65	0.00

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. Figures are calculated using monthly data and are net of fees.

TOP 10 ISSUERS

Comprising 16.2% of total net assets.

	Industry	% of Fund
Charter Communications Inc	Cable Operators	2.2%
Bausch Health Cos Inc	Health Care	2.2
Asurion LLC	Wireless Communications	1.8
Netflix Inc	Cable Operators	1.8
Intelsat Jackson Holdings SA	Satellites	1.7
Targa Resources Corp	Energy	1.3
Sprint Capital Corp	Wireless Communications	1.3
Altice USA Inc	Cable Operators	1.3
Albertsons Cos Inc	Supermarkets	1.3
Occidental Petroleum Corp	Energy	1.2

Issuers are as of the date indicated and are subject to change.

PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

	Institutional High Yield Fund	J.P. Morgan Global HY Index
Number of Holdings	564	1,722
Weighted Average Maturity	6.14 years	5.81 years
Modified Duration to Worst	3.20 years	3.62 years
Weighted Average Coupon	6.28%	6.27%
Yield to Worst	5.53%	6.57%
Percent of Portfolio in Cash	6.7%	-
Total Assets (all share classes)	2,022,578,121	-

INDUSTRY DIVERSIFICATION

	Energy	Cable Opera- tors	Health Care	Services	Utilities	Finan- cial	Metals & Min- ing	Gaming	Broad- casting	Wireless Commu- nica- tions	Other
Institutional High Yield Fund	10.6%	9.6%	6.9%	6.1%	6.0%	5.9%	4.6%	4.5%	4.2%	4.1%	30.7%
J.P. Morgan Global HY Index	12.3	4.6	7.7	7.4	3.5	7.4	5.0	3.7	3.3	2.8	42.4
Over/Underweight	-1.7	5.0	-0.8	-1.3	2.5	-1.4	-0.3	0.8	0.9	1.3	-11.7

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CREDIT QUALITY DIVERSIFICATION

	BBB/BB & Abv	BB	BB/B	B	B/CCC	CCC & Below	CDS	Default	Equities	Not Rated	Short- Term
Institutional High Yield Fund	4.7%	24.6%	16.7%	25.0%	6.0%	9.7%	0.2%	0.0%	3.2%	3.0%	6.7%
J.P. Morgan Global HY Index	4.0	36.3	13.9	26.6	6.2	10.5	0.0	1.6	0.0	0.9	0.0
Over/Underweight	0.8	-11.7	2.9	-1.6	-0.2	-0.8	0.2	-1.6	3.2	2.0	6.7

MATURITY DIVERSIFICATION

	0-2 Years	2-4 Years	4-7 Years	7-10 Years	10+ Years
Institutional High Yield Fund	2.6%	13.2%	49.9%	23.0%	4.2%
J.P. Morgan Global HY Index	5.2	20.1	49.2	20.3	5.1
Over/Underweight	-2.6	-6.8	0.6	2.7	-1.0

Definitions

Duration is a calculation that seeks to measure the price sensitivity of a bond fund to changes in interest rates. In general, the longer the average duration, the greater the fund's sensitivity to interest rates. It is a better indicator of price sensitivity because it takes into account the time value of cash flows. Duration to worst is the duration of the bond computed using the bond's nearest call date or maturity, whichever comes first.

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