

High yield bonds posted solid gains in March as the Federal Reserve signaled that it was preparing to cut interest rates in the coming months. Credit spreads tightened and yields declined amid

investors' optimism about corporate profit potential and enhanced capital markets access for below

investment-grade issuers. The retail, health care, and basic industry segments performed best during the period, while the telecommunications, media, and capital goods sectors produced the

The yield of the benchmark 10-year U.S. Treasury note decreased from 4.25% to 4.20% by month-end. The Labor Department reported that core (less food and energy) prices had increased

0.36% in February, slightly less than the previous month but above expectations. Some signs of cooling in the labor market and elsewhere in the economy may have reassured investors about

inflation and interest rates. Although the nonfarm payroll report for February looked strong at the

rate had risen to 3.9% in February, its highest level in over two years. The Fed's mid-month policy meeting revealed that policymakers still expect three rate cuts in 2024. In a press conference widely regarded as dovish, Fed Chair Jerome Powell expressed conviction that rate cuts will be delivered this year despite hotter-than-expected inflation reports in January and February, which Powell said,

High yield funds reported a negative flow of USD 815 million in March. According to J.P. Morgan, 40 bonds priced for USD 28.3 billion. Refinancing (72%) was the largest category of issuance, while the rest was directed toward acquisition financing (16%) and general corporate purposes (12%). The J.P. Morgan trailing 12-month default rate, including distressed exchanges, ticked higher to

headline level with job growth exceeding expectations at 275,000, the gains stemmed almost entirely from part-time employment. The Labor Department later reported that the unemployment

weakest results. Lower-rated bonds outperformed higher-quality credits.

2.6% in March, remaining well below the historical average of 3.4%.

# **PORTFOLIO UPDATE** U.S. High Yield Fund - I Class<sup>1</sup>

As of March 31, 2024



Portfolio Manager: Kevin Loome

Managed Fund Since:1 2013

Joined Firm: 2017

### **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE**

The fund seeks total return, and secondarily, current income.

### FUND INFORMATION

Symbol	TUHIX
CUSIP	741481600
Inception Date of Fund	April 30, 2013
Benchmark	ICE BofA US High Yield Constrained Index
Expense Information (as of the most recent Prospectus)*	0.69% (Gross) 0.61% (Net)
Fiscal Year End	May 31
12B-1 Fee	-

\*The I Class operates under a contractual operating expense limitation that expires on September 30, 2025.

### PERFORMANCE<sup>2</sup>

(NAV, total return)

#### Annualized Since 30-Day SEC One Three One Three Five Ten Inception 30-Day SEC Yield Month Months 4/30/131 w/o Waiver° Year Years Years Years Yield U.S. High Yield Fund - I Class 1.25% 2.12% 1.24% 4.53% 5.10% 7.69% 7.64% 12.14% 3.89% ICE BofA US High Yield 11.06 4.36 4.50 1.19 1.51 2.21 4.01 Constrained Index

"haven't really changed the overall story."

MARKET COMMENTARY

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°Excludes the effect of contractual expense limitation arrangements. If the expense waiver was not in effect for the 30-Day period shown, there may not be a

difference in the 30-day SEC yields shown above. <sup>1</sup> The T. Rowe Price US High Yield Fund ("Fund") commenced operations on May 19, 2017. At that time, the Fund received all of the assets and liabilities of the Henderson High Yield Opportunities Fund (the "Predecessor Fund") and adopted its performance and accounting history. The Fund and the Predecessor Fund have substantially similar investment objectives and strategies. The Predecessor Fund was managed by the same portfolio manager as the Fund.

<sup>2</sup> The Fund commenced operations on May 19, 2017. Performance prior to that date reflects the performance of the Class I of the Predecessor Fund Predecessor Fund performance reflects its actual operating expense at the time and was not adjusted to reflect the impact of the Fund's current fees. Since Inception returns are shown from the inception date of the Predecessor Fund, April 30, 2013.

Investors should note that if interest rates rise significantly from current levels, total returns will decline and may even turn negative in the short term. The Fund is subject to risks of fixed income investing, including interest rate risk and credit risk. High-yield bonds carry a greater default risk than higher-rated bonds, as well as liquidity risk

The fund(s) may have other share classes available that offer different investment minimums and fees. See the prospectus for details.

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### **RISK RETURN CHARACTERISTICS**

(Five Years ended March 31, 2024)

Annualized

	Std.				Information	Sharpe	Tracking
	Deviation	Alpha	Beta	R-Squared	Ratio	Ratio	Error
U.S. High Yield Fund - I Class	10.37%	-0.19%	1.08	0.94	-0.05	0.17	2.58%
ICE BofA US High Yield Constrained Index	9.37	0.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.21	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 16.7% of total net assets.

	Sector	% of Fund
Energy Transfer	Energy	2.3%
Osaic Holdings	Financial Services	2.3
RCS Capital	Financial Services	2.0
LSF9 Atlantis Holdings LLC / Victra Finance	Retail	1.8
Sigma Holdco BV	Consumer Goods	1.7
Coty Inc/HFC Prestige Products Inc/HFC Prestige International US	Consumer Goods	1.4
Vistra	Utility	1.3
Ultimate Software Group	Technology & Electronics	1.3
Ascent Resources Utica Holdings LLC / ARU Finance	Energy	1.3
American Airlines Inc/AAdvantage Loyalty IP	Transportation	1.3

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

### **PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS**

	U.S. High Yield Fund - I Class	ICE BofA US High Yield Con- strained Index
Number of Holdings	115	1,862
Weighted Average Maturity	6.00 years	4.76 years
Weighted Average Effective Duration	2.99 years	3.48 years
Weighted Average Coupon	7.80%	6.13%
Yield to Worst	8.24%	7.66%
Percent of Portfolio in Cash	4.3%	-
Total Assets (all share classes)	478,957,348	-

## SECTOR DIVERSIFICATION

	Energy	Financial Services	Basic In- dustry	Services	Consumer Goods	Leisure	Capital Goods	Health Care	Transpor- tation	Other
U.S. High Yield Fund - I Class	20.8%	12.1%	6.5%	6.3%	6.1%	5.3%	5.2%	4.4%	4.2%	24.8%
ICE BofA US High Yield Constrained Index	12.0	5.7	8.9	6.5	3.7	7.9	7.2	7.8	2.0	38.2
Over/Underweight	8.8	6.3	-2.4	-0.2	2.4	-2.6	-2.0	-3.4	2.2	-13.4

#### **CREDIT QUALITY DIVERSIFICATION**

	Α	BBB	BB	в	ccc	сс	D	Not Rated	Reserves	Bank Debt
U.S. High Yield Fund - I Class	0.0%	1.2%	34.1%	38.4%	7.8%	0.4%	0.4%	0.0%	4.3%	13.3%
ICE BofA US High Yield Constrained Index	0.1	1.2	46.7	38.3	12.4	1.1	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0
Over/Underweight	-0.1	0.0	-12.6	0.1	-4.5	-0.7	0.3	-0.2	4.3	13.3

#### MATURITY DIVERSIFICATION

	0-1 Year	1-3 Years	3-5 Years	5-7 Years	7-10 Years	10-20 Years	20-30 Years	30+ Years
U.S. High Yield Fund - I Class	0.0%	9.6%	38.0%	35.7%	10.1%	0.0%	0.0%	2.3%
ICE BofA US High Yield Constrained Index	0.3	20.5	35.7	31.4	9.8	1.3	0.6	0.3
Over/Underweight	-0.3	-10.9	2.2	4.2	0.3	-1.3	-0.6	1.9

#### Definitions

Weighted Average Effective 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.

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