

U.S. Broad Market High Yield Strategy



As of March 31, 2026

STRATEGY HIGHLIGHTS

Objective¹	To maximize excess returns versus the Bloomberg High Yield 1% Issuer Capped Index over the long term.	Inception Date	March 01, 2002	
Target Sources of Excess Return	• Market / Sector Allocation & Spread Curve	15%	Strategy Assets	\$36.04 billion as of December 31, 2025
	• Industry / Issuer Specific	85%		
	• Duration / Interest Rate / Currency	0%		
		Benchmark	Bloomberg High Yield 1% Issuer Capped Index	

INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY & PROCESS

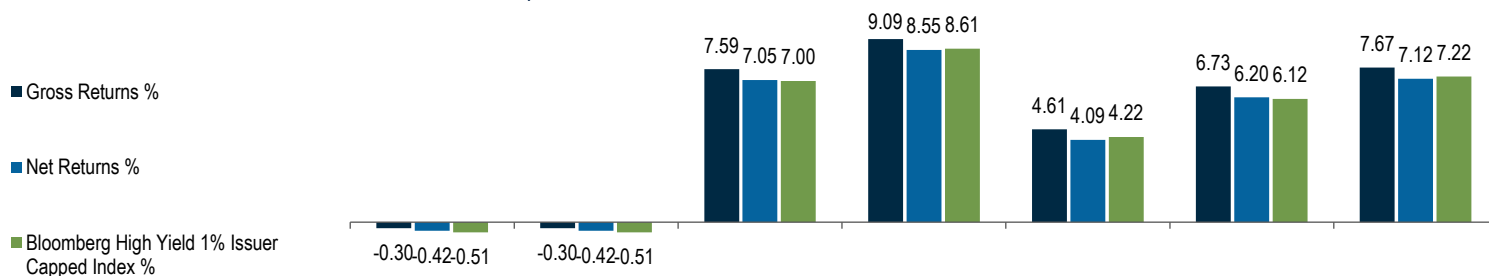
- In our Broad Market High Yield Strategy, we seek to earn 125 bps of alpha with a tracking error budget of 200 bps versus the Bloomberg Barclays U.S. High-Yield 1% Issuer Capped Index.
- We expect tracking error based on historical volatility measured over a long term period to occur from holding position sizes in portfolios that differ from the issuer's weighting in the benchmark and from holding positions in issuers that are not in the benchmark.
- PGIM Credit believes that actively managed high yield bond portfolios, constructed from the bottom up using methodical, research-based subsector and security selection, can lead to consistent outperformance versus the broad high yield index with a high information ratio.
- PGIM Credit attempts to achieve this through well-diversified portfolios of performing credits that are carefully researched. Intensive fundamental research is conducted by a large and experienced internal credit research staff to identify strong and improving credits.
- The size and experience of the research organization permit us to apply intense focus on individual securities identified from a broad pool of investment opportunities.
- Portfolios are then actively managed to capture the best opportunities and minimize credit losses, within an environment of disciplined risk management oversight.
- We use a sector based approach, whereby portfolio managers specialize on certain industries (typically 4 to 6 each). As a result of not having to cover the entire universe of industries, our sector PMs can (a) more deeply understand the issuers and trading levels in their sectors to better evaluate relative value and more quickly respond to market opportunities and (b) can have more frequent dialogue with, and as a result get more favorable treatment from, traders at brokers/dealers for secondary trades and also from capital markets/syndicates individuals at underwriters for new issues.
- We inherently think long term and are typically patient investors. Also, our institutional client base tends to be more stable (less flows). These two attributes enable us to take advantage of market opportunities because, on a relative basis versus peers, we tend to be liquidity providers as opposed to liquidity takers. In a world of less liquidity, we can take advantage of available market inefficiencies.



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PERFORMANCE¹ | PERIODS ENDING MARCH 31, 2026

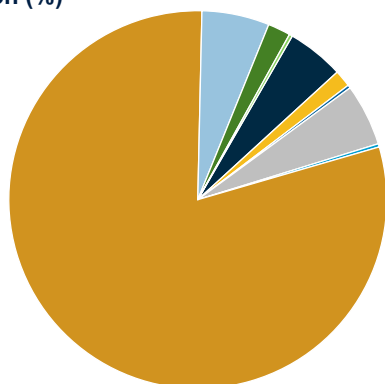


	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since Inception (01 Mar 2002)
Excess Returns - Gross (bps)	+21	+21	+58	+48	+39	+61	+45
Excess Returns - Net (bps)	+9	+9	+5	-6	-13	+8	-11
Tracking Error (%)	NM	NM	NM	0.72	0.76	0.88	1.87
Information Ratio (Gross)	NM	NM	NM	0.63	0.49	0.68	0.18
Information Ratio (Net)	NM	NM	NM	-0.07	-0.17	0.10	-0.10

Excess Returns may reflect rounding differences. Information ratio and tracking error are not meaningful (NM) for periods less than 3 years. Data is presented on both a gross and net basis, where applicable. Gross metrics do not reflect the deduction of fees and other expenses to be borne by accounts using the Strategy, which will reduce returns and, in the aggregate, may be substantial. Additional performance information is available upon request. Please visit www.pgim.com for contact information.

PORTFOLIO HIGHLIGHTS²

Sector Allocation (%)



- US Government
- CLO
- CMBS
- IG Corporates
- Non-US Govt Related
- High Yield
- Bank Loan
- Emerging Markets
- Cash & Equivalents

	Portfolio	Bloomberg High Yield 1% Issuer Capped Index
US Government	4.9	0.0
CLO	1.4	0.0
CMBS	0.3	0.0
IG Corporates	5.3	0.0
Non-US Govt Related	0.3	0.0
High Yield	79.9	99.1
Bank Loan	5.8	0.0
Emerging Markets	1.9	0.9
Cash & Equivalents	0.3	0.0
Total	100.0	100.0

Representative Characteristics (%)

	Portfolio	Bloomberg High Yield 1% Issuer Capped Index
Effective Duration (yrs)	3.14	3.12
Effective Yield (%)	7.40	7.34
Spread (bps)	334	315
Average Coupon (%)	6.33	6.62
Average Quality (Moody's)	Ba3	B1
Number of Issuers	363	820

Corporate Industry Allocation (%)

	Portfolio	Bloomberg High Yield 1% Issuer Capped Index
Finance	11.2	12.4
Industrial	74.5	84.4
Utility	4.5	3.2
Non Credit	0.3	0.0

Top 10 Industries (%)

	Portfolio	Bloomberg High Yield 1% Issuer Capped Index
Telecom	6.8	4.0
Building Materials & Home Construction	6.5	3.8
Gaming & Lodging & Leis.	6.3	6.5
Health Care & Pharma	6.3	6.9
Energy - Midstream	5.6	6.0
Finance Companies	5.3	4.2
Cable & Satellite	5.1	5.1
Energy - Upstream	4.8	4.9
Consumer Non-Cyclical	4.7	7.1
Electric & Water	4.5	3.2

Rating Distribution^{3,4}(%)

	Portfolio	Bloomberg High Yield 1% Issuer Capped Index
AAA	0.4	0.0
AA	4.9	0.0
BBB	5.3	0.0
BB	38.0	55.4
B	29.9	33.3
CCC & Below	13.4	11.2
Not Rated	7.8	0.0

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INVESTMENT COMMENTARY

Markets

U.S. high yield bond spreads ended Q1 2026 at their widest level in 11 months and posted their weakest returns since October 2023, as the escalating conflict in the Middle East, growing artificial-intelligence disruption fears, and significant retail outflows weighed on the asset class. By quality, all credit tiers posted negative returns, with higher-quality credits (BB and Bs) outperforming lower-quality (CCC's) on a total return basis.

Meanwhile, the technical backdrop remained supportive due to muted net new issuance and robust investor cash balances ready to deploy when opportunities arise. Gross new issuance reached \$79.8 billion in Q1, with net new issuance (excluding refinancing) of \$32.48 billion coming to market. Retail demand reversed in Q1, with high yield bond mutual fund and ETF outflows totaling \$7.6 billion, a stark contrast from the \$6.6 billion and \$1.6 billion of inflows during the third and fourth quarters of 2025, respectively.

Portfolio

Overall security selection was the largest contributor to performance during the quarter, with selection in cable & satellite, telecom, and electric & water contributing the most. This was partially offset by selection in paper & packaging, health care & pharmaceutical, and metals & mining, which detracted. Overall industry allocation contributed to performance during the quarter, with an underweight to technology, and overweights to cable & satellite and telecom contributing the most. This was partially offset by overweights to building materials & home construction and finance companies, and an underweight to upstream energy, which detracted.

Overall sector allocation detracted from performance during the quarter, with an overweight to U.S. bank loans detracting the most.

From a market perspective, on average, having more risk in the Fund relative to the Index over the reporting period had a neutral impact on performance.

PORTFOLIO MANAGERS



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