

European High Yield Strategy



As of December 31, 2025

STRATEGY HIGHLIGHTS

Objective¹	To maximize excess returns versus the ICE BofAML Euro HY ex Finance 2% Constrained Index over the long term.	
Target Sources of Excess Return	• Market / Sector Allocation & Spread Curve	20%
	• Industry / Issuer Specific	80%
	• Duration / Interest Rate / Currency	0%

INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY & PROCESS

- The team's research approach is fundamental, bottom-up driven, approach to subsector and security selection.
- The team intensively researches the market, with an emphasis on avoiding defaults.
- We believe 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 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.
- PGIM does not take extremely large positions, either on an absolute basis or relative to benchmarks, in any single issuer or industry as a primary means to achieve outperformance.
- We do not hold a significant portion of the portfolio in an asset class other than US and European high yield bonds, such as common stocks or emerging markets.

1 Senior portfolio manager develops top down themes by leveraging firms resources

2 Investment team selects securities and constructs portfolio

Fundamental Value Assessment

Credit analysts evaluate all industries and issuers in the universe. Focus on downside protection:

- Asset quality
- Capital structure
- Covenants

Relative Value Security Selection

Sector portfolio managers evaluate and maximize relative value among approved universe:

- Choose credits with strong fundamentals and best relative value

Position Sizing

Sector portfolio managers size positions:

- Evaluate industry, issuer and market fundamentals
- Refine position sizes as risk profiles and thresholds change

3 Portfolio managers and risk managers monitor portfolio risk at all levels—interest rate, beta, industry, issuer, and quality

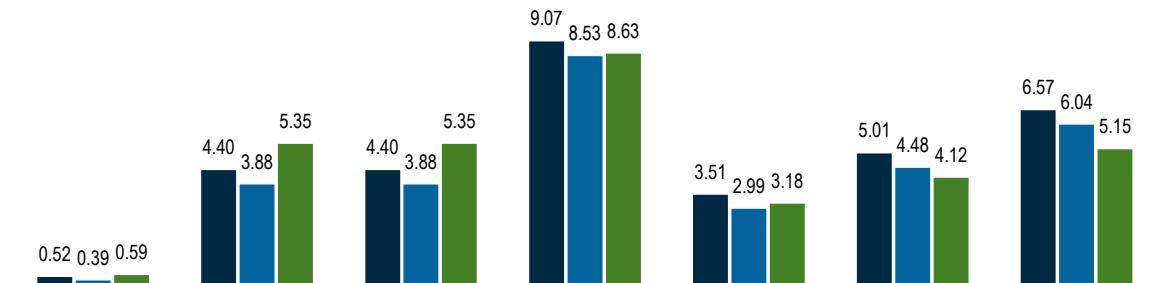
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PERFORMANCE¹ | PERIODS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025

■ Gross Returns %

■ Net Returns %

■ ICE BofAML Euro HY ex Finance 2% Constrained Index %

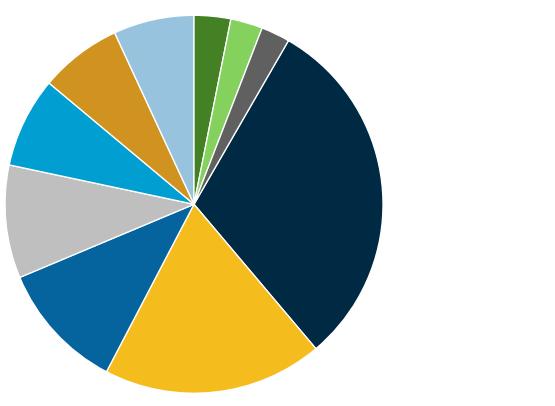


	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since Inception (01 Nov 2010)
Excess Returns - Gross (bps)	-8	-95	-95	+44	+33	+88	+142
Excess Returns - Net (bps)	-20	-147	-147	-10	-19	+36	+89
Tracking Error (%)	NM	NM	NM	0.76	1.38	1.20	1.22
Information Ratio (Gross)	NM	NM	NM	0.55	0.21	0.70	1.09
Information Ratio (Net)	NM	NM	NM	-0.12	-0.16	0.28	0.68

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

Top 10 Country Allocation (%)



■ United Kingdom ■ France ■ Spain ■ Italy ■ Germany

■ United States ■ Netherlands ■ Luxembourg ■ Japan ■ Israel

Top 10 Country Allocation (%)

	Portfolio	ICE BofAML Euro HY ex Finance 2% Constrained Index
United Kingdom	26.4	13.7
France	16.3	20.6
Spain	9.5	4.7
Italy	8.4	9.9
Germany	6.7	11.6
United States	6.1	10.4
Netherlands	6.0	4.3
Luxembourg	2.7	4.9
Japan	2.4	0.8
Israel	2.1	1.8

Representative Characteristics (%)

	Portfolio	ICE BofAML Euro HY ex Finance 2% Constrained Index
Effective Duration (yrs)	2.84	2.86
Effective Yield (%)	5.45	5.18
Spread (bps)	323	305
Average Coupon (%)	5.61	5.14
Average Quality (Moody's)	B1	Ba3
Number of Issuers	118	337

Corporate Industry Allocation (%)

	Portfolio	ICE BofAML Euro HY ex Finance 2% Constrained Index
Finance	11.9	7.0
Industrial	81.2	82.3
Utility	3.4	5.6
Non Credit	2.6	5.1

Top 10 Industries (%)

	Portfolio	ICE BofAML Euro HY ex Finance 2% Constrained Index
Telecom	13.4	12.8
Consumer Non-Cyclical	9.4	8.2
Health Care & Pharma	8.2	8.2
Automotive	7.5	10.2
Other Financial Institutions	7.3	6.0
Retailers & Restaurants	6.8	5.2
Cable & Satellite	6.7	4.4
Gaming & Lodging & Leis.	4.9	5.2
Chemicals	4.4	4.0
Technology	4.1	2.7

Rating Distribution^{3,4}(%)

	Portfolio	ICE BofAML Euro HY ex Finance 2% Constrained Index
AAA	0.0	0.0
AA	0.0	0.0
A	1.0	0.0
BBB	1.1	0.0
BB	50.6	66.2
B	42.5	28.8
CCC & Below	3.7	5.0
Not Rated	0.1	0.1

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INVESTMENT COMMENTARY

Markets

European high yield bond spreads tightened in Q4, driven by a supportive market backdrop and strong technicals—primary proceeds continue to focus on refinancings and a market with ongoing inflows and solid fundamentals is absorbing the supply. The European high yield market gained 0.66% in Q4, led by BB and Bs, while CCCs continued to lag. The European leveraged finance market remains highly bifurcated, with strong technicals and high demand for performing credits, but significantly less demand and price volatility for weaker, more speculative names.

High yield primary market issuance totaled approximately €27.5 billion (€4 billion, excluding refinancing) for the quarter, pushing 2025 issuance to €136 billion (€36 billion, excluding refinancing).

Portfolio

Overall security selection detracted the most from performance during the period, with selection in media & entertainment, paper & packaging, and health care & pharmaceutical detracting the most. This was partially offset by selection in cable & satellite, telecom, and building materials & home construction, which contributed.

Overall industry allocation detracted from performance, with overweights to other chemicals, cable & satellite, and automotive detracting the most. This was partially offset by a slight underweight to telecom, and overweights to retailers & restaurants and brokerage & asset management, which contributed.

Overall sector allocation detracted from performance, with overweights to the GBP-denominated high yield bond and Euro-denominated bank loan sectors, and a slight underweight to the emerging market high yield bond sector detracting the most. This was partially offset by an overweight to GBP-denominated bank loan sector, which contributed.

From a market perspective, having more risk, on average, over the period had a negative impact on performance.

PORTFOLIO MANAGERS



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