# Voya High Yield Strategy

Strategy-at-a-glance	
Objective <sup>1</sup>	To outperform the Bloomberg U.S. High Yield 2% Issuer Cap Index over a full credit cycle
Value Added Sources	Security Selection: 50-75% Industry Selection: 25-50% Overall Risk Level: 0-25%
Inception Date	01/01/99
Strategy Assets <sup>2</sup>	\$3.4 billion
Benchmark	Bloomberg U.S. High Yield 2% Issuer Cap Index
Available Vehicles	Separate Account Mutual Fund

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> There is no guarantee that this objective will be achieved.

#### Strategy overview

The High Yield strategy seeks to maximize total return over a full market cycle via a broadly diversified and well-balanced approach to discovering risk-adjusted opportunities throughout the below investment grade corporate bond sector.

#### Investment philosophy

We believe that selecting securities based on rigorous credit research and a keen awareness of credit and economic cycles is critical for identifying investment opportunities and managing risk.

The following key beliefs underpin our investment philosophy:

- Compensation for risk varies across time
- Security selection is the primary driver of risks and returns
- Biggest alpha opportunity is to avoid the worst return outcomes
- Balance of risk and return allows for consistency of outperformance
- Greatest market inefficiency can be found in less followed, smaller parts of the market

#### Investment process

The Voya High Yield investment process begins with fundamental bottom-up credit research driven by analyst expertise at both the issuer and industry-sector level, while leveraging the input from the broader Voya Fixed Income platform. This helps identify opportunities and avoid potential pitfalls, resulting in issuer and sector views. Combining these views with market trading levels defines our desired positioning via issuer and sector over- and underweights. Portfolios are then designed to strike a prudent balance of risk and return by balancing the three primary drivers of performance – issuer selection, industry selection, and market risk – while stressing downside protection via a rigorous sell discipline. Constant portfolio monitoring by both our high yield portfolio managers and analysts, as well as our independent risk team, ensures that we maintain a prudent balance of risk and return.

## Performance

Voya High Yield Composite



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Past performance does not guarantee future results. Performance numbers for time periods greater than one year are annualized. The Composite represents the investment results of a group of fully discretionary portfolios managed according to the strategy. Returns include the reinvestment of income. Gross-of-fees returns are presented before management and custodial fees but after all trading expenses. Net-of-fees returns are calculated by deducting a hypothetical management fee from the gross return on a monthly basis and geometrically linking the results to produce returns shown. The hypothetical management fee is equal to or greater than the asset-weighted average of each accounts' fee schedule in the composite. The model fee used will result in a net return that is equal to or lower than a net return using actual fees. For a description of advisory fees, please see Form ADV, Part II. Gross returns should be used as Supplemental Information only.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> AUM as of 12/31/24

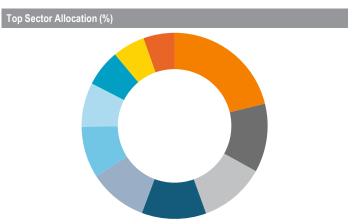
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#### Portfolio highlights

Returns-Based Characteristics (5 years ending 03/31/25)	Composite	Bloomberg U.S. High Yield 2% Issuer Cap Index
Standard Deviation (%)	7.51	7.55
Tracking Error (%)	0.87	-
Information Ratio	-0.68	_
Alpha (annualized %)	-0.53	-
Beta	0.99	1.00
R-Squared	0.99	1.00
Sharpe Ratio	0.53	0.61

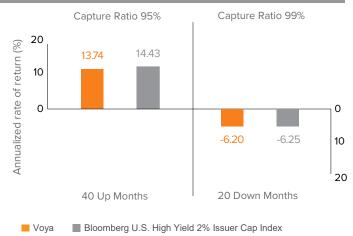
Credit Quality (%)	Portfolio	Bloomberg U.S. High Yield 2% Issuer Cap Index	
Treasuries/Cash	2.68	0.00	
>=BBB	0.79	0.00	
BB	46.22	51.68	
В	37.02	35.14	
CCC	12.69	11.19	
<ccc< td=""><td>0.23</td><td colspan="2">1.98</td></ccc<>	0.23	1.98	
Not rated	0.36	0.00	

Top Ten Credit Exposures (%)	Portfolio
CCO HOLDINGS LLC	2.22
BAUSCH HEALTH COMPANIES (REPRICED)	1.21
CSC HOLDINGS LLC	1.12
VENTURE GLOBAL LNG INC	1.12
ROYAL CARIBBEAN CRUISES LTD	1.00
VISTRA OPERATIONS COMPANY LLC	0.89
LEVEL 3 FINANCING INC	0.88
CARNIVAL CORP	0.86
TENET HEALTHCARE CORPORATION	0.82
SIRIUS XM RADIO INC	0.81



	Portfolio	Index
Financials	11.88	12.24
Midstream	6.70	5.55
Cable and Satellite	6.41	6.85
Healthcare	6.29	5.32
Technology	5.71	7.19
Retailers	5.02	4.75
Media and Entertainment	4.31	3.44
Independent Energy	3.60	3.54
Gaming	3.16	3.31
Consumer Cyclical Services	3.05	3.21





Credit quality is generally based on third-party agency ratings, ranging from AAA (highest) to D (lowest). If ratings are available from each of S&P, Moody's and Fitch, the security is assigned the median rating. If ratings are available from only two of these agencies, the lower rating is assigned. If a rating is available from only one of these three agencies, then that rating is used. If ratings are not available from any of these three agencies, then we may either assign the security an internal rating or mark it as Not Rated (NR). Ratings may not accurately reflect risk and are subject to change.

Past performance does not guarantee future results. The returns-based characteristics presented are based on the gross-of-fee composite returns. Characteristics are based on a representative account in the composite that we believe best represents the portfolio management style of the composite. Characteristics may be adjusted to exclude securities for which data is not available or for extreme data outliers via commonly used trimming methodologies. Holdings are subject to change. The information shown is supplemental only. Totals may not equal due to rounding.

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### Portfolio managers

#### Randy Parrish, CFA

Head of Public Credit Years of experience: 35 Years with firm: 24

#### Mohamed Basma, CFA

Head of Leveraged Credit Years of experience: 28 Years with firm: 25

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The Bloomberg U.S. High Yield 2% Issuer Capped Index is an unmanaged index comprised of fixed rate, non-investment grade debt securities that are dollar denominated and non-convertible. The index limits the maximum exposure to any one issuer to 2%.

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