

# High Yield Bond

**Available For:** Defined Contribution Plan, Hybrid Plan (Part II), Health Care Savings Program, 457 Program and IRA



### Objective

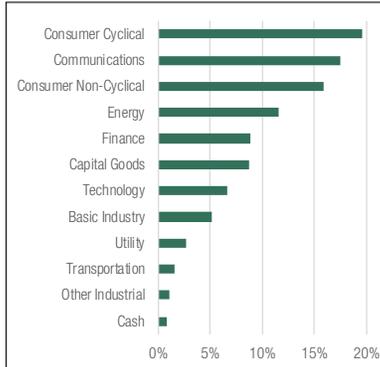
The High Yield Bond Index seeks to replicate the total return of the BBG Barclays U.S. High Yield Very Liquid Index, less the fund expenses.

### Fund Expenses

MERS Operating Expenses	0.15%
Custody & Recordkeeping	0.13%
Investment Management Expenses	0.20%
<b>Total Annual Operating Expense</b>	<b>0.48%</b>

The total annual operating expense is deducted from the rate of return of the fund. This means that for every \$1,000 invested in the High Yield Bond, a participant is charged \$4.80 in fees each year.

### Sector Breakdown



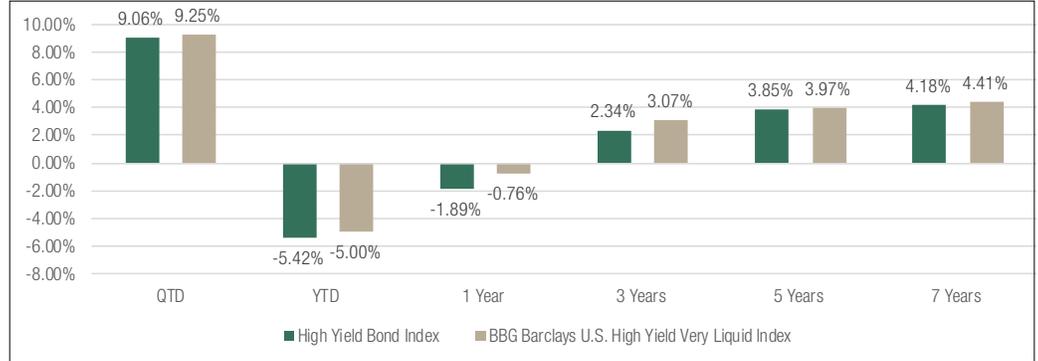
### Risk Analysis



<b>Standard Deviation (5-Year)</b> Describes the volatility of the historical returns of the fund. A higher standard deviation indicates more risk due to higher fluctuation above and below the average.	7.44%
<b>Sharpe Ratio (5-Year)</b> Measures returns generated per unit of risk taken. The higher the Sharpe Ratio, the more you are being compensated for the amount of risk you are taking.	0.39

### Performance – Annualized

Fund Inception: January 2011



### Performance – By Calendar Year

Year	High Yield Bond	BBG Barclays U.S. High Yield Very Liquid Index
2019	14.62%	15.23%
2018	-3.03%	-2.64%
2017	6.76%	6.50%
2016	12.42%	16.14%
2015	-2.20%	-5.70%
2014	2.99%	1.63%
2013	5.21%	5.86%
2012	14.14%	14.40%

### Credit Quality Breakdown

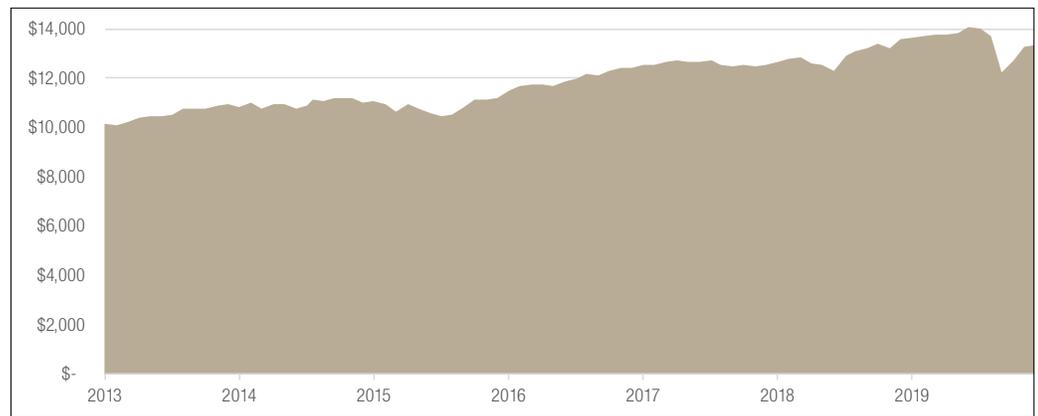
BBB or Higher	0.83%
BB	51.06%
B	34.57%
CCC or Lower	13.55%

### Characteristics

Average Credit Quality	B1
Average Effective Maturity	5.92
Average Yield to Worst	6.69%
Effective Duration	3.72

### Growth of \$10,000

Balance After 7 Years: \$13,324.41



This graph shows the growth of \$10,000. If someone invested \$10,000 in the High Yield Bond seven years ago with no additional contributions or withdrawals, they would have \$13,324.41 as of 06/30/2020.

## Disclaimers

### Returns:

Returns are presented after the Total Annual Operating Expense. Returns information is provided by Bank of New York Mellon, custodian for the MERS Funds. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Current performance may be higher or lower. Funds are subject to investment risk from a number of sources, including the management style of the fund and market volatility. Markets are volatile and can rise or decline significantly in response to company, political, regulatory, market, or economic developments. A fund's total return, like securities prices generally, will fluctuate within a wide range. As a result, you could lose money over short or long periods. Funds are also subject to investment-related risk, which is the chance that returns from companies in which the fund is invested will trail returns from other asset classes or the overall market.

### Fees:

The Total Annual Operating Expense consists of MERS' operating costs, custody and recordkeeping costs, and investment management expenses. MERS' operating costs are costs to run the day-to-day operations of the plan, which include legal, accounting, auditing, compliance, printing, and overhead costs. The custody and recordkeeping costs are related to bookkeeping, settling trade activity, and holding assets in custody at a bank. The investment management expenses are incurred in the direct management of the fund. These vary based on the level of assets. As assets increase, these are expected to decline.

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