

# J.P. Morgan Short Duration High Yield Strategy

## Separately Managed Account

### TOPLINE (3Q 2020)

Strategy ▲ 3.34%	Benchmark ▲ 3.48%
<p><b>Benchmark:</b> Bloomberg Barclays US High Yield 1-5 Year BB/B Registered Only 2% Capped Index</p> <p><b>Markets</b> Risk-on themes from the second quarter persisted into the third, and high yield continued to rally on improving fundamentals and strong technicals.</p> <p><b>Helped</b> An overweight to car rental issuers as used car prices and travel prospects improved aided performance.</p> <p><b>Hurt</b> Overweights to defensive hospitals and supermarkets in the risk-on environment detracted from results.</p> <p><b>Outlook</b> High yield will be directionally dependent on the evolution of the virus and vaccine efforts, but is reasonable value for the risk at current spread levels.</p>	

Past performance is not indicative of future returns. Performance is shown gross of fees. If fees were included, returns would be lower. Please see following page for additional performance.

### STRATEGY OVERVIEW



**Designed to** provide a high level of income with lower volatility than the broad high yield market

### APPROACH

- Invests in a diversified portfolio of high yield (below investment grade) corporate debt securities
- Focuses on higher quality, more liquid issues rated B/BB or better
- Seeks to maintain a duration of 1.5 to 3 years under most market conditions
- Combines bottom-up analysis with top-down insights, actively managing credit profile against market risk

### QUARTER IN REVIEW

- The JP Morgan Short Duration High Yield Strategy underperformed its index, the Bloomberg Barclays US High Yield BB-B 1-5 Year Registered Only 2% Constrained Index, for the quarter ended September 30, 2020.
- **Defensive sector positioning** across the strategy, especially from overweights to consumer noncyclical sectors and an underweight to energy, detracted from returns.
- **An underweight to B-rated credit** also detracted as lower quality outperformed in high yield in the quarter.
- **An allocation to Avis** added to returns as it rallied with improving macroeconomic condition and virus expectations.
- **Good security selection in the wireless communications sector** was also a positive for performance.

### LOOKING AHEAD

- **Valuations improved in September** to bring the high-yield market close to our view of fair value. Fundamentals remain extremely challenged in a few sectors, but most high-yield issuers have the liquidity or business models to sustain the current environment into 2021.
- **Despite the unprecedented intervention of the Federal Reserve (Fed)** into the high-yield market this year, returns moving forward will be increasingly dependent on fundamentals--both the evolution of the virus/vaccine and individual issuers' adaptation to the current economic environment.
- **As direct Fed support is mostly behind us,** we expect security selection to be the most important driver of returns moving forward, especially as default rates increase through the end of the year. Despite the challenges, high yield's nearly 6% yield is reasonable value for the opportunity set we see in a fixed income landscape that remains starved for yield.

## PERFORMANCE

### YIELD (%)

Yield to maturity (%)	4.16
Yield to worst (%)	3.75

### RETURN (%)

	3 MOS	YTD	1 YR	3 YRS	5 YRS	INCEPTION <sup>1</sup>
<b>Strategy</b> (gross of fees)	3.34	-0.27	1.66	3.41	4.80	4.33
<b>Strategy</b> (net of max. allowable fees - 150 bps) <sup>2</sup>	2.95	-1.39	0.15	1.88	3.25	2.78
<b>Benchmark</b>	3.48	1.75	3.77	4.60	6.68	5.57

Benchmark: Bloomberg Barclays US High Yield 1-5 Year BB/B Registered Only 2% Capped Index.

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<sup>1</sup>Inception date: 4/30/2012

<sup>2</sup>Please note, actual fees associated with this strategy may be lower.

## PORTFOLIO ANALYSIS

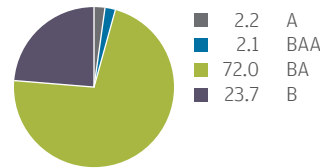
Average price	\$103.82
Average maturity (years)	3.74
OAS	360.25
Average credit quality	BB-
Average coupon (%)	5.44
Average life (years)	2.80

Source: J.P. Morgan Asset Management, FactSet.

The above characteristics are from a representative portfolio. Actual account characteristics of individual accounts may be different. Portfolio characteristics are as of 9/30/2020 and are based on individual securities in the Portfolio on that date. Securities in the Portfolio are subject to change. Statistics shown are not indicative of future statistics and are not representative of future Portfolio performance.

## HOLDINGS

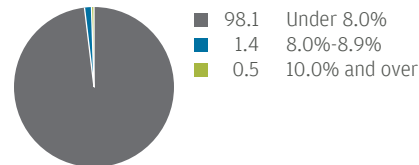
### CREDIT QUALITY (%)



### EQUITY SECTORS (%)

Sector	Weighting	Compared to benchmark
COMMUNICATIONS	18.2	4.3
CONSUMER NON-CYCLICAL	15.5	3.7
BASIC INDUSTRY	7.6	2.2
CASH	2.2	2.2
CAPITAL GOODS	8.2	1.9
INDUSTRIAL OTHER	0.8	-0.2
TECHNOLOGY	4.0	-0.5
UTILITY	0.0	-0.6
TRANSPORTATION	0.7	-1.1
CONSUMER CYCLICAL	17.2	-2.3
ENERGY	15.0	-3.6
FINANCE	10.7	-6.1

### YIELD TO MATURITY



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The following risks could cause the Strategy's portfolio to lose money or perform more poorly than other investments.

Securities rated below investment grade are considered "high-yield," "non-investment grade," "below investment-grade," or "junk bonds." They generally are rated in the fifth or lower rating categories of Standard & Poor's and Moody's Investors Service. Although they can provide higher yields than higher rated securities, they can carry greater risk.

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**Option-adjusted spread (OAS)** is the spread relative to a risk-free interest rate, usually measured in basis points, that equates the theoretical present value of a series of uncertain cash flows of an instrument to its current market price. OAS can be viewed as the compensation an investor receives for assuming a variety of risks (e.g. liquidity

premium, default risk, model risk), net of the cost of any embedded options.

**Average Life:** The length of time the principal of a debt issue is expected to be outstanding.

**Duration:** Measures price sensitivity of fixed income securities to interest rate changes.

### INDEXES

Managed Accounts have fees that reduce their performance; indexes do not. You cannot invest directly in an index.

The High Yield Short Duration Blended Benchmark includes BofA ML 1-5 Yr US Cash Pay HY Constrained Index from 04/30/12 - 07/31/17 and Bloomberg Barclays US HY 2% CCCs 1-5 yrs SEC from 08/01/17 to present.

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