

# JPMorgan Upper Tier High Yield Strategy

Separately Managed Account

## Topline (4Q 2025)

| Strategy (gross) | Strategy (net) | Benchmark |
|------------------|----------------|-----------|
| ▲ 1.75%          | ▲ 1.37%        | ▲ 1.27%   |

**Benchmark:** Bloomberg U.S. High Yield Ba 2% Constrained Registered Only Index

- Markets** With spreads near post-Great Financial Crisis tights and yields at 6.6%, the asset class offers a compelling risk-return profile, especially for higher-quality credits.
- Helped** Security selection and allocation within the chemical sector was the largest contributor to performance.
- Hurt** The strategy's security selection within the leisure subsector was the largest detractor to performance.
- Outlook** The high-yield market enters 2026 with a constructive backdrop, as resilient fundamentals and supportive technicals continue to anchor sentiment. As the market transitions into the new year, investors are poised to focus on carry and credit selection, with an eye on evolving policy developments and the durability of economic growth.

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## 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 higher-yielding corporate debt securities, offering an attractive risk/return profile over time for investors with a higher risk tolerance
- Employs a bottom-up security selection process with fundamental credit analysis to identify attractively-valued opportunities across sectors, industries and structures
- Flexible approach allows the strategy to shift exposures in response to changing market conditions, as well as seeks to provide strong risk-adjusted returns and mitigate downside risk relative to the Bloomberg US High Yield BB 2% Issuer Capped Index

## Quarter in Review

- The JPMorgan Upper Tier High Yield Strategy (SMA) outperformed its benchmark, the Bloomberg US High Yield Ba 2% Constrained Registered Only Index, for the quarter ending December 31, 2025.
- The primary contributors to performance were security selection in chemicals, consumer products and media entertainment.
- The primary detractors from performance were the strategy's security selection within leisure, financial other and midstream subsectors.

## Looking Ahead

- While political uncertainty around the upcoming midterms and trade remains, the prospect of fiscal stimulus and a more accommodative Federal Reserve stance are expected to bolster growth and market stability.
- New issuance is likely to remain robust, fueled by refinancing needs and capital demand for technology and infrastructure investment.
- Although default rates have edged higher, they remain well below historical averages, and healthy corporate balance sheets provide a buffer against potential volatility.

## Performance

### Return (%)

|   | 3 mos | YTD  | 1yr  | 3yrs | 5 yrs | 10 yrs |
|---|-------|------|------|------|-------|--------|
| Strategy (gross of fees)                        | 1.75  | 8.73 | 8.73 | 8.59 | 4.13  | 5.79   |
| Strategy (net of max. allowable fees - 150 bps) | 1.37  | 7.12 | 7.12 | 6.98 | 2.58  | 4.22   |
| Benchmark                                       | 1.27  | 8.78 | 8.78 | 8.80 | 3.82  | 6.35   |

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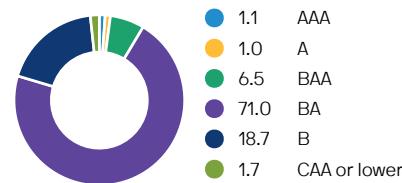
## Portfolio Analysis

|                          |         |
|--------------------------|---------|
| Average Price            | \$97.16 |
| Average maturity (years) | 5.13    |
| OAS (bps)                | 156.64  |
| Average Coupon (%)       | 4.84    |
| Average Life (years)     | 4.22    |
| Yield to maturity (%)    | 5.43    |
| Yield to worst (%)       | 5.12    |

The above characteristics are from a representative portfolio. Actual account characteristics of individual accounts may be different. Portfolio characteristics are as of 12/31/2025, gross of fees, 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.

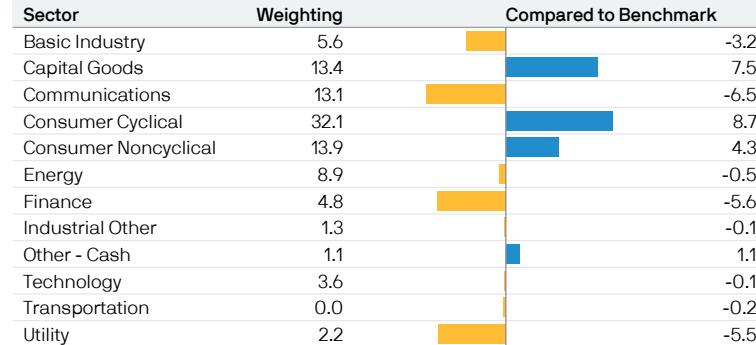
## Holdings

### Credit Quality (%)

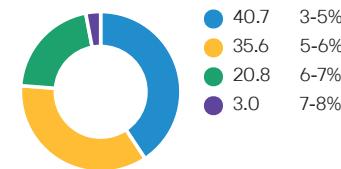


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## Sectors



### Yield to Maturity (%)



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### Composite

The composite includes all discretionary separately managed accounts invested according to JPMIM's Upper Tier High Yield strategy. The strategy invests in diversified portfolio of high yield (below investment grade) corporate debt securities. It focuses on higher quality, more liquid issues rated B/BB or better. It combines bottom-up analysis with top-down insights. The strategy primarily seeks to buy and hold securities, but is actively managed to reduce downside credit risk. Beginning September 1, 2017, only accounts with a minimum market value of \$240,000 are included in the composite. The inception date is June 1, 2002.

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### Portfolio Analysis Definitions

**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.

**Yield to maturity (YTM):** is the estimated total return anticipated on a bond or other obligation if the obligation is held until maturity and if all payments are made as scheduled.

**Yield to worst (YTW):** is the lower of a bond or other obligation's yield to maturity (YTM) and yield to call (YTC). **Gross YTW** is calculated by averaging the YTW of each obligation held in the portfolio on a market weighted basis without the deduction of fees and expenses. YTM is calculated as described next to the YTM figures. YTC is calculated the same way as YTM, but assumes that a bond or other obligation will be called or repurchased by the issuer before its maturity date (generally the next call date), and that the portfolio will be paid a call price (generally a percentage of the then-current face value of the obligation) on the call date. Gross YTW, YTM and YTC are not a guarantee nor necessarily indicative of future performance or income generation.

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