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# High Income Opportunities Fund (C)

An Opportunistic High-Yield Bond Fund.



**ECHIX**Symbol

**\$4.17** \$0.00 NAV as of May 6, 2024



Fact Sheet Mar 31, 2024



Commentary Mar 31, 2024

### The Fund

The Fund seeks to exploit investment opportunities in the high-yield market, primarily through diversified exposure to high-yield, corporate bonds. Investment opportunities that maximize total return are sought through a well-defined investment process that has been in place for over 20 years.

# The Approach

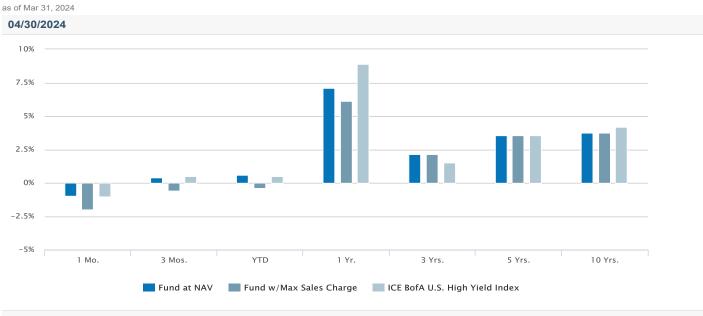
Fundamental bottom-up credit research is the cornerstone of our approach to high-yield investing. We combine our fundamental research with an investment process that emphasizes both risk management and relative-value investing to achieve competitive risk-adjusted returns.

## **The Features**

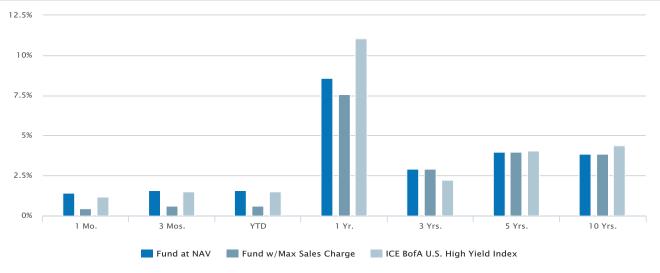
The Fund's high-yield bond holdings have historically produced higher income and lower correlation to interest-rate movements than higher-quality corporate bonds. In addition to high current income, the Fund offers the potential for capital appreciation.

### Overview

# Historical Returns (%)



03/31/2024



04/30/2024							
Fund at NAV	-0.98	0.40	0.59	7.10	2.13	3.53	3.73
Fund w/Max Sales Charge	-1.97	-0.59	-0.40	6.10	2.13	3.53	3.73
ICE BofA U.S. High Yield Index <sup>1</sup>	-1.00	0.48	0.49	8.88	1.49	3.53	4.18
03/31/2024							
Fund at NAV	1.43	1.59	1.59	8.58	2.90	3.95	3.83
Fund w/Max Sales Charge	0.43	0.59	0.59	7.58	2.90	3.95	3.83
ICE BofA U.S. High Yield Index <sup>1</sup>	1.19	1.51	1.51	11.04	2.21	4.03	4.36

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# **Fund Facts**

as of Mar 31, 2024

Class C Inception	06/08/1994
Investment Objective	High current income
Total Net Assets	\$938.9M
Minimum Investment	\$1000
Expense Ratio <sup>2</sup>	1.70%
CUSIP	277911608

# Top 10 Issuers $(\%)^3$ as of Mar 31, 2024

Ford Motor Company	1.78
Charter Communications	1.53
GFL Environmental	1.32
Transdigm Inc	1.08
Venture Global LNG Inc	1.04
Truist Insurance Holdings	0.87
Cloud Software Group	0.86
Medline LP	0.80
Clarios	0.79
Tenet Healthcare Corp	0.78
Total	10.85

# Portfolio Management

**Kelley Gerrity** Managed Fund since 2014

Stephen C. Concannon, CFA Managed Fund since 2014 Jeffrey D. Mueller Managed Fund since 2019

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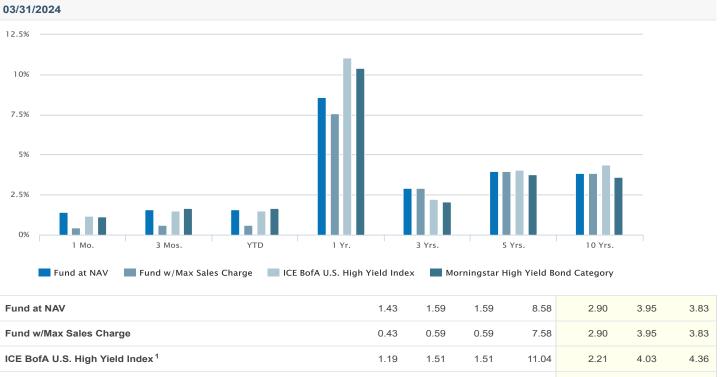
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- 2. Source: Fund prospectus.
- 3. Percent of total net assets.

#### Performance

# Historical Returns (%)

Morningstar High Yield Bond Category 4

as of Mar 31, 2024



1.13

1.67

1.67

10.40

2.07

3.76

3.60

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# Calendar Year Returns (%)

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Fund at NAV	2.68	-1.88	11.71	5.52	-4.03	13.08	3.82	6.44	-8.07	10.83
ICE BofA U.S. High Yield Index <sup>1</sup>	2.50	-4.64	17.49	7.48	-2.26	14.41	6.17	5.36	-11.22	13.46

## **Fund Facts**

Class C Inception	06/08/1994
Expense Ratio <sup>2</sup>	1.70%
Distribution Frequency	Monthly

### Yield Information

as of Apr 30, 2024

Distribution Rate at NAV	5.56%
SEC 30-day Yield <sup>5</sup>	5.76%

# Morningstar Rating™

as of Mar 31, 2024

Time Period	Rating	Funds in High Yield Bond Category
Overall	***	606
3 Years	***	606
5 Years	***	575
10 Years	***	432

The Morningstar Rating™ for funds, or "star rating", is calculated for managed products (including mutual funds and exchange-traded funds) with at least a three-year history. Exchange-traded funds and open-ended mutual funds are considered a single population for comparative purposes. It is calculated based on a Morningstar Risk-Adjusted Return measure that accounts for variation in a managed product's monthly excess performance, placing more emphasis on downward variations and rewarding consistent performance. The top 10% of products in each product category receive 5 stars, the next 22.5% receive 4 stars, the next 35% receive 3 stars, the next 22.5% receive 2 stars, and the bottom 10% receive 1 star.

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# **NAV History**

Date	NAV	NAV Change
May 06, 2024	\$4.17	\$0.00
May 03, 2024	\$4.17	\$0.02
May 02, 2024	\$4.15	\$0.01

Date	NAV	NAV Change
May 01, 2024	\$4.14	\$0.01
Apr 30, 2024	\$4.13	-\$0.01
Apr 29, 2024	\$4.14	\$0.01
Apr 26, 2024	\$4.13	\$0.01
Apr 25, 2024	\$4.12	-\$0.02
Apr 24, 2024	\$4.14	\$0.00
Apr 23, 2024	\$4.14	\$0.02

# Distribution History<sup>6</sup>

Ex-Date	Distribution	Reinvest NAV
Apr 30, 2024	\$0.01881	\$4.13
Mar 28, 2024	\$0.01934	\$4.19
Feb 29, 2024	\$0.01848	\$4.15
Jan 31, 2024	\$0.01799	\$4.17
Dec 29, 2023	\$0.01919	\$4.18
Nov 30, 2023	\$0.01865	\$4.06
Oct 31, 2023	\$0.01821	\$3.93
Sep 29, 2023	\$0.01868	\$4.00
Aug 31, 2023	\$0.01828	\$4.07
Jul 31, 2023	\$0.01741	\$4.08
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# Capital Gain History<sup>6</sup>

Ex-Date Short-Term Long-Term Reinvest NAV

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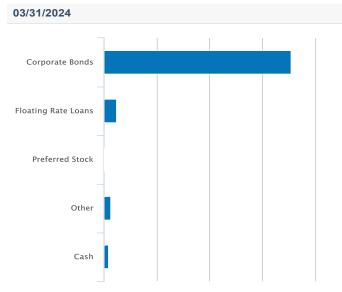
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- 4. The Morningstar High Yield Bond Category includes funds that invest in lower-quality bonds with typically 65% or more in bonds not rated or rated BB or below by one of the major ratings agencies.
- 5. SEC 30-day yield is a standardized measure based on the estimated yield to maturity of a fund's investments over a 30-day period and is based on the maximum offer price at the date specified. The SEC 30-day yield is not based on the distributions made by the fund, which may differ. Distribution Rate at NAV is calculated by dividing the last distribution paid per share (annualized) by NAV. The Fund's monthly distribution may be comprised of ordinary income, net realized capital gains and returns of capital.
- 6. A portion of the Fund's returns may be comprised of return of capital or short term capital gains. The Fund will determine the tax characteristics of all Fund distributions after the end of the calendar year and will provide shareholders such information at that time. Please consult your tax advisor for further information.

## Portfolio

# Asset Mix (%)<sup>3</sup>

as of Mar 31, 2024



Corporate Bonds	88.71
Floating Rate Loans	5.83
Preferred Stock	0.30
Other	3.05
Cash	2.12

### Portfolio Statistics

as of Mar 31, 2024

Number of Issuers	302
Number of Holdings ex cash	500
Average Coupon	6.27%
Average Maturity	5.56 yrs.
Average Effective Maturity	4.60 yrs.
Average Duration	3.28 yrs.
Average Price	\$94.28

# Sector Breakdown (%)<sup>3</sup>

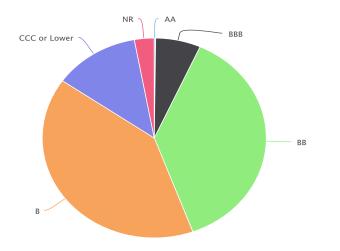
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Healthcare	10.89
Energy	8.82
Services	7.64
Technology	5.72
Super Retail	3.95
Utility	3.87
Homebuilders & Real Estate	3.49
Diversified Financial Services	3.37
Leisure	3.30
Gaming	3.23
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# Credit Quality (%)

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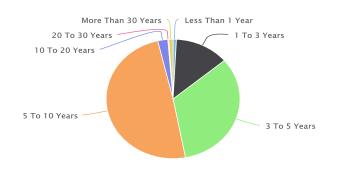
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# Maturity Distribution (%)<sup>3</sup>

as of Mar 31, 2024

03/31/2024



AA	0.20
BBB	6.51
ВВ	37.69
В	40.33
CCC or Lower	12.42
NR	2.86

Credit quality ratings on underlying securities of the fund are provided by S&P, Moody's and Fitch. This breakdown assigns a numeric equivalent to the ratings from the aforementioned agencies and the mean is rounded to the nearest integer and converted to an equivalent S&P major rating category. Ratings, which are subject to change, apply to the creditworthiness of the issuers of the underlying securities and not to the Fund or its shares. Credit ratings measure the quality of an issuance based on the issuer's creditworthiness, with ratings ranging from AAA, being the highest, to D, being the lowest based on S&P's measures. Ratings of BBB or higher by S&P or Fitch (Baa or higher by Moody's) are considered to be investmentgrade quality. Credit ratings are based largely on the ratings agency's analysis at the time of rating. The rating assigned to any particular security is not necessarily a reflection of the issuer's current financial condition and does not necessarily reflect its assessment of the volatility of a security's market value or of the liquidity of an investment in the security. Holdings designated as "Not Rated" are not rated by the national ratings agencies stated above.

Less Than 1 Year	0.81
1 To 3 Years	13.08
3 To 5 Years	33.16
5 To 10 Years	49.26
10 To 20 Years	2.45
20 To 30 Years	0.23
More Than 30 Years	1.01
Total	100.00

# Assets by Country (%)<sup>7,8</sup>

as of Mar 31, 2024

United States	84.54
Canada	5.58
United Kingdom	3.16
Cayman Islands	1.45
France	1.08
Other	4.18

# Fund Holdings<sup>3,9</sup>

as of Mar 31, 2024

Holding	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	% of Net Assets
MSILF GOVERNMENT PORTFOLIO MSILF GOVERNMENT PORTFOLIO	5.22%	12/31/2030	4.98%
Medline Borrower LP	5.25%	10/01/2029	0.78%
New Home Co Inc	9.25%	10/01/2029	0.70%
Truist Insurance Holdings LLC	10.07%	03/08/2032	0.66%
GFL Environmental Inc	4.75%	06/15/2029	0.62%

Holding	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	% of Net Assets
Arsenal AIC Parent LLC	11.50%	10/01/2031	0.61%
AlixPartners, LLP	7.94%	02/04/2028	0.54%
Cloud Software Group Inc	9.00%	09/30/2029	0.54%
Inspire Brands	8.18%	12/15/2027	0.53%
Heartland Dental LLC / Heartland Dental Finance Corp	10.50%	04/30/2028	0.50%
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- 8. Percent of total market value.
- 9. The following list reflects unaudited securities holdings (excluding derivatives positions). Holdings information may differ if presented as of trade date. Due to rounding, holdings of less than 0.005% may show as 0.00%. Portfolio information subject to change due to active management.

### Management



**Kelley Gerrity**Managing Director, Portfolio Manager

#### Biography

Kelley Gerrity is a portfolio manager on the High Yield team. She is responsible for buy and sell decisions, portfolio construction and risk management for the firm's high yield strategies. She joined Eaton Vance in 2005. Morgan Stanley acquired Eaton Vance in March 2021.

Kelley began her career in the investment management industry in 2000. Before joining Eaton Vance, she was the director of high-yield distressed research at Fieldstone Capital Group. Previously, she was associate director of fixed-income research at Scotia Capital Markets, Inc.

Kelley earned a B.A. from Boston College and a certificate in credit analysis from New York University.

#### Education

. B.A. Boston College

#### Experience

• Managed Fund since 2014

#### Other funds managed

- Floating-Rate & High Income Fund
- Income Fund of Boston
- Multi-Asset Credit Fund
- Short Duration High Income Fund



Stephen C. Concannon, CFA
Managing Director, Co-Head of High
Yield
Joined Eaton Vance 2000

## Biography

Stephen Concannon is the Co-Head of High Yield and a portfolio manager on the high yield team. He is responsible for buy and sell decisions, portfolio construction and risk management for the firm's high yield strategies. He joined Eaton Vance in 2000; Morgan Stanley acquired Eaton Vance in March 2021.

Steve began his career in the investment management industry in 1993. Before joining Eaton Vance, he was a research analyst for Wellington Management.

Steve earned a B.A. from Bates College. He is a member of the CFA Society of Boston and is a CFA charterholder.

#### Education

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Jeffrey D. Mueller

Managing Director, Co-Head of Fixed
Income and Co-Head of High Yield
Joined Eaton Vance 2015

#### Biography

Jeffrey Mueller is Co-Head of Fixed Income. In this capacity he, along with his Co-Head, is responsible for managing the seven fixed income investment teams and developing and growing the business. In addition, Jeff is the Co-Head of High Yield and a portfolio manager on the High Yield team. In this capacity he is responsible for buy and sell decisions, portfolio construction, and risk management for the firm's High Yield and Multi-Asset Credit Strategies. He joined Eaton Vance in 2015. Morgan Stanley acquired Eaton Vance in March 2021.

Jeff began his career in the investment management industry in 2004. Before joining Eaton Vance, he was a high-yield portfolio manager with Threadneedle Investments. He was previously affiliated with Centaurus Capital Ltd. and Amaranth Advisors LLC.

Jeff earned a B.B.A. from the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

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