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In the sweet spot with investment grade corporates

Boston - Up almost 13% through September 30, investment grade (IG) corporate bonds measured by the ICE BofAML U.S. Corporate Index have enjoyed their best year-to-date (YTD) total return since the current credit cycle began in 2009. While 2020 is unlikely to bring a repeat of this impressive performance, we believe that the sector continues to offer good value.

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Why investment-grade corporates make sense even as rates move lower

Boston - A flatter U.S. Treasury curve has reduced the yield advantage that intermediate investment-grade (IG) corporate bonds enjoy over bank deposit rates and prompted some investors to wonder whether certificates of deposit (CDs) may now be the better option. For long-term investors, we believe IG corporate bonds are still a more attractive investment. With interest-rate cuts on the horizon, allocating to IG corporate bonds can potentially allow investors to lock in attractive yields while limiting downside risk.

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