US High Yield Fund

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SKY HARBOR GLOBAL FUNDS

Monthly Commentary

Market

After five straight months of positive returns, risk assets hit a speedbump and High Yield turned negative in the month of September. Markets reacted negatively with increased concerns around the global economy as virus cases increased throughout the world. Also weighing heavily on the markets is the contention around the upcoming US elections as well as the decreasing likelihood for the US to pass a second stimulus package. After rising for 4 straight months, Oil took a hit in September with WTI Crude closing the month down $2.39/bbl (or 5.61%) to $40.22/bbl bringing the Energy sector down with it. The US dollar was up 1.89% on the month, and the US Treasury curve was relatively unchanged as the 2-yr Treasury remained at .13% and the 10-yr Treasury yield decreased 2 bps to 0.69%.

Technicals were a headwind in September with funds seeing outflows and we continued to have a heavy supply of new issuance. High Yield mutual funds/ETFs saw outflows of $7.7bn, while loan funds experienced outflows of $1.8bn, as tracked by Lipper and reported by Barclays. High yield new issuance was $45.5bn, as tracked by Barclays, while $27.9bn in bonds were redeemed or upgraded, leaving net supply at $17.6bn. The percentage of the high yield bond market trading at distressed levels (below 70% of par) remained at 4.5%; the comparable figure for the loan market (below 80% of par) decreased to 6.6%. The par-weighted twelve-month high yield bond default rate was unchanged at 7.2% at month-end, per BofA Merrill Lynch, and the loan market par-weighted trailing default rate ended May at a five-year-high of 4.26%, per JP Morgan.

The ICE BofA US High Yield Index returned -1.04% in September while the Credit Suisse Leveraged Loan Index returned 0.69%. The yield-to-worst (YTW) for the high yield index increased 35 bps to 5.70% and spreads increased 34 bps to 535 bps. By rating, the BB, B and CCC bond sub-indices returned -1.42%, -0.90% and 0.43%, respectively. Returns were mixed across sectors for the month with Transportation the top performer, returning 0.37%, while Energy was the bottom performer, posting -4.2%. Across risk types (defined by duration and yield to worst), more speculative securities outperformed while longer duration securities lagged. High yield underperformed investment grade corporate bonds, represented by the ICE BofA US Corporate Index's -0.26% return, but outperformed small cap equities, represented by the Russell 2000's -3.47% return, as well as large cap equities, represented by the S&P 500's -3.92% return.

Strategy

SKY Harbor Global Funds–US High Yield Fund outperformed the benchmark in September. By risk segment, security selection and to a lesser extent allocation were both sources of outperformance. Relative performance was primarily driven by strong selection within Intermediate risk and longer duration parts of the market. Outperformance was slightly reduced by weaker selection within the most speculative securities (yielding >9%). By sector, an underweight to bottom-performing Energy was the primary driver of outperformance slightly offset by weaker selection in Services. By rating, strong selection in Single-Bs and Double-Bs drove outperformance partially offset by weaker selection in Triple-Cs.

The largest positive contributor to returns, Triumph Group 7.75% notes due 2025, was last month's largest bottom contributor, trading up in September on speculation the company is a potential acquisition target. Last month's top contributor, Townsquare Media (TSQ) 6.5% notes due 2023, was down slightly for the month. The largest bottom contributor was Cinemark USA Inc. (CNK) 5.125% notes due 2022, which traded down in September in concert with the challenged theater and entertainment industry following news that Regal cinemas are closing their theaters for the remainder of the year.

Investment Objective

This is an active strategy that seeks to outperform the broad US high yield market over a full market cycle with less volatility through investing across the full maturity spectrum of the US below-investment-grade debt market. The Fund principally invests in a diversified portfolio of high yield debt securities issued by companies domiciled or listed in the US.

Benchmark

ICE BofA US High Yield Index (H0A0)

At least 2/3 of the Fund's debt security holdings will be components of the H0A0 Index, but the Investment Manager may use its discretion to invest in companies or sectors with different weights than the Index or are included in the Index in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities.

Portfolio Management

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Fund Detail

Fund Inception	Apr 05, 2012
Fund AUM	$108.5 mn
Order Cut-off	12:00 CET
Settlement	T+3
Dealing Frequency	Daily
Valuation Frequency	Daily

Statistics on performance, risk measures and portfolio characteristics are presented in share class Fund Factsheets available online at: http://skyharborglobalfunds.com/funds/ushighyield.shtml

Outlook

Investor surveys suggest that credit investors have been most focused on the upcoming election, having shifted from a focus on the timing and pace of an economic recovery. Market volatility around election outcome probabilities will increase and risks are likely to reprice themselves according to how well they are expected to fare with different election outcomes. Our positioning is evolved towards sectors where those risks are either over- or under-discounted.

Our central scenario has not changed. We expect rising default risk in the Energy, Retail, Leisure and potentially Transportation sectors despite an eventual stabilization of coronavirus-related impact to demand over time. Defaults away from these key sectors appear to be rapidly declining as markets are willing to bridge many stressed capital structures to the time when end-market demand is sufficiently robust.

Fiscal and monetary stimulus around the globe appear ready to resize and evolve on an as-needed basis and development of both a coronavirus treatment protocol and a vaccine appear likely. Spread compression is likely to continue as a result. We believe the market has excess return opportunity associated with credit picking given the high level of dispersion in the market and are managing our portfolios with the expectations of improving earnings over the next 12 months.

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