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# Aquila High Income Fund

A “MIDDLE OF THE FAIRWAY” APPROACH  
TO FIXED INCOME INVESTING



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GROUP OF FUNDS



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# Managing Challenging Conditions

If you're a golfer, you know that every course presents challenges. The environment and changing conditions provide numerous risk/reward scenarios to consider. In many respects, investing in today's fixed income environment is very similar.

Market conditions, including higher inflation, rising interest rates, and potential volatility present challenges for financial professionals and investors alike.

## WHAT'S YOUR APPROACH TO FIXED INCOME INVESTING?

For some, investing may entail a broad approach to the fixed income markets. While others, particularly those seeking greater income, may prefer a certain fixed income asset class, such as high-yield corporate bonds.

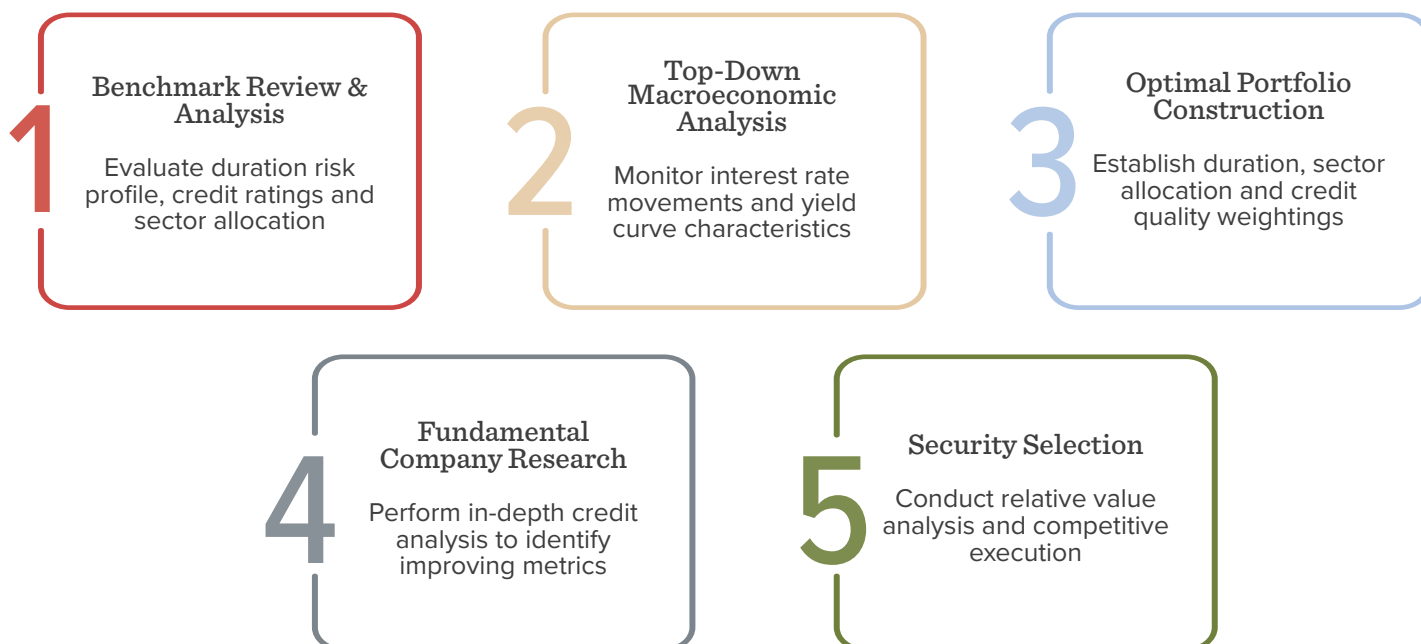
## CONSIDER TAKING A "MIDDLE OF THE FAIRWAY" APPROACH.

Aquila High Income Fund searches the entire high-yield universe—with no restriction on particular sector—for opportunities that offer attractive relative value and risk-adjusted returns.

### Aquila High Income Fund Highlights

- Seeks to deliver high current income and capital appreciation potential
- Invests primarily in high-yield corporate bonds
- Employs an actively managed investment strategy
- Combines a top-down and bottom-up approach
- Conducts in-depth sector and company research

## A Disciplined Investment Process

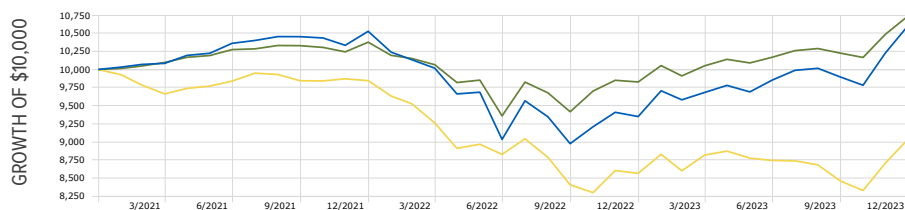


# High-Yield Bonds and the Broader Fixed Income Market: A Comparative View

The information below provides historical returns and associated risk measures for high-yield corporate bonds, as represented by the Bloomberg U.S. Corporate High Yield Bond Index and the broader fixed income market, as represented by the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index over 3-, 5- and 10-year periods ended 12/31/23. It also provides the growth of a hypothetical \$10,000 investment for each period.

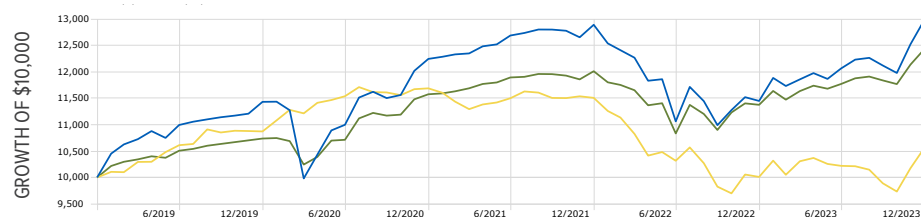
As you can see, high-yield corporate bonds outperformed the broader fixed income market in each time period. In addition to higher returns, risk measures were higher as well. Aquila High Income Fund generated returns and risk measures in between the two—delivering compelling results on a risk-adjusted basis.

## 3 YEARS (ENDING 12/31/2023)<sup>1</sup>



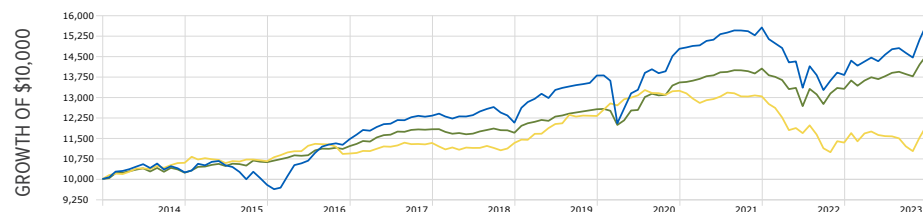
	AVERAGE ANNUAL RETURN	CUMULATIVE RETURN	STANDARD DEVIATION
Bloomberg U.S. Corporate High Yield	1.98%	6.07%	8.36
Aquila High Income Fund (Class Y)	2.41%	7.41%	6.19
Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate	-3.31%	-9.62%	7.24

## 5 YEARS (ENDING 12/31/2023)<sup>1</sup>



	AVERAGE ANNUAL RETURN	CUMULATIVE RETURN	STANDARD DEVIATION
Bloomberg U.S. Corporate High Yield	5.37%	29.88%	9.53
Aquila High Income Fund (Class Y)	4.45%	24.33%	5.79
Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate	1.10%	5.64%	6.16

## 10 YEARS (ENDING 12/31/2023)<sup>1</sup>



	AVERAGE ANNUAL RETURN	CUMULATIVE RETURN	STANDARD DEVIATION
Bloomberg U.S. Corporate High Yield	4.60%	56.74%	7.62
Aquila High Income Fund (Class Y)	3.82%	45.44%	4.43
Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate	1.81%	19.64%	4.76

## EFFECTIVE DURATION<sup>2</sup>

Aquila High Income Fund had a shorter effective duration (in years) relative to high-yield corporate bonds, as represented by the Bloomberg U.S. Corporate High Yield Bond Index and the broader fixed income market, as represented by the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index as of 12/31/23 (see below).

AQUILA HIGH INCOME FUND	BLOOMBERG U.S. CORPORATE HIGH YIELD	BLOOMBERG U.S. AGGREGATE
2.08	3.15	6.24

<sup>1</sup>Source: Morningstar. The charts above represent the growth of a hypothetical \$10,000 investment and are meant for illustrative purposes. Returns shown are net of fees, expenses and applicable sales charges, and assume the reinvestment of dividends and distributions. If such Fund fees, expenses and applicable charges had been deducted, returns would have been lower. Returns for Aquila High Income Fund are represented by Class Y Shares. Please note that other share classes for the Fund are available, and returns for each share class may differ. Past performance does not guarantee future results. Performance of an index does not reflect fees and expenses, which are reflected in Fund performance. An investment cannot be made directly in an index.

<sup>2</sup>Source: Bloomberg Index Services Limited. Effective duration figures are as of 12/31/23. Note: Effective duration for Aquila High Income Funds excludes the portfolio's cash position as of 12/31/23 (including cash holdings, the Fund's effective duration was 2.00). Past performance does not guarantee future results.



## Standardized Returns as of 12/31/23

Aquila High Income Fund	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year	Since Inception	Expense Ratio <sup>3</sup>
Class A at NAV	8.94%	2.17%	4.25%	3.61%	4.37%	1.21%
Class A with MOP	4.52%	0.79%	3.39%	3.19%	4.13%	1.21%
Class C without CDSC	8.08%	1.31%	3.42%	2.79%	3.54%	2.01%
Class C with CDSC	7.08%	-	-	-	-	2.01%
Class I	8.87%	2.00%	4.14%	3.51%	4.37%	1.31%
Class Y	9.29%	2.41%	4.45%	3.82%	4.58%	1.01%
Bloomberg U.S. Corporate High Yield Index	13.44%	1.98%	5.37%	4.60%	6.51%	-
Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index	5.53%	-3.31%	1.10%	1.81%	3.28%	-

Performance data represents past performance, but does not guarantee future results. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate; shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost; current performance may be lower or higher than the data presented. Class A shares have a maximum sales charge of 4.00%; Class C shares have no initial sales charge, but a 1.00% contingent deferred sales charge applies to Class C shares redeemed within 12 months of their purchase date. Class I shares have no initial or contingent deferred sales charge. Class Y shares have no initial or contingent deferred sales charge. Class I and Class Y shares may only be purchased through an investment professional or financial institution. Class MOP returns reflect deduction of the maximum 4.00% sales charge; Class A NAV returns do not reflect deduction of the sales charge and would be lower if that charge were reflected. Class C returns without CDSC do not reflect deduction of the 1% CDSC applicable in the first 12 months; if applied, the CDSC would reduce the performance quoted. An explanation of the share classes appears in the Fund prospectus. Current month-end performance is available at 800-437-1020 or [www.aquilafunds.com](http://www.aquilafunds.com).

<sup>3</sup>The Manager has contractually undertaken to waive fees and/or reimburse expenses of Aquila High Income Fund so that total Fund expenses will not exceed 1.20% for Class A Shares, 2.00% for Class C Shares, 1.30% for Class I Shares and 1.00% for Class Y Shares. These expense limitations are in effect until April 30, 2024.

## Consider a middle of the fairway approach to fixed income investing.

To learn more about Aquila High Income Fund, speak with your financial professional, call 800-437-1020, or visit [www.aquilafunds.com](http://www.aquilafunds.com).

### Important Information:

Standard deviation measures that an investment will fluctuate from its expected return. The smaller an investment's standard deviation, the less volatile it is considered to be. Conversely, the larger the standard deviation, the more volatile the investment.

Effective duration, also known as option-adjusted duration, is a duration calculation for bonds that have embedded options. It takes into account that expected cash flows will fluctuate as interest rates change.

The Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index is a broad-based, unmanaged benchmark that measures the investment grade, U.S. dollar-denominated, fixed-rate taxable bond market. The Bloomberg U.S. Corporate High Yield Index is an unmanaged index considered representative of the universe of U.S. dollar-denominated fixed-rate, non-investment grade debt. Performance of an index does not reflect fees and expenses, which are reflected in Fund performance. An investment cannot be made directly in an index.

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