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# JSS Bond - USD High Yield P USD acc

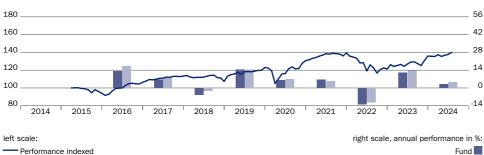
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# **Fund Portrait**

The JSS Bond - USD High Yield aims to deliver the highest total return. To achieve this, the sub-fund invests globally (including in emerging markets) in USD-denominated debt securities with non-investment grade rating. A non-investment grade rating is understood to be a rating lower than BBB- (Standard & Poor's) or Baa3 (Moody's). "Emerging markets" are generally defined as the markets of countries that are developing into modern industrial economies and therefore have high growth potential but also increased risk. The sub-fund may also invest up to 15%, directly or indirectly, in different equity securities such as ordinary and preferred shares.

The Sub-Fund is actively managed without replicating any benchmark. However, the Sub-Fund is managed with reference to Bloomberg U.S. Corporate High Yield 2% Issuer Capped TR Index (the "Benchmark").

### Net Performance (in USD) as of 31.07.2024



Fund

Benchmark (BM): Bloomberg Barclays US Corporate High Yield 2% Issuer Capped TR Index

	1 Month	3 Months	YTD	1 year	3 years p.a.	5 years p.a. 10	years p.a.
Fund	1.69%	3.43%	3.07%	8.44%	0.49%	3.41%	n.a.
BM	1.94%	4.04%	4.58%	11.04%	2.17%	4.19%	n.a.

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	Since Inception
Fund	12.08%	-12.91%	6.51%	6.24%	14.55%	40.11%
BM	13.44%	-11.18%	5.26%	7.05%	14.32%	56.00%

Past performance does not guarantee future returns. The performance shown does not take account of any commissions and costs charged when subscribing and redeeming units.

BB and Higher Rated

CCC+ and Lower Rated

Equity Exposure

Cash and Other

B Rated

#### **Top Ten Holdings**

4.65%

3.91%

Ford Motor Co.	2.30%
Charter Communications, Inc.	1.84%
Hub International Ltd.	1.57%
TransDigm, Inc.	1.41%
Garda World Security Corp.	1.17%

39.00%

**Portfolio Allocation & Ratings Breakdown** 

28.39%

24.04%

CSC Holdings LLC	1.16%
EQM Midstream Partners, LP	1.13%
Mozart Debt Merger Sub, Inc.	1.08%
Allied Universal Holdco LLC	1.06%
BC Unltd. Liability Co./New Red Finance	1.04%

Top 10 positions: 13.76%

Top 10 Industry Exposure	
12.22%	Technology
7.56%	Insurance - P&C
6.77%	Cable & SatellBroadcast.
6.37%	Automotive
4.91%	Packaging
4.89%	Oil & Gas Midstream
4.88%	Gaming
4.37%	Health Care
4.29%	Consumer Cyclical Services
43.74%	Other

**Risk and reward profile** 

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-	lower risk	higher risk
	typically lower rewards	typically higher rewards

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The risk and reward category shown is based on historical data and can not be used as a reliable indicator of the future risk profile of the fund. The classification of the fund may change over time and is not a guarantee.

#### Fund Overview

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Net asset value per shar	re 140.11
Fund size in millions	172.07
Investment company	J. Safra Sarasin Fund
М	anagement (Luxembourg) S.A.
Depositary	CACEIS Investor Service
	Bank S.A., Luxembourg
Portfolio management	Federated Investment
	Counseling, Pittsburgh US
Portfolio manager	Mark Durbiano
Domicile of fund	Luxembourg
ISIN code	LU1184840020
Swiss SecNo.	27 025 204
Bloomberg	SAUHYPA LX
Launch date Share class	31 March 2015
Launch date Sub-Fund	31 March 2015
End of fiscal year	June
Ongoing charges*	1.72%
Management fee	1.40%
Reference currency	USD
Dividend payment	none (reinvesting)
Sales fee	max. 3.00%
Exit charge	0.0%
Legal structure	SICAV
Benchmark (BM) Bloo	mberg Barclays US Corporate
High Yie	ld 2% Issuer Capped TR Index
SFDR classification	Article 6

\*The costs of managing the sub-fund are calculated quarterly in arrears and may vary. Detailed information on these costs and any additional costs can be found in the Sales Prospectus / KID.

### Settlement Details

Subscriptions/Redemptions	daily
Notice Period subs/reds	n.a.
Settlement subs / reds	T+2 / T+3
Order cut-off (CET)	12:00
Swing Pricing	yes
Min. Initial Investment	n.a.

Statistical Ratios	Fund	Benchmark
Volatility	9.01%	8.45%
Beta	1.06	n.a.
Sharpe Ratio	-0.30	-0.12
Information Ratio	-1.34	n.a.
Tracking Error	1.25%	n.a.
Yield to Worst	7.10%	n.a.

The statistical ratios are calculated on the basis of the previous months (36 months, basis USD). Riskfree interest rate: 3.19%

#### **Bonds Portfolio Ratios**

Average Rating	В
Modified Duration	3.70
Yield to Worst	7.10%





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### Review

The high yield bond market returned 1.94% in July, with the wirelines, office REITs, and cable satellite sectors generating the strongest returns. By credit rating, the BB-rated sector returned 1.55%, the B-rated sector returned 1.77%, and the CCC-rated sector returned 3.64% for the month. Corporate credit quality remains solid, but higher interest rates and persistently high inflation are pressuring some balance sheets. According to JP Morgan, the LTM par-weighted US high-yield default rate including distressed exchanges decreased to 1.78%, which is an 18-month low. Excluding distressed exchanges, the default rate was 1.16%, compared to the long-term average of 3.40%. The high-yield distressed ratio (bonds trading less than 70% of par value), a leading indicator of defaults, was 5.10% of the index.

# Outlook

Over the past month, the outlook for the US economy has significantly weakened as investors are now questioning whether the US Federal Reserve has made a policy mistake by keeping rates restrictive for too long. Almost overnight, due mostly to a soft jobs report and PMI survey, consensus has changed from soft-/ no-landing to a much higher likelihood of recession. Markets are now pricing in several rate cuts starting at the next Fed meeting in September, if not sooner. Credit spreads have widened as risk markets have traded off, but are still below historic medians. We are closely monitoring high yield issuers' earnings, free cash flow, and commentary, as well as overall economic conditions, to gauge any potential change in outlook. It is also worth noting that the US presidential election is less than three months away.

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