

## Hartford High Yield Fund

**Tickers** A: HAHAX C: HAHCX F: HAHFX I: HAHIX R3: HAHRX R4: HAHSX R5: HAHTX R6: HAHVX Y: HAHYX

**Morningstar® Category** High Yield Bond **Inception Date** 9/30/98

### Market Overview

Global fixed-income markets generated positive total returns during the first quarter, as measured by the Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index hedged to US dollars (USD). Trade tensions and monetary-policy divergence drove market volatility and an increasingly clouded economic outlook. Most fixed-income sectors underperformed government bonds as spreads widened amid an expected deteriorating growth/inflation tradeoff. The USD depreciated vs. most currencies following the US administration's policies aimed at reducing the trade deficit.

### Performance Summary

- Hartford High Yield Fund (I Share) underperformed Bloomberg US Corporate High Yield Bond Index during the quarter
- In aggregate, sector allocation had a negative impact on relative performance during the quarter. An overweight to the packaging sector and to technology detracted from relative results. In contrast, an underweight to the transportation sector and to consumer products contributed to relative results.
- In aggregate, security selection had a negative impact on relative performance during the quarter. From a sector perspective, the largest detractors were security selection within packaging and the cable and satellite industries. In contrast, the largest positive contributors were security selection within diversified manufacturing and energy.

### Positioning & Outlook

- From a valuation perspective, high-yield credit spreads are below median levels despite recent widening, although absolute yield levels continue to remain attractive. More cyclical sectors and subordinated structures offer limited compensation for the increased risk.
- We advocate for a modestly defensive risk profile, primarily due to valuations. We're anticipating further bouts of volatility driving increased dispersion as evidenced by the tariff-policy announcements in April. Depending on the source of spread widening, we may seek to tactically increase risk to take advantage of more attractive valuations. High-yield defaults continue to trend lower and remain below historical median levels. Going forward, we expect defaults to be in the 2-3% range. We believe security-selection will take on increased importance moving forward, and are particularly focused on issuers' ability to pass on higher costs. The starting points of strong earnings and interest coverage provide ample cushion for deterioration, in our view. Still, we prefer to stick to more stable credit profiles and are wary of the high rate of growth and weaker underwriting standards of deals financed in the private credit market which could portend rising future defaults.
- At the end of the period, the Fund's largest industry overweights were to technology and energy. The largest industry underweights were to transportation and utilities.

#### Portfolio managers from Wellington Management and years of experience

Michael V. Barry, 23 years

#### Top Ten Holdings (%)

CCO Holdings LLC/CCO Holdings Capital Corp.	2.84
Medline Borrower LP	1.43
HUB International Ltd.	1.41
Buckeye Partners LP	1.37
CSC Holdings LLC	1.30
Fortress Intermediate 3, Inc.	1.19
Clear Channel Outdoor Holdings, Inc.	1.17
Clydesdale Acquisition Holdings, Inc.	1.16
Caesars Entertainment, Inc.	1.13
Level 3 Financing, Inc.	1.09
<b>Percentage Of Portfolio</b>	<b>14.09</b>

Holdings and characteristics are subject to change. Percentages may be rounded.

## Average Annual Total Returns (%)

Class	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	SI	Expenses <sup>1</sup>	
								Gross	Net
A	0.30	0.30	5.51	3.93	6.37	4.10	5.16	1.00%	0.95%
A with 4.5% Max Sales Charge	—	—	0.76	2.35	5.39	3.62	4.98	—	—
F	0.38	0.38	5.99	4.33	6.76	4.47	5.40	0.59%	0.55%
I	0.35	0.35	5.68	4.14	6.61	4.37	5.36	0.71%	0.69%
R3	0.22	0.22	5.18	3.59	5.99	3.77	5.08	1.30%	1.27%
R4	0.29	0.29	5.49	3.91	6.35	4.10	5.30	1.00%	0.97%
R5	0.35	0.35	5.88	4.24	6.69	4.42	5.51	0.70%	0.67%
R6	0.37	0.37	5.99	4.32	6.68	4.40	5.53	0.59%	0.55%
Y	0.49	0.49	5.89	4.25	6.61	4.37	5.52	0.69%	0.66%
Benchmark	1.00	1.00	7.69	4.98	7.29	5.01	—	—	—
Morningstar Category	0.82	0.82	6.72	4.41	6.80	4.20	—	—	—

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Share Class Inception: A, Y - 9/30/98; F - 2/28/17; I - 5/31/07; R3, R4, R5 - 12/22/06; R6 - 3/1/21. Performance shown prior to the inception of a class reflects performance and operating expenses of another class(es) (excluding sales charges, if applicable). Had fees and expenses of a class been reflected for the periods prior to the inception of that class, performance would be different. Since inception (SI) performance is from 9/30/98. Performance and expenses for other share classes will vary. Additional information is in the prospectus. Only Class A assesses a sales charge. Performance for periods of less than one year is not annualized.

Benchmark: Bloomberg US Corporate High-Yield Bond Index is an unmanaged broad-based market-value-weighted index that tracks the total return performance of non-investment grade, fixed-rate, publicly placed, dollar denominated and nonconvertible debt registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Indices are unmanaged and not available for direct investment.

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<sup>1</sup>Expenses are from the Fund's most recent prospectus at the time of publication. Gross expenses do not reflect contractual expense reimbursement arrangements. Net expenses reflect such arrangements in instances when they reduce gross expenses. These arrangements remain in effect until 2/28/26 unless the Fund's Board of Directors approves an earlier termination. Without these arrangements, performance would have been lower.

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