

## The MacKay Advantage

### MACKAY SHIELDS

- \$158 Billion AUM<sup>1</sup>
- Experienced boutique investment teams
- Specialty fixed income expertise across global fixed income markets including municipal bonds, structured credit, corporate credit and emerging markets debt
- Acquired by New York Life Insurance Company in 1984

## About EMD High Yield Corporate Debt

- \$1.6 Billion AUM
- Strategy inception date—October 1, 2023

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## Emerging Market High Yield Corporate Debt

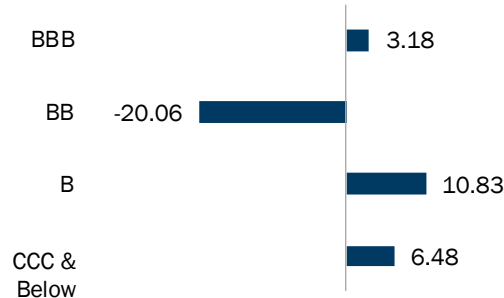
Emerging Market High Yield Corporate Debt strategy seeks to achieve income and total return by investing primarily in High Yield corporate debt securities from emerging markets offering relatively attractive current market yields after adjusting for pertinent risks. The strategy is a total return EMD investment strategy positioned to outperform the ICE BOFA High Yield Emerging Markets Corporate universe. The investment team employs a research-driven, relative value process focused on regional selection, country selection, sector selection, security selection and yield curve positioning while also considering the portfolio's overall duration positioning.

## MacKay Shields Representative Account Characteristics | As of March 31, 2026

### PORTFOLIO STATISTICS

	Portfolio	Index	Difference
YIELD TO WORST	10.73	7.87	2.86
OPTION ADJUSTED SPREAD	697	389	308
EFFECTIVE DURATION	3.76	3.98	-0.22
DURATION TIMES SPREAD	17.95	14.86	3.09
COUPON RATE	7.85	6.92	0.94
CURRENT YIELD	8.28	7.30	0.98
YEARS TO MATURITY	6.53	6.48	0.05
BLOOMBERG CREDIT RATING	B1	BA3	—
NUMBER OF ISSUERS	96	369	—
# OF SECURITIES	126	589	—

### % OVERWEIGHTS AND UNDERWEIGHTS BY RATING<sup>2</sup>



### REGIONAL EXPOSURE

	MacKay Shield Representative Account	
	Active CTD	Active YTM
AMERICAS	-0.32	-0.08
ASIA PACIFIC	-0.19	-0.32
EUROPE	0.07	1.77
MIDDLE EAST/AFRICA	0.23	1.42

1. As of March 31, 2026

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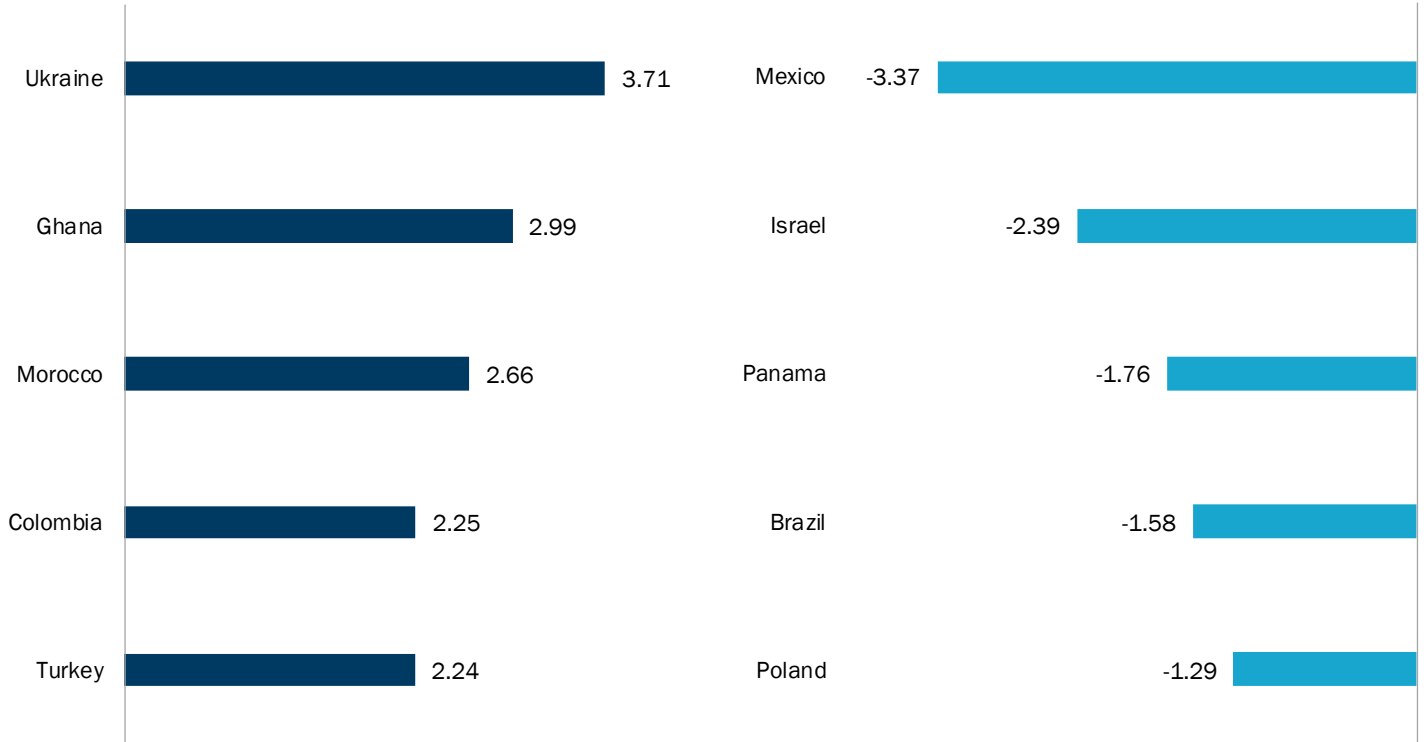
1. Index = ICE BOFA High Yield Emerging Markets Corporate Plus Index

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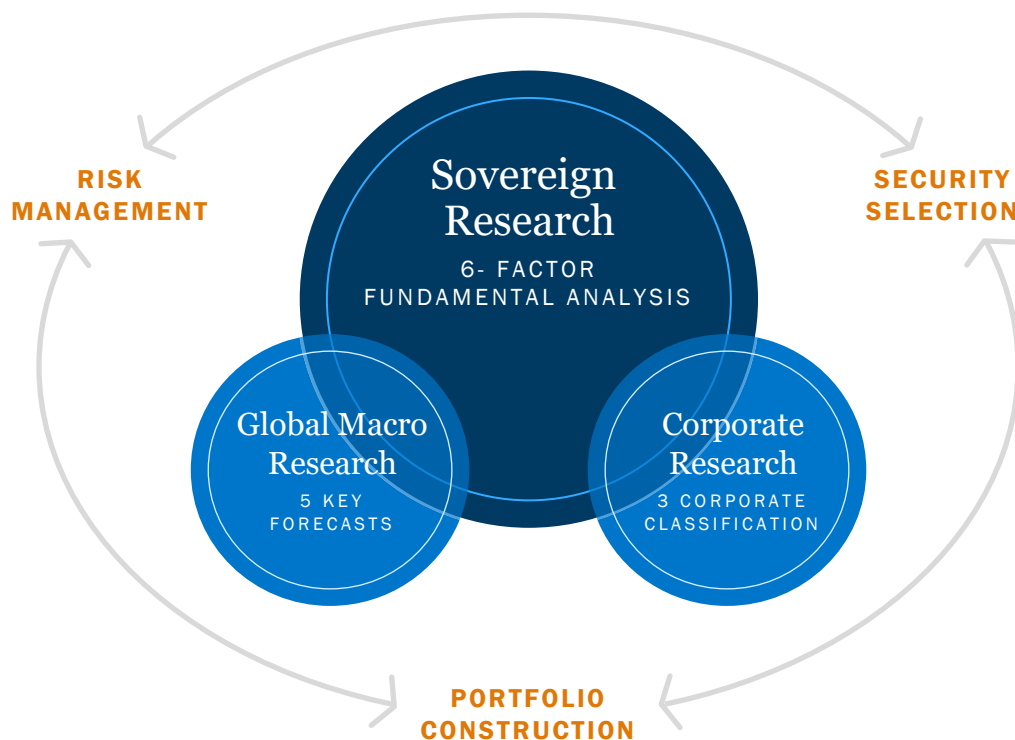
## MacKay Shields Representative Account Characteristics (Cont'd) | As of March 31, 2026

### ACTIVE COUNTRY WEIGHT



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## Team Process Overview



Led management of ~\$4 billion across Emerging Market Debt sovereigns and corporates prior to joining MacKay

**Inclusivity, diversity of thought** fostered by varied skills and backgrounds

**Collaboration and alignment** with the Global Credit Team

### A DIVERSE, EXPERIENCED AND CLOSE-KNIT EMERGING MARKET DEBT TEAM<sup>1</sup>



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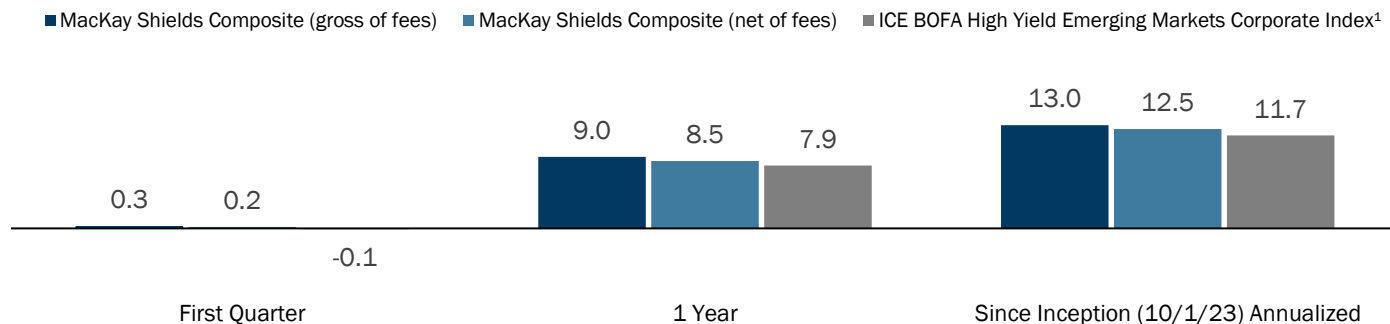
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### Composite Returns (%)

Period Ending March 31, 2026



### Composite Disclosures

Period	MacKay Shields Composite Gross	MacKay Shields Composite Net	ICE BOFA High Yield Emerging Markets Corporate Index¹	Composite 3-Yr St Dev	Benchmark¹ 3-Yr St Dev	No. of Accts.	Composite Assets (\$Mil)	Firm Assets (\$Mil)	Internal Dispersion (%)
	Returns (%)	Returns (%)	Returns (%)	(%)	(%)				
2026 (Thru 3/31)	0.3	0.2	-0.1	N/A	N/A	≤5	44	157,944	N/A
2025	12.0	11.5	10.8	N/A	N/A	≤5	42	158,884	0.0
2024	13.5	12.9	11.9	N/A	N/A	≤5	37	150,568	0.0
2023 (Since 10/1)	6.5	6.4	6.5	N/A	N/A	≤5	17	139,163	N/A

#### 1. ICE BOFA High Yield Emerging Markets Corporate Plus Index

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