

HYHG

# Quarterly Performance Review As of 3/31/24

## ProShares High Yield—Interest Rate Hedged

### Market overview

During the first quarter, interest rates increased across the yield curve, reversing course from the prior quarter. While the year-over-year downward trend in inflation remained in place, the futures market signaled three 2024 rate cuts at first-quarter end, down from six rate cuts that were priced in at the beginning of the year. At the March FOMC meeting, the Federal Reserve slightly increased its projections of near-term inflation and longer-run policy rates, recognizing that current economic data may warrant extending restrictive policy. Accordingly, the 2-year Treasury yield increased by 37 bps during the quarter, and the 10-year yield increased by 32 bps, reversing about half of the previous quarter's decrease. The Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index posted losses of 0.8% while the Bloomberg U.S. Corporate Bond Index declined only 0.4% during the period. The rally in high-yield corporate bonds continued, with high-yield credit spreads narrowing by 24 bps. The U.S. high-yield bond market outperformed higher-quality bonds by 1.9%, returning 1.5% as measured by the Bloomberg U.S. Corporate High Yield Bond Index.

### Performance

HYHG increased by 2.9% during the first quarter based on NAV, outperforming the U.S. high-yield bond market by 1.4%. Credit spread narrowing positively impacted HYHG's performance during the quarter, and the embedded interest rate hedge helped shield the strategy from changes in rates.

**Morningstar  
Overall Rating**



Overall Morningstar Rating out of 278 Nontraditional Bond funds based on risk adjusted returns as of 03/31/24.

Fund performance and index history <sup>1</sup>	1Q 2024	YTD	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year	Fund Inception 5/21/13
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HYHG NAV Total Return	2.89%	2.89%	14.77%	6.31%	5.14%	3.42%	3.54%
HYHG Market Price Total Return	2.71%	2.71%	14.17%	6.07%	5.07%	3.36%	3.53%
FTSE High Yield (Treasury Rate-Hedged) Index	3.24%	3.24%	15.59%	6.76%	5.55%	4.15%	4.29%
Bloomberg U.S. Corporate High Yield Bond Index	1.47%	1.47%	11.15%	2.20%	4.20%	4.44%	4.55%

Sources: ProShares and Morningstar.  
Periods greater than one year are annualized.

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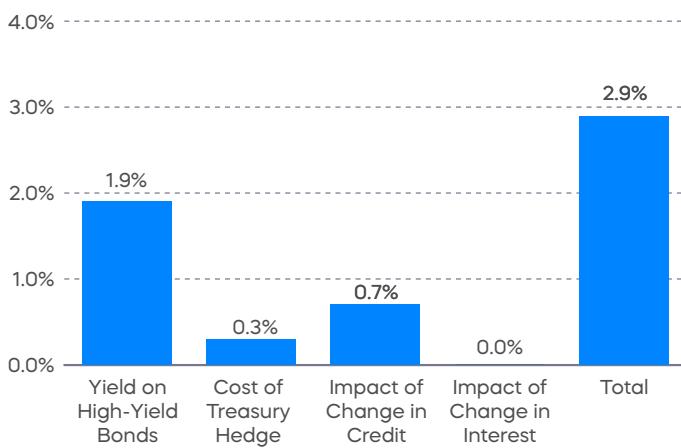
Sources: FactSet, Bloomberg. All attribution numbers above are estimated and are not exact. HYHG's total operating expenses are 0.50%. As of 3/31/24, HYHG's 30-day SEC yield was 7.26%. "30-day SEC yield" is a standard yield calculation developed by the Securities and Exchange Commission that allows investors to more fairly compare funds. <sup>1</sup>Market returns are based on the composite closing price and do not represent the returns you would receive if you traded shares at other times. The first trading date is typically several days after the fund inception date. Therefore, NAV is used to calculate market returns prior to the first trading date.

## Performance attribution

The strategy consists of a portfolio of diversified high-yield bonds, combined with short positions in Treasury futures that are designed to offset the interest rate risk inherent in high-yield bonds. The strategy's performance can be broken into these components: 1) high-yield bond yields, 2) the cost of the Treasury hedge, 3) the impact of credit spread changes, and 4) the impact of interest rate changes.

During the quarter, HYHG's bond portfolio yielded approximately 1.9%, while the Treasury hedge gained roughly 0.3%. The strategy had gains of approximately 0.7% from credit spread narrowing. Because of the interest rate hedge constructed within the portfolio, the strategy experienced approximately zero impact from interest rate movements during the quarter.

## 1st Quarter 2024 HYHG Contribution Analysis



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High-yield bonds may involve greater levels of credit, liquidity and valuation risk than higher-rated instruments. High-yield bonds are more volatile than investment-grade securities, and they involve a greater risk of loss (including loss of principal) from missed payments, defaults or downgrades because of their speculative nature.

Short positions in a security lose value as that security's price increases.

The fund concentrates its investments in certain sectors. Narrowly focused investments typically exhibit higher volatility.

The index does not attempt to mitigate factors other than rising rates that impact the price and yield of corporate bonds, such as changes to the market's perceived underlying credit risk of the corporate entity.

HYHG seeks to hedge high-yield bonds against the potential negative impact of rising Treasury interest rates by taking short positions in U.S. Treasury futures. The short positions are not intended to mitigate credit risk or other factors influencing the price of the bonds, which may have a greater impact than rising or falling interest rates. No hedge is perfect, and there is no guarantee the short positions will completely eliminate interest rate risk. Investors may be better off in a long-only high-yield investment when interest rates fall than investing in HYHG, where hedging may limit potential gains or increase losses. Performance could be particularly poor during risk-averse, flight-to-quality environments, when high-yield bonds commonly decline in value. HYHG may be more volatile than long-only high-yield bond investments. HYHG may contain a significant allocation to callable high-yield bonds, which are subject to prepayment and other risks that could result in losses for the fund. There is no guarantee the fund will have positive returns.

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