

#### ALLIANCEBERNSTEIN—GLOBAL HIGH YIELD PORTFOLIO

# **Equity-Like Returns with Half the Risk?**

Investors often think of high-yield bonds as simply another component within a fixed-income allocation. But strong risk-adjusted return potential and a low correlation to other investments may argue for giving high yield its own seat at the asset-allocation table.





Historical analysis is not a guarantee of future results.

As of 31 December 2013

US High Yield is represented by the Barclays US High Yield Bond Index. Source: Barclays, Bloomberg and AllianceBernstein

The two asset classes can't be compared over a longer time frame because earlier highyield index returns don't exist, but the annualized return for stocks is roughly on par with performance dating back to 1927, so these performance patterns appear to be fairly consistent over time. Investors' typical approach to moderating equity volatility is to reallocate assets to the greater stability of investment-grade bonds, or even cash. But this can exact a heavy cost in sacrificed return potential. High-yield bonds, on the other hand, can reduce risk without sacrificing much return.

Over the past three decades high-yield bonds have nearly matched equity performance. And they've done it with much lower volatility (*Display*).<sup>1</sup>

High yield's strong risk-adjusted return potential and complementary nature to both stocks and investment-grade bonds argue for a different perspective. Instead of stereotyping high-yield bonds because they "look like bonds," our research suggests that investors should consider high-yield bonds as a worthy replacement for part of a portfolio's equity exposure—or even as a stand-alone allocation distinct from stocks and bonds. In our view, the AllianceBernstein—Global High Yield Portfolio represents an effective solution.

Performance Summary* (Class A Shares)	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inception
Global High Yield Portfolio	5.09	6.98	17.86	8.22	6.33
Lipper Global: Bond Global High Yield	7.29	7.45	14.99	6.64	6.02
Lipper Rank	68/93	39/57	3/40	2/25	2/5

### Recognition for AllianceBernstein and the Global High Yield Portfolio

#### Europe: Lipper Fund Awards 2014

- Best Global High Yield Bond Fund
  - Over 10 years: Austria, Europe, France, Germany, Netherlands, Switzerland, United Kingdom

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## Asia:

#### **Lipper Fund Awards 2013**

- Best Global High Yield Bond FundOver 5 years: Singapore
- Best Global Bond Fund hedged to Yen
  - Over 3 years: Japan
- Best Bond Group: Japan

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Portfolio Inception Date (Class A):

22 September 1997

Subscription/Redemption: Daily

ISIN (Class A): LU0081336892

Base Currency: US dollar

**Currency-Hedged Share Classes:** Australian dollar, British pound, Canadian dollar, euro, Hong Kong dollar, New Zealand dollar, Reminbi, Singapore dollar, South African rand

**Order Placement Cutoff Time:** 4:00 p.m. US Eastern Time; 6:00 p.m. Central European Time (for hedged share classes)

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\*As of 31 December 2013

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