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**Charts for the Latest Bond Market Insights and Analytics  
Q4 2019**

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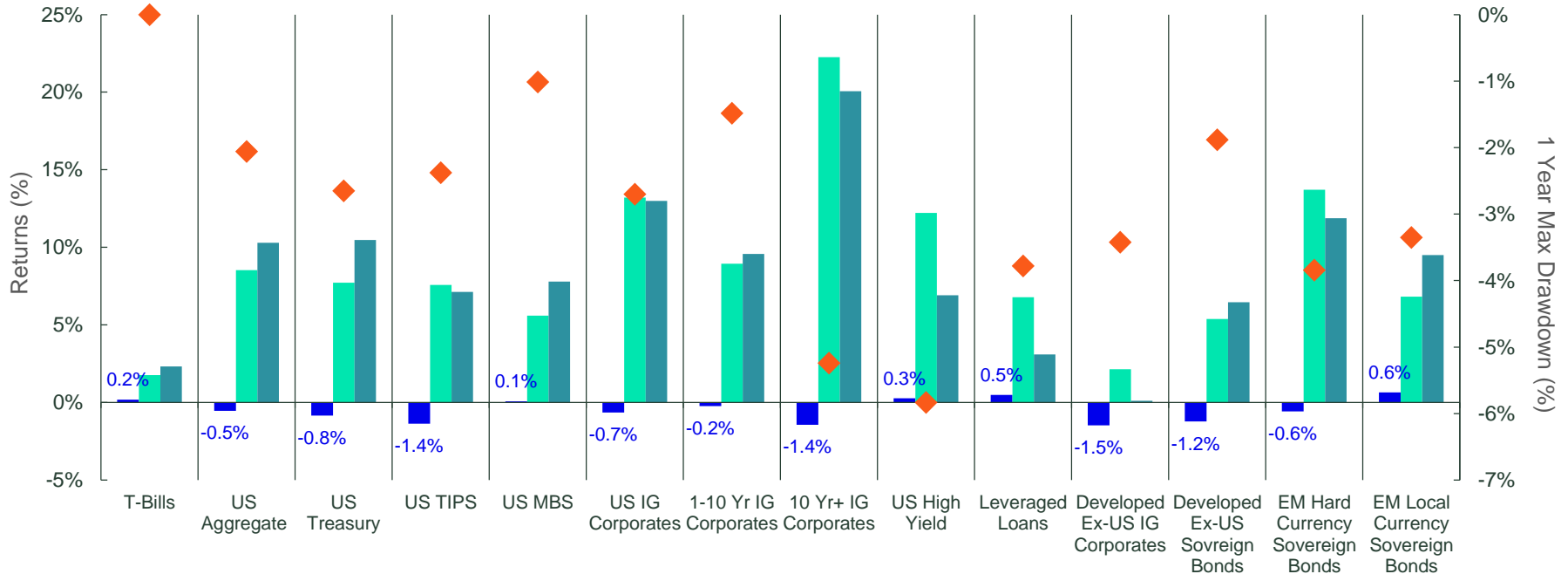
# Bond Market Performance

With interest rates rising modestly, rate sensitive sectors posted losses in September. Below investment grade credit gained, however.

## Bond Sector Performance

■ September ■ YTD ■ 1 Year ◆ 1 Year Max Drawdown

Long-term IG Corporates have had the best returns year to date and over the past year, but it has come with drawdowns similar to US High Yield



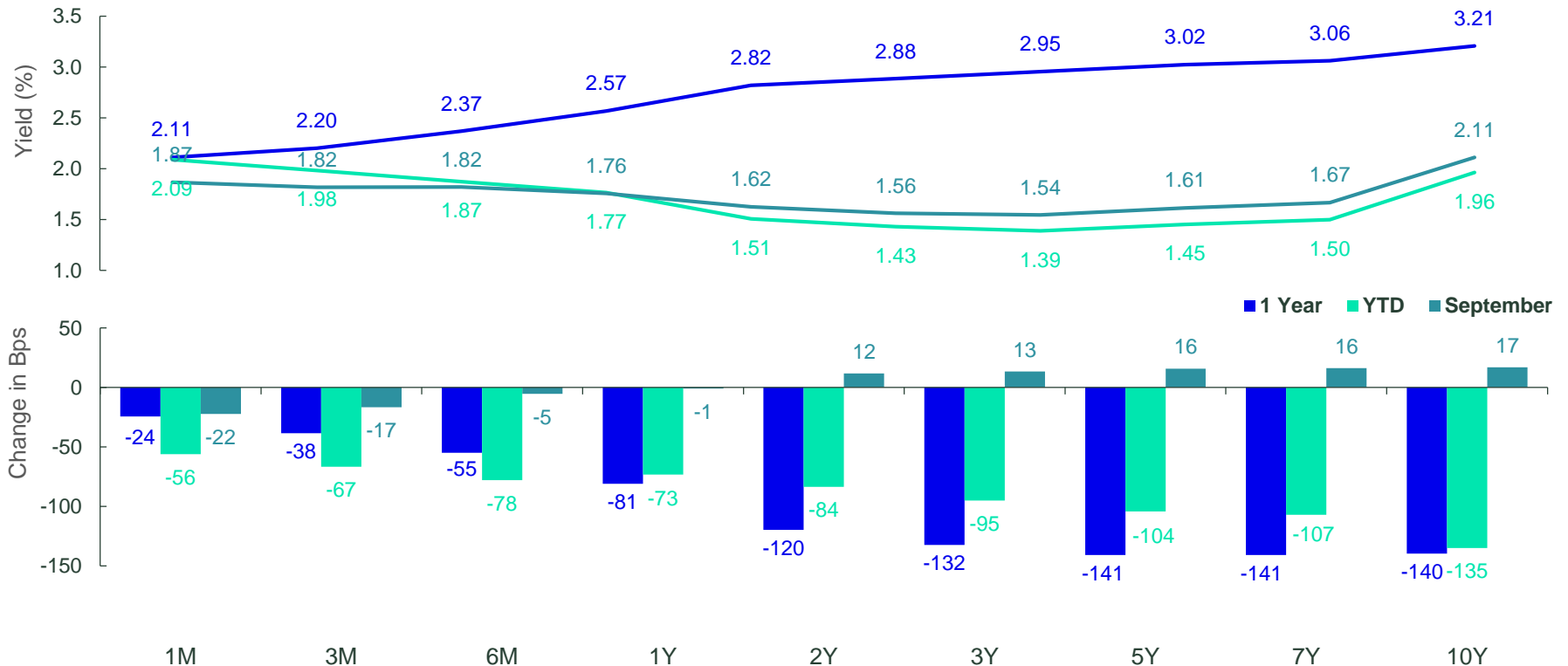
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# Yield Curve

The yield curve steepened in September, as the geopolitical unrest that pushed yields to three year lows in August slightly abated and the Fed cut short term rates.

US Treasury Curve

US Treasury Active: 9/30/2018 8/30/2019 9/30/2019

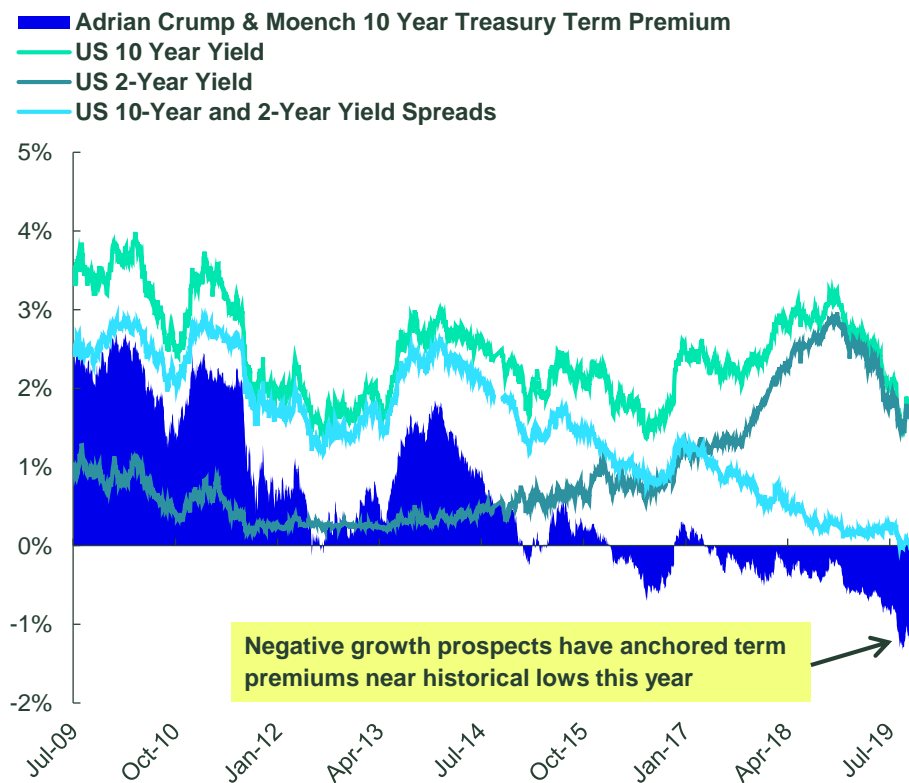


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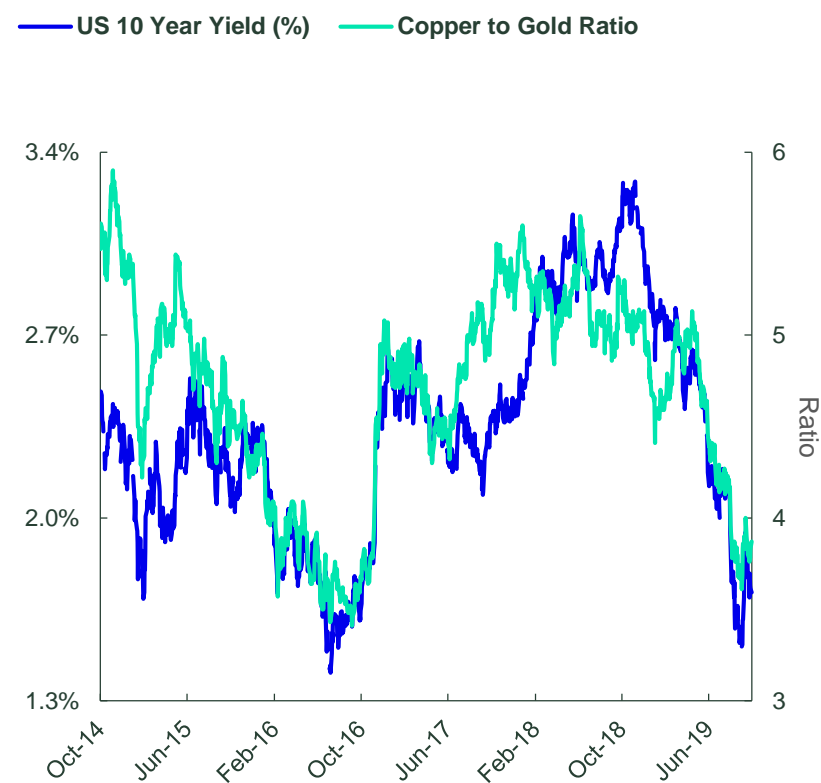
# Yield Curve (continued)

While the yield curve steepened in September, it still remains flat as the long end remains constrained by slow growth dynamics.

US Treasury Curve (10-and-2 Year Spreads) and Term Premium



US 10 Year Yield versus the Copper to Gold Ratio

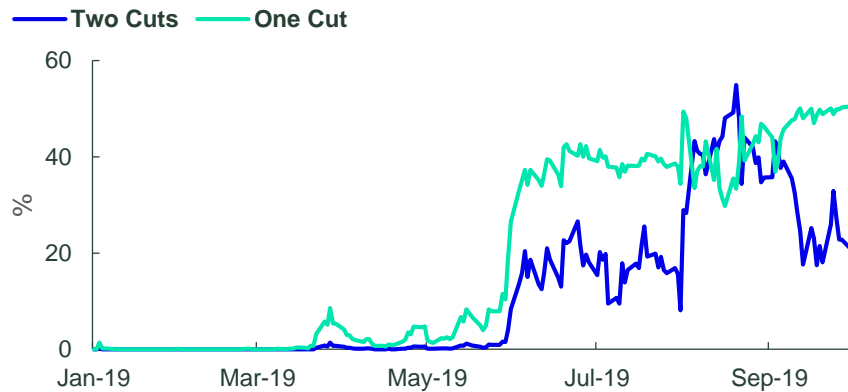


Source: Bloomberg Finance, L.P. As of September 30, 2019. **Past performance is not a guarantee of future results.** The term premium is the excess yield that investors require to commit to holding a long-term bond instead of a series of shorter-term bonds. The copper-to-gold ratio indicates the potential of economic growth as gold is more of a defensive asset while copper is more cyclical.

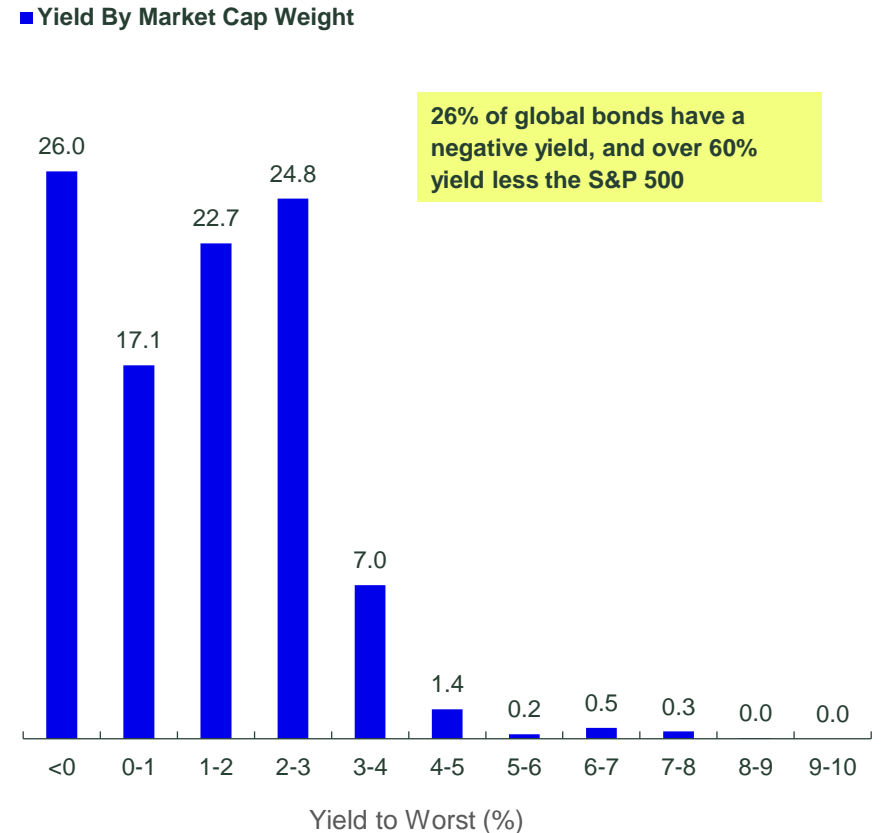
# Low Rates & Rate Uncertainty

Global rates are low and both the market as well as policy makers lack consensus on the path for short term US rates for the remainder of 2019.

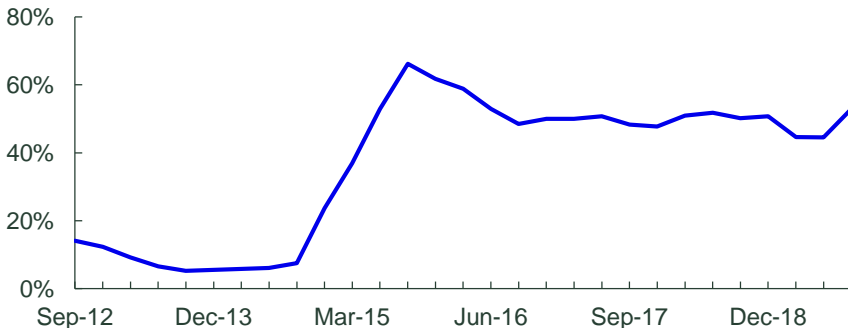
Market Implied Probability of Fed Actions by the end of 2019



Bloomberg Barclays Global Agg Index Allocation by Yield (%)



% of Fed Members with Different 2019 Policy Rate Projections than the Majority



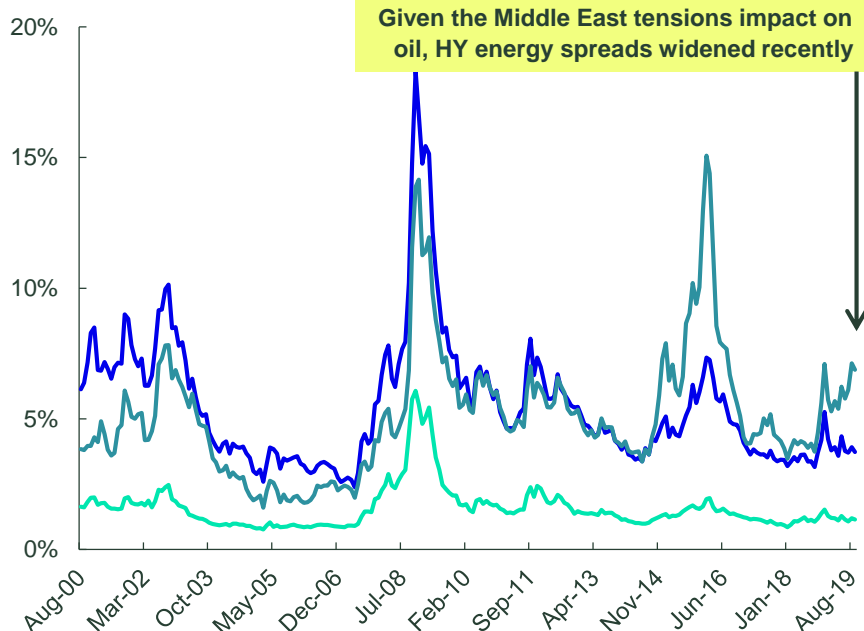
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# Credit Trends

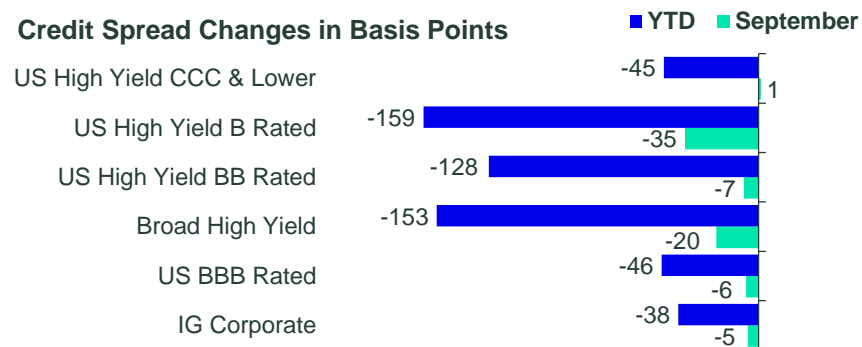
The dovish tone among global central banks drove risk-on sentiment in credit markets, with high yield spreads tightening further below long-term averages.

## Credit Spreads

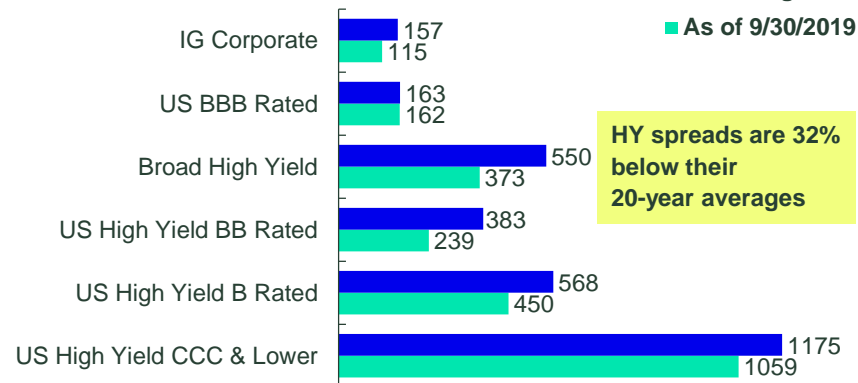
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## Credit Spread Changes in Basis Points



## Credit Spread Current vs. 20-Yr Averages



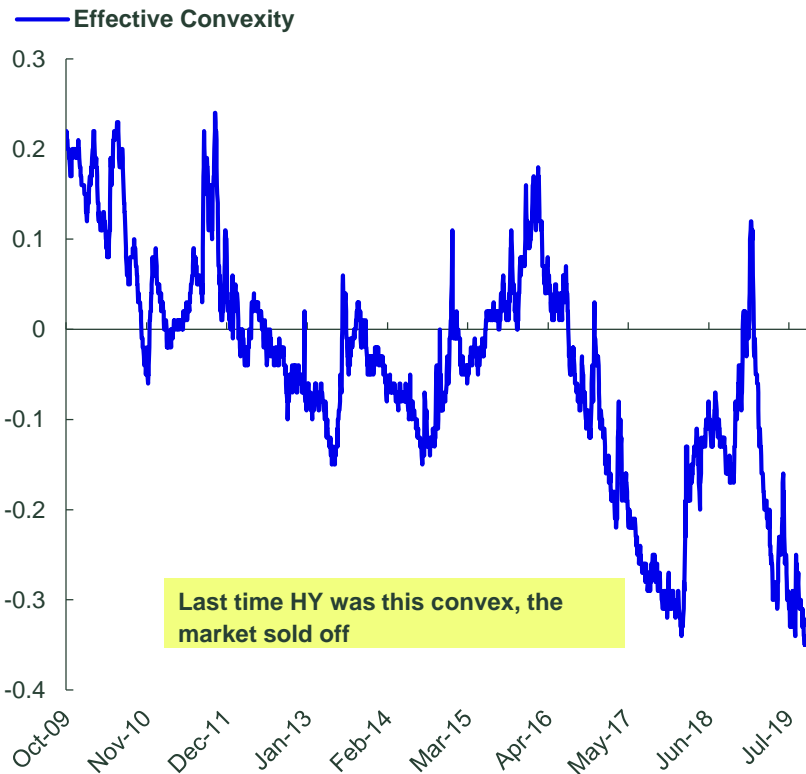
**HY spreads are 32% below their 20-year averages**

Source: Bloomberg Finance, L.P. BofA Merrill Lynch, As of September 30, 2019. US High Yield CCC & Lower = BofA ML US High Yield CCC & Lower Rated Index. US High Yield B Rated = BofAML US High Yield B Rated Index. BBB Rated = BofA ML US Investment Grade BBB Rated Index. Broad high yield = Bloomberg Barclays US Corporate High Yield Index. IG Corporate = Bloomberg Barclays US Corporate Index. **Past performance is not a guarantee of future results.**

# Credit Trends (Continued)

Due to the sizeable spread compression for fixed rate high yield, it now trades at the most negatively convex level ever. Loans, however, yield more than fixed rate HY.

High Yield Bond Convexity



Yields on High Yield versus Loans

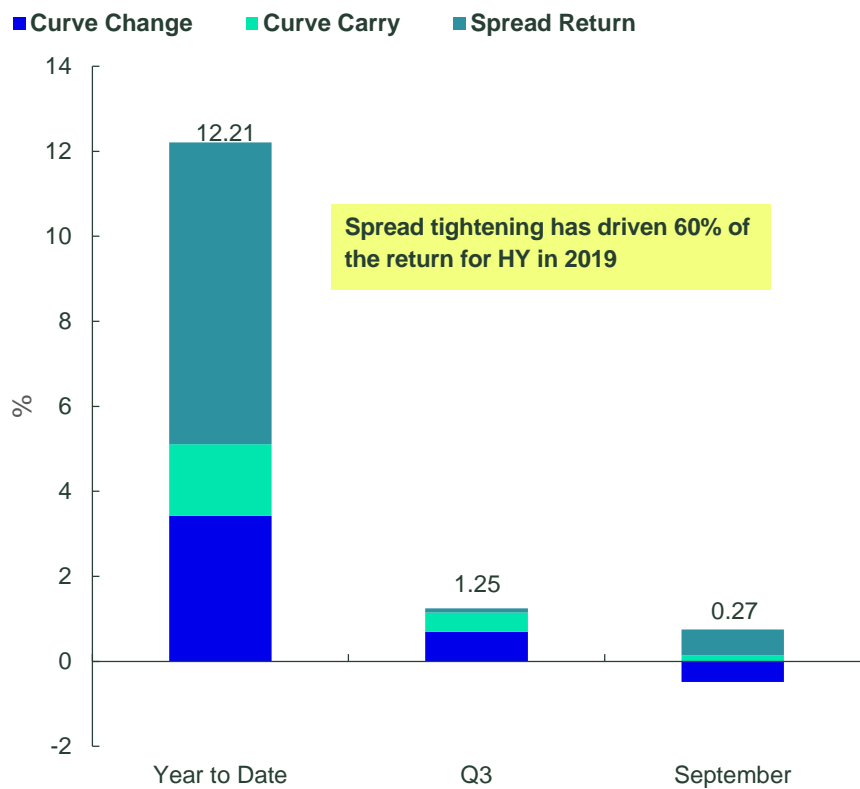


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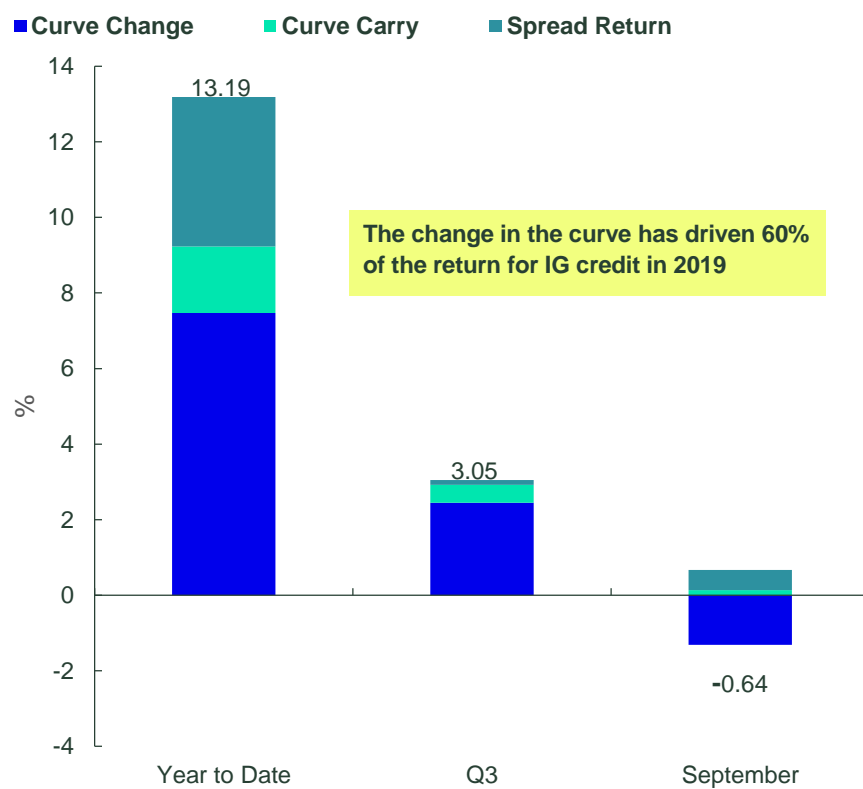
# Credit Attribution

High yield credit registered a gain in September as the positive spread return offset the negative impact from the curve change. IG, however, was not as lucky.

US High Yield Attribution



US IG Corporate Attribution



Source: Bloomberg Finance, L.P. As of September 30, 2019. **Past performance is not a guarantee of future results.** US IG Corporates - Bloomberg Barclays US Corporate Index, US High Yield - Bloomberg Barclays VLI: High Yield Index.



# Convertibles Attribution

As a result of increased issuance after high levels of equity sensitivity in 2018, convertibles now have more bond-like characteristics — despite a 13% return in 2019.

US Convertibles Liquid Bond Index – Average Stock Delta



US Convertibles Liquid Bond Index – Premium to Parity

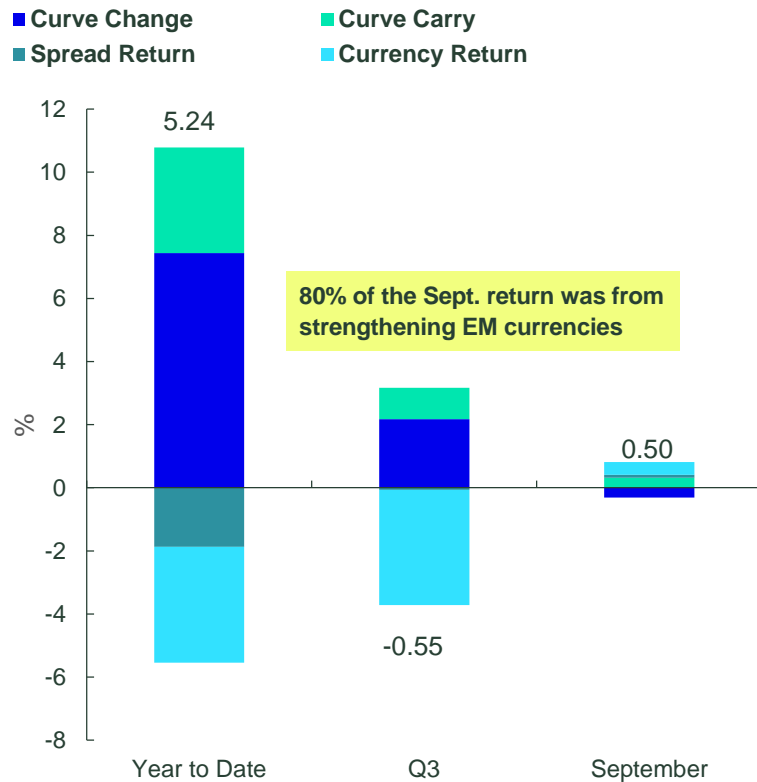


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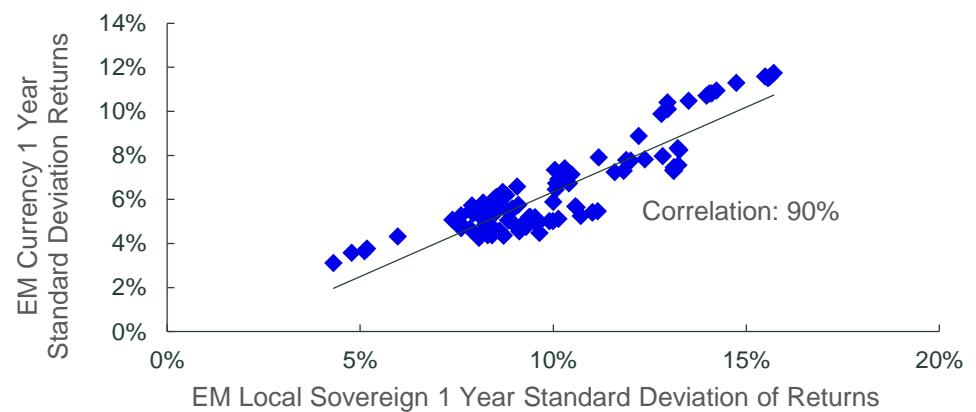
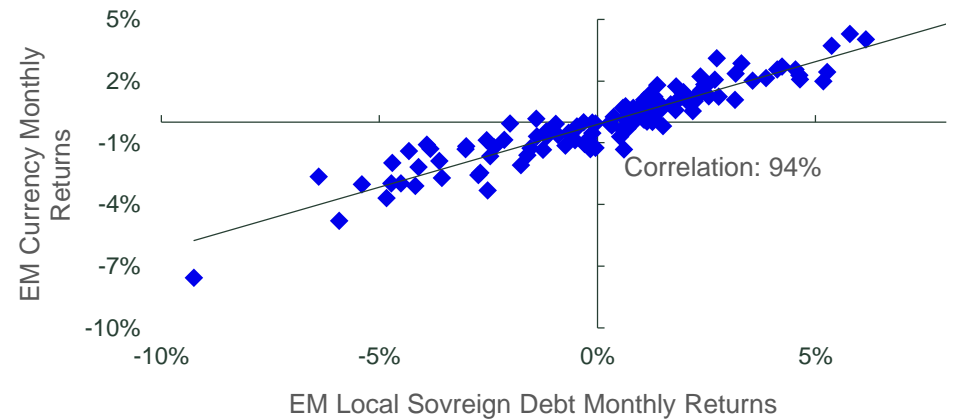
# EM Debt Attribution

A softening of trade tensions and a Federal Reserve rate cut boosted emerging market (“EM”) currencies in September, benefiting EM local debt returns.

EM Local Sovereign Debt Attribution



EM Local Sovereign Debt Return Correlation to EM Currencies (2009–2019)

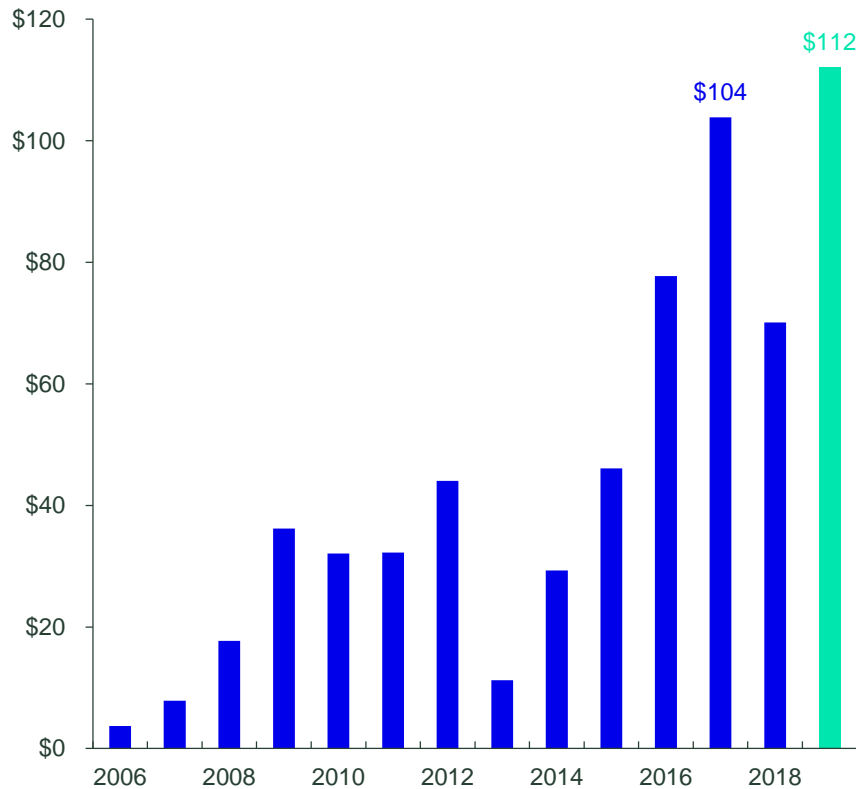


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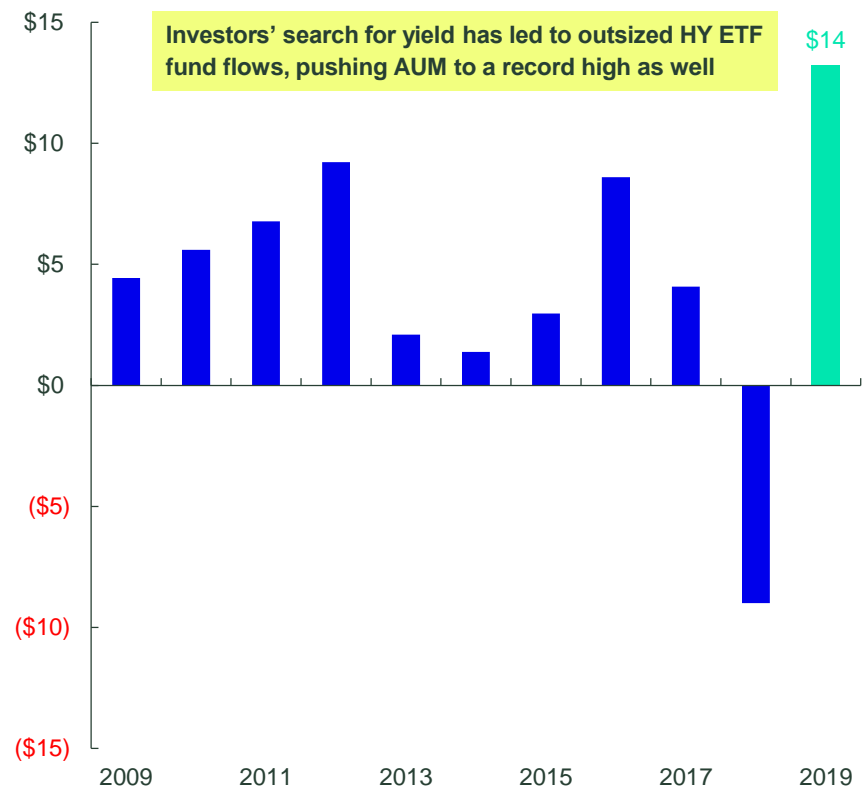
# ETF Fund Flow Trends

Fixed Income ETF flows are 8% ahead of 2017's record setting pace, and one year after posting their first year of outflows HY ETFs have a record inflow total.

Yearly US-Listed FI ETF Fund Flows Through September (\$ Billions)



High Yield Yearly Fund Flows (\$ Billions)

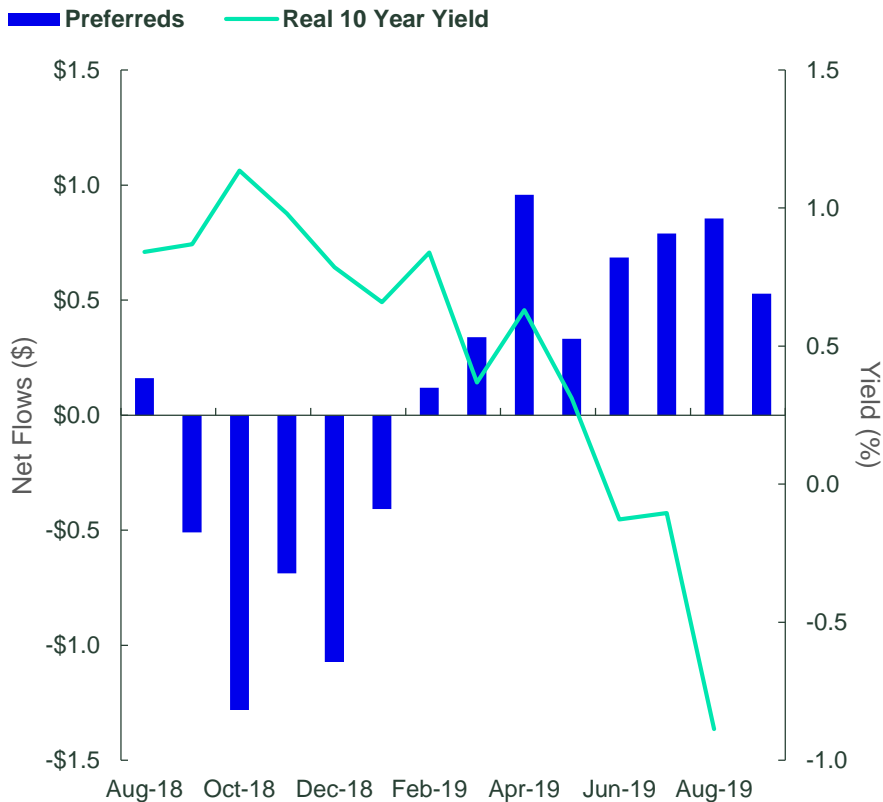


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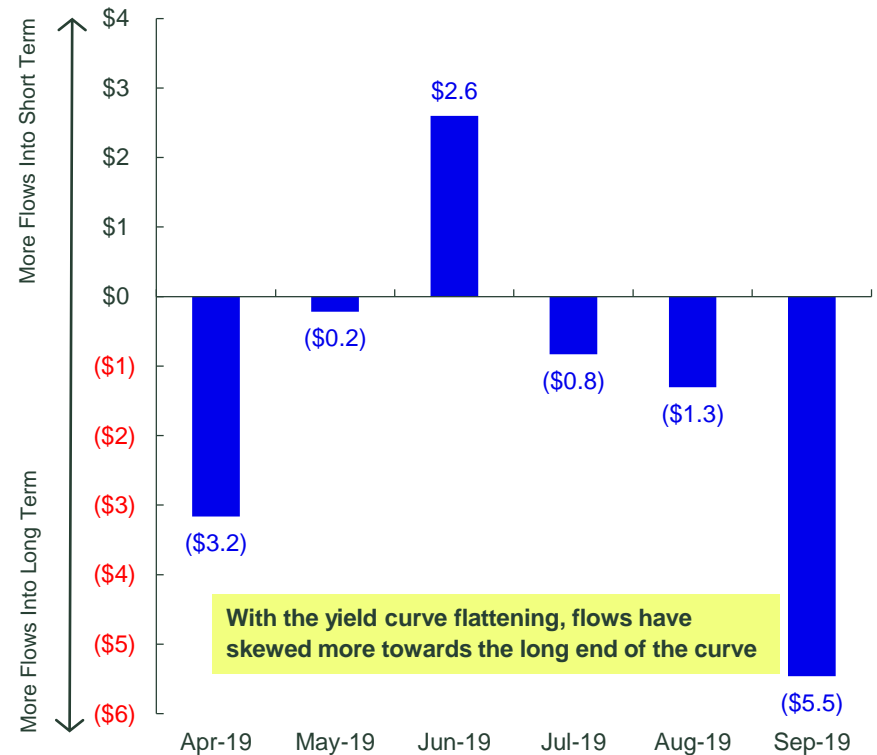
# ETF Fund Flow Trends (continued)

With rates falling, the demand for higher levels of income has led to renewed interest in preferred securities.

Preferred ETFs Net Flows vs. Real 10 Year Yields



Ultra-Short/Short Term Treasury Minus Interm./Long Term Flows

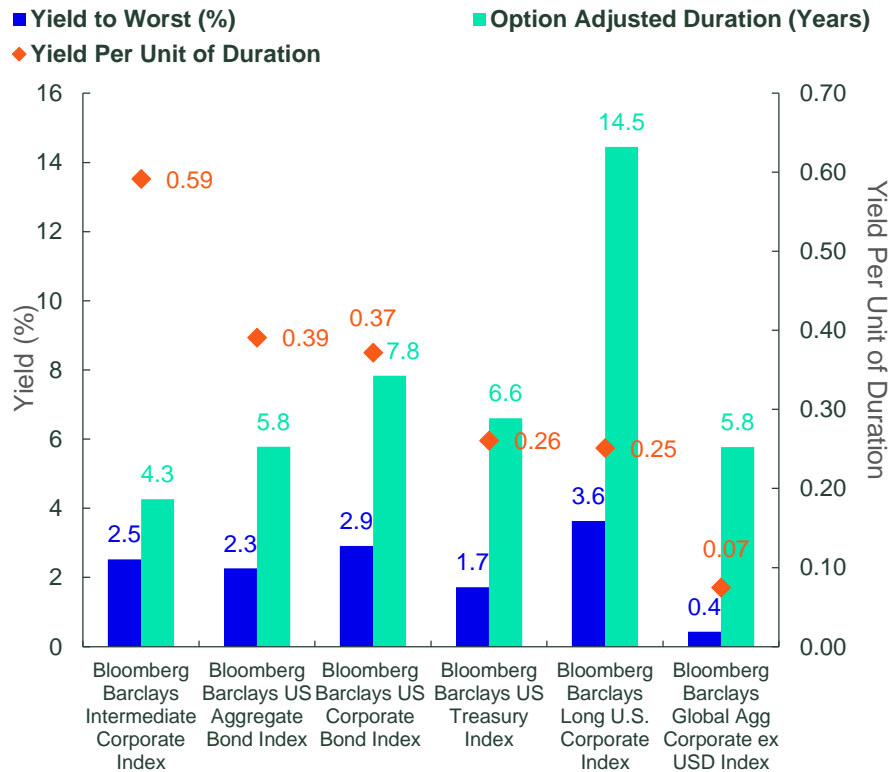


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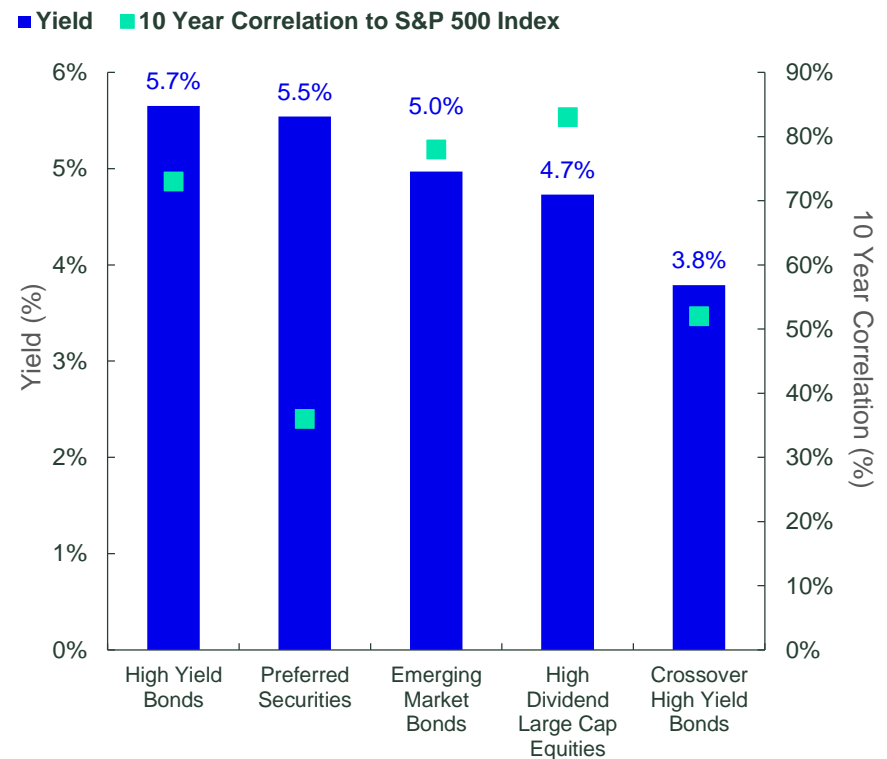
# Bond Market Outlook

Striking a balance between yield and duration is a daunting task within the core of portfolios with investment grade global fixed income sectors.

## Bond Market Yield and Duration Profiles



## Yield and Equity Sensitivity for High Income Opportunities



Source: Bloomberg Finance, L.P. As of September 30, 2019. **Past performance is not a guarantee of future results.** Past performance is not a guarantee of future results. Index returns are unmanaged and do not reflect the deduction of any fees or expenses High Yield Bonds: Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Corporate High Yield Index; Emerging Market Bonds: Bloomberg Barclays Emerging Markets Hard Currency Aggregate Index; High Dividend Large Cap Equities: S&P 500 High Dividend Index; Crossover High Yield Bonds: ICE BofAML Crossover Corporate Bond Index. Correlation analysis from 09/30/2009 to 09/30/2019 based on monthly frequency of returns. Past performance is not a guarantee of future results.

## Appendix A

# Definitions

**Basis Point:** One hundredth of one percent, or 0.01%.

**The Bloomberg Barclays US Treasury Bill Index** tracks the market for treasury bills issued by the US government. US Treasury bills are issued in fixed maturity terms of 4-, 13-, 26- and 52-weeks. The US Treasury Bill Index is a component of the US Short Treasury Index along with US Treasury notes and bonds that have fallen below one year to maturity.

**The Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Index** is a measure of global investment grade debt from 24 local currency markets. This multi-currency benchmark includes treasury, government-related, corporate and securitized fixed-rate bonds from both developed and emerging markets issuers.

**The Bloomberg Barclays US Mortgage Backed Securities (MBS) Index** tracks agency mortgage pass-through securities (no longer incorporates hybrid ARM) guaranteed by Ginnie Mae (GNMA), Mae (FNMA), and Freddie Mac (FHLMC). The index is constructed by grouping individual TBA-deliverable MBS pools into aggregates or generics based on program, coupon and vintage.

**Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate Index:** A benchmark that provides a measure of the performance of the US dollar denominated investment grade bond market, which includes investment grade government bonds, investment grade corporate bonds, mortgage pass through securities, commercial mortgage backed securities and asset backed securities that are publicly for sale in the US.

**Bloomberg Barclays US Corporate 1–3 Year Index:** The Index includes publicly issued US dollar denominated corporate issues that have a remaining maturity of greater than or equal to 1 year and less than 3 years, are rated investment grade.

**Bloomberg Barclays US Corporate Bond Index:** The Bloomberg Barclays US Corporate Bond Index measures the investment grade, US dollar-denominated, fixed-rate, taxable corporate and government related bond markets. It is composed of the US Corporate Index and a non-corporate component that includes foreign agencies, sovereigns, supranationals and local authorities.

**The Bloomberg Barclays Emerging Markets Local Currency Liquid Government Index** is a country-constrained, more liquid version of the flagship Emerging Markets Local Currency Government Index, which is designed to provide a broad measure of the performance of local currency Emerging Markets (EM)

**Bloomberg US Treasury Index:** The Bloomberg US Treasury Bond Index is a rules-based, market-value weighted index engineered to measure the performance and characteristics of fixed rate coupon US Treasuries which have a maturity greater than 12 months.

**The Bloomberg Barclays US Convertible Liquid Bond Index** is designed to represent the market of U.S. convertible securities, such as convertible bonds.

**Credit Spread:** A credit spread is the difference in yield between a US Treasury bond and a debt security with the same maturity but of lesser quality.

**Parity** The value of the underlying equity if the convertible is converted. It is equal to the current stock price multiplied by the number of shares for which the bond may be exchanged.

**S&P/LSTA US Leveraged Loan 100 Index:** The S&P/LSTA US Leveraged Loan 100 Index is designed to reflect the largest facilities in the leveraged loan market.

**Delta:** The sensitivity of one asset to an underlying derivative

**Spread Changes:** Changes in the spread between Treasury securities and non-Treasury securities that are identical in all respects except for quality rating.

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**Standard Deviation:** Measures the historical dispersion of a security, fund or index around an average. Investors use standard deviation to measure expected risk or volatility, and a higher standard deviation means the security has tended to show higher volatility or price swings in the past.

**Yield:** The income produced by an investment, typically calculated as the interest received annually divided by the investment's price.

**Yield Curve:** A graph or line that plots the interest rates or yields of bonds with similar credit quality but different durations, typically from shortest to longest duration. When the yield curve is said to be flat, it means the difference in yields between bonds with shorter and longer durations is relatively narrow. When the yield curve is said to be steepened, it means the difference in yields between short term and long term bonds increases.

**Yield to Worst:** Yield to worst is an estimate of the lowest yield that you can expect to earn from a bond when holding to maturity, absent a default. It is a measure that is used in place of yield to maturity with callable bonds.

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