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## High Yield Market Outlook

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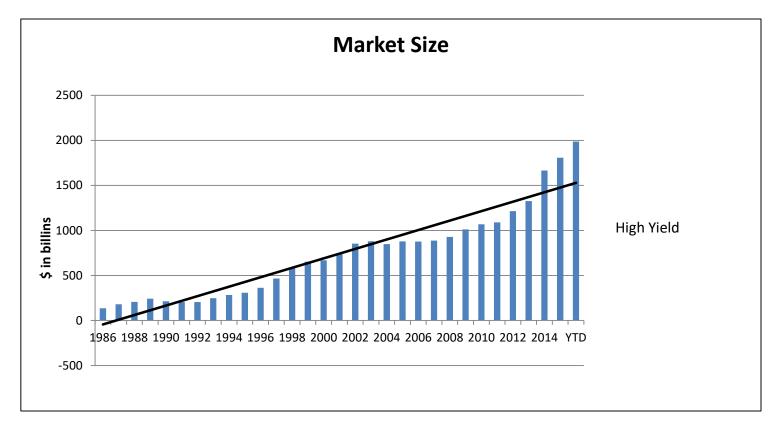
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- High Yield bonds are issued by companies that do not qualify for "investment grade" ratings by one or more of the major ratings agencies (Moody's, S&P, and Fitch)
- These issuers must pay a higher interest rate in order to attract investors to compensate them for the risk associated with investing in organizations of lower credit quality
- Low correlation with other parts of the bond market
- Often perform well in a rising interest rate environment
  - Investment Grade bonds trade on interest rates and rate expectations. HY tends to trade on credit and economic sensitivity.

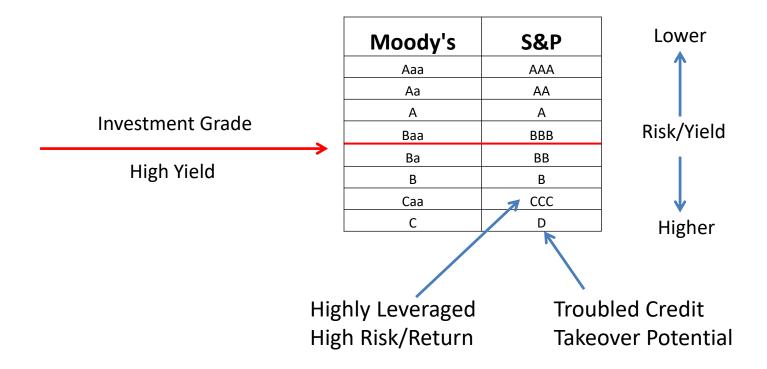




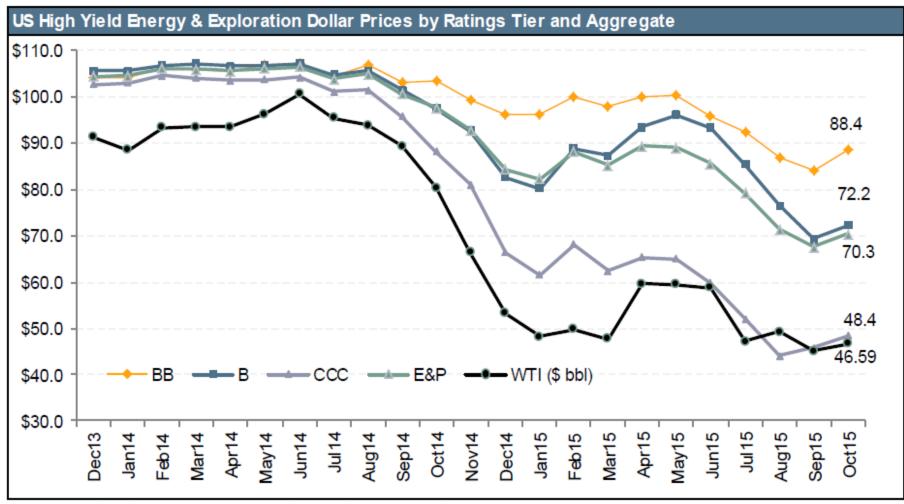
Source: J.P. Morgan











Source: CreditSights, BofA/M L indices data presented is on a monthly basis data through 10/31/2015





- "Fallen Angels" formerly investment grade
- "Rising Stars" small or newer companies
- High Debt Companies refinancing debt, takeovers
- Capital Intensive Companies (cable TV, telecom, hotels)
- Foreign Governments and Corporations

Source: SIFMA

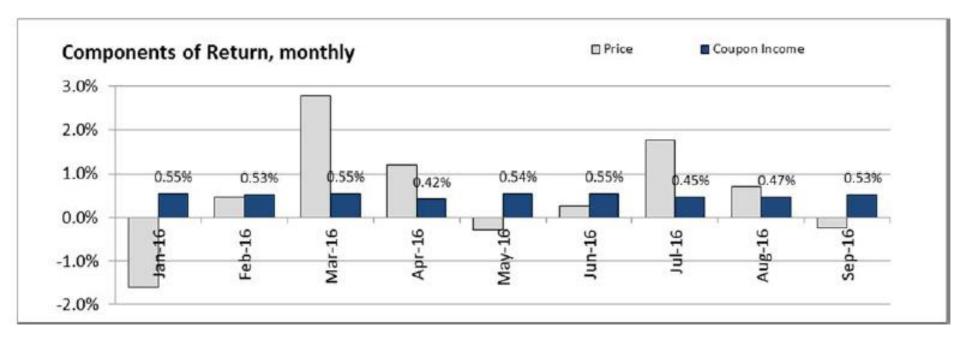
# Sample Fallen Angels 2016 – Energy & Materials





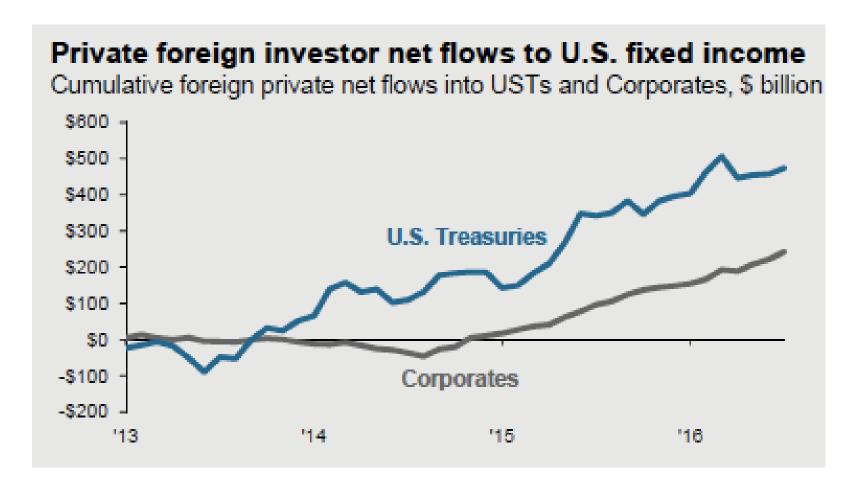
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		Coupon	Maturity	Ratings	Date	Downgrade	Price	Return
AALLN	Anglo American	4.875%	05/14/25	Ba2/BB	02/15/16	60.94	102.37	75%
CVECN	Cenovus	3.800%	09/15/23	Ba2/BBB	02/18/16	80.99	99.06	26%
CLR	Continental Resources	3.800%	06/01/24	Ba3/BB+	02/18/16	63.25	91.66	50%
DVN	Devon Energy	3.250%	05/15/22	Ba2/BBB	02/25/16	76.61	100.17	34%
DO	Diamond Offshore	3.450%	11/01/23	Ba2/BB+	02/29/16	72.29	89.05	27%
ECACN	Encana	3.900%	11/15/21	Ba2/BBB	02/18/16	63.18	101.64	66%
ENLK	EnLink Midstream	4.150%	06/01/25	Ba2/BBB-	02/25/16	62.60	97.87	62%
ESV	Ensco	4.500%	10/01/24	B1/BBB-	02/29/16	50.92	80.30	65%
PCX	Preeport-McMoRan	4.550%	11/14/24	B1/BB-	01/27/16	43.49	91.77	120%
MRO	Marathon Oil Corp.	3.850%	06/01/25	Ba1/BBB-	02/25/16	67.25	96.53	48%
NBR	Nabors Industries	5.100%	09/15/23	Ba2/BBB-	03/03/16	66.18	99.49	57%
NE	Noble Corp.	5.950%	04/01/25	B1/BB+	02/29/16	50.88	81.38	70%
RDC	Rowan Companies	4.750%	01/15/24	B1/BB	02/29/16	60.14	83.91	46%
SWN	Southwestern Energy	4.950%	01/23/25	B1/BB-	02/18/16	59.29	95.60	68%
SPN	Superior Energy Services	7.125%	12/15/21	B2/BB	03/14/16	72.33	98.06	44%
VALEBZ	Vale	3.750%	01/10/23	Ba3/BBB-	02/26/16	73.15	105.67	49%
					Avg:	63.97	94.66	54%











Source: FactSet, J.P. Morgan Asset Management; (Bottom left) U.S. Treasury.

## High Yield - Correlations Remain Low



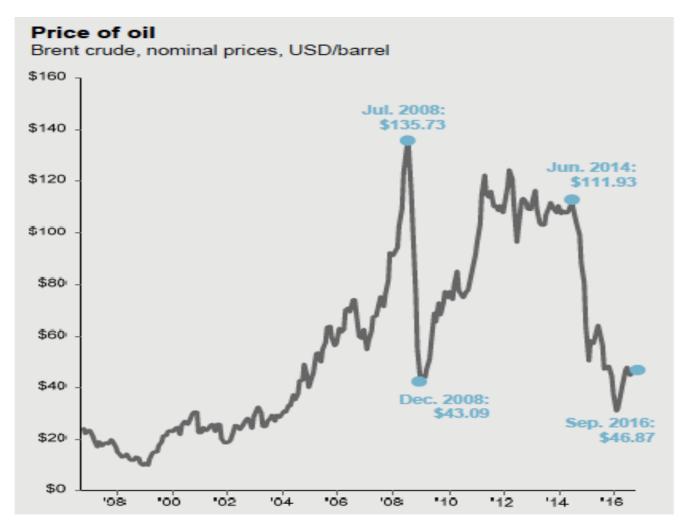


			Yield		Return	
U.S. Treasuries	Correlation to 10-year	Avg. Maturity	9/30/2016	6/30/2016	2016 YTD	
2-Year	0.62	2 years	0.77%	0.58%	1.20%	
5-Year	0.91	5	1.14%	1.01%	3.96%	
10-Year	1.00	10	1.60%	1.49%	7.14%	
30-Year	0.92	30	2.32%	2.30%	16.96%	
TIPS	0.57	10	0.00%	0.09%	7.27%	
Sector						
Broad Market	0.85	7.8 years	1.96%	1.91%	5.80%	
MBS	0.79	5.1	2.06%	2.07%	3.72%	
Municipals	0.44	10.0	1.72%	1.57%	4.35%	
Corporates	0.43	10.9	2.84%	2.88%	9.20%	
High Yield	-0.26	6.3	6.17%	7.27%	15.11%	
Floating Rate	-0.21	2.3	1.75%	1.65%	1.93%	
Convertibles	-0.31		0.99%	0.92%	8.94%	
ABS	-0.02	5.4	1.97%	1.94%	5.68%	

Source: JP Morgan Guide to the Markets 9/30/16







What is the "New Normal" for oil prices?

Stability is good for the High Yield market

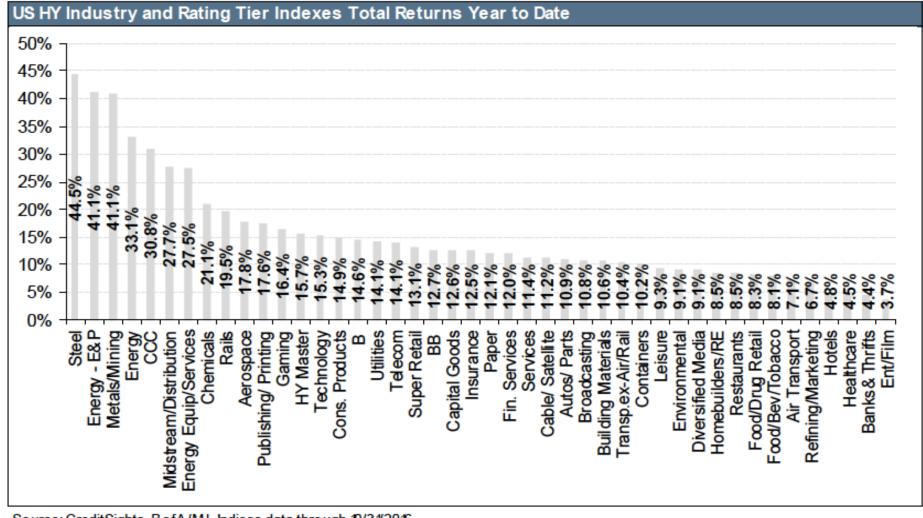
**OPEC Agreement?** 

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## YTD Sector Performance Illustrates Energy Rebound



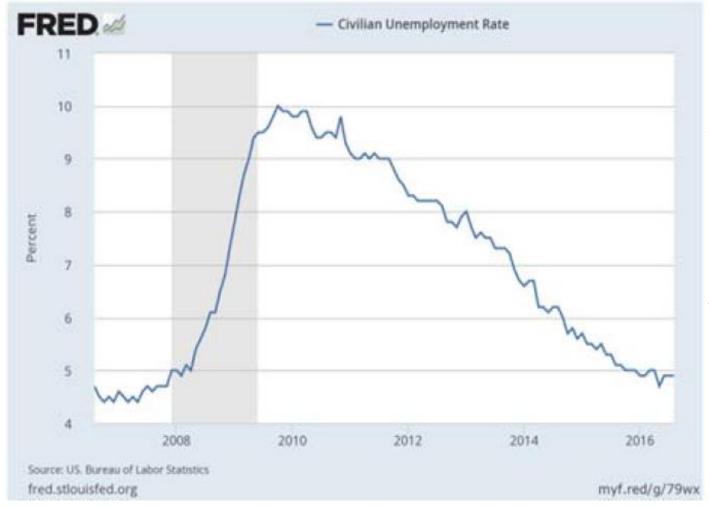




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Absent a recession
High Yield should
generate consistent
returns in line with
the portfolio's coupon

We don't believe the U.S. enters a recession in 2017

The data suggests modest economic growth and low inflation

Unemployment at 4.9%

## **High Yield Outlook**





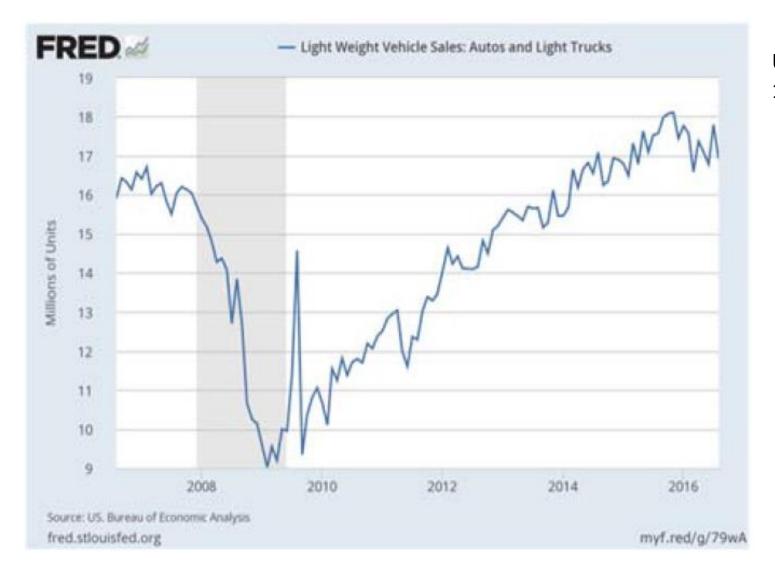


Average Hourly Earnings growing at 2.4%

Low gas prices help consumers and businesses







U.S. Auto Sales 17 million+







Housing starts
1.1 million +

## Outlook For High Yield - Points to Consider





- Potential Stimulus from new President
  - Infrastructure spending
  - Decreased energy regulations
  - Tax cuts for businesses who employ in U.S.
- Inflation? Higher interest rates? Have oil prices come back as far as they will?
- Portfolio Construction
  - Spreads tightened significantly in 2016
  - Higher quality positioning prudent at this time
  - Shorter duration prudent at this time





### The US High Yield Bond Market Offers:

- A large opportunity set
- High current income
- Low correlation to other bonds
- Historical performance when interest rates rise
- Portfolio diversification benefits
- Attractive total return potential
  - Absolute and risk adjusted (Sharpe Ratio)
- Compelling returns with manageable risk
  - Credit research, duration management, quality constraints, sector diversification, active management