

Manning & Napier Fund, Inc.

High Yield Bond Series



March 31, 2026

Overall Morningstar Ranking (Class I)

★★★★★

MNHAX received a 5-Star Overall Rating out of 581 High Yield Bond funds, based on risk adjusted returns derived from a weighted average of the Fund's 3-, 5- and 10-year Morningstar metrics.

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Investment Objective

To provide a high level of long-term total return by investing principally in non-investment grade fixed income securities that are issued by corporate and government entities.

Investment Strategy

A bottom-up approach is used to uncover securities with stable and/or improving fundamentals and, just as importantly, prevent purchasing or holding onto securities whose fundamentals are deteriorating (including risk of default).

- Typically 50 - 100 holdings
- Position size of ~1.5% to 2%
- No maturity or duration limits; expected duration: 3 to 6 years
- 0% - 20% investment-grade securities
- 80% - 100% high yield securities
- U.S. dollar-denominated securities only

Portfolio Managers

Name	Experience
Marc Bushallow, CFA®	23 years industry 19 years Firm
Keith Harwood	27 years industry 27 years Firm
Scott Friedman, CFA®	21 years industry 16 years Firm

Risk Statistics (Since Inception)

	Class I	ICE BofA HY Cash Pay
Alpha	1.17%	--
Beta	0.89	--
Standard Deviation	6.37%	6.91%
Sharpe Ratio	0.88	0.75
Up Mkt Capture	93.79%	--
Down Mkt Capture	82.09%	--

Credit Quality Distribution

	Series	ICE BofA HY Cash Pay
BBB	6.65%	2.16%
BB	39.93%	46.98%
B	35.80%	39.13%
CCC	5.70%	10.97%
D	0.20%	--
NR	11.71%	0.28%

Fund Information

	Ticker	Cusip	Inception	Minimum Investment	Gross Expenses	Net Expenses
Class Z	MHYZX	56382R241	03/01/2019	\$1,000,000	0.46%	0.46%
Class I	MNHAX	56382P195	08/01/2012	\$1,000,000	0.58%	0.58%
Class S	MNHYX	56382P583	09/14/2009	\$2,000	0.88%	0.88%

Minimum investment may be waived for Class Z and I in certain qualified retirement plans and discretionary investment accounts of the Advisor.

Minimum Investment may be waived for Class S in certain qualified retirement plans, participants in an automatic investment program, and discretionary investment accounts of the Advisor.

Net expenses for Class Z and I reflect the Advisor's contractual agreement to limit its fees and reimburse certain expenses. The contractual waiver may not be amended or terminated without the prior approval of the Fund's Board of Directors. Class Z shares do not make payments to financial intermediaries.

Net expenses for Class S includes a 12b-1 fee of 0.25%, of which up to 0.25% is available as a shareholder servicing fee.

Annualized Performance

	QTR	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y	Inception (09/14/2009)
Class Z	-0.39%	-0.39%	5.74%	9.20%	5.83%	6.95%	6.99%
Class I	-0.42%	-0.42%	5.60%	9.09%	5.73%	6.94%	7.04%
Class S	-0.59%	-0.59%	5.25%	8.75%	5.42%	6.66%	6.81%
ICE BofA HY Cash Pay	-0.53%	-0.53%	6.94%	8.46%	4.20%	6.04%	6.53%

Performance data quoted represents past performance and does not guarantee future results. Performance for periods greater than one year is annualized. The investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate, so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be higher or lower than that quoted; investors can obtain the most recent month-end performance at www.manning-napier.com or by calling (800) 466-3863.

Class Z and Class I since inception performance is based on the High Yield Bond Series Class S inception of 09/14/2009. For periods through 03/01/2019 (the inception date of the Class Z shares) and 08/01/2012 (the inception date of the Class I shares), performance for the Class Z and Class I shares is based on the historical performance of the Class S shares. Because the Class Z and Class I shares invest in the same portfolio of securities as the Class S shares, performance will be different only to the extent that the Class S shares have a higher expense ratio.

30-Day SEC Yield (as of 03/31/2026)

	Yield
Class I	7.70%

If fees had not been waived, the 30-day SEC Yield (as of 03/31/2026) would have been 7.70% for Class I.

Sector Allocation (%)

	Series	ICE BofA HY Cash Pay
Mortgages	--	--
Corporate Credit	96.83%	99.79%
Non-US Govt & Supranational Credit	--	--
Municipals	--	--
Securitized Credit	0.22%	--
US Agency	--	0.03%
US Treasury	--	--
Preferred	--	--
Cash and Equivalents	1.65%	--
Other	1.30%	0.18%

A Word About Risk

All investments involve risks, including possible loss of principal. There is an inverse relationship between bond prices and interest rates; as interest rates rise, bond prices (and therefore the value of bond funds) fall. Likewise, as interest rates fall, bond prices and the value of bond funds rise. Investments in higher-yielding, lower-rated securities involve additional risks, including a higher risk of default and loss of principal. Investments in derivatives can be highly volatile and involve risks in addition to the risks of the underlying instrument on which the derivative is based, such as counterparty, correlation and liquidity risk. Also, the use of leverage increases exposure to the market and may magnify potential losses.

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Fund Characteristics

	Series
Average Effective Duration	3.10y
Average Effective Maturity	3.85y
Fund Assets (\$M)	\$1.4B
Number of Holdings	91
Annual Turnover	92%
5 Yr Avg Turnover	101%

Industry Breakdown (%)

	Series	ICE BofA HY Cash Pay
Consumer Discretionary	5.08	11.3
Consumer Goods	3.52	3.59
Energy	7.04	11.29
Financials	30.43	10.9
Health Care	12.38	7.95
Industrials	19.74	26.84
Real Estate	5.17	3.71
Tech, Media, Telecom	10.09	20.96
Utility	3.59	3.46
Cash and Equivalents	1.65	--
Other	1.30	--

Fund Commentary

2026 has begun on a challenging note, with markets shaped by three dominant narratives: concerns around AI-driven disruption and the durability of growth in certain sectors, increasing scrutiny on the health of private credit, and, most notably, the escalation of conflict in Iran. Taken together, these dynamics have fostered a broadly risk-off environment as investors grapple with heightened uncertainty.

While such conditions would typically support falling yields, rates rose across the curve amid shifting expectations for monetary policy, inflation, and growth, including a move away from pricing in multiple rate cuts toward a more uncertain outlook shaped by the duration of the war. This ultimately resulted in an additional headwind for high yield investors already dealing with widening credit spreads.

Within high yield markets, shorter-term bonds outperformed longer-term bonds and higher quality securities outperformed their lower quality counterparts. From a sector perspective, Energy was the strongest performing area of the market amid rising oil and gas prices, while Technology and Electronics and Financial Services were among the worst.

The High Yield Series experienced negative absolute returns for the quarter but outperformed on a relative basis. Outperformance was primarily due to positive selection, particularly within Energy and Basic Industry. Taking a closer look at the Energy sector, U.S. liquefied natural gas exporter Venture Global has been a notable beneficiary of current market dislocations, as approximately 20% of global energy supply transits through the Strait of Hormuz. Additionally, New Fortress Energy, a liquefied natural gas company that notably underperformed in the prior year, announced a restructuring plan under which debtholders may receive private and/or public equity, causing the bonds to sharply rally.

During the quarter, we found a number of compelling opportunities across a variety of sectors including data center project finance company Flash Compute, infrastructure software provider TIBCO Software, private prison operator Geo Group, and Jazz Securities Designated Activity Company, a financing subsidiary of Jazz Pharmaceuticals, among others. On the sales side, we exited our position in United Airlines due to rising fuel costs. Additional sales were generally the result of prices converging toward our estimates of fair value. With upside potential largely realized, we chose to redeploy capital into opportunities offering more compelling risk-reward profiles and greater return potential.

The Series continues to have a notable overweight to Financial Services; however, it is diversified across industries such as litigation finance, student loans, consumer debt receivables, trading platforms, brokerage firms, mortgage originators, etc. Additionally, we maintain selective investment-grade exposure in the portfolio, driven by compelling individual opportunities (strong companies trading at attractive valuations relative to both the broader investment-grade and high-yield markets).

Looking ahead, we expect continued near-term volatility as markets navigate the evolving impact of both domestic and global policy decisions, alongside still elevated valuations across many segments.

In this environment, our approach allows us to prioritize risk mitigation, while also pursuing select, compelling opportunities. As such, we continue to focus on businesses that generate positive free cash flow and that either pay down debt or focus on improving their business with good relative value. We remain confident that our disciplined investment process and flexibility position us well to navigate an increasingly complex and dynamic market landscape.

Definitions

Alpha: A measure of an investment's performance relative to a benchmark index. It represents the excess return of an investment compared to the return of the benchmark.

Beta: A measure of an investment's volatility relative to the overall market.

Standard Deviation: A statistical measure of the dispersion of returns for a given investment. It quantifies the amount of variation or volatility from the average return.

Sharpe Ratio: A measure of risk-adjusted return, calculated by subtracting the risk-free rate from the investment's return and then dividing by its standard deviation.

Duration: A measure of the sensitivity of a fixed income security's price to changes in interest rates. It indicates the expected life of the security and how much its price will change with a 1% change in interest rates. Securities with shorter durations are generally less affected by interest rate changes than those with longer durations.

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