Factsheet | **3Q** 2026

Neuberger High Yield Strategies Fund Inc.*

Ticker: NHS

Fund Highlights

Description

- Neuberger High Yield Strategies Fund Inc. ("NHS" or the "Fund") is a diversified, closed-end management investment company investing in the high yield debt securities market.
- The Fund utilizes leverage through a secured credit facility and the issuance of preferred stock.

Investment Philosophy

- The Fund's investment objective is to seek high total return (income plus capital appreciation).
- The Fund will pursue its investment objective by investing its assets primarily in high yield debt securities.
- At least 80% of the Fund's total assets will be invested in below investment grade (high yield) debt securities (including corporate loans) of US and foreign issuers.
- The Fund may invest up to 20% of its total assets in other securities and financial instruments, and up to 15% of its total assets in collateralized loan obligations.

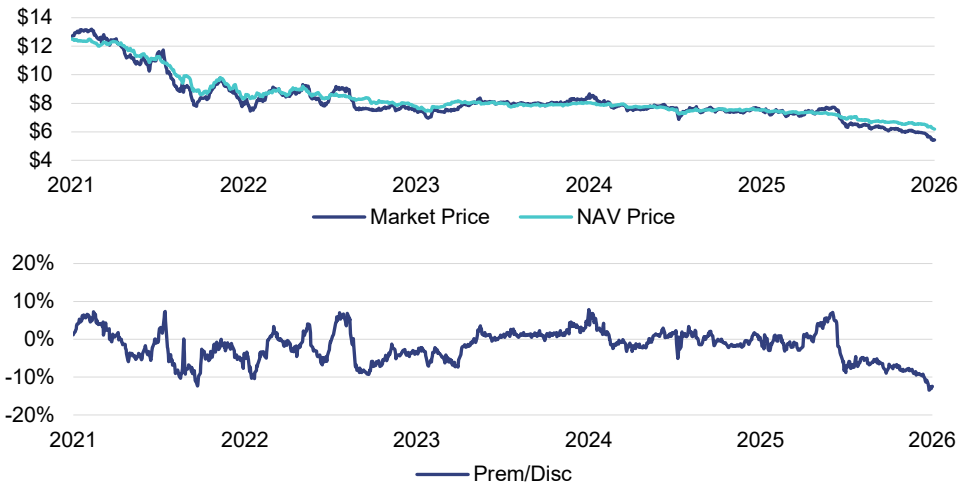
Market Data

Market Price	
Current	$5.42
Last 12 Month Range	$7.73 - $5.40
Net Asset Value	
Current	$6.19
Last 12 Month Range	$7.54 - $6.19
Premium/Discount	
Current	-12.44%
Last 12 Month Range	7.06% - (13.45%)
Last 12 Month Average	-3.76%
Distribution Rate[1]	
On Market Price	20.04%
On NAV	17.54%
NAV Ticker	XNHSX
CUSIP Number	64128C106
Inception Date	7/28/2003
Listed Exchange	**NYSE American**

Capital Structure

Total Assets	$393.089 M
Common Assets	$259.089 M
Leverage ($amt)	$134.000 M
Leverage	34.1%

NHS: Price and Valuation Trends (Last 5 Years)



The Fund's NAV and Market Price will fluctuate with market conditions. Current performance may be higher or lower than the data shown. **Past performance is no guarantee of future results.**

Leverage Structure

Debt – Floating		
Committed		$110.0 M
Amount Outstanding		$61.0 M
Mandatory Redeemable Preferred Shares		
Maturity Date	**Annual Interest Rate**	**Amount**
September 29, 2026	Floating Rate	$50.0M

While the use of leverage can result in greater returns in a rising market as well as increased income generation, its use can also generate greater losses in a declining market as well as pressure income levels in an environment of higher borrowing costs.

1. Distribution Rate is annualized and based on monthly distributions. The Fund has adopted a policy to pay common shareholders a stable monthly distribution. In an effort to maintain a stable monthly distribution, the Fund may pay distributions consisting of net investment income, net realized capital gains and return of capital. There is no assurance that the Fund will always be able to pay distributions of a particular size, or that distributions will consist solely of net investment income and net realized capital gains. In compliance with Section 19 of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, a notice would accompany any distribution that does not consist solely of net investment income. This notice would be for informational purposes, and would disclose, among other things, estimated portions of the distribution, if any, consisting of net investment income, capital gains and return of capital. The actual composition of the Fund's distributions for a calendar year can only be determined after year end and will be reported to Fund shareholders on IRS Form 1099-DIV. The notices for the current calendar year are also available on Neuberger's website at www.nb.com For the Fund's most recent distribution payment of $0.0905 per share, which was paid on September 30, 2026, the distribution was estimated to consist of $0.0500 net investment income and $0.0405 from return of capital. This estimate was based on earnings and portfolio activity as of the record date for the distribution.

* Prior to December 18, 2025, the Fund included "Neuberger Berman" in place of "Neuberger" in its name.

Portfolio Managers

Joseph Lind
27 years
Investment
experience

Chris Kocinski
21 years
investment
experience

Steven Ruh
21 years
investment
experience

Manager Commentary

High Yield Market

In September and the third quarter, U.S. high yield posted negative returns as escalating Middle East tensions and hawkish Fed rhetoric drove Treasury yields sharply higher. The Fed raised its target range by 25 bps to 3.75%–4.00%, while market-implied odds of an October hike rose above 70% before easing at month-end on more benign PCE data and dovish comments from the Fed's Williams. Treasury yields increased 55 bps, 59 bps, 54 bps and 39 bps across the 2-, 5-, 10- and 30-year maturities to 4.89%, 5.09%, 5.29% and 5.63%, respectively. The ICE BofA US High Yield Constrained Index returned -2.49% in September and -1.82% in 3Q, bringing year-to-date returns to +0.04%. Spreads widened 48 bps during the month to 327 bps, while yield to worst ended at 8.30%. Single Bs and non-distressed credits outperformed, while CCC & Lower and distressed credits lagged, with the Distressed Index returning -5.10%. Default activity eased, however, as 3Q default and distressed exchange volume fell to its lowest level since 4Q22 and the overall default rate remained below its long-term average.

Market Performance[1]

• High yield spreads widened by 33 bps during 3Q, with the spread to worst on the ICE BofA US High Yield Constrained Index ("the index") closing at 327 bps, 30 bps wider year-to-date. The yield to worst on the index ended the period at 8.30%, up from 7.15% at the end of June.

• The ICE BofA US High Yield Constrained Index returned -1.82% in 3Q and +0.04% year-to-date.

• In 3Q, single Bs and non-distressed issues outperformed the index, while BBs were modestly behind; CCC & Lower credits and distressed issues lagged significantly. The Distressed Index returned -8.23% in 3Q, versus -1.64% for the Non-Distressed Index.

Performance by Ratings and Index Segments[1]

• BB Index: -2.45 % in September, -1.86% QTD, 2.47% YTD.

• Single B Index: -2.34 % in September, -1.30% QTD, 1.12% YTD.

• CCC & Lower Index: -3.42% in September, -3.57% QTD, -3.44% YTD.

• Non-Distressed Index: -2.42% in September, -1.64 QTD, 0.38% YTD.

• Distressed Index: -5.10% in September, -8.23% QTD, -11.76% YTD.

• USHY 100 Index: -2.72% in September, -1.78% QTD, -0.47% YTD.

• ICE BofA USHY Constrained Index: -2.49% in September, -1.82% QTD, -0.04% YTD.

Fundamentals and Default Rates

• Default activity eased in September and 3Q, though issuer stress remained concentrated in weaker pockets of the market. September saw two payment defaults, the Chapter 11 filings of Brightline ($1.1 billion of bonds) and Leslie's Poolmart ($757 million of loans), and no distressed exchanges. Default/distressed volume of $9.6 billion in 3Q was the lowest quarterly total since 4Q22, down 48% from $18.3 billion in 2Q. Year-to-date, Cable/Satellite leads by volume affected ($9.8 billion), driven by Dish DBS, while Healthcare and Technology lead by number of default/distressed transactions with six and five, respectively. On a combined leveraged credit basis, LTM default rates were highest in Paper/Packaging (10.9%), Cable/Satellite (10.0%) and Retail (7.6%), underscoring the continued importance of active credit selection.

• On a trailing 12-month basis, the par-weighted U.S. high yield default rate edged higher in September, ending at 2.04% excluding distressed exchanges (a 33-month high) and 2.68% including distressed exchanges (1.99% excluding Dish DBS). The including-exchanges rate is 9 bps below July's 2.77%, the highest since January 2024, and remains below the longer-term 25-year average of roughly 3.2%.

• Our latest bottom-up base case 2-year cumulative default estimate (including distressed exchanges) for U.S. high yield over 2026/2027 is 3.50%-4.00%, which is below the long-term historical average.

Technicals[2]

• High yield issuance totaled a record-setting $51.7 billion in September, up 94% month-over-month from August's $26.7 billion and well above the 2025 monthly average of $27.7 billion. Net issuance of $36.3 billion was a monthly record. 3Q26 gross issuance reached $96.4 billion versus $106.0 billion in 2Q26 and $80.9 billion in 1Q26. September proceeds were led by general corporate purposes at 36% of gross volume, followed by acquisition finance at 35% and refinancing at 30%, and upper-tier credits accounted for 81% of volume.

• YTD 2026, gross issuance reached $283.3 billion ($130.3 billion ex-refinancings), compared to $266.5 billion ($73.5 billion ex-refinancings) over the same period in 2025, reflecting continued issuer access and strong demand for new paper despite higher rates and macro and policy uncertainty.

• High yield funds reported their first monthly outflow in six months in September, with JPMorgan estimating outflows of $4.7 billion ($1.9 billion from ETFs and $2.8 billion from actively managed funds), following $11.6 billion of inflows over the prior five months. 3Q26 outflows totaled $3.7 billion versus $10.5 billion of inflows in 2Q26, and year-to-date flows are -$3.4 billion. While record supply was absorbed, softer retail demand amid rising rates contributed to wider spreads, and technical conditions were less supportive than earlier in the year.

Fund Performance & Positioning

During the third quarter, Neuberger High Yield Strategies Fund Inc. ("NHS" or the "Fund") generated net asset value (NAV) and Market Price based total returns of -2.94% and -9.02%, respectively. For the period, NHS, based on NAV, underperformed the -1.82% return generated by its benchmark index, the ICE BofA U.S. High Yield Constrained Index.

From a sector perspective, the largest contributors to performance were security selections within Packaging, Support-Services, and Telecommunications. Conversely, security selections within Media–Cable as well underweight allocations within Diversified Financial Services and Building Materials detracted the most from performance over the period.

In addition, the Fund's use of leverage detracted from NAV performance for the quarter. Investors need to be aware that the Fund's use of a leveraged capital structure can magnify the directional movement of the Fund's NAV. While the Fund's use of leverage may result in greater returns in a rising market environment, it may also result in greater losses in a declining market. In addition, the use of leverage can increase the amount of income generation and cash flow per common share, however, in an environment of rising interest rates, which is likely to result in higher borrowing costs for the Fund, income levels and cash flow per common share can come under pressure and possibly be reduced.

During the quarter, NHS's NAV per share decreased by -$0.49 or -7.34%, while its Market Price decreased -$0.82 or -13.14%. Given the Market Price declined more than NAV, the Fund's valuation worsened over the period and ended the quarter at a 12.44% discount versus 6.59% at prior quarter-end, reflecting a widening of 585 bps. For the quarter, the Morningstar US CEF High Yield category average discount widened by 360 bps.

At quarter-end, the Fund's largest sector overweights were to Paper & Packaging, Capital Goods, Super Retail, Gas Distribution, and Metals & Mining. The largest sector underweights are Healthcare, Food Beverage & Tobacco, Media-Broadcasting & Diversified, Utilities, Diversified Financial Services. The Fund's 3.61% position in Senior Floating Rate Loans reflects an increase from 1.30% at end-June.

1 ICE BofA U.S. High Yield Constrained Index
2 JP Morgan

Manager Commentary (Continued)

Outlook

Higher starting yields, with the index yield to worst above 8%, offer attractive carry against a still-below-average default backdrop, in our view. September's sell-off was driven primarily by rates and geopolitics rather than credit deterioration: 3Q default and distressed exchange volume was the lowest since 4Q22, and default rates remain below long-term averages even as weaker credits continue to face idiosyncratic stress. Inflation has been firmer at the headline level, largely reflecting the energy shock tied to Middle East tensions, but we do not view this as a durable re-acceleration in underlying core inflation. Following the Fed's September increase, we are now expecting an additional hike in December but policy rates on hold thereafter, with the neutral rate settling around 4.00 – 4.25%. We believe subsequent progress in inflation trends will keep the data-dependent committee on hold after a December hike, which would be delivered to continue to reinforce the Fed's credibility and soothe any concerns over higher neutral rates. However, we acknowledge that there is a tail risk of more hikes if energy prices remain elevated. While labor market conditions have softened somewhat at the margin, the broader macro backdrop remains supported by roughly 2% real growth, AI-related capital spending, and ongoing fiscal support, which should help sustain corporate resilience. We believe market direction will depend on inflation, employment, Fed communication/actions and geopolitical developments, and record issuance and softer fund flows bear watching. We remain constructive on the asset class given attractive income, resilient fundamentals and wider spreads that, together with greater dispersion across quality tiers, should give our bottom-up research and selective risk-taking opportunities to look to capitalize on volatility.

Portfolio Characteristics

Fund Metrics	
Common Shares (09/30/26)	41,855,793
Number of Holdings (09/30/26)	531
Average Daily Volume (Trailing 12 months)	219,134
Interest Rate Sensitivity	
Weighted Average Maturity	5.17
Average Duration to Worst	3.68
Average Duration to Worst (Leverage Adjusted)	5.59
Income Metrics	
Average Yield to Maturity	8.13%
Average Coupon	7.15%

Weighted Average Maturity (WAM) is the weighted average length of time until the average security in a portfolio will mature or be redeemed. It indicates a portfolios sensitivity to interest rate changes. A portfolio with a longer WAM implies greater volatility in a changing interest rate environment.

Duration to Worst is derived by utilizing the redemption date which would provide the lowest yield (for callable bonds) or highest yield (for putable bonds). For holdings without calls or puts, Duration to Worst is equal to modified duration.

Yield to Maturity (YTM) is the rate of return anticipated on a bond if it is held until the maturity date. It is calculated by dividing the bond's coupon payments by the current price of the bond.

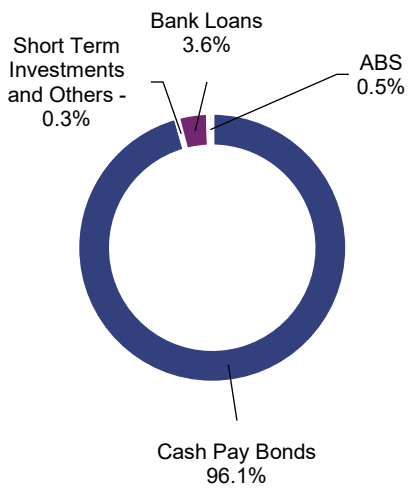
Coupon is the interest rate that is to be paid over the life of a debt security, it is usually expressed as a percentage of face value. Issuers typically make payments to bondholders semiannually.

Financial Highlights (as of Annual Shareholder Report – October 31, 2025)

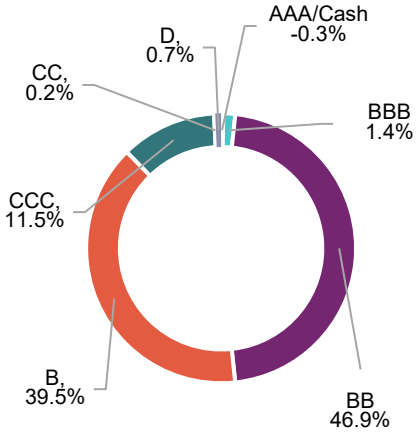
Portfolio Turnover	85.00%
Total Expense Ratio[1, 2]	3.39%

1. Distributions to mandatory redeemable preferred shareholders and interest expense is included in expense ratio. **2.** For the period, the annualized ratios of distributions to mandatory redeemable preferred shareholders and interest expense to average net assets applicable to common stockholders was 1.05% & 1.17%, respectively.

Portfolio Composition

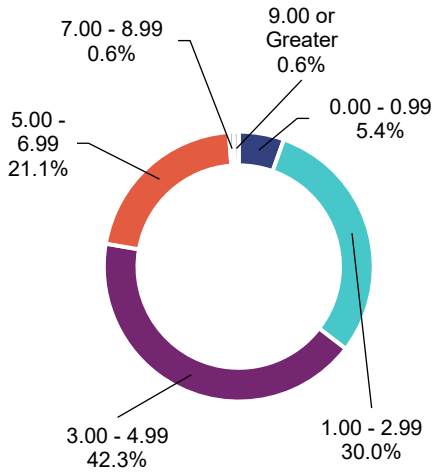


Credit Quality Breakdown[3]



Represents the ratings of the securities held by the Fund as of 09/30/26 and does not imply any credit rating of the Fund itself. Ratings categories shown in the above chart are those of S&P. Please see footnotes for additional disclosures regarding ratings methodology.

Duration Breakdown



Duration is the measure of a bond's price sensitivity to interest rates.

NEUBERGER HIGH YIELD STRATEGIES FUND INC.

NHS: Performance Common Shares

As of September 30, 2026

	AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURN (%)							
	Monthly	Quarterly	YTD	One Year	Three Years	Five Years	Ten Years	Since Inception 7/28/2003
NAV	-3.92	-2.94	-4.41	-3.08	7.36	-0.46	3.48	7.12
Market Price	-7.39	-9.02	-17.31	-14.91	3.88	-3.30	3.21	6.30
ICE BofA U.S. High Yield Constrained Index*	-2.49	-1.82	0.04	1.39	7.94	3.56	4.94	6.68

All data is as of 09/30/26, unless otherwise noted. Returns for less than one year are not annualized. Performance data quoted represents past performance and does not guarantee future results. Results are shown on a "total return" basis and include reinvestment of all distributions. NAV total return data quoted is net of fees and expenses. The investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that the shares may be worth more or less than their original cost. The Fund's market price and net asset value will fluctuate with market conditions. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted. For more information, please refer to Neuberger's website at www.nb.com/cef-performance.

The Fund's investment adviser had contractually agreed to limit certain operating expenses of the Fund until 2012. Absent this expense cap, the Fund's return during the relevant periods would have been lower.

Top Ten Industries

Diversified Financial Services	9.02%
Telecommunications	8.70%
Consumer Products / Services	8.65%
Real Estate / Homebuilders	7.47%
Energy	6.64%
Gas Distribution	6.34%
Healthcare	6.30%
Gaming / Lodging / Leisure	5.53%
Super Retail	5.35%
Paper / Packaging	4.92%

Top Five Industries Overweight

Industry	NHS	+/-vs Benchmark*
Paper / Packaging	4.92%	2.74%
Capital Goods	4.40%	2.54%
Super Retail	5.35%	1.55%
Gas Distribution	6.34%	1.54%
Metals / Mining	3.77%	1.18%

Top Five Industries Underweight

Industry	NHS	+/-vs Benchmark*
Healthcare	6.30%	-2.70%
Food / Drug Retailers	0.81%	-1.78%
Media - Broadcasting / Diversified	3.30%	-1.78%
Utilities	2.14%	-1.14%
Diversified Financial Services	9.02%	-0.98%

Distribution History[4]

	Ex-Date	Record Date	Payable Date	$/Share
09/26	09/15/2026	09/15/2026	09/30/2026	0.09050
08/26	08/17/2026	08/17/2026	08/31/2026	0.09050
07/26	07/15/2026	07/15/2026	07/31/2026	0.09050
06/26	06/15/2026	06/15/2026	06/30/2026	0.09050
05/26	05/15/2026	05/15/2026	05/29/2026	0.09050
04/26	04/07/2026	04/07/2026	04/30/2026	0.09050
03/26	03/16/2026	03/16/2026	03/31/2026	0.09050
02/26	02/17/2026	02/17/2026	02/27/2026	0.09050
01/26	01/15/2026	01/15/2026	01/30/2026	0.09050
12/25	12/15/2025	12/15/2025	12/31/2025	0.09050
11/25	11/17/2025	11/17/2025	11/28/2025	0.09050
10/25	10/15/2025	10/15/2025	10/31/2025	0.09050
09/25	09/15/2025	09/15/2025	09/30/2025	0.09050

Top Ten Holdings[5]

BAUSCH HEALTH COMPANIES INC 10.000 04/15/32	1.17%
MAUSER PACKAGING SOLUTIONS HOLDING CO 9.250 04/15/30	1.11%
MERIDIAN ARC HOLDCO LLC 6.250 04/30/31	0.95%
TRACT CAPITAL MANAGEMENT LP 5.875 03/01/31	0.91%
CLEANSPARK INC 7.875 10/01/31	0.86%
ARDAGH METAL PACKAGING FINANCE USA LLC 4.000 09/01/29	0.84%
EQUIPMENTSHARECOM INC (PRE-REINCORP) 8.000 03/15/33	0.82%
CENTENE CORPORATION 4.625 12/15/29	0.81%
VOLTAGRID LLC 7.375 11/01/30	0.79%
LIGHT AND WONDER INTERNATIONAL INC 6.250 10/01/33	0.78%

Shares of closed end funds frequently trade at a discount of their net asset value in the secondary market and the net asset value of the closed-end shares may decrease. Closed-end funds are subject to various risks, including management's ability to meet the Fund's investment objective and to manage the Fund's portfolio when the underlying securities are redeemed or sold, during periods of market turmoil and as investors' perceptions regarding closed-end funds or their underlying investments change. The investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that the shares may be worth more or less than their original cost.

In general, the value of the Fund's investments can decline when market interest rates rise. High-yield bonds, also known as "junk bonds," are considered speculative and carry a greater risk of default than investment-grade bonds. Their market value tends to be more volatile than investment grade bonds.

The composition, sectors, holdings and other characteristics of the Fund are as of the period shown and are subject to change without notice.

The Fund may, from time to time, enter into interest rate swaps to seek to reduce the risk that an increase in short-term interest rates could reduce common share net earnings as a result of the Fund's use of floating rate leverage. In such an instance, the Fund may agree with a counterparty to pay a fixed rate (multiplied by a notional amount) and the counterparty to pay a floating rate multiplied by the same notional amount. If long-term interest rates rise, the Fund would receive payments under the swap that could offset a portion of its increased leverage costs; if interest rates fall, the Fund would likely lose money on the swap transaction as the amount it receives may be less than the fixed rate it has agreed to pay. Foreign securities involve risks in addition to those associated with comparable U.S. securities. Additional risks include exposure to less developed or less efficient trading markets; social, political, diplomatic, or economic instability; trade barriers and other protectionist trade policies (including those of the U.S.); significant government involvement in an economy and/or market structure; fluctuations in foreign currencies or currency redenomination; potential for default on sovereign debt; nationalization or expropriation of assets; settlement, custodial or other operational risks; higher transaction costs; confiscatory withholding or other taxes; and less stringent auditing, corporate disclosure, governance, and legal standards. As a result, foreign securities may fluctuate more widely in price, and may also be less liquid, than comparable U.S. securities.

There can be no guarantee that the portfolio managers will be successful in their attempts to manage the risk exposure of the Fund or will appropriately evaluate or weigh the multiple factors involved in investment decisions, including issuer, market and/or instrument-specific analysis, valuation and financially material environmental, social and governance factors.

3. Ratings categories shown in the above charts are those of S&P. In looking at the rating of a particular security, the Fund considers the ratings of S&P, Moody's and Fitch (each, an "NRSRO"). In the event that a particular security is rated differently by one of the three NRSROs, the highest rating is used. Chart represents the ratings of the securities held by the Fund and does not imply any credit rating of the Fund itself. 4. May include certain distributions that have been declared but not yet paid. Past distributions are not indicative of future distributions. 5. Holdings are as of 09/30/26 and are subject to change without notice. This list does not constitute a recommendation to buy, sell or hold a security. Portfolio holdings are expressed as a percentage and are calculated by taking the market value of each holding and dividing it by the Fund's NAV.

*The Fund's benchmark is the **ICE BofA U.S. High Yield Constrained Index**, which is designed to measure the performance of below investment grade US dollar-denominated corporate bonds publicly issued in the US domestic market, including 144A issues. It is not possible to invest directly in an unmanaged index.

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