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# Neuberger Berman Corporate Hybrid Bond Fund

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# Neuberger Berman Corporate Hybrid Bond Fund

Aims to outperform through a combination of growth and income from investments in corporate hybrid bonds worldwide



**Diversified portfolio** of corporate hybrid bonds from globally-recognized issuers offering **attractive yield and income**



Differentiated investment process with a focus on **bottom-up issuer selection** based on fundamental research



**8Y+ track record** running a dedicated corporate hybrid fund



**Dedicated, global team** of 25+ experienced IG credit investment professionals & wider FI team of 195+ specialists



**Integrated ESG process**, consistent **engagement** with issuers & top scores for ESG integration by UN-supported PRI<sup>1</sup>

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# Introduction to Corporate Hybrids

## Fund Characteristics

**ATTRACTIVE YIELD  
PROFILE**

**UNDERLYING  
COMPANIES ALL  
IG-RATED**

**OVERALL IG-RATED  
PORTFOLIO, WITH  
LIMITED EXPOSURE TO  
HY-RATED BONDS**

**GROWING MARKET**

**SPREAD PICK-UP VS.  
BROAD CORPORATE  
BOND MARKET**

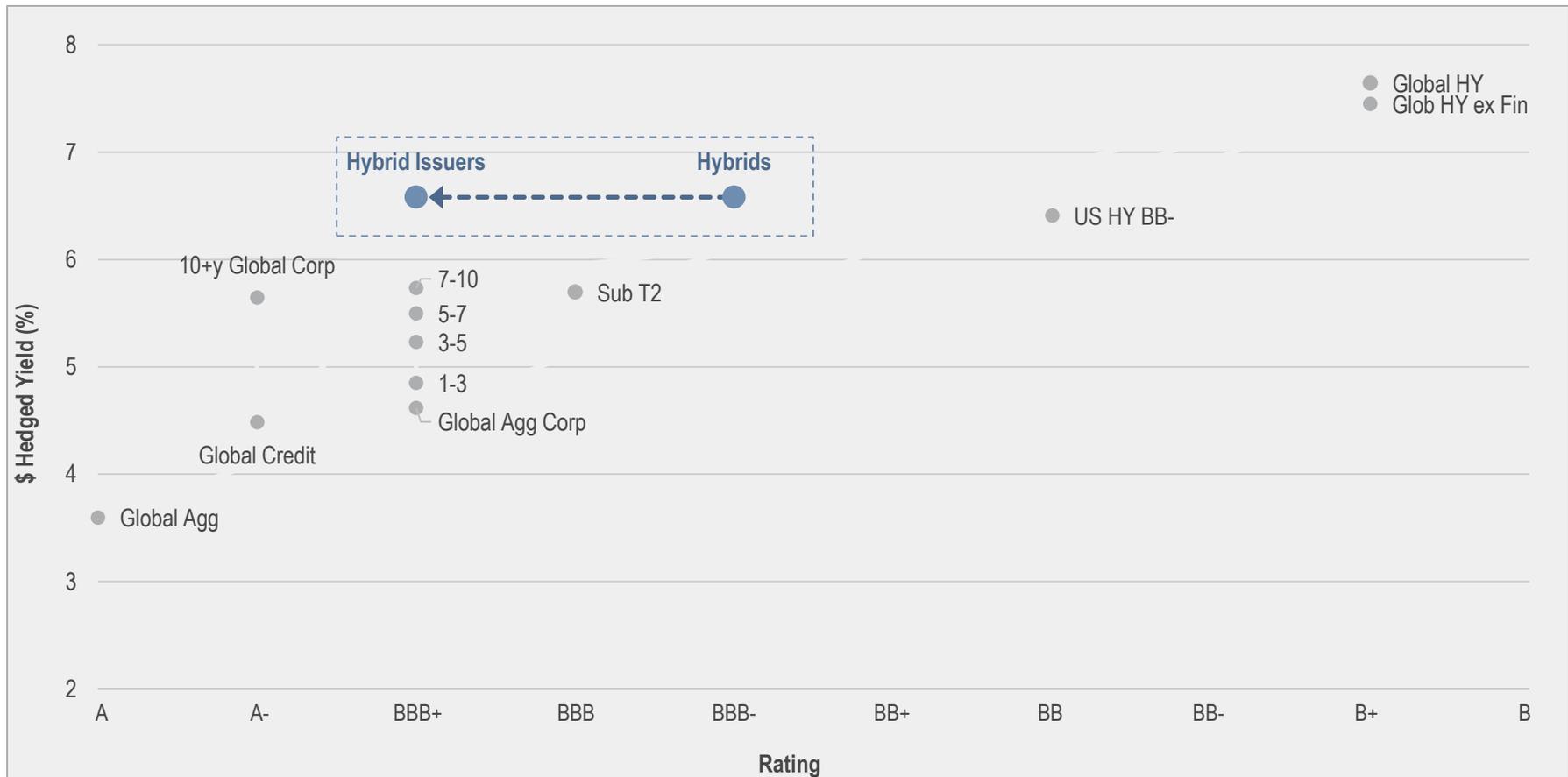
**DIVERSIFICATION BY  
CURRENCY, COUNTRY  
& SECTOR**

1. Seeks a minimum weighted average credit rating of BBB- based on Barclays Index methodology, which takes the conservative average of Moody's, S&P, and Fitch ratings. If Moody's, S&P and Fitch all provide a credit rating, the Index Rating is the median of the three agency ratings. If only two agencies provide ratings, the Index Rating is the more conservative rating. If only one agency provides a rating, the Index Rating reflects that agency's rating. Source: Neuberger Berman.

# Attractive Risk Reward Profile – High Grade Issuers

We favour subordination – over credit-risk

Past performance is no guarantee of future results.



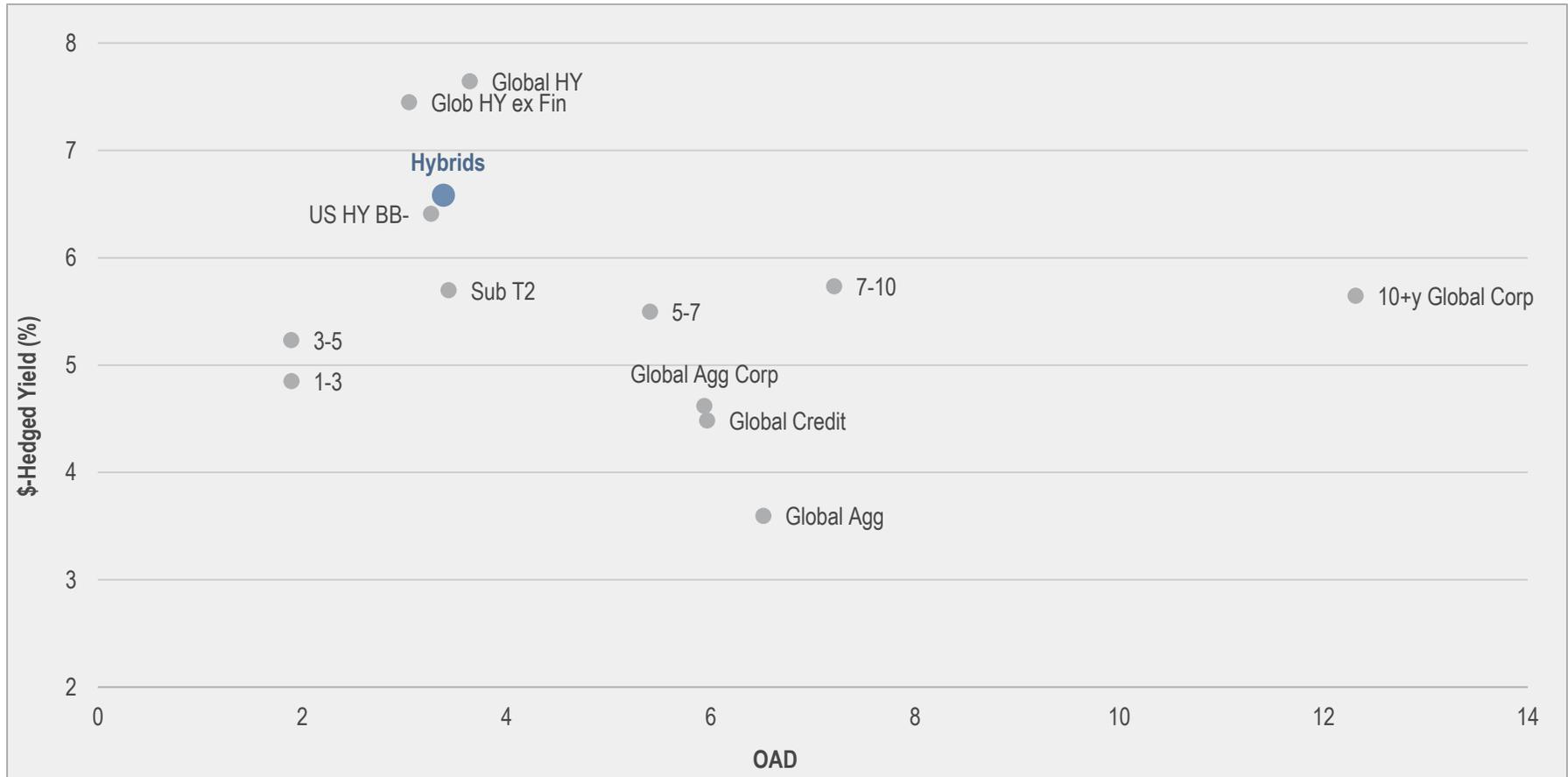
Source: Bloomberg, Neuberger Berman as of March 31, 2025.

The indices used are Hybrids (EUR, I35142EU Index), Sub T2 (EUR, LLT2TREU Index), Global HY (USD, LG30TRUU Index), Global Agg (USD, LEGATRUU Index), Global Agg Corp (USD, LGCPTRUU Index), 1-3 (EUR, LEC1TREU Index), 3-5 (EUR, LEC3TREU Index), 5-7 (EUR, LEC5TREU Index), 7-10 (EUR, LEC7TREU Index), Global Credit (USD, LGDRTRUU Index), 10+y Global Corp (USD, I04182US Index), US HY BB- (USD, I00182US Index), Glob HY ex Fin (USD, I27825US Index). For illustrative purposes only.

# Attractive Risk Reward Profile – High Grade Issuers

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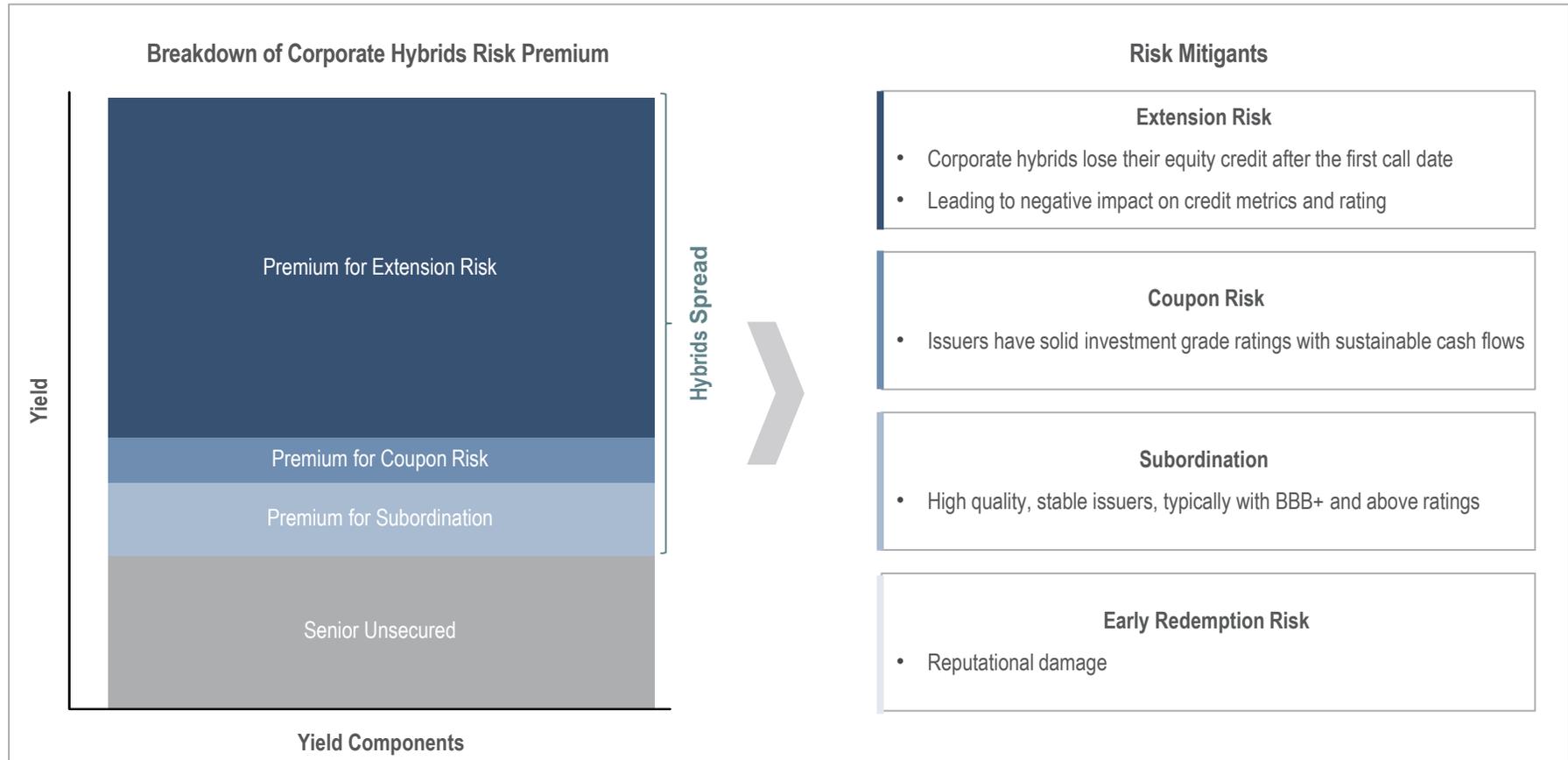


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# Understanding Embedded Risk Premium in Corporate Hybrids

In our view, market pricing tends to overestimate and potentially overcompensate for the risk of extension



- From 2013-2024, **99%** of corporate hybrids from investment grade issuers were **called at the first call date**
- We believe market pricing typically overestimates the risk of extension, by underrating the strong incentives for issuers' to call at the first call date

Source: Neuberger Berman, Bloomberg as of December 2024. For illustrative purposes only. Nothing herein constitutes investment advice or a recommendation to buy, sell or hold a security. It should not be assumed that any investments in securities, companies, sectors or markets identified and described were or will be profitable.

Why Neuberger Berman for Corporate Hybrids?



# Corporate Hybrid Bond Fund Team

Dedicated Investment Grade team closely connected to credit professionals globally

## PORTFOLIO MANAGERS



**Linus Claesson, CFA**  
Portfolio Manager,  
Investment Grade Credit  
15 Years of Industry Experience



**David Brown, CFA**  
Portfolio Manager,  
Co-Head of Global Investment Grade  
and Head of Investment Grade Credit  
34 Years of Industry Experience



**Antonio Serpico**  
Portfolio Manager,  
Investment Grade Credit  
25 Years of Industry Experience



**Sergejs Prala, CFA, FRM**  
Portfolio Manager,  
Investment Grade Credit  
18 years of Industry Experience

## 19 DEDICATED GLOBAL INVESTMENT GRADE RESEARCH ANALYSTS (CHICAGO/LONDON/MILAN)

**Steve Flaherty, CFA (Co-Head Research)**  
37 Years of Industry Experience

**Jonathan Gauntt**  
28 Years of Industry Experience

**Gianmarco Migliavacca**  
28 Years of Industry Experience

**Kristin Cejda (Co-Head Research)**  
14 Years of Industry Experience

**Victor Grigore, CFA**  
19 Years of Industry Experience

**Sabina Shaqiri**  
4 Years of Industry Experience

**Andrew Arbesman, CFA**  
19 Years of Industry Experience

**Zhanpeng Guo**  
3 Years of Industry Experience

**Jamaal Powell**  
8 Years of Industry Experience

**Emily Bond**  
5 Years of Industry Experience

**Savannah Irving**  
6 Years of Industry Experience

**Robin Usson, CFA**  
9 Years of Industry Experience

**Badis Chibani**  
14 Years of Industry Experience

**Ronnie Kihonge**  
2 Year of Industry Experience

**Kelly Weber, CFA**  
20 Years of Industry Experience

**Hope Crystal**  
4 Years of Industry Experience

**Nate Kush**  
24 Years of Industry Experience

**Fuad Youssef**  
2 Year of Industry Experience

**Sophia Gammarino**  
<1 yr – Chicago

### Total Credit Research

Over 40 professionals globally across IG, HY and EMD corporates

## 7 DEDICATED GLOBAL INVESTMENT GRADE TRADERS (CHICAGO/LONDON)

**Bob Summers, CFA (Trading Head)**  
Portfolio Manager, Head of Global Investment Grade Trading  
33 Years of Industry Experience

**Maria Cabrera**  
10 Years of Industry Experience

**Shreena Dasani**  
14 Years of Industry Experience

**Melanie Hilbush**  
15 Years of Industry Experience

**Chris Kramer**  
16 Years of Industry Experience

**Patrick Krueger**  
4 Years of Industry Experience

**Zack Schroeder, CFA**  
14 Years of Industry Experience

### Total Credit Trading

~10 professionals globally

## CLIENT PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT TEAM (LONDON)

**Jaina Varsani, CFA**  
Client Portfolio Specialist  
12 Years of Industry Experience

**Nathan Cefai, CFA**  
Client Portfolio Specialist  
5 Years of Industry Experience

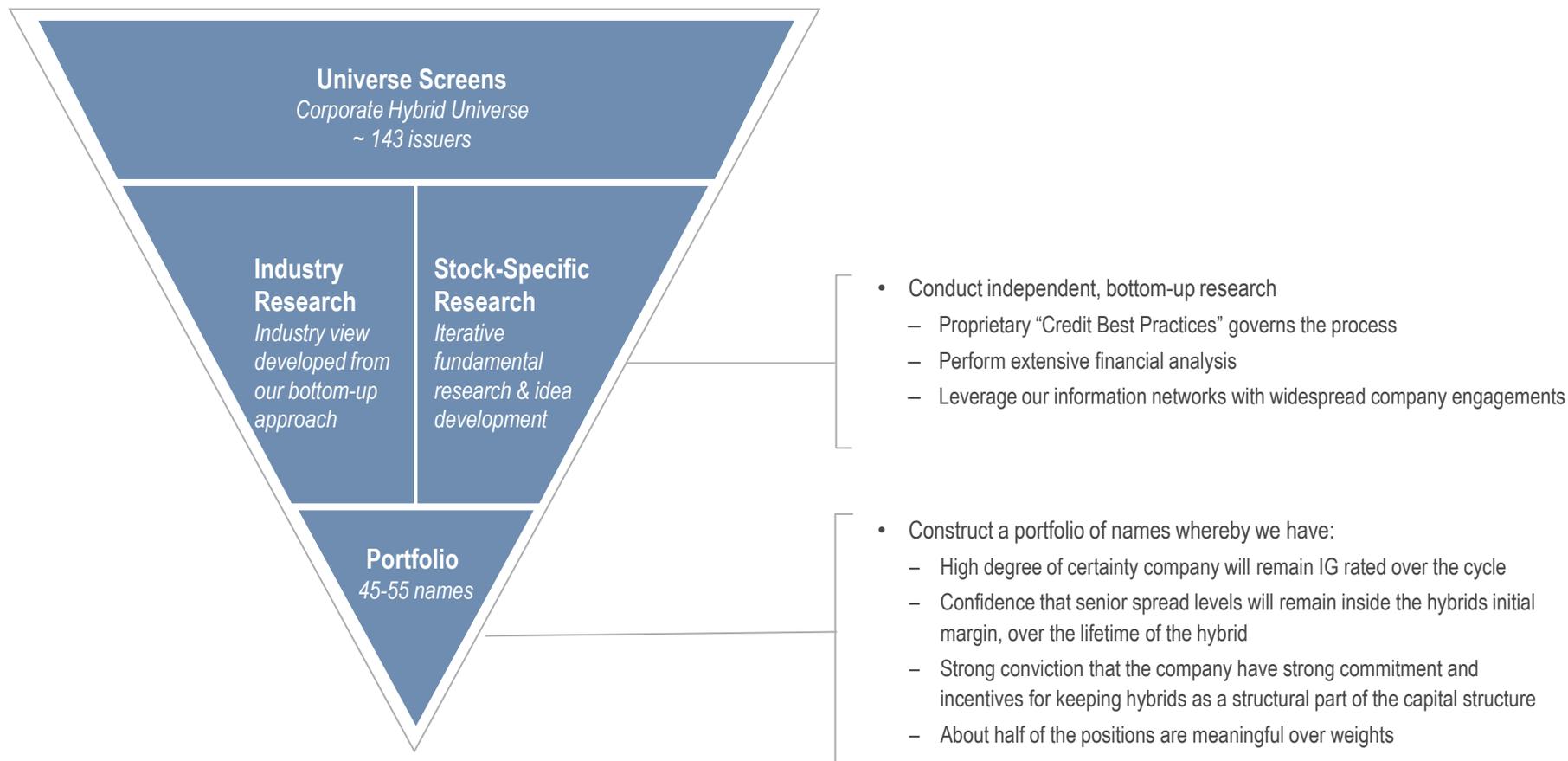
**Ayanda Tambo**  
Associate Client Portfolio Specialist  
3 Years of Industry Experience

As of March 31, 2025.

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# Focused and Differentiated Investment Process

Investment opportunity set subject to a rigorous selection process



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## Corporate Hybrid Portfolio Construction: General Attributes

The portfolio construction process combines our highest conviction ideas in a diversified portfolio while remaining consistent with our top-down view

### Diversified By Issuer

- Average issuer size 2.2%
- Average of 40-50 issuers
- Maximum per issuer 7.5% (>5% only in exceptional circumstances)

### Credit Quality Focus

- Investing only in companies with a senior investment grade rating
- Average investment grade overall portfolio rating

### Diversified By Industry

- Maximum generally +/-15% overweight
- Approximately 6 - 9 industries represented

### Other Key Characteristics

- Euro focused
- Limited exposure to peripheral Eurozone
- Zero exposure to emerging market issuers
- Limited active duration exposure (+/-0.5 vs benchmark)
- Minimum 10% sustainable investments, with ESG exclusions on names failing our Global Standards Policy

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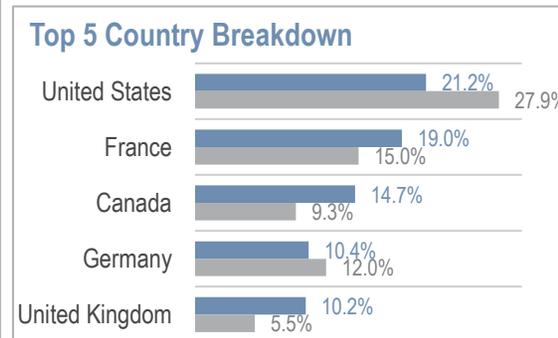
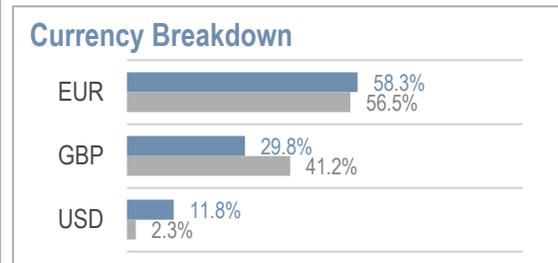
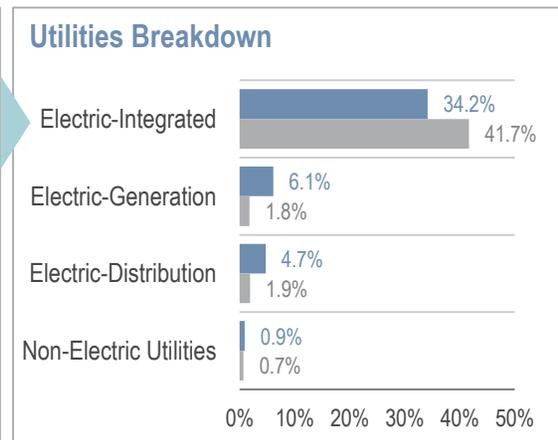
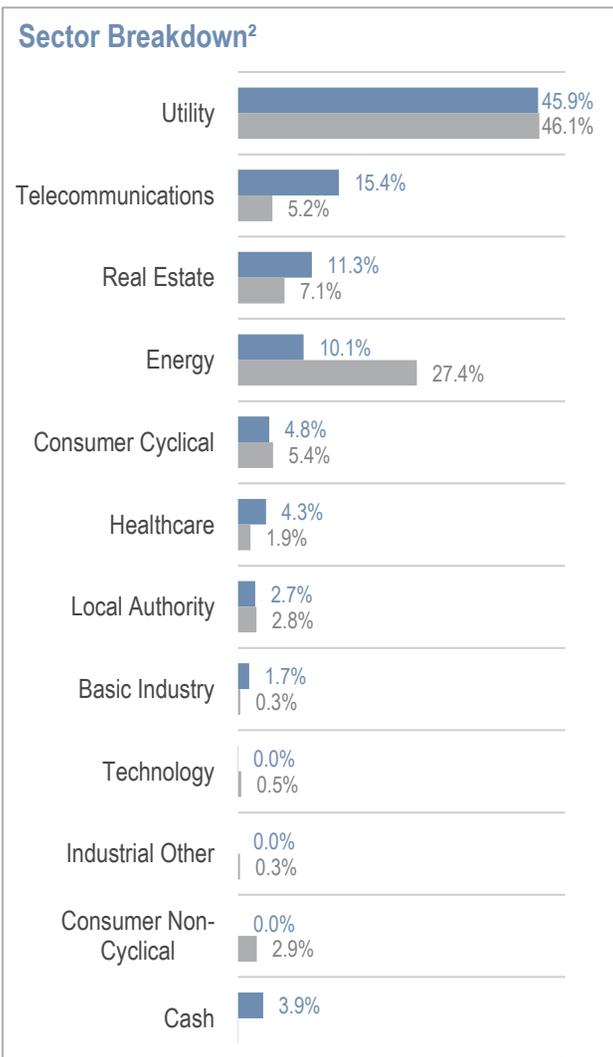
# Neuberger Berman Corporate Hybrid Bond Fund

## Portfolio characteristics

Statistics	
Yield to Call - EUR (%) <sup>1</sup>	4.72
Yield to Call - USD (%) <sup>1</sup>	6.72
Option Adjusted Spread (bps)	256
Duration (yrs)	3.64
Average Price	100.47
Average Rating	BBB-
Number of Bonds	91
Number of Issuers	47
Market Value (€mn)	2,478

Top 10 Issuers	
Southern Electric Generating	5.81%
Heimstaden Bostad Treasury	5.07%
Enbridge Energy Partners	4.85%
Volkswagen	4.79%
Electricite De France	4.35%
British Telecommunications	4.16%
Bell Canada	4.06%
Rogers Communications	3.64%
Florida Power & Light	3.26%
San Diego Gas & Electric	3.10%

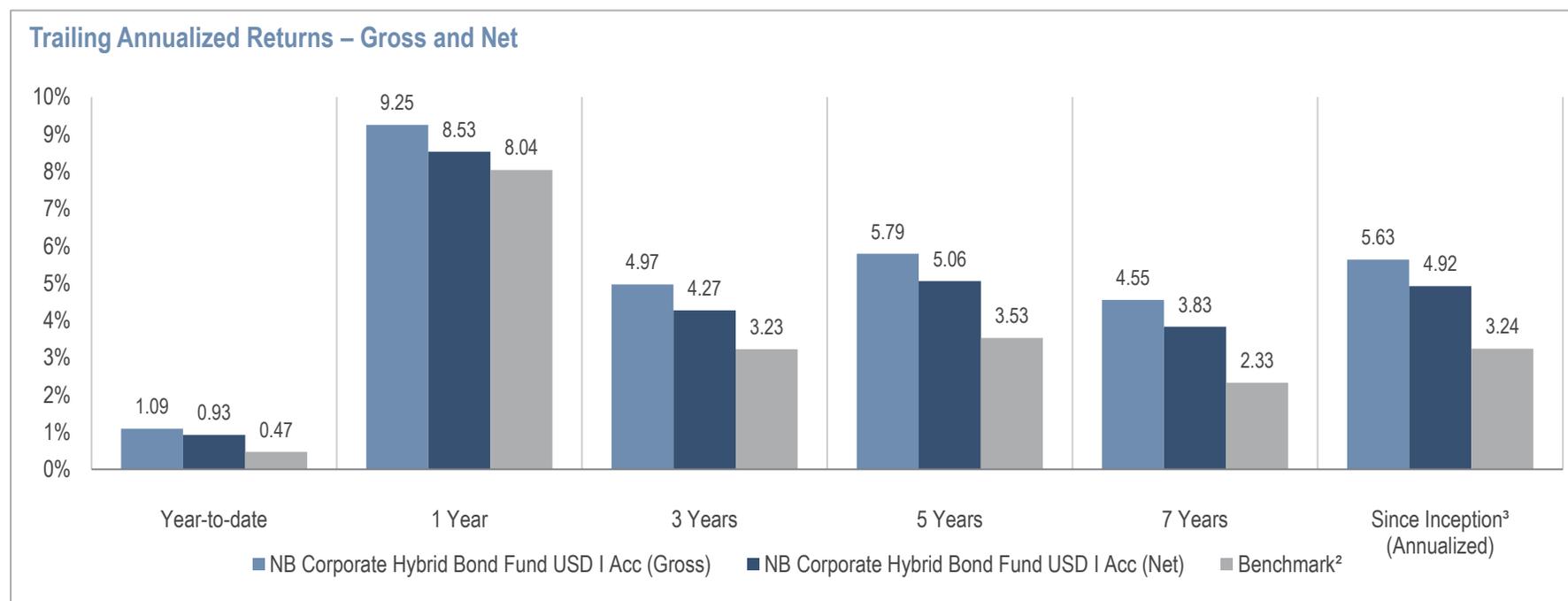
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■ Benchmark <sup>3</sup>	



<sup>1</sup> Yield to call shown in hedged terms including FX forwards. <sup>2</sup> Does not include cash. <sup>3</sup> Benchmark: ICE BofA Global Hybrid Non-Financial 5% Constrained Custom Index (Total Return, Euro, Hedged)  
Source: Blackrock Aladdin, as of March 31, 2025. Differences in allocation are due to rounding.

# Neuberger Berman Corporate Hybrid Bond Fund – Investment Performance

Past performance is no guarantee of future results.



Rolling 12 Month Returns <sup>4</sup> (%)	Mar 2017 – Mar 2018	Mar 2018 – Mar 2019	Mar 2019 – Mar 2020	Mar 2020 – Mar 2021	Mar 2021 - Mar 2022	Mar 2022 - Mar 2023	Mar 2023 - Mar 2024	Mar 2024 - Mar 2025
NB Corporate Hybrid Bond Fund USD I Acc Gross	7.11	3.66	-0.58	17.81	-2.79	-6.19	12.87	9.25
NB Corporate Hybrid Bond Fund USD I Acc Net	6.44	2.98	-1.32	16.95	-3.44	-6.84	12.12	8.53
Benchmark <sup>2</sup>	5.40	1.81	-3.00	12.89	-4.21	-7.73	10.37	8.04

<sup>1</sup> Periods less than one year are not annualized. <sup>2</sup> Benchmark: ICE BofAML Global Hybrid Non-Financial 5% Constrained Custom Index (Total Return, Euro, Hedged).

<sup>3</sup> Inception: 06/14/2016. <sup>4</sup> 12 month period based on month end NAVs.

Source: Neuberger Berman and FactSet. As of February 28, 2025. Fund net performance is representative of the USD I Accumulating share class and has been calculated to account for the deduction of commissions, fees or other charges which will reduce returns. Fund performance does not take account of any commission or costs incurred by investors when subscribing for or redeeming shares. Investors who subscribe in a currency other than the base currency of the Fund should note that returns may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations. The fees and charges paid by the Fund will reduce the return on your investment.

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## Risk Considerations

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**Market Risk:** The risk of a change in the value of a position as a result of underlying market factors, including among other things, the overall performance of companies and the market perception of the global economy.

**Liquidity Risk:** The risk that the fund may be unable to sell an investment readily at its fair market value. In extreme market conditions this can affect the fund's ability to meet redemption requests upon demand.

**Credit Risk:** The risk that bond issuers may fail to meet their interest repayments, or repay debt, resulting in temporary or permanent losses to the fund.

**Interest Rate Risk:** The risk of interest rate movements affecting the value of fixed-rate bonds.

**Concentration Risk:** The fund's investments may be concentrated in a small number of investments and its performance may therefore be more variable than the performance of a more diversified fund.

**Counterparty Risk:** The risk that a counterparty will not fulfil its payment obligation for a trade, contract or other transaction, on the due date.

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