US Corporate High Yield 3% Issuer Capped Index

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The Bloomberg US Corporate High Yield 3% Issuer Capped Index measures the USD-denominated, high yield, fixed-rate corporate bond market. Securities are classified as high yield if the middle rating of Moody's, Fitch, and S&P is Ba2/BB+/BB+ or below. Bonds from issuers with an emerging markets country of risk, based on the indices EM country definition, are excluded. The index limits the exposure of each issuer to 3% of the total market value and redistributes any excess market value across the index on a pro rata basis. The US Corporate High Yield 3% Issuer Capped Index is a component of the US Universal and Global High Yield Indices. The index was created in May 2005, with history backfilled to January, 1993.

The features specific to this Index are set out below.

Description of Index Constituents	USD Corporate High Yield Bonds
Index Ticker	110860US Index: Total Return USD Unhedged
Eligibility Requirements:	
Currency	Principal and interest must be denominated in USD
Credit Rating	High Yield
Amount Outstanding	USD150mn minimum par amount outstanding
Maturity	At least one year until final maturity, regardless of optionality
Liquidity Requirements	Minimum amount outstanding as specified above
Region	Emerging market issuers are excluded
Rebalance Date	Monthly

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