Bloomberg US High Yield ex China Cash Pay 1-5 Year 2% Issuer Capped Index

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The Bloomberg US High Yield ex China Cash Pay 1-5 Year 2% Issuer Capped Index (the "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 Ba1/BB+/BB+ or below. The Index excludes bonds with a country of risk of China. Bonds from issuers with an emerging markets country of risk, based on the indices' EM country definition, are excluded. The US High Yield ex China Cash Pay 1-5 Year 2% Issuer Capped Index is a subset of the US Universal and Global High Yield Indices. The index was launched in August 2018, with index history backfilled to August 1, 2012.

Index Ticker I33326US Index: Total Return USD Unhedged

Eligibility Requirements:

Currency	Principal and interest must be denominated in USD
Sector	Corporate (industrial, utility and financial institutions) issuers only
Credit Rating	Securities must be rated high yield (Ba1/BB+/BB+ or below) using the Bloomberg index rating methodology
Amount Outstanding	USD750mn minimum par amount outstanding
Coupon	• Fixed-rate coupon. Zero coupon bonds issued as original issue discounts (OIDs) are excluded.
	Securities must be cash pay bonds.
	Single coupon type only.
	• Coupon>=0.01
Maturity	At least 1 year and up to, but not including, 5 years until final maturity
Country of Risk	Bonds with a country of risk of China are excluded
Seniority of Debt	Subordinated issues are excluded

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Security Types

Included

- Bullet securities only
- Cash pay bonds
- Single Coupon

Excluded

- Debt issued by emerging markets corporate issuers
- Defaulted bonds
- Contingent capital securities, including traditional CoCos and contingent write-down securities, with explicit capital ratio or solvency/balance sheetbased triggers
- Bonds with equity type features (eg, warrants, convertibles, preferreds, DRD/QDI-eligible issues)
- Fixed-to-float and step-up coupon securities
- Putable, sinkable/amortizing and callable bonds
- Pay-in-kind (PIK) and partial PIK bonds
- Original issue zero coupon bonds
- Eurodollar issues
- Inflation-linked bonds, floating-rate issues
- Private placements, retail bonds
- Structured notes, pass-through certificates
- Illiquid securities with no available internal or thirdparty pricing source
- Securities with China as their country of risk

Rebalance Frequency Monthly

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