

Santander Go Global High Yield Bond

Fund commentary

Contributors:

- Altice France equity contributed as the company emerged from restructuring
- Credit selection to financial services, led by the repricing of the Credit Suisse AT1 claims
- Overweight allocation to the banking sector

Detractors:

- Credit selection within basic industry, led by an overweight to Domtar and FMC corporation
- Credit selection within telecommunications, led by Altice International
- Credit selection to BB rated credit

Outlook:

- We believe high yield is well-positioned to deliver strong performance, supported by solid corporate fundamentals, a steepening yield curve, and favourable technical factors—an encouraging combination for the asset class.
- Although spreads are narrow, they indicate investors' appetite for yield and a belief that economic and corporate conditions will likely stay favourable in the short term.
- Furthermore, tight spreads can foster a positive cycle by reducing the cost for companies to raise funds or refinance debt.
- Improvements in quality, increased secured debt issuance, and corporate balance sheets with median leverage levels will help differentiate HY relative to wider leveraged finance markets.
- Risk arises when complacency takes hold, but we believe we are still a fair distance from that point.

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