# PAYDEN HIGH INCOME FUND (PYHRX)

# Payden Funds

JUNE 30, 2025

# **Investment Strategy**

The Payden High Income Fund invests in corporate high-yield bonds, which provide a premium to U.S. Treasury bonds. The fund generally invests in the higher-quality segment of the market and looks for companies with good growth prospects, superior and defensible products and strong management teams.

# **Fund Highlights**

- » Primary focus on the upper tier (BB or B rated) of the global high-yield bond market.<sup>A</sup>
- » Potential for both income and capital appreciation.
- » The value of an investment will generally fall when interest rates rise.

FUND DESCRIPTION				
CLASS:	Investor			
FUND INCEPTION:	Dec 30, 1997			
TICKER:	PYHRX			
CUSIP:	704329572			
TOTAL NET ASSETS:	\$937.4 Million			
INVESTMENT MINIMUM:C	\$100,000			
IRA MINIMUM: <sup>C</sup>	\$100,000			
DIVIDENDS PAID:	Monthly			
DIVIDENDS (LAST 12 MOS):	\$0.533			

**FUND STATISTICS** 

EFFECTIVE DURATION:D

**AVERAGE MATURITY:** 

30-DAY SEC YIELD:E

Daniel N. Dupont, CFA

# Performance<sup>B</sup>

MONTHLY	YTD	1 YEAR	3 YEAR	5 YEAR	10 YEAR	SINCE INCEPTION (12-30-97)
PAYDEN HIGH INCOME FUND	3.99%	8.63%	10.31%	6.82%	5.54%	5.57%
ICE BOFA BB-B U.S. CASH PAY HIGH YIELD CONSTRAINED INDEX	4.66%	9.06%	9.21%	5.34%	5.06%	6.07%

EXPENSES	
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3.0 Years

5.9 Years

6.86%

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# TOTAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES: 0.63%

### Calendar-Year Returns

2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
8.14%	14.71%	-9.76%	6.62%	7.38%	16.75%	-2.85%	6.53%	10.61%	-1.54%

	Years of Experience
Natalie N. Trevithick, CFA	28
Timothy J. Crawmer, CFA	26
Jordan H. Lopez, CFA	21
Nicholas Burns III, CFA	14

PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

Quoted performance data represent past performance, which does not guarantee future results. Investment returns and principal value will fluctuate, so investors' shares, when sold, may be worth more or less than their original cost. For the most recent month-end performance, which may be higher or lower than that quoted, visit our website at payden.com or call 800 572-9336.

### Role In Portfolio

High-Yield Bond - Appropriate for investors who seek higher yields and diversification in the growing \$2 trillion high-yield bond market.

# Investment Manager

Payden & Rygel is one of the largest privately-owned global investment firms. Founded in Los Angeles in 1983, we have served the needs of institutional and individual investors for over 40 years. We offer a wide array of investment strategies and vehicles, including fixed-income, equity, and balanced portfolios, which can be accessed through separately managed accounts as well as comingled funds. We are committed to providing investment solutions focused on each client's specific needs and objectives.

**Headquarters**: Los Angeles

Founded: 1983

Assets Under Management: \$160 billion

(as of 06/30/25)

# Portfolio Characteristics & Market Commentary

#### SECTOR ALLOCATION

Financials	18%
Consumer Cyclical	17%
Consumer Non-Cyclical	13%
Energy	13%
Communications	11%
Industrials	6%
Basic Materials	5%
Loans	5%
Other	5%
Utilities	4%
Cash	3%

# CREDIT ALLOCATION<sup>A</sup> TOP-10 HOLDINGS

AAA	4%
BBB	3%
BB	32%
В	53%
CCC	6%
Unrated	2%

Brandywine Operating Partnership	0.8%
LFS TopCo	0.7%
Vermilion Energy	0.7%
Wildfire Intermediate Holdings	0.6%
Midcap Financial	0.6%
OHI	0.6%
Prime Healthcare	0.6%
Civitas Resources	0.6%
ENSTAR	0.6%
KeHE Distributors	0.6%

# Market

- » High-yield bonds posted a strong result for the quarter as tighter spreads (i.e., the difference between the yield on bonds and comparable-maturity U.S. Treasuries) and coupon income both worked in investors'
- » The ICE BofA BB-B U.S. Cash Pay High Yield Constrained Index returned +3.5% during the guarter. BBrated bonds returned +3.4%, B-rated bonds returned +3.5%, and CCC-rated bonds returned +4.6%.
- » New issuance was \$77 billion (\$23 billion net of refinancing) in the second quarter. Year-to-date, the market has seen \$146 billion (\$40 billion net of refinancing) of new issue.
- » High-yield mutual fund and exchange-traded fund (ETF) flows were -\$0.1 billion during the guarter.

### Outlook

- » Issuer-level data shows sturdy high-yield fundamentals as disciplined management teams have kept leverage in check and cash flow ratios healthy.
- » Very few issuers need immediate access to capital markets, which should give them runway to reposition for the new global economic dynamic.
- » We view all-in yields as attractive in the low-7% range, but active management will remain critical in the coming months.

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### **FOOTNOTES**

A Ratings are measured on a scale that generally ranges from AAA (highest) to D (lowest) and are subject to change. Security ratings are assigned using the lowest rating of Moody's, S&P, and Fitch. B Returns less than one year are not annualized. C The minimum initial investment may be modified for certain financial intermediaries that submit trades on behalf of underlying investors. Payden Funds' distributor may lower or waive the minimum initial investment for certain categories of investors at their discretion. <sup>D</sup> Effective duration is a measure of the Fund's price sensitivity to changes in interest rates. <sup>E</sup> The 30-day SEC yield represents the dividends and interest earned for a 30-day period, annualized, and divided by the net asset values per share at the end of the period. The SEC yield is computed under a standardized formula which assumes all portfolio securities are held to maturity. This value may differ from the actual distribution rate of the fund.

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