

MARCH 31, 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:	\$900.7 Million
INVESTMENT MINIMUM: <sup>C</sup>	\$100,000
IRA MINIMUM: <sup>C</sup>	\$100,000
DIVIDENDS PAID:	Monthly
DIVIDENDS (LAST 12 MOS):	\$0.458

### FUND STATISTICS

EFFECTIVE DURATION: <sup>D</sup>	3.3 Years
AVERAGE MATURITY:	5.9 Years
30-DAY SEC YIELD:	6.71%

### EXPENSES

TOTAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES:	0.63%
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### PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

Years of Experience

Natalie N. Trevithick, CFA	28
Timothy J. Crawmer, CFA	26
Jordan H. Lopez, CFA	21
Nicholas Burns III, CFA	14
Daniel N. Dupont, CFA	13

### Performance<sup>B</sup>

MONTHLY	YTD	1 YEAR	3 YEAR	5 YEAR	10 YEAR	SINCE INCEPTION (12-30-97)
PAYDEN HIGH INCOME FUND	0.80%	6.98%	5.54%	8.56%	5.20%	5.50%
ICE BOFA BB-B U.S. CASH PAY HIGH YIELD CONSTRAINED INDEX	1.15%	6.68%	4.45%	6.52%	4.70%	6.00%

### 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%

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## 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:** \$165 billion  
(as of 03/31/25)

## Portfolio Characteristics & Market Commentary

### SECTOR ALLOCATION

Financials	17%
Consumer Cyclical	16%
Consumer Non-Cyclical	13%
Energy	12%
Communications	11%
Industrials	6%
Loans	6%
Basic Materials	5%
Cash	5%
Other	5%
Utilities	4%

### CREDIT ALLOCATION<sup>A</sup>

AAA	5%
BBB	3%
BB	32%
B	52%
CCC	6%
Unrated	2%

### TOP-10 HOLDINGS

Vital Energy	0.9%
Oceanica	0.7%
OHI	0.6%
PBF Holdings	0.6%
EchoStar	0.6%
ENSTAR	0.6%
KeHE Distributors	0.6%
Verde Purchaser LLC	0.6%
Prime Healthcare	0.5%
Toronto-Dominion	0.5%

## Market

- » High-yield bonds were positive for the quarter despite the broad risk sell-off in March as lower rates drove bond prices higher and healthy coupon income generated an additional quantum of return.
- » The ICE BofA BB-B U.S. Cash Pay High Yield Constrained Index returned +1.2% during the month. BB-rated bonds returned +1.4%, B-rated bonds returned +0.7%, and CCC-rated bonds returned -1.3%.
- » New issuance was \$68 billion (\$17 billion net of refinancing) for the quarter.
- » High-yield mutual fund and exchange-traded fund (ETF) flows were +\$7.6 billion during the month.

## Outlook

- » During the first quarter, volatility was driven largely by macroeconomic uncertainty rather than idiosyncratic, issuer-level concerns. Issuer-level credit fundamentals remain mostly intact and healthy.
- » We believe that wider spreads—defined as the difference between the yield on the high-yield index and a comparable maturity U.S. Treasury—are creating investment opportunities, particularly in issuers with abundant liquidity that are well positioned to ride out a possible slowdown in growth.
- » We view all-in yields as attractive in the high 7% range, but active management will remain critical in the coming months.

# Payden Funds

## FOOTNOTES

<sup>A</sup> 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. <sup>B</sup> Returns less than one year are not annualized. <sup>C</sup> 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.

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