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## Average Annual Returns as of 09/30/2024

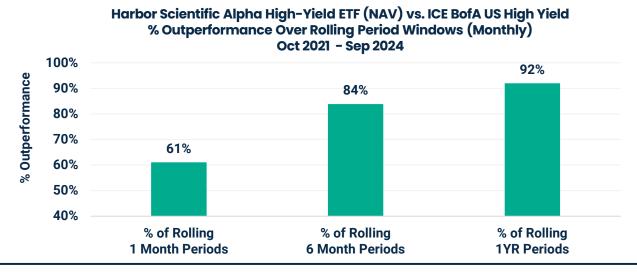
3	Months	YTD	1 Yr.	3 Yr.	5 Yr.	10 Yr.	Since Inception	Inception Date	Total Expense Ratio
Harbor Scientific Alpha High-Yield ETF (NAV)	4.92%	8.01%	16.47%	4.38%	N/A	N/A	4.13%	09/14/2021	0.48%
Harbor Scientific Alpha High-Yield ETF (Market)	5.37%	8.47%	17.35%	4.36%	N/A	N/A	4.15%	09/14/2021	
ICE BofA US High Yield Index (H0A0)	5.28%	8.03%	15.66%	3.08%	N/A	N/A	2.89%	09/14/2021	

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Shares are bought and sold at market price not net asset value (NAV). A fund's NAV is the sum of all its assets less any liabilities, divided by the number of shares outstanding. Market price returns are based upon the closing composite market price and do not represent the returns you would receive if you traded shares at other times.

### **History of Consistent & Attractive Return Profile**

- Since inception, SIHY has demonstrated attractive excess returns relative to the ICE BofA US High Yield Index.
- For instance, over rolling 6-month periods since inception, SIHY has delivered excess returns in 84% of periods. Over rolling 1-year windows, SIHY (NAV) has outperformed the ICE BofA US High Yield Index in 92% of periods.



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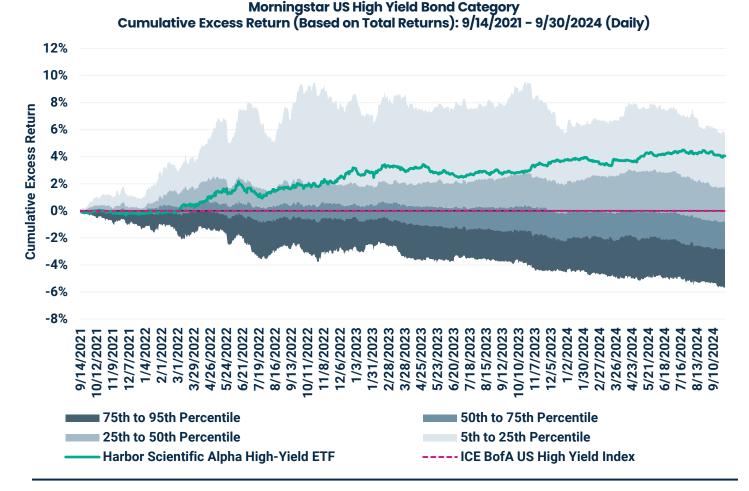
Source: Morningstar Direct. September 2024

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## **Compounding Consistency**

- Compounding this consistency has led to attractive results relative to both the index and peers.
- Since SIHY's (NAV) 9/14/2021 inception, the ETF has delivered 406 basis points of cumulative excess return relative to the ICE BofA US High Yield Index.
- This since-inception performance ranks 12<sup>th</sup> percentile out of 619 funds (based on total returns) within Morningstar's US High Yield Bond Category.

Harbor Scientific Alpha High-Yield ETF (SIHY) NAV vs. ICE BofA US High Yield Index &



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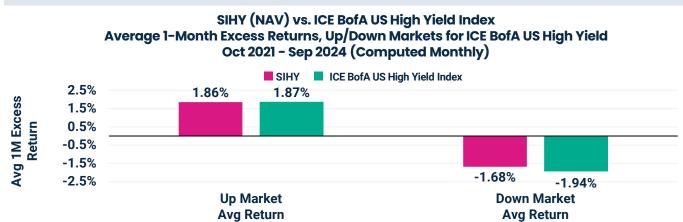
The Morningstar Rankings are based on total returns, with distributions reinvested and operating expenses deducted. Morningstar does not take into account sales charges. Harbor Scientific Alpha High-Yield ETF was ranked against Morningstar's US Fund High Yield Bond category, quarterly, based on total returns, over the following time periods: 50 out of 665 investments in the category for the 1-year period and 41 out of 620 investments in the category for the 3-year period as of 09/30/2024. The highest (or most favorable) percentile rank is 1 and the lowest (or least favorable) percentile rank is 100. Past rankings are no guarantee of future rankings.

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## **Upside Participation with Downside Mitigation**

- A focus on curating high-quality alpha insights and allowing security selection to drive excess returns has produced an attractive return profile since SIHY's September 2021 inception.
- In months where the ICE BofA US High Yield Index has delivered positive performance, the ETF has, on average, kept pace with the index. Conversely, in months where the ICE BofA US High Yield Index delivered negative returns, SIHY (NAV) outperformed by 26 basis points on average.



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- In part, this defensive profile stems from strong excess returns in periods of spread widening.
- Spread widening in high-yield markets can often produce elevated levels of dispersion. For BlueCove's high-breadth active approach, higher dispersion represents an attractive opportunity set for security selection, in our view.
- On average, in periods of spread widening, SIHY (NAV) has delivered excess returns to the ICE BofA US High Yield Index.

#### SIHY (NAV) vs. ICE BofA US High Yield Index Avg. Rolling 1-Month Excess Returns Across Different Month-over-Month High Yield Option Adjusted Spread Environments (Tightening/Widening) 9/14/2021 - 9/30/2024 (Rolling 1-Month Windows, Daily)



Level of Month-over-Month ICE BofA US High Yield Idx OAS Tightening/Widening

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**Owner Mentality**<sup>1</sup>

Each employee has an

Focus

equity interest in the firm

Commitment to scientific

Modern Technology

Technology is custom-built

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#### Introducing BlueCove

- BlueCove is a specialist active manager founded in 2018 with a platform that is custom built for scientific fixed income.
- BlueCove's objective is to deliver strong investment outcomes for investors through active management utilizing proprietary research insights.
- BlueCove is well resourced with a primary focus on investment research and development (R&D). The team includes innovators in scientific fixed income investing with investment team heads averaging 23 years of experience.
- The firm's business model is based on the three main pillars of owner mentality<sup>1</sup>, total focus, and modern technology.

## Introducing Scientific Investing

- BlueCove's scientific investment process is evidence based, data-driven, economically intuitive, and grounded in the scientific method with targeted R&D at each step of the investment process.
- Scientific investing provides investors with an alternative to passive or factor investing through the application of proprietary insights based on economic intuition.
- Scientific investing may also serve as a complement or alternative to traditional discretionary investing by working to maximize breadth to target high-quality alpha from a large number of positions.

Degree of Active Management

9%	► 10 Alpha diversification opportunity					
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Passive	Factor Investing	Traditional Discretionary	Scientific Active			
Core allocation	<ul> <li>Seeks to capture persistent sources of return</li> <li>Style tilts</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Concentrated positions vs highly diversified</li> <li>PM driven portfolio construction</li> <li>Potential unwanted risk exposures</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Breadth of alpha opportunities</li> <li>Proprietary insights</li> <li>Portfolio optimization</li> <li>Minimize unwanted risk exposures</li> </ul>			

1. On 28 February 2023, BlueCove and Ares Management announced a strategic partnership.

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Ticker Symbol	Cusip	Listed Exchange	Gross Expense Ratio	Lead Market Maker	Inception Date	Benchmark	Morningstar Category
SIHY	41151J109	NYSE	0.48%	Jane Street	9/14/2021	ICE BofA US High Yield Index	High Yield

### **Portfolio Construction**

Ultimately the portfolio is constructed through an optimization<sup>1</sup> process driven by proprietary tools and aims to:

Maximize alpha forecasts

Minimize market, sector, and curve risk

Mitigate issuer concentration risk

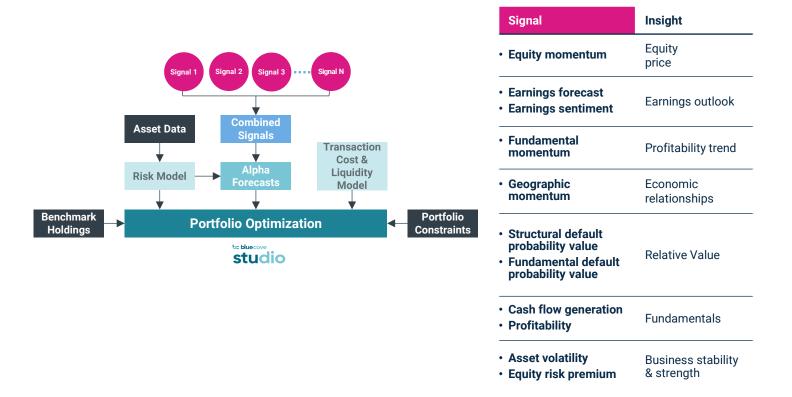
Minimize transaction costs

Realistically measure market liquidity

SIHY is differentiated from other active competitors by applying a scientific approach while matching the market exposure of the index, hence emphasizing a strong security selection focus.

#### **The BlueCove Process**

- BlueCove develops proprietary insights driven by signals that emphasize economic intuition and empirical evidence utilizing data beyond the scope of traditional credit analysis.
- BlueCove believes their signal set will enable the Fund to take advantage of market inefficiencies by providing insights across:



## **Important Information**



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The **ICE BofAML US High Yield Index** (H0A0) is an unmanaged index that tracks the performance of below investment grade U.S. Dollar-denominated corporate bonds publicly issued in the U.S. domestic market. All bonds are U.S. dollar denominated and rated Split BBB and below. This unmanaged index does not reflect fees and expenses and is not available for direct investment.

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Option Adjusted Spread (OAS) is the measurement of the spread of a fixed-income security rate and the risk-free rate of return, which is then adjusted to take into account an embedded option.

Alpha refers to excess returns earned on an investment.

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