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# Lazard Nordic High Yield Bond Fund:

# Market-& Portfolio Review

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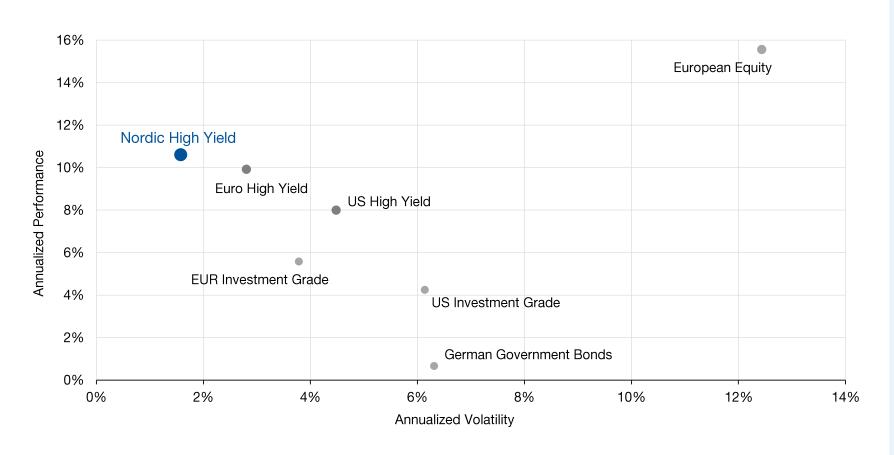
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### Risk-Return Comparison

Nordic High Yield offering higher yields and less volatility than comparable market segments



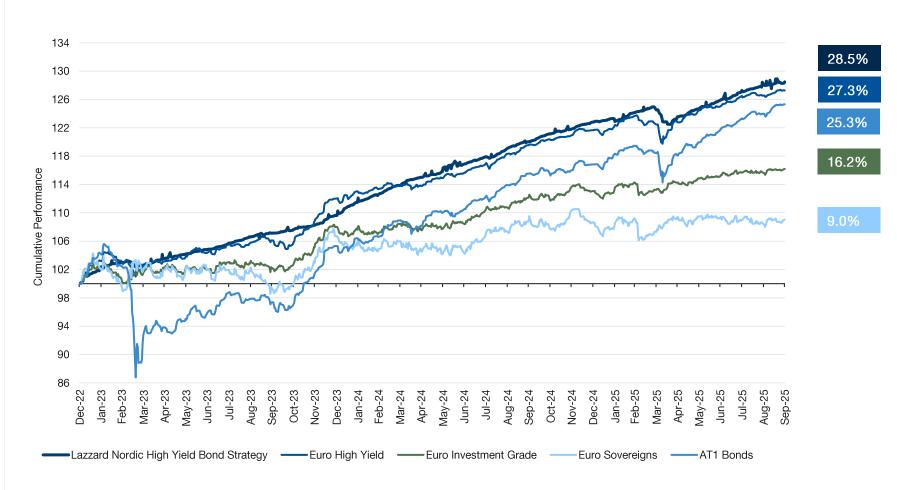
Higher performance potential with lower risk

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## Strong risk adjusted Performance

Lazard Nordic High Yield Bond Fund outperforming other FI segments



Nordic High Yield shows less draw down in current uncertainty

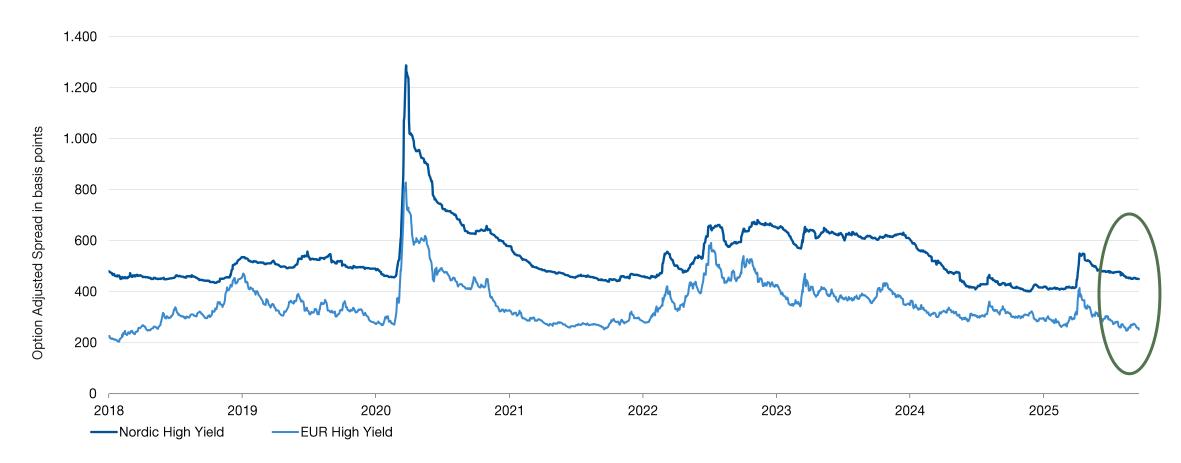
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## The Nordic High Yield Market

Structural "Nordic Premium" currently still higher compared to beginning of the year

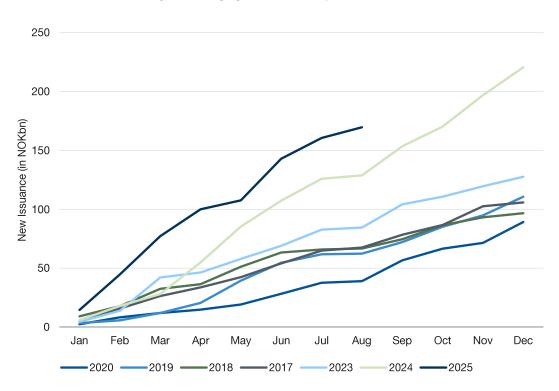


As of 30 September 2025 ICE BofA USD High Yield Index, DNB Markets Nordic High Yield Index Source: DNB, ICE, Lazard

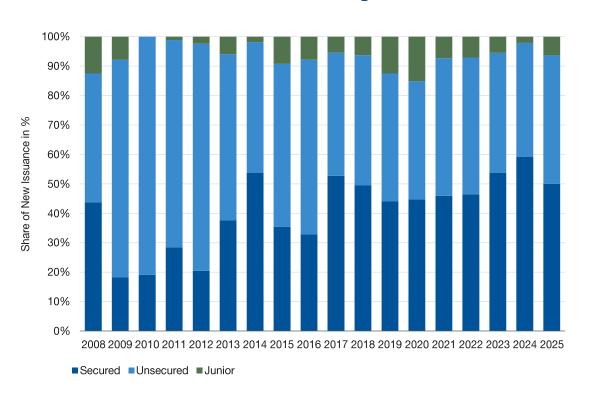
# 2025 Primary market trending for another record year

After a pause in April the market universe is growing again

### Issue amount – year by year comparison



### Share of secured bonds remains high



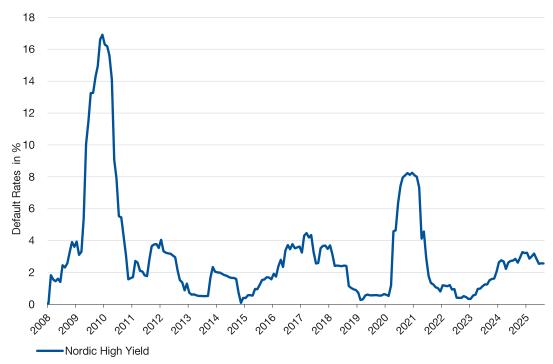
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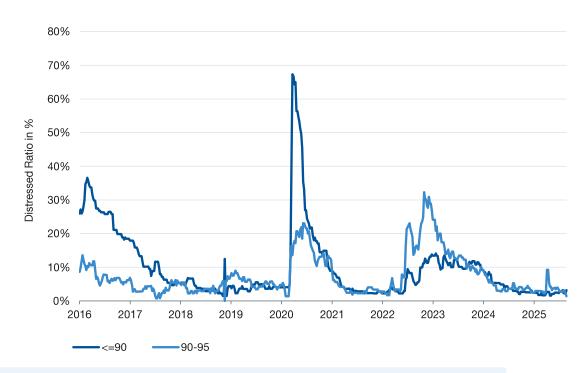
# Decreasing Default Risks

Already falling default rates meet historically low distressed ratios

#### Historical default rates:



#### Share of distressed bonds:



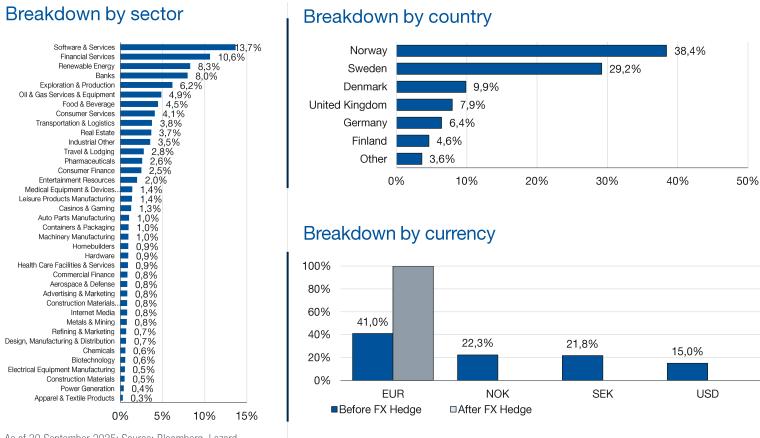
### Market pricing indicates further decrease in default rates

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#### Portfolio Allocation





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## Lazard Nordic High Yield Bond Fund

### **Key Characteristics**

### Lazard Nordic High Yield Bond Fund seeks to offer:

- A highly attractive income and yield
- Protection against yield volatility
- Low volatility and outstanding risk/return profile
- Substantial diversification

### **Fund Snapshot**

Number of Issues	143
Number of Issuers	117
Duration	< 1
Spread Duration	2.6
Ø Rating (Lazard)	B+
Coupon	8.1% (FRN)
Spread (ASW)	573 bps
Yield (EUR hedged)	7.9 %
Yield (CHF hedged)	5.8 %

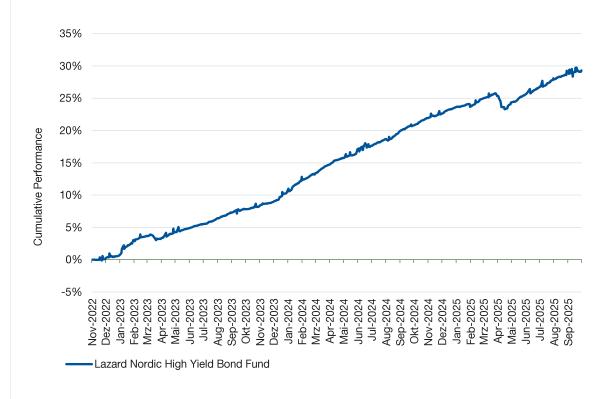
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## Lazard Nordic High Yield Bond Fund

### History of Monthly Performance

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#### MONTHLY PERFORMANCE SUMMARY (IN %)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD	Vola- tility	Sharpe Ratio
2025	0.06%	1.04%	0.29%	-0.77%	0.87%	1.01%	1.11%	0.90%	0.04%				4.61%		
2024	2.27%	0.44%	1.12%	0.99%	1.18%	0.36%	0.99%	0.95%	0.82%	0.91%	0.54%	0.85%	12.03%	1.01	8.25
2023	2.21%	0.79%	-0.38%	0.87%	0.65%	0.61%	0.84%	0.82%	0.50%	0.48%	0.57%	1.28%	9.63%	1.11	5.16
2022											0.16%	0.48%	0.64%	-	

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### Summary





**Attractive Yield** 

High Carry of approx. 8% p.a.





### **Lower Volatility**

- Floating rate notes
- Shorter bond tenors
  - High carry





#### Attractive Valuation

- Low Distressed Ratios
- Decreasing Default Rates
  - Higher Spreads YTD





### **Credit Quality**

- Solid fundamentals
- Supporting monetary policy

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