

Anti-benchmark boutique unveils HY fund

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Anti-benchmark boutique specialist Tobam has expanded its fixed income fund range with the launch of a global high yield strategy, the French group has announced.

The firm, which was founded by Yves Choueifaty, runs several strategies designed to operate in its anti-benchmark framework, which champions diversification in investment.

This latest launch, which is formally called the Anti-Benchmark Global High Yield fund, aims to offer investors a means of generating returns while staying on top of risk concentration, as well as default risks.

Announcing the fund, Tobam said the high yield market is 'plagued' by heavy sector concentrations and swings in liquidity. This means maintaining a diversified approach is pivotal to avoid being impacted by defaults.

It will sit within Tobam's wider fixed income range, which includes the US Credit strategy. This was launched in 2014 and has grown to have more than \$300 million in assets under management.

This latest launch, which coincides with two new additions to the fixed income team, has already secured \$100 million of capital seeding from a large public pension fund, as well as an initial inflow from a UK-based wealth manager, already invested in the Anti-Benchmark US Credit strategy.

Commenting on the launch, Raphaël Thuin, head of fixed income at Tobam, said: 'The high yield market is a very favourable area for a diversified approach to investing. The market's staggering concentration toward commodity names, currently exceeding 20% in market value, is putting the entire asset class at risk. The sector had a stellar 2016, and could be subject to wild swings going forward.

'Also, the management of default risk, a key aspect of investing in high yield, is enhanced by our Anti-Benchmark strategy and its rigorous approach to risk concentrations assessment.'