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BlackRock High Yield VI Fund — Class III

Investment Strategy from investment's prospectus

The investment seeks to maximize total return, consistent with income generation and prudent investment management. The fund invests primarily in non-investment grade bonds with maturities of ten years or less. It normally invests at least 80% of its assets in high yield bonds. The fund may invest up to 30% of its assets in non-dollar denominated bonds of issuers located outside of the United States. Its investment in non-dollar denominated bonds may be on a currency hedged or unhedged basis.

Past name: BlackRock High Income V.I. 3.

Category Description: High Yield Bond

High-yield bond portfolios concentrate on lower-quality bonds. Because such bonds are riskier than those of higher-quality companies, they offer higher coupons to attract investors. Therefore, these funds generally offer higher yields than other types of funds, but they are also more vulnerable to economic and credit risk. While defaults have been rare lately, these funds can suffer losses from recessions and bankruptcies.

Operations

Fund Inception Date	09-30-04
Initial Share Class Inception Date	04-20-82
Advisor	BlackRock Advisors LLC
Subadvisor	—

Fees and Expenses as of 05-01-18

Gross Prospectus Expense Ratio	1.04%
Net Prospectus Expense Ratio	0.93%

Waiver Data

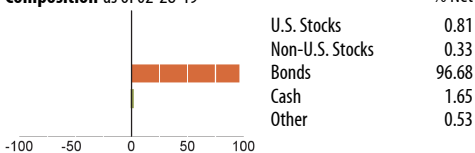
Type	Exp.Date	%
Contractual	04-30-20	0.11

Portfolio Manager(s)

James Keenan, CFA. Since 2007.
 Mitchell S. Garfin, CFA. Since 2009.

Portfolio Analysis as of 02-28-19

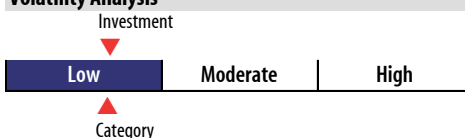
Composition as of 02-28-19



Top 20 Holdings as of 02-28-19

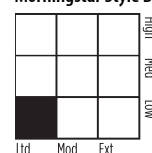
Company	% Assets
TransDigm, Inc. 6.25% 03-15-26	1.77
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Clear Channel Worldwide Holdings Inc. 6.5% 11-15-22	0.83
Solera, LLC / Solera Finance, Inc. 10.5% 03-01-24	0.82
Infor (US), Inc. 6.5% 05-15-22	0.82
Ally Financial Inc. 8% 11-01-31	0.81
Sprint Corporation 7.12% 06-15-24	0.75
HD Supply, Inc. 5.38% 10-15-26	0.73
Clear Channel Worldwide Holdings Inc. 9.25% 02-15-24	0.66
Centene Escrow I Corporation 5.38% 06-01-26	0.64
CNX Resources Corporation 5.88% 04-15-22	0.63
CCO Holdings, LLC / CCO Holdings Capital Corp. 5.12% 05-01-27	0.61
1011778 B.C. Unlimited Liability Company / New Red Finance, Inc. 5% 10-15-25	0.58
ALTICE FRANCE S.A 7.38% 05-01-26	0.58
Ardagh Packaging Finance plc / Ardagh Holdings USA Inc. 7.25% 05-15-24	0.57
AVANTOR INC 6% 10-01-24	0.57
Banff Merger Sub Inc 9.75% 09-01-26	0.56
Crimson Merger Sub Inc / Ortho-Clinical Diagnostics SA 6.62% 05-15-22	0.52
Jaguar Holding Co II/Pharmaceutical Product Development LLC 6.38% 08-01-23	0.52
Alliant Holdings Co-Issuer Inc / Wayne Merger Sub LLC 8.25% 08-01-23	0.48
Total Number of Stock Holdings	7
Total Number of Bond Holdings	848
Annual Turnover Ratio %	79.00
Total Fund Assets (\$mil)	494.77

Volatility Analysis



In the past, this investment has shown a relatively small range of fluctuations relative to other investments. Based on this measure, currently more than two thirds of all investments have shown higher levels of risk. Consequently, this investment may appeal to investors looking for a conservative investment strategy.

Morningstar Style Box™ as of 02-28-19



Average Effective Duration	1.62
Average Effective Maturity	6.86

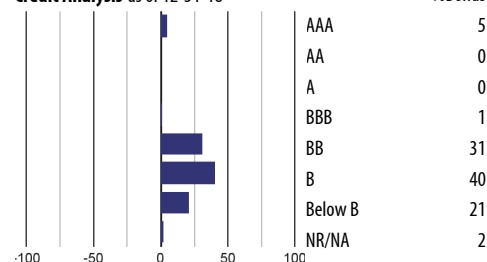
Risk Measures as of 03-31-19

Metric	Port Avg	BC Aggr	Category
3 Yr Std Dev	4.31	2.97	4.26
3 Yr Sharpe Ratio	1.30	0.26	1.33
3 Yr Alpha	5.56	—	5.37
3 Yr Beta	0.17	—	0.24
3 Yr R-squared	1.35	—	3.69

Morningstar Sectors as of 02-28-19

Sector	%Fund	%Category
Government	0.00	1.90
Corporate	97.66	90.05
Securitized	0.00	1.59
Municipal	0.00	0.00
Cash and Equivalents	2.34	4.27
Other	0.00	2.18

Credit Analysis as of 12-31-18



Notes

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