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Payden Absolute Return Investing ("PARI")

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How We View Absolute Return



The "Absolute Return" investing universe has represented a variety of investment objectives and approaches through time. Even today the term is used by both hedge funds, on one end of the spectrum, as well as ultra-safe, liquidity type funds, on the other. While the space has yet to be concretely defined, the development of our strategy began with a simple client request to manage a portfolio, untethered from traditional benchmarks, that would produce a reasonable level of return and protect their investment principal. With that objective in mind, the Payden Absolute Return Investing (PARI) approach has been refined over more than 8 years while adhering to the following core concepts:

Produce Positive Returns

staying true to the basic definition of "Absolute Return", our strategy aims to produce positive returns with a performance hurdle of LIBOR + 2–3% over a rolling 3-year period.

Protect Downside Risk

before we consider the direction of markets or the value opportunities that are presented, our first responsibility is to protect an investor's principal against the potential for loss. Risk management is paramount.

Capture "Smart" Yield

benefitting from more than 34 years in fixed income management, the foundation of our strategy is a low duration fixed income portfolio where risk premia from global interest rate curves and credit markets provide dependable and repeatable returns.

Strategy Characteristics	
Return Objective	LIBOR + 2–3%
Rating	Investment Grade
Currency	Client specified (\$, €, £, ¥, A\$ etc)
Track Record Length	> 8 years
Strategy Assets	> \$4 billion



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Introduction to Payden & Rygel

Our Firm





STEADFASTLY INDEPENDENT

- EMPLOYEE-OWNED
 - NIMBLE

34 YEARS

- CONSISTENT OWNERSHIP
- PROVEN GOVERNANCE



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INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS

- PIONEER IN BALANCE SHEET MANAGEMENT
 - MULTIPLE AND CUSTOM APPROACHES

GLOBAL PRESENCE

- GLOBAL CLIENT BASE
- GLOBAL INVESTMENT STRATEGIES

Payden & Rygel is one of the largest privately-owned global investment advisers. Founded in 1983, we are a leader in the active management of equity and fixed income portfolios, through domestic and international solutions. Advising the world's leading institutions and individual investors, we provide strong performance and real-world strategy on the global economy and capital markets.

Advising the World's Leading Institutions and Individual Investors

\$116
BILLION
AUM

23
ACCOUNTS
OVER
\$1BILLION

375
CLIENT
RELATIONSHIPS

YEARS
AVERAGE TENURE OF MANAGEMENT TEAM

\$200-400 MILLION AVERAGE ACCOUNT SIZE

200 EMPLOYEES

Payden & Rygel is 100% Employee-Owned



Shareholders	Title	Experience	Payden Tenure
Joan A. Payden, CFA*	President & CEO	44 yrs	34 yrs
Brian W. Matthews, CFA*	CFO & Managing Principal	36	32
James P. Sarni, CFA*	Managing Principal	35	27
Mary Beth Syal, CFA*	Managing Principal	33	27
Scott J. Weiner, Ph.D.*	Managing Principal	34	25
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^{*} Investment Policy Committee

Payden & Rygel Assets Under Management Trends







Assets Under Management by Strategy, 3Q 2017

Low Duration	\$42.0 bn	Absolute Return Bond	\$4.7 bn
Enhanced Cash	\$30.4 bn	Municipal	\$2.5 bn
 Core Bond and Strategic Income 	\$16.7 bn	Equity	\$2.7 bn
 Global Fixed Income 	\$6.5 bn		

Dedicated strategies and assets included above:

 Investment Grade Corporate 	\$47.7 bn
Securitized Debt	\$12.5 bn
 Emerging Market Debt 	\$10.7 bn
 High Yield Corporate 	\$3.2 bn

Representative Global Client List



Corporations

Alaska Air Group, Inc.

American Airlines, Inc.

Banque Internationale du Luxembourg

Boeing

Cisco Systems, Inc.

Clearstream Banking Luxembourg

Eli Lilly Company

Facebook, Inc.

Finogest-Unofi

Navistar International Corporation

Northrop Grumman

PG&E Corporation

United Technologies

Insurance

California Insurance Guarantee Association

CalOptima

Carl Späengler KAG mbH

Everest Re Group, Ltd.

German Reconstruction Loan Corporation

Guaranty Fund Management Services®

L.A. Care Health Plan

Lloyd's of London (multiple syndicates)

State of California Department of Insurance

Texas P & C Guaranty Association

Public Entities

Asian Central Bank

City of Westminster (London)

Florida Local Government Investment Trust

Kansas Public Employees

L.A. Fire and Police

Middle East Sovereign Wealth Fund

Nevada Public Employees

Silver Pensjonsforsikring Kulturdrift

State of Connecticut Retirement Plans

Swedish National Debt Office

VicSuper

Virginia Retirement System

Health Care

Children's Hospital Los Angeles

Good Samaritan Hospital

Kaiser Permanente

Montefiore Medical Center

New York-Presbyterian Hospital

Tufts Health Plan

Wealth Management

JPMorgan

Novare Investments

Pictet Wealth Management

St. James's Place Wealth Management

UBS Wealth Management

Family offices, businesses, foundations

Charitable remainder trusts

Education, Foundations, Non-Profits

AARP

Emory University

Indiana University

King's College London

Oxford University Endowment Management

SAUL Trustee Company

The Pennsylvania State University

The Texas A&M University System

Trustees of Dartmouth College

United Nations Agencies (multiple)

University of Michigan

University of Washington

Jointly-Trusteed Plans / Unions

American Fed. of Musicians and Employers

Building Service 32BJ Funds

Intl. Association of Machinists

Intl. Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (Nat'l)

National Electrical Annuity Plan

National Electrical Benefit Funds

New York District Council of Carpenters

Ohio Laborers' District Council

Producer-Writers Guild of America

Representative sample of our clients, 8/17.





Principles

Payden Absolute Return Investing (PARI): Overview



"Best Ideas" Portfolio

Being unanchored from traditional benchmarks allows us the flexibility to search for attractively valued assets. The result is a "best ideas" portfolio that reflects the most promising risk-adjusted opportunities around the globe

Responsive to Range of Outcomes

Payden & Rygel constructs strategies to perform under a variety of scenarios and not be overly dependent on a single economic thesis or risk type.

Fundamental Research

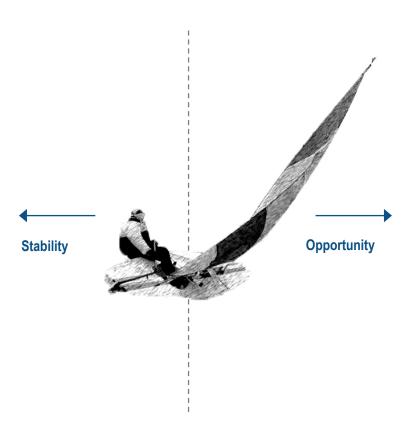
Research drives investment decisions. The deep and experienced team of analysts takes a practical approach by scrutinizing each entity and ranking them based on a list of criteria.

Risk Management

In contrast to most managers' assumption of "normal" markets as a base case – we start with the exceptional, assume it is likely, determine a plan to deal with it and work our way back.

This Absolute Return strategy was developed in response to a series of client requests in 2008. However, our philosophy has been formulated and developed from our market experience over more than 34 years of firm existence.

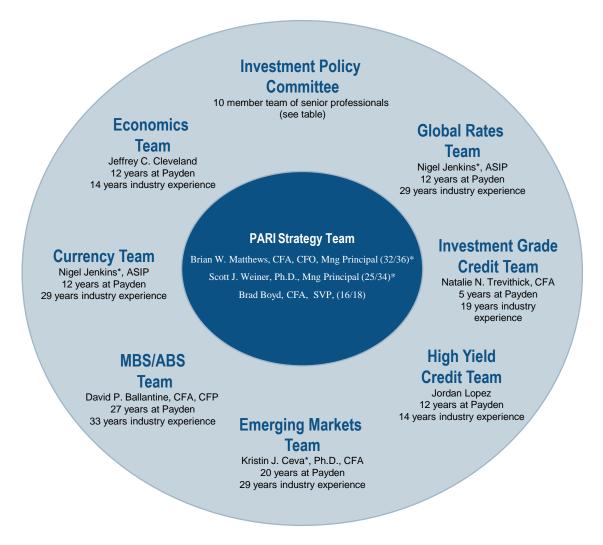




- PARI portfolios combine elements of opportunity and stability.
- The goal is to create a blend that is consistent with investor objectives and reach a risk equilibrium that will perform under a variety of potential economic scenarios and demonstrate less sensitivity to market directionality.
- Critical to this process is the close interaction between strategists, analysts, traders and risk management professionals to source and construct the most promising and appropriate portfolio of investments.

PARI Strategies Benefit from Firm-Wide Resources





*Investment Policy Committee

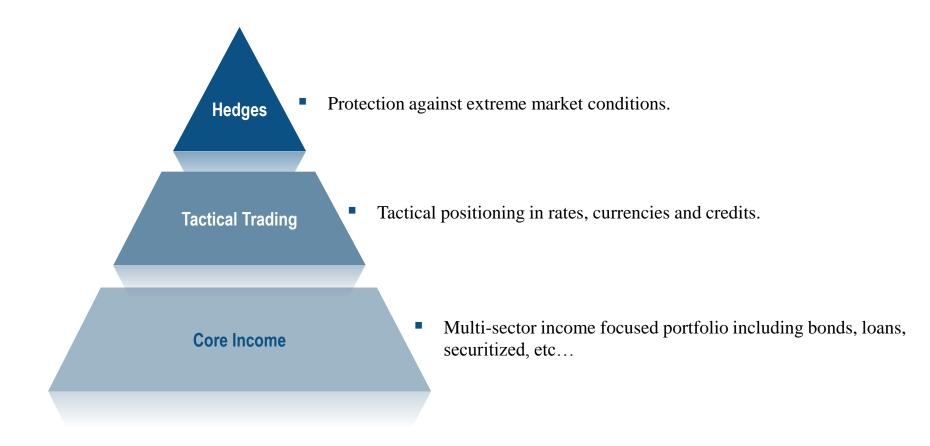
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Process









Payden Investment Policy Committee (IPC)

A group of 10 senior investment professionals who guide the firm's broad market views and maintain oversight of strategies.

Output

The role of the IPC is:

- 1. Formation of our broad-based and long-term view: economic growth, inflation, etc.
- 2. Ongoing review and determination of the firm's broad risk-management parameters
- 3. Regular, comprehensive review of investment results for consistency with fundamental views.

Application

The IPC macro view serves as the starting point for sector decisions and the fundamental backdrop for guiding analysts, traders and strategists in their search for value.

Sourcing Value: Income Generation & Tactical Overlay



Income



Capturing Reliable Yield

- The foundation for Payden's absolute return portfolios is a steady and reliable stream of income. The following are conducted to create a basket of securities consistent with this objective:
 - Financial statement analysis¹
 - Research visits
 - Fixed income perspective
 - In-house credit scoring²
 - Relative value analysis

Tactical



Adding Incremental Alpha

- Tactical trading is applied on a limited basis to capture gains from market directionality and inefficiencies.
- The concept of letting our "winners run" is part of our strategy in seeking positive alpha for PARI portfolios.

Credit Metrics

Description	Air Canada	Am. Axle	Burlington	CVS
Revenue	13,835	3,957	5,167	151,217
EBITDA	2,106	566	499	11,661
EBITDA Margin	15.2%	14.3%	9.7%	7.7%
Total Debt	5,216	1,536	1,351	12,955
Interest Coverage	2.5x	2.7x	3.1x	13.9x
Leverage	2.5x	2.7x	2.7x	1.1x
Ratings	BBB+ / Baa1	B+/B2/BB-	BB-/Ba3	BBB+ / Baa1

Trade	Summary	(Sample) ³
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Trade	Team	BPS
Long CHF vs EUR	FX	3
Protection HY 5y CDX	Credit	(4)
US 2y - 10y Flattener	Rates	3
Protection France 5yr CDS	PARI	1
Long US 10y Short EUR 10yr	Rates	(3)
Short US 10yr Futures	Rates	(4)
Long USD vs EUR	FX	-
Short VIX Futures	PARI	5
Long USD vs NZD	FX	3
Long Bund 10y	Rates	-
Long Target vs Short Walmart CDS	Credit	2
Protection IG 5y CDX	PARI	(2)
Long US 30y Futures	Rates	11
Long BRL vs USD	FX	4
AUD 3y - 10y Flattener	Rates	(3)

¹See appendix – Credit Analysis

²See appendix – Credit Scoring

³See appendix – Tactical Trading

Risk Management: Measurement

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Payden Considers Several Types Of Data Measurement To Better Ascertain Risk

Measurement Type	Purpose	Metrics We Monitor
Deterministic Risk ¹	Understanding the impact on the portfolio of a given market move.	% exposure Duration Spread Duration Convexity DTS
Statistical Risk ²	Understanding how the portfolio is <i>likely</i> to behave through time.	Beta Volatility Tracking Error VaR
Stress Testing ³	Understanding portfolio breaking points.	Deductive Testing (History) Inductive Testing ("What-if")

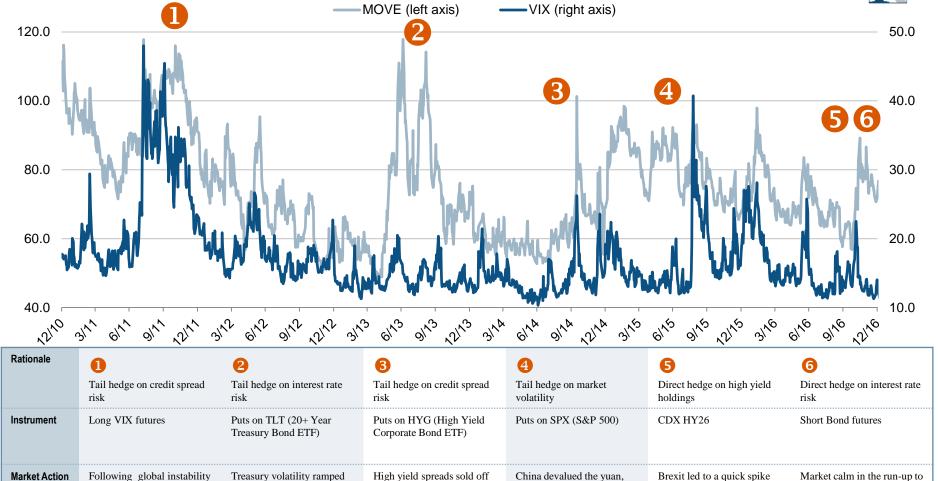
¹See Appendix – Deterministic Risk Monitoring

 $^{{\}it ^2See Appendix-Statistical Risk Model: Volatility, Tracking Error}$

³See Appendix – Stress/Scenario Testing

Hedging for Downside Protection





after touching the tightest

spreads (350bps) since the

retracement was short-lived.

Great Recession, but the

-1bp

leading to a surge in

volatility with the VIX

500 falling over 10%.

+45bps

breaking 40 and the S&P

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Performance

and S&P's downgrade of the

US Treasury, world equities

sold-off approximately 20%

pushing volatility sharply

higher.

+34 bps

up significantly during the

"Taper Tantrum".

+10bps

higher.

+42 bps

the US elections reversed

victory. Risk assets initially

with the surprise Trump

sold-off followed by a

meaningful rally. Yield curves shifted decidedly

+10bps

in volatility and widening of

high yield credit spreads.

Commitment to Systems and Technology



Proprietary systems:

Our internal systems allow us to manage and monitor portfolios to ensure consistency of strategy implementation and portfolio returns. Quantitative models are used for assessing and budgeting portfolio risk and complying with client guidelines.

Bloomberg Asset and Investment Manager (AIM):

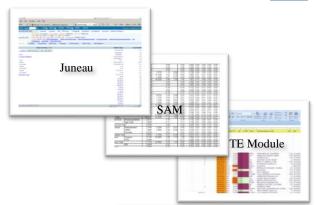
AIM is used by the Trading Desk to record executed buy and sell transactions. Client guidelines are programmed into AIM and the system calculates account compliance based on the guidelines

Barclays POINT:

POINT is used to stress test the portfolios and calculate and assess statistical measures such as tracking error, beta, correlations, and volatility. Each of our active strategies receives predetermined parameters to ensure no particular strategy/structure exceeds volatility expectations. Strategies are tiered by conviction and impact on the overall portfolio structure.

YieldBook:

A highly comprehensive system used for monitoring security level and portfolio level risk and exposures. We use YieldBook to stress test the portfolio against changes in a number of factors such as interest rates, yield curve shifts and twists, credit spreads, implied volatilities, liquidity, and flight-to-quality scenarios. It also provides a robust asset/liability matching tool.









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Practice

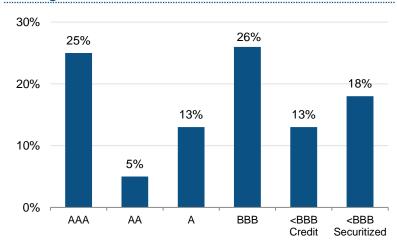
Payden Absolute Return Fund Current Positioning – As of September 30, 2017



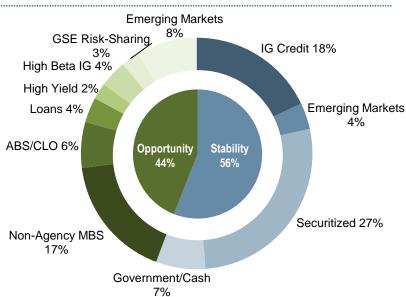
Summary Data

No. of Issuers	166
Rating	BBB
Rating: Ex-Legacy MBS	A
Yield	2.73%
Interest Rate Duration	1.42
Credit Spread Duration	3.22

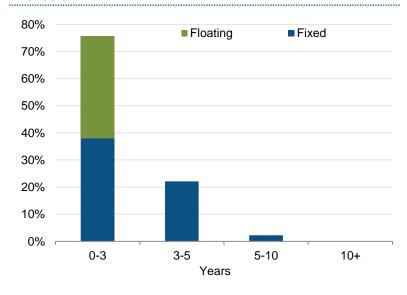
Rating



Sector



Duration



Performance Results – As of September 30, 2017



Historical Performance					
Trailing Periods	PARI*	Benchmark**	1M LIBOR	Alpha	
1 Year	3.74%	0.65%	0.89%	3.09%	
3 Year	3.03%	0.32%	0.48%	2.71%	
5 Year	2.74%	0.22%	0.36%	2.52%	
Inception (10/1/08)	3.78%	0.20%	0.41%	3.58%	
Annual Periods	PARI*	Benchmark**	1M LIBOR	Alpha	
YTD 2017	3.49%	0.57%	0.75%	2.92%	
2016	4.45%	0.33%	0.48%	4.12%	
2015	1.57%	0.05%	0.18%	1.52%	
2014	2.32%	0.04%	0.16%	2.28%	
2013	0.54%	0.07%	0.19%	0.47%	
2012	7.85%	0.11%	0.25%	7.74%	
2011	1.17%	0.10%	0.23%	1.07%	
2010	5.93%	0.13%	0.28%	5.80%	
2009	4.90%	0.21%	0.35%	4.69%	
Oct – Dec 2008	1.97%	0.22%	0.85%	1.75%	

^{*} This series reflects the Payden Absolute Return US Dollar Composite.

Ex-Post Risk Measurement	
Annualized Return	3.78%
Volatility	2.20%
Best 1-Year	8.48%
Worst 1-Year	-0.01%
Best 3-Month	3.50%
Worst 3-Month	-2.76%
Best 1-Month	1.83%
Worst 1-Month	-2.21%
Avg Downside (Month)	-0.59%
Downside Deviation (Month)	0.67%
Downside Deviation (Annualized)	2.32%
Sharpe Ratio ¹	1.642
Sortino Ratio ²	1.551
% periods up	81%
% periods down	19%
Correlation w/ Global Bond Mkt	0.24

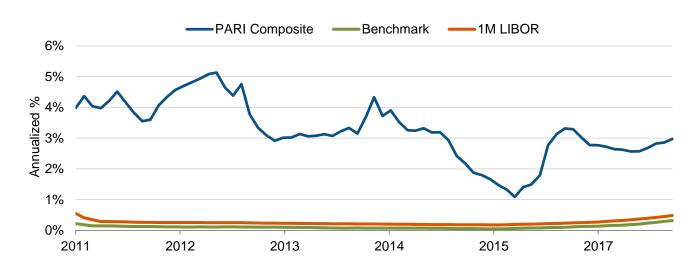
^{**}BofA Merrill Lynch 3-Month US Treasury Bill Index

¹Sharpe ratio - A ratio developed to measure risk-adjusted performance. The Sharpe ratio is calculated by subtracting the risk-free rate - such as the return on government bills - from the rate of return for a portfolio and dividing the result by the standard deviation of the portfolio returns. ²Sortino ratio - A variation of the Sharpe ratio, this ratio differentiates harmful volatility from general volatility by replacing standard deviation with downside deviation within the formula.

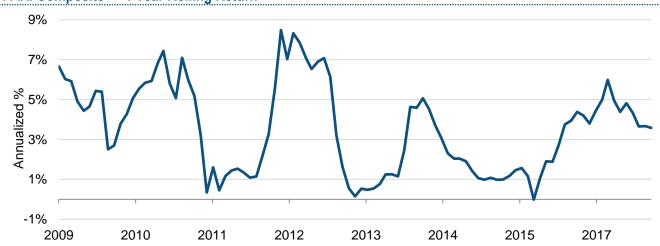
Performance History Through Time – As of September 30, 2017



PARI Composite vs. 1M LIBOR — 3 Year Rolling Return

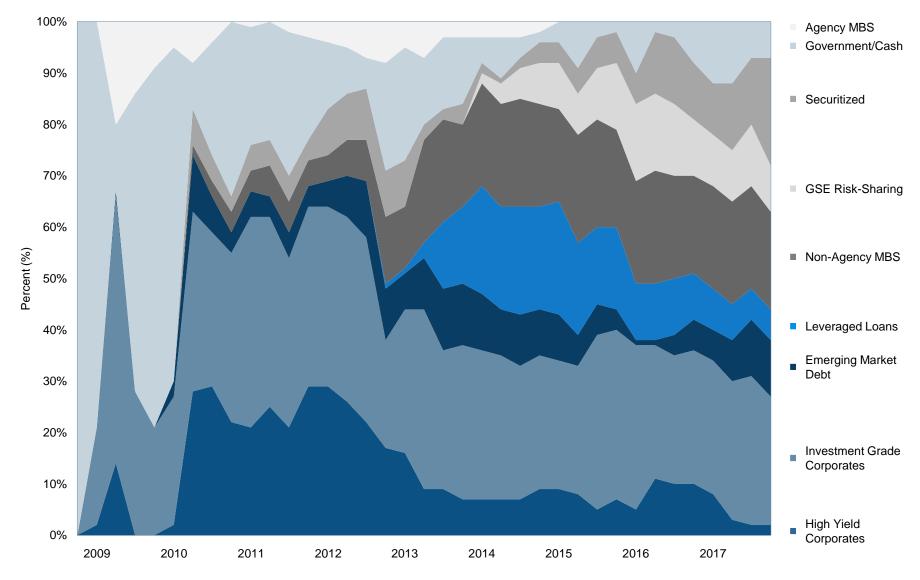


PARI Composite — 1 Year Rolling Return



Historical Asset Allocation





Why Should the Boston Public Library Choose Payden for Absolute Return?



- Experienced Team with Excellent Long Term Track Record
- Deep Firm Resources Benefit the Strategy
- Special Emphasis on Risk Management Seeking to Mitigate Potential Downside
- Beneficial Size Substantial AUM , But Still Nimble
- Portfolio Structured with Low Interest Rate Sensitivity
- Strategy has Reduced Correlations with Traditional Asset Classes
- Convenient Fund Vehicle with Attractive "Super Institutional" Share Class, Fee Capped at 0.55%
- Dedicated Client Service Team Based in Boston

Boston Public Library's (BPL) Dedicated Team



Investment Strategy (Los Angeles)

- Develop Absolute Return Fund investment strategy consistent with firm views and guidelines
- Execute asset allocation decisions
- Oversee security selection and trading
- Provide for liquidity needs and requirements



Brian W. Matthews, CFA Managing Principal and CFO, 1986



Scott J. Weiner, PhD Managing Principal, 1993

Co-head of Absolute Return Strategy

Co-head of Absolute Return Strategy



Brad Boyd, CFA Senior Vice President, 2002

Senior Absolute Return Strategist

Client Portfolio Management (Boston)

- Liaison between NEPC, BPL & strategy group
- Collaboration with NEPC and BPL as trusted partner and fiduciary
- Provide highest-quality client service, customized reporting to NEPC and BPL



Justin G. Bullion, CFA Managing Principal, 2010



Elizabeth Westvold, CFA Senior Vice President, 2011

Head of Boston Office

Senior Client Portfolio Manager



Jeffrey W. Murphy Associate Vice President, 2013

Client Portfolio Manager



Appendix

Deterministic Risk Monitoring Example: SAM System (proprietary)



Level 1	Level 2	MV (%)	CTD	6mo	2yr	5yr	10yr	20yr	30yr
Opportunity	Emerging Markets	3.23%	0.14	0.00	0.03	0.07	0.04	0.00	0.00
	High Beta IG	7.44%	0.30	0.00	0.06	0.19	0.04	0.00	0.00
	High Yield	5.49%	0.20	0.01	0.05	0.11	0.03	0.00	0.00
	Loans	14.23%	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Securitized +	21.25%	0.49	0.04	0.08	0.13	0.17	0.08	0.00
Stability	Cash	3.97%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Government	1.44%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	IG Credit N	27.80%	1.25	0.01	0.27	0.64	0.15	0.12	0.07
	Securitized \	15.15%	0.06	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00
Grand Total	1	100.00%	1.81	0.08	0.45	0.86	0.37	0.06	0.00

Level 2	Level 3	Description	Coupon	Maturity	YIIVI	UAS	Price	IVI V (%)	CID
IG Credit	Banking	Bank of Montreal	1.450	4/9/2018	1.49%	51	99.88	0.49%	0.01
		Capital One Financial	2.450	4/24/2019	2.34%	104	100.43	0.50%	0.02
		Commonwealth Bank of Australia	1.625	3/12/2018	1.58%	63	100.12	0.49%	0.01
		Compass Bank	2.750	9/29/2019	2.62%	120	100.55	0.17%	0.01
		Credit Suisse NY	1.700	4/27/2018	1.85%	86	99.57	0.47%	0.01
		Fifth Third Bank	2.300	3/1/2019	2.20%	94	100.38	0.50%	0.02
		Goldman Sachs	2.550	10/23/2019	2.36%	94	100.78	0.79%	0.03
		HSBC USA	1.700	3/5/2018	1.76%	82	99.83	0.36%	0.01
		JP Morgan Chase	2.250	1/23/2020	2.39%	90	99.37	0.54%	0.02
		Morgan Stanley	2.650	1/27/2020	2.48%	100	100.73	0.44%	0.02
		National Australia Bank 144a	1.300	6/30/2017	1.22%	52	100.13	0.50%	0.01
		Rabobank Netherlands	3.875	2/8/2022	2.83%	99	106.35	0.38%	0.02
		UBS Stamford	1.800	3/26/2018	1.78%	82	100.05	0.34%	0.01
		Wells Fargo	2.150	1/15/2019	1.93%	72	100.76	0.50%	0.02
	Banking To	tal						9.03%	0.31
	Communications	AT&T	2.45	6/30/2020	2.63%	105	99.13	0.48%	0.02
		CBS	5.75	4/15/2020	2.69%	119	113.90	0.49%	0.02
		Time Warner	2.1	6/1/2019	2.22%	90	99.53	0.50%	0.02
		Time Warner Cable	6.75	7/1/2018	2.73%	169	111.84	0.47%	0.01
	Communica	ations Total						1.93%	0.08
	Consumer Cyc	Autozone	2.5	4/15/2021	2.64%	91	99.23	0.33%	0.02
	<u> </u>	Ford Motor Credit	3.984	6/15/2016	1.38%	108	102.70	0.49%	0.00
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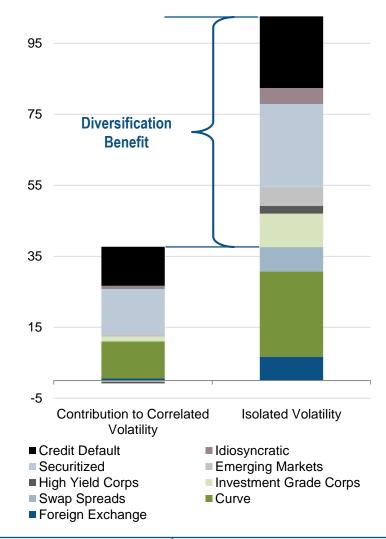
Statistical Risk Monitoring: Barclays POINT



Decomposing risk factor exposures into isolated and correlated pieces to explain the benefit of diversification

Key Risk Factors	Contribution to Correlated Volatility	Isolated Volatility
Foreign Exchange	0.6	6.7
Curve	10.4	24.0
Swap Spreads	-0.4	6.9
Investment Grade Corps	1.4	9.4
High Yield Corps	-0.4	2.2
Emerging Markets	0.6	5.4
Securitized	12.8	23.3
Idiosyncratic	0.9	4.5
Credit Default	11.0	20.2
Total	36.9	102.6

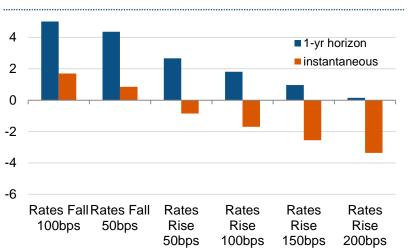
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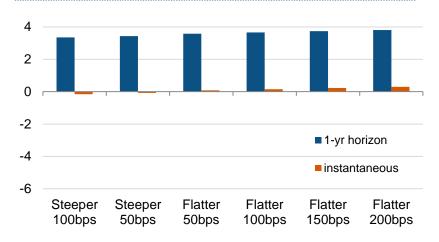
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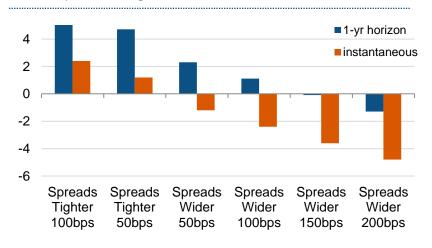
Rate Shift - Estimated Total Return %



Curve Twist (2yr v 5yr Government) – Estimated Total Return %



Credit Spread Changes – Estimated Total Return %



Market Stress Scenarios (Barclays Point)				
Scenario Description	Instantaneous	1yr Horizon		
Corporate Spreads +100%	-0.67%	2.66%		
Gold Price +30%	0.51%	3.84%		
VIX Index +100%	-0.09%	3.24%		
Oil Price +30%	0.05%	3.38%		

Risk Management: An Appreciation of Tail Risk

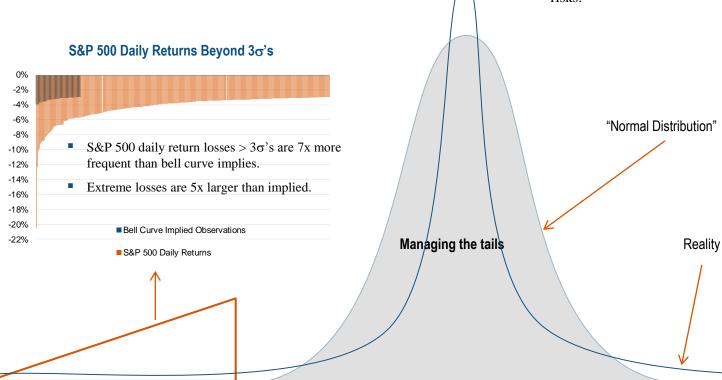


(Example from the S&P 500)

Real market observations exhibit "fatter" and "longer" tails than what the bell curve implies.

 Payden focuses on minimizing exposure to left tail risks while maintaining right tail exposure.

Derivatives can play an important role in controlling these risks.



Minimize exposure to left tail

Maximize exposure to right tail

Recent Position Examples



Core Position:

Mexichem (MXCHF) 4.875 09/19/22 (Baa3/BBB-/BBB)

Yield: 3.3% Duration: 4.5

Position Size: 0.3%

Description:

Mexichem (MXCHF) is one of the largest global chemical companies with USD 5 billion of revenues and USD 6 billion market cap. Despite being domiciled in Mexico, 70% of Mexichem sales occur outside of Mexico including the US, Europe, Brazil and Colombia.

Merits:

- Mexichem is a high quality credit in Mexico that maintains relatively low leverage and generates the bulk of its revenue in the US.
- As a vertically integrated company,
 Mexichem is able to generate higher
 margins relative to its competitors as well as
 meaningful free cash flow.
- Recently, Mexichem acquired 80% of drip irrigation firm Netafim for USD 1.5 billion which should transform Mexichem's irrigation business into a global leader.

Core Position:

Domino's Pizza (DPABS) 2017-1A A2II (BBB+)

Yield: 3.1% **Wtd. Avg. Life**: 4.9

Position Size: 1.0%

Description:

Domino's Pizza (DPABS) is a best in class operator in the growing fast food sector, and more specifically large pizza chain subchannel. Domino's has done well in capturing the strong value proposition that consumers are increasingly seeking in their dining preferences and is more digitally innovative than its peers. Recently, Domino's offered a USD 2 billion Whole Business Securitization (WBS) deal to pay a substantial shareholder distribution.

Merits:

- Gain high quality exposure to a growing sector, Quick Service Restaurants (QSRs), and a growing sub-channel (large pizza chain operators).
- Significant growth across WBS post credit crisis, with expansion across number of issuers, type of investors, and deal sizes.
- Strong same store sales, low capital expenditures as a percent of sales which drives robust free cash flow, a highly franchised business model and strong equity performance.

Tactical Position:

Petroleos Mexicanos (PEMEX) 6.75 9/21/2047 (Baa3/BBB+/BBB+)

Spread Change: -15bps YAP: 6.9% **Position Size**: 0.4% **Duration**: 13.0

Dates: 11 July 2017 to 12 July 2017

Description:

Petroleos Mexicanos (PEMEX) is Mexico's national integrated oil company (100% government owned), and is involved in all parts of the oil and gas value chain. PEMEX also exports petroleum and basic petrochemical products, despite being a net importer of both. The company generated revenue totaling USD 58 billion in 2016. Total production volumes averaged approximately 2.6 million barrels a day in 2016, and oil comprised 85% of production. Roughly half of the oil produced by Pemex is exported.

Merits:

- PEMEX offered a USD 5 billion, welltelegraphed tap of their current 10- and 30year USD-denominated bonds in the primary market.
- New issue spreads were offered ~40 basis points wider than where the bonds were trading on the previous day's close.
- The ability to reference pricing on existing securities allowed enhanced transparency regarding the new issue concession. As such, we purchased both 10- and 30-year bonds, unwinding the positions the following day at a blended profit of ~2.5 points.

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Sourcing Value: Tactical Trading Discipline

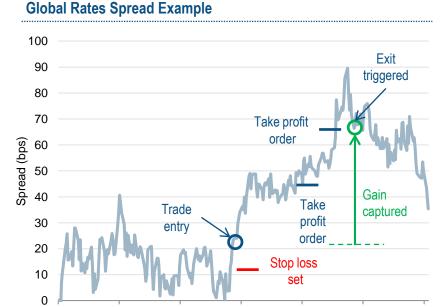


- Short-term/tactical trading is applied on a limited basis to capture gains from market anomalies and inefficiencies. Typically these are technically driven themes based on momentum, reversion to the mean, seasonal factors or other such techniques. Given their technical nature (not fundamentally based) and direction dependency they are managed with tight controls and stops loss provisions.
- Single positions have a maximum downside risk budget of 5 basis points. They are immediately closed if downside limits are met.
- We set sell stops to protect the portfolios against the down side moves and take profit orders to capture gains.
- The concept of letting our "winners run" is part of our strategy in seeking positive alpha for PARI portfolios.



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Credit Scoring



Our analyst team assigns issuer scores using a 1 to 5 scale, with 5 being the highest. An issuer's factor score is the weighted average of the three factor variables for fundamentals and three factor variables for valuation, rounded to the nearest tenth of a point.

Rating Scale: 5 (high) to 1 (low)				
>	Outlook	Overall business outlook for the issuer along with industry fundamentals and risks for the next 6 months. Evaluation of growth trends in an industry, level of competition and barriers to entry. An issuer's ability to compete is evaluated by looking at financial and operating performance.		
>	Management	Assessment of management quality incorporating business strategies, financial policies, and management of company assets. This rating is independent of business outlook		
>	Event	Quantifies the impact of unexpected business risk related to fundamental structure, operating prospects or strategy. Expectations for rating upgrades or downgrades are also considered.		
>	Relative Value	Reflects issues value (spread or yield) relative to its industry peers and securities in other industries with similar ratings and maturity		
>	Spread Risk	While a security can receive strong outlook and relative value scores, the spread risk variable measures the potential downside risk to the portfolio. Securities that have been historically volatile will receive lower scores to account for the price risk.		
>	Liquidity	View on the tradability or liquidity of the various issues and issuers. Factors that will affect scoring include the issue's size, the availability of multiple maturities for a single issuer and a market-based assessment of trading liquidity		

Credit Analysis Example

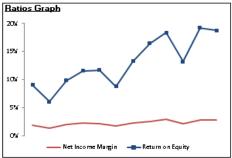
Express Scripts Holding Company

Express Scripts Holding Company operates as a pharmacy benefit management (PBM) company in the United States, Canada, and Europe. The company operates through two segments, PBM and Other Business Operations. The company's PBM segment's products and services include clinical solutions to enhance health outcomes; specialized pharmacy care; home delivery pharmacy; specialty pharmacy, including the distribution of fertility pharmaceuticals that require special handling or packaging; and retail network pharmacy administration. It also provides benefit design consultation; drug utilization review; drug formulary management an array of Medicare, Medicaid, and health insurance marketplace; administration of a group purchasing organization; and consumer health and drug information services. In addition, the company distributes specialty pharmaceuticals and medical supplies to providers, clinics, and hospitals; and offers consulting services, including design, implementation, and project management for pharmaceutical, biotechnology, and device manufacturers to collect scientific evidence to quide the use of medicines. It serves managed care organizations, health insurers, third-party administrators, employers, union-sponsored benefit plans, workers' compensation plans, government health programs, providers, clinics, hospitals, and others. As of December 31, 2015, the company operated four automated dispensing home delivery pharmacies; one non-automated dispensing home delivery pharmacy; and one non-dispensing home delivery pharmacy maintained for business continuity purpose, as well as several non-dispensing order processing centers, patient contact centers, specialty drug pharmacies, and fertility pharmacies.

Income Statement	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	LTM
Total Revenue	46,128.3	93,714.3	104,098.8	100,887.1	101,751.8	101,599.6
Gross Profit	3,209.9	7,361.6	8,370.7	8,387.4	8,619.9	8,622.9
Operating Income	2,314.4	3,549.0	4,280.4	4,679.1	4,916.1	5,005.9
EBT Excl Unusuals	2,027.1	2,955.5	3,827.5	4,214.4	4,440.6	4,509.7
Total Unusuals	-	-755.1	-797.2	-1,148.2	-576.8	-321.7
EBT Incl Unusuals	2,027.1	2,200.4	3,030.3	3,066.2	3,863.8	4,188.0
Net Income	1,275.8	1,312.9	1,844.6	2,007.6	2,476.4	2,743.2
Normalized Net Income	1,264.2	1,830.0	2,364.1	2,606.6	2,752.3	2,795.1
Operating Income	2,314.4	3,549.0	4,280.4	4,679.1	4,916.1	5,005.9
Non-Cash Oper. (Inc.) Exp.	-	14.9	32.8	18.7	-	-
EBIT	2,314.4	3,549.0	4,280.4	4,679.1	4,916.1	5,005.9
D&A (CF)	227.2	1,733.8	2,242.0	2,010.0	1,949.7	1,833.2
EBITDA	2,541.6	5,282.8	6,522.4	6,689.1	6,865.8	6,839.1

Cash Flow Statement	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	LTM
Net Income	1,275.8	1,312.9	1,844.6	2,007.6	2,476.4	2,743.2
Depreciations & Amortization	227.2	1,733.8	2,242.0	2,010.0	1,949.7	1,833.2
Change in Net Working Capital	-520.8	-2,138.4	-992.6	-574.8	-909.6	-1,447.8
Capital Expenditures	-144.4	-160.2	-423.0	-436.6	-295.9	-356.4
Interest Expense	-299.7	-619.0	-527.6	-511.4	-500.3	-529.3
Cash Acquisitions (Divest.)	-	-10,264.5	356.9	-	-	-
Cash From Operations	2,193.1	4,781.6	4,757.5	4,549.0	4,848.3	5,544.5
Cash From Investing	-123.9	-10,391.7	-72.1	-411.9	-268.5	-355.8
Cash From Financing	3,029.4	2,823.6	-5,494.8	-4,289.7	-3,217.0	-3,322.4
Free Cash Flow						

Balance Sheet as of:	6/30/2016
Cash & ST Investments	2,304.7
Accounts Receivable	6,967.0
Inventory	1,677.4
Net PP&E	1,255.5
Goodwill & Intangibles	38,377.4
Total Assets	50,909.3
Accounts Payable Accrued Expenses Long Term Debt Capital Leases	12,508.2 2,286.3 14,924.5 -
Preferred Equity	-
Common Equity	15,600.3
Total Equity	15,609.0



Investment Considerations

Strengths:

- The industry has grown at an annual growth rate of 5% as health plan sponsors turn to PBMs for cost management.
 As the largest PBM, Express Scripts used their scale to leverage larger retailer pharmacies and customer networks.
- Due to their scale, PBMs are able to negotiate cost savings of 30-40% of savings for plan sponsors and consumers.
- Growth for the PBM industry will continue to be supported by an aging population, higher rates of chronic disease, skyrocketing specialty spending and higher volumes due to expanded prescription drug coverage use due to the Affordable Care Act. US healthcare spending is expected to reach close to 20% by 2020.
- Express Scripts is poised to benefit from these macro trends as the industry leader with 38% market share of the \$263 billion PBM industry. Over 210 million Americans receive drug benefits administered by PBMs.
- High customer retention rate of 90% provides stability to earnings and cash flows. Uncertainty over the renewal of a large contract was removed when the Department of Defense awarded its TRICARE Pharmacy Program to Express Scripts with a seven-year contract worth \$5.3 billion.
- Management has a commitment to strong investment grade ratings and has a good track record of deleveraging post acquisition.
- Express Scripts has strong liquidity with \$2.8 billion in cash and \$4.7 billion in LTM free cash flow. Credit metrics are
 also reasonable with net debt to EBITDA of 2.3x.

Risks:

- Despite another wave of generic conversions and invrease in health insurance coverage due to the Affordable Care
 Act, Express Scripts reported some negative script growth due to Medoo related contract losses and platform
 micration.
- Pricing could come under pressure as commercial and government payors attempt to offset rising health care costs, particularly in prescription drugs.
- The company will continue to deploy its cash flow towards share repurchases to support earnings per share growth in light of slower organic growth.

Current Margins					
Gross Margin	6.1%				
Operating Income Margin	4.9%				
Net Income Margin	2.7%				
Normalized NI Margin	2.8%				
EBITDAR Margin	6.8%				
EBITDA Margin	6.7%				
EBITA Margin	6.7%				
EBIT Margin	4.9%				
Return on Equity	17.2%				
Return on Assets	6.1%				
Return on Invested Capital	9.8%				

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	Ratios	
l	Liquidity/Asset Turnover	
	Days Sales Outstanding	25.9
	Days Payable Outstanding	48.3
	Inventory Turnover	54.6x
	Asset Turnover	2.0x
	Current Ratio	0.7x
	Quick Ratio	0.6x
	Long Term Solvency Total Debt/Total Equity	103.2%
	Total Debt/Total Capital	50.8%
	Total Debt/EBITDA	2.48
	Net Debt/EBITDA	2.0x
	Coverage	
	EBITDA/Interest	12.9x
ı	(EBITDA-CapEx)/Interest	12.2x

Capitalization	
Share Price	70
Shares Outstanding	616.6
Market Capitalization	43,206.6
Cash & ST Investments	2,304.7
Total Debt	16,108.5
Minority Interest	8.7
Preferred Equity	-
Total Enterprise Value	57,019.1

Capital Structure	
Debt Summary Data	
Total Commercial Paper	-
Total Term Loans	3,304
Total Senior Bonds/Notes	12,805
Total Subordinated Bonds/Notes	-
Other Borrowings	-
Total Principal Due	16,109
Total Adjustments	-
Total Debt	16,109
Undrawn Revolving Credit	2,000

Pension Information		
Unfunded & Vested Liabilities	-	
Total Pension Obligation		166.6
Total Pension Assets		124.2
Defined Benefit Total Cost		1.8
Defined Contribution Total Cost		71.1
Total Pension Expense		72.9

Source: Payden & Rygel, Capital IQ, Company Reports

PARI Strategy Team





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1986 - Joined Payden & Rygel

Brian Matthews, CFA®, is a Managing Principal and the Chief Financial Officer at Payden & Rygel, and is a member of the firm's managing committee. Matthews is a member of the firm's Investment Policy Committee and serves as a Senior Portfolio Manager advising institutional clients, including corporations, pension funds, insurance companies and foundations and endowments. He is a director of Metzler/Payden LLC, the firm's joint venture with Metzler Bank of Frankfurt, Germany. Matthews is also co-chairman of Payden/Kravitz LLC, a joint venture specialising in cash balance retirement plans.

Prior to joining Payden & Rygel, Matthews was an investment officer at Brown Brothers Harriman & Company in New York, where he was responsible for managing fixed-income portfolios and asset/liability management.

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2002 – Joined Payden & Rygel

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Prior to joining Payden & Rygel, Weiner was a senior strategy member of the investment arm of First Interstate. More previously, he was with Goldman Sachs in New York as one of the strategists in the 1980s developing expertise in the mortgage market.

Scott Weiner earned a PhD in Pharmaceutical Chemistry from the University of California, San Francisco focusing on theoretical macromolecular biophysical chemistry. He received an AB degree in Mathematics from Occidental College in Los Angeles.

PARI Implementation & Monitoring





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PARI Adjunct Sector Strategists





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Prior to joining Payden & Rygel, Giles worked as a Credit Analyst at UBS Investment Bank where he was responsible for providing investment recommendations in the metals & mining, energy and power sectors to institutional investors. Previously, he was an investment banker at Credit Suisse and served in the US Army as a Captain.

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2001 – Joined Payden & Rygel

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Client Portfolio Management – Boston





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