QUARTERLY REPORT

Harbor Ares Systematic High Yield ETF

Quarterly Commentary & Attribution

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Ares Systematic Credit Limited

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Benchmark 1 Name: ICE BofA US High Yield Index (H0A0)

Investment Philosophy:

The Harbor Ares Systematic High Yield ETF is an actively managed fixed income strategy that seeks total return through employing a structured investment process that utilizes a proprietary model-based framework in the security selection of below investment-grade (high yield) bonds. The Fund seeks total return by mainly investing in below investment-grade (high yield) corporate bonds.

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PERFORMANCE

As of 09/30/2026

Average Annual Returns

	Ticker	CUSIP	3 Months	YTD	1 Yr.	3 Yr.	5 Yr.	10 Yr.	Current 30-Day Yield %	Current 30-Day Un-Sub Yield %	Since Inception	Inception Date	Gross Expense Ratio %
Harbor Ares Systematic High Yield ETF (NAV)	SIHY	41151J109	-1.49%	0.88%	2.50%	8.53%	4.54%	N/A	6.81%	6.81%	4.38%	09/14/2021	0.48
Harbor Ares Systematic High Yield ETF (Market)	SIHY	41151J109	-1.65%	0.57%	2.01%	8.53%	4.37%	N/A	6.81%	6.81%	4.24%	09/14/2021	0.48
ICE BofA US High Yield Index (H0A0)			-1.81%	0.04%	1.39%	7.94%	3.56%	N/A			3.43%	09/14/2021	

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Market in Review

Risk markets posted mixed results during the third quarter, with U.S. equities returning 2.3%, U.S. high yield returning -1.8%, and U.S. convertibles returning -6.2%. Markets began the quarter broadly flat as higher oil prices from Middle East tensions and concerns around AI-related spending increased volatility. Risk assets subsequently rose on strong corporate earnings, while rising U.S. Treasury yields reflected resilient growth, competition for capital from both government and corporates, and persistent inflation concerns. Equity and credit market returns bifurcated in September as sentiment in credit markets shifted decidedly negative.

Portfolio Performance

During the third quarter, the Harbor Ares Systematic High Yield ETF ("ETF") returned -1.49% (NAV), outperforming its benchmark, the ICE BofA US High Yield Index, which returned -1.81%.

Performance was driven by security selection in Energy and Consumer Cyclical names, alongside gains from sector positioning, driven by a modest underweight to Communications and overweight to Energy. The performance of Ares Systematic Credit's proprietary Sentiment and Fundamental research insights drove the security selection gains.

Performance data shown represents past performance and is no guarantee of future results. Past performance is net of management fees and expenses and reflects reinvested dividends and distributions. Investment returns and principal value will fluctuate and when redeemed may be worth more or less than their original cost. Returns for periods less than one year are not annualized. Current performance may be higher or lower and is available through the most recent month end at harborcapital.com or by calling 800-422-1050.

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.

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Overweights and Underweights

The ETF seeks to be broadly neutral in duration and yield curve versus its benchmark. During the quarter, the largest sector positions were an overweight, in risk terms, to Energy companies and an underweight to Communications.

The ETF was underweight lower-quality high yield with a varying allocation to higher-quality high yield reflecting the current opportunity set.

We seek to invest only in index-eligible securities and U.S. dollar securities, and we do not emphasize country selection versus the benchmark.

Outlook

The quarter ended with rising rates dominating market attention. The macroeconomic picture remained strong, consistent with our fundamental projections of low recession risk in the U.S. However, elevated inflation persists alongside a U.S. labor market that is operating without slack. At present, equity markets remain resilient, buoyed by optimism over strong economic growth, earnings strength, and continued capital expenditure growth. High-yield corporate bond spreads are also showing greater signs of weakness than investment grade markets. Historically, weakening fragile markets have prompted a repricing of risk and driven higher cross-sectional dispersion. We believe that systematic security selection strategies will have a greater opportunity to outperform in such an environment.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Risks

Investing involves risk, principal loss is possible. Unlike mutual funds, ETFs may trade at a premium or discount to their net asset value.

All investments involve risk including the possible loss of principal. Fixed income securities fluctuate in price in response to various factors, including changes in interest rates, changes in market conditions and issuer-specific events, and the value of your investment in the Fund may go down. There is a greater risk that the Fund will lose money because they invest in below-investment grade fixed income securities and unrated securities of similar credit quality (commonly referred to as “high-yield securities” or “junk bonds”). These securities are considered speculative because they have a higher risk of issuer default, are subject to greater price volatility and may be illiquid. Because the Fund may invest in securities of foreign issuers, an investment in the Fund is subject to special risks in addition to those of U.S. securities. These risks include heightened political and economic risks, greater volatility, currency fluctuations, higher transaction costs, delayed settlement, possible foreign controls on investment, possible sanctions by government bodies of other countries and less stringent investor protection and disclosure standards of foreign markets.

Benchmarks

The ICE BofA US High Yield Index (H0A0) Index 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.

Disclosures

Effective February 3, 2026, the name of the fund’s subadvisor changed from BlueCove Limited to Ares Systematic Credit Limited. Effective March 1, 2026, the name of Harbor Scientific Alpha High-Yield ETF changed to Harbor Ares Systematic High Yield ETF. These changes do not affect the fund’s investment objective, strategies, risks, fees, or portfolio management. Please see the Fund's Prospectus for additional information.

Current 30-Day Yields represent the average annualized income dividend over the last 30 days excluding gains and losses as defined by the SEC. Current 30-Day Yield is the Current 30-Day Subsidized SEC Yield and reflects reimbursements or waivers of fees currently in effect. Current 30-Day Yield-Unsub is the Current 30-Day Unsubsidized SEC Yield and does not reflect reimbursements or waivers of fees currently in effect.

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Definitions

Duration is a commonly used measure of the sensitivity of the price of a debt security, or aggregate market value of a portfolio of debt securities, to change in interest rates. Modified Duration measures the change in the value of a security in response to the change in interest rates. Securities with a longer duration are more sensitive to changes in interest rates and generally have more volatile prices than securities of comparable quality with a shorter duration.

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