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# Western Asset High Income Opportunity Fund Inc. (HIO)

**Corporate Credit |** Factsheet as of June 30, 2026

## Investment Overview

Provides a portfolio of primarily high-yield corporate debt securities Seeks high current income with capital appreciation as a secondary objective. Emphasizes team management and extensive credit research expertise to identify attractively priced securities.

## Total Returns (%)

| | Cumulative | | | Average Annual | | | | | Inception |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 3-Mth | 6-Mth | YTD | 1-Yr | 3-Yr | 5-Yr | 10-Yr | Inception | Date |
| Market Price Return | 3.22 | 3.91 | 3.91 | 2.35 | 10.13 | 2.46 | 5.77 | 5.64 | 11/16/1993 |
| NAV Returns | 2.49 | 2.63 | 2.63 | 6.83 | 7.72 | 2.44 | 4.87 | 5.59 | 11/16/1993 |
| Benchmark | 2.47 | 1.96 | 1.96 | 5.91 | 8.86 | 4.17 | 5.81 | — | — |

## Calendar Year Total Returns (%)

| | 2025 | 2024 | 2023 | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Market Price Return | 5.22 | 13.46 | 7.88 | -17.23 | 12.73 | 5.86 | 24.15 | -7.62 | 8.92 | 16.04 |
| NAV Returns | 8.63 | 5.34 | 9.19 | -12.18 | 3.43 | 6.61 | 15.79 | -3.18 | 7.51 | 16.43 |
| Benchmark | 8.62 | 8.19 | 13.44 | -11.18 | 5.26 | 7.05 | 14.32 | -2.08 | 7.50 | 17.13 |

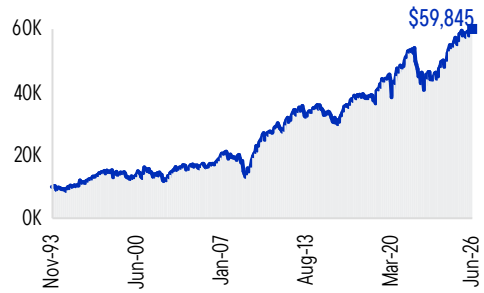
***Performance shown represents past performance and is no guarantee of future results.*** *Current performance may be higher or lower than the performance shown. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate so shares, when sold, may be worth more or less than the original cost. Returns based on Market Price or NAV, and assume the reinvestment of all distributions at the Dividend Reinvestment Plan Price or NAV, respectively. All returns include the deduction of management fees, operating expenses and all other fund expenses, and do not reflect the deduction of brokerage commissions or taxes that investors may pay on distributions or the sale of shares. When applicable, performance would have been lower if fees had not been waived in various periods. An investor cannot invest directly in an index, and unmanaged index returns do not reflect any fees, expense or sales charges. Returns for periods of less than one year are not annualized. Please visit franklintempleton.com for the most recent month-end performance.*

Gross expenses are the fund's total annual operating expenses as of the fund's annual report available at the time of publication. Actual expenses may be higher and may impact portfolio returns. Net expenses reflect voluntary fee waivers, expense caps and/or reimbursements. Voluntary waivers may be modified or discontinued at any time without notice. **NAV** is total assets less total liabilities divided by the number of shares outstanding. **Market Price**, determined by supply and demand, is the price an investor purchases or sells the fund. The Market Price may differ from a fund's NAV. **Premium / Discount** reflects the difference between the NAV and the Market Price of the fund, and represents the amount that the fund is trading above or below its NAV, expressed as a percentage of the NAV. **Distribution Rate** is calculated by annualizing the most recent distribution amount paid, divided by the closing market price or NAV as of the date indicated. The Distribution Rate calculation includes income, may include return of capital and excludes special distributions. The Distribution Rate is subject to change and is not guaranteed nor a quotation of fund performance. The difference between total assets and net assets, if any, is due primarily to the fund's use of borrowings and other liabilities; netassets do not include borrowings. The fund may employ leverage in the form of loans, preferred stock, reverse repurchase agreementsand/or other instruments. When the fund engages in transactions that have a leveraging effect on the fund's portfolio, the value of thefund will be more volatile and all other risks will tend to be compounded.

## Growth of $10,000

Inception through June 30, 2026

Market Price Returns, assuming dividends reinvested




The Growth of $10,000 chart reflects a hypothetical $10,000 investment on Market Price and assumes reinvestment of dividends and capital gains. Fund expense, including management fees and other expenses were deducted.

## Fund Overview

| | |
|---|---|
| NYSE-XNYS Ticker | HIO |
| NAV Symbol | XHIOX |
| Listed Exchange | NYSE - XNYS |
| Fund Inception Date | 11/16/1993 |
| NAV | $3.90 |
| Market Price | $3.64 |
| Premium/Discount | -6.67% |
| Last Distribution Paid | $0.0355 |
| Distribution Rate at Market Price (%) | 11.70 |
| Distribution Rate at NAV (%) | 10.92 |
| Dividend Frequency, if any | Monthly |

## Benchmark(s)

Bloomberg U.S. Corporate High Yield - 2% Issuer Cap Index

## Fund Characteristics

| | Fund |
|---|---|
| Total Assets | $370.59 Million |
| Average Life | 6.20 Years |
| Effective Duration | 3.13 Years |
| Average Coupon | 7.46% |

## Sector Allocation (% of Total)

| | Fund |
|---|---|
| Consumer Cyclical | 20.29 |
| Communications | 15.60 |
| Energy | 14.99 |
| Finance | 9.83 |
| Consumer Non-Cyclical | 8.32 |
| Technology | 8.13 |
| Structured | 6.74 |
| Capital Goods | 4.46 |
| Other | 10.91 |
| Cash & Cash Equivalents | 0.73 |

## Currency Exposure (% of Total)

| | Fund |
|---|---|
| US Dollar | 97.44 |
| Euro | 1.99 |
| British Pound | 0.51 |
| Russian Ruble | 0.06 |

## Geographic Allocation (% of Total)

| | Fund |
|---|---|
| United States | 76.06 |
| Cayman Islands | 3.75 |
| Canada | 3.54 |
| United Kingdom | 3.25 |
| Germany | 1.79 |
| Brazil | 1.47 |
| Other | 9.42 |
| Cash & Cash Equivalents | 0.73 |

## Credit Quality Allocation (% of Total)

| | Fund |
|---|---|
| BBB | 13.31 |
| BB | 31.61 |
| B | 36.10 |
| CCC | 14.59 |
| CC | 0.15 |
| NR | 3.51 |
| Cash & Cash Equivalents | 0.73 |

## Portfolio Data Information

**Exposure:** Notional exposure figures are estimated and are intended to show the portfolio's direct exposure to securities and indirect exposure, through derivatives. Direct and indirect exposures are subject to change over time and methodologies for calculating indirect exposures vary by derivative type. Portfolio breakdown percentages may not total 100% and may be negative due to rounding, use of derivatives, unsettled trades or other factors.

**Credit Quality** is a measure of a bond issuer's ability to repay interest and principal in a timely manner. The credit ratings shown are based on each portfolio security's rating as provided by S&P Global Ratings, Moody's Investors Service and/or Fitch Ratings, Inc. and typically range from AAA (highest) to D (lowest), or an equivalent and/or similar rating. For this purpose, if two or more of the agencies have assigned differing ratings to a security, the lowest rating is used. Securities that are unrated by all three agencies are reflected as such. The credit quality of the investments in the portfolio does not apply to the stability or safety of the portfolio. The methodology used for the calculation of credit quality ratings displayed may differ from the methodology for monitoring investment limits, if applicable. **Please note, the portfolio itself has not been rated by an independent rating agency.**

## Portfolio Description

Western Asset Management is one of the world's leading global fixed income managers. Founded in 1971, the firm is known for team management and proprietary research, supported by robust risk management and a long-term fundamental value approach.

## What should I know before investing?

**All investments involve risks, including possible loss of principal. Fixed income securities** involve interest rate, credit, inflation and reinvestment risks, and possible loss of principal. As interest rates rise, the value of fixed income securities falls. **Low-rated, high-yield bonds** are subject to greater price volatility, illiquidity and possibility of default. **International investments** are subject to special risks, including currency fluctuations and social, economic and political uncertainties, which could increase volatility. These risks are magnified in **emerging markets. Derivative instruments** can be illiquid, may disproportionately increase losses, and have a potentially large impact on performance.

## Glossary

**Average Life:** An estimate of the number of years to maturity, taking the possibility of early payments into account, for the underlying holdings. **Effective Duration** is a duration calculation for bonds with embedded options. Effective duration takes into account that expected cash flows will fluctuate as interest rates change. Duration measures the sensitivity of price (the value of principal) of a fixed-income investment to a change in interest rates. The higher the duration number, the more sensitive a fixed-income investment will be to interest rate changes. **Average Coupon** is the average interest rate stated on the securities held by a portfolio. **Average Coupon is calculated without the deduction of fees and expenses.**

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The **Bloomberg U.S. Corporate High Yield - 2% Issuer Cap Index** measures the performance of U.S. dollar-denominated, non-investment-grade, fixed-rate, taxable corporate bond market. The Index limits the maximum exposure to any one issuer to 2%.

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