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Performance

These yield data reflect performance without adjusting for sales charges or the effects of taxation. They are adjusted, however, to reflect all actual ongoing fund expenses and assume reinvestment of dividends and capital gains. Returns are compared to an appropriate benchmark peer group to help investors evaluate performance. The investment’s performance is generally compared with that of an index. The index is an unmanaged portfolio of specified securities and does not reflect any initial or ongoing expenses nor can it be invested in directly. An investment’s portfolio may differ significantly from the securities in the index. The Index may not be the same as the comparative index noted in the investment itself.

Gross Expense Ratio/Net Expense Ratio

Expense ratios reflect the percentage of the investment’s assets paid for operating expenses and management fees. In contrast to net expense ratios, gross expense ratios do not reflect any fee waivers in effect during the time period, which are typically disclosed alongside the expense ratios themselves. Net expense ratios reflect the fees actually borne by investors during the period they are in effect. Investment expense information (including waiver information) is pulled from an investment’s most recent prospectus, if applicable. If an additional separate investment account fee applies, it is added to the gross and net expense ratios calculated in the prospectus or other source of the expense information and factored into the performance of the separate investment account.

Utilized Plan Fund

If this is a unitized plan fund, it will invest in shares of the referenced underlying investment. Depending on the level of administrative services (“ASR”) granted by the plan, the investor may allocate from the underlying investment and MassMutual’s target ASR for the plan, on a periodic basis MassMutual will make adjustments to the utilized plan fund’s expense to cause each unitized plan fund to produce ASR equal to the target ASR. If the ASR MassMutual receives from an underlying investment is less than MassMutual’s target ASR, MassMutual will redeem shares or units from the underlying investment such that the amount of the revenue received from the underlying investment for administrative services and the related returns to the share or units equals MassMutual’s target revenue.

As a result of this process, the reported performance and expenses of the utilized plan fund is based on but not identical to the performance and expenses reported for the underlying investment.

Maximum Sales Charge/12b-1 Fee/Redemption Fee

Maximum Sales Charges and Redemption Fees are waived for MassMutual retirement plan participants. In addition, 12b-1 Fees are a component of the Net and Gross Expense Ratio; they are not in addition to the overall expense ratio.

Morningstar Rating TM

This brings loads-adjustments, performance (returns) and risk together into one evaluation. To determine a fund’s star rating for a given time period (three, five, or 10 years), the fund’s risk-adjusted return is plotted on a bell curve: If the fund scores in the top 10% of its category, it receives 5 stars (Highest); if it falls in the next 22.5% it receives 4 stars (Above Average); a place in the middle 35% earns 3 stars (Average); those lower still, in the next 22.5%, receive 2 stars (Below Average); and the bottom 10% get only 1 star (Lowest). The Overall Morningstar Rating is a weighted average of the available three-, five-, and 10-year ratings.

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Investment Risk

Money market investments are not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency. Although these investments seek to preserve the value of your investment at $1.00 per share, they cannot guarantee that they will do so. The fund’s sponsor has no legal obligation to provide financial support to a money market option; and you should not expect that the sponsor will provide financial support to the fund at any time. You could lose money by investing in a money market option. The 7-day yield is a measure of performance in the interest rates of money market funds. To the extent total returns differ from the 7-day yield, the 7-day yield more accurately reflects the current earnings of the fund.

Risks of investing in debt securities investments include the risk that a bond issuer will default by failing to repay principal and interest in a timely manner (credit risk) and/or the risk that the value of these securities will decline when interest rates increase (interest rate risk). Risks of investing in inflation-protected bond investments include credit risk and interest rate risk. Neither the bond investment nor its yield is guaranteed by the U.S. government.

High-yield bond investments are generally subject to greater market fluctuations and risk of loss of income and principal than lower-yielding debt securities investments. Investments that track a benchmark index are professionally managed. However, the benchmark index itself is unmanaged and does not incur fees or expenses and cannot be purchased directly.

Investments in value stocks may remain undervalued for extended periods of time, and the market may not recognize the intrinsic value of these securities. Investments in small and mid market capitalization (“small caps” or “mid caps”) may subject to special risks given their characteristic narrow markets, limited financial resources, and less liquid stocks, all of which may cause price volatility.

International/global investing can involve special risks, such as political changes and currency fluctuations. These risks are heightened in emerging markets. A significant percentage of the underlying investments in aggressive asset allocation portfolio investments have a higher than average retirement fund. Investors should consider their risk tolerance carefully before choosing such a strategy.

An investment with multiple underlying investments (which may include MM RetireSMARTSM by JP Morgan and any other offered proprietary or non-proprietary asset-allocation, lifestyle (risk based), lifestyle (target date) or custom blended investments) may be subject to the expenses of those underlying investments in addition to those of the investment itself. Investments may reside in the specialty category due to 1.) allowable investment flexibility that precludes classification in standard asset categories and/or 2) investment concentration in a limited group of securities or industry sectors. Investments in this category may be more volatile than less-flexible and/or less-concentrated investments and may be appropriate as only a minor component in an investor’s overall portfolio.

Participants with a large ownership interest in a company or employer stock investment may have the potential to manipulate the value of units of this investment option through their trading practices. As a result, special transfer restrictions may apply. This type of investment option presents a higher degree of risk than diversified investment options under the plan because it invests in the securities of a single company.

Investments that invest more of their assets in a single issuer or industry sector (such as company stock or sector fund) risk may be more volatile than less-flexible and/or less-concentrated investments and may be appropriate as only a minor component in an investor’s overall portfolio.

Target Date (lifecycle)

Generally these investment options are designed to be held beyond the presumed retirement date to offer a continuing investment option for the investor in retirement. The year in the investment option name refers to the approximate year an investor in the option would plan to retire and likely would stop making new contributions to the investment option. However, investors may choose a date other than their retirement date in the options under the plan because it invests in the securities of a single company. They are designed for participants who plan to withdraw the value of their accounts gradually after retirement. Each of these options follows its own asset allocation path (“glide path”) to progressively reduce its equity exposure and become more conservative over time. Options may not reach their most conservative allocation until after their target date. Others may reach their most conservative allocation in their target date year. Investors should consider their own personal risk tolerance, circumstances and financial situation. These options should not be selected solely on a single factor such as age or retirement date. Please consult the prospectus (if applicable) pertaining to the options to determine if their glide path is consistent with your long-term financial plan. Target retirement date investment options’ stated asset allocation may be subject to change. Changes in these options are not guaranteed and you may experience losses, including losses near, at, or after the retirement date. Additionally, there is no guarantee that the options will provide adequate income at and through retirement.

Investors should consider an investment’s objectives, risks, charges and expenses carefully before investing. For this and other information, see a fact sheet (investment prospectus) of the options, if applicable. You may obtain a prospectus for or from your plan sponsor or by visiting https://retire.massmutual.com. Read it carefully before investing.

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Investment Objective & Strategy

From investment’s prospectus

The investment seeks maximum total return, consistent with preservation of capital and prudent investment management.

The fund invests at least 80% of its assets in a diversified portfolio of high yield investments ("junk bonds"), which may be represented by forwards or derivatives. It may invest up to 20% of its total assets in securities rated Caa or below by Moody’s, or equivalently rated by S&P or Fitch, or, if unrated, determined by PIMCO to be of comparable quality. The fund may invest, without limitation, in derivative instruments, such as options, futures contracts or swap agreements, or in mortgage- or asset-backed securities.

Performance

Overall Morningstar Rating™  Morningstar Return Morningstar Risk

Out of 20 High Yield bond funds. An investment's overall Morningstar Rating, based on its risk-adjusted return, is a weighted average of its applicable 3-, 5-, and 10-year Ratings. See disclosure for details.

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Portfolio Analysis as of 03-31-20

Top 10 Holdings as of 03-31-20

Principal Risks as of 03-31-20


Operations and Management

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Benchmark Description: ICE BofA US High Yield TR USD

The index measures the performance of short-term US dollar denominated below investment grade corporate debt publicly issued in the US domestic market. Qualifying securities must have at least 18 months to final maturity at the time of issuance, at least one year remaining term to final maturity as of the rebalancing date, a fixed coupon schedule and a minimum amount outstanding of $100 million. It is capitalization-weighted.

Category Description: High Yield Bond

High-yield bond portfolios concentrate on lower-quality bonds, which are riskier than those of higher-quality companies. These portfolios generally offer higher yields than other types of portfolios, but they are also more vulnerable to economic and credit risk. These portfolios primarily invest in U.S. high-income debt securities where at least 65% or more of bond assets are not rated or are rated by a major agency such as Standard & Poor’s or Moody’s at the level of BB (considered speculative for taxable bonds) and below.