

# Investing In Bonds, Especially High Yield Bonds

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On finra's home page ( <http://www.finra.org/> ),

1. I click on Investors.
2. Then under Market Data, I click on bonds.
3. Then I select corporate.
4. Then I select to show the report as bonds.
5. I don't bother with irrelevant criteria, I use Quick Search, I next click on Search.
6. To sort my results, I click on yield twice. Then it points down. Highest yields come first.
7. Then I browse, possibly 1726 bonds, 40 bonds to a page. 43.15 pages of bonds sorted by yield
8. The first page today has bonds yielding 21,584.36 to 145.455. Too much for me.
9. There are page numbers on the bottom to aid navigation. I select page 2.
10. The second page today has bonds yielding 126.500 to 34.187. Too much for me.
11. There are page numbers on the bottom to aid navigation. I select Next.
12. The third page today has bonds yielding 33.574 to 17.601. Too much for me.
13. There are page numbers on the bottom to aid navigation. I select Next.
14. The fourth page today has bonds yielding 17.428 to 13.368. Some of these interest me. So I print page 4.
15. There are page numbers on the bottom to aid navigation. I select Next.
16. The fifth page today has bonds yielding 13.283 to 11.784. Some of these interest me. So I print page 5.
17. I keep the selected bond pages up. Sometimes CUSIPS are not available on the original lists, and you have to select bond detail.
18. I add bonds of interest to my Watchlist. They will be tracked by finra.

Having selected and printed some pages of bonds, I can do more eclectic and in depth research, using:

Simple observation. Do I like the company? Do I like the company. Is the yield adequate?

Yahoo Finance ( <http://finance.yahoo.com/> ), Yahoo Finance gives me all kinds of information including insider transactions. I love companies with insider buying. This has worked well for me.

Better Investing's ( <http://www.betterinvesting.org/public/default.htm> ) Toolkit software.

The company's website and its investment relations department.

Liquidity and solvency ratios.