

Hartford Total Return Bond ETF

Tickers HTRB

What Happened?

- Mixed economic data left market participants grappling with the expected timing and magnitude of Federal Reserve (Fed) rate cuts
- US Treasury yields finished little changed on the month, and spreads continued to compress across most fixed-income sectors
- Most major central banks held rates steady while laying the groundwork for policy easing later in the year

Performance Highlights

Contributors

- An overweight to agency mortgage backed securities (MBS) contributed favorably to relative performance. Fundamentals remain supportive, while valuations appear attractive for newly produced mortgages.
- An out-of-benchmark allocation to high yield helped relative returns. Quality composition remains strong relative to history; we expect better opportunities to increase exposure at wider spreads.
- Positioning in non-agency residential mortgage backed securities (RMBS) benefited relative results. We favor seasoned RMBS, which embed substantial home-price appreciation and can withstand price declines in our view.

Detractors

- None of the sector allocations had a negative impact on relative performance vs. the benchmark, although US government securities had a neutral effect

Portfolio Managers from Wellington Management

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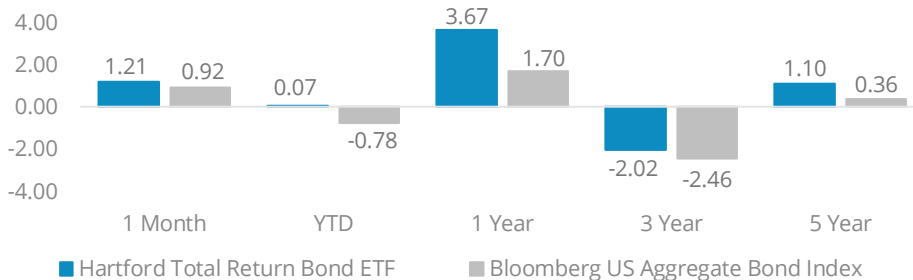
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The portfolio managers are supported by the full resources of Wellington.

Month End Performance (%) as of 3/31/24



Overall Morningstar Rating™*



557 Products | Intermediate Core-Plus Bond Category Based on Risk-Adjusted Returns as of 3/31/24

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Credit spreads are the difference in yields between two fixed-income securities with the same maturity, but originating from different investment sectors.

Yield curve is a line that plots interest rates of bonds having equal credit quality but differing maturity dates; its slope is used to forecast the state of the economy and interest-rate changes.

Investment-grade securities are fixed-income securities that are rated at "BBB" or higher by Standard & Poor's or Moody's.

Current Insight and Positioning From Wellington Management

- Corporate fundamentals appear to have stabilized, although margins are likely to come under pressure as pricing power subsides
- We maintain an underweight to investment-grade credit due to better observed opportunities in various out-of-benchmark sectors, including high-quality securitized credit (residential housing benefits from low supply), BB high yield (more insulated from default risk than CCCs), and select emerging markets (limited exposure to high conviction turnaround stories)
- The Fed is biased toward policy accommodation and will likely guard more against downside growth and labor market concerns compared to upside inflation risks. We're positioned with a steepening yield-curve bias.

Sector Exposure (%) as of 3/31/24

Mortgage Backed Securities	51
Investment Grade Credit	25
United States Government	24
Asset Backed Securities	10
High Yield Credit	5
Commercial Mortgage Backed Securities	4
Developed Government and Related (Non-US \$)	1
Emerging Market Debt	1
Bank Loans	0
Other	0
Cash, Cash Equivalents and Cash Offsets	-21

Characteristics are subject to change.
Percentages may be rounded.

Credit Exposure¹ (%) as of 3/31/24

Aaa/AAA	12
Aa/AA	72
A	10
Baa/BBB	18
Ba/BB	6
B	1
Caa/CCC or lower	0
Not Rated	2
Cash & Cash Offsets	-21

¹Credit exposure is the credit ratings for the underlying securities of the Fund as provided by Standard and Poor's (S&P), Moody's Investors Service, or Fitch and typically range from AAA/Aaa (highest) to C/D (lowest). If S&P, Moody's, and Fitch assign different ratings, the median rating is used. If only two agencies assign ratings, the lower rating is used. Securities that are not rated by any of the three agencies are listed as "Not Rated." Ratings do not apply to the Fund itself or to Fund shares. Ratings may change.

Net Assets	\$1.5 billion
# of Holdings	1,437
# of Issuers	392
Dividend Frequency	Monthly

Holdings Characteristics

Effective Duration	6.57 yrs.
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Performance (%)

	QTD	YTD	Average Annual Total Returns				SI
			1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	
HTRB NAV	0.07	0.07	3.67	-2.02	1.10	—	1.39
HTRB Market Price	0.15	0.15	3.54	-2.01	1.07	—	1.40
Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index	-0.78	-0.78	1.70	-2.46	0.36	—	—
Morningstar Category	-0.20	-0.20	2.91	-2.26	0.75	—	—
Lipper Peer Group	-0.43	-0.43	2.26	-2.50	0.52	—	—

Morningstar[®] Category Intermediate Core-Plus Bond **Lipper Peer Group** Core Bond **Expenses**¹: 0.29%
 SI = Since Inception. ETF Inception: 09/27/2017.

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