Monthly Fund Commentary



Hartford Schroders Tax-Aware Bond ETF

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What Happened?

- Treasury yields moved higher in April as stubbornly high inflation prints and relatively healthy economic data reduced the chances of rate cuts, both in the short term and for the remainder of the year. Absolute returns were negative due to higher yields.
- Tax-exempt municipals were notable outperformers, ahead of both
 Treasuries and corporates, despite higher rates and elevated new issuance
 as flows were supportive of the sector
- Credit spreads remained resilient and ended the period close to year-todate lows as the higher-for-longer narrative did little to scare investors from credit; new issuance was slightly above the monthly estimates (\$110 billion vs \$100 billion estimated)

Performance Highlights

Contributors

- The allocation to tax-exempt municipals was a notable contributor for the month given that the asset class outperformed Treasuries, mortgagebacked securities (MBS), and corporates
- Within the tax-exempt sector, the allocation to corporate-supported taxexempts was a positive factor. Many of these issuers are prepaid gas deals that benefit from recent new issuance and strong demand for high-quality paper.
- Security selection within tax-exempts was a positive factor with contributions from general obligations bonds (GOs), revenue bonds, and utilities

Detractors

• With yields rising, the exposure to long GOs detracted. Within tax-exempts, other sectors outperformed GOs.

Portfolio Managers from Schroders

Lisa Hornby, CFA

Portfolio Manager Professional Experience Since 2007

Neil G. Sutherland, CFA

Portfolio Manager Professional Experience Since 1997

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Portfolio Manager Professional Experience Since 1998

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Portfolio Manager Professional Experience Since 2010

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

Month End Performance (%) as of 4/30/24



Overall Morningstar
Rating™*

★★★★

430 Products | Intermediate Core Bond
Category Based on Risk-Adjusted
Returns as of 4/30/24

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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. **Duration** is a measure of the sensitivity of an investment's price to nominal interest-rate movement.

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Current Insight and Positioning From Schroders

- With yields elevated across asset classes, the Fund's duration is near the long end of its historical range
- Technical measures continue to be supportive of both taxable and tax-exempt bonds as flows remain generally postiive and new issues are met with strong demand. Strong demand is also driving higher valuations.
- After the first rate cut, bond yields have historically rallied for more than a year. With notable levels of cash sitting in money market funds, we believe that fixed income is well positioned as investors seek to lock in cyclically higher yields.

Portfolio Composition(%) as of 4/30/24

Tax Exempt Municipal	78
US Treasuries	10
Cash and Cash Equivalents	5
Corporate	5
Agency Mortgage Backed Securities	0
Asset Backed Securities	0
Cash	0
Government Related Agencies	0
Mortgage Backed Securities	0
Other	0
Taxable Municipal	0

Characteristics are subject to change. Percentages may be rounded.

Credit Exposure¹ (%) as of 4/30/24

	Aaa/AAA	41
	Aa/AA	43
	A	11
	Baa/BBB	6
	Ba/BB	0
	В	0
	Caa/CCC or lower	0
	Not Rated	0
	Cash & Cash Offsets	0

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 average rating is used. If only two ratings agencies assign ratings, the average rating is used. Securities that are not rated by any of the three agencies are listed as "Not Rated". The ratings breakdown includes cash and cash equivalents. Ratings do not apply to the Fund itself or to Fund shares. Ratings may change.

Net Assets	\$287 million
# of Holdings	246
# of Issuers	189
Dividend Frequency	Monthly
Holdings Characteristics	

Effective Duration 8.52 yrs.

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Performance (%)										
				Average Annual Total Returns –						
	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	SI			
HTAB NAV	-0.54	-0.54	2.74	-0.79	1.32	_	1.97			
HTAB Market Price	-0.59	-0.59	2.58	-0.71	1.30	_	2.00			
Bloomberg Municipal Bond Index	-0.39	-0.39	3.13	-0.41	1.59	_	_			
Morningstar Category	-0.51	-0.51	2.01	-2.45	0.36	_	_			
Lipper Peer Group	0.21	0.21	3.97	-0.84	1.29	_	_			

Morningstar* Category Intermediate Core Bond Lipper Peer Group General & Insured Municipal Debt SI = Since Inception. ETF Inception: 04/18/2018.

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