

HFSI Hartford Strategic Income ETF

Inception Date 9/21/21 Morningstar® Category Multisector Bond

Market Overview

Global fixed-income markets delivered positive total returns in the fourth quarter of 2025, as policy uncertainty, fiscal developments, and divergent central-bank actions shaped the investment landscape. The US began the quarter with its longest government shutdown on record, which delayed key economic data and forced the Federal Reserve to make policy decisions with limited visibility. The shutdown ended in mid-November, but data gaps persisted, adding to market uncertainty. Credit spreads diverged across ratings and regions. In the US, agency mortgage-backed securities (MBS) and high-yield credit spreads tightened, while investment-grade (IG) spreads widened. European spreads broadly narrowed. Both US IG and high yield posted positive total returns, outperforming European counterparts. Global aggregate and US high-yield indices contributed positively to returns, while government-bond returns were more mixed.

Performance Summary

- The Hartford Strategic Income ETF outperformed the Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index benefiting both from duration¹ positioning and income as spread² changes were somewhat limited across most fixed-income sectors.
- The Fund's positioning in high yield had the greatest positive effect on performance overall while exposure to bank loans also contributed favorably. The Fund's allocation to convertible bonds, focused on digitization and healthcare innovation themes, also benefited returns.
- The Fund's select exposure to emerging-market (EM) sovereign debt had a favorable impact on performance, while an allocation to EM corporate debt detracted from results.
- The Fund's allocation to securitized sectors overall contributed modestly to relative performance. Non-agency residential mortgage-backed securities (RMBS), commercial mortgage-backed securities (CMBS), and asset-backed securities (ABS) benefited relative results while an underweight to agency MBS passthroughs hurt results during the quarter.
- Duration and yield-curve positioning modestly helped results amid mixed movements in government bond yields.

Positioning & Outlook

- Fiscal stimulus, AI investment, deregulation, and accommodative monetary policy continue to underpin growth, though political volatility keeps the macro backdrop unsettled. We seek to balance a defensive credit profile with allocations to select higher-yielding credit sectors.
- The Fund seeks to selectively capitalize on credit-market dislocations and maintain a duration posture that is above our historical average.
- The Fund is positioned with an underweight exposure to IG credit and agency MBS, favoring high-yield, bank-loan issuers with improving credit profiles, sustainable cash flows and pricing power, and select seasoned non-agency RMBS opportunities. The Fund will opportunistically seek to purchase dislocated CMBS and ABS. We favor EM corporate issuers with prudent balance sheet management and find best opportunities in below IG issuers. The Fund holds a modest exposure to select convertible bonds, focused on digitization and healthcare innovation themes.

Effective 09/30/24, the Fund (formerly known as the Hartford Sustainable Income ETF) changed its name, objective, and principal investment strategy as well as reduced the Fund's management fee rate. Returns prior to 09/30/24 reflect the performance of the Fund's prior objective and principal investment strategy.

Overall Morningstar Rating™*

★★★★★

334 Products

Multisector Bond Category Based on Risk-Adjusted Returns as of 12/31/2025

Portfolio managers from Wellington Management and years of experience

Campe Goodman, CFA, 29 years
Joseph F. Marvan, CFA, 38 years
Robert D. Burn, CFA, 28 years

Top Ten Holdings (%)

U.S. Treasury Notes	27.92
U.S. Treasury Bonds	6.65
Government National Mortgage Association	3.49
Federal National Mortgage Association Connecticut Avenue Securities Trust	2.39
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp.	2.11
U.S. Treasury Inflation-Indexed Bonds	2.11
U.S. Treasury Inflation-Indexed Notes	1.10
PRET LLC	0.93
MMAF Equipment Finance LLC	0.78
CrossCountry Intermediate HoldCo LLC	0.69
Percentage Of Portfolio	48.17

Holdings and characteristics are subject to change. Percentages may be rounded.

¹**Duration** is a measure of the sensitivity of an investment's price to nominal interest-rate movement.

²**Spreads** are the difference in yields between two fixed-income securities with the same maturity but originating from different investment sectors.

Average Annual Total Returns (%)

	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	SI
HFSI NAV	1.50	9.63	9.63	9.13	—	—	2.71
HFSI Market Price	1.27	9.55	9.55	9.10	—	—	2.72
Benchmark	1.10	7.30	7.30	4.66	—	—	—
Morningstar Category	1.29	7.75	7.75	7.40	—	—	—

Expenses¹: 0.49%

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SI = Since Inception. Performance for periods of less than one year is not annualized

Performance data quoted represents past performance and does not guarantee future results. The investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted. For more current performance information to the most recent month ended, please visit hartfordfunds.com.

ETF shares are bought and sold at market price, not net asset value (NAV). Total returns are calculated using the daily 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time NAV. Market price returns reflect the midpoint of the bid/ask spread as of the close of trading on the exchange where Fund shares are listed. Market price returns do not represent the returns an investor would receive if they traded shares at other times. Brokerage commissions apply and will reduce returns.

Benchmark: Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index is composed of securities that cover the US investment grade fixed rate bond market, with index components for government and corporate securities, mortgage pass-through securities, and asset-backed securities. Indices are unmanaged and not available for direct investment.

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¹Expenses are the total annual operating expenses from the Fund's most recent prospectus at the time of publication.

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Investors should carefully consider a fund's investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses. This and other important information is contained in a fund's full prospectus and summary prospectus, which can be obtained by visiting hartfordfunds.com. Please read it carefully before investing.

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