

Hartford Total Return Bond ETF

ETF: HTRB

What Happened?

- Global sovereign yields declined amid softer growth signals and heightened geopolitical and trade-policy uncertainty. Most fixed-income sectors delivered negative excess returns as credit spreads widened.
- US Treasury yields declined across the yield curve amid mixed inflation readings and intermittent flight-to-quality flows
- Most central banks left their policy rates unchanged during the month, with the exception of the Reserve Bank of Australia.

Portfolio managers from Wellington Management and years of experience

Connor Fitzgerald, CFA, 20 years
 Campe Goodman, CFA, 29 years
 Robert D. Burn, CFA, 28 years
 Jeremy Forster, 22 years
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Performance Highlights

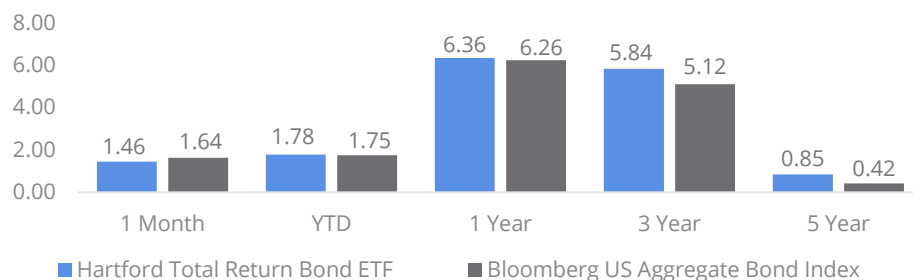
Contributors

- Positioning in investment-grade corporate bonds had a favorable impact on relative returns, in particular an underweight to financials and industrials issuers
- An overweight to agency mortgage-backed securities (MBS) had a positive effect on relative results. Agency MBS offer a diversified source of income at attractive valuations relative to other fixed-income sectors, with the recent announcement of \$200 billion in government-sponsored-enterprise (GSE) purchases materially improving near-term technicals.

Detractors

- Exposure to Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities (TIPS) detracted from relative performance after break-even inflation rates declined
- Positioning in high-yield corporate bonds hurt relative results following spread widening. High-yield corporate issuers maintain healthy profit margins and favorable leverage and coverage ratios relative to long-term averages; spreads are at historically tight levels.

Month End Performance (%) as of 2/28/26



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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.

Current Insight and Positioning From Wellington Management

- Corporate fundamentals remain generally solid, though margin pressure and softer revenue growth are becoming more visible. Companies are increasing capital expenditures as a share of excess free cash flow, which is laying the groundwork for continued growth.
- Securitized credit continues to offer attractive relative value compared to corporates, with credit enhancement providing a cushion against potential price declines and volatility
- We continue to preserve high-quality, liquid assets to selectively take advantage of market dislocations as they emerge

Sector Exposure (%) as of 2/28/26

Mortgage Backed Securities	43
United States Government	32
Investment Grade Credit	20
Asset Backed Securities	7
Commercial Mortgage Backed Securities	5
High Yield Credit	5
Developed Government and Related (Non-US \$)	2
Bank Loans	0
Emerging Market Debt	0
Other	0
Cash, Cash Equivalents and Cash Offsets	-14

Characteristics are subject to change.
Percentages may be rounded.

Credit Exposure (%) as of 2/28/26

Aaa/AAA	9
Aa/AA	73
A	10
Baa/BBB	14
Ba/BB	3
B	1
Caa/CCC or lower	0
Not Rated	3
Cash & Cash Offsets	-14

Credit exposure is the credit ratings for the underlying securities of the Fund as provided by S&P, Moody's, 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. If only one agency has rated the security, that rating will be 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	\$2.3 billion
# of Holdings	1,902
# of Issuers	442
Dividend Frequency	Monthly

Holdings Characteristics

Effective Duration	6.31 yrs.
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Average Annual Total Returns (%) as of 12/31/25

	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	SI
HTRB NAV	0.97	7.37	7.37	5.57	0.01	—	2.25
HTRB Market Price	0.94	7.41	7.41	5.49	-0.02	—	2.24
Benchmark	1.10	7.30	7.30	4.66	-0.36	—	—
Morningstar Category	1.03	7.33	7.33	5.38	0.18	—	—

Morningstar® Category Intermediate Core-Plus Bond

Expenses¹: 0.29%

ETF Inception: 09/27/2017.

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

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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.

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

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