

HTRB

Hartford Total Return Bond ETF

Morningstar® Category Intermediate Core-Plus Bond

Lipper Peer Group Core Bond

Inception Date 09/27/2017

Market Overview

United States (US) fixed income sectors generated positive returns over the fourth quarter of 2020. Encouraging vaccine developments propelled market confidence despite growing COVID-19 infections and the United Kingdom's (UK) formal exit from the European Union (EU). Most fixed income spread sectors outperformed as credit spreads tightened, the US presidential election concluded, and major central banks' policies aimed to mitigate risks. The US Treasury yield curve steepened as easy Federal Reserve (Fed) monetary policy anchored front-end yields while the prospect of additional fiscal stimulus lifted inflation expectations. The Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index returned 0.67% during the quarter.

Performance Summary

- Hartford Total Return Bond ETF outperformed the Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index and the Lipper Core Bond peer group average during the quarter
- Investment grade (IG) credit positioning had a positive impact on relative performance. Out-of-benchmark allocations to high yield and bank loans also had a positive impact on relative results over the period.
- The Fund's allocation to securitized sectors, including commercial mortgage-backed securities (CMBS), non-agency residential mortgage-backed securities (RMBS), asset-backed securities (ABS), and collateralized loan obligations (CLOs) had a positive impact on performance as spreads tightened
- We implemented tactical duration* positions during the quarter, which overall had a negative impact on relative performance. Our allocation to Treasury Inflation Protected Securities (TIPS) had a positive impact on results as TIPS outperformed duration-equivalent nominal US Treasuries.
- We held select emerging markets debt (EMD) exposure, which had a positive impact on relative performance

Positioning & Outlook

- By the end of 2020, spreads across many fixed income sectors had recouped most of their widening experienced in March 2020, but we believe there are still sectors priced wide relative to our expectations for excess returns over a 1-3 year time horizon.
- We are still maintaining a moderate tilt toward higher-yielding sectors. Our pro-risk stance is driven by strong technical, accommodative monetary policy, and the prospect of an economic recovery in 2021.
- We positioned the Fund for rising inflation expectations as we continued to believe the TIPS market was underpricing inflation expectations
- We remained underweight to IG credit and maintain out-of-benchmark exposure to high yield and bank loans. The Fund maintained an out-of-benchmark allocation to select non-agency RMBS. The Fund also held senior CMBS with attractive collateral and high-quality CLOs.
- We continued to hold select exposure to EMD, focusing on countries that are better able to cope with the economic and healthcare impact of coronavirus

Portfolio Managers from Wellington Management

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Fixed-Income Portfolio Manager
Professional Experience Since 1988

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Professional Experience Since 2000

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Managing Director
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Professional Experience Since 1998

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

Top Ten Holdings (%)

FNMA Mortgage Backed Securities (POOLS)	18.78
U.S. Treasury Notes	13.95
GNMA Mortgage Backed Securities (POOLS)	12.77
U.S. Treasury Bonds	11.56
UMBS	6.52
FHLMC Mortgage Backed Securities (POOLS)	4.65
Japan Treasury Discount Bill	1.94
Towd Point Mortgage Trust	1.08
Bank of America Corp.	0.91
Commercial Mortgage Trust	0.82
Percentage Of Portfolio	72.98

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

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

Performance (%)

Class	QTD	YTD	Average Annual Total Returns				SI
			1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	
HTRB NAV	1.79	8.94	8.94	6.11	—	—	5.79
HTRB Price Return	1.84	9.02	9.02	6.06	—	—	5.81
Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index	0.67	7.51	7.51	5.34	—	—	—
Morningstar Category	1.97	8.06	8.06	5.34	—	—	—
Lipper Peer Group	1.45	8.24	8.24	5.37	—	—	—

Total Operating Expenses¹: 0.29%

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SI = Since Inception

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.

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¹Expenses are the total annual fund operating expenses as shown in the most recent prospectus.

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