

QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REVIEW

Systematic Investment Grade Credit ETF

Performance returns (USD)

| ANNUALIZED RETURNS (QUARTER-END) | Quarter-End | YTD | 1-Year | 3-Year | 5-Year | 10-Year | Since Inception |
|----------------------------------|-------------|------|--------|--------|--------|---------|-----------------|
| NAV | 2.75 | 4.90 | - | - | - | - | 4.90 |
| Bloomberg U.S. Corporate Index | 2.60 | 4.68 | - | - | - | - | 4.68 |
| Market Price | 2.63 | 4.93 | - | - | | - | 4.93 |
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NAV Inception Date: 3-Jun-25

Market Price Inception Date: 3-Jun-25

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MAJOR PERFORMANCE DRIVERS

Corporate spreads had a strong third quarter as labor market data remained constructive without meaningful surprises on the downside, and inflation stayed well-contained despite tariff adjustments, creating a supportive backdrop for investment grade corporate bonds. The FED lowered the target rate by 25 bps in September, a move widely expected by the market.

The asset class delivered excess returns of 1.0%, further boosted by the move lower in yields, resulting in a total return of 2.6% for the quarter. The rally was most pronounced in the BBB-rated cohort, where credit spreads tightened 11 basis points. Across sectors, credit spreads within Financing companies narrowed the most, while Technology lagged. Credit curves flattened, and the 10+ year maturity segment generated notable excess returns.

The Systematic Investment Grade portfolio delivered positive alpha in the third quarter. Quality and momentum were the primary drivers of relative returns, followed by company fundamental indicators. Conversely, valuation-based signals detracted during the period. Credit selection was strongest among the Consumer Non-Cyclical, Capital Goods, Non-Cyclical, and Banking sectors; however, gains were partially offset by negative selection in the Financing companies sector. In terms of allocation, the relative underweight in Electric and overweight in Technology and Communication sectors had a small negative impact on relative returns.

Entering the fourth quarter, the portfolio has a relative overweight to the Capital Goods and Technology sectors and a relative underweight to the Banking and Insurance sectors.

Performance for the year of inception is less than a full calendar year. Returns shown for periods greater than one year are on an annualized basis.

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PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The GMO Systematic Investment Grade Credit ETF seeks to generate total return in excess of its benchmark, the Bloomberg U.S. Corporate Index, by employing active security selection.

The GMO Systematic Investment Grade Credit ETF utilizes a systematic, factor-based approach that incorporates proprietary trading signals across value, quality, and momentum. The ETF aims to deliver similar fixed income exposures to that of the benchmark, while owning a more liquid set of corporate bonds.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

An investor should consider the fund's investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses before investing. This and other important information can be found in the funds prospectus. To obtain a prospectus please visit www.gmo.com. Read the prospectus carefully before investing.

Benchmark(s): The Bloomberg US Corporate Index measures the investment grade, fixed-rate, taxable corporate bond market. It includes USD denominated securities publicly issued by US and non-US industrial, utility, and financial issuers. The index includes securities with remaining maturity of at least one year.

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