

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	0.62	5.54	-	-	-	-	5.54
Bloomberg U.S. Corporate Index	0.84	5.56	-	-	-	-	5.56
Market Price	0.61	5.58	-	-		-	5.58
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NAV Inception Date: 3-Jun-25

Market Price Inception Date: 3-Jun-25

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MAJOR PERFORMANCE DRIVERS

Investment-grade corporate spreads had a volatile fourth quarter, as the market awaited delayed economic data due to the prolonged government shutdown and continued to absorb news about hyperscaler funding needs. The Federal Reserve lowered the target interest rate by 25 bps in October and again in December, to finish the year with 75 bps of cumulative cuts and a target rate of 3.50-3.75%.

The asset class delivered a modest total return of 0.8%, supported by the move lower in the yields. However, excess returns ended the quarter marginally negative at -0.04%. The index's spread over Treasuries moved 4 basis points wider, but across sectors, credit spreads performance diverged, with Transportation and Consumer Cyclical narrowing the most, while Communications and Technology lagged. Credit curves steepened, and the 10+ year maturity segment generated negative excess returns.

The Systematic Investment Grade portfolio delivered negative alpha in the fourth quarter. Valuation and Company Fundamentals signals were the primary driver of relative returns, while positive contributions from the Quality factor, and to a smaller extent, Momentum, were not enough to offset those losses. Credit selection was weakest among the Technology and Communications sectors, while gains from bonds in Consumer Cyclical, Banking, and Basic Industry partially offset losses. In terms of sector tilts, relative overweight Technology and underweight Banking had a small negative impact on relative performance.

Entering the first quarter of 2026, the portfolio has a relative overweight to the Consumer Non-Cyclical and Consumer Cyclical sectors and an underweight to Electric, Banking, and Insurance.

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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