

AGG

iShares Core U.S. Aggregate Bond ETF

Analyst Report

This ETF offers broad-based exposure to investment grade U.S. bonds, making AGG a building block for any investor constructing a balanced long-term portfolio as well as a potentially attractive safe haven for investors pulling money out of equity markets. While AGG can potentially be a one stop shop for fixed income exposure, a close look at the composition of this fund is advised. Many may find the significant allocations to MBS and Treasuries somewhat insufficient for their return objectives; increased corporate bond exposure through LQD may result in a better balance and more attractive return. While AGG includes hundreds of individual securities, this ETF actually only holds a fraction of the bonds that make up the underlying benchmark; the sampling strategy employed avoids illiquid issues, but may lead to tracking error. AGG is unmatched in terms of liquidity, but investors can achieve similar exposure at a lower cost; BND and LAG both seek to replicate the same benchmark but charge lower expense ratios. For investors looking to avoid compounding costs and tracking error, the broad-based BND may be a better option for U.S. fixed income exposure.

ESG Themes and Scores

6.12/10

ESG Rate

38.75%

Global Percentile

47.21%

Peer Percentile

Performance Data

	AGG	ETF Database Category Average	Factset Segment Average
1 Month	1.03%	0.84%	0.84%
3 Month	0.67%	1.00%	0.75%
YTD Return	1.05%	1.04%	0.93%
1 Year Return	4.55%	5.37%	3.77%
3 Year Return	-0.82%	0.78%	-0.05%
5 Year Return	-0.54%	0.43%	-0.01%

Top 5 Holdings

Symbol	Holding	% Assets
Other	U.S. Dollar	2.68%
Other	United States Treasury Notes 4.0% 15-FEB-2034	0.55%
Other	United States Treasury Notes 1.375% 15-NOV-2031	0.52%
Other	United States Treasury Notes 0.375% 31-JAN-2026	0.51%
Other	United States Treasury Notes 4.375% 15-MAY-2034	0.46%

Vitals

Issuer	BlackRock, Inc.
Brand	iShares
Structure	ETF
Expense Ratio	0.03%
Inception	Sep 22, 2003
Index Tracked	Bloomberg US Aggregate

ETF Database Themes

Category	Total Bond Market
Asset Class	Bond
Asset Class Size	N/A
Asset Class Style	N/A
Region (General)	North America
Region (Specific)	U.S.

FactSet Classifications

Segment	Fixed Income: U.S. - Broad Market, Broad-based Investment Grade
Category	Broad Market, Broad-based
Focus	Investment Grade
Niche	Broad Maturities
Strategy	Vanilla
Weighting	Market Value

