

FTSD

Franklin Short Duration U.S. Government ETF Analyst Report

The Franklin Liberty Short Duration U.S. Government ETF (FTSD) is an actively managed fund that invests in short-term investment-grade U.S. government bonds. The ETF invests in Treasuries with a remaining maturity of three years or less. The ETF provides minimal credit risk and low interest rate risk. By investing in shorter-term securities, FTSD reduces duration, a measure of bond price sensitivity to interest rate changes. Typically bond prices fall when rates rise. FTSD is reasonably priced for active fund, though there are cheaper index-tracking options available, like the Vanguard Short-Term Treasury ETF (VGSH), the Schwab Short-Term U.S. Treasury ETF (SCHO), and the SPDR Portfolio Short Term Treasury ETF (SPTS)

For those willing to take on more credit risk, ultra-short debt ETFs are another popular option for investors looking for a relatively safe way to eke out more yield than brokerage sweep accounts or long-term Treasuries provide. There are several competitors, such as the JPMorgan Ultra-Short Income ETF (JPST), the iShares Ultra Short-Term Bond ETF (ICSH), and the Goldman Sachs Access Ultra Short Bond ETF (GSST).

ESG Themes and Scores

N/A	N/A	N/A
ESG Rate	Global Percentile	Peer Percentile

Performance Data

	FTSD	ETF Database Category Average	Factset Segment Average
1 Month	0.20%	-0.03%	-0.09%
3 Month	0.42%	-0.76%	-0.05%
YTD Return	0.93%	0.57%	0.56%
1 Year Return	4.31%	5.70%	3.88%
3 Year Return	5.02%	4.14%	1.67%
5 Year Return	2.49%	0.73%	0.83%

Top 5 Holdings

Symbol	Holding	% Assets
Other	United States Treasury Notes 4.25% 31-DEC-2026	6.62%
Other	Institutional Fiduciary Trust Money Market Portfolio	5.22%
Other	United States Treasury Notes 4.125% 31-OCT-2026	4.96%
Other	UMBS TBA 30yr 5.5% July Delivery 5.500% 01-FEB-2056	4.63%
Other	United States Treasury Notes 4.5% 15-APR-2027	4.32%

Vitals

Issuer	Franklin Templeton
Brand	Franklin
Structure	ETF
Expense Ratio	0.25%
Inception	Nov 04, 2013
Index Tracked	N/A

ETF Database Themes

Category	Mortgage Backed Securities
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. - Government, Broad-based Investment Grade Short-Term
Category	Government, Broad-based
Focus	Investment Grade
Niche	Short-Term
Strategy	Active
Weighting	Proprietary

