

HYXU

iShares International High Yield Bond ETF

Analyst Report

This ETF offers exposure to junk bonds from developed markets outside the U.S., an asset class that has the potential to deliver significant returns but that is often underweighted or excluded entirely from investor portfolios. Because many broad-based bond ETFs focus on dollar-denominated investment grade debt, junk bonds often get little allocation in long-term portfolios. Moreover, the ETFs in the High Yield Bonds ETFdb Category focus primarily on junk bonds of U.S.-based issuers. As a result, HYXU offers a way to add securities that may bring both return enhancement and diversification benefits to a bond portfolio. HYXU could be used as a long term holding with a moderate weighting, or more as a tactical tool when junk bond yields are appealing.

It should be noted that HYXU focuses on developed markets outside the U.S., and may have a heavy tilt towards issuers in Canada and Western Europe (with little allocation afforded to developed Asian economies). Within those regions, however, the portfolio is well balanced across country and industry.

HYXU is more expensive than ETFs focusing exclusively on U.S. debt, but still very affordable given the type of exposure offered through the underlying portfolio.

ESG Themes and Scores

6.22/10

ESG Rate

42.07%

Global Percentile

81.25%

Peer Percentile

Performance Data

	HYXU	ETF Database Category Average	Factset Segment Average
1 Month	-1.49%	0.51%	-1.49%
3 Month	3.33%	3.17%	3.33%
YTD Return	14.36%	4.32%	14.36%
1 Year Return	12.82%	7.35%	12.82%
3 Year Return	10.53%	6.27%	10.53%
5 Year Return	3.13%	2.59%	3.13%

Top 5 Holdings

Symbol	Holding	% Assets
Other	U.S. Dollar	2.55%
Other	Lorca Telecom Bondco SA 4.0% 18-SEP-2027	0.79%
Other	Bellis Acquisition Co. Plc 8.125% 14-MAY-2030	0.65%
Other	Teva Pharmaceutical Finance Netherlands II BV 4.375%	0.61%
Other	Organon & Co. 2.875% 30-APR-2028	0.58%

Vitals

Issuer	BlackRock, Inc.
Brand	iShares
Structure	ETF
Expense Ratio	0.40%
Inception	Apr 03, 2012
Index Tracked	Markit iBoxx Global Developed Markets ex-US High Yield Index

ETF Database Themes

Category	High Yield Bonds
Asset Class	Bond
Asset Class Size	N/A
Asset Class Style	N/A
Region (General)	Developed Markets
Region (Specific)	Broad

FactSet Classifications

Segment	Fixed Income: Developed Markets Ex-U.S. - Corporate, Broad-based High Yield
Category	Corporate, Broad-based
Focus	High Yield
Niche	Broad Maturities
Strategy	Vanilla
Weighting	Market Value

