

PFF

iShares Preferred & Income Securities ETF

Analyst Report

This ETF offers investors exposure to preferred stock, an interesting segment of the capital markets that most investors do not have a lot of exposure to. Preferred stock holders have a 'preferred' position on assets compared to other common shareholders should there be a liquidity event in the company. However, these shareholders generally do not have voting rights in exchange for this premium position. Preferred stock also generally pay out solid dividend yields but then also do not participate as much in equity appreciation as their common share counterparts. Due to this preferred stock could be appropriate for those seeking to boost yields in a portfolio or for those looking for less risky forms of equity exposure that are relatively absent from broad portfolios of stocks. PFF is reasonably diversified by both sector and in terms of total number of holdings; the fund has just under 250 securities and is heavily weighted towards the financial industry although other sectors do comprise nearly 20% of the fund as well. As a result, this fund should be considered part of the financial holding of a portfolio and only used in small amounts to boost yields. If used properly, PFF could be a powerful tool for investors, just be careful and make sure to not overinvest in the sector.

ESG Themes and Scores

5.65/10

ESG Rate

30.0%

Global Percentile

12.66%

Peer Percentile

Performance Data

	PFF	ETF Database Category Average	Factset Segment Average
1 Month	0.23%	0.59%	0.37%
3 Month	-1.08%	0.12%	-0.47%
YTD Return	1.22%	1.82%	1.30%
1 Year Return	6.04%	9.54%	5.23%
3 Year Return	1.91%	2.72%	1.47%
5 Year Return	1.97%	2.04%	0.69%

Top 5 Holdings

Symbol	Holding	% Assets
BA.PRA	Boeing Company 6% Pfd Registered shs Series A	4.20%
WFC.PRL	Wells Fargo & Company 7.5 % Non Cum Perp Conv Pfd	2.33%
C.PRN	Citigroup Capital XIII Tr Pfd Secs 2010-30.10.40 Global	1.62%
APO.PRA	Apollo Global Management Inc Mandatory Conv Pfd	1.41%
BAC.PRL	Bank of America Corp 7.25 % Non Cum Perp Conv Pfd	1.32%

Vitals

Issuer	BlackRock, Inc.
Brand	iShares
Structure	ETF
Expense Ratio	0.46%
Inception	Mar 26, 2007
Index Tracked	ICE Exchange-Listed Preferred & Hybrid Securities Index

ETF Database Themes

Category	Preferred Stock/Convertible Bonds
Asset Class	Preferred Stock
Asset Class Size	Multi-Cap
Asset Class Style	Blend
Region (General)	North America
Region (Specific)	U.S.

FactSet Classifications

Segment	Fixed Income: U.S. - Corporate, Preferred
Category	Corporate, Preferred
Focus	Broad Credit
Niche	Broad Maturities
Strategy	Vanilla
Weighting	Market Value

