

SPBO

SPDR Portfolio Corporate Bond ETF

Analyst Report

The SPDR Portfolio Corporate Bond ETF (SPBO) is State Street's offering for investors looking to access a corner of the bond market essential to any long-term, buy-and-hold portfolio. SPBO is one of the least expensive investment-grade bond ETFs in this ETFdb category, yet it has been slow to gain assets since its 2011 launch. The reason might be performance: SPBO has had consistently lagged behind the iShares iBoxx \$ Investment Grade Corporate Bond ETF (LQD), the dominant ETF in this segment. SPBO has a larger slice of its portfolio in shorter-dated bonds, which may explain some of the underperformance. Liquidity is another issue: SPBO tends to trade at wider spreads than LQD.

State Street launched its ultra-low-cost SPDR Portfolio lineup in October 2017 after years of losing market share to cheaper rivals at BlackRock, Schwab, and Vanguard. This was a humiliating setback since State Street essentially founded the modern ETF market in 1993 with the launch of the SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust (SPY). State Street was late to the ultra-low-cost space — BlackRock launched its low-cost iShares Core series five years earlier — but has pushed hard to make up ground. Many of its SPDR Portfolio funds have been renamed and repriced for this purpose. Prior to September 23, 2019, SPBO traded under the name SPDR Bloomberg Barclays Corporate Bond ETF under the ticker CBND.

ESG Themes and Scores

6.56/10

ESG Rate

51.84%

Global Percentile

62.2%

Peer Percentile

Performance Data

	SPBO	ETF Database Category Average	Factset Segment Average
1 Month	2.06%	1.55%	1.60%
3 Month	0.43%	0.94%	0.43%
YTD Return	0.96%	0.94%	0.85%
1 Year Return	5.41%	5.64%	4.27%
3 Year Return	-0.06%	1.19%	0.32%
5 Year Return	0.19%	0.61%	0.32%

Top 5 Holdings

Symbol	Holding	% Assets
GVMXX	State Street Institutional Investment Trust US	0.27%
Other	JPMorgan Chase & Co. 5.717% 14-SEP-2033	0.18%
Other	Bank of America Corporation 2.482% 21-SEP-2036	0.16%
Other	JPMorgan Chase & Co. 1.04% 04-FEB-2027	0.15%
Other	Wells Fargo & Company 3.196% 17-JUN-2027	0.14%

Vitals

Issuer	State Street
Brand	SPDR
Structure	ETF
Expense Ratio	0.03%
Inception	Apr 06, 2011
Index Tracked	Bloomberg U.S. Corporate Bond Index

ETF Database Themes

Category	Corporate 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: U.S. - Corporate, Broad-based Investment Grade
Category	Corporate, Broad-based
Focus	Investment Grade
Niche	Broad Maturities
Strategy	Fundamental
Weighting	Market Value

