

TIP

iShares TIPS Bond ETF

Analyst Report

This ETF offers broad-based exposure to TIPS, bonds issued by the U.S. government featuring principal that adjusts based on certain measures of inflation. TIP has become tremendously popular as a way of protecting asset values against upticks in inflation, and as such can be used in different ways by a number of different types of investors. This ETF may have appeal as a tactical play when concerns about inflationary pressures intensify, or may be used as a core holding in a long-term, but-and-hold portfolio. As a very low risk asset, TIP will generally feature a relatively meager yield. TIP is one of several broad TIPS ETFs; and it is arguably the most famous of the bunch as it has by far the most assets in the Category. This fund is competitive from a cost perspective and offers up unmatched liquidity, making it worthy of consideration for any investors seeking exposure to this corner of the bond market.

While TIPS have become popular as a means of protecting against inflation, it is noted that there are potential limitations to this asset class in accomplishing this objective as well. TIP is by no means a surefire defense against inflation; rising interest rates, which tend to accompany upticks in CPI, have the potential to erode the value of this fund. Short-term TIPS ETFs such as STIP or STPZ may be forth a closer look, as well as more creative alternatives such as CPI, RRF or other real return ETFs.

ESG Themes and Scores

5.86/10

ESG Rate

33.78%

Global Percentile

75.0%

Peer Percentile

Performance Data

	TIP	ETF Database Category Average	Factset Segment Average
1 Month	1.21%	1.08%	0.79%
3 Month	1.04%	0.94%	0.74%
YTD Return	1.81%	1.65%	1.34%
1 Year Return	4.74%	3.79%	2.21%
3 Year Return	-0.75%	-0.14%	-1.40%
5 Year Return	1.59%	1.76%	0.53%

Top 5 Holdings

Symbol	Holding	% Assets
Other	Government of the United States of America 1.875% 15-	4.02%
Other	Government of the United States of America 1.75% 15-	3.82%
Other	Government of the United States of America 1.125% 15-	3.55%
Other	Government of the United States of America 1.375% 15-	3.54%
Other	Government of the United States of America 0.625% 15-	3.54%

Vitals

Issuer	BlackRock, Inc.
Brand	iShares
Structure	ETF
Expense Ratio	0.19%
Inception	Dec 04, 2003
Index Tracked	ICE US Treasury Inflation Linked Bond Index - Benchmark TR Gross

ETF Database Themes

Category	Inflation-Protected Bonds
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, Inflation-linked Investment Grade
Category	Government, Inflation-linked
Focus	Investment Grade
Niche	Broad Maturities
Strategy	Vanilla
Weighting	Market Value

