

iShares Systematic Bond ETF

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Annual Shareholder Report — October 31, 2025



This annual shareholder report contains important information about iShares Systematic Bond ETF (the “Fund”) (formerly known as iShares U.S. Fixed Income Balanced Risk Systematic ETF) for the period of November 1, 2024 to October 31, 2025. You can find additional information about the Fund at blackrock.com/fundreports. You can also request this information by contacting us at 1-800-iShares (1-800-474-2737).

This report describes changes to the Fund that occurred during the reporting period.

What were the Fund costs for the last year?

(based on a hypothetical \$10,000 investment)

Fund name	Costs of a \$10,000 investment	Costs paid as a percentage of a \$10,000 investment
iShares Systematic Bond ETF	\$26	0.25%

How did the Fund perform last year?

- For the reporting period ended October 31, 2025, the Fund returned 8.97%.
- For the same period, the Bloomberg U.S. Universal Index returned 6.51%, the BlackRock Universal Systematic Bond Index (Spliced) returned 9.44% and the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index returned 6.16%

What contributed to performance?

Anticipation of rate cuts caused spreads (the difference in the yield between two bonds with similar maturities but different credit qualities) on corporate debt to narrow during the reporting period. Mixed economic signals and ongoing global trade tensions also influenced bond returns, while the late-period U.S. government shutdown added to market volatility. After cutting rates in December of 2024, the Federal Reserve held policy rates steady through the first part of the year, before cutting rates by 25 basis points in both September and October 2025 as evidence of a cooling labor market outweighed persistent, though elevated, inflation concerns. In this environment, corporate bonds, particularly in the banking sector, contributed to the Fund’s return. Consumer non-cyclical bonds also supported performance. Bonds on the lower end of investment grade, rated Baa by Moody’s, were meaningful contributors and by maturity, bonds between seven-and-ten years benefited the most.

What detracted from performance?

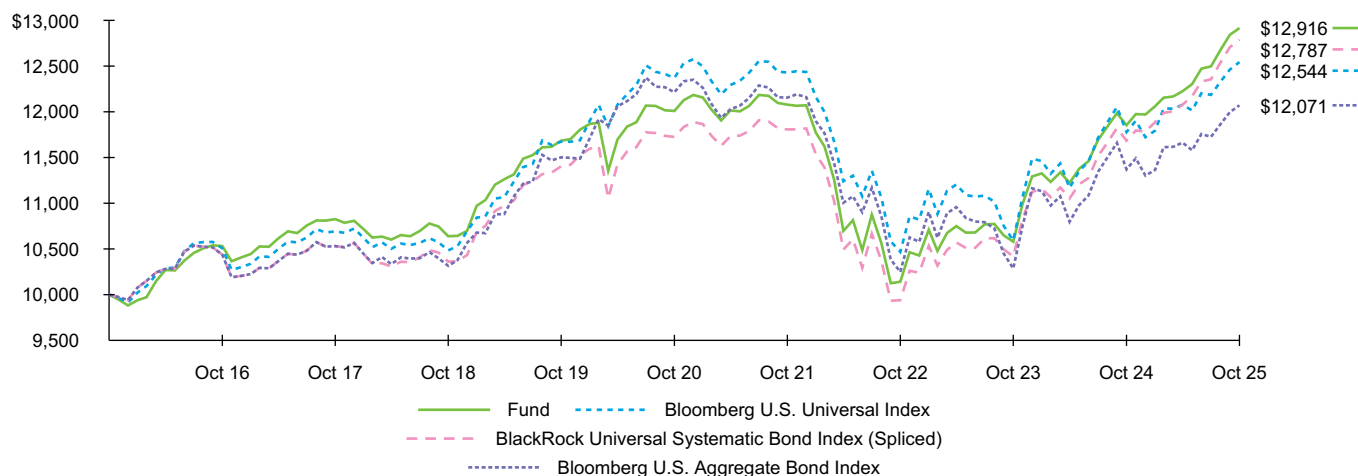
During the reporting period, there were no significant detractors from the Fund’s return.

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Fund performance

Cumulative performance: November 1, 2015 through October 31, 2025

Initial investment of \$10,000



See “Average annual total returns” for additional information on fund performance.

Average annual total returns

	1 Year	5 Years	10 Years
Fund NAV	8.97%	1.47%	2.59%
Bloomberg U.S. Universal Index	6.51	0.28	2.29
BlackRock Universal Systematic Bond Index (Spliced)	9.44	1.75	2.49
Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index	6.16	(0.24)	1.90

Key Fund statistics

Net Assets	\$76,663,283
Number of Portfolio Holdings	647
Net Investment Advisory Fees	\$183,109
Portfolio Turnover Rate	567%

The BlackRock Universal Systematic Bond Index (Spliced) reflects the performance of the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index through February 4, 2018 (when the Fund was actively managed), the Bloomberg U.S. Fixed Income Balanced Risk Index from February 5, 2018 through September 1, 2025 (when it was the Fund's Underlying Index), and the BlackRock Universal Systematic Bond Index thereafter (when it became the Fund's Underlying Index). Prior to February 4, 2018, the Fund's performance is for a fund that was reorganized into the Fund and that did not seek to track the investment results of an index but was managed by BlackRock Fund Advisors ("BFA") during the applicable period using an investment strategy substantially similar to the methodology of the Bloomberg U.S. Fixed Income Balanced Risk Index.

Past performance is not an indication of future results. Performance results do not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on fund distributions or on the redemption or sale of fund shares. Visit [iShares.com](https://www.ishares.com) for more recent performance information.

What did the Fund invest in?

(as of October 31, 2025)

Credit quality allocation

Moody's Credit Rating*	Percent of Total Investments ^(a)
Aaa	9.4%
Aa	30.9
A	15.6
Baa	21.7
Ba	9.3
B	9.3
Caa	1.4
Not Rated	2.4

Maturity allocation

Maturity	Percent of Total Investments ^(a)
1-5 Years	31.3%
5-10 Years	31.7
10-15 Years	4.2
15-20 Years	1.4
More than 20 Years	31.4

^(a) Excludes money market funds.

* Credit quality ratings shown reflect the ratings assigned by Moody's Investors Service ("Moody's"), a widely used independent, nationally recognized statistical rating organization. Moody's credit ratings are opinions of the credit quality of individual obligations or of an issuer's general creditworthiness. Investment grade ratings are credit ratings of Baa or higher. Below investment grade ratings are credit ratings of Ba or lower. Unrated investments do not necessarily indicate low credit quality. Credit quality ratings are subject to change.

Material Fund Changes

This is a summary of certain changes to the Fund since October 31, 2024. For more complete information, you may review the Fund's next prospectus, which we expect to be available approximately 120 days after October 31, 2025 at blackrock.com/fundreports or upon request by contacting us at 1-800-iShares (1-800-474-2737).

The Fund announced on June 30, 2025 that it will change the Fund's name from iShares U.S. Fixed Income Balanced Risk Systematic ETF to iShares Systematic Bond ETF and the ticker from FIBR to SYSB. The Fund also announced a change of the underlying index from the Bloomberg U.S. Fixed Income Balanced Risk Index to the BlackRock Universal Systematic Bond Index and related changes to the Fund's investment objective, investment strategy, and investment risks. The Fund's revised investment objective is to seek to track the investment results of an index composed of U.S. dollar-denominated bonds that are rated either investment grade or high yield. These changes became effective on September 2, 2025.

Additional information

If you wish to view additional information about the Fund, including but not limited to financial statements, the Fund's prospectus, and proxy voting policies and procedures, please visit blackrock.com/fundreports. For proxy voting records, visit blackrock.com/proxyrecords.

Householding

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