

# **FLOATING RATE ETFS**

Reduce duration in portfolios across the risk and return spectrum



iShares Treasury Floating Rate Bond ETF



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BlackRock AAA
CLO ETF



BlackRock Floating Rate Loan ETF

### **Key takeaways**



#### Floating rate Income

Income that may adjust with changes in short - term rates can be particularly attractive in a rising rate or inflationary environment.



#### Choices in risk profile

iShares floating rate ETFs offer investors exposure to US Treasury, Investment Grade, and High Yield offerings



#### Low-cost access

Expense Ratios:TFLO: 0.15%FLOT: 0.15%CLOA: 0.20%

BRLN: 0.55%/0.60% (Net/Gross)\*

### Floating rate mechanics

Floating rate assets have coupon payments that periodically reset based off a short-term interest rate, known as the "reference rate." Examples of reference rates are 3-month T-Bills and the Secured Overnight Financing Rate ("SOFR").

The income paid by floating rate securities will be the result of that floating rate plus a "fixed spread." The fixed spread is determined at the time of issuance based on demand for the security and the market's perception of the issuer's credit risk.

Today, investors have access to a broad spectrum of floating rate ETFs including those that hold US treasury floating rate notes (TFLO), investment grade credit floating rate bonds (FLOT), high yield floating rate bank loans (BRLN), and AAA-rated collateralized loan obligations (CLOA).

# iShares floating rate ETFs can help cover the risk/reward spectrum



Source: BlackRock as of 12/29/23. Yields shown are yields to maturity and indicates the weighted average yield to maturity of each bond within the index. This metric does not account for fees. Table is for illustrative purposes only. Treasury Floater Yield to Maturity (YTM) and duration are represented by the Bloomberg U.S. Treasury Floating Rate Index, Floating Rate Bonds are represented by the Bloomberg US Floating Rate Note < 5 Years Index, Floating Rate Loans are represented by the Morningstar LSTA US Leveraged Loans Index, and AAA CLOs are represented by the JP Morgan CLOIE AAA Index. Index performance is for illustrative purposes only. Index performance does not reflect any management fees, transaction costs or expenses. Indexes are unmanaged and one cannot invest directly in an index. Past performance does not guarantee future results. Index performance does not represent actual Fund performance. For actual fund performance, please visit www.iShares.com or www.blackrock.com.\*BlackRock Fund Advisors (\*BFA\*), the investment adviser to the Fund and an affiliate of BlackRock Investments, LLC, has contractually agreed to waive a portion of its management fees through 6/30/2026.

# **Key facts**

	TFLO	FLOT	CLOA	BRLN
Asset class	US Treasury Floating Rate Notes	Investment Grade Credit Floating Rate Notes	AAA-Rated Collateralized Loan Obligations	Floating Rate Bank Loans
Management style	Passive	Passive	Active	Active
Credit quality	US Treasury	Investment Grade	Investment Grade	High Yield
Benchmark	Bloomberg U.S. Treasury Floating Rate Index	Bloomberg US Floating Rate Note < 5 Years Index	JP Morgan CLOIE AAA Index	Morningstar/LSTA Leveraged Loan Index
Reference rate(s)	3-month T-Bill auction rate	SOFR, 3-month LIBOR	SOFR, 3-month LIBOR	SOFR, 3-month LIBOR
Coupon reset frequency	Weekly	~ Quarterly	~ Quarterly	~ Quarterly
Expense ratio	0.15%	0.15%	0.20%	0.55%*
Inception date	Feb 03, 2014	Jun 14, 2011	1/10/2023	Oct 04, 2022

Source: BlackRock, as of 12/29/23. \*Net expense ratio shown. Gross expense ratio is 0.60%. BlackRock Fund Advisors, the investment adviser to the Fund and an affiliate of BlackRock Investments, LLC, has contractually agreed to waive a portion of its management fees through Jun 30, 2026. Please see the Fund's prospectus for additional details.

While floating rate note ETFs and floating rate bank loan ETFs both hold assets with coupons designed to increase and decrease with interest rates, there are key differences that investors should be aware of. Floating rate notes are typically investment grade, unsecured bonds issued in the capital markets. Floating rate bank loans are typically below investment grade, secured loans arranged by syndicates of commercial or investment banks. Settlement for floating rate notes is generally T+2, while settlement for floating rate bank loans varies widely and can be longer than 2 days.

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