

SPDR Spotlight

Short but not ultra-short - STOT

The Lead

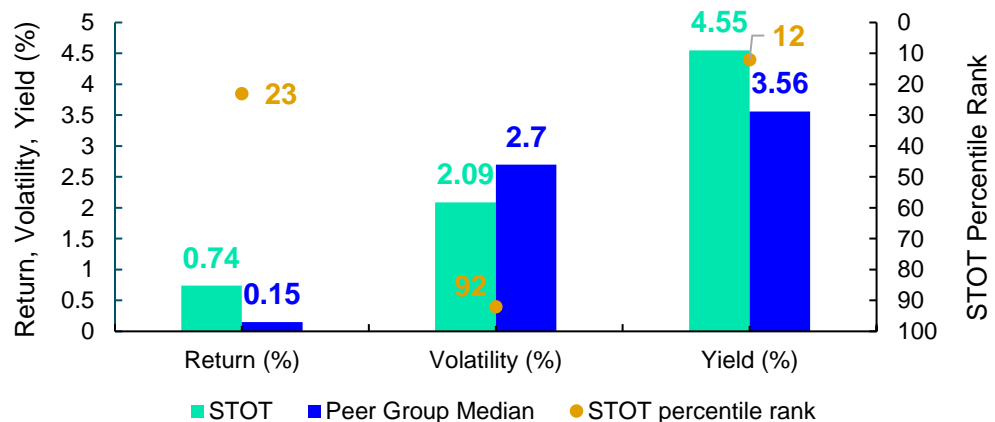
- In 2023, high interest rates led to an influx of over \$1 trillion¹ of new assets into money market mutual funds and ultra-short-duration government bond ETFs
- In contrast, 2024 brings expectations for five rate cuts, exposing the shortest end of the yield curve to higher reinvestment risk as the yields on Treasury Bills have been highly correlated to the Fed rate (historically 99%)²
- To mitigate risk investors may consider a move from the ultra-short maturity segment of the yield curve to active, short-duration strategies that invest in a wide range of short-duration sectors which are excluded under a strict maturity band requirement, like mortgages

The Takeaway

The [SPDR® DoubleLine® Short Duration Total Return Tactical ETF \(STOT\)](#) is an actively managed fund, targeting high-quality, low volatility income by combining traditional interest rate-sensitive sectors with non-traditional credit-sensitive sectors in a duration-controlled portfolio (between one and three years). As shown in the chart below, STOT outperformed over 75% of its peers in terms of 3-year return and did so with lower volatility³. This makes the fund an alternative option for investors when seeking stability of short-term exposures while managing reinvestment risk in the current rate environment.

Chart of the Week

STOT showed higher yields with lower volatility than its peers



Source: Morningstar, December 31, 2023. Peer group defined as US Domiciled ETFs and MFs in Morningstar Short Term Bond category. **Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.**

Standard Performance

Ticker	Name	YTD (%)	Annualized				Inception Date	Gross Expense Ratio (%)	
			1 Year (%)	3 Year (%)	5 Year (%)	10 Year (%)			Since Inception (%)
STOT (NAV)	SPDR® DoubleLine® Short Duration Total Return Tactical ETF	6.33%	6.33%	0.73%	1.85%	-	1.68%	4/13/2016	0.45
STOT (MKT)	SPDR® DoubleLine® Short Duration Total Return Tactical ETF	6.38%	6.38%	0.84%	1.88%	-	1.71%	-	-

Source: ssga.com, as of 12/31/2023. **Performance returns for periods of less than one year are not annualized. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate, so you may have a gain or loss when shares are sold. Current performance may be higher or lower than that quoted. All results are historical and assume the reinvestment of dividends and capital gains. For SPDR ETFs, visit ssga.com for most recent month-end performance.** The market price used to calculate the Market Value return is the midpoint between the highest bid and the lowest offer on the exchange on which the shares of the Fund are listed for trading, as of the time that the Fund's NAV is calculated. If you trade your shares at another time, your return may differ. The gross expense ratio is the fund's total annual operating expenses ratio. It is gross of any fee waivers or expense reimbursements. It can be found in the fund's most recent prospectus.

Footnotes

¹ ICI, Bloomberg Finance L.P. as of December 31, 2023

² Bloomberg Finance L.P. as of December 31, 2023 based on the Federal Funds Rate Upper Bound and the Bloomberg Generic US 3 Month T-Bill Index from 1983-2023

³ Morningstar, as of December 31, 2023; peers defined as US domiciled ETFs and MFs in Morningstar Short Term Bond category

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