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SPDR Spotlight

SPTS - Short the Floats

The Lead

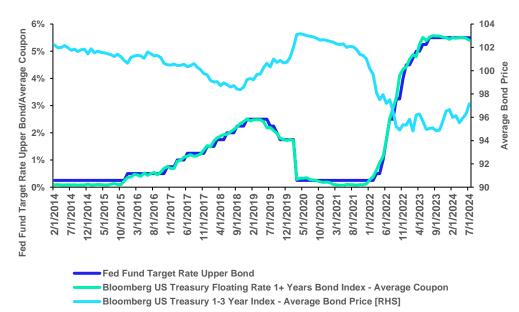
- In the wake of last week's volatility, the market is now fully pricing in 100 basis points of Fed rate cuts by year end¹
- Given that coupon rates and yields of floating rate short-term bonds closely track the federal funds rate, we can expect them to reset lower during the upcoming easing cycle
- By replacing short-term floating rate with fixed rate Treasury exposure, investors are able to extend their duration to the 1-3 year part of the curve and benefit from the potential for declining yields (see chart below)

The Takeaway

Floating rate exposure has helped protect against price depreciation during this period of rising rates but given the high likelihood of the Fed beginning its easing cycle before the end of the year, this may be an opportune time to extend out the yield curve with high quality fixed rate treasuries. Investors looking to lock-in current front end yield levels while keeping duration low may find the <u>SPDR Portfolio Short Term Treasury</u> <u>ETF (SPTS)</u> a compelling option with a total expense ratio of only 3 bps.

Chart of the Week

Short Term Treasurys' May Provide More Upside than Cash-like Bonds



Source: Bloomberg Finance L.P. as of 8/12/24. Characteristics are as of the date indicated, are subject to change, and should not be relied upon as current thereafter.

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Standard Performance

Ticker	Name	QTD (%)	YTD (%)	Annualized						0
				1 Year (%)	3 Year (%)	5 Year (%)	10 Year (%)	Since Inception (%)	Inception Date	Gross Expens e Ratio
SPTS (NAV)	SPDR® Portfolio Short Term Treasury ETF	0.93	1.22	4.50	0.29	0.99	1.12	1.00	11/30/2011	0.03%
SPTS (MKT)	SPDR® Portfolio Short Term Treasury ETF	0.91	1.16	4.45	0.29	0.99	1.12	1.00	11/30/2011	0.03%

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Footnotes

1 Bloomberg Finance L.P., World Interest Rate Probability, as of August 8, 2024.

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