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Franklin Investment Grade Corporate ETF

FLCO | **Commentary | as of June 30, 2026**

Key Takeaways

- **Markets**: In the second quarter of 2026, new issuance of municipal (muni) bonds continued at a pace of more than 8% ahead of last year. By quarter-end, the yield on the benchmark 10-year (UST) had risen by 15 basis points (bps) to 4.47%, and the yield on the 30-year UST bond stood four bps higher at 4.95%. The June Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) meeting was the first held under new Federal Reserve Chair Kevin Warsh. The FOMC left the policy rate unchanged at 3.50%-3.75%, but the meeting delivered a notable split: the dot plot and Summary of Economic Projections turned more hawkish and the statement removed the prior easing guidance, while Chair Warsh's press conference leaned dovish.
- **Contributors**: Sector allocation and yield curve positioning contributed to relative performance.
- **Detractors**: Security selection detracted from relative performance.
- **Outlook**: Municipal bond valuations continue to appear attractive relative to other fixed income sectors, particularly for tax-sensitive investors seeking durable income in a normalized rate environment. In a more challenging environment, strong bottom-up research and disciplined security selection will be essential to identifying relative value and preserving portfolio quality.

Performance Review

- Sector allocations performed in line with its benchmark (NAV). An overweight to bonds in the banking sector and an underweight to securities in the communications sector contributed to relative performance, while a lack of exposure to REITs detracted.
- Security selection detracted from relative returns led by underweight positions in the technology, energy and utilities sectors. In contrast, selection in the banking sector was beneficial.
- Yield curve positioning contributed to overall returns for the period.

Outlook

- As we reach the midpoint of 2026, investor demand for municipal bonds has remained stronger than expected, keeping pace with elevated supply. Issuance continues to run more than 8% ahead of last year, and expectations remain intact for a record-setting year. The market absorbed elevated supply in June, while we expect July to be more favorable given positive reinvestment flows and issuance dynamics. During June, municipal bonds outperformed Treasuries across the yield curve, with yields declining at all maturities.
- Economic fundamentals remain broadly stable, with healthy tax bases supported by steady employment and solid capital market returns. Rainy-day funds remain robust at both the state and local levels, while budget season has brought increased attention to fiscal policy decisions across several key cities and states.
- Absolute yields and valuations remain attractive relative to other fixed income sectors, in our view. Although valuations are modestly less compelling than at the start of 2026, we continue to view them as a relative strength for municipal bonds. In this environment, active management and disciplined security selection remain essential to identifying relative value and preserving portfolio quality.

Fund Characteristics

Fund Characteristics	Fund
Distribution Frequency	Monthly
30-Day SEC Yield (Fund)—With Waiver	4.86%
30-Day SEC Yield (Fund)—Without Waiver	4.86%

Top Securities (% of Total)

Holding	Fund
Morgan Stanley,senior note,1.794% to 2/13/31,FRN thereafter, 2/13/32	1.27
Wells Fargo & Co,SR UNSECURED, Sr Unsecured, MTNFRN thereafter, 4.8080%, 07/25/2028	1.26
Bank of America Corp,SR UNSECURED, Sr UnsecuredFRN thereafter, 5.2020%, 04/25/2029	1.26
PNC Financial Services Group Inc/The,SR UNSECURED, Sr UnsecuredFRN thereafter, 5.2220%, 01/29/2031	1.19
AT&T Inc, senior bond, 3.50%, 6/01/41	1.19
JPMorgan Chase & Co,SR UNSECURED, Sr UnsecuredFRN thereafter, 6.0870%, 10/23/2029	1.13
T-Mobile USA Inc., senior bond, 2.875%, 2/15/31	1.11
Bank of America Corp,SR UNSECURED, Sr UnsecuredFRN thereafter, 4.5710%, 04/27/2033	1.11
Citigroup Inc., senior bond, 3.668% to 7/23/27, FRN thereafter, 7/24/28	1.11
JPMorgan Chase & Co,SR UNSECURED, Sr UnsecuredFRN thereafter, 2.963%, 01/25/2033	1.10

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Average annual total returns and fund expenses (%) - as of June 30, 2026

Product	Ticker	Listed Exchange	3-Mo*	6-Mo*	YTD*	1-Yr	3-Yr	5-Yr	10-Yr	Inception	Gross Expenses	Net Expenses	Inception Date
Market Price Return	FLCO	NYSE Arca	1.30	0.90	0.90	3.98	4.98	-0.01	—	2.21	0.35	0.35	10/3/2016
NAV Returns	—	—	1.39	0.94	0.94	4.12	5.06	0.00	—	2.22	0.35	0.35	10/3/2016
Benchmark	—	—	1.40	0.86	0.86	4.34	5.29	0.34	—	2.52	—	—	—

*Cumulative total returns

Benchmark(s)

Benchmark =Bloomberg US Corporate - Investment Grade Index

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The total annual operating expenses are as of the fund's prospectus available at the time of publication. Actual expenses may be higher and may impact portfolio returns.

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Glossary

A **basis point (bp, or bps)** is one one-hundredth of one percent (1/100% or 0.01%).

The **Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC)** is the branch of the Federal Reserve that dictates U.S. monetary policy, specifically targeting the federal funds rate and managing open market operations.

The **Summary of Economic Projections (SEP)** is a quarterly report released by the Federal Reserve detailing the economic forecasts of members of the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC).

The **yield curve** shows the relationship between yields and maturity dates for a similar class of bonds.

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Source: Bloomberg Indices.

The **30-day SEC yield** is calculated using the net income (interest and dividends) per share earned over a trailing 30-day period (annualized), divided by the fund's share price at the end of that period. It may not equal the fund's actual income distribution rate, which reflects the fund's past dividends paid to shareholders.

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