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Franklin International Aggregate Bond ETF

FLIA | **Commentary | as of September 30, 2026**

Key Takeaways

- **Markets:** Geopolitical events remained centre stage in the third quarter of 2026, given sustained tensions in the Middle East, fluctuating oil prices and stubbornly elevated inflation data. Sovereign bond yields rose significantly across developed and many emerging markets over the period. The US Federal Reserve (Fed) left rates unchanged in July, albeit in a split decision, but delivered a clearly hawkish message in September, raising rates by 25 basis points (bps) to 3.75–4.00%. After leaving rates unchanged in July, the European Central Bank (ECB) also raised rates by 25 bps in September. Across credit markets, investment-grade indexes generally underperformed, while high-yield bonds fared better than broader fixed income benchmarks.
- **Contributors:** Duration and yield-curve positioning, local market allocation, sector allocation, currency positioning.
- **Detractors:** Security selection.
- **Outlook:** In the United States, we expect the Fed to wait for further inflation data, but hikes are on the table. We believe the ECB is likely to increase rates again in December.

Performance Review

- In the third quarter of 2026, the fund's duration and yield-curve positioning lifted relative returns, notably in Australian, Japanese, eurozone and Swedish bonds. However, duration positioning in Polish, Mexican and UK bonds subtracted relative value.
- Its local market allocation enhanced relative fund performance, particularly owing to an overweight exposure to the outperforming US market and an underweight position in the underperforming eurozone market. Nonetheless, an underweight allocation to the outperforming Chinese market weighed on relative returns.
- Currency positioning bolstered the fund's relative results slightly, due primarily to its exposure to the euro.
- The fund's security selection detracted from relative returns, while its sector allocation contributed. Positioning in French sovereign debt helped, although selection in Belgian and Italian government bonds hindered relative performance.

Outlook

- The Fed continues to describe US economic activity as solid, domestic spending as resilient, productivity as strong and capital investment as robust.
- The tone of the Fed is clearly hawkish in substance. Further tightening remains firmly on the table, with the focus increasingly on inflation data.
- We expect one further ECB rate hike, potentially in December, but view market pricing for additional tightening by next June as stretched. Such an outcome would require energy prices to remain elevated for a prolonged period and generate broader spillover effects.

Fund Characteristics	Fund
Distribution Frequency	Monthly
30-Day SEC Yield (Fund)—With Waiver	3.47%
30-Day SEC Yield (Fund)—Without Waiver	3.46%

Not FDIC Insured | No Bank Guarantee | May Lose Value

Average annual total returns and fund expenses (%) - as of September 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	FLIA	Cboe	-1.75	-0.45	-0.05	0.57	3.48	0.60	—	0.99	0.25	0.25	5/30/2018
NAV Returns	—	—	-1.75	0.05	-0.05	0.57	3.54	0.63	—	1.00	0.25	0.25	5/30/2018
Benchmark 1	—	—	-1.79	-0.05	-0.24	0.28	4.28	1.04	—	1.14	—	—	—
Benchmark 2	—	—	-1.79	-0.05	-0.24	0.28	4.28	1.04	—	2.08	—	—	—

*Cumulative total returns

Benchmark(s)

Benchmark 1=Linked Bloomberg Global Aggregate ex-USD Index Hedged USD

Benchmark 2=Bloomberg Global Aggregate ex-USD Index Hedged USD

Performance data quoted represents past performance, which does not guarantee future results. *Current performance may be lower or higher than the figures shown. Principal value and investment returns will fluctuate, and investors' shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than the original cost. Performance would have been lower if fees had not been waived in various periods. Total returns assume the reinvestment of all distributions and the deduction of all fund expenses. An investor cannot invest directly in an index, and unmanaged index returns do not reflect any fees, expense or sales charges. Returns for periods of less than one year are not annualized. For current month-end performance, please visit franklintempleton.com.* Net Asset Value (NAV) returns are based on the NAV of the ETF; Market Price returns are based upon the official closing price of the ETF's shares. Returns are average annualized total returns, except for those periods of less than one year, which are cumulative. Market Price returns are calculated using the closing price as of 4 p.m. Eastern time on each trading day (when NAV is normally determined for most funds), and do not represent the returns you would receive if you traded shares at other times. Performance for the ETF and its benchmark index are as of the ETF's last trading day before the end of the period.Since shares of the Fund did not trade in the secondary market until after the Fund's inception, for the period from inception to the first day of secondary trading June 1, 2018, the NAV of the Fund is used as a proxy for the Market Price to calculate market returns.
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.

What are the Risks?

All investments involve risks, including possible loss of principal. Fixed income securities involve interest rate, credit, inflation and reinvestment risks, and possible loss of principal. As interest rates rise, the value of fixed income securities falls. **Changes in the credit rating** of a bond, or in the credit rating or financial strength of a bond's issuer, insurer or guarantor, may affect the bond's value. **International investments** are subject to special risks, including currency fluctuations and social, economic and political uncertainties, which could increase volatility. These risks are magnified in **emerging markets. Derivative instruments** can be illiquid, may disproportionately increase losses, and have a potentially large impact on performance. The portfolio is **non-diversified** and may invest in a relatively small number of issuers, which may negatively impact the performance and result in greater fluctuation in value. The manager may consider **environmental, social and governance (ESG) criteria** in the research or investment process; however, ESG considerations may not be a determinative factor in security selection. In addition, the manager may not assess every investment for ESG criteria, and not every ESG factor may be identified or evaluated. These and other risks are discussed in the fund's prospectus.

Glossary

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

Duration is a measure of the sensitivity of a bond's price to changes in interest rates.

Important Information

Effective 3/1/2020, the fund's benchmark changed to Bloomberg Global Aggregate ex-USD Index Hedged USD from Bloomberg Global Aggregate ex-USD Index due to a strategy change whereby the fund will seek to hedge substantially all of its non-U.S. dollar exposure.

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The **Linked Bloomberg Global Aggregate ex-USD Index Hedged USD** reflects performance of the Bloomberg Global Aggregate ex-USD Index from the fund's inception through 2/29/2020 and the Bloomberg Global Aggregate ex-USD Index Hedged USD thereafter.The Bloomberg Global Aggregate Bond ex-USD Index is a global investment-grade debt index including Treasury, government-related, corporate and securitized fixed-rate bonds. This multicurrency benchmark is 100% hedged to the U.S. dollar. The **Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index** is a global investment-grade debt index including treasury, government-related, corporate and securitized fixed-rate bonds.

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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