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Franklin Income Focus ETF

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

Key Takeaways

- **Markets:** US equities, as measured by the S&P 500 Index, advanced over the third quarter, though performance diverged sharply during the period as leadership rotated between value- and growth-oriented areas of the market. Corporate earnings were notably robust, but September saw large-cap growth and technology stocks reassert themselves amid narrowing market breadth, while small-cap stocks posted their weakest month since March 2025.
- **Contributors:** Allocation to the equity side of the portfolio contributed to the fund's absolute returns. On a relative basis, underweight allocation to fixed income assisted results, as did overweight equity positioning and stock selection.
- **Detractors:** Fixed income exposure detracted from absolute performance, while security selection among fixed income holdings weakened relative returns.
- **Outlook:** While markets may continue to react to evolving headlines, we believe the underlying drivers of US economic growth remain intact, supported by ongoing capital investments and resilient US consumer spending. Against this backdrop, diversification and flexibility remain central to our approach as we navigate the rest of the year.

Performance Review

- Franklin Income Focus ETF (Market Price return) **outperformed its benchmark**, the Blended 50% MSCI USA High Dividend Yield Index + 25% Bloomberg High Yield Very Liquid Index + 25% Bloomberg US Aggregate Index, for the quarter ended September 30, 2026.
- Over the course of the quarter, the fund **increased its fixed income allocation** and **decreased its equity exposure**.
- **No sectors meaningfully contributed** to fixed income results on an absolute basis. Instead, **US Treasuries (USTs), financials companies, and securitized products hindered returns** during the period.
- On an individual issuer basis, **Cloud Software Group, Bausch Heath and Hologic were top performers** within the fund's fixed income positioning. In contrast, **USTs, Community Health Systems and Freddie Mac detracted** from returns.
- In terms of equities, the fund **benefited from positions within the information technology, energy and communication services sectors**. However, the **utilities, consumer discretionary and industrials sectors weakened absolute returns**.
- **Verizon Communications, ExxonMobil and Chevron added value** within the fund's equity holdings. Conversely, **Home Depot, International Business Machines and Southern Co. detracted from returns** during the period.

Outlook

- **Economy**: The outlook for economic growth and inflation continues to be a major area of focus for the fund. The US economy remains resilient, but ongoing uncertainty in monetary and fiscal policy, as well as trade and geopolitical risks, remain sources of volatility. Moreover, while the labor market has incrementally cooled, unemployment levels are still low on a historical basis. We continue to monitor financial conditions as a leading indicator of future economic performance and US Federal Reserve policy.
- **Equities**: Following an extended period of concentrated market leadership, 2026 has been characterized by periods of elevated equity market dispersion and significant sector and style rotation, creating opportunities for active stock selection. As leadership narrowed in September, it created opportunities to add to positioning within the financials and utilities sectors. Ultimately, given current valuations, we remain selective in engaging with equities and continue to focus on broad diversification across sectors while maintaining flexibility to capitalize on potential dislocations.
- **Treasuries/Government-Backed Bonds**: Government securities continue to provide an attractive investment opportunity, in our view, as yields have increased relative to recent history. We believe they continue to offer good diversification potential and can serve as a ballast to help hedge portfolios during market volatility.
- **Investment-Grade Corporate Bonds**: Absolute yield levels look increasingly attractive for an income-generating strategy, but credit spreads remain tight, despite some recent widening. With credit spreads at current levels, we believe future returns may be driven by interest-rate moves and carry rather than from meaningful spread compression.
- **High-Yield Corporate Bonds**: Although we think the high-yield market offers attractive yields, we remain balanced and selective with a focus on strong company fundamentals. We maintain a vigilant approach to security selection within our high-yield portfolio, with our preference for companies that have a greater degree of flexibility to address upcoming maturities.

Fund Characteristics

Fund Characteristics	Fund
Distribution Frequency	Monthly
30-Day SEC Yield (Fund)—With Waiver	5.73%
30-Day SEC Yield (Fund)—Without Waiver	5.72%

Top Holdings (% of Total)

Issuer	Fund
UNITED STATES TREASURY BOND	6.51
ALPHABET INC	2.39
AMAZON.COM INC	2.22
EXXONMOBIL HOLDINGS CORP	2.15
CHS/COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS INC	2.09
FREDDIE MAC POOL	2.04
BANK OF AMERICA CORP	1.93
PROCTER & GAMBLE CO/THE	1.92
ORACLE CORP	1.91
MICROSOFT CORP	1.75

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	INCM	NYSE Arca	-0.09	1.64	5.62	8.19	11.15	—	—	9.53	0.38	0.38	6/6/2023
NAV Returns	—	—	-0.47	1.47	5.41	8.09	11.12	—	—	9.42	0.38	0.38	6/6/2023
Benchmark	—	—	-1.24	2.20	5.06	6.42	10.43	—	—	9.41	—	—	—

*Cumulative total returns

Benchmark(s)

Benchmark =Blended 50% MSCI USA High Dividend Yield Index + 25% Bloomberg High Yield Very Liquid Index + 25% Bloomberg US Aggregate 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.

What are the Risks?

All investments involve risks, including possible loss of principal. Bond prices generally move in the opposite direction of interest rates. Thus, as the prices of bonds in the fund adjust to a rise in interest rates, the fund's share price may decline. **Changes in the financial strength of a bond** issuer or in a bond's credit rating may affect its value. **Low-rated, high-yield bonds** are subject to greater price volatility, illiquidity and possibility of default. **Stock prices** fluctuate, sometimes rapidly and dramatically, due to factors affecting individual companies, particular industries or sectors, or general market conditions. Investments in **equity index-linked notes** often have risks similar to their underlying securities, which could include management risk, market risk and, as applicable, foreign securities and currency risks. The **allocation** of assets among different strategies, asset classes and investments may not prove beneficial or produce the desired results. **Derivative instruments** can be illiquid, may disproportionately increase losses, and have a potentially large impact on performance. 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 risk considerations are discussed in the fund's prospectus.

Glossary

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The **Benchmark:** 50% USA High Div Yield + 25% High Yield Very Liquid + 25% US Agg Index is composed of the Blended 50% MSCI USA High Dividend Yield Index + 25% Bloomberg High Yield Very Liquid Index + 25% Bloomberg US Aggregate Index. The MSCI USA High Dividend Yield Index is designed to reflect the performance of mid- and large-cap equities (excluding REITs) with higher dividend income, which is sustainable and persistent, than average dividend yields of securities in the MSCI USA Index. The Bloomberg US High Yield Very Liquid Index (VLI) is a component of the US Corporate High Yield Index designed to track a more liquid component of the U.S. dollar-denominated, high-yield, fixed-rate corporate bond market. The Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index is comprised of investment-grade, U.S. dollar-denominated government, corporate, and mortgage- and asset-backed issues having at least one year to maturity.

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