

MECHANICS OF U.S. TREASURY FLOATING RATE NOTES

How can investors use U.S. Treasury floating rate notes (FRNs) in their portfolio?



Put cash to work Get cash invested in short duration **Treasury FRNs**



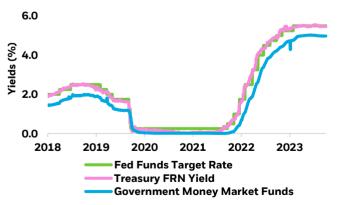
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What are U.S. Treasury floating rate notes?

Treasury floating rate notes are U.S. government bonds with coupons that periodically reset using 3-month (13 week) Treasury bill (T-bill) rates. The U.S. government began issuing these bonds in January 2014. Just like other U.S. government bonds, these securities are backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government. Treasury FRNs are issued with a two-year maturity. The U.S. Treasury auctions FRNs each quarter with maturity dates in January, April, July, and October.

Treasury floating rate note yields change as the Fed adjusts rates¹

Past five years ending 3/31/2024



Lower duration

low effective duration,

Access high quality floaters



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How do the coupon resets work?

Coupons are adjusted based on the following formula:

Coupon = 13-week T-bill high auction rate + fixed spread

Treasury FRNs pay coupons based on the highest accepted discount rate of the most recent 13-week T-bill auction, which occurs each Monday. The coupon will update the following business day. The accrued interest from the resets is paid out quarterly.

The "fixed spread" is determined at the time of issuance based on the market's supply and demand for the bond. The fixed spread does not change over the life of the bond.

Illustration of coupon reset

Time Period		13-week F-bill Rate		Fixed Spread	1	Coupon
Coupon at issuance	=	1.95%	+	0.05%	=	2.00%
Coupon at 1 st reset	=	2.05%	+	0.05%	=	2.10%
Coupon at 2 nd reset	=	2.10%	+	0.05%	=	2.15%

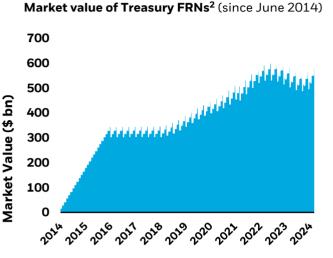
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1 Source: Bloomberg, iMoney.net and BlackRock as of 3/31/2024. Treasury FRN yield is the yield-to-worst of the Bloomberg U.S. Treasury Floating Rate Note Index. Government Money Market Fund is the average of all 2a-7 government money market fund share classes. Money market funds typically seek to maintain a net asset value of \$1.00 per share. Fixed income ETFs do not have a similar objective. Index performance is for illustrative purposes only. Index performance does not reflect any management fees, transaction costs or expenses. Indexes are unmanaged and one cannot invest directly in an index. Past performance does not guarantee future results.

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How large is the U.S. Treasury floating rate note market?

The U.S. Treasury began issuing FRNs in January 2014. Issuance has grown from \$15 billion in 2014 to \$554 billion as of March 31, 2024. The total market value of marketable U.S. Treasury debt is \$26.9 trillion, while FRNs comprise about 2.05% of the total.



Types of marketable U.S. Government Debt³ (March 2024)

Type of treasury bond	Total market value (\$ bn)	% of total
Floating rate notes	\$554	2.05%
T-bills (<1 year)	\$6,063	22.50%
Notes (1-10 years)	\$13,863	51.45%
Bonds (10+ years)	\$4,467	16.58%
TIPS (inflation-protected)	\$1,999	7.42%
Federal Financing Bank	\$5	0.02%
Total debt	\$26,951	100%

2 Bloomberg as of 3/31/2024.

3 U.S. Treasury as of 3/31/2024. Totals on marketable securities are provided by the U.S. Treasury in the Monthly Statement of the Public Debt as of 3/31/2024.

Why TFLO?



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- Exposure to U.S. floating rate Treasury bonds, whose interest payments adjust to reflect changes in interest rates
- Easy access to a new type of Treasury bond (first issued in January 2014)
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