

# EQLS | Simplify Market Neutral Equity Long/Short ETF

## FUND OVERVIEW

The Simplify Market Neutral Equity Long/Short ETF (EQLS) seeks to provide positive absolute returns and income. A market-neutral strategy is one that seeks to profit during both rising and falling equity markets. By potentially profiting in either market environment, EQLS can provide significant diversification benefits while maintaining an independent source of returns.

The portfolio's equity ranking system is driven by a proprietary multi-factor, machine-learning stock selection model developed by an industry-leading quantitative research firm.

## PERFORMANCE REVIEW

During the quarter, EQLS saw a total return of -7.69%, underperforming its benchmark (ICE BofA US 3-Month Treasury Bill Index) by -9.06%. Underperformance was driven by stock selection and style factor exposures which were partially offset by country-specific exposures. Positive exposure to Momentum style factor detracted, driven by the shift from Large Cap Growth to Small Cap Value equities as interest rates moved lower. On the other hand, growth remained resilient despite a spike in equity volatility, supporting the fund's positive exposure to Profitability.

From a sector perspective, Financials contributed positively to performance given their interest rate sensitivity. Negative exposure to Energy was also additive as the sector was pressured by lower oil prices.

Over the next twelve months, the anticipated rate cuts could be a boon to Profitability (impact on economic growth), Financials (lower rates leading to increases in borrowing), and Information Technology (dominated by growth names).

**Performance as of 09/30/24 | Inception Date: 06/12/23**

	CUMULATIVE TOTAL RETURN				ANNUALIZED TOTAL RETURN	
	3 mo	6 mo	YTD	Since Inception	1 Year	Since Inception
<b>NAV</b>	-7.69%	-6.58%	-1.35%	-5.13%	-3.57%	-3.97%
<b>Market Price</b>	-7.85%	-6.51%	-1.89%	-5.44%	-4.56%	-4.22%
<b>ICE BofA US 3-Month Treasury Bill Index</b>	1.37%	2.71%	4.03%	7.14%	5.46%	5.44%

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## FUND DETAILS as of 09/30/24

### CURRENT HOLDINGS\*

POSITION	ALLOCATION
TRS GSSIGLL1	103.83%
TRS BNPWGLL1	103.58%
T Bills	57.87%
T Bills	45.39%
TRS BNPWGLS1	-104.92%
TRS GSSIGLS1	-105.12%
Cash	-0.63%

\*Holdings are subject to change without notice.

<b>Gross Expense Ratio</b>	1.00%
<b>Net Expense Ratio</b>	—
<b>SEC 30-Day Yield</b>	4.21%
<b>SEC 30-Day Yield Unsubsidized</b>	4.21%

### DEFINITIONS

**Market Price:** The current price at which shares are bought and sold. Market returns are based upon the last trade price.

**NAV:** The dollar value of a single share, based on the value of the underlying assets of the fund minus its liabilities, divided by the number of shares outstanding. Calculated at the end of each business day.

**Options:** An option is a contract that gives the buyer the right to either buy (in the case of a call option) or sell (in the case of a put option) an underlying asset at a pre-determined price ("strike") by a specific date ("expiry"). An "outright" is another name for a single option leg. A "spread" is when options are bought at one strike and an equal amount of options are sold at a different strike, all at the same expiry.

**SEC 30-Day Yield:** The yield is calculated with a standardized formula and represents net investment income earned by a fund over a 30-day period, expressed as an annual percentage rate based on the fund's share price. The yield includes the effect of any fee waivers and/or reimbursements. Without waivers, yields would be reduced. This is also referred to as the "standardized yield", "30-Day Yield" and "Current Yield". The unsubsidized SEC 30-Day Yield does not reflect the effect of any fee waivers and/or expense reimbursements.

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

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**Investors should carefully consider the investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses of Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs) before investing. To obtain an ETF's prospectus or Summary prospectus containing this and other important information, please call (855) 772-8488 or view or download a prospectus online. Please read the prospectus carefully before you invest.**

### **An investment in the fund involves risk, including possible loss of principal.**

The fund is actively-managed is subject to the risk that the strategy may not produce the intended results. The fund is new and has a limited operating history to evaluate.

The use of derivative instruments involves risks different from, or possibly greater than, the risks associated with investing directly in securities and other traditional investments. These risks include (i) the risk that the counterparty to a derivative transaction may not fulfill its contractual obligations; (ii) risk of mispricing or improper valuation; and (iii) the risk that changes in the value of the derivative may not correlate perfectly with the underlying asset, rate, or index. Derivative prices are highly volatile and may fluctuate substantially during a short period of time. The use of leverage by the Fund, such as borrowing money to purchase securities or the use of options, will cause the Fund to incur additional expenses and magnify the Fund's gains or losses. The Fund's investment in fixed income securities is subject to credit risk (the debtor may default) and prepayment risk (an obligation paid early) which could cause its share price and total return to be reduced. Typically, as interest rates rise the value of bond prices will decline and the fund could lose value.

The Fund invests in ETFs (Exchange-Traded Funds) and is therefore subject to the same risks as the underlying securities in which the ETF invests as well as entails higher expenses than if invested into the underlying ETF directly.

While the option overlay is intended to improve the Fund's performance, there is no guarantee that it will do so. Utilizing an option overlay strategy involves the risk that as the buyer of a put or call option, the Fund risks losing the entire premium invested in the option if the Fund does not exercise the option. Also, securities and options traded in over-the-counter markets may trade less frequently and in limited volumes and thus exhibit more volatility and liquidity risk.

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