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QUARTERLY FUND REVIEW 4Q24

HEQT | Simplify Hedged Equity ETF

FUND OVERVIEW

The **Simplify Hedged Equity ETF (HEQT)** seeks to provide capital appreciation by offering US Large Cap exposure while investing in a series of put-spread collars designed to help reduce volatility.

Equities + put-spread collars have become a popular way to create more conservative, lower-volatility equity investments. By deploying a ladder of collars that expire over 3 sequential months, the fund seeks to create a hedged equity experience that is less susceptible to rebalancing luck.

PERFORMANCE REVIEW

HEQT delivered its fifth consecutive quarter of positive performance, achieving a total return of 2.34% and surpassing the 0.46% return of the Bloomberg US EQ:FI 60:40 Index by 1.88%. Notably, the fund nearly matched the 2.41% return of the S&P 500 Index, underscoring its robust positioning amid heightened market volatility, particularly in mid-December.

During the quarter, macroeconomic and geopolitical developments played a pivotal role. The Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) implemented successive rate cuts of 0.25% in both November and December, while early November's election results catalyzed a significant rally in equities, providing a favorable backdrop for performance.

Looking ahead, HEQT will continue its focus on U.S. Large Cap ETFs, complemented by put-spread collars aimed at reducing volatility and drawdowns. By employing a laddered collar strategy with expirations staggered over three consecutive months, the fund aims to provide a more consistent hedged equity experience, mitigating the impact of rebalancing timing.

Performance as of 12/31/24 | Inception Date: 11/01/21

	CUMULATIVE TOTAL RETURN				ANNUALIZED TOTAL RETURN	
	3 mo	**6 mo**	**YTD**	**Since Inception**	**1 Year**	**Since Inception**
NAV	2.34%	7.17%	18.32%	29.68%	18.32%	8.56%
Market Price	2.42%	7.20%	18.29%	29.29%	18.29%	8.46%
Bloomberg US EQ:FI 60:40 Index	0.46%	6.03%	15.17%	15.29%	15.17%	4.60%
S&P 500 Index	2.41%	8.44%	25.02%	33.91%	25.02%	9.67%

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FUND DETAILS as of 12/31/24

TOP TEN HOLDINGS*

POSITION	ALLOCATION
ISHARES CORE S+P 500 ETF	99.44%
SPX US 03/21/25 P5600 Index	0.37%
SPX US 02/21/25 P5655 Index	0.28%
SPX US 03/21/25 C6200 Index	-0.21%
SPX US 03/21/25 P4700 Index	-0.07%
SPX US 02/21/25 C6260 Index	-0.05%
SPX US 01/17/25 P5555 Index	0.04%
SPX US 02/21/25 P4750 Index	-0.04%
SPX US 01/17/25 C6150 Index	-0.01%
SPX US 01/17/25 P4680 Index	-0.01%
Cash	0.25%

**Holdings are subject to change without notice.

Gross Expense Ratio	0.54%
Net Expense Ratio**	0.44%
SEC 30-Day Yield	0.91%
SEC 30-Day Yield Unsubsidized	0.81%

*The Fund's adviser has contractually agreed, through at least October 31, 2025, to waive its management fees to 0.40% of the Fund's average daily net assets.

DEFINITIONS

Collar: An options strategy that involves buying a downside put and selling an upside call that is implemented to protect against large losses, but that also limits large upside gains.

Bloomberg US EQ:FI 60:40 Index: Designed to measure cross-asset market performance in the US. The index rebalances monthly to 60% equities and 40% fixed income. The equity and fixed income allocation is represented by Bloomberg US Large Cap (B500T) and Bloomberg US Agg (LBUSTRUU) respectively

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.

Option: 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.

Put-Spread Collar: An options strategy that involves buying OTM put options while simultaneously selling the same number of puts further OTM (put-spread), while offsetting the cost of the put-spread by selling OTM calls (the collar).

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.

Volatility: A measure of how much and how quickly prices move over a given span of time.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

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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 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. Futures may involve risks greater than the risks associated with investing directly in securities. Futures contracts may not correlate with the underlying investment or it could become mispriced or improperly valued and may not produce the desired investment results.

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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