

# **QUARTERLY FUND REVIEW**

# NMB | Simplify National Muni Bond ETF

#### **FUND OVERVIEW**

The **Simplify National Muni Bond ETF (NMB)** seeks income with capital appreciation as a secondary objective. The fund is an actively managed ETF that seeks to achieve its investment objective by investing primarily in investment-grade U.S. municipal bonds, with attractive tax-free yields.

NMB also employs an actively managed municipal bond strategy that pursues opportunistic investing in securities overlooked by passive mandates. In addition, the fund runs a diversified, multi-asset options writing strategy seeking to further enhance returns. Foundation Credit is the fund's Subadvisor for the municipal portfolio.

#### PERFORMANCE REVIEW

NMB returned -2.50% during the quarter, reflecting sharply higher interest rates and volatility conditions. NMB underperformed the Bloomberg U.S. Municipal Bond Index's return of -1.22% by 1.28%. The municipal position (-1.29%) was roughly flat to the index despite the longer duration of NMB, roughly twice that of the Index, due to active management of the municipal securities. However, the risk-managed option selling strategy returned - 1.19% over the quarter, as markets experienced elevated volatility.

# **Performance as of 12/31/24** | Inception Date: 09/09/2024

	CUMULATIVE TOTAL RETURN				ANNUALIZED TOTAL RETURN	
	3 Мо	6 Mo	YTD	Since Inception	1 Year	Since Inception
NAV	-2.50%	_	_	-1.57%	_	_
Market Price	-2.76%	<u> </u>	_	-1.92%	_	_
Bloomberg Municipal Bond Index Total Return Unhedged USD	-1.22%	_	_	-0.80%	_	_

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### FUND DETAILS as of 12/31/24

### **TOP TEN HOLDINGS\***

POSITION	ALLOCATION
HONUTL	4.85%
CSPUTL	4.81%
MAS	4.73%
MTATRN	4.71%
PSPSCD	4.69%
METAPT	4.65%
ОМААРТ	4.64%
DENAPT	4.52%
TXSWTR	4.38%
TXSWTR	4.34%
Cash	5.49%

Gross Expense Ratio	0.52%	
SEC 30-Day Yield	3.76%	

# **DEFINITIONS**

**Bloomberg Municipal Bond Index Total Return Unhedged USD:** A long-term, tax-exempt bond index in the US dollar. It's an unmanaged index that represents the broad market of investment-grade municipal bonds.

**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.

**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.

**To-Be-Announced (TBA):** A term that describes the forward-settling of mortgage-backed securities (MBS) trades.

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

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<sup>\*</sup>Holdings are subject to change without notice.



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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 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 earnings and prospects of small and medium sized companies are more volatile than larger companies and may experience higher failure rates than larger companies. Small and medium sized companies normally have a lower trading volume than larger companies, which may tend to make their market price fall more disproportionately than larger companies in response to selling pressures and may have limited markets, product lines, or financial resources and lack management experience.

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.

Mortgage-Related Risks. MBS represent interests in "pools" of mortgages and often involve risks that are different from or possibly more acute than risks associated with other types of debt instruments. TBA Securities Risk. In a TBA transaction, a seller agrees to deliver a security at a future date but does not specify the particular security to be delivered. Instead, the seller agrees to accept any security that meets specified terms. Limited History of Operations. The Funds are new ETFs and therefore do not yet have a history of operations for investors to evaluate.

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