

SPQ | Simplify US Equity PLUS QIS ETF

FUND OVERVIEW

The **Simplify US Equity PLUS QIS ETF (SPQ)** seeks to achieve long-term capital appreciation by overlaying a diversified basket of Quantitative Investment Strategies (QIS) on top of a core US equity exposure. The goal of the 100% equity + 50% QIS portfolio is to enhance both absolute and risk-adjusted returns of a core equity investment. The fund is also a simple way to gain exposure to an alternative return source without reducing equity exposure.

PERFORMANCE REVIEW

SPQ returned 3.74% over the quarter, underperforming the benchmark, S&P 500 Index, by 2.15%, mainly driven by the QIS overlay. U.S. equities moved higher over the period as markets were positioned for a soft landing with imminent policy support and stable growth. The main QIS performance detractors were Commodity Volatility Carry strategies, Commodity Alpha strategies, VIX Volatility Carry strategies and VIX Roll down strategies. Heightened equity market volatility during the quarter, instability in energy and mixed performance from agriculture markets were the main culprits.

During the quarter the QIS team began enhancing its performance and risk index algorithms. The improved strategy design process emphasizes screening, ranking, and selecting strategies based on observable structural and flow-driven premiums. The enhanced portfolio construction employs proprietary quantitative selection and aggregation methods, allowing for the potential of absolute returns with minimal correlation to traditional assets, daily liquidity, and cost-efficient synthetic exposure to alternative strategies.

Performance as of 09/30/24 | Inception Date: 11/13/23

	CUMULATIVE TOTAL RETURN				ANNUALIZED TOTAL RETURN	
	3 Mo	6 Mo	YTD	Since Inception	1 Year	Since Inception
NAV	3.74%	7.32%	18.86%	27.56%	—	—
Market Price	3.66%	7.28%	18.81%	25.31%	—	—
S&P 500 Index	5.89%	10.42%	22.08%	32.32%	—	—

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FUND DETAILS as of 09/30/24

CURRENT HOLDINGS*

POSITION	ALLOCATION
ESZ4 IND	56.17%
QIS	49.14%
IVV	44.34%
T Bills	4.81%
Cash	0.25%

Gross Expense Ratio	1.00%
Net Expense Ratio**	—
SEC 30-Day Yield	2.41%
SEC 30-Day Yield Unsubsidized	2.41%

*Holdings are subject to change without notice.

DEFINITIONS

Alpha: An investment strategy's ability to beat the market, or its "edge." Alpha is thus also often referred to as "excess return" or the "abnormal rate of return" in relation to a benchmark, when adjusted for risk.

Carry Trade: A carry trade involves borrowing at a low interest rate and investing in an asset that provides a higher rate of return.

Futures: Derivative financial contracts that obligate parties to buy or sell an asset at a predetermined future date and price. The buyer must purchase or the seller must sell the underlying asset at the set price, regardless of the current market price at the expiration date.

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.

Rolling occurs when the Fund closes out of a Futures Contract as it nears its expiration and replaces it with a contract that has a later expiration.

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.

VIX Index: A real-time market index representing the market's expectations for volatility over the coming 30 days.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

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 visit SimplifyETFs.com. 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 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.

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