

## Is There an Alternative to the 60/40 Portfolio?

## Simplify Hedged Equity ETF (HEQT)

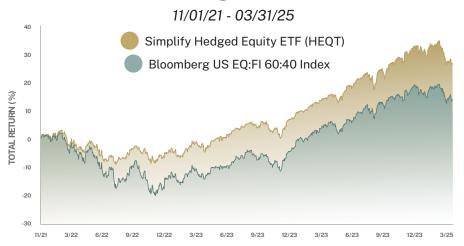
Fully invests in large cap U.S. equities while hedging downside volatility with a risk-managed options overlay.



Overall rating based on risk-adjusted returns among 142 funds in the Equity Hedged category as of 03/31/25.

HEQT has outperformed the 60/40 portfolio since inception with lower volatility and smaller maximum drawdowns.

## **HEQT vs. Bloomberg US EQ:FI 60:40 Index**



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Performance as of 03/31/25 | Inception Date: 11/01/21

	Cumulative Total Return				Annualized Total Return	
	3 Months (%)	6 Months (%)	YTD (%)	Since Inception (%)	1 Year (%)	Since Inception (%)
Nav	-2.68	-0.40	-2.68	26.20	9.32	7.06
Market Price	-2.82	-0.47	-2.82	25.65	9.21	6.93
Bloomberg US EQ:FI 60:40 Index	-1.59	-1.13	-1.59	13.46	7.06	3.77

Gross Expense Ratio (%)	0.54
Net Expense Ratio (%)**	0.44
SEC 30-Day Yield (%)	0.95
SEC 30-Day Yield Unsubsidized (%)	0.85

<sup>\*</sup>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.

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## **DEFINITIONS:**

**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.

**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.

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

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An investment in an 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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