# Portfolio Protector

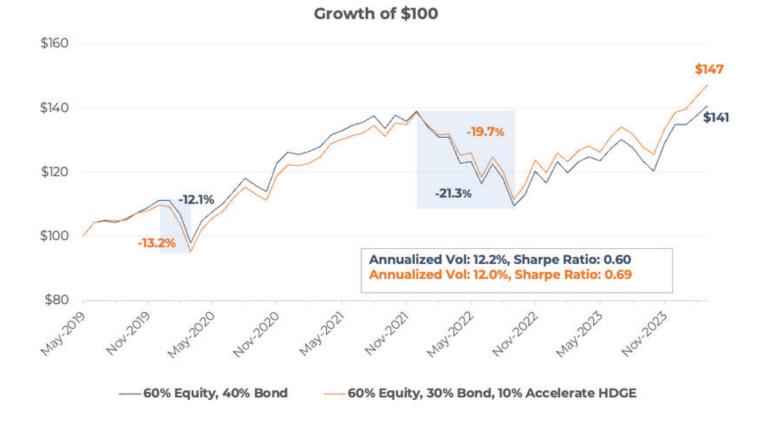


### WHY HDGE ETF?

Minimize the effects of stock market fluctuations and provide smoother portfolio performance.

Reduces stock volatility

- Protects downside
  - Enhances risk-adjusted return





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As of March 31, 2024

<b>Type</b> Long-short equity	<b>Structure</b> Alternative ETF		May 10, 2019 (		Management Fee 0.00% Currency CAD		HDGE NAV \$26.10 Distribution Yield 1.53%	
<b>Investment Manager</b> Accelerate	<b>Distribution</b> \$0.10 per quarter							
<b>Risk Rating</b> Medium	<b>Performance F</b> 20% of outperform		watermark					
<b>1 Month</b> 2.1%	<b>3 Months</b> 16.7%	<b>YTD</b> 16.7%	<b>1 Yea</b> 20.1%		<b>3 Years</b> 20.9%		Since Inception 8.2%	

#### About the Fund

The Accelerate Absolute Return Fund (TSX: HDGE) seeks to achieve long-term capital appreciation and a superior risk-adjusted return relative to the broader Canadian equity market.

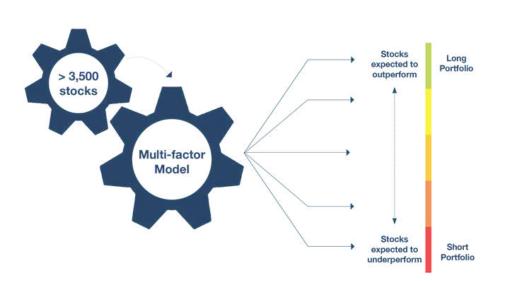
#### **Investment Objectives**

- Target 10% 15% annualized returns
- Generate positive returns irrespective of market direction
- Hedge downside risk
- Manage volatility
- Provide uncorrelated returns

#### **Investment Process**

HDGE utilizes a systematic, proprietary multi-factor model to sort and rank all liquid North American stocks based on five principal factors:

#### • Value • Price Momentum • Operating Momentum • Quality • Trend



The Fund holds a long portfolio of the highest expected return stocks selected from the multi-factor model while simultaneously holding a short portfolio of the lowest expected return stocks. The portfolio is rebalanced on a monthly basis.

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Time Period: May 10, 2019 to March 31, 2024

#### As of March 31, 2024

Monthly Returns														
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD	
2024	7.2%	6.5%	2.1%										16.7%	
2023	-4.2%	5.2%	0.3%	1.3%	-5.4%	4.6%	1.6%	2.8%	1.6%	2.3%	-0.9%	-4.4%	4.1%	
2022	4.2%	0.8%	-1.2%	7.5%	2.6%	-7.1%	5.0%	-3.3%	-3.9%	10.4%	2.9%	-2.2%	15.4%	
2021	1.5%	-2.6%	4.7%	5.4%	-2.1%	0.1%	-1.7%	5.0%	2.4%	0.0%	8.7%	6.2%	30.4%	
2020	-3.7%	-7.6%	0.9%	3.9%	7.0%	-2.2%	4.9%	-5.0%	0.2%	-3.1%	-7.9%	1.4%	-11.6%	
2019					-1.5%	1.2%	4.3%	1.3%	-6.3%	2.5%	-7.0%	-5.2%	-10.8%	

#### Overlay Characteristics

Number of Securities	45	41	
Average Market Cap (millions)	\$48,906	\$1,713	
Beta	1.0	1.4	
EBITDA/ EV	11.9%	-4.9%	
FCF/ EV	8.9%	-11.4%	
12-Month Return	75.0%	-36.9%	
% of 52-week High	95.8%	50.2%	
Return on Capital	21.7%	-13.9%	
Gross Profits/ Assets	7.3%	2.9%	
50 DMA/ 200 DMA	119.5%	83.6%	
EPS Revision	5.3%	0.0%	
Change in Shares	-3.7%	7.0%	
Earnings Abnormal Return	7.5%	-5.8%	
Earnings Abrionnan Recarn	7.570	5.070	

Top 10 Long	Weight
GigaCloud Technology Inc	2.8%
Builders FirstSource Inc	2.7%
Liberty Energy Inc	2.6%
Meta Platforms Inc	2.6%
Murphy USA Inc	2.6%
KLA Corp	2.5%
Powell Industries Inc	2.5%
RCM Technologies Inc	2.5%
CRH PLC	2.5%
Stellantis NV	2.5%

Top 10 Short	Weight
Albemarle Corp	-1.2%
Wolfspeed Inc	-1.2%
indie Semiconductor Inc	-1.1%
AbCellera Biologics Inc	-1.1%
STAAR Surgical Co	-1.1%
CEVA Inc	-1.1%
ARMOUR Residential REIT Inc	-1.1%
Alcoa Corp	-1.1%
Bloom Energy Corp	-1.1%
Compass Minerals International	-1.1%

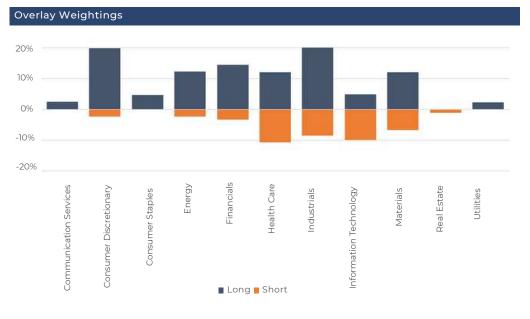
#### Investment Growth

Short

Long



Growth of \$10,000



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