

# Portfolio Protector



Accelerate Absolute Return Fund

As of Dec 31, 2025

## HDGE Highlights

HDGE declined -1.7% in a mixed month for long-short factor performance.

While the U.S. long-short value portfolio generated alpha of 5.7% in December, the long-short price momentum and trend portfolios declined by -1.9% and -2.9%, respectively.

Top Fund contributors for the month include short positions in Aspen Aerogels and Acadia Healthcare, along with a long position in Ulta Beauty. Top Fund detractors include short positions in Quanex Building Products and Neogen, as well as a long position in Imperial Oil.

<b>Type</b> Long-short equity	<b>Structure</b> Alternative ETF	<b>Date Started</b> May 10, 2019	<b>Management Fee</b> 0.00%	<b>HDGE/HDGE.U NAV</b> C\$27.40/US\$19.96
<b>Investment Manager</b> Accelerate	<b>Distribution</b> \$0.10 per quarter	<b>Exchange</b> TSX	<b>Currency</b> CAD/USD	<b>Distribution Yield</b> 1.5%
<b>Risk Rating</b> Medium	<b>Performance Fee</b> 20% of outperformance over high watermark			

1 Month	3 Months	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Inception
-1.7%	0.2%	3.2	3.2%	9.4%	14.5%	6.8%

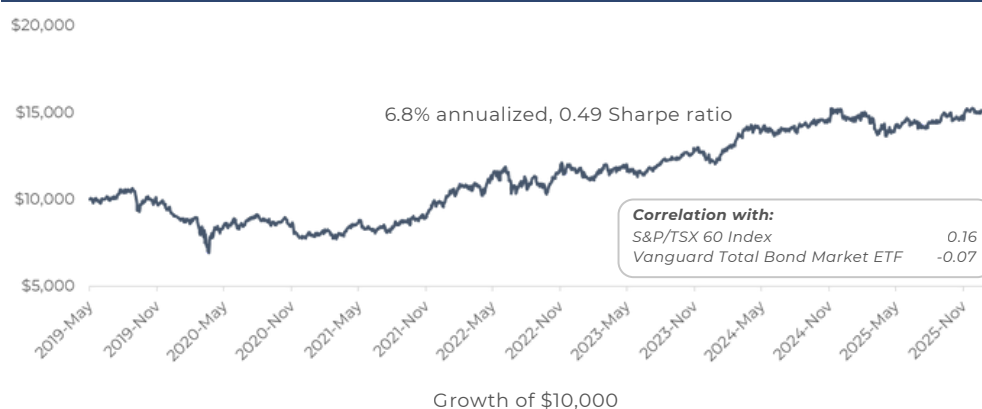
## Monthly Returns

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
<b>2025</b>	2.5%	-1.5%	-3.3%	-0.8%	3.2%	-0.4%	-0.3%	-0.4%	4.2%	-2.6%	4.6%	-1.7%	3.2%
<b>2024</b>	7.2%	6.5%	2.1%	-1.4%	1.4%	0.1%	1.6%	1.7%	-0.2%	1.4%	4.0%	-4.0%	21.8%
<b>2023</b>	-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%
<b>2022</b>	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%
<b>2021</b>	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%
<b>2020</b>	-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%
<b>2019</b>					-1.5%	1.2%	4.3%	1.3%	-6.3%	2.5%	-7.0%	-5.2%	-10.8%

Overlay Characteristics	Long	Short
Number of Securities	48	43
Average Market Cap (millions)	\$36,714	\$7,622
Median Market Cap (millions)	\$17,410	\$1,350
Beta	1.0	1.3
EBITDA / EV	9.7%	0.9%
FCF / EV	6.2%	-3.6%
12-Month Return	40.3%	-17.2%
% of 52-week High	93.1%	53.2%
Return on Capital	25.8%	-8.9%
Gross Profits / Assets	9.1%	2.7%
50 DMA / 200 DMA	115.3%	96.4%
EPS Revision	1.3%	-4.1%
Change in Shares	-2.6%	7.8%
Earnings Abnormal Return	4.5%	-7.2%

## Investment Growth

Time Period: May 10, 2019 to Dec 31, 2025



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## About the Fund

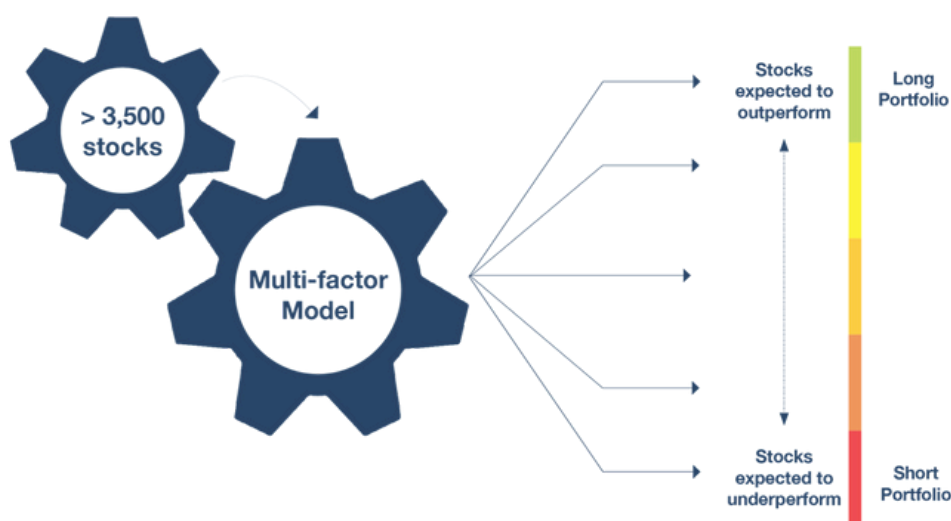
The Accelerate Absolute Return Fund (TSX: HDGE) seeks to achieve long-term capital appreciation and a superior risk-adjusted return relative to the broader Canadian equity market.

## Investment Objectives

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

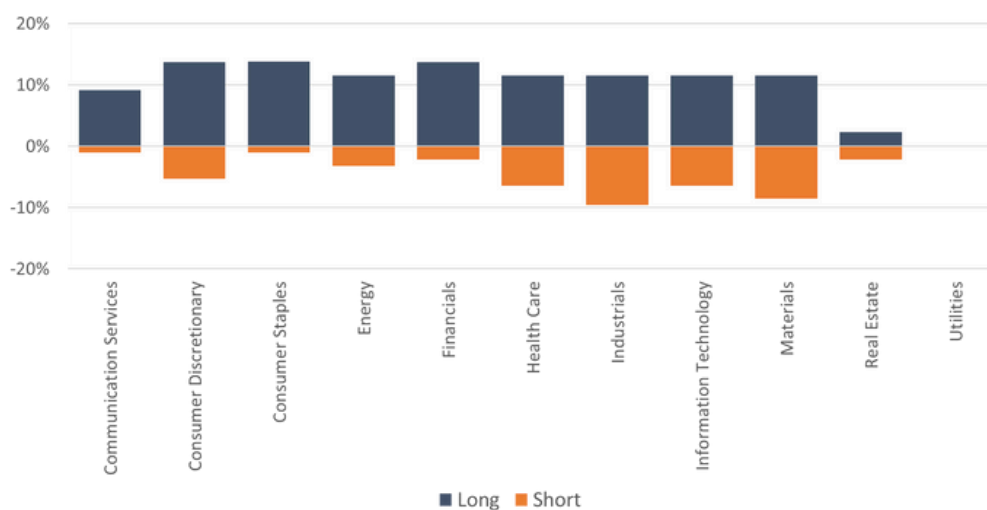
## Investment Process

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 and Trend.



Top 10 Long	Weight
Valmont Industries Inc	2.3%
Celestica Inc	2.3%
Ulta Beauty Inc	2.3%
HCA Healthcare Inc	2.3%
Medpace Holdings Inc	2.3%
Jabil Inc	2.3%
McKesson Corp	2.3%
Expedia Group Inc	2.3%
Cardinal Health Inc	2.3%
BRP Inc	2.3%

## Overlay Weightings



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