

# The Aptus Collared Income Opportunity Strategy

## Objectives

We think future returns from a traditional 60/40 portfolio may be well below recent history, at risk of being insufficient to meet the income needs of today's retirees. Investors' dilemma...more stocks equals more risk, more bonds equals lower returns. We see many investors sacrificing prudence & liquidity in search of higher yields.

We believe we can help the math with a focus on dividend growers. To start, we approach security selection with the idea that Total Return = Yield + Growth + Valuation Change. With overall valuations high, and growth difficult to project, we place great emphasis on sustainable yield in building return assumptions.

Using 10% "yield + growth" as our minimum filter, we immediately eliminate much of the large cap universe. We take the remaining companies and select 50 U.S stocks that a) meet the filter, b) provide diversified exposure, and c) maintain an active options market in which we can sell covered call options.

## Fund Performance (%) as of 12/31/2020

	Q4	2020	1 Year	3 Year	Inception
<b>NAV</b>	4.64	9.66	9.66	n/a	9.18
<b>Market Price</b>	4.65	9.87	9.87	n/a	9.29

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## Top Ten Holdings as of 12/31/2020

Security Description	Weight
Apple Inc	6.81%
Microsoft Inc	5.33%
Amazon Com Inc	4.40%
Alphabet Inc	3.25%
Comcast Corp	2.16%
Facebook Inc	2.15%
Analog Devices Inc	2.09%
JP Morgan Chase & Co	2.05%
Nextera Energy Inc	1.96%
United Health Group Inc	1.95%

**1) Where does Aptus Collared Income Opportunity fit?** We see it as a multi-asset solution, pursuing higher yield without the credit or systemic risk often suffered in both higher-yielding bonds *and* stocks.

**2) What if markets correct across the board?** High-yield investments can be among the worst things to own when the economy shifts downward. Selling calls is just a small buffer, the real protection comes through owning index puts.

**3) What if stocks rally well beyond our collared ceiling?** The strategy absolutely sacrifices upside in a rising market, but seeks participation by considering a small position in index call options. There is no way for us to capture the full upside of a major advance, but think the combination represents a good balance of participation and risk mitigation.

### Fund Details as of 12/31/2020

<b>Fund Ticker</b>	ACIO
<b>Inception Date</b>	07/10/19
<b># Of Holdings</b>	122
<b>Expense Ratio</b>	0.79%
<b>Assets Under Mgmt.</b>	\$179.1 million

### Trading Details

<b>Primary Exchange</b>	CBOE
<b>CUSIP</b>	26922A222
<b>ISIN</b>	US26922A2226
<b>Shares Outstanding</b>	6,450,000
<b>Distributor</b>	Quasar Distributors
<b>Advisor</b>	Aptus Capital Advisors

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Shares of any ETF are bought and sold at Market Price (not NAV) and are not individually redeemed from the fund. Brokerage commissions will reduce returns. Market returns are based upon the midpoint of the bid/ask spread at 4:00pm Eastern Time (when NAV is normally determined for most ETFs), and do not represent the returns you would receive if you traded shares at other times.

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**Investing involves risk. Principal loss is possible. The Fund is non-diversified, meaning it may concentrate its assets in fewer individual holdings than diversified funds. Therefore, the Fund is more exposed to individual stock or ETF volatility than diversified funds.**

**The Aptus Collared Income Opportunity Strategy is subject to the risk that the securities may be more volatile than the market as a whole. The Fund may invest in other investment companies and ETFs which may result in higher and duplicative expenses.**

**The Fund may invest in options, the Fund risks losing all or part of the cash paid (premium) for purchasing options. The Fund's use of call and put options can lead to losses because of adverse movements in the price or value of the underlying security, which may be magnified by certain features of the options. The Fund's use of options may reduce the Fund's ability to profit from increases in the value of the underlying securities. Derivatives, such as the options in which the Fund invests, can be volatile and involve various types and degrees of risks. Derivatives may entail investment exposures that are greater than their cost would suggest, meaning that a small investment in a derivative could have a substantial impact on the performance of the Fund. The Fund could experience a loss if its derivatives do not perform as anticipated, the derivatives are not correlated with the performance of their underlying security, or if the Fund is unable to purchase or liquidate a position because of an illiquid secondary market.**

**Call options give the owner the right to buy the underlying security at the specified price within a specific time period. Put options give the owner the right to sell the underlying security at the specified price within a specific time period. A collar is an options strategy constructed by holding shares of the underlying stock while simultaneously buying put options and selling call options against that holding.**

**Stocks are generally perceived to have more financial risk than bonds in that bond holders have a claim on firm operations or assets that is senior to that of equity holders. In addition, stock prices are generally more volatile than bond prices.**

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