BTAL

# AGFiQ U.S. Market Neutral Anti-Beta Fund



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**Important Information**: The investment objective and Principal Investment Strategies of the AGFiQ U.S. Market Neutral Anti-Beta Fund were changed on February 14, 2022. Performance prior to this date would have differed had the new investment objective been in effect. Please see the Prospectus Sticker dated November 30, 2021 on AGF.com.

#### **Overview**

BTAL's objective is to provide a consistent negative beta exposure to the U.S. equity market. BTAL strives to achieve this objective by investing primarily in long positions in low beta U.S. equities and short positions in high beta U.S. equities on a dollar neutral basis, within sectors.

# Key Reasons to Invest

- Provides exposure to the spread return between low and high beta stocks.
- Potential to generate positive returns regardless of the direction of the general market, so long as low beta stocks outperform high beta stocks.
- Provides consistent negative beta exposure and can be used as an effective equity hedge to lower portfolio volatility and reduce the impact of drawdowns.
- May be an effective alternative to buying Treasuries, volatility products and low-volatility funds if seeking to reduce overall portfolio risk.

# **Performance (%)**<sup>\*</sup>

Inception Date 09/13/2011	Month-End as of 12/31/2021				Quarter-End as of 12/31/2021					
	1 MO.	3 MO.	1 YR.	3 YR.	5 YR.	Since Incept.	1 YR.	3 YR.	5 YR.	Since Incept.
AGFiQ U.S. Market Neutral Anti- Beta Fund - NAV	3.84%	3.67%	-7.31%	-6.67%	-1.89%	-3.00%	-7.31%	-6.67%	-1.89%	-3.00%
AGFiQ U.S. Market Neutral Anti- Beta Fund - Market Price	4.16%	4.28%	-6.66%	-6.68%	-1.81%	-2.96%	-6.66%	-6.68%	-1.81%	-2.96%
Dow Jones U.S. Thematic Market Neutral Low Beta Index	3.98%	3.79%	-6.62%	-6.37%	-1.57%	-1.65%	-6.62%	-6.37%	-1.57%	-1.65%
S&P 500 Index	4.48%	11.03%	28.71%	26.06%	18.47%	16.98%	28.71%	26.06%	18.47%	16.98%
Bloomberg U.S. Tr Bills: 1-3 Months Index Unhedged	0.00%	0.01%	0.04%	0.93%	1.08%	0.57%	0.04%	0.93%	1.08%	0.57%

<sup>^</sup> Performance data quoted represents past performance and is no guarantee of future results. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted. Investment and principal value will fluctuate so that an investors shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than original cost. Returns less than one year are not annualized. For the most recent month end performance, please call collect 617-292-9801.

Short-term performance, in particular, is not a good indication of the fund's future performance, and an investment should not be made based solely on returns. Because of ongoing market volatility, fund performance may be subject to substantial short-term changes

## **Index Characteristics**

As of 12/31/2021

	Long	Short
Number of companies	198	199
Price/Earnings Ratio	37.19	88.74
Price to Book Ratio	4.33	5.28
Average Market Cap (blns.)	34.08	36.33
Median Market Cap (blns.)	14.04	10.58
Beta	0.88	1.35

## Index Sector Weightings

As of 12/31/2021

	المعم	Short
	Long	
Communication Services	4.56%	-4.42%
Consumer Discretionary	12.00%	-11.62%
Consumer Staples	5.27%	-5.20%
Energy	2.96%	-2.99%
Financials	14.09%	-13.49%
Health Care	14.70%	-13.36%
Industrials	14.71%	-14.63%
Information Technology	17.37%	-16.04%
Materials	5.63%	-5.79%
Real Estate	6.85%	-7.25%
Utilities	4.21%	-4.36%

# As of December 31, 2021

#### **Trading Information**

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DJTMNABT
Dow Jones Indexes
YES
YES
NYSE ARCA
09/13/2011

#### ETF Facts

12/31/2021
\$17.71
\$17.78
\$19.50
\$16.25
6,050,000
\$107,164,910

## **Expense Ratios**

Gross Expense Ratio	3.01%
Net Expense Ratio*	2.53%

\*The Fund's investment adviser, AGF Investments LLC("Adviser"), has contractually agreed to waive the fees and reimburse expenses of the Fund until at least November 1, 2024, so that the total annual operating expenses (excluding interest, taxes, brokerage commissions and other expenses that are capitalized in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, dividend, interest and brokerage expenses for short positions, acquired fund fees and expenses, and extraordinary expenses) ("Operating Expenses") of the Fund are limited to 0.45% of average net assets ("Expense Cap"). This undertaking can only be changed with the approval of the Board. The Fund has agreed that it will repay the Adviser for fees and expenses forgone or reimbursed during the last 36 months, provided that repayment does not cause the Operating Expenses to exceed the lower of 0.45% of the Fund's average net assets and the expense cap in place at the time of the Adviser's waiver or reimbursement. AGF Investments LLC (formerly FFCM LLC), a U.S.-registered investment adviser firm.



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#### **Our Team**

AGFiQ is the quantitative investment platform for AGF Investments Inc. (AGF) powered by an intellectually diverse, multidisciplined team that combines the complementary strengths of investment professionals across AGF and its affiliates.

# **Our Difference**

AGFiQ's team approach is grounded in the belief that investment outcomes can be improved by assessing and targeting the factors that drive market returns. As such, our objective is to provide better riskadjusted returns by utilizing a disciplined, multi-factor process, viewing risk through multiple lenses. We collectively understand that while quantitative, multifactor approaches are a good start, it's the people behind the strategies that really drives innovation. Through our differentiated approach, we aim to deliver quality strategies to advance wealth accumulation and preservation goals.

## **Our Process**

BTAL provides investors with the means of seeking the spread return between low and high beta stocks. Low beta stocks are those stocks that are less volatile than the market index, and high beta stocks are those stocks that are more volatile than the market index. Market neutral anti-beta investing entails investing in securities that have below-average betas and shorting securities that have above-average betas. The performance of the ETF will depend on the difference in returns of the long and short positions.

#### What are Spread Returns?

Our market neutral ETFs seek to generate positive returns when after expenses, the basket of approximately 200 names that the fund buys (long positions) outperforms the basket of approximately 200 names that we sell (short positions). Our ETFs combine bullish and bearis positions within one ETF. The spread return generated between the buys and sells is what is important, not the absolute return of the market.

If the long positions rise more than the short positions the ETFs will generate positive returns. Additionally, if the long positions fall less than the short positions the spread return will be positive. Therefore, regardless of the direction of the overall stock market, up, down or sideways, as long as the long positions outperform the short positions the Fund will have a positive return. Alternatively, the fund will have a negative return when the long positions underperform the short positions regardless of the direction of the market.

# Before investing you should carefully consider the Fund's investment objective, risks, charges, and expenses. This and other information is in the prospectus which can be obtained by visiting www.AGF.com. Please read the prospectuses carefully before you invest.

A decision to invest in any such asset should not be made in reliance on any information herein. Indexes cannot be invested in directly. Inclusion of an asset in an index is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold that asset. Exposure to an asset class represented by an index is available through investable instruments based on that index. We make no assurance that investment products based on an index will accurately track index performance or provide positive investment returns.

**Risks:** There is no guarantee that the Fund will achieve its objective. Investing involves risk, including possible loss of principal. There is a risk that during a "bull" market, when most equity securities and long only ETFs are increasing in value, the Fund's short positions will likely cause the Fund to underperform the overall U.S. equity market and such ETFs. These securities may be more volatile than a broad cross-section of securities, and momentum may be an indicator that a security's price is peaking. The value of an investment in the Fund may fall, sometimes sharply, and you could lose money by investing in the fund. The Fund may utilize derivatives and as a result, the Fund could lose more that the amount it invests. When utilizing short selling the amount the Fund could lose on a short sale is potentially unlimited because there is no limit on the price a shorted security might attain. For further risk information, please read the prospectus.

Shares are not individually redeemable and can be redeemed only in Creation Units. The market price of shares can be at, below or above the NAV. Brokerage commissions will reduce returns. Market Price returns are based upon the midpoint of the bid/ask spread at 4:00PM Eastern time (when NAV is normally determined), and do not represent the returns you would receive if you traded shares at other times. Fund returns assume that dividends and capital gains distributions have been reinvested in the Fund at NAV. Some performance results reflect expense subsidies and waivers in effect during certain periods. Absent these waivers, results would have been less favorable.

Beta is a measure of an asset's sensitivity to an underlying index. Long is purchasing a stock with the expectation that it is going to rise in value. Short is selling stock with the expectation of profiting by buying it back later at a lower price. Spread Return is the return earned between the long and short portfolios within each ETF. Price to earnings ratio is a valuation of a company's share price compared to its per-share earnings. Price to book is a ratio that compares a stocks book value to its market value.

The owners of Shares may purchase or redeem Shares from the Fund in Creation Units only, and the purchase and sale price of individual Shares trading on an Exchange may be below, at, or above the most recently calculated NAV for such shares.

The **Dow Jones U.S. Thematic Market Neutral Low Beta Index** is designed to measure the performance of a long/short strategy utilizing long positions in low beta companies and short positions in high beta companies. Beta is calculated using weekly returns for the previous 52 weeks. The index is calculated using long and short indices as its basis. It is designed to be market- and sector-neutral. The **S&P 500 Index** is widely regarded as the best single gauge of large-cap U.S. equities. According to Annual Survey of Assets, an estimated USD 13.5 trillion is indexed or benchmarked to the index, with indexed assets comprising approximately USD 5.4 trillion of this total (as of Dec. 31, 2020). The index includes 500 leading companies and covers approximately 80% of available market capitalization.

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