

The Aptus Defined Risk Strategy

Objectives

We see fixed income as a major issue for investors in a low interest rate environment. One can pursue higher income by extending maturities or accepting poorer credit, but each of those brings its own risk.

Using a “bond plus” approach, we combine laddered bonds with asymmetric equity exposure. We accept market rates for a broad basket of investment-grade corporate bonds maturing annually between one to eight years. This comprises approximately 75-95% of the strategy, with the rest pursuing equity gains using long call options.

Call options can capture a significant percentage of the upside in a rising market, and help limit downside to the dollars invested in those options. The asymmetric payoff opportunity of a call option enables us to seek participation in a market advance while the bulk of the portfolio owns an indexed basket of investment-grade bonds.

Fund Performance (%) as of 12/31/2021

Inception Date - 08/07/2018

	% as of 12/31/2021		Annualized% as of 12/31/2021		
	Q4	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	Inception
DRSK: NAV	2.51	0.75	0.75	9.04	8.60
DRSK: Market Price	2.91	0.88	0.88	8.96	8.63

Top Ten Holdings as of 12/31/2021

Security Description	Weight
ISHARES IBONDS DEC 2023 TERM	23.70%
ISHARES IBONDS DEC 2025 TERM	22.10%
ISHARES IBONDS DEC 2024 TERM	20.56%
ISHARES IBONDS DEC 2022 TERM	17.71%
ISHARES IBONDS DEC 2026 TERM	11.78%
Cash	5.50%
March 22 Calls on MRK US	2.19%
Feb. 22 Puts on SPX	0.89%
Feb. 22 Puts on QQQ US	0.59%
June 22 Calls on XLE US	0.29%

Holdings are subject to change

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Shares are bought and sold at market price (not NAV) and are not individually redeemed from the fund. Market price returns are based upon the midpoint of the bid/ask spread at 4:00 p.m. ET and do not represent the returns you would receive if you traded shares at other times. Net Asset Value is calculated by dividing the applicable Fund's net assets by its Shares Outstanding at the end of each business day. Brokerage commissions will reduce returns.

1) What problem is Aptus Defined Risk trying to solve? After a glorious three-decade run for 60/40 portfolios, it's really tough to make the math work from here. Chasing yield may boost current income, but brings added risk when business conditions weaken.

2) Why own options instead of the actual stocks? We believe call options gives us two benefits; defined risk and leverage. To participate meaningfully in a stock market advance requires acceptance of meaningful downside as well. Options allow us to participate using the least amount of capital at risk.

3) Why own individual stocks & sectors vs. owning the index? We believe a basket of options is worth more than options on a basket. Owning diverse names gives us a chance to spread our optionality across more than just a single cap-weighted index. The power laws of markets require only a few winners, and with this “component” approach we also gain useful correlation benefits.

Fund Details as of 12/31/2021

Fund Ticker	DRSK
Inception Date	08/08/18
# Of Holdings	17
Expense Ratio	0.78%
Assets Under Mgmt.	\$847.3 million

Trading Details

Primary Exchange	CBOE
CUSIP	26922A388
ISIN	US26922A3885
Shares Outstanding	29,400,000
Distributor	Quasar Distributors, LLC
Advisor	Aptus Capital Advisors

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DRSK Through Different Market Regimes

For additional perspective, see below the relative performance in 5 distinct markets since inception.

Start Date	End Date	Scenario	DRSK	US AGG Bond Index	SPX Index
08/08/2018	12/31/2018	Q4 2018: Stocks Fall Sharply	2.40%	1.76%	-11.53%
01/01/2019	12/31/2019	Q1-Q4 2019: Stocks Rise Steadily	12.65%	8.72%	31.48%
01/01/2020	03/31/2020	Q1 2020: Stocks Fall on COVID	3.23%	3.15%	-19.60%
04/01/2020	12/31/2020	Q2-Q4 2020: Stocks Recover	10.25%	4.23%	47.25%
01/01/2021	03/31/2021	Q1 2021: Rates Rise from Lows	-0.03%	-3.37%	6.17%

Source: Bloomberg

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Investment Considerations

Investing involves risk. Principal loss is possible.

The Fund invests in options and may be subject to the risk of losing all or part of the cash paid (premium) for purchasing options. Options are financial derivatives that give buyers the right, but not the obligation, to buy (call) or sell (put) an underlying asset at an agreed-upon price and date. Options can be volatile and amplify risks. The Fund could experience a loss if its options do not perform as anticipated.

The Fund primarily invests in investment-grade fixed income securities indirectly through investments in underlying bond ETFs which may result in higher fees and duplicative expenses. Fixed income securities are subject to interest rate risk where the value of fixed income securities will change inversely with changes in interest rates. As interest rates rise, the market value of fixed income securities tends to decrease. Also, when interest rates fall, certain obligations may pre-paid more quickly than originally anticipated, and the proceeds may have to be invested in securities with lower yields. Investment-grade refers to a higher level of confidence by ratings agencies that the issuer will be able to make its principal and interest payments. Changes in ratings of the underlying debt securities could lead to unexpected credit risk and affect the value of an invest in that issuer.

Investments in foreign securities (non-U.S. Issuers) involve certain risks such as loss due to differences in accounting, auditing, and financial reporting standards and adverse changes in regulations, political instability, regulatory and economic differences.

The strategy relies on the Adviser to allocate assets among a hybrid equity and fixed income strategy based on how stock and bond movements correlate. There is no guarantee the strategy will limit downside risk or obtain the desired results.

Please carefully consider the funds objectives, risks, charges, and expenses before investing. The statutory or summary prospectus contains this and other important information about the investment company. For more information, or a copy of the full or summary prospectus, visit www.aptusetsfs.com, or call (251) 517-7198. Read carefully before investing.

The benchmark, Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate is a market-cap weighted index of intermediate-term U.S. investment grade bonds. The S&P Index is a market-capitalization-weighted index of the 500 largest publicly-traded companies in the U.S. Indexes are unmanaged and it is not possible to invest in one directly.

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