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Downshift Strategies

**Wennco Downshift ETF**

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# **FIRM OVERVIEW & DEFENSIVE EQUITY STRATEGIES**

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**Wennco LLC specializes in managing covered call and hedged equity strategies. Our defensive equity strategies provide advisors and the clients they serve cost-effective solutions for retaining equity exposure while focusing on generating yield and hedging market risk. The firm is a registered investment advisor and located in Atlanta, GA.**

## **Existing Strategies:**

- **Hedged Equity (Downshift ETF)**
- **Equity Covered Call**

## **Current Platform:**

- **Schwab's Marketplace Platform**

# WENNCO DOWNSHIFT ETF STRATEGY

## MEANINGFUL SOLUTION TO CURRENT MARKETPLACE

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**The need for advisors to offer new and differentiated products to their clients that specifically address where we are in the market cycle is increasing. Downshift ETF solves the specific challenge of an easy to understand alternative strategy that is also transparent, inexpensive, and focuses on protecting the downside more than any other single factor.**

### **Downshift ETF provides:**

- **Meaningful protection in risk-off equity markets**
- **A differentiator for advisors and an extension of existing investment solutions**
- **An institutional-quality, alternative strategy that is designed for individual clients at a much lower cost than other hedged equity strategies**
- **Fills advisory model gaps and fits into models for all risk-profiles**
- **A partner in Wennco LLC to provide you with an understanding of what changes are being made and why**
- **A prudent way for clients to remain invested after a 10-yr, 400%+ bull market**

# DOWNSHIFT ETF STRATEGY

## SIMPLE & EFFECTIVE WAY TO REMAIN INVESTED WITH LESS RISK

### EQUITY EXPOSURE

- 13 S&P 500 ETFs
- Blended expense ratio of 16bps
- +/- 5% sector weightings of current S&P 500 sector weightings
- Invested in all 11 S&P 500 sectors at all times with an additional 2 satellite ETFs

### INCOME GENERATION

- Call options opportunistically written to generate income *and* total portfolio return
- Proactive profit-taking and rolling of covered calls, when necessary, to preserve the underlying and remain invested

### PROTECTION

- Long-dated S&P 500 puts provide meaningful protection against market declines
- Active management mitigates theta decay
- A portion of the portfolio is always invested in long-dated S&P 500 puts

# HISTORIC RUN IN EQUITIES

## S&P 500 (2009-2019)



Source: Bloomberg

From the March 2009 low, the S&P 500 has gained over 400% (Total Return)

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# WENNCO DOWNSHIFT ETF STRATEGY

## HIGHLIGHTS

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- **Strategy philosophy:** a winning portfolio is built with a combination of passive and active investments, including negatively-correlated investments
- **Designed to capture the majority of the upside while avoiding the majority of the downside over full market cycles**
- **S&P 500 exposure with an actively managed layer of long-dated hedging results in a much lower beta and standard deviation vs. long-only strategies**
- **Eliminates market timing through risk-managed levels of market exposure**
- **Ideal for clients seeking to reduce portfolio volatility while remaining in equities**
- **Ideal for advisors seeking a **cost-effective** solution in delivering an extension to their current long-only models, or a replacement to the underperforming, expensive and hard to explain alternative investments previously selected for their clients**

# STOCKS ARE EXPENSIVE

## S&P 500 PRICE TO BOOK RATIO (2004-2019)



Source: Bloomberg

At 3.40x Price to Book, the S&P 500 is expensive. Other fundamental ratios on the S&P 500 look similar and stretched, and no metric reflects the S&P 500 as currently inexpensive

# WENNCO DOWNSHIFT ETF STRATEGY

## HIGHER RISK-ADJUSTED RETURNS

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### WENNCO DOWNSHIFT ETF STRATEGY IN DIFFERENT MARKET SCENARIOS

Rising Equity Markets

- Underlying ETFs provide significant participation in strong equity markets
- Active risk management mitigates both theta decay on the S&P 500 puts and call-away risk on the underlying ETFs
- Superior risk-adjusted returns

Slightly Rising or Declining Markets

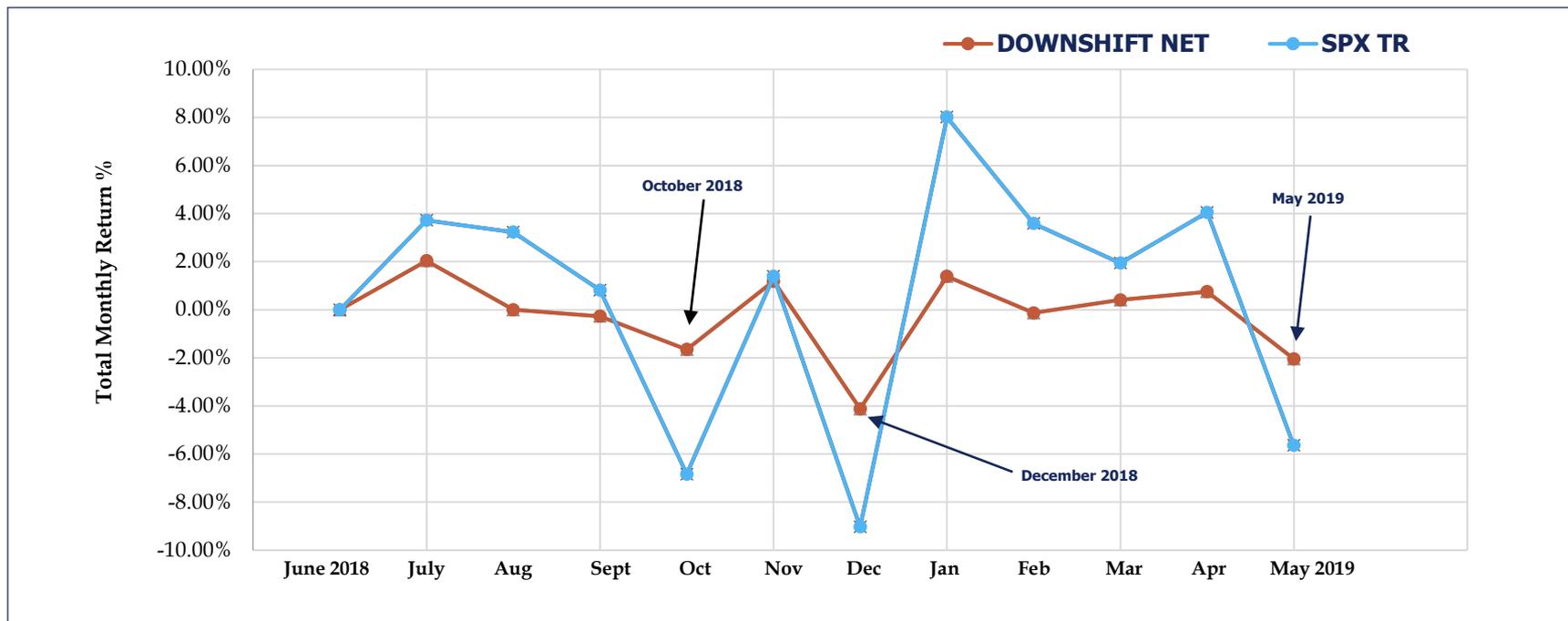
- In sideways to choppy markets, volatility may rise, presenting potentially beneficial opportunities to harvest volatility premium
- Potential to outperform the overall market while lowering portfolio volatility

Falling Equity Markets

- Heightened market volatility results in heightened premium received from selling covered calls
- Long-dated S&P 500 puts significantly increase in value and calls decrease in value
- Potential to significantly outperform long-only portfolios and the overall market

# WENNCO DOWNSHIFT ETF STRATEGY

## 3 LARGEST RISK-OFF MONTHS SINCE INCEPTION



Source: Bloomberg & Schwab

Downshift ETF performance shown is net of Wennco manager fee and excludes advisory fees, including possible transactional and trading costs

- 1) OCTOBER 2018: S&P 500 TOTAL RETURN: (-6.84%) DOWNSHIFT ETF: (-1.65%) 24% downside capture**
- 2) DECEMBER 2018: S&P 500 TOTAL RETURN: (-9.03%) DOWNSHIFT ETF: (-4.12%) 46% downside capture**
- 3) MAY 2019: S&P 500 TOTAL RETURN: (-6.35%) DOWNSHIFT ETF: (-2.04%) 32% downside capture**

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# HEDGED EQUITY STRATEGIES

## DOWNSHIFT ETF VS. THE OTHERS

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### OUR HEDGED EQUITY STRATEGY VS. OTHER HEDGED EQUITY STRATEGIES

#### DOWNSHIFT ETF HEDGED EQUITY STRATEGY

- Sector weightings are closer in-line with current S&P 500 weightings
- Much of the alpha and portfolio income is derived from actively managed covered calls
- Puts are bought further out in time, allowing for a larger weighting % without as much negative carry vs. short-dated puts

#### MOST OF THE OTHER HEDGED EQUITY STRATEGIES

- Generally do not employ covered calls to generate portfolio income
- Sector weightings are not closely weighted to the S&P 500 and often concentrated in crowded stocks
- Puts bought are often more short-term in expiration (3-6 months) and smaller weighted (1.00-2.00%). Some use put spreads to limit the negative carry and to fund the put purchases, but this strategy can and often does prevent proper hedging in swift equity market drawdowns

# WENNCO CHIEF INVESTMENT OFFICER

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Chris is the Chief Investment Officer and Head Trader for Wennco LLC. He oversees all portfolio management and trading around the investment strategies. He has spent the majority of his professional career at UBS where he worked in both the company's Investment Bank and Wealth Management divisions for more than 9 years. Within UBS's Investment Bank, he worked on their fixed income trading desks both in Stamford, CT and in New York City trading both repo and municipal bonds. He transitioned to the Wealth Management side of UBS in mid-2010, and spent the following six years working with institutional and private clients as an analyst and then a financial advisor. Among his various duties as a financial advisor, managing discretionary covered call portfolios was his favorite. Prior to co-founding Wennco, Chris was the CIO for an RIA in Atlanta, GA. Earlier in his career Chris worked for LPL and John Hancock. Chris is married, and he and his wife Whitney have 4 boys aged 6, 4, 2, and 2 months old. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Business and Economics from Lehigh University.

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### Index Definitions:

The benchmarks used for the strategy are: 1) the S&P 500 Total Return Index, which is a market cap weighted index of 500 leading companies and captures approximately 80% coverage of available market capitalization. The S&P 500 is often used as a proxy for the overall U.S. equity market. The S&P 500 is widely regarded as the best single gauge of large-cap U.S. equities and serves as the benchmark for a wide range of investment products. Total Return reflects all dividends as reinvested; and 2) a 60/40 blended composite, weighted 60% in the aforementioned S&P 500 Total Return Index (dividends reinvested) and 40% in the Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index. The 60/40 is rebalanced monthly. The Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index is a broad-based leading benchmark that measures the investment grade, US dollar-denominated, fixed-rate taxable bond market. The index includes Treasuries, government-related and corporate securities, MBS (agency fixed-rate and hybrid ARM pass-throughs), ABS and CMBS (agency and non-agency). This index was chosen to give perspective on the risk management philosophy and asset allocation portfolio management process for the composite performances. An investment cannot be made directly in an index. Indexes are unmanaged and have no fees or expenses

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