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Zacks Small/Mid Cap Core ETF (SMIZ)

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OBJECTIVE

The Zacks Small/Mid Cap ETF (the “Fund”) seeks to generate positive risk-adjusted returns.

PHILOSOPHY

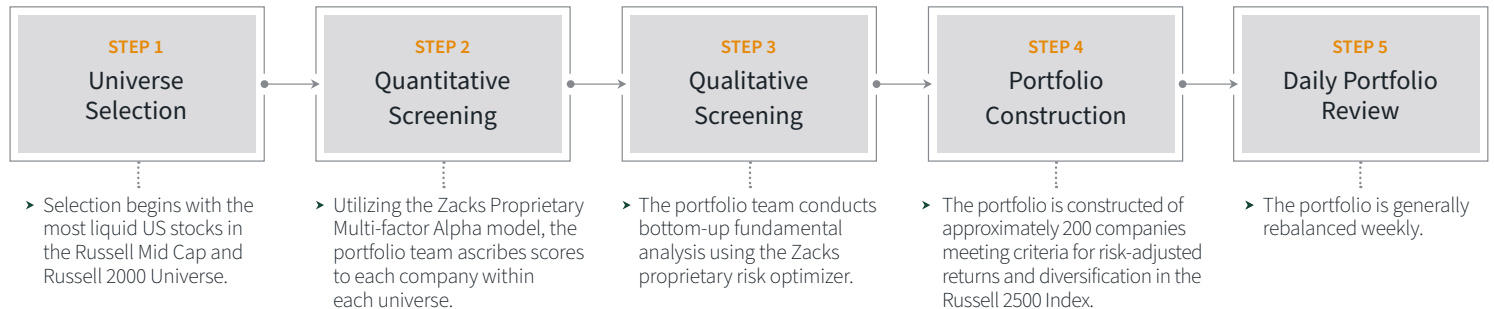
During volatile economic environments, most money managers and clients find it difficult to manage wealth while outperforming broad market indices. The Zacks Small/Mid Cap Core Portfolio (SMIZ) aims to generate consistent and sustainable returns while minimizing the risk of capital loss. For this reason, we feel SMIZ is in a favorable position to generate returns that are only minimally correlated to broader market indices like the Russell 2500 Index.

Utilizing the Zacks Proprietary Multi-factor Alpha Model, our portfolio management team identifies a selection of the most liquid US stocks for the SMIZ ETF according to analyst agreement, magnitude*, upside** and surprise. This results in a portfolio of stocks that are positioned to generate returns that exhibit minimal correlation with broader market indices.

FIRM OVERVIEW

Zacks Investment Management is built on a foundation of rigorous research and a desire to outperform benchmarks over time, with a focus on financial intermediaries and institutions. We have been providing wealth management services since 1992, and have been a leading expert on earnings and using earnings estimates as a part of our investment process. We are a wholly owned subsidiary of our parent company, Zacks Investment Research, one of the largest providers of independent research in the U.S.

Investment Process Summary



The Fund's investment objectives, risks, charges, and expenses must be considered carefully before investing. The prospectus contains this and other important information about the investment company and can be found at www.zacksETFs.com. Please read carefully before investing. A hard copy of the prospectus can also be requested by calling 855-813-3507.

Investing involves risk. Principal loss is possible. As an ETF, the funds may trade at a premium or discount to NAV. Shares of any ETF are bought and sold at market price (not NAV) and are not individually redeemed from the Fund. Transactions in shares of ETFs will result in brokerage commissions, which will reduce returns. The Fund is subject to management risk because it is an actively managed portfolio. The Advisor's judgments about the attractiveness, value, and stability of particular stocks in which the Fund invests may prove to be incorrect, and there is no guarantee that the Advisor's judgment will produce the desired results. Equity securities are subject to changes in value, and their values may be more volatile than those of other asset classes. Stocks of large companies as a group can fall out of favor with the market, causing the Fund to underperform investments that have a greater focus on mid-cap or small-cap stocks. Larger, more established companies may be slow to respond to challenges and may grow more slowly than smaller companies. Investments selected using quantitative methods may perform differently from the market as a whole.

The Russell MidCap Index is a well-known, unmanaged index of the prices of 800 mid-cap company common stocks, selected by Russell. The Russell MidCap Index assumes reinvestment of dividends but does not reflect advisory fees. An investor cannot invest directly in an index. The volatility of the benchmark may be materially different from the individual performance obtained by a specific investor.

The Russell 2000 Index is a well-known, unmanaged index of the prices of 2000 small-cap company common stocks selected by Russell. The Russell 2000 index assumes reinvestment of dividends but does not reflect advisory fees. An investor can not directly invest in an index. The volatility of the benchmark may be materially different from the individual performance obtained by a specific investor.

The Russell 2500™ Index measures the performance of the small to midcap segment of the US equity universe, commonly referred to as "smid" cap. The Russell 2500 Index is a subset of the Russell 3000® Index. It includes approximately 2500 of the smallest securities based on a combination of their market cap and current index membership. The Russell 2500 Index is constructed to provide a comprehensive and unbiased barometer for the small to mid-cap segment. The index is completely reconstituted annually to ensure larger stocks do not distort the performance and characteristics of the true small to mid-cap opportunity set.

The fund is new with a limited operating history.

EPS is defined as 12 Month actual Earnings per Share.

*Magnitude is defined as the size of the earnings estimate revisions.

**Upside is defined as where the most accurate or recent earnings estimates are coming in relative to the consensus.

***Reflects a contractual fee waiver until at least March 31, 2025

Northern Lights Distributors, LLC (the "Distributor"), 4221 North 203rd Street, Elkhorn, NE 68022, is the distributor for the Fund.

Zacks Investment Management is not affiliated with Northern Lights Distributors, LLC.

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FUND DETAILS

Inception Date: 10/03/2023

Ticker: SMIZ

Asset Class: Equity Class

Primary Exchange: NYSE

CUSIP: 98888G204

Fund Type: Active

Benchmark: Russell Mid Cap Index/Russell 2000 Index (50/50 blend)

Net Expense Ratio: .56%***

Gross Expense Ratio: 1.47%

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