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August 2021 Commentary
As of 9/9/2021

The Core Alternative ETF (NYSE: CCOR) returned -0.34% (NAV) / 0.53% (Price) in August. Market moves were largely consistent with the themes outlined in July. Stocks continued their impressive upward trajectory on the year with big tech out front posting monthly gains of 4-7% across the FAANGM names. As of month end, the top 5 names represent 23% of the weight of the S&P 500, the highest in decades, with a collective market capitalization approaching \$10 trillion. The median market cap of the S&P 500 is approximately \$30 billion.

Federal Reserve Chairman Powell's speech at Jackson Hole reiterated an easy monetary policy as the decision on raising the Fed funds rate was definitively decoupled from the timing on tapering asset purchases. Lower yields across the curve solidified the market's adherence to Fed communication.

The CCOR ETF was essentially flat on the month with the equity holdings compensating for portfolio hedges. An overweight to the financial sector (strongest performer) was moderately offset by exposure to the energy sector (weakest performer). Despite lower prices on the month, energy stocks have lagged a generally higher level of oil (\$70+) over the summer months and we expect this dynamic to be a tailwind going forward. CCOR counts the largest tech names among its top holdings, yet still in more modest weighting relative to broad indices. Valuations, an equal-weight portfolio tilt, and recent government actions drive positioning. Put option protection was a net detractor from portfolio performance on the month, while CCOR was once again able to profit from mid-month pullbacks on certain positions.

To view the fund's standardized returns and holdings, click here: <https://www.corealtfunds.com/fund>

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