



August 2023 Commentary

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The Core Alternative ETF (NYSE: CCOR) returned -0.18 % (NAV) / -0.25% (Market Price) in August. The options strategy was additive to total return as the fund was able to capitalize on the technology-led drawdown experienced early in the month. A persistent low volatility regime, despite the pullback, enabled the fund to push out option expirations at lower premiums. An overweight to energy and security selection within the healthcare sector were the primary drivers within the equity holdings, while financials and industrials stocks lagged.

The month can be described as a tale of two halves. While cyclical value stocks outperformed in the first half, the growth trade rebounded late in the month. The S&P 500 Index was modestly lower in August, albeit with only one sector in positive territory – energy. Oil prices have risen by ~20% in the last two months creating a further challenge in the inflation fight and increasing pressure on consumer spending. The tech/growth trade faltered earlier in the first few weeks as earnings season came to an end and benchmark Treasury yields spiked to the highest levels of the year. Modestly weaker economic data eventually offered a reprieve as investors scaled back expectations for additional rate hikes out of the Federal Reserve. Perhaps most alarming was the 5% monthly decline in the Russell 2000 Index. The drop erased a third of the year-to-date gains in small capitalization stocks as these companies are often first to experience the impact of tighter financial conditions.

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

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To determine if this Fund is an appropriate investment for you, carefully consider the Fund's investment objectives, risk factors, charges and expense before investing. This and other information can be found in the Fund's full or summary prospectus which may be obtained by calling 800-617-0004 (ETF INFO) or visiting our website at www.corealtnfunds.com. Read the prospectus carefully before investing or sending money.

Investments involve risk. Principal loss is possible. There is no guarantee that the Fund will achieve its investment goal. All risks associated with this fund should be carefully considered before any investment decisions are made. In addition to the normal risks associated with investing, the Fund also includes the following risks specific to the particular investment strategy the fund employs: Derivatives Risk, Dividend Paying Security Risk, Equity Investing Risk, ETF Risks, Hedging Risk, Large Capitalization Companies Risk, Management Risk, Market Events Risk, Models and Data Risk, Options Risk, Sector Concentration Risk. For the list of applicable risks, and their descriptions, please refer to the fund's Prospectus found at corealtnfunds.com.

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Diversification may not protect against market loss.

Total annual fund operating expenses 1.07%.

Index and market data provided by Bloomberg, LP

Definitions:

S&P 500 Index: The S&P 500® is widely regarded as the best single gauge of large-cap U.S. equities and serves as the foundation for a wide range of investment products. The index includes 500 leading companies and captures approximately 80% coverage of available market capitalization.

Russell 2000 Index: The Russell 2000 Index is comprised of the smallest 2000 companies in the Russell 3000 Index, representing approximately 8% of the Russell 3000 total market capitalization. The real-time value is calculated with a base value of 135.00 as of December 31, 1986.