

## HARD | Simplify Commodities Strategy No K-1 ETF

### FUND OVERVIEW

The **Simplify Commodities Strategy No K-1 ETF (HARD)** seeks long-term capital appreciation by systematically investing in commodity futures in an attempt to create commodity exposure that performs strongly during inflationary periods while still performing well in more typical market environments.

To this end, HARD deploys a suite of systematic long/short (l/s) models that have been designed by Altis Partners, a commodity trading advisor with over 20 years of experience.

### PERFORMANCE REVIEW

HARD returned 1.21% in 1Q but underperformed competitor funds slightly. The Soybean underweight was a significant positive contributor but was offset by losses in Gold, Copper, Gasoline, and Wheat. Short positions in metals were a headwind earlier in the quarter but shifted to longs as Gold, Silver, and Copper momentum accelerated to cyclical highs (all-time for Gold). A similar lagging signal in Crude Oil left the fund with short positions which contributed to its 1Q underperformance versus the benchmark and several competitors. The fund generally ran a positive roll yield through the quarter, avoiding long positions in those commodities in contango. Going forward, our view is that HARD's asset selection and positioning should enable it to outperform during a cyclical bull market in commodities, especially in energy and metals.

**Performance as of 03/31/24** | Inception Date: 03/27/23

	CUMULATIVE TOTAL RETURN				ANNUALIZED TOTAL RETURN	
	3 Mo	6 Mo	YTD	Since Inception	1 Year	Since Inception
<b>NAV</b>	1.21%	-6.23%	1.21%	-3.89%	-3.46%	-3.85%
<b>Market Price</b>	1.24%	-6.29%	1.24%	-3.86%	-3.46%	-3.83%
<b>Bloomberg Commodity Total Return Index</b>	2.19%	-2.54%	2.19%	1.18%	-0.56%	1.16%

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## FUND DETAILS as of 03/31/24

### CURRENT HOLDINGS\*

POSITION	ALLOCATION
TREASURY BILL DN 6/24	36.16%
TREASURY BILL DN 4/24	26.77%
HGK4 COM	18.32%
XBK4 COM	18.11%
TREASURY BILL DN 6/24	15.67%
GCM4 COM	13.65%
CLZ4 COM	8.54%
BOK4 COM	6.67%
TREASURY BILL DN 6/24	6.04%
S K4 COM	5.09%
Cash	13.91%

<b>Gross Expense Ratio</b>	0.75%
<b>Net Expense Ratio</b>	—
<b>SEC 30-Day Yield</b>	3.24%
<b>SEC 30-Day Yield Unsubsidized</b>	3.24%

\*Holdings are subject to change without notice.

### DEFINITIONS

**Backwardation:** The pattern of higher futures prices for shorter expiration futures contracts.

**Contango:** The pattern of higher futures contract prices for longer expiration contracts.

**Market Price:** The current price at which shares are bought and sold. Market returns are based upon the last trade price.

**NAV:** The dollar value of a single share, based on the value of the underlying assets of the fund minus its liabilities, divided by the number of shares outstanding. Calculated at the end of each business day.

**Rolling** occurs when the Fund closes out of a Futures Contract as it nears its expiration and replaces it with a contract that has a later expiration.

**SEC 30-Day Yield:** The yield is calculated with a standardized formula and represents net investment income earned by a fund over a 30-day period, expressed as an annual percentage rate based on the fund's share price. The yield includes the effect of any fee waivers and/or reimbursements. Without waivers, yields would be reduced. This is also referred to as the "standardized yield", "30-Day Yield" and "Current Yield". The unsubsidized SEC 30-Day Yield does not reflect the effect of any fee waivers and/or expense reimbursements.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

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### **An investment in the fund involves risk, including possible loss of principal.**

The fund is actively-managed and subject to the risk that the strategy may not produce the intended results. The fund will also rely on the Futures Adviser's judgments about the value and potential appreciation of particular securities which if assessed incorrectly could negatively affect the Fund.

The Fund's use of futures may involve different or greater risks than investing directly in securities and the contract may not correlate perfectly with the underlying asset. These risks include leverage risk which means a small percentage of assets invested in futures can have a disproportionately large impact on the Fund. This risk could cause the Fund to lose more than the principal amount invested. Futures contracts may become mispriced or improperly valued when compared to the adviser's expectation and may not produce the desired investment results. The Fund's exposure to futures contracts is subject to risks related to rolling. Extended periods of contango or backwardation can cause significant losses for the Fund. Any short sales of the futures contracts by the fund theoretically involves unlimited loss potential since the market price of securities sold short may continuously increase.

Short-term performance, in particular, is not a good indication of the fund's future performance, and an investment should not be made based solely on returns.

Investments linked to commodity or currency futures contracts including exposure to non-U.S. currencies can be highly volatile affected by market movements, changes in interest rates or factors affecting a particular industry or commodity. Changes in currency exchange rates can be unpredictable or change quickly which will affect the value of the Fund.

*Repurchase Agreement Risk.* The Fund's investment in repurchase agreements may be subject to market and credit risk with respect to the collateral securing the repurchase agreements.

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