

# Simplify High Yield PLUS Credit Hedge ETF

CDX | NYSE Arca, Inc.

Annual Shareholder Report | June 30, 2024

This annual shareholder report contains important information about Simplify High Yield PLUS Credit Hedge ETF ("CDX" or the "Fund") for the period of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. You can find additional information about the Fund at www.simplify.us/resources. You can also request this information by contacting us at (855) 772-8488.

#### What were the Fund's costs for the period?

(based on a hypothetical \$10,000 investment)

Fund Co	Costs of a \$10,000 investment	Costs paid as a
	Costs of a \$10,000 lifestifient	percentage of a \$10,000 investment
Simplify High Yield PLUS Credit Hedge ETF	\$27	0.25%

## **Management's Discussion of Fund Performance**

For the year ended June 30, 2024, CDX returned 11.82% vs its referenced benchmark, ICE BofA U.S. High Yield Index, return of 10.45%. The Fund outperformed the benchmark by 3.27% during spread widening and underperformed the benchmark by 2.26% during tightening.

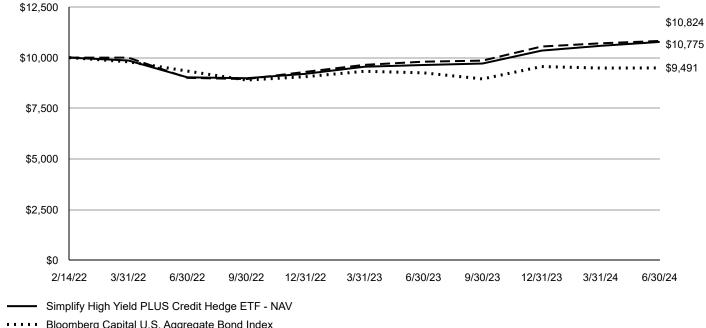
Outperformance was driven by:

- 1. Credit hedges, including the "Quality-Junk" overlay, High Yield CDS, and equity puts, added 1.88%, mainly from the Quality-Junk overlay.
- 2. Total return swaps via the iShares iBoxx \$ High Yield Corporate Bond ETF ("HYG ETF") added 9.91%, despite HYG ETF underperforming the benchmark by 1.07%.
- 3. Tightening of High Yield credit spreads from 3.90% to 3.09% added 2.75% to absolute return but subtracted a 0.80% from relative performance.

Looking forward, CDX is modestly over-hedged due to tight credit spreads and deteriorating US growth. Tight conditions and high bankruptcy filings suggest outperformance if spreads widen. Current positioning could generate a 0.02% outperformance for every 0.01% of spread widening, potentially leading to a 10% outperformance if spreads reach recession averages. If spreads do not widen, performance should remain favorable.

### **Fund Performance**

#### Growth of an Assumed \$10,000 Investment



Bloomberg Capital U.S. Aggregate Bond Index

ICE BofA US High Yield Index

AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURN Fund/Index	1 Year	Since Inception 2/14/2022
Simplify High Yield PLUS Credit Hedge ETF - NAV	11.82%	3.20%
Simplify High Yield PLUS Credit Hedge ETF - Market	11.66%	3.20%
Bloomberg Capital U.S. Aggregate Bond Index	2.63%	-2.18%
ICE BofA US High Yield Index	10.45%	3.39%

The Fund's past performance is not a good predictor of future performance. The graph and table do not reflect deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on Fund distributions or redemption of Fund shares.

## **Key Fund Statistics**

The following table outlines key fund statistics that you should pay attention to.

Fund net assets	\$156,167,780
Total number of portfolio holdings	5
Total advisory fee paid, net of waiver	\$181,060
Period portfolio turnover rate	0%

## **Graphical Representation of Holdings**

The table below shows the types of investments that make up the Fund as of the end of the reporting period.

Investment Categories	% of Net Assets
U.S. Treasury Bills	98.9%
Purchased Options	0.0%†
Other Assets in Excess of Liabilities	1.1%
Total	100.0%

## **Availability of Additional Information**

You can find additional information about the Fund such as the prospectus, financial information, fund holdings and proxy voting at the website address or contact number included at the beginning of this shareholder report.

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 $<sup>^{\</sup>dagger}~$  Less than 0.05%