

## Direxion Dynamic Hedge ETF (DYHG)

# Smooth out the the ride through up and down markets

While markets tend to rise over the long run, drawdowns are often painful to experience both psychologically and financially. Because downside risk can be so difficult to tolerate, investors are increasingly looking for strategies to hedge against drawdowns and manage these periods of portfolio stress. However, it may be challenging to maintain a hedge in the long-term, as it degrades returns during bull markets, and the majority of tail-risk hedging vehicles are complicated and expensive. The ideal hedge:

- Adjusts exposure based on market conditions to minimize the drag on performance in bull markets
- · Is easy to implement and understand
- Cost-effective to maintain over the long-run

#### **FUND FACTS**

Symbol	DYHG
CUSIP	25460G740
Inception Date	6/11/2020
Rebalance	Daily monitoring, with the ability to rebalance when the truVol™ model dictates
Benchmark Index	Salt truVol™ US Large Cap Dynamic Hedge Index (SFTDH)

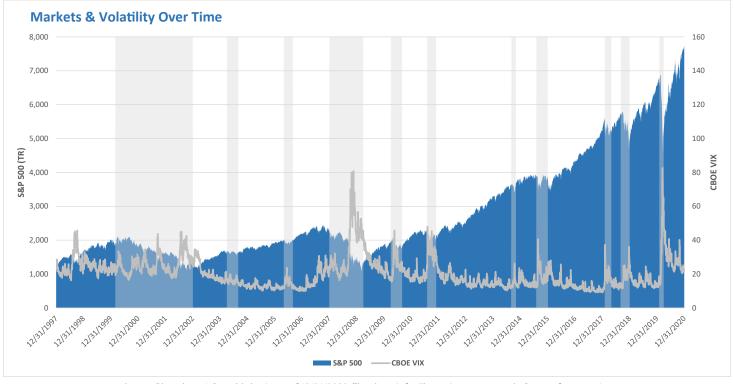
The **Direxion Dynamic Hedge ETF** is a potential core equity holding offering an automatic, built-in hedging methodology that seeks to mitigate volatility risk. By tracking the Index, the fund utilizes more dynamic measures of risk, with high levels of precision and responsiveness, to adapt to changing markets. The strategy leverages multiple intraday prices to provide a more accurate and responsive estimate of future volatility, rather than relying only on end-of-day prices containing less information to gauge the near-term volatility environment.

### **Smart Volatility Management**

The Index for DYHG is designed to adjust its net exposure to a volatility-adjusted position in the S&P 500® Index by utilizing short futures contracts to hedge against its core position in the S&P 500® Index. The dynamic nature of the hedge allows the Index to adapt to the constantly changing volatility environment in U.S. equity markets to seek to deliver more attractive risk-adjusted returns. The Index utilizes a proprietary volatility model to estimate future market volatility to determine the appropriate size of the Index's hedge (short position) in futures contracts.

The incorporation of higher frequency, more responsive data allows the process to pick up on both sustained bear markets and shorter, but still painful pullbacks. An added benefit is that this approach allows for the hedge to be reduced more quickly as well, so it does not drag when markets recover and begin to rally higher.

The inverse relationship with the markets and volatility is illustrated below. As is well known, volatility tends to rise when the market falls. Recent market pullbacks are superimposed in gray and detailed, and show that during both short- and long-term events, drawdowns can be challenging.



Source: Bloomberg, L.P. and Solactive as of 12/31/2020. The above is for illustrative purposes only. Past performance is not indicative of future returns. One cannot invest directly in an index.

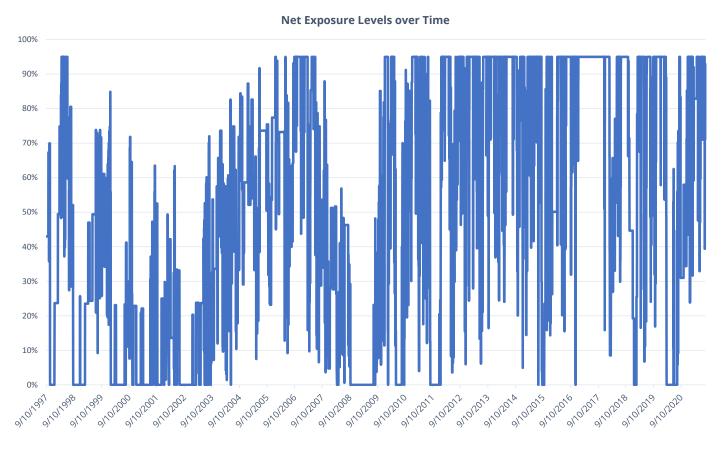
Market Event	Approximate Length of Elevated Volatility	Average VIX	Cumulative Return	Max Draw- down
Dot-Com Bubble & Aftermath (Mar, 2000 - Dec, 2002)	2 years and 9 months	25.57	-33.67%	-47.41%
Geopolitical Stress in the Middle East (Apr, 2004 - Aug, 2004)	5 - 6 months	16.18	-1.77%	-7.02%
Monetary Policy and Rates Uncertainty (May, 2006 - Aug, 2006)	4 - 5 months	14.99	0.60%	-7.46%
Global Financial Crisis (Jan, 2008 - Mar, 2009)	15 months	35.04	-43.94%	-52.52%
Flash Crash & Global Debt Crisis (Apr, 2010 - Aug, 2010)	4 - 5 months	25.89	-10.17%	-15.63%
U.S. Debt Downgrade (Aug, 2011 - Nov, 2011)	2 - 3 months	34.10	-2.28%	-14.58%
Global Growth Concerns (Sep. 2014 - Oct, 2014)	1 - 2 months	15.78	1.01%	-7.74%
China Hard Landing & Volatility Shocks (Aug, 2015 - Dec, 2015)	4 - 5 months	18.90	-1.90%	-11.78%
Volatility Shock of 2018 (Feb, 2018 - Apr, 2018)	2 - 3 months	19.84	-5.73%	-8.51%
Global Growth Worries, Q4 (Sep, 2018 - Dec, 2018)	3 - 4 months	19.09	-13.03%	-19.36%
COVID Pandemic (Feb, 2020 - Mar, 2020)	2 months	39.57	-19.57%	-33.79%

Source: Bloomberg Finance, L.P., as of December 31, 2020. Past performance is not indicative of future results. A maximum drawdown is the maximum observed loss from a peak to a trough of a portfolio, before a new peak is attained. Maximum drawdown is an indicator of downside risk over a specified time period. One cannot invest directly in an index.

#### Aim to Lose Less, Win More

DYHG may be considered a core holding for investors looking to integrate a strategy with the upside potential of the market, but with a means for mitigating risk when markets experience bouts of volatility to the downside. The below illustrates how the net exposure levels adjust through time, highlighting that DYHG has the ability to make frequent changes when the volatility model dictates, but retain full market exposure when it indicates a period of low volatility.

The strategy is built to provide investors improved risk-adjusted returns compared to long-only S&P 500® exposure. When combined with traditional US large-cap exposure, DYHG may deliver a smoother ride for investors by balancing upside participation with the prevention of large losses.



Source: Salt Financial, as of July 30, 2021. Salt truVoltm US Large Cap Dynamic Hedge Index, which the fund seeks to track, was incepted on 3/30/2020. Data prior to 3/30/2020 represents hypothetical data chosen with the benefit of hindsight. Past performance is not indicative of future results. One cannot invest directly in an index.

**Implementation:** May be considered a conservative US equity allocation.

#### **Definitions:**

- Salt truVol™ US Large Cap Dynamic Hedge Index: The Index is designed to adjust net exposure to the S&P 500® Index in an attempt to capitalize on the inverse relationship between volatility and the returns of the S&P 500® Index. The Index utilizes a proprietary volatility model developed by Salt Financial Indices, LLC (the "Index Provider"), to estimate future market volatility to determine the size of the Index's hedge (short position). The Index's hedge or short position is reviewed daily and may range from 0% to 100% of the long position in the S&P 500®1 Index.
- CBOE Vix: The Index revolutionized investing with the creation of the Cboe Volatility Index® (VIX® Index), the first benchmark index to measure the market's expectation of future volatility. The VIX Index is based on options of the S&P 500® Index, considered the leading indicator of the broad U.S. stock market. The VIX Index is recognized as the world's premier gauge of U.S. equity market volatility. One cannot directly invest in an index.

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