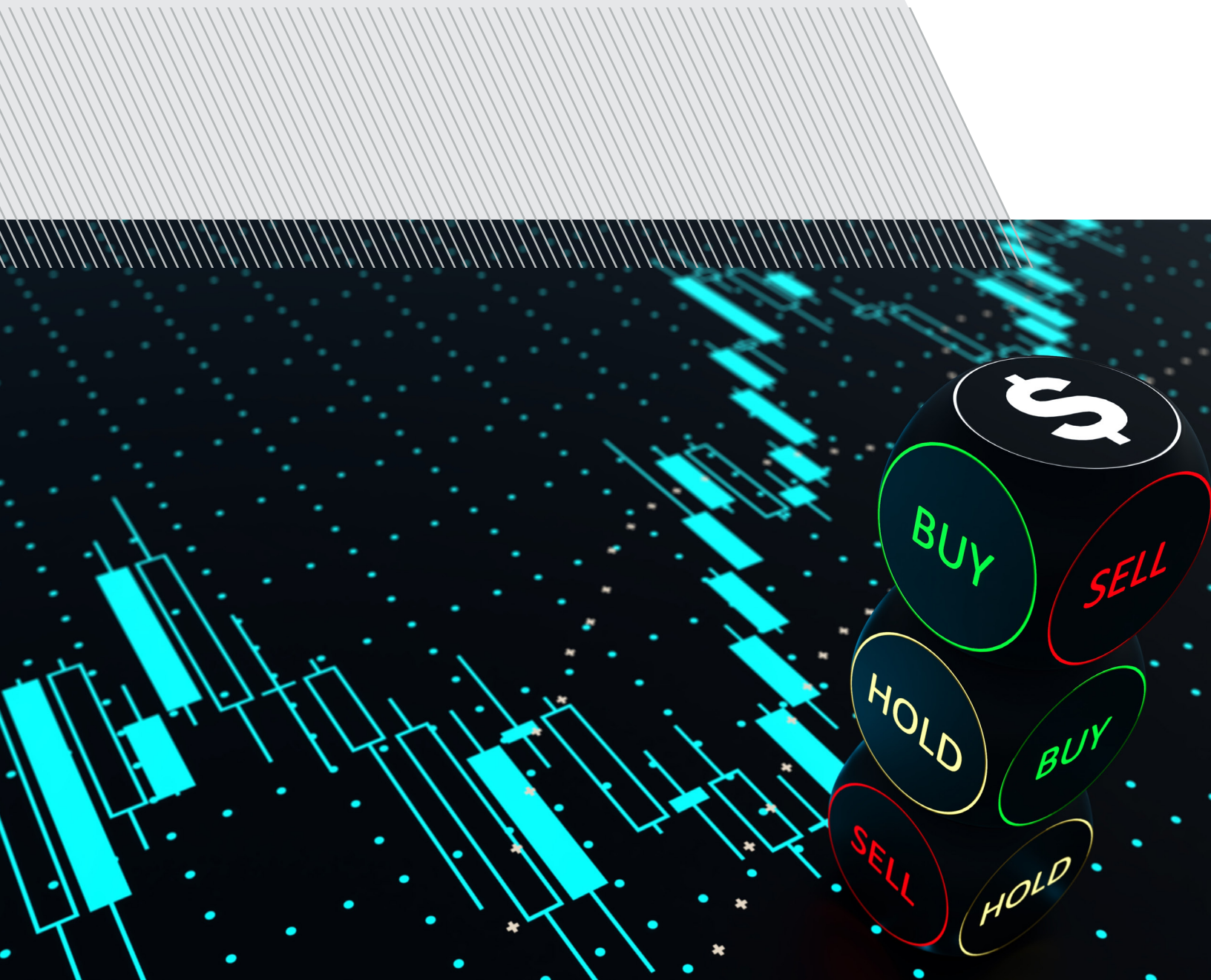


# Volatility Matters

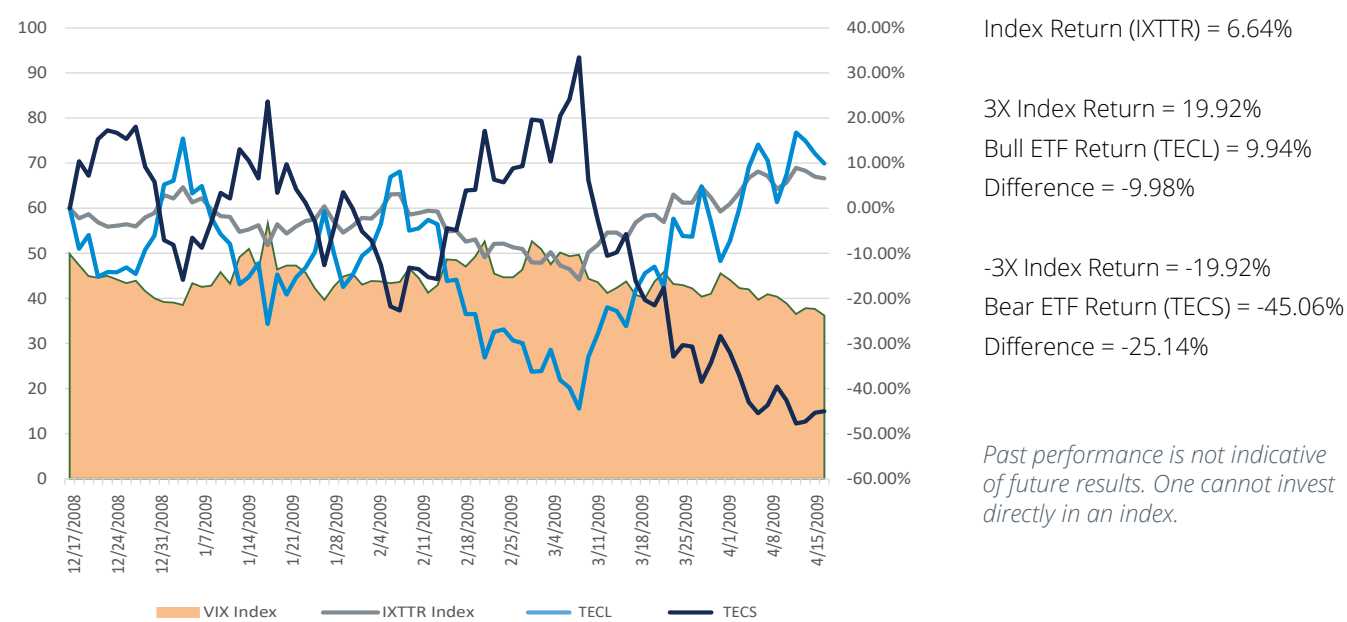


Direxion's leveraged and inverse ETFs seek daily goals, which means that the returns of the ETFs over time should not be expected to be a multiple or inverse multiple of the cumulative return of the benchmark for a period longer than one day. This piece illustrates how different volatility levels of an ETF's benchmark can impact the returns of leveraged and inverse ETFs for periods greater than one day.

### More Is Not Always Better

During the period of mid-December 2008 through mid-April 2009, the Technology Select Sector Index (IXTTR), the benchmark for the [Direxion Daily Technology Bull](#) (TECL) and [Bear](#) (TECS) 3X Shares, experienced higher volatility, which affected the ETFs' returns. Volatility in these graphic examples is a statistical measure of the dispersion of returns for the above market index. Generally, the higher the volatility, the riskier the security and the higher risk to investment.

Although the benchmark gained 6.64% over the holding period, the Bull ETF gained only 9.94%, much less than 3X the benchmark's return. The Bear ETF lost 45.06%, much more than -3X the benchmark's return.



Definitions for VIX and IXTTR on page 4.  
Source: Bloomberg. Date: 12/17/2008 - 04/15/2009. Returns for TECL and TECS are based upon market price (not NAV).

Because of ongoing market volatility, fund performance may be subject to substantial short term changes.

**The performance data quoted represents past performance. Past performance does not guarantee future results. The investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate. An investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance quoted. For the most recent month end performance please visit [www.direxion.com](http://www.direxion.com).**

Performance (as of 03/31/2025)				
There is no guarantee the Funds will achieve their investment objective.				
	TECL		TECS	
	NAV	Market Close	NAV	Market Close
YTD %	-35.30	-35.10	33.72	33.70
1 Year %	-26.87	-26.56	-13.83	-14.11
3 Year %	-1.01	-1.16	-39.56	-39.52
5 Year %	38.70	38.77	-58.42	-58.49
10 Year %	33.01	33.04	-55.07	-54.99
Since Inception %	38.51	38.55	-54.81	-54.86
Gross/Net Expense Ratio*	0.91/0.91*		1.01/1.00*	
Inception Date	12/17/2008		12/17/2008	

\*The Net Expense Ratio includes management fees, other operating expenses and Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses. If Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses were excluded, the Net Expense Ratio would be 0.89% for TECL and 0.91% for TECS. The Funds' adviser, Rafferty Asset Management, LLC (Rafferty) has entered into an Operating Expense Limitation Agreement with each Fund. Under the Operating Expense Limitation Agreement, Rafferty has contractually agreed to waive all or a portion of its management fee and/or reimburse each Fund for Other Expenses through September 1, 2026, to the extent that the Fund's Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses exceed 0.95% of the Fund's average daily net assets (excluding, as applicable, among other expenses, taxes, swap financing and related costs, acquired fund fees and expenses, dividends or interest on short positions, other interest expenses, brokerage commissions and extraordinary expenses). If these expenses were included, the expense ratio would be higher.

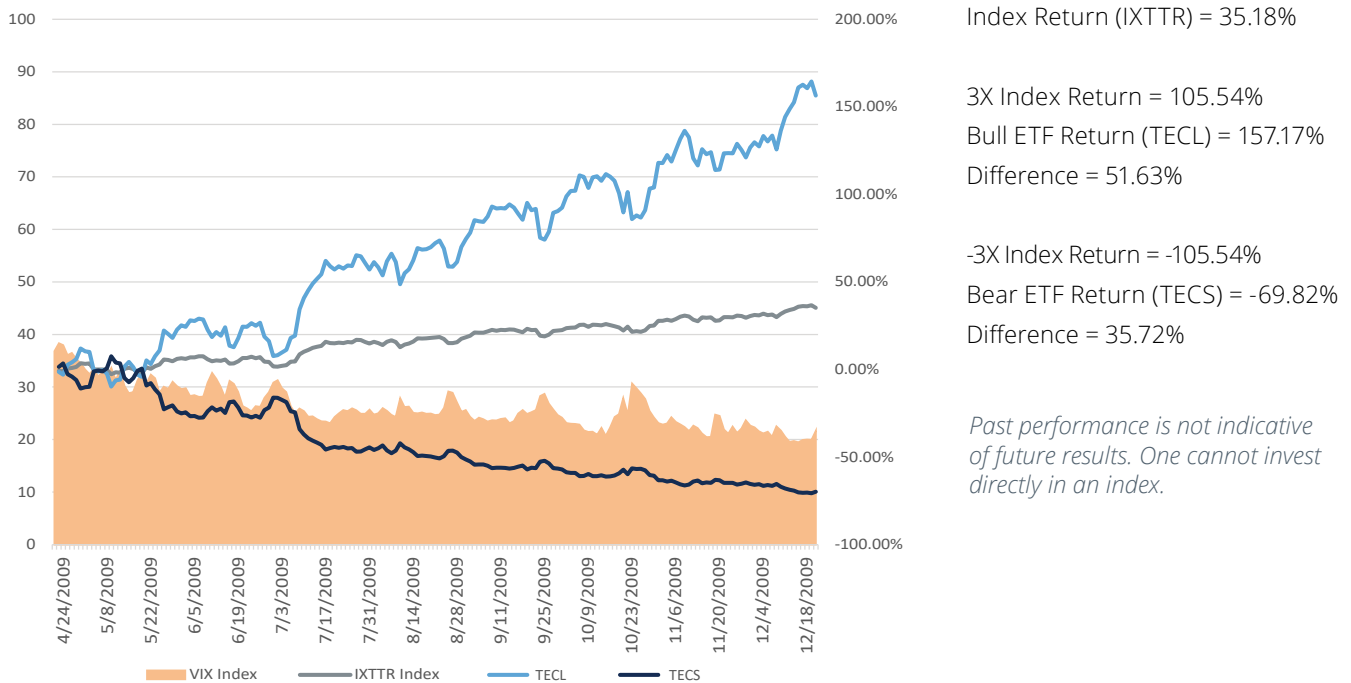
## Less May Be More

During the period from mid-April 2009 through December 31, 2009, the same benchmark experienced much less volatility than in the previous example.

The benchmark gained 35.18% over the holding period. The Bull ETF gained 157.17%. That's 51.63 percentage points MORE than 3X the benchmark's return. The Bear ETF lost 69.82%, which is 35.72 percentage points better than -3X the benchmark's return.

### Warning!

As nice as it is to see greater than expected returns, you must understand that these compounded returns will increase (for a Bull ETF) your exposure levels, and possibly create an outsized return greater than the 3X level, making your position more sensitive to future market movements. Consider selling your excess gains and managing your investment to a specific exposure level.



Source: Bloomberg. Date: 04/24/2009 - 12/31/2009. Returns for TECL and TECS are based upon market price (not NAV).

## Volatility – Why Does it Matter?

These leveraged and inverse ETFs seek a return, before fees and expenses, that is 300% or -300% of the return of their benchmark for a single day. The Funds should not be expected to provide 300% or -300%, as applicable, of the benchmark's performance for a period greater than one trading day.

Due to their daily investment objectives, leveraged and inverse ETFs must rebalance their assets to their stated exposure ratio on a daily basis. This means that their returns over time are the product of a series of daily returns, and not the ETF's beta multiplied by the cumulative return of the benchmark for periods greater than a day.

This deviation in performance is commonly referred to as compounding. The example above illustrates that high volatility causes a decay of long-term returns for the ETFs, while sustained market trends can result in positive effects on returns.

## The Bottom Line

### Monitor and Act When Necessary

Daily rebalancing ETFs are not meant to be held unmonitored for long periods. If you intend to hold leveraged and inverse ETFs for periods greater than one day, you must always watch them closely.

- During highly volatile periods for an ETF's benchmark, you will need to adjust your positions frequently to maintain constant exposure levels.
- During periods of lower volatility for the benchmark, you should continue to monitor, but position adjustments will likely be needed less frequently.

If you don't have the resources, time or inclination to constantly monitor and manage your positions, leveraged and inverse ETFs are not for you.

**Leveraged and Inverse ETFs pursue daily leveraged investment objectives which means they are riskier than alternatives which do not use leverage. They seek daily goals and should not be expected to track the underlying index over periods longer than one day. They are not suitable for all investors and should be utilized only by sophisticated investors who understand leverage risk and who actively manage their investments.**

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#### Index Definitions

VIX is the ticker symbol and the popular name for the *Chicago Board Options Exchange's CBOE Volatility Index*, a popular measure of the stock market's expectation of volatility based on S&P 500 index options.

IXTTR is the ticker symbol for the *Technology Select Sector TR Index*, which is provided by S&P Dow Jones Indices and includes domestic companies from the technology sector which includes the following industries: computers and peripherals; software; diversified telecommunications services; communications equipment; semiconductors and semi-conductor equipment; internet software and services; IT services; electronic equipment, instruments and components; wireless telecommunication services; and office electronics.

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