

GASZ

E-TRACS Natural Gas Futures Contango ETN

Analyst Report

This ETN offers unique exposure to natural gas; GASZ is linked to an index that includes both long and short positions in natural gas futures contracts. The methodology of the underlying index was assembled to capitalize on structural inefficiencies in this futures market; GASZ includes a short position in an index comprised of short-term futures contracts, allowing investors to potentially benefit from contango that has rushed long-only products such as UNG. That exposure is combined with a long position in longer-dated futures.

The combination of the long and short positions means that GASZ will generally exhibit significantly lower volatility than funds that offer long-only exposure to natural gas futures contracts (such as UNG or NAGS). Investors looking to bet on short term fluctuations in price will likely prefer those more volatile funds; GASZ should be thought of less as a commodity play and more of an alternative asset that can add diversification benefits to a portfolio over the long run.

It should be noted that GASZ is an ETN, and as such investors are exposed to the credit risk of the issuing institution. But the ETN structure also brings some benefits; GASZ won't experience tracking error, which can be a source of return drag in products that implement futures-based strategies. The ETN structure may also lead to some unique tax consequences, offering potential advantages compared to futures-based products structured as partnerships (especially for those holding this position for the long term).

ESG Themes and Scores

7.23/10

ESG Rate

78.28%

Global Percentile

91.12%

Peer Percentile

Performance Data

	GASZ	ETF Database Category Average	Factset Segment Average
1 Month	4.68%	-12.41%	N/A
3 Month	-3.44%	-8.31%	N/A
YTD Return	N/A	29.47%	N/A
1 Year Return	N/A	19.72%	N/A
3 Year Return	N/A	4.82%	N/A
5 Year Return	N/A	5.81%	N/A

Top 5 Holdings

No Holdings Data Available

Vitals

Issuer	UBS Global Asset Management
Brand	N/A
Structure	ETN
Expense Ratio	0.85%
Inception	N/A
Index Tracked	ISE Natural Gas Futures Spread Index

ETF Database Themes

Category	Oil & Gas
Asset Class	Commodity
Asset Class Size	N/A
Asset Class Style	N/A

FactSet Classifications

Segment	N/A
Category	N/A
Focus	N/A
Niche	N/A
Strategy	N/A
Weighting Scheme	N/A

