

BUFS

FT Vest Laddered Small Cap Moderate Buffer ETF

Fund Description

BUFS is an actively managed fund-of-funds that invests in an equal-weighted, laddered portfolio of four FT Vest US Small Cap Moderate Buffer ETFs. The fund targets specific buffered losses and capped gains on the iShares Russell 2000 ETF (IWM).

FactSet Analyst Report

BUFS holds a laddered portfolio of defined outcome buffer ETFs. It consists of four equity buffer funds, each of which has exposure to IWMs capped gains and 15% buffered losses. The fund will invest equally in the underlying ETFs, holding one ETF with options expiring within three months, a second ETF with options expiring within six months, a third ETF with options expiring within nine months, and finally, a fourth ETF with options expiring within 12 months. Unlike the monthly equity buffers that reset annually on a specific month, BUFS refreshes quarterly (one of the underlying ETFs resets its cap and refreshes its buffer). This creates a continuous hedge regardless of each underlying ETFs outcome period. The approach reduces the timing risks associated with a monthly buffer strategy. Information on BUFS exposure to the underlying ETFs, remaining cap, and buffer are provided daily on the issuers website.