

SMAX

iShares Large Cap Max Buffer Sep ETF

Fund Description

SMAX seeks to track the price return of the iShares Core S&P 500 ETF (IVV) up to a cap, with 100% downside hedge over a one-year outcome period. The actively managed fund obtains exposure by holding IVV shares and options.

FactSet Analyst Report

SMAX utilizes a defined outcome strategy on the iShares Core S&P 500 ETF (IVV). It aims to provide long exposure to US large-cap stocks, up to an approximate upside limit, while fully hedging downside risk over a one-year period. The fund primarily invests in IVV and options, including FLEX and listed options that reference the underlying ETF. Though the fund typically seeks to hedge against approximately 100% of IVV's losses, this may be reduced to establish a minimum cap of 2%. The upside cap and downside buffer reset every year, at the end of each September. The specific defined outcome pursued may only be possible if an investor were to hold the shares for the entire outcome period. However, there is no guarantee the defined outcome of the strategy pursued will be realized by investors. The issuer publishes effective interim levels daily on its website. The targeted buffers and caps do not include the fund's expense ratio. At the time of launch, the issuer waived a portion of the fee.