HCM Defender 100 Index

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Fund Overview

The Fund seeks to provide investment results that correspond, before fees and expenses, generally to the performance of the HCM Defender 100 Index (the "HCM 100 Index").

Fund Facts

As of September 30, 2024

Primary Exchange:
New York Stock Exchange NYSE Arca, Inc.

Index:
HCM Defender 100 Index

Benchmark Index:
NASDAQ 100 Index
HCM Defender 100 Index

CUSIP:
66538R748

Inception Date:
October 9, 2019

Distribution Frequency:
Annually in December

AUM:
$520.73M

Total Annual Fund Op. Exp:
0.96%

Fund Holdings:
98

MORNINGSTAR ★★★

HCM Defender 100 Index received a 3-Star Overall Morningstar Rating™ a 3-Star Morningstar Rating for the three year period, and no rating for the five year period ending 9/30/24. The ratings are based on risk adjusted returns in the US fund Large Growth category with 1,076 total funds in the three year period and 1,005 five year period as of 9/30/24.

Monthly Performance (%)

As of September 30, 2024

Fund Name	1M	3M	YTD	1Y	3Y	Inception (10/9/19)
HCM Defender 100 Index ETF NAV	4.99	2.60	25.49	41.06	9.24	20.57
HCM Defender 100 Index ETF Market Price	4.93	2.49	25.42	40.94	9.17	20.54
HCM Defender 100 Index	2.95	1.77	25.50	36.77	12.16	21.20
NASDAQ 100 Total Return Index[1]	2.57	2.12	19.97	37.48	11.88	22.25

Note: Returns Greater Than 1 Year are Annualized.

Quarterly Performance (%)

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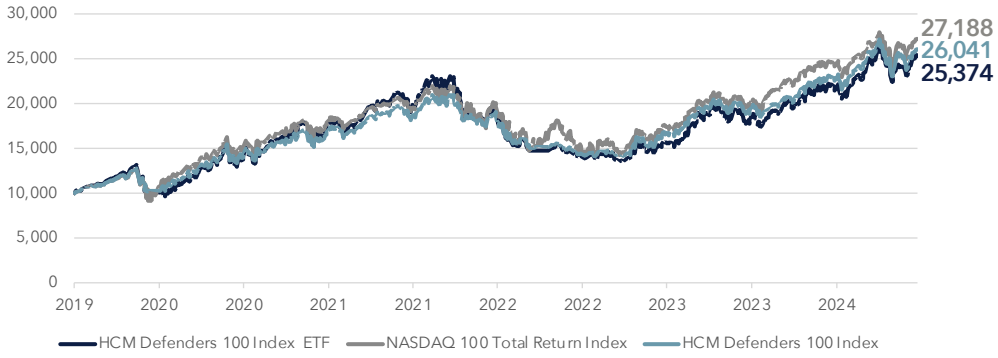
Growth of $10K Since Inception ($)



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HCM Funds are bought and sold at market price (not NAV) and are not individually redeemed from the fund. Brokerage commissions will reduce returns. Market Price returns are based upon the midpoint of the bid/ask spread at 4:00 p.m. ET when NAV is normally determined for most HCM Funds, and do not represent the returns you would receive if you traded shares at other times.

[1]**NASDAQ 100 TR Index:** *The NASDAQ-100 Index represents 100 of largest non-financial US and international securities listed on The NASDAQ Stock Market® (NASDAQ®) based on market capitalization.*

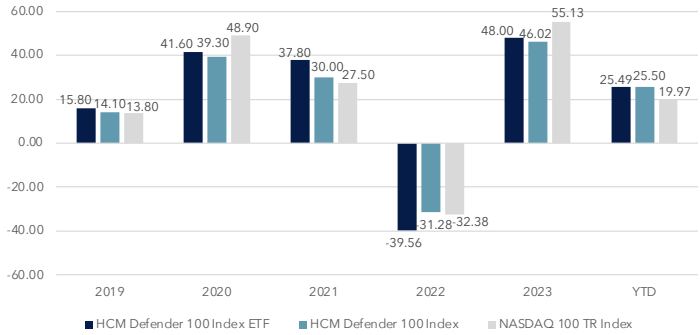
Risk & Volatility Measures[1]

As of September 30, 2024

Trailing	Fund	Category	Index
Alpha (%)	-1.50	-4.56	-
Beta	1.01	1.12	-
R^2 (%)	61.80	87.01	-
Sharpe Ratio	0.34	0.28	0.35
Standard Deviation (%)	22.60	21.28	21.55

Note: Measures are calculated over last 3 years.

Annual & YTD Returns (%)



Fund Holdings[2]

As of September 30, 2024

ProShares UltraPro QQQ USD Class	19.12%
Apple, Inc.	12.10%
Microsoft Corporation	11.16%
Meta Platforms, Inc.	5.13%
NVIDIA Corporation	4.93%
Amazon.com, Inc.	4.56%
Broadcom, Inc.	3.63%
Tesla, Inc.	3.12%
Alphabet, Inc. - Class A	2.04%
Alphabet, Inc. - Class C	2.03%
Other Assets Less Liabilities	32.18%

Industry Sector/Investment Type

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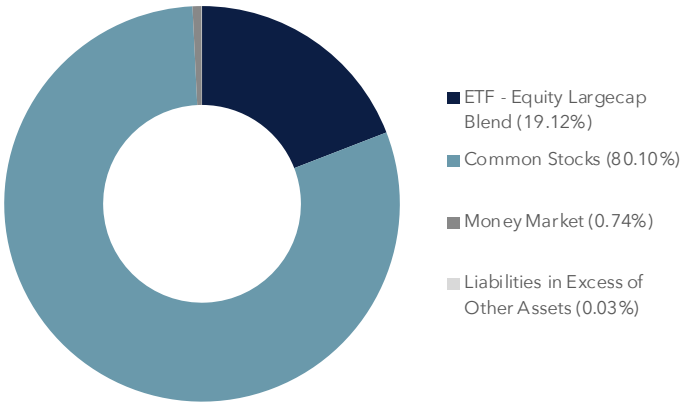
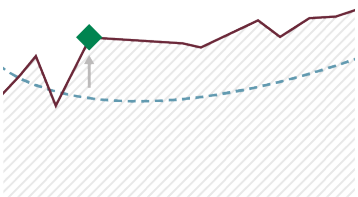


The HCM-BuyLine®

The HCM Defender 100 Index uses the HCM-BuyLine® ("BuyLine®"), a proprietary quantitative investment model, to determine when the HCM Defender 100 Index should be in or out of the market. The illustration below shows the model in action in four scenarios.

100% Equity Position

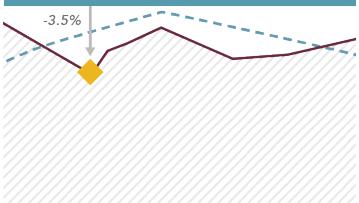


Positive Signals

When the total return index of the ETF's target index (such as the NASDAQ 100) closes above the HCM-BuyLine® for five days, the ETF will increase the fund's equity exposure.

From this 100% equity position, the ETF will reduce equity exposure to one of the proceeding three allocations, depending on the HCM-BuyLine®.

70-30 Position

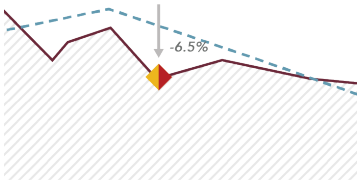


Caution Signals

When the total return index of the ETF's target index (such as the NASDAQ 100) closes 3.5% below the HCM-BuyLine®, the ETF will assume a 70/30 position in equities and cash or cash equivalents.

From this 70/30 equity position, the ETF can revert to a full equity position, a 40/60 position in equities and cash or cash equivalents or exclusively to cash or cash equivalents, depending on the HCM-BuyLine®.

40-60 Position



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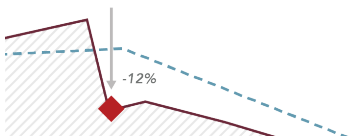
When the total return index of the ETF's target index (such as the NASDAQ 100) closes 6.5% below the HCM-BuyLine®, the ETF will assume a 40/60 position in equities and cash or cash equivalents.

From this 40/60 position, the ETF can revert to a full equity position or instead shift exclusively to cash or cash equivalents, depending on the direction of the HCM-BuyLine®.

100% Cash or Cash Equivalents



Negative Signals

When the total return index of the ETF's target index closes 12% below the HCM-BuyLine®, the ETF will shift entirely out of equities and into cash or cash equivalents.

From this 100% cash position, the ETF is poised to take advantage of upturns predicted by the HCM-BuyLine®, shifting into full equity exposure.

Index Value
HCM-BuyLine®

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[2]There is no guarantee that the Fund will achieve its objectives, generate returns, or avoid losses. [1]**Risk and volatility measures explained - Alpha:** Excess return of an investment relative to the return of a benchmark index. **Beta:** Measures the responsiveness of a stock's price to changes in the overall stock market. **R^2:** Indicates the percentage of variance in the dependent variable that the independent variables explain collectively. **Sharpe Ratio:** Risk adjusted return of the portfolio. **Standard Deviation:** Square root of fund's variance from its expected return.

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ETF's involve risk including possible loss of principal. When the Fund is out of the market and in cash or cash equivalents, there is a risk that the market will begin to rise rapidly and may cause the Fund to miss capturing the initial returns of changing market conditions. The mutual funds in which the Fund may invest may use leverage. Using leverage can magnify a mutual fund's potential for gain or loss and therefore, amplify the effects of market volatility on a mutual fund's share price. The Fund may be subject to the risk that its assets are invested in a particular sector or group of sectors in the economy and as a result, the value of the Fund may be adversely impacted by events or developments in a sector or group of sectors. The price of small or medium capitalization company stocks may be subject to more abrupt or erratic market movements than larger, more established companies or the market averages in general. A higher portfolio turnover will result in higher transactional and brokerage costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund shares are held in a taxable account. ETFs and mutual funds are subject to investment advisory and other expenses, which will be indirectly paid by the Fund. As a result, the cost of investing in the Fund will be higher than the cost of investing directly in other investment companies and may be higher than other mutual funds that invest directly in securities. The market value of ETF and mutual fund shares may differ from their net asset value. Each investment company and ETF is subject to specific risks, depending on the nature of the fund.

HCM Indicator. The HCM-BuyLine® (Indicator) our proprietary indicator is used to assist in determining when to buy and sell securities. When the Indicator identifies signs of a rising market, HCM then identifies the particular security(ies) that HCM believes have the best return potentials in the current market from the universe of assets available in each given model and signals to invest in them. When the Indicator identifies signs of a declining market, the Indicator signals to move clients' investments to less risky alternatives. Not every signal generated by the Indicator will result in a profitable trade. There will be times when following the Indicators results in a loss. An important goal of the Indicator is to outperform the market on a long-term basis. The reason is the mathematics of gains and losses. A portfolio which suffers a 30% loss takes a 43% gain to return to the previous portfolio value. The Indicator is a reactive in nature, not proactive. They are not designed to catch the first 5–10% of a bull or bear market. Ideally, they will avoid most of the downtrends and catch the bulk of the uptrends. There may be times when the use of the Indicator will result in a loss when HCM re-enters the market. Other times there may be a modest positive impact. When severe downtrends occur, however, such as in 2000-2002 and 2007-2008, the Indicator has the potential to make a significant difference in portfolio performance. Naturally, there can be no guarantee that the Indicator will perform as anticipated. The Indicator does not generate stop-loss orders that automatically sell securities in the portfolio at a certain price. As a result, use of the Indicator will not necessarily limit your losses to the desired amounts due to the limitations of the Indicator, market conditions, and delays in executing orders. LARL.MFETF.NLD.02072024