

December 2023 Commentary

As of 12/31/2023

RECAP

Investors had no patience to wait for a Santa Claus rally at the end of the month as the appetite for equities and bonds remained steady and debate around future rate hikes was quickly discarded from memory. December picked up where November left off with equities (measured by the S&P 500) marching higher throughout the month and closing 2023 with 9 consecutive weeks of gains, the longest streak since 2004. While it appears that the Fed officially paused their rate-hike cycle in July, it wasn't until the December meeting that their messaging and tone finally gave investors what they've been seeking since the war on inflation began in March of 2022; the Fed believes they've done enough. The VIX remained relatively muted throughout the month, bumping along in the mid-teens, while the yield on the 10-year Treasury continued lower by nearly 0.5%, and this is after a steep decline of nearly 0.7% last month.¹ Could 2024 be the year of rate *cuts*?

During December, the Amplify CWP Enhanced Dividend Income ETF (DIVO) returned 3.38% while the benchmark, the S&P 500 TR Index, returned 4.54% and the CBOE S&P 500 BuyWrite Index returned 1.95%. The Financials sector (+6.13%) contributed most significantly to the Fund's return for the month along with Industrials (+13.68%) and Information Technology (+5.52%). Consumer Staples (-0.83%) contributed the least to the return during the period followed by Communication Services (-1.64%).² Positions that contributed most significantly included Broadcom (AVGO), Caterpillar (CAT) and Freeport-McMoRan (FCX). Positions that detracted most from returns in December included Procter & Gamble (PG) and UnitedHealth (UNH).

The Fund added two new positions during December in Waste Management (WM) and IBM (IBM). Waste Management is a wide-moat non-cyclical name that pays an attractive dividend. If the economy slows down in 2024 we feel that exposure here would provide some defensive posture to the overall portfolio. IBM (IBM) is one of the few companies in the tech sector with an attractive dividend. It's been a range bound stock for several years but recently broke out and we believe there is still attractive upside potential in a sector that, in our opinion, is overextended. In addition to the new positions, we increased our position in Broadcom (AVGO) to help provide some exposure to the technology sector after Apple (AAPL) was called away in November. We also added to Agnico Eagle Mines (AEM), Caterpillar (CAT) and CME Group (CME). We used some of the market strength to trim positions in Merck (MRK) and Schlumberger (SLB) and remain vigilant in looking for opportunities as the calendar year rolls over.

From an options standpoint, with overall volatility falling throughout the month and equities showing considerable strength, we were selective in selling calls. We sold new calls during the month on Broadcom (AVGO), Coca-Cola (KO), Goldman Sachs (GS), Home Depot (HD) and Visa (V). Ultimately, we were not called away on any of our positions but chose to let most of the calls expire except for Coca-Cola (KO), which we rolled into January.

The portfolio held a total of one covered call at the end of December 2023: Coca-Cola (KO). At the end of the month, approximately 1.5% of the portfolio was covered.³

YIELD

Distribution Frequency: Monthly Distribution Rate: 4.79% 30-Day SEC Yield: 2.04%

Distribution Rate is the annual yield an investor would receive if the most recent distribution remained the same going forward. The yield represents a single distribution from the fund and does not represent total return to the fund. The distribution yield is calculated by annualizing the most recent distribution – from both dividend and option income – and dividing it by the most recent NAV. Distributions have included a return of capital. Please click <u>here</u> for more information. **30-Day SEC Yield** is a standard yield calculation developed by the Securities and Exchange Commission that allows





for fairer comparisons among bond funds. It is based on the most recent month end. This figure reflects the income earned from dividends – excluding option income – during the period after deducting the Fund's expenses for the period.

PERFORMANCE

MONTH END AS OF 12/31/2023		CUMULATIVE (%)			ANNUALIZED (%)			
	1 Mo.	YTD	Since Inception	1 Yr.	3 Yr.	5 Yr.	Since Inception	
Fund NAV	3.38%	6.98%	112.62%	6.98%	8.98%	12.59%	11.29%	
Closing Price	3.72%	6.93%	112.69%	6.93%	9.00%	12.70%	11.30%	
S&P 500 TR Index	4.54%	26.29%	138.09%	26.29%	10.00%	15.69%	13.09%	
CBOE S&P 500 BuyWrite Index	1.95%	11.82%	43.62%	11.82%	6.09%	6.08%	5.27%	
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S&P 500 TR Index	4.54%	26.29%	138.09%	26.29%	10.00%	15.69%	13.09%	
CBOE S&P 500 BuyWrite Index	1.95%	11.82%	43.62%	11.82%	6.09%	6.08%	5.27%	

DIVO's gross expense ratio is 0.55%.

Fund inception date: 12/14/2016. 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 so that an investor's shares, when sold or redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost and current performance may be lower or higher than the performance quoted. Short-term performance, in particular, is not a good indication of the fund's future performance, and an investment should not be made based solely on returns. For performance data current to the most recent month-end please visit AmplifyETFs.com/DIVO. Brokerage commissions will reduce returns.

SECTORS

TOP 10 HOLDINGS

	% Wt.	Ticker	Name	% Wt.
Financials	19.84%	MSFT	Microsoft Corp	5.60%
Information Technology	15.23%	V	VISA Inc	5.55%
Consumer Staples	14.70%	UNH	UnitedHealth Group	5.48%
Health Care	12.88%	MCD	McDonalds Corp	5.07%
Energy	10.23%	WMT	WALMART INC	5.06%
Consumer Discretionary	10.05%	PG	Procter and Gamble Co	4.95%
Industrials	8.90%	CVX	Chevron Corp New	4.90%
Materials	3.42%	GS	Goldman Sachs Group	4.86%
Communication Services	2.41%	JPM	JPMorgan Chase & Co.	4.54%
Utilities	2.34%	HD	Home Depot	4.00%

All data as of 12/31/2023. Subject to change at any time. Fund holdings should not be considered recommendations to buy or sell any security. View Current Complete Holdings.

Index Definitions: All indexes are unmanaged and it's not possible to invest directly in an index. S&P 500 Total Return Index—market-capitalization-weighted index of the 500 largest U.S. publicly traded companies by market value, and assumes distributions





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are reinvested back into the index. It does not include fees or expenses. **CBOE S&P 500 BuyWrite Index (BXM)**—tracks the performance of a hypothetical buy-write strategy on the S&P 500 Index. A "buy-write" strategy is generally one in which an investor buys a stock (or basket of stocks), and also writes covered calls that correspond to those holdings.

DIVO differs substantially from the S&P 500 Index and CBOE S&P 500 BuyWrite index, which are used for comparison purposes as widely recognized measures of U.S. stock market performance. While the returns of DIVO have exhibited positive (but varying) correlation to the indexes over time, DIVO may invest in different stocks and in different proportions than in the S&P 500 index and CBOE S&P 500 BuyWrite index.

- ¹CBOE Volatility Index (VIX) is a measure of implied volatility, based on the prices of a basket of S&P 500 Index options with 30 days to expiration.
- ² All percentages shown indicate total return of the sector for the month.
- ³ A covered call refers to a financial transaction in which the investor selling call options owns an equivalent amount of the underlying security.

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