History of Cannabis Use

Cannabis cultivation dates back to the Ancient Empires of China, Egypt and Rome. In the early centuries, the cannabis plant was used by different cultures around the world in many ways medical, textiles, oils, recreational to name a few.

Starting in the early 1900s, the trend shifted with a focus on regulating and subsequently outlawing the use of cannabis. Ultimately, the last 100 years is just a sliver of time when considering its 6,000 year history.

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**Earliest Uses**
- Major food crop and known as one of the five grains of China. First known use for medicine was in 2037 BC, referenced by the Chinese Emperor Shen Nung as a treatment for over 100 ailments and medical purposes. It was also used for textiles, rope and oil.

**Sacred Grass**
- Considered one of the five sacred plants of India by Hindus. Mentioned in Hindu sacred text Arthava-Veda as "liberator" and the "source of happiness". Used during daily devotions.

**Trade Routes**
- The Scythians—a large group of Iranian nomads in Central Asia began inhaling the smoke from smoldering cannabis via pipes. Hashish became accepted throughout the Middle East and parts of Asia through

**Medical Use**
- Cannabis extracts were commonly sold in pharmacies and doctors' offices throughout Europe and the U.S. to treat stomach problems and other ailments. Used frequently during the Civil War as a remedy and for ropes and textiles.

**Regulation Grows**
- In 1906, the FDA was founded and began to regulate cannabis. The 1910 Mexican Revolution started to spread its recreational use in the U.S. as the Great Depression stoked unrest. Cannabis became known as "the Evil Weed."

**Reefer Madness**
- By 1931, during the Prohibition Era, over 29 states outlawed its use. The Marihuana Tax Act of 1937 was the first federal U.S. law to criminalize use nationwide. The Act imposed an excise tax on hemp products, for all but industrial uses.

**War on Drugs**
- The Controlled Substances Act of 1970 repealed the Marihuana Tax Act. Cannabis became a Schedule I drug, like heroin, LSD, and ecstasy, it was deemed at high potential for abuse with no medical exceptions. In 1989, a NORML petition for medical use failed.

**Legalization**
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**Global Acceptance**
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How Can Investors Capitalize on the Growth of Cannabis Markets?

ETFs that cover cannabis companies are a practical way for investors to tap into the cannabis market’s potential. As cannabis continues to expand the number of places where it is legal (globally and domestically within parts of the United States), some investors are excited about the profit potential for the cannabis industry. According to cannabis research firm New Frontier Data, the total legal cannabis sales is expected to grow over 16% a year (5-Year legal market CAGR - compound annual growth rate) and reach $51 billion in 2025.

One option for investors interested in the Cannabis markets is the Amplify Seymour Cannabis ETF (CNBS). It is an actively managed ETF that seeks to provide investment exposure to global companies principally engaged in the emerging cannabis and hemp ecosystem across one of three classifications.

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The Fund is subject to management risk because it is an actively managed. Companies involved in the cannabis industry face competition, may have limited access to the services of banks, may have substantial burdens on company resources due to litigation, complaints or enforcement actions, and are heavily dependent on receiving necessary permits and authorizations to engage in medical cannabis research or to otherwise cultivate, possess or distribute cannabis. The possession and use of cannabis, even for medical purposes, is illegal under federal and certain states’ laws, which may negatively impact the value of the Fund’s investments. Securities issued by non-U.S. companies present risks beyond those of securities of U.S. issuers.

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