

# *In Focus*

## The case for Tactical Asset Allocation

### Hull Tactical US ETF

By relying on what we deem, 'Micro-Alphas' to determine the magnitude of market participation, investors may be able to realize excess market returns to the S&P 500 while keeping volatility at or below the benchmark.

# Hull

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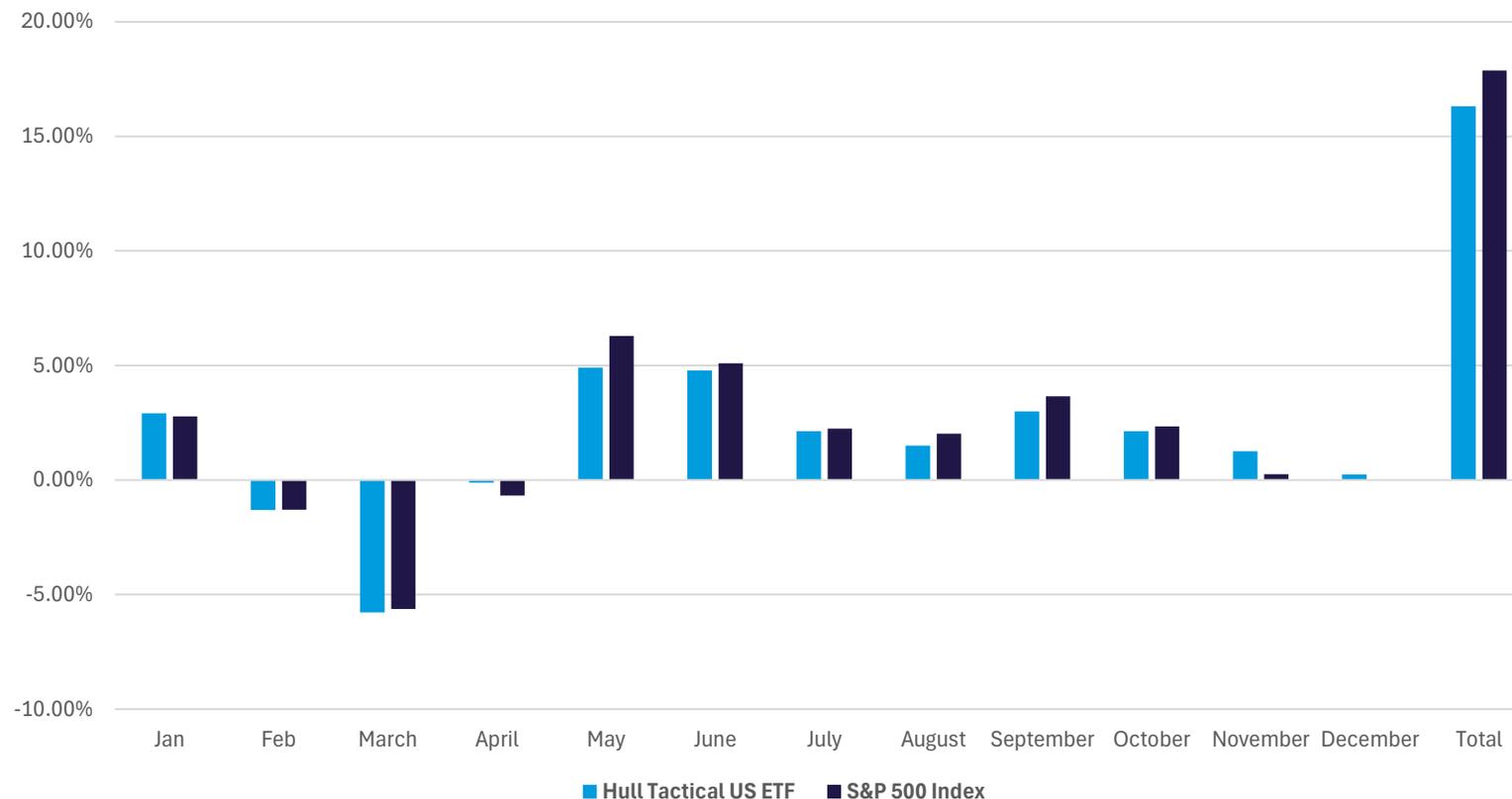
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# Fund Update

At the core, the tactical allocation methodology positions the Fund more than 100% invested when forecasts anticipate favorable equity risk premium, and between 0% to 100% long during periods of unfavorable forecasts. This approach may provide investors with the potential for increased returns with no excess volatility.

The Hull Tactical US ETF employs a systematic approach, combining 30+ indicators to arrive at a daily market exposure. Instead of a single, strong signal, these smaller signals are more likely to persist and are robust when combined.

Rolling 12 Month Returns Versus Benchmark



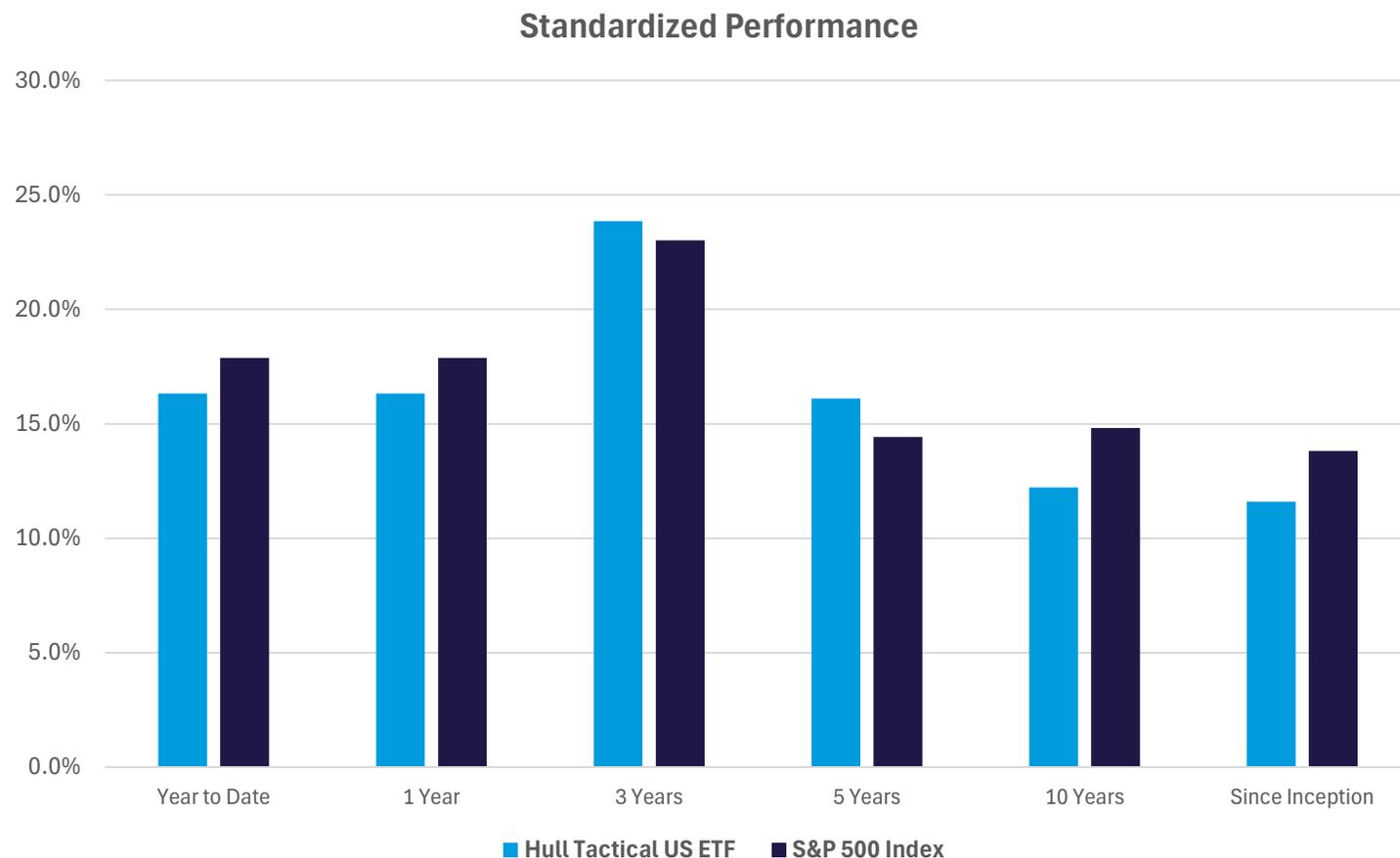
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The ETF net assets may not match the total market value of ETF holdings due to creation/redemption activity.

Shares are bought and sold at market price (not NAV) and are not individually redeemed from the Fund. Market price returns are based upon the midpoint of the bid/ask spread at the close of the exchange and does not represent the returns an investor would receive if shares were traded at any other times. Brokerage commissions will reduce returns. NAVs are calculated using prices as of 4:00 PM Eastern Time.

# Net Asset Value

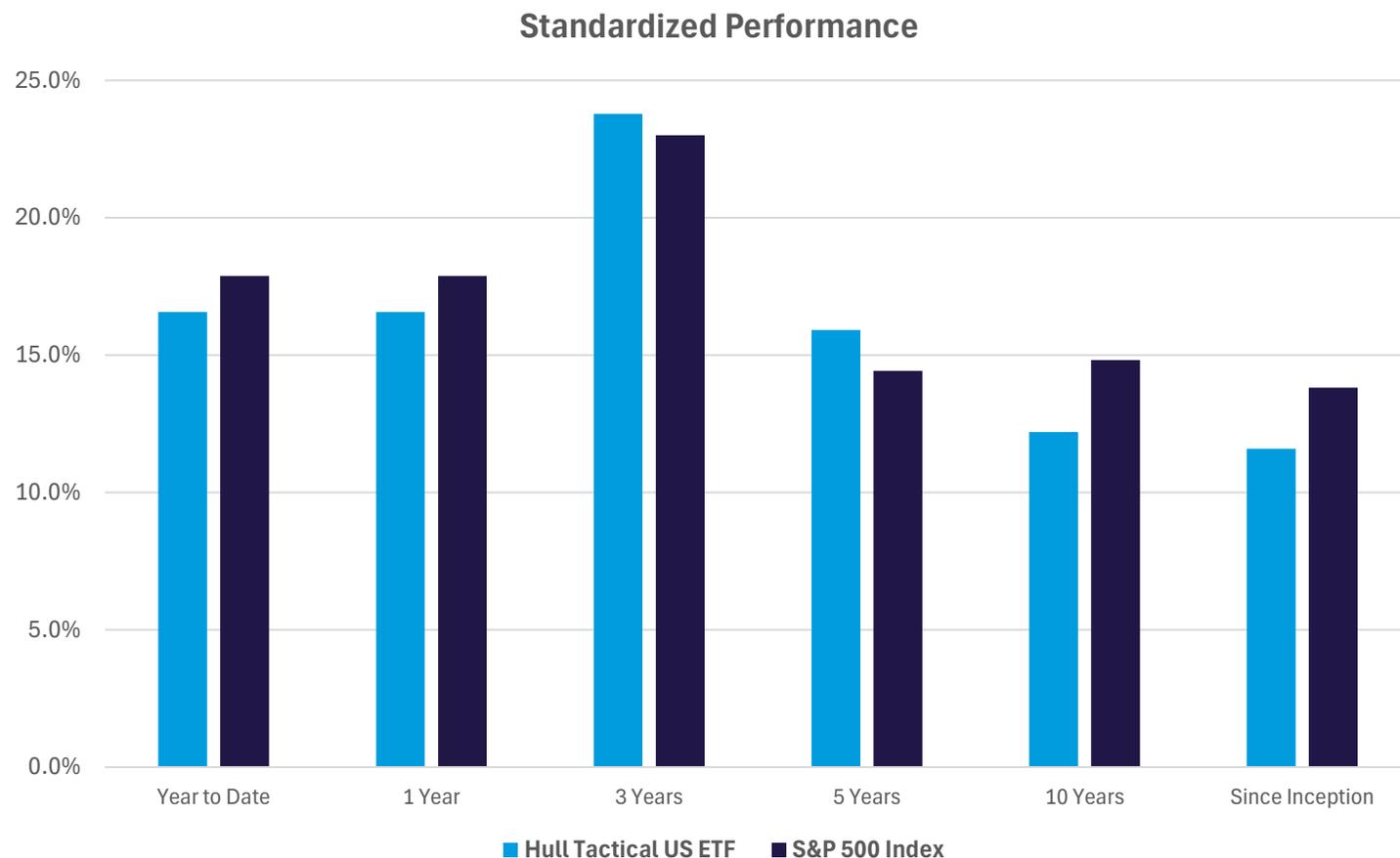
	HTUS	S&P 500
Year to Date	16.32%	17.88%
1 Year	16.32%	17.88%
3 Years	23.85%	23.01%
5 Years	16.11%	14.42%
10 Years	12.21%	14.82%
Since Inception	11.59%	13.82%



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# Market Price

	HTUS	S&P 500
Year to Date	16.57%	17.88%
1 Year	16.57%	17.88%
3 Years	23.79%	23.01%
5 Years	15.92%	14.42%
10 Years	12.20%	14.82%
Since Inception	11.59%	13.82%



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# Market Commentary

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It doesn't take long for people, and hence markets, to become complacent. We are fielding a lot of calls from advisors worried the "the market is going to crash because of AI".

Two things:

- The market was *up* over 16% in 2025 and 23% in 2024, largely *because* of AI. A 10% crash still leaves investors well ahead of the game. Maybe "placing things in perspective" would be a good New Year's resolution.
- Short-term implied volatility is extremely low. The option market isn't scared.

Prophets of doom always have good stories, but they have never been right over the long-run. And they are usually wrong in the short-run as well. The best advice is boring, but it is always the same. Just keep calm and let the market reward your patience.



Speak with your financial advisor today to learn more about market timing and how to best incorporate Hull Tactical US ETF into your portfolio.

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Investing involves risk, including the possible loss of principal. Investments in smaller companies typically exhibit higher volatility. The Fund will invest in (and short) exchange-traded funds (ETFs). The Fund will be subject to the risks associated with such vehicles. In addition, shareholders indirectly bear fees & expenses charged by the Underlying ETFs, as well as the Fund's direct fees and expenses. The Fund may invest in derivatives, including futures contracts, which are often more volatile than other investments and may magnify the Fund's gains or losses.

The Fund is an actively managed ETF and, thus, does not seek to replicate the performance of a specified passive index of securities. The Fund may take short positions. The loss on a short sale is theoretically unlimited. Short sales involve leverage because the Fund borrows securities and then sells them, effectively leveraging its assets. The use of leverage may magnify gains or losses for the Fund. There is no guarantee that any investment strategy will produce positive results. There is no guarantee that distributions will be made.

#### About the Hull Tactical US ETF (HTUS) Investment Strategy

HTUS is an actively managed exchange traded fund (ETF) driven by various proprietary analytical investment models that examine current and historical market data to attempt to predict the performance of the S&P 500® Index (the "S&P 500®"), a widely recognized benchmark of U.S. stock market performance that is composed primarily of large-capitalization U.S. issuers. The models deliver investment signals that the Adviser uses to make investment decisions for the Fund. The investment models used are to anticipate forward market movements and position the Fund to take advantage of these movements. Currently, signals are combined into an 'ensemble' array that spans statistical, behavior-sentimental, technical, fundamental, and economic data sources. This combined signal is generated each trading day towards the close of the market and dictates whether the Fund is long/short and the magnitude of position sizing. The Adviser routinely evaluates the performance and impact of each model on the Fund with the goal of realizing a risk/return profile that is superior to that of a buy and hold strategy.



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