

# SEEK ENHANCED INCOME

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iShares Equity BuyWrite ETFs

## Key Takeaways



### Seeks Enhanced Income

Seeks to enhance dividend income through the sale of monthly call options.



### Diversification

Potential to outperform the benchmark in periods of flat or falling markets, providing diversification when its needed.



### Easy Access

Convenient and cost-efficient single-ticker access to a custom options overlay strategy.

### iShares S&P 500 BuyWrite ETF

**IVVW**

**Underlying ETF:** IVV

**Strike:** 101%\*

**Expense Ratio:** 0.25%

### iShares Russell 2000 BuyWrite ETF

**IWMW**

**Underlying ETF:** IWM

**Strike:** 102%\*

**Expense Ratio:** 0.39%

## A Refresher on BuyWrite Investing

BuyWrite ETFs can be a way to diversify traditional sources of income through writing monthly call options.

**BuyWrite Strategy**

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**Long Underlying Security**

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**Short Call Option**

Potential for increased income and some market participation to a specified cap

Exposure to an underlying asset

Writing (selling) a call option to generate income

For illustrative purposes only.

\*The strike price of a call option is the price of the underlying security at which the option can be exercised. In this case, the strike price target is calculated using the closing price of the underlying indices the day before the option is written.

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# iShares Equity BuyWrite ETFs - investment process

## 1. Buy

iShares Equity BuyWrite Strategy ETFs invest the majority of assets in their respective underlying iShares Equity ETFs.

## 2. Write

The funds will write (sell) call options which expire approximately 1 month after issuance. The notional of option contracts will correspond to the notional value of ETF shares owned.

## 3. Roll

Each month, the existing option will be replaced (rolled) with a new one. The current option will be repurchased one business day before expiry, and a new one-month option will be written.

## 4. Distribute

iShares Equity BuyWrite Strategy ETFs seek to pay monthly distributions that include both the option premiums received and the underlying ETF dividends.

## Focus on monthly income

BuyWrite strategies sacrifice potential return of the underlying equity ETF in exchange for monthly income.

Return scenarios of a BuyWrite strategy vs. underlying ETF at expiration

When...	Underlying equity ETF	BuyWrite vs. underlying ETF	Rationale
<b>Strong rally in equity market</b>	Appreciates	Potentially underperforms	Covered call creates a ceiling on growth
<b>Steady, moderate growth in equity market</b>	Appreciates	Potentially outperforms	Premium income supplements growth and improves performance
<b>Decline in equity market</b>	Depreciates	Potentially outperforms	Premium income offsets decline

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A BuyWrite Strategy ETF use of options may reduce returns or increase volatility. During periods of strong equity market rallies, the ETF may underperform the Underlying Fund. By writing covered call options in return for the receipt of premiums, the ETF will give up the opportunity to benefit from increases in the value of the Underlying Fund but will continue to bear the risk of declines in the value of the Underlying Fund. The premiums received from the options may not be sufficient to offset any losses sustained from the volatility of the Underlying Fund over time. The ETF will be subject to capital gain taxes, ordinary income tax and other tax considerations due to its writing covered call options strategy.

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