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# Calamos Hedged Equity Strategy

#### **STRATEGY OVERVIEW**

The Hedged Equity Strategy draws upon nearly a decade of Calamos experience in covered call writing and two decades in equity investing. This is an option-based strategy that seeks to provide a unique mix of downside protection and equity upside participation—with more consistent returns even in a higher volatility environment.

### **KEY FEATURES**

- » Designed to serve as a volatility dampener within an equity allocation, the strategy is an attractive equity substitute for investors expecting normal or above-normal levels of volatility.
- » The strategy blends a core long-equity portfolio with an actively managed option overlay.
- » Tactical management creates opportunities to add alpha from option market dynamics and equity market volatility.
- » An experienced investment team aims to capture uncorrelated, better risk-adjusted returns.
- » The strategy seeks to provide better upside/downside asymmetry than long-only equities.

#### PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

- » Eli Pars, CFA, Co-CIO, Head of Alternative Strategies, Co-Head of Convertible Strategies, and Senior Co-Portfolio Manager
- » Jason Hill, Senior Vice President, Co-Portfolio Manager
- » David O'Donohue, Senior Vice President, Co-Portfolio Manager
- » Jimmy Young, CFA, Senior Vice President, Co-Portfolio Manager

The team leverages the insights and analysis of the Calamos Investment Committee, as well as dedicated research, risk management, trading, and portfolio specialist team support.

#### **AVERAGE ANNUAL RETURNS (%)**

	1-YEAR	3-YEAR	5-YEAR	SINCE INCEPTION (1/15)
Hedged Equity (gross of fees)	11.06	4.87	6.18	6.08
Hedged Equity (net of fees)	10.54	4.38	5.75	5.53
S&P 500 Index	29.88	11.49	15.05	12.72

#### **CALENDAR YEAR RETURNS (%)**

	YTD	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016 1	2/31/2015
Hedged Equity (gross of fees)	2.99	12.67	-7.49	10.95	7.50	10.12	3.33	9.36	6.53	1.74
Hedged Equity (net of fees)	2.87	12.14	-7.92	10.43	7.14	9.87	2.87	8.55	5.73	0.98
S&P 500 Index	10.56	26.29	-18.11	28.71	18.40	31.49	-4.38	21.83	11.96	

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#### REPRESENTATIVE PORTFOLIO LARGEST 10 HOLDINGS

	SECTOR	%
Microsoft Corp.	Information Technology	7.3
Apple, Inc.	Information Technology	5.9
NVIDIA Corp.	Information Technology	5.2
Amazon.com, Inc.	Consumer Discretionary	3.9
Meta Platforms, Inc Class A	Communication Services	2.6
Alphabet, Inc Class C	Communication Services	2.1
Alphabet, Inc Class A	Communication Services	1.9
SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust	N/A	1.8
Eli Lilly & Company	Health Care	1.5
Berkshire Hathaway, Inc Class B	Financials	1.5

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#### KEY

COMPOSITE: Hedged Equity Composite PORTFOLIO: Representative Portfolio BENCHMARK: S&P 500 Index

SECTOR WEIGHTINGS <sup>1</sup>	PORTFOLIO %	BENCHMARK %	UNDER/OVERWEIGHT %
Information Technology	30.1	29.6	0.6
Financials	13.2	13.2	0.1
Health Care	12.9	12.4	0.5
Consumer Discretionary	10.6	10.3	0.3
Communication Services	9.4	9.0	0.5
Industrials	9.2	8.8	0.4
Consumer Staples	6.2	6.0	0.2
Energy	4.2	3.9	0.2
Materials	2.3	2.4	0.0
Real Estate	2.1	2.3	-0.2
Utilities	2.0	2.2	-0.2
Other	-2.3	0.0	-2.3

CHARACTERISTICS	PORTFOLIO	BENCHMARK
Strategy Assets <sup>2</sup>	\$8.1 B	N/A
Number of Holdings	264	503
Portfolio Turnover (12 months)	26.8%	N/A
Median Market Capitalization (mil) <sup>3</sup>	\$66,634	\$35,363
Weighted Average Market Capitalization (mil) <sup>3</sup>	\$820,013	\$802,527

<sup>1</sup>Sector Weightings are calculated as a percentage of net assets and exclude cash or cash equivalents, any government / sovereign bonds or broad-based index hedging securities the portfolio may hold. The Sector table Other row includes securities that do not have a sector classification.

<sup>2</sup>Strategy Assets reflect all assets that are currently being managed (collectively) under the strategy, which may contain multiple performance composites.

<sup>3</sup>Market Capitalization statistics are based on common stock holdings

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whole. Returns and Risk/Reward statistics presented reflect the Calamos Hedged Equity Composite which is an actively managed composite seeking to generate total return with lower volatility than equity markets. The strategy invests in a broadly diversified portfolio of equity securities while also writing (selling) index call options and/or entering into other options strategies on equity securities and/or broad based indices. The Composite was created January 13, 2015 calculated with an inception date of January 1, 2015. The Calamos Hedged Equity Composite was formerly named the Calamos Covered Call Composite. This name

change was effected March 1, 2019. Results include all fully discretionary accounts, including those no longer with the Firm. Fees include the investment advisory fee charge by Calamos Advisors LLC. Returns greater than 12 months are annualized. Chart Data Sources: Calamos Advisors LLC.

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S&P 500 Index is generally considered representative of the US

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