

# US FOCUSED EQUITIES

December 2023

#### **Investment Objective and Strategy**

3D U.S. Focused Equity ETF seeks long-term capital appreciation using exchange-traded funds ("ETFs") to target risk-based exposure primarily within the U.S. equity markets. The strategy's investment objective is to provide long-term superior risk-adjusted returns over the broad U.S. equity benchmark as represented by the S&P 1500 Composite Index. 3D U.S. Equities can be used as a standalone equity strategy or as a component within a risk-based asset allocation program (i.e. asset mixes targeting long-term capital market return objectives.

#### **Investor Profile**

Designed for investors with the highest risk tolerance who want to maximize their return potential and can handle high short-term account volatility and have an investment time horizon over ten years.

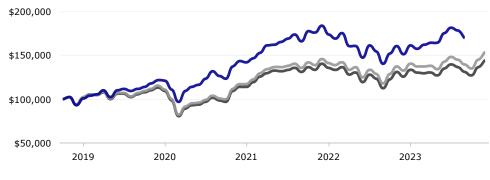
**Risk Rating: Aggressive Allocation** 



### Portfolio Performance<sup>1</sup>

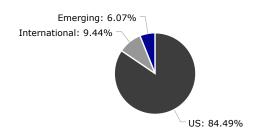
	Qtr	YTD	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Inception
US Focused Equities (Net)	10.21%	14.72%	14.72%	8.25%	9.03%	-	7.35%
US Focused Equities (Gross)	10.57%	16.22%	16.22%	9.57%	10.39%	-	8.68%
S&P 1500 Composite	-3.36%	12.25%	20.99%	10.31%	-	-	11.32%

### Growth of \$100,000<sup>2</sup>



US Focused Equities (Net) US Focused Equities (Gross) S&P 1500 Composite

## **Asset Allocation**



## **Benefits**

3D Risk-Based Portfolios may offer significant diversification benefits, lower investment costs, greater tax efficiency and simplicity for investors seeking a professionally managed asset allocation solution. The 3D model portfolio series was launched in 2006 and our data-driven, systematic investment approach has delivered for investors through our core belief that risk will be rewarded over time if diversification is applied. We don't try to time the markets or find "mispriced" stocks; we trust the markets to be efficient. We research to understand and invest in risk factors that historically outperform and we are committed to seeking the rewards the equity markets have historically delivered over the long-term.

#### **About Freedom**

Freedom Investment Management, Inc. is an independent investment manager based in Hartford, CT, that offers a curated model marketplace to individual investors and retirement plans through independent advisors. These solutions are delivered through a turnkey asset management platform and directly to institutional retirement plans and other industry platforms.

#### Annual Returns<sup>1</sup>

	US Focused Equities (Net)	US Focused Equities (Gross)	S&P 1500 Composite
2023	14.72	16.22	12.25
2022	-10.13	-9.04	-17.78
2021	23.05	24.45	28.43
2020	0.41	1.67	17.93
2019	20.94	22.55	30.88
2018	-6.37	-6.23	-7.37

Net Composite Returns shown above represent the composite return of actual client accounts. Actual client costs will vary based on account size and total value of household assets.

Allocations are based on the asset class composition of the Portfolio and may be subject to change. There can be no assurance that the Portfolio composition has not changed since the report date shown above. Asset allocation does not assure a profit or guarantee protection during market downturns.





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#### **Portfolio Holdings\***

ame		Asset Class		Symbo	l Holdings	
Dimensional International Core Equity 2 ETF			Developed Large		DFIC	4099
Dimensional US High Profitability E	TF		Large Cap Blend		DUHP	184
Dimensional US Small Cap Value ETF			Small Cap Blend		DFSV	1034
FT Cboe Vest U.S. Equity Buffer ETF - May			US Fund Options Trading		FMAY	4
iShares MSCI Intl Value Factor ETF			Developed Large		IVLU	370
KFA Value Line Dynamic Core Equity Index ETF			Large Cap Value		KVLE	63
Vanguard Value ETF			Large Cap Value		VTV	345
WisdomTree U.S. MidCap Fund			Mid Cap Blend		EZM	552
WisdomTree U.S. SmallCap Fund		Small Cap Blend		EES	916	
Index Performance						
	3 mo	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	5 Yr. Std Dev
S&P 500 TR	11.69%	26.27%	26.27%	10.00%	15.69%	18.37%
Russell 2000	13.55%	15.09%	15.09%	0.87%	8.49%	24.03%
MSCI ACWI Net USD	11.03%	22.20%	22.20%	5.75%	11.72%	17.79%
MSCI EAFE	10.42%	18.24%	18.24%	4.01%	8.16%	17.93%
MSCI Emerging Markets	7.45%	7.04%	7.04%	-7.44%	1.17%	18.96%
Bloomberg US Agg. Bond	6.82%	4.93%	4.93%	-3.50%	0.99%	6.11%

#### Portfolio Characteristics<sup>3</sup>

Standard Deviation	18.85%
Sharpe Ratio	0.47
Portfolio Yield	1.82%
Number of Securities	8610
Effective Duration	N/A
Weighted Average Fund Expense	0.38%
Weighted Average Credit Rating	N/A
Sector Breakdown	
Financials	16.77 %
Technology	16.72 %
Industrials	16.36 %

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Healthcare	11.17 %
Consumer Discretionary	10.75 %
Consumer Staples	6.59%
Energy	5.82%
Materials	4.82%
Utilities	4.24%
Communication Services	3.86 %
Real Estate	2.91%
Cash	0.00 %

Credit Rating	
AAA	0.00 %
BBB	0.00 %
BB	0.00 %
В	0.00 %
CCC	0.00 %
Others	0.00 %

#### Disclaimer

Freedom Investment Management, Inc. ("Freedom") and its affiliate, 3D/L Capital Management, LLC ("3D"), are investment management firms registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission and act as investment managers to the 3D/Dimensional Portfolios ("Portfolios"). Registration with the SEC does not imply any level of expertise or training.

<sup>1</sup>3D, including its predecessor entities, claims compliance with the Global Investment Performance Standards (GIPS®) and has prepared and presented this report in compliance with the GIPS standards. 3D (incl predecessor entities) has been independently verified for the periods Jul 1, 2006 - Dec 31, 2022. The 3D 20 Portfolio Composite includes all discretionary accounts that are managed to the 3D 20 Portfolio Strategy which uses exchange traded Funds or exchange traded Sub-Advised Funds to target 20% equity and 80% fixed income exposure. Net Composite Returns shown above represent the composite return of actual client accounts. Actual client costs will vary based on account size and total value of household assets. Performance data shown represents past performance.

<sup>2</sup>Growth of \$100,000 shown in the chart represents the cumulative total return of the 3D Portfolio composite since inception, both gross and net of fees. Investment return and principal value of an investment with 3D Portfolios will fluctuate so that an investor's investment when redeemed may be worth more or less than their original cost. As with any investment strategy, there is a potential for profit as well as the possibility of loss.

<sup>3</sup>Portfolio characteristics may change over time. Average Fund Expense is the weighted average fund expense ratio based on the portfolio allocation and exchange traded fund holdings. Number of Securities is the sum total of securities held within each exchange traded fund. Portfolio Yield is the sum of net dividend per share amounts that have gone ex-dividend over the prior 12 months, divided by the current stock price. The yield is helpful in estimating the amount of income that can be expected to be generated from a Portfolio. Standard Deviation is a measure of the portfolio's volatility based on the dispersion of historicates monthy returns. Sharpe Ratio is a measure of risk-adjusted performance that indicates whether excess return was generated by portfolio management decisions or by taking on additional risk. The risk-free rate assumed for this calculation is based on annualized returns of 90-Day U.S. Treasury Bills. A higher Sharpe Ratio indicates a higher risk-adjusted return and is generally favorable.

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Freedom's affiliate, 3D/L Capital Management, LLC ("3D"), serves as a non-discretionary subadviser to the KFA Value Line® Dynamic Core Equity Index ETF ("Fund"). If the assets within the ETF exceed a certain threshold limit, 3D receives compensation in the form of a subadvisory fee in an amount equal to twenty-five percent (25%) of the net revenue of the Fund received by Krane Funds Advisors, LLC ("Krane"). For any monthly calculation period in which net assets average \$150m or more, Krane will pay 3D thirty percent (30%) of the net revenue received from the Fund.

3D entered into a Multi-Manager Strategist Program Agreement dated October 30, 2020, with Krane Fund Advisors ("Krane") that included a list of exchange traded funds managed or administered by Krane. Pursuant to that agreement, Krane paid 3D an onboarding fee to make Krane sponsored ETFs available on 3D's platform. 3D was under no obligation to use any Krane ETFs in any portfolio or model and these ETFs were subject to the same due diligence and vetting processes that any other ETF goes through.