# ALPS Equal Sector Weight ETF

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9.9%

11.0%

14.6%

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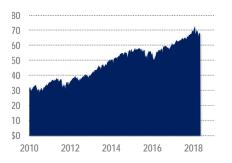
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\$68.13

All ETFs

6.1%

#### **Trading History**



NOTES: The performance data quoted represents past performance. Past performance does not guarantee future results and current performance may be lower or higher than the performance quoted. Investment return and principal value will vary, and shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Additional performance info current to most recent month-end at www.alpsetfs.com/eql-performance.php.

#### **Fund basics**

AltaVista Category Style & Fundamental Indices Fund sponsor ALPS Fund Services Inc Inception date July 7, 2009 Fund assets (mns) \$160 Avg. daily volume (000) 3 Expense ratio (bp) 48 Quarterly Distributions Options availability NO

### Total returns (price)\*

One year Five year Ten year Since inception \*as of 04/30/18. See Notes.

#### **Trading statistics** Beta vs. S&P 500

Standard deviation

#### **AltaVista Recommendation**

## **UNDERWEIGHT**

Below average appreciation potential. A rating of UNDERWEIGHT is assigned to funds with ALTAR Scores<sup>™</sup> above 3.0% but below 6.0%. Typically, funds in this category consist of stocks trading at relatively expensive valuations and/or having below-average fundamentals.



	ALTAR Scores™
S&P500	EQL
6.1%	5.6%

## **Analyst's opinion**

Equal sector weighting aims to systematically avoid the excesses of the cap-weighted benchmark (e.g. Tech bubble, Financial Crisis) making it ideal for "set-it-and-forget-it" investors who prefer somewhat less volatile returns. Profit growth has been slower than the S&P 500 in recent years, but that won't always be the case. Currently this fund is most overweight in Utilities and Real Estate vs. the S&P 500, and underweight Tech, giving it a bit of an income and value tilt.

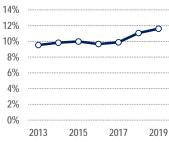
#### Per share results & estimates

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	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018E	2019E	CAGR
Sales	32.74	33.47	30.95	31.32	33.91	36.41	37.95	2.1%
Earnings	3.12	3.29	3.09	3.03	3.35	4.03	4.41	5.2%
Book Value	21.12	21.38	21.52	22.34	25.10	27.44	30.10	5.4%
Dividends	1.21	1.35	1.44	1.51	1.56	1.65	1.76	6.3%
Sales growth		2.2%	-7.5%	1.1%	8.2%	7.3%	4.2%	
EPS growth		5.3%	-6.0%	-2.0%	10.7%	20.1%	9.4%	

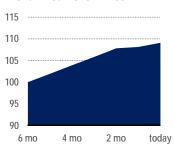
#### **Return on Equity**



#### **Net margins**



#### Trend in Current FY Est.



## **Top 10 Holdings**

**ENERGY SELECT SECTOR SPDR** 11.2% UTILITIES SELECT SECTOR SPDR 10.5% REAL ESTATE SELECT SECTOR SPDR 10.1% CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY SELECT 10.1% MATERIALS SELECT SECTOR SPDR 9.8% HEALTH CARE SELECT SECTOR SPDR 9.8% FINANCIALS SELECT SECTOR SPDR 9.7% CONSUMER STAPLES SELECT SECTOR 9.7% INDUSTRIALS SELECT SECTOR SPDR 9.6% TECHNOLOGY SELECT SECTOR SPDR 9.6% **TOTAL** 100%

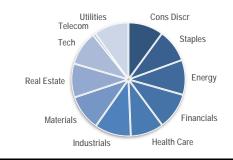
#### **Constituent allocation**

No. of constituents 10 Weighted avg mkt cap (mns) \$137,261 Med mkt cap (mns) \$14,886 Large cap (>\$10bn) 95.2% Mid cap (\$2-10bn) 4.7% Small cap ( <\$2bn) 0.0%

#### Description

The ALPS Equal Sector Weight ETF is an ETF of ETFs that delivers exposure to the US Large Cap Equity market by investing equal proportions in each of the 10 Select Sector SPDRs.

#### Sector breakdown



# **Valuation metrics**

<b>2018E</b>	<b>2019E</b>
16.9	15.5
11.8	10.8
1.9	1.8
2.5	2.3
2.4	2.6
	16.9 11.8 1.9 2.5

\*Based on consensus dividend forecasts for underlying stocks. Ma differ significantly from distribution yield on the ETF.

#### Historical P/E ratio\*



\*based on twelve months' forward EPS (max value of 100)

#### Other fundamental data

LT growth est.	10.4%
Payout ratio	41.0%
Debt-to-equity	1.1x

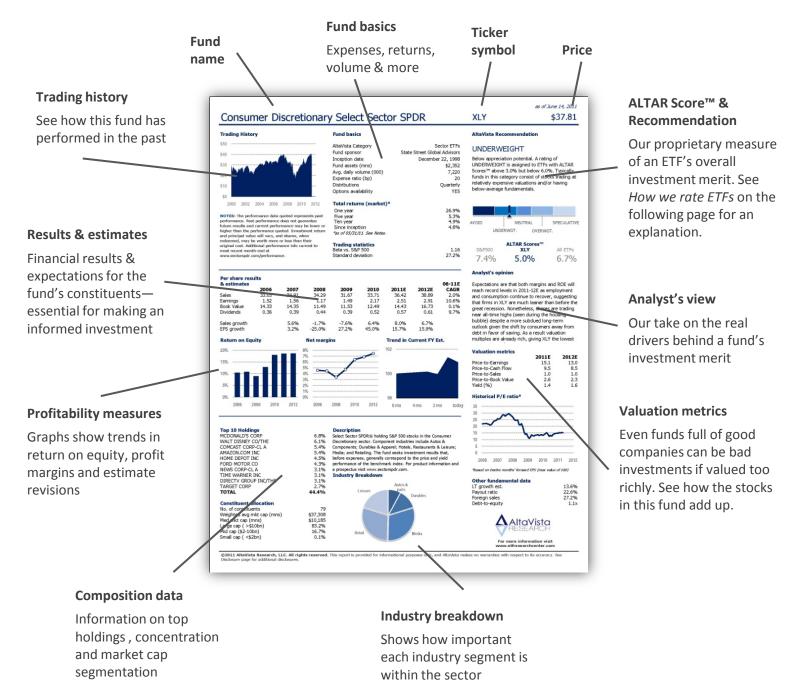


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**Earnings/Net Income:** Unless denoted as a GAAP figure, earnings are calculated on a "pro forma" basis using consensus EPS results/estimates for the individual constituents of each index, multiplied by the float-adjusted shares in the index. For Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs), the consensus per-share figure for funds from operations, or FFO, is used in place of EPS data.

Cash Flow: Adds depreciation and amortization to consensus earnings estimates

Standard deviation: Statistical measure of price volatility using 3 years of monthly return data. Figures are annualized.

Beta: Measures relative volatility of a given sector index versus the S&P500 by comparing 3 years of monthly return data.

**Book Value:** Common Equity as reported by index constituents according to GAAP. Forecasts reflect pro-forma calculations using most recently reported figures, plus earnings less dividends.

**Dividends per share:** Dividends paid by companies in the index on a pro forma basis. **Payout ratio:** Dividends as a percentage of Earnings/Net Income in a given year.

**Return on Equity:** Net income divided by average common equity over the period.

**Debt-to-equity:** Ratio of long- and short-term debt to owners equity.

**Long-term growth:** Uses consensus estimates of 3-5 year earnings growth for individual constituents of each index to calculate a float-adjusted earnings-weighted growth rate for the index as a whole.

**Trend in Current FY Estimates:** Illustrates changes in consensus estimates over time by examining the monthly change in current fiscal year EPS estimates for individual constituents of each index. Base period is set equal to 100.

**Price-to-Earnings, -Cash Flow, -Sales and -Book Value:** Valuation multiples derived by dividing the index price by the per-share figures for earnings, cash flow, sales and book value, respectively, as per the 'per share results & estimates' for each index.

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