

# Aptus Collared Investment Opportunity ETF Use Case

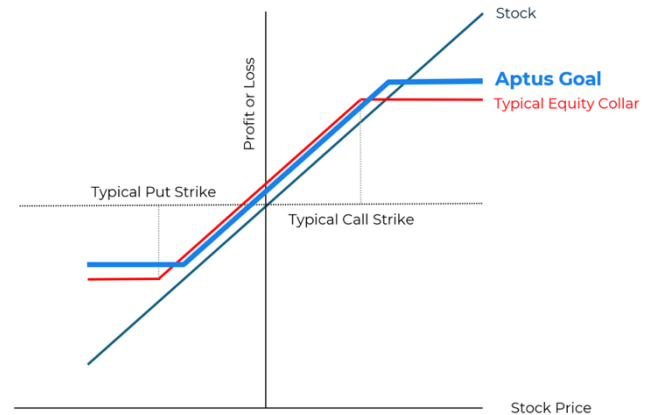
A STRUCTURAL HEDGE TO PUT  
A FLOOR ON DOWNSIDE RISK

HIGHER QUALITY STOCKS THAT  
MOVE WITH THE S&P 500

AN ACTIVE CAP TO COLLECT  
PREMIUM TO PAY FOR THE FLOOR

## ACIO: The Better Buffer?

- ✓ Visible upside-to-downside capture
- ✓ Tax-efficiency within an ETF wrapper
- ✓ Comprehensive hedge typically covers 100% notional equity exposure
- ✓ Active management for optimal timing and rebalancing Transparent,
- ✓ cost-effective, and liquid
- ✓ Quarterly dividend



## Buffered Returns Without the Timing Risk

**Similarities:** ACIO provides similar exposure to a buffered fund, seeking to mitigate against drawdowns through the purchase of puts and collecting a premium through the sale of calls on equity holdings.

**Key Differences:** ACIO actively resets the structure at least monthly, ensuring a consistent risk/reward profile for investors no matter the time of ETF purchase and the opportunity to **actively** monetize and redeploy the hedge, potentially improving the strategy's upside capture.

## A Core Holding for a More Tax-Efficient Portfolio

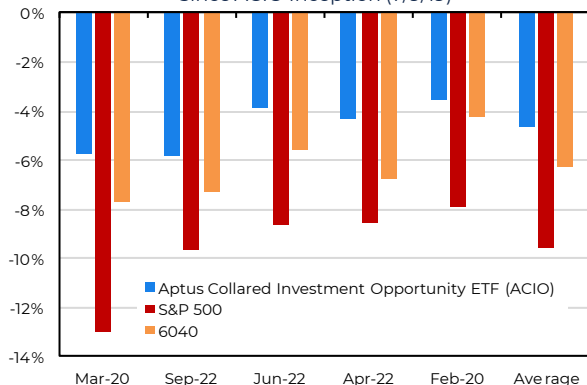
ACIO can serve as a foundational investment, permitting a higher allocation to equities and a reduced exposure to lower-yielding tax-inefficient bonds, without an increase to overall portfolio risk.

**Fund Performance** as of 3/31/2026  
Inception Date - 7/09/2019

	as of 3/31/2026		*Annualized as of 3/31/2026			
	Q1	YTD	1 Year*	3 Year*	5 Year*	Inception*
<b>ACIO: NAV</b>	-3.78%	-3.78%	9.00%	12.23%	9.03%	9.04%
<b>ACIO: Market Price</b>	-3.83%	-3.83%	8.91%	12.19%	8.97%	9.03%
<b>S&amp;P 500</b>	-4.33%	-4.33%	17.80%	18.32%	12.06%	14.12%
<b>60% S&amp;P 500 / 40% Bloomberg AGG Bond Index</b>	-2.62%	-2.62%	12.35%	12.35%	7.41%	9.05%

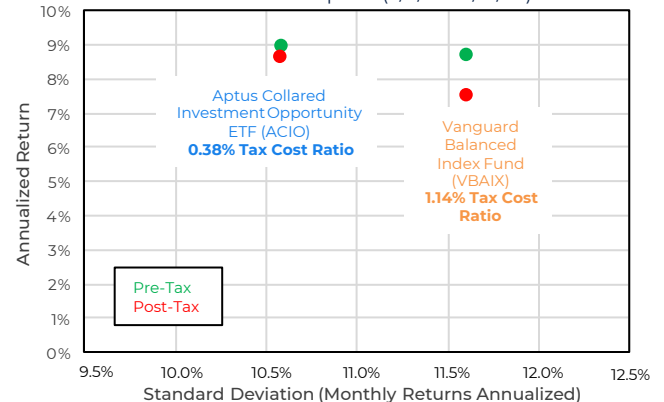
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**Five Worst S&P 500 Return Months (%)**  
Since ACIO Inception (7/9/19)



Source: Bloomberg, Aptus. \*6040 or 60/40 is 60% S&P 500 Index / 40% Bloomberg Aggregate Bond Index rebalanced monthly. \*\*Monthly return of the S&P 500 Index adjusted to return 60% if the Index had a positive return and adjusted to return 50% if the Index had a negative return.

**Pre- and Post-Tax Return**  
Since ACIO Inception (7/9/19 – 3/31/26)



Source: Morningstar. The Vanguard Balanced Index Fund was selected as a 60/40 index fund representative of a traditional allocation an investor may otherwise have, is investable, is low cost, and has a publicly available history.

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Shares of any ETF are bought and sold at Market Price (not NAV) and are not individually redeemed from the fund. Brokerage commissions will reduce returns. Market returns are based upon the midpoint of the bid/ask spread at 4:00pm Eastern Time (when NAV is normally determined for most ETFs), and do not represent the returns you would receive if you traded shares at other times.

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Investing involves risk. Principal loss is possible. The Fund is non-diversified, meaning it may concentrate its assets in fewer individual holdings than diversified funds. Therefore, the Fund is more exposed to individual stock or ETF volatility than diversified funds.

The Aptus Collared Investment Opportunity ETF is subject to the risk that the securities may be more volatile than the market as a whole. The Fund may invest in other investment companies and ETFs which may result in higher and duplicative expenses.

The Fund may invest in options, the Fund risks losing all or part of the cash paid (premium) for purchasing options. The Fund's use of call and put options can lead to losses because of adverse movements in the price or value of the underlying security, which may be magnified by certain features of the options. The Fund's use of options may reduce the Fund's ability to profit from increases in the value of the underlying securities. Derivatives, such as the options in which the Fund invests, can be volatile and involve various types and degrees of risks. Derivatives may entail investment exposures that are greater than their cost would suggest, meaning that a small investment in a derivative could have a substantial impact on the performance of the Fund. The Fund could experience a loss if its derivatives do not perform as anticipated, the derivatives are not correlated with the performance of their underlying security, or if the Fund is unable to purchase or liquidate a position because of an illiquid secondary market.

Call options give the owner the right to buy the underlying security at the specified price within a specific time period. Put options give the owner the right to sell the underlying security at the specified price within a specific time period. A collar is an options strategy constructed by holding shares of the underlying stock while simultaneously buying put options and selling call options against that holding.

Stocks are generally perceived to have more financial risk than bonds in that bond holders have a claim on firm operations or assets that is senior to that of equity holders. In addition, stock prices are generally more volatile than bond prices.

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