# LeaderShares® Equity Skew ETF

# **Objective**

The LeaderShares® Equity Skew ETF seeks to generate long-term capital growth.

# **Strategy**

The LeaderShares® Equity Skew ETF is built on the principles of Redwood's Skew Portfolio Theory (SPT). The ETF is a strategic equity portfolio comprised of a diversified portfolio that seeks to overweight holdings that demonstrate higher statistical return opportunity while underweighting holdings that demonstrates lower statistical return opportunity. The ETF seeks to hold exposure to the following: U.S. Large Cap Growth, U.S. Large Cap Value, U.S. Small Cap Growth, U.S. Small Cap Value, and Emerging Market Equities.

- Implements a rebalancing process based on statistical skew utilizing Skew Portfolio Theory (SPT)
- Seeks to dynamically overweight to asset classes that statistically show higher return opportunity, while maintaining directional beta to the overall equity market

# **Fund Facts**

#### **Portfolio Managers**

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#### Category

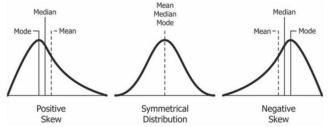
Dynamic Equity

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# **Important Risk Information & Disclosures**

# What is Skew?

Skew measures the amount of asymmetry of a distribution around its mean. This measures the amount that a distribution leans in one direction or another around its average value. In a positive skew, the mean of the distribution is shifted to the right relative to its median and mode due to a right side tail. The opposite is true with a negative skew. The below illustrates "skewness" of a distribution.



Sources: Redwood, (Redwood, "The Third Moment in Equity Portfolio Theory & SPT" 2020). For illustration purposes only.

# Prices Change Over Time, And So Does Skew

However, their skew also fluctuates over time about 0 at different points in time, providing opportunity to overweight and underweight to potentially capture risk premia.



Sources: Zephyr, Redwood, (Redwood, "The Third Moment in Equity Portfolio Theory & SPT" 2020). Data: July 1995 – June 2020. For illustration purposes only.

### Why use Skew?

A process based on skew or SPT can be used to enhance portfolio construction in a real-time, forward-looking, implementable way, while addressing many problems of MPT's static assumptions.

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