



# SMID Cap Diversified Value Fund (ETF)

March 31, 2025

## OVERVIEW

The SMID Cap Diversified Value ETF is a diversified portfolio that targets undervalued small and mid cap stocks that are often out of favor and/or underfollowed. This actively managed portfolio leverages proprietary valuation models and the seasoned judgment of its experienced research team to build a portfolio of quality companies with strong balance sheets and prudent corporate governance.

## KEY FACTS

Ticker	HWSM
Expense Ratio	0.55%
CUSIP	44134R438
Primary Exchange	NASDAQ
Inception Date	3/31/2025

## INVESTMENT APPROACH

### Robust Models Plus Human Insights

- Hotchkis & Wiley ("H&W") employs proprietary quantitative tools designed to replicate the work of a H&W analyst, which helps narrow the opportunity set to a more manageable and attractive subset.
- Analysts then leverage their deep industry expertise to make adjustments that the models may have missed; these adjustments are saved in our database and will be reflected in the model's output going forward.

### A Focus on Risk

- At the stock level, H&W analysts provide Fundamental Risk Ratings for each stock, which is a numerical score for three different pillars: 1) business quality; 2) balance sheet strength; 3) corporate governance.
- At the portfolio level, H&W portfolio managers manage stock risks that may be correlated, e.g., sector/industry exposures, factor exposures, trading liquidity.

### A Time-tested Active Approach That Doesn't Follow The Crowd

- The SMID Cap Diversified Value ETF (HWSM) uses the same established investment process that our \$3+ billion Small Cap Diversified Value strategy has employed successfully for 20 years.

## PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

<u>Number of Stocks</u>	<u>Market Cap Range</u>	<u>Approximate Weighting Structure</u>	<u>Rebalancing</u>
150 - 200	~\$2 billion to the largest market cap in the Russell Midcap® Index	50 stocks at 1.0% 50 stocks at 0.6% 50 stocks at 0.4%	Monthly (minor rebalance) 6 Month (major rebalance)

## PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

Judd Peters, CFA	Ryan Thomes, CFA
25 Years with H&W	16 Years with H&W
27 Years of Industry Experience	22 Years of Industry Experience



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