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# Clough Hedged Equity ETF

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An actively-managed, long/short equity  
ETF that strives to leverage the  
experience and perspective of an  
alternative asset manager.

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CLOUGH CAPITAL

## The Adviser

- Clough Capital Partners L.P. (“Clough Capital” or the “Firm”) was founded by Charles “Chuck” Clough after an extensive Wall Street career culminating as Chief Global Investment Strategist at Merrill Lynch & Co, Inc.
- As of April 30, 2025, total Firm assets under management were \$1.2B
- Located in Boston, the Firm currently employs 11 professionals
- Boutique asset manager specializing in crafting portfolios to seek to provide superior, risk-adjusted returns for our clients
- The Firm has over 25 years of experience investing across market cycles



## Investment Team



***Charles I. Clough, Jr., CFA\* - Chairman & Chief Investment Officer***

Chuck has been active in the securities and investment business for over 59 years. Prior to founding Clough Capital, Chuck served as the Chief Global Investment Strategist from 1987 to 1999 at Merrill Lynch & Co. During this period, he advised many of the world's top institutions and investors on portfolio strategy. Chuck serves on the boards and investment committees of several medical, financial, educational and charitable institutions, including his alma mater, Boston College. Chuck graduated magna cum laude with a major in History and a minor in Economics from Boston College and earned an MBA at the University of Chicago. Chuck is an ordained permanent deacon in the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston and serves in that capacity at his local parish in Concord, MA.



***Vincent M. Lorusso, Jr. - CEO & Portfolio Manager***

Vince has been in the investment industry for over 27 years, including a prior tenure with Clough Capital from 2004 to 2020 when he served as a Research Analyst, Portfolio Manager and Partner. Prior to rejoining Clough Capital in 2023, Vince had been CEO and Portfolio Manager of Changebridge Capital, LLC. Changebridge was co-founded by Vince in 2020 to provide actively managed strategies to investors through the ETF structure. These ETFs are now advised by Clough Capital. Vince serves as a member of the Investment Committee for Louisa May Alcott's Orchard House, which serves as a historic museum in Concord, MA. Vince holds a B.S. in Finance & English and an MS in Finance, both from Boston College.



***William G. Whelan – Partner & Research Analyst***

Bill joined Clough Capital in 2014 and has over 19 years of experience in investment management. Prior to joining Clough Capital, Bill was an Investment Principal at Partners Capital from 2010 to 2014. Previously, Bill was an Equity Research Analyst at Millennium Management, a multi-strategy hedge fund, from 2008 to 2009 and at Fidelity Management and Research from 2005 to 2008. He holds a B.A. in Economics from Harvard College.

\*The CFA charter is a qualification for finance and investment professionals, particularly in the fields of investment management and financial analysis of stocks, bonds and their derivative assets. The program focuses on portfolio management and financial analysis, and provides a generalist knowledge of other areas of finance. It is a graduate level self study program offered by the CFA Institute (formerly AIMR) to investment and financial professionals. A candidate who successfully completes the program and meets other professional requirements is awarded a "CFA charter" and becomes a "CFA charterholder".

## Investment Process

“We believe attractive investment returns can be achieved when key, proprietary insights into industry or economic trends are uncovered through our fundamental research process before the value of the relevant securities has been impacted by such information.”

Chuck Clough, Jr., CFA  
Chairman, CIO



## Portfolio Construction



### Clough Hedged Equity ETF

- Aims to deliver a high active share portfolio that seeks to provide total return with reduced volatility
- Seeks to identify near-term catalyst for potential price appreciation
- Long portfolio generally invests in 30-50 businesses that exhibit dynamic growth or stable growth attributes
- Short portfolio generally invests in 10-50 businesses with weak balance sheets, profit headwinds and competitive or regulatory headwinds
- Net exposure typically ranges from 30-70% based on market outlook

**“Attractive returns and portfolio diversification can be achieved by optimizing a portfolio of holdings that typically exhibit a combination of dynamic growth businesses with stable growth businesses. Many of these companies exist and operate outside of the mega-cap arena. We think Clough Capital has the expertise to identify these investments for our clients through fundamental research.”**

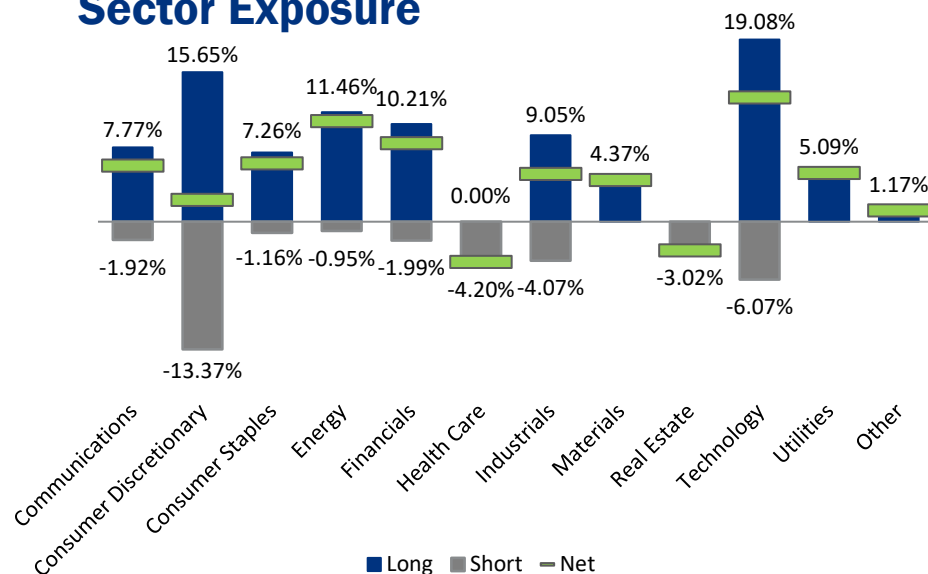
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CEO, Portfolio Manager



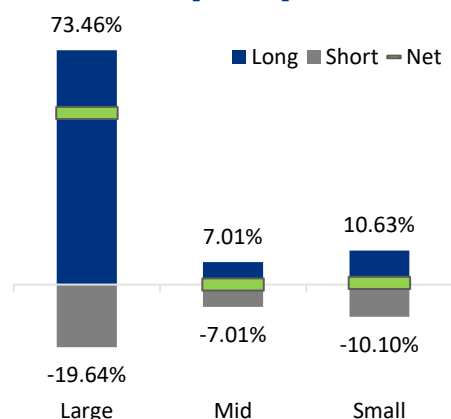
# Portfolio Allocation

As of 4/30/2025

## Sector Exposure



## Market Cap Exposure



## Top 5 Long Holdings

Security	% NAV
SAP SE	2.93%
Spotify Technology SA	2.76%
Philip Morris International Inc	2.71%
Magnite Inc	2.64%
HDFC Bank Ltd	2.62%

## Top 5 Short Holdings

Security	% NAV
Chipotle Mexican Grill Inc	-1.40%
Helen of Troy Ltd	-1.16%
Novo Nordisk A/S	-1.06%
Moderna Inc	-1.06%
HCA Healthcare Inc	-1.05%

Holdings and allocation data as of 4/30/2025, are subject to change without notice and are not a recommendation to buy or sell any security. Calculated as a % of net assets and excludes cash positions. Large Cap includes equities with market capitalization greater than \$10 billion, Mid Cap includes equities with market capitalization between \$2 billion and \$10 billion and Small Cap includes equities with market capitalization less than \$2 billion.

# Historical Performance

Trailing Returns as of 4/30/2025	3 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	Since Inception
<b>ETF Performance</b>					
Net Asset Value (NAV)	0.40%	2.56%	17.72%	8.79%	7.07%
Market Price	0.37%	2.35%	17.64%	8.82%	7.07%
<b>Index Performance</b>					
World All-Cap Index <sup>1</sup>	-0.89%	0.12%	6.16%	4.27%	5.04%
World All-Cap/ UST 0-1 Yr 50/50 Index <sup>1</sup>	0.04%	0.71%	5.42%	4.39%	4.13%
UST 0-1 Year Index <sup>1</sup>	0.95%	1.28%	4.49%	3.92%	2.64%
<b>Peer Group Performance</b>					
Morningstar Equity Hedged Category Average	-3.54%	-1.85%	6.78%	7.85%	6.49%
Morningstar Rating <sup>TM</sup>	--	--	--	★★★	--
ETF Rank Percentile	--	--	2%	29%	38%
# of Investments in Category	--	--	158	141	111

Returns greater than one year are annualized.

ETF Gross Expense Ratio: 1.90% as of 3/11/2025. ETF inception: 11/13/2020.

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NAV returns are based on the ETF's net asset value, which represents the market value of the ETF's underlying investments minus liabilities divided by the ETF's outstanding shares. Market price returns are based upon the midpoint of the bid/ask spread at 4:00pm Eastern Time, when the NAV is normally calculated.

<sup>1</sup>The Bloomberg World All-Cap Equal Weight TR Index ("World All-Cap Index") is an equal weighted equity benchmark that covers 99% market cap of the measured market. The Bloomberg World All-Cap Equal Weight/UST 0-1 Yr 50/50 Index ("World All-Cap/UST 0-1 Yr 50/50 Index") is a blend of 50% of the Bloomberg World All-Cap Equal Weight TR Index and 50% of the Bloomberg US Treasury 0-1 Year Maturity TR Index. The Bloomberg US Treasury 0-1 Year Maturity Index ("UST 0-1 Yr Index") is an index created by Bloomberg which functions as a cash proxy.

Performance information for each listed index is for illustrative purposes only and does not represent actual fund performance. Indexes do not charge management fees or brokerage expenses, and no such fees or expenses were deducted from the performance shown. Indexes are unmanaged and an investor cannot invest directly in an index.

As of 12/31/2024, the primary benchmark of the ETF was updated to the Bloomberg World All-Cap Equal Weight TR Index ("World All-Cap Index") from the Bloomberg US Treasury 0-1 Yr Maturity TR Index ("UST 0-1 Year Index").

The ETF was rated 3 stars against 141 funds in the Equity Hedged Category based on the three-year risk-adjusted return ending April 30, 2025. ETF rank percentile is based on the total return within each Morningstar Category. Please see important disclosures on page 9 for additional details.

# Disclosures

**Investors should consider the investment objectives, risks, charges, and expenses of Clough Hedged Equity ETF, formerly known as the Clough Long/Short Equity ETF, (the “ETF”) carefully before investing. This and other information are contained in the ETF’s prospectus, which may be obtained by visiting [www.cloughetfs.com](http://www.cloughetfs.com) or by calling 855-393-0559. Please read the prospectus carefully before you invest.**

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The Morningstar Equity Hedged Category includes funds whose strategies use a variety of means to protect their equity exposure during times of market weakness. These funds may exchange equity risk for some other risk premium, such as volatility. They may also make opportunistic trades, like employing market-timing moves to exit the market altogether. These funds will typically have beta values to relevant benchmarks of less than 0.6. The ETF was categorized in the Morningstar Category of Equity Hedged by Morningstar. Morningstar assigns categories based on funds' average holdings statistics over the past three years. When necessary, Morningstar may change a category assignment based on recent changes to the portfolio.

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