

# Innovator ETFs® Playbook

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| What are Buffer ETFs <sup>™</sup> ?   |   | 2714       |     | n. n. i |
|---|---|------------|-----|---------|
| Innovator Buffer ETFs™ are revolutionary risk-managed<br>investment solutions that define your upside and downside<br>return potential before you invest. | <b>REFERENCE ASSET</b><br>The underlying ETF or Index.                        | SPY<br>EFA | QQQ | IWM     |
| These ETFs track the price of a broad market asset to a   |   |            |     |         |
| cap and have a buffer on the downside, protecting you over a defined time frame, after which they reset.  | <b>BUFFER LEVEL</b><br>The amount of loss the ETF<br>is designed to mitigate. | 9%         | 10% | 15%     |
| All Buffer ETFs <sup>™</sup> are made up of three components:   |   | 20%        | 30% | 100%    |
|   |   |            |     |         |
|   | OUTCOME PERIOD  | 3-mo       |     | 6-mo    |
|   | The amount of time over which the defined investment outcome is realized.     | 1-yr       |     | 2-yr    |

#### Why Innovator?



Innovator is the *creator and industry-leading provider* of Buffer ETFs<sup>™</sup>.



After launching the world's first Buffer ETFs<sup>™</sup> in August 2018, Innovator's growing suite *now offers more than* 100 Buffer ETFs, spanning the industry's widest range of tenors, reference assets, and buffer levels.



Buffer ETFs™ are in our DNA - they're what we specialize in. Whether you want a deep-dive analysis into how Buffer ETFs<sup>™</sup> fit in client portfolios or a simple Buffer ETF 101 overview, we're ready to work with you every step of the way.



## September 2024 Top Innovator ETF Ideas

| CASH  | BONDS  | HEDGED EQUITY   |  |
|---|--|---|--|
| JAJL Equity Defined Protection ETF<br>6 Mo Jan/Jul                            | <b>BALT</b> Defined Wealth Shield ETF™                                       | <b>PSEP</b> U.S. Equity Power Buffer ETF <sup>™</sup>                   |  |
| <ul> <li>» 100% Buffer on SPY</li> <li>» 5.00% Cap (over 6-months)</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>» 20% Buffer on SPY</li> <li>» 2.73% Cap (over 3-months)</li> </ul> | » 15% Buffer on SPY<br>» 11.79% Cap                                     |  |
| » 6-Month Outcome Period  | » 3-Month Outcome Period   | » 1-Year Outcome Period   |  |
| <b>ZSEP</b><br>1 Yr September   | <b>AJUL</b> Equity Defined Protection ETF<br>2 Yr to July 2026               | <b>SFLR</b> Equity Managed Floor ETF <sup>™</sup>                       |  |
| » 100% Buffer on SPY  | » 100% Buffer on SPY   | » U.S. Large-Cap Equities   |  |
| <ul><li>» 7.53% Cap</li><li>» 1-Year Outcome Period</li></ul>                 | <ul><li>» 18.20% Cap</li><li>» 2-Year Outcome Period</li></ul>               | <ul><li>» Laddered 10% Floors</li><li>» 70-80% Upside Capture</li></ul> |  |



## Problem: Large Allocations to Cash

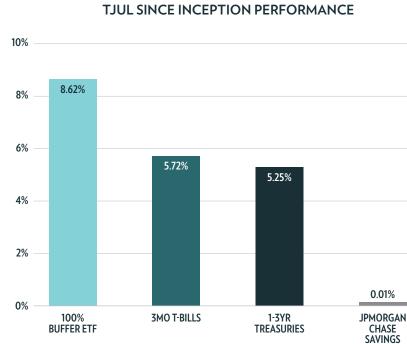
Investors have more than 25% in cash today, sitting on the sidelines.

## Solution: 100% Buffer ETFs<sup>™</sup>

100% Buffer ETFs<sup>™</sup> allow you to increase your clients' potential to outperform cash without adding downside risk.

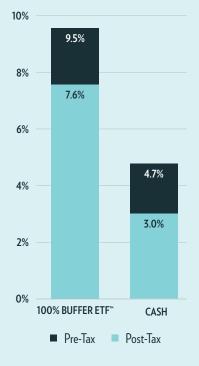
These ETFs offer a number of benefits over competing structures:

- » Tax-alpha
- » No credit risk
- » Daily liquidity
- » No surrender charges
- » 100% buffer every outcome period, before fees & expenses



Source: Bloomberg L.P. Data from 7/17/2023 - 7/31/2024. Performance quoted represents past performance, which is no guarantee of future results. Returns are based on NAV. Investment returns and principal value will fluctuate, so you may have a gain or loss when shares are sold. Current performance may be higher or lower than that quoted. Visit innovatoretfs.com/TJUL for current month-end performance. One cannot invest directly in an index. Index returns do not account for fund fees and expenses.

#### LONG-TERM CAP GAINS POTENTIAL OF 100% BUFFER ETFs™



## Problem: Market at All-Time Highs

Protect your clients' gains, while maintaining a buffer against a potential drawdown in U.S. equities.

## Solution: **PSEP: 15% September Equity Power Buffer ETF**<sup>™</sup>

The Innovator Power Buffer series is designed to buffer against the first 15% of losses, mitigating downside and providing upside to a cap.

When the market declined in 2022, PSEP mitigated much of the downside. As the market climbed and continued to hit new highs into Q3 2024, PSEP exhibited a high level of participation.



Source Bloomberg L.P. Data from 12/31/2021 - 7/31/2024

|                   | PSEP  | S&P 500 |
|-------------------|-------|---------|
| Cumulative Return | 24.2% | 20.7%   |
| Annualized Return | 8.7%  | 7.5%    |
| Volatility        | 9.8%  | 18.0%   |
| Sharpe Ratio      | 0.50  | 0.21    |
| Beta              | 0.52  | 1.00    |
| Max Drawdown      | -9.5% | -24.5%  |

Source: Bloomberg L.P. Data from 12/31/2021-7/31/2024. Returns are based on NAV. Performance quoted represents past performance, which is no guarantee of future results. Investment returns and principal value will fluctuate, so you may have a gain or loss when shares are sold. Current performance may be higher or lower than that quoted. Visit innovatoretfs.com/PSEP for current month-end performance. One cannot invest directly in an index. Index returns do not account for fund fees and expenses.

#### PSEP HAS OUTPERFORMED STOCKS OVER THE LAST 2.5 YEARS



<sup>1</sup>Bloomberg L.P. Data from 12/31/1949-12/31/2023. U.S. Equities represented by the S&P 500 Index

<sup>2</sup>Bloomberg L.P. Data from 4/30/2020-6/30/2024

## Problem: Bonds Have Disappointed

The bond market has entered a new regime of negative returns and increased volatility. Look at the 10-year period from January 2012 to December 2021, and then examine recent history.

The bond market is no longer a fail-safe source of risk management.

|                   | <b>CORE BONDS</b>                   |                                     |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
|                   | Date Range:<br>JAN 2012 to DEC 2021 | Date Range:<br>JAN 2022 to JUL 2024 |
| Cumulative Return | 33.1%                               | -6.7%                               |
| Volatility        | 3.3%                                | 7.1%                                |
| Return/Risk Ratio | 0.87                                | -0.37                               |
| Beta (S&P 500)    | -0.04                               | 0.09                                |
| Max Drawdown      | -6.3%                               | -16.8%                              |

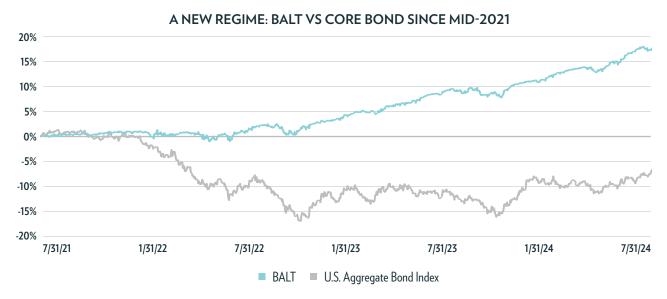
Source: Bloomberg L.P. Data from 12/30/2011-12/30/2021 and 12/30/2021-7/31/2024. Core Bonds is represented by the U.S. Aggregate Bond Index.

## Solution: BALT: 20% Quarterly Buffer on SPY

Since inception, BALT has outperformed core bonds by more than 24% while exhibiting less than half the volatility.

|                   | BALT  | U.S. AGGREGATE<br>BOND INDEX |
|-------------------|-------|------------------------------|
| Annualized Return | 5.4%  | -2.2%                        |
| Cumulative Return | 17.6% | -6.7%                        |
| Volatility        | 3.1%  | 6.7%                         |
| Return/Risk Ratio | 1.72  | -0.33                        |
| Beta (S&P 500)    | 0.15  | 0.08                         |
| Max Drawdown      | -2.2% | -17.9%                       |

Source: Bloomberg L.P. Data from 7/01/2021 - 7/31/2024



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## September Defined Outcome $\mathsf{ETFs}^{^{\mathrm{\tiny M}}}$

#### 100% BUFFER ETFs™

| REF. ASSET | BUFFER | <b>OUTCOME PERIOD</b> | STARTING CAP |
|------------|--------|-----------------------|--------------|
| SPY        | 100%   | 1 yr.                 | 7.53%        |
|            |        |                       |              |
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#### **BUFFER ETFs**<sup>™</sup>

| TICKER | REF. ASSET | BUFFER            | OUTCOME PERIOD | STARTING CAP |
|--------|------------|-------------------|----------------|--------------|
| KSEP   | IWM        | 15%               | 1 yr.          | 17.03%       |
| NSEP   | QQQ        | 15%               | 1 yr.          | 14.72%       |
| ISEP   | EFA        | 15%               | 1 yr.          | 15.12%       |
| BSEP   | SPY        | 9%                | 1 yr.          | 15.01%       |
| PSEP   | SPY        | 15%               | 1 yr.          | 11.79%       |
| USEP   | SPY        | 30% (-5% to -35%) | 1 yr.          | 11.87%       |

| STANDARDIZED PERFORMANCE | YTD   | 1 YEAR | 3 YEAR | 5 YEAR | INCEPTION |
|--------------------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|-----------|
| TJUL NAV                 | 4.58% | -      | -      | -      | 7.89%     |
| TJUL Closing Price       | 4.32% | -      | -      | -      | 7.72%     |
| PSEP NAV                 | 7.86% | 14.57% | 8.35%  | -      | 9.12%     |
| PSEP Closing Price       | 7.79% | 14.55% | 8.33%  | -      | 9.10%     |
| BALT NAV                 | 5.24% | 7.78%  | 5.35%  | -      | 5.35%     |
| BALT Closing Price       | 5.11% | 7.67%  | 5.34%  | -      | 5.34%     |

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The funds have characteristics unlike many other traditional investment products and may not be suitable for all investors. For more information regarding whether an investment in the Fund is right for you, please see "Investor Suitability" in the prospectus. Investing involves risks. Loss of principal is possible.

There is no guarantee the Fund will be successful in providing the sought-after protection. If the Outcome Period has begun and the Underlying ETF has increased in value, any appreciation of the Fund by virtue of increases in the Underlying ETF since the commencement of the Outcome Period will not be protected by the Buffer, and an investor could experience losses until the Underlying ETF returns to the original price at the commencement of the Outcome Period.

The Funds face numerous market trading risks, including active markets risk, authorized participation concentration risk, buffered loss risk, cap change risk, capped upside return risk, correlation risk, liquidity risk, management risk, market maker risk, market risk, non diversification risk, operation risk, options risk, trading issues risk, upside participation risk and valuation risk. For a detail list of fund risks see the prospectus.

**FLEX Options Risk** The Fund will utilize FLEX Options issued and guaranteed for settlement by the Options Clearing Corporation (OCC). In the unlikely event that the OCC becomes insolvent or is otherwise unable to meet its settlement obligations, the Fund could suffer significant losses. Additionally, FLEX Options may be less liquid than standard options. In a less liquid market for the FLEX Options, the Fund may have difficulty closing out certain FLEX Options positions at desired times and prices. The values of FLEX Options do not increase or decrease at the same rate as the reference asset and may vary due to factors other than the price of reference asset.

These Funds are designed to provide point-to-point exposure to the price return of the Reference Asset via a basket of Flex Options. As a result, the ETFs are not expected to move directly in line with the Reference Asset during the interim period.

Investors purchasing shares after an outcome period has begun may experience very different results than funds' investment objective. Initial outcome periods are approximately 1-year beginning on the funds' inception date. Following the initial outcome period, each subsequent outcome period will begin on the first day of the month the fund was incepted. After the conclusion of an outcome period, another will begin.

Fund shareholders are subject to an upside return cap (the "Cap") that represents the maximum percentage return an investor can achieve from an investment in the funds' for the Outcome Period, PBK-SEP-FP 0824

before fees and expenses. If the Outcome Period has begun and the Fund has increased in value to a level near to the Cap, an investor purchasing at that price has little or no ability to achieve gains but remains vulnerable to downside risks. Additionally, the Cap may rise or fall from one Outcome Period to the next. The Cap, and the Fund's position relative to it, should be considered before investing in the Fund. The Funds' website, www.innovatoretfs.com, provides important Fund information as well information relating to the potential outcomes of an investment in a Fund on a daily basis.

The Fund only seeks to provide shareholders that hold shares for the entire Outcome Period with their respective buffer level against reference asset losses during the Outcome Period. You will bear all reference asset losses exceeding the buffer. Depending upon market conditions at the time of purchase, a shareholder that purchases shares after the Outcome Period has begun may also lose their entire investment. For instance, if the Outcome Period has begun and the Fund has decreased in value beyond the pre-determined buffer, an investor purchasing shares at that price may not benefit from the buffer. Similarly, if the Outcome Period has begun and the Fund has increased in value, an investor purchasing shares at that price may not benefit from the buffer until the Fund's value has decreased to its value at the commencement of the Outcome Period.

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