



October 2021 Commentary
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The Core Alternative ETF (NYSE: CCOR) returned 0.85% (NAV) / 0.73% (Price) in October. The peak of Q3 earnings season led to a strong rally off the recent lows seen in equity markets early in the month. All main industry sectors were higher, a complete reversal from the prior month. Dip buying stepped back in as inflation concerns and expectations for a reduction in US Federal Reserve quantitative easing was largely shrugged off. Technology and energy names led gains as earnings/guidance came in better than expectations. Within sector, investors became more discerning. Factor analysis shows wide dispersion and markets rewarding mega cap names which guided forecasts higher into the remainder of the year and into 2022.

The CCOR ETF climbed higher alongside the bull run in equity markets as the stock allocation carried the way. The energy positioning in the fund was a material contributor to returns as oil prices have rallied to levels last seen in 2014. We expect supply/demand factors to continue to be favorable to the industry in the near term. Furthermore, select names in the healthcare sector were supportive from a stock selection perspective on new drug releases and lower costs. The primary detractors from returns included consumer-focused names impacted by supply chain bottlenecks and disruptions stemming from the delta variant. The outsized returns across S&P 500 companies also resulted in the premiums on put options negatively impacting total return.

To view the fund's standardized returns and holdings, click here: <https://www.corealtfunds.com/fund>

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