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April 2026 Commentary

*As of 05/06/26*

The Optimized Equity Income ETF (NYSE: OEI) returned 5.46% (NAV) / 5.54% (Market Price) in April, though it trailed the broader S&P 500 during a month defined by an exceptionally sharp and rapid market recovery. The fund's underperformance was primarily a structural byproduct of the fund's income-focused design. As equity prices surged, the upside potential was effectively capped when the market moved beyond the strike prices of our short call positions. While the velocity of the rally limited full capital participation, the fund still successfully generated income for investors. Elevated implied volatility leading into earnings season allowed us to capture more attractive premiums when selling covered calls on our individual equity holdings.

April 2026 was a month of dramatic reversals, characterized by a powerful risk-on rally that saw the S&P 500 surge back to all-time highs. The narrative shifted from geopolitical anxiety to fundamental optimism, driven by a blockbuster Q1 earnings season and a renewed embrace of secular growth themes. While equity markets focused on earnings, the fixed-income market remained wary. Economic data reflected a resilient U.S. consumer, but inflation remained stubborn, hovering closer to 3% than the Fed's 2% target. Despite positive sentiment around peace talks, oil prices remained elevated. This month's gains have pushed valuation multiples to levels that leave little room for error as the market increasingly prices itself for perfection.

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

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**Performance data quoted represents past performance and does not guarantee future results. The investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance of the fund may be lower or higher than the performance quoted. Performance data current to the most recent month end may be obtained by calling 800-617-0004 (ETF INFO). Performance figures are net of all fund expenses.**



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*To determine if this Fund is an appropriate investment for you, carefully consider the Fund's investment objectives, risk factors, charges and expense before investing. This and other information can be found in the Fund's full or summary prospectus which may be obtained by calling 800-617-0004 (ETF INFO) or visiting our website at [www.corealtnfunds.com](http://www.corealtnfunds.com). Read the prospectus carefully before investing or sending money.*

**Investments involve risk. Principal loss is possible.** There is no guarantee that the Fund will achieve its investment goal. All risks associated with this fund should be carefully considered before any investment decisions are made. In addition to the normal risks associated with investing, the Fund also includes the following risks specific to the particular investment strategy the fund employs: Derivatives Risk, Dividend Paying Security Risk, Equity Investing Risk, ETF Risks, Hedging Risk, Large Capitalization Companies Risk, Management Risk, Market Events Risk, Models and Data Risk, Options Risk, Sector Concentration Risk. For the list of applicable risks, and their descriptions, please refer to the fund's Prospectus found at [corealtnfunds.com](http://corealtnfunds.com).

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Diversification may not protect against market loss.

Total annual fund operating expenses 0.75%.

Index and market data provided by Bloomberg, LP

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