



January 2026 Commentary

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The Optimized Equity Income ETF (NYSE: OEI) returned 1.68% (NAV) / 1.74% (Market Price) in January, which slightly outperformed the S&P500. The primary source of income for the period was derived from the strategic deployment of options on individual securities, rather than the S&P 500. While the broader index trended upward, volatility within large Technology names created an ideal environment for our covered call strategy. The fund was also able to capture elevated premiums as we approach earnings season for many prominent S&P 500 companies. However, despite the covered call strategy doing well, the main driver of overall performance came from the underlying stock holdings in the fund.

January 2026 was a month defined by a notable shift in market leadership, as investors navigated a landscape of steady interest rates and renewed geopolitical friction. While the major U.S. indices finished in positive territory, the concentration of gains shifted away from the tech giants that dominated previous years. Gold and silver reached record highs, continuing their rally from 2025. Oil prices broke a long losing streak due to supply disruptions and tensions in the Middle East. The Federal Reserve set a cautious tone during its January meeting, choosing to hold interest rates steady after a string of cuts late in 2025. Market participants exited the month with their eyes fixed on the upcoming February earnings season to see if corporate profits could justify the elevated valuations seen across the broader market.

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

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**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 [corealtfunds.com](http://corealtfunds.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

**Definitions:**

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