

Clough Select Equity ETF (Ticker: CBSE)

Clough Hedged Equity ETF (Ticker: CBLS)



Clough ETFs Performance Review & Market Outlook

Global capital markets extended their strength through the third quarter of 2025, driven by moderate inflation, resilient corporate earnings, and early signs of monetary easing. The S&P 500 Index gained roughly 8%, its best third quarter since 2020¹, while optimism surrounding artificial intelligence ("AI"), energy infrastructure, and renewed capital spending supported broader risk appetite.

Equity markets demonstrated improving breadth, as participation widened beyond the most significant technology firms. The growth of data-center development and semiconductor production has linked the technology cycle to industrial demand, reinforcing investment across utilities, materials, and energy infrastructure. The market narrative, once narrowly tied to AI innovation, has broadened into a story of large-scale physical buildout—an effort requiring power generation, logistics capacity, and advanced manufacturing. This expansion across sectors helped stabilize valuations and improve earnings visibility heading into year-end.

Economic data suggested an economy moving toward equilibrium rather than a slowdown. Inflation eased further on the goods side, while services costs remained elevated but manageable. The Federal Reserve reduced its policy rate by 25 basis points in September, marking a turn toward support after nearly

two years of restrictive policy. Treasury yields declined modestly, with the 10-year yield finishing near 4.2%¹. Corporate credit spreads tightened, and high-yield markets regained momentum amid a stabilizing default outlook.

Commodities traded in a contained range as markets recalibrated to the new balance between energy demand and clean-power investment. Gold rose meaningfully on central bank buying and geopolitical hedging¹, while oil prices finished slightly lower as new supply entered the market. The U.S. dollar strengthened modestly over the quarter but remained within its multi-year trading range¹.

Capital markets today appear to rest on a firm liquidity foundation. Household and corporate balance sheets remain strong, and the rise in private-sector savings continues to offset the effects of tight monetary policy. These conditions support both financial markets and the broader economy, even as growth moderates from post-pandemic peaks. Looking forward, investors face a complex but constructive mix: lower rates, contained inflation, and meaningful structural investment in energy and digital infrastructure. This alignment suggests continued opportunity for active managers to navigate dispersion across sectors and benefit from the economy's transition to a more capital-intensive growth model.

¹Source: Bloomberg as of 9/30/2025



The Clough Select Equity ETF

finished the third quarter up +12.42% on a net asset value ("NAV") basis⁺, placing CBSE's performance ~7% ahead of the Morningstar Global Small/Mid Stock Category Average return of +5.78% over the same period.^{**}

For the one-year trailing period, CBSE was up +33.13% on a NAV basis. This annual performance exceeded the Morningstar Category by ~25% and exceeded its World All-Cap Index benchmark by ~20%.

During the quarter, sector strength was concentrated in materials, industrials, and technology sectors, while health care detracted. International exposure has also played a prominent positive role in exposure and attribution over the last several quarters.

With a broad mandate and a high conviction approach to portfolio construction, the long-only, actively managed ETF, CBSE has consistently demonstrated significant outperformance on both an absolute and relative basis since its inception. This consistent outperformance has resulted in top decile performance within the Morningstar Global Small/Mid Stock Category on a one-year, three-year and since inception basis^{**}, and a 5-star Overall Morningstar RatingTM ⁺⁺⁺.

CBSE may be a suitable option for an actively managed/core equity allocation in model portfolios. Contact us to learn more about the strategy.



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⁺⁺⁺The ETF was rated 5 stars against 170 funds in the Global Small/Mid Stock Category based on the overall and three-year risk-adjusted return ending 9/30/2025. Further information on the Morningstar RatingTM can be found on page 5.

Top three contributors in Q3 2025

Energy Fuels Inc. (UUUU) produces uranium and rare earth materials critical to U.S. supply chains. The stock outperformed in Q3 2025 as China's export curbs and U.S. tariffs on Chinese materials boosted demand, while government backing for domestic critical mineral production lifted investor sentiment.

Oklo Inc. (OKLO) develops advanced nuclear microreactors for clean power and data centers. Shares surged in Q3 2025 on excitement over nuclear energy's role in AI energy infrastructure, strong investor interest, and momentum from major funding announcements.

Reddit Inc. (RDDT) runs a popular online discussion platform and generates revenue from ads and data licensing. The stock outperformed in Q3 2025 on surging ad growth, improved monetization from AI-driven tools, and bullish analyst sentiment on future profitability.

Top three detractors in Q3 2025

Humacyte Inc. (HUMA) develops bioengineered human tissue for vascular and regenerative medicine applications. Shares underperformed in Q3 2025 due to heavy cash burn, slow commercialization of its Vascular Access product, and dilutive equity raises undermining investor confidence despite positive trial data.

Haemonetics Corp. (HAE) provides blood and plasma collection systems for hospitals and healthcare networks. The stock lagged in Q3 2025 as weakening organic sales across key segments, multiple analyst downgrades, and concerns about slowing adoption of its plasma and vascular products pressured revenue growth and margins.

indie Semiconductor Inc. (INDI) designs chips for advanced automotive and sensor applications. The stock declined in Q3 2025 as revenue contracted year-over-year, margins remained negative, and investor sentiment weakened amid slower industry growth forecasts and persistent losses.



The Clough Hedged Equity ETF

finished the third quarter up +0.19% on a NAV basis⁺, which underperformed its World All-Cap Index benchmark, which was up +8.53% over the same period. The ETF underperformed its

Morningstar Equity Hedged Category by ~5% during the quarter⁺⁺.

For the trailing one year, CBLS was up +14.54% on a NAV basis, exceeding the Morningstar Category by ~4%, and ahead of its World All-Cap Index benchmark by ~1% and behind the S&P 500 Index by ~3%. CBLS delivered 83% of the S&P 500 Index returns over the year, despite an average net exposure of ~61%.

During the third quarter, sector performance was supported by strength in industrials, materials, and consumer discretionary, while weakness in financials and communications and hedges detracted. CBLS continued to exhibit exposure to international businesses, with Asia Pacific exposure as a positive contributor to performance.

CBLS is a liquid alternative strategy that may be suitable in the "alternative" or "long/short equity" allocations within your model portfolios. CBLS now has a 2-star Overall Morningstar Rating^{TM+++} and top quintile performance on a one-year basis⁺⁺.



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⁺⁺⁺The ETF was rated 2 stars against 139 funds in the Equity Hedged Category based on the overall and three-year risk-adjusted return ending 9/30/2025. Further information on the Morningstar RatingTM can be found on page 6.

Top three contributors in Q3 2025

Bloom Energy Corp. (BE) develops solid oxide fuel cell systems that provide clean, on-site power for commercial and industrial use. The stock outperformed sharply in Q3 2025 due to surging demand from AI data center partnerships, a \$5 billion Brookfield deal for power systems, and government incentives expanding clean energy adoption.

Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd. (AEM) is one of the world's leading gold producers with operations across Canada, Finland, and Mexico. Shares rose in Q3 2025 as gold prices reached multi-year highs, the company posted strong cash flow growth, and analysts upgraded forecasts on its exploration-driven production expansion.

Tesla Inc. (TSLA) designs and manufactures electric vehicles, battery storage products, and AI-enabled technologies such as robotaxis. The stock rallied in Q3 2025 on near-record quarterly deliveries, optimism around its upcoming AI and autonomous initiatives, and renewed investor confidence pushing its market cap above \$1.5 trillion.

Top three detractors in Q3 2025

2x Long VIX Futures ETF (UVIX) provides leveraged exposure to short-term VIX futures and was used as a tactical hedge against market downturns within the portfolio. While the ETF underperformed in Q3 2025 due to persistently low volatility and contango-driven erosion, its presence in the portfolio served as a volatility offset, enabling a more aggressive stance across long equity positions during the period.

Haemonetics Corp. (HAE) develops blood and plasma collection systems for healthcare institutions. Its shares lagged in Q3 2025 weakening organic sales across key segments, multiple analyst downgrades, and concerns about slowing adoption of its plasma and vascular products pressured revenue growth and margins.

ProShares Ultra VIX Short-Term Futures ETF (UVXY) offers 1.5x exposure to VIX futures and functions primarily as a dynamic hedge against sudden equity market corrections. Despite sharp losses in Q3 2025 due to muted volatility and a decaying futures structure, owning this position as a hedge allowed the portfolio to pursue higher beta growth exposures amid strong overall equity market performance.



Average net exposures in Q3 2025+

Market Capitalization

Small-Cap	12.4%
Mid-Cap	17.9%
Large-Cap	64.8%

Sector (Top 5)

Consumer Discretionary	17.2%
Industrials	13.8%
Technology	13.0%
Communications	11.2%
Energy	11.2%

Geographic

North America	77.6%
Asia	10.8%
Western Europe	5.5%
South & Central America	1.1%

Top 10 Holdings as of 9/30/2025+

GRAIL Inc	3.85%
Solaris Energy Infrastructure Inc	3.04%
Cadence Design Systems Inc	3.03%
XPeng Inc	2.97%
B2Gold Corp	2.95%
Newmont Corp	2.92%
Marvell Technology Inc	2.89%
Select Water Solutions Inc	2.88%
Expand Energy Corp	2.87%
Planet Labs PBC	2.84%



Average net exposures in Q3 2025+

Long/Short

Long	93.9%
Short	-33.3%

Market Capitalization

Small-Cap	0.4%
Mid-Cap	5.9%
Large-Cap	54.3%

Sector (Top 5)

Technology	11.9%
Industrials	11.7%
Energy	9.0%
Consumer Discretionary	8.6%
Materials	7.2%

Geographic

North America	46.5%
Asia	9.4%
Western Europe	3.2%
South & Central America	1.6%

Top 5 Long Holdings as of 9/30/2025+

Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd	4.41%
Bloom Energy Corp	3.28%
Northrop Grumman Corp	2.99%
Solaris Energy Infrastructure Inc	2.99%
Newmont Corp	2.90%

Top 5 Short Holdings as of 9/30/2025+

Carvana Co	-1.54%
Adobe Inc	-1.50%
KinderCare Learning Cos Inc	-1.40%
Workday Inc	-1.28%
Affirm Holdings Inc	-1.28%

+Holdings and allocation data are subject to change without notice and are not a recommendation to buy or sell any security. Excludes cash positions. Calculated as a % of net assets.

Clough Select Equity ETF (CBSE) Performance Summary as of 9/30/2025

Trailing Returns	3 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	Since Inception
ETF Performance					
Net Asset Value (NAV)	12.42%	24.75%	33.13%	25.38%	16.57%
Market Price	12.42%	24.71%	33.08%	25.32%	16.57%
Index Performance					
World All-Cap Index ¹	8.53%	19.55%	13.15%	16.95%	8.47%
Peer Group Performance					
Morningstar Global Small/Mid Stock Category Avg ²	5.78%	14.19%	8.63%	13.49%	4.88%
Morningstar Rating TM ³	-	-	-	★★★★★	-
Fund Rank Percentile ⁴	-	-	5%	4%	6%
# of Investments in Category	-	-	172	170	160

Returns greater than one year are annualized.

ETF Gross Expense Ratio: 0.86% 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.

¹The 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. 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.

²Morningstar Category Averages are designed to represent the average return of funds within their category over time. Morningstar creates a category average daily total return index series, as well as monthly, quarterly, and annual averages of return and non-return data. Morningstar Category Averages are equal-weighted category returns. The calculation is simply the average of the returns for all the funds in a given category. In Morningstar, exchange-traded funds and open-end mutual funds are considered a single population for comparative purposes.

³The Morningstar RatingTM is calculated for managed products (including mutual funds, exchange-traded funds, closed-end funds, and separate accounts) with at least a three-year history. Exchange-traded funds and open-ended mutual funds are considered a single population for comparative purposes. It is calculated based on a Morningstar Risk-Adjusted Return measure that accounts for variation in a managed product's monthly excess performance, placing more emphasis on downward variations and rewarding consistent performance. The Morningstar RatingTM does not include any adjustment for sales loads. The top 10% of funds in each category receive 5 stars, the next 22.5% receive 4 stars, the next 35% receive 3 stars, the next 22.5% receive 2 stars and the bottom 10% receive 1 star. (Each share class is counted as a fraction of one fund within this scale and rated separately, which may cause slight variations in the distribution percentages.) The Overall Morningstar RatingTM for a managed product is derived from a weighted average of the performance figures associated with its three-, five- and ten-year (if applicable) Morningstar RatingTM metrics. Ratings are determined monthly and are subject to change. The ETF was rated 5 stars against 170 funds in the Global Small/Mid Stock Category based on the overall and three-year risk-adjusted return ending 9/30/2025.

⁴The rank percentile is based on total return within the Morningstar Global Small/Mid Stock Category for the 1-year, 3-year and since inception periods as of 9/30/2025.

Clough Hedged Equity ETF (CBLS) Performance Summary as of 9/30/2025

Trailing Returns	3 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	Since Inception
ETF Performance					
Net Asset Value (NAV)	0.19%	9.90%	14.54%	10.53%	7.97%
Market Price	0.21%	9.67%	14.51%	10.49%	7.96%
Index Performance					
World All-Cap Index ¹	8.53%	19.55%	13.15%	16.95%	8.47%
World All-Cap/UST 0-1 Yr 50/50 Index ¹	4.73%	11.03%	8.61%	10.72%	5.86%
UST 0-1 Year Index ¹	1.02%	2.93%	3.99%	4.37%	2.75%
Peer Group Performance					
Morningstar Equity Hedged Category Average ²	5.14%	9.94%	10.94%	14.84%	8.41%
Morningstar Rating TM ³	-	-	-	★★	-
Fund Rank Percentile ⁴	-	-	17%	71%	47%
# of Investments in Category	-	-	156	139	102

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

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As of 12/31/2024, the primary benchmark of the ETF was updated to the World All-Cap Index from the UST 0-1 Yr Index.

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Investors should consider the investment objectives, risks, charges, and expenses of Clough Select Equity ETF ("CBSE") and the Clough Hedged ETF ("CBLs") (each, an "ETF" and collectively, the "ETFs") carefully before investing. This and other information are contained in each ETF's prospectus, which may be obtained by visiting www.cloughcapital.com/etfs or by calling 855-393-0559. Please read the prospectus carefully before you invest.

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The Morningstar Global Small/Mid Stock Category includes funds whose portfolios invest in a variety of international stocks that are smaller. Global-stock portfolios have a few geographical limitations. It is common for these portfolios to invest the majority of their assets in developed markets, with the remainder divided among the globe's smaller markets. These portfolios are not significantly overweight in US equity exposure relative to the Morningstar Global Market Index and maintain at least a 20% absolute US exposure. The Clough Select Equity ETF was categorized in the Morningstar Category of Global Small/Mid Stock by Morningstar.

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 Clough Hedged Equity 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.