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abrdn Launches First Active ETFs

abrdn expands passive Commodity and Precious Metal ETF suite with the launch of two new actively managed ETFs in U.S. small caps and emerging markets

PHILADELPHIA – February 18, 2025 – abrdn Inc., the U.S. business of the global specialist asset manager, today announced the launch of two new fully transparent active ETFs, trading on the NASDAQ: the abrdn Focused U.S. Small Cap Active ETF (NASDAQ: AFSC) and the abrdn Emerging Markets Dividend Active ETF (NASDAQ: AGEM).

The abrdn Focused U.S. Small Cap Active ETF seeks capital appreciation by investing in a select group of high-conviction U.S. small-cap stocks, while the abrdn Emerging Markets Dividend Active ETF targets total return through income and long-term capital growth, focusing on companies with strong dividend growth and solid fundamentals.

The launch marks the introduction of abrdn's first actively managed ETFs in the U.S., providing access to two of the firm's flagship investment capabilities, building upon its existing \$10 billion ETF business.

The abrdn Focused U.S. Small Cap Active ETF will continue to be managed Chris Colarik, Head of U.S. Smaller Companies, and Scott Eun, Senior Investment Director. The Emerging Markets Dividend Active ETF will continue to be managed by Matt Williams, Senior Investment Director, and Gabriel Sacks, Investment Director. These existing investment teams will be further strengthened by the addition of Awais Khan, CFA, Head of ETF Portfolio Management and Capital Markets as a portfolio manager to the funds.

Jim O'Connor, CEO, Americas, said: "The demand for actively managed funds has grown at a tremendous rate as investors seek higher-touch, lower cost and tax efficient strategies. These two new funds mark the first phase of our commitment to offering world-class investment solutions, combining our expertise in active management with our existing passive ETF solutions in commodities and precious metals. We look forward to engaging advisors and investors on how active management in these specialized asset classes can help diversify portfolios and improve client outcomes."

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Awais Khan, CFA, Head of ETF Portfolio Management and Capital Markets, said: "U.S. small caps and emerging markets present compelling diversification opportunities driven by the market's undervaluation. As appetite for dealmaking increases, small caps in particular emerge as a prime target, trading at a discount relative to large caps, and offering significant growth potential. We are excited to build on the strong track records of the EM Dividend Fund and Focused U.S. Small Cap Fund by offering active ETFs within these niche markets, further unlocking long-term value for investors."

For more information on abrdn's active ETF suite, please visit [Active ETFs | abrdn](#)

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About abrdn

- abrdn is a global investment company that helps clients and customers plan, save and invest for the future. Our purpose is to enable our clients to be better investors.
- abrdn manages and administers \$640.5 bn of assets for clients (as of 31 December 2024).
- Our strategy is to deliver client-led growth. We are structured around three businesses – Investments, Adviser and Personal – focused on their changing needs.
- The capabilities in our Investments business are built on the strength of our insight – generated from wide-ranging research, worldwide investment expertise and local market knowledge.
- Our teams collaborate across regions, asset classes and specialisms, connecting diverse perspectives and working with clients to identify investment opportunities that suit their needs.





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- As of 31 December 2024, our Investments business manages \$463.0bn on behalf of clients - including insurance companies, sovereign wealth funds, independent wealth managers, pension funds, platforms, banks and family offices.

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