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Index Description

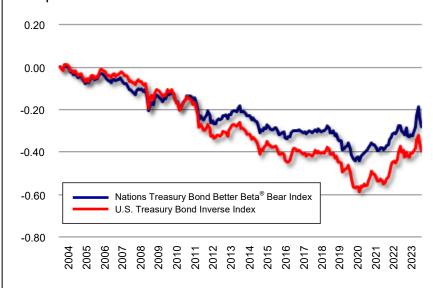
The Nations® Treasury Bond Better Beta® Bear Index is a significantly improved methodology for achieving inverse levered returns. It measures the return of an option-levered index which seeks to generate a gain equal to approximately 200% of any decline in the price of U.S. treasury bonds with a cap on those gains, while generating a loss equal to 100% of the gain in treasury bond prices. The Index accomplishes this by overlaying a 1x2 put option spread (long 1 at-the-money put, short 2 out-of-the-money puts) on a short position in treasury bonds.

The Nations® Treasury Bond Better Beta® Bear Index should serve as the preferred trading vehicle for traders seeking to speculate against the price of U.S. Treasury Bonds.

The Index is a significant improvement over existing inverse levered indexes:

- The Nations Better Beta[®] Bear Index levers gains with a cap but does not lever losses;
- The Nations Better Beta[®] Bear Index generates levered returns without borrowing or margin costs;
- Monthly returns for Nations Better Beta[®] Bear Indexes are not impacted by compounding, a significant problem for existing inverse levered products. Compounding means returns for existing vehicles can differ significantly from expectations.

Comparative Historical Performance



| | Nations Treasury Bond Better Beta [®] Bear Index | U.S. Treasury Bond Inverse Index |
|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Compound Annual Return | | |
| 2023 | 6.60% | -1.00% |
| 3 Year | 8.84% | 13.05% |
| 5 Year | 1.23% | 0.67% |
| 10 Year | -2.21% | -3.09% |
| Since Inception | -3.14% | -4.43% |
| Average Annualized Standard Deviation of Monthly Returns | | |
| 2023 | 27.78% | 20.47% |
| 3 Year | 15.51% | 16.30% |
| 5 Year | 14.58% | 15.58% |
| 10 Year | 11.43% | 12.91% |
| Since Inception | 11.27% | 12.75% |
| Average Annual Sharpe Ratio | | |
| 2023 | 0.06 | -0.29 |
| 3 Year | 0.64 | 0.82 |
| 5 Year | 0.07 | 0.03 |
| 10 Year | -0.13 | -0.20 |
| Since Inception | -0.41 | -0.47 |

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