



# Tax-Loss Harvesting Opportunity: **Covered Call ETFs**

Tax-loss harvesting—i.e., selling investments with losses to offset capital gains elsewhere—can be a valuable strategy to potentially reduce an investor's tax liability. However, after consecutive years of double-digit stock market rallies, investors might be out of ideas on where to look for opportunities to employ this tool.

It's often overlooked that tax-loss selling may even be possible when an investment has experienced a positive total return. How could that happen? Investors should be aware that some covered call ETFs have made taxable distributions that are greater than their total return, resulting in a negative price return—and a potential a tax-loss harvesting opportunity.

#### Negative Price Returns for Covered Call ETFs May Create an Opportunity for **Tax-Loss Harvesting**

Total Return = Capital Gain & Income Distributions + Price Return



Source: Morningstar, Bloomberg, ProShares Calculations. Total return and price return are weighted average returns of a group of covered call ETFs that represent 90% of the ETF assets under management in Morningstar Derivatives Income category as of 7/19/24. Only ETFs with at least 3 years of return history are included in the analysis. The return period is 6/30/21 - 6/28/24. Total returns assume reinvestment based on market price. Distribution is the implied difference between total return and price return. Distributions are assumed to be taxable.

If your covered call ETF's share price is below its cost basis (illustrated above), consider harvesting a tax loss and repositioning your equity income allocation with a ProShares High Income ETF.



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- Target the returns of the S&P 500, Nasdaq-100, or Russell 2000 over the long-term
- Potentially capture the returns that monthly covered call strategies may sacrifice

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