



# SECURED OPTIONS

## QUARTERLY COMMENTARY

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Strategies like Secured Options that seek to capture the Volatility Risk Premium (VRP) and the Equity Risk Premium (ERP) on the S&P 500 Index, benefit from environments when the S&P 500 Index implied (expected) volatility is greater than realized (actual) volatility.
- For the first quarter, the Glenmede Secured Options strategy had a return of -2.5% gross and -2.6% net, while the CBOE S&P 500 Put-Write Index had a return of -2.8% and the CBOE S&P 500 Buy-Write Index had a return of -3.1%.
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The S&P 500 started 2025 by hitting a new all-time high on February 19th before falling -8.5% to end the first quarter down -4.3%. Strategies like Secured Options that seek to capture the Volatility Risk Premium (VRP) benefitted from elevated levels of implied volatility that increased option premiums and created a bigger downside cushion.

Our Secured Options strategy, which seeks to capture both Equity Risk Premium (ERP) and Volatility Risk Premium (VRP) by primarily selling cash-secured puts on the S&P 500 Index, lost -2.5% before fees and -2.6% net in 2025Q1. Our benchmark, the CBOE S&P 500 Put-Write Index (Ticker: PWT) lost -2.9% for the 2025Q1. The CBOE S&P 500 Buy-Write Index (Ticker: BXM) lost -3.1%. Since our benchmark also has roughly 50% exposure to each of the two risk premia, we believe all relative under/outperformance may be attributed to our active options selection process. Our options selection process was defensively positioned with a larger downside cushion and less upside potential than both of our CBOE benchmarks for 2025Q1, which helped us outperform with a lower risk.

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the tariff war igniting inflation fears and upending global trade, option premiums are much higher than normal and market volatility is expected to stay well above its long-term historical average with flatter skew and higher individual stock correlation. Given all of this, we expect our Secured Options strategy to remain balanced with a wider strike selection unless markets have a bigger correction causing us to become more bullish.

## SECURED OPTIONS Composite Performance (%)

As of 3/31/2025	QTD	YTD	1 YEAR	3 YEAR*	5 YEAR*	10 YEAR*	SINCE INCEPTION* (12/31/03)
Glenmede (Gross)	-2.5	-2.5	8.3	4.6	12.2	7.3	7.3
Glenmede (Net)	-2.6	-2.6	7.7	4.0	11.6	6.6	6.6
CBOE PutWrite TW	-2.8	-2.8	9.1	5.9	13.6	7.2	7.1
CBOE BuyWrite	-3.1	-3.1	9.8	4.6	11.7	6.4	5.7

\*Annualized

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The Secured Options composite included herein, from January 1, 2004 to June 30, 2010, is that of Glenmede Trust Company and has been linked to the performance of Glenmede Investment Management, LP. The investment decision makers and the investment process remains unchanged. The secured options composite will implement buy-write (covered call) and/or cash-secured put option strategies on stock ETFs, stock indices and/or individual stocks held by the portfolio. The strategy invests in options which have the risks of unlimited losses of the underlying holdings due to unanticipated market movements and failure to correctly predict the direction of the securities prices, interest rates and currency exchange rates. The strategy may invest in ADRs and foreign securities which involve greater volatility and political, economic, and currency risks and differences in accounting methods. This strategy seeks to balance the total return of the S&P 500 with risk mitigation from options. This investment may not be suitable for all investors. The CBOE Put/Write T-W Index is a benchmark index designed to track the performance of a hypothetical short put strategy. CBOE introduced the CBOE S&P 500 PutWrite T-W Index on July 3, 2014. The PWT Index replicates the methodology used to calculate the PUT Index, with one exception. That is, on each roll date the SPX puts are deemed to be sold at the Ptwap, a price equal to the time-weighted average of reported bid prices, of the selected SPX put option beginning at 11:30 a.m. ET and ending at 12:00 p.m. ET. Accordingly, Ptwap is used in place of the Pvwap on PWT roll dates. CBOE has not calculated a separate series of historical values for the PWT Index prior to July 2007. Rather, historical values for the PWT Index prior to July 2007, may be considered the same as PUT Index values. The unmanaged index is a total return index with dividends reinvested. The CBOE S&P 500 BuyWrite Index is a benchmark index designed to show the hypothetical performance of a portfolio that engages in a buy-write strategy using S&P 500 index call options. The term buy-write is used because the investor buys stocks and writes call options against the stock position. The writing of the call option provides extra income for an investor who is willing to forego some upside potential. One cannot invest directly in an index.

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**We calculate the Equity Risk Premium as the spread between the total monthly return of the S&P500 and the yield on the 10-year Treasury Bond in monthly terms. The average Equity Risk Premium over the entire period is calculated as the annualized average of each monthly Equity Risk Premium.**

**We calculate the Volatility Risk Premium as the spread between the closing price of the VIX Index and the subsequent 1-month realized price volatility of the S&P 500 Index. Each observation is a 1-month period starting on an options expiration date (the third Friday of the month).**

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