



Westwood Salient Enhanced Energy Income ETF (WEEI) Surpasses \$100 Million in Assets

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Milestone Reflects Growing Advisor and Investor Demand for Income and Diversified Energy Exposure

DALLAS, Aug. 13, 2026 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- [Westwood Holdings Group](#) (NYSE: WHG) (NYSE: WHG), a boutique asset management, trust and wealth services firm, today announced that the [Westwood Salient Enhanced Energy Income ETF \(NASDAQ: WEEI\)](#) has surpassed \$100 million in assets under management. The milestone reflects growing advisor and investor demand for a strategy that pairs dividend yield and options premiums from covered calls with the potential for equity appreciation across the energy sector.

WEEI, the second ETF in Westwood's Enhanced Income Series™, invests across the full energy value chain, spanning upstream, downstream, oil service and integrated companies involved in every phase of oil exploration, production, service and distribution. Large-cap anchors add stability, while diversified exposure across the sector creates the potential for meaningful income from options premiums and dividends.

"Surpassing \$100 million in assets is continued validation of WEEI's approach to the energy sector," said Brian Casey, CEO of Westwood Holdings Group. "By combining diversified exposure across the full energy value chain, from upstream and downstream to oil service and integrated companies, with the income potential of covered call writing and dividend yields, we've built a strategy designed to meet investors' need for consistent income without giving up the opportunity for equity appreciation."

Since its 2024 inception, WEEI has carried the highest distribution rate in Westwood's Enhanced Income Series™, with an annualized distribution of 11.3%¹, paid monthly, as of 7/30/2026.

"This milestone comes at a pivotal moment for the energy sector," said Parag Sanghani, Senior Portfolio Manager on Westwood's Energy Team. "Commodity prices remain volatile, global energy demand keeps climbing, and the market is still working through what the shift to new energy sources means for traditional producers. WEEI gives investors a way to participate in energy's upside while staying diversified across the sector, and our covered call strategy turns that volatility into a source of income rather than just a risk to manage."

Westwood's Enhanced Income Series™ also includes the [Westwood Salient Enhanced Midstream Income ETF \(NYSE: MDST\)](#), WEEI's sister fund and an actively managed portfolio of midstream and MLP energy infrastructure companies with an income-focused options overlay, and the [Westwood Enhanced Income Opportunity ETF \(NYSE: YLDW\)](#), an actively managed ETF that seeks income and capital appreciation across a range of asset classes with an added options-based income component. The series is set to expand with the [Westwood Enhanced Power & Infrastructure ETF \(NYSE: PWRX\)](#), a diversified power and infrastructure portfolio focused on sectors positioned to benefit from the AI power supercycle.

More information on Westwood's ETF offerings is available at westwoodetfs.com.

Standardized Performance as of 6/30/26				
		QTD	1 Year	Since Inception
WEEI Inception: April 30, 2024 Expense Ratio: 0.85%	Fund NAV (%)	-7.38%	20.73%	7.72%
	Market Price (%)	-7.45%	20.86%	7.76%
Subsidized/Unsubsidized 30-Day Yield				
WEEI 2.06%/2.06%				

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NAV Return represents the closing price of underlying securities. Market Return is calculated using the price which investors buy and sell ETF shares in the market. The market returns in the table are based upon the midpoint of the bid/ask spread at 4:00 pm EST, and do not represent the returns you would have received if you traded shares at other times.

¹The Annualized Distribution Rate shown is as of July 30, 2026. The Annualized Distribution Rate is the rate an investor would receive if the most recent distribution, which includes option premium income, remained the same going forward. The Annualized Distribution Rate is calculated by multiplying an ETF's Distribution per Share by twelve (12), and dividing the resulting amount by the ETF's most recent NAV. The Distribution Rate

represents a single distribution from the ETF and does not represent its total return. The current month's distribution is 100% return of capital (ROC). Distributions may also include a combination of ordinary dividends, capital gain, and return of investor capital, which may decrease an ETF's NAV and trading price over time. As a result, an investor may suffer significant losses to their investment. These Distribution Rates may be caused by unusually favorable market conditions and may not be sustainable. Such conditions may not continue to exist and there should be no expectation that this performance may be repeated in the future.

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Our team at Westwood comes from varied backgrounds and life experiences, which reflects our origins as a woman-founded firm. We are committed to incorporating diverse insights and knowledge into all aspects of our services and solutions. Our culture and approach to our business reflect our core values— integrity, reliability, responsiveness, adaptability, teamwork and driving results — and underpin our constant pursuit of excellence.

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The Fund's investments are concentrated in the energy infrastructure industry with an emphasis on securities issued by MLPs, which may increase price fluctuation. The value of commodity-linked investments such as the MLPs and energy infrastructure companies (including midstream MLPs and energy infrastructure companies) in which the Fund invests are subject to risks specific to the industry they serve, such as fluctuations in commodity prices, reduced volumes of available natural gas or other energy commodities, slowdowns in new construction and acquisitions, a sustained reduced demand for crude oil, natural gas and refined petroleum products, depletion of the natural gas reserves or other commodities, changes in the macroeconomic or regulatory environment, environmental hazards, rising interest rates and threats of attack by terrorists on energy assets, each of which could affect the Fund's profitability. Covered Call Strategy Risk: This risk arises when an investor holds a long position in a stock and simultaneously sells a call option against it. While this strategy can generate income, it limits potential upside gains if the stock price rises significantly above the strike price of the option. Options Risk/Flex Options Risk: This refers to the inherent risks associated with trading options, such as the risk of losing the entire premium paid for an option if it expires out-of-the-money. Flex options risk is a specific type of options risk that arises from the flexibility of flex options, which can be adjusted or exercised under certain conditions.

The SEC 30-Day Yield represents net investment income earned by the Fund over a 30-day period, expressed as an annual percentage rate based on the Fund's share price at the end of the 30-day period. 30-day SEC yield is a standardized calculation adopted by the SEC based on a 30-day period that helps investors compare funds using a consistent method of calculating yield. The subsidized yield includes the effect of any fee waivers or expense reimbursements, while the unsubsidized yield excludes these cost reductions, showing what the yield would be if the fund had to cover all expenses from its own income. Options Premiums is the price paid to purchase an option contract. Covered Call Option is a financial contract that gives the holder the right, but not the obligation, to buy a specific asset at a predetermined price (strike price) within a specified time period. Dividend Yield is a dividend expressed as a percentage of a current share price.

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Covered Call Strategy Risk: This risk arises when an investor holds a long position in a stock and simultaneously sells a call option against it. While this strategy can generate income, it limits potential upside gains if the stock price rises significantly above the strike price of the option.

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