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# STOXX U.S. QUALITY GROWTH ETF

## Pursuing Growth Throughout the Market Cycle

Growth stocks often command higher valuations than other stocks. That's because investors pay for the prospect of rising earnings—driven by expanding markets or increasing market share. And if that growth doesn't materialize as expected, a stock's price can decline quickly, making it more volatile than other types of investments.

Cap-weighted indexes that track these stocks often magnify these attributes. Moreover, because the indexes focus on high-growth businesses, they're often concentrated in certain dynamic industries such as technology, which may be susceptible to bubbles.

STOXX U.S. Quality Growth ETF (QGRO) seeks to provide more balanced exposure to growth investing with an approach that starts by identifying stocks that feature both quality and growth characteristics. The methodology also distinguishes between stable growth and high growth companies, dynamically allocating to each category depending on the market environment. The result is a portfolio that pursues the dynamic potential of growth while seeking less volatility.

## FUND INFORMATION

Ticker	QGRO
Intraday NAV Ticker	QGRO-IV
Inception Date	9/10/2018
Exchange	NYSE ARCA
Gross Expense Ratio	0.29%
Index	iStoxx American Century USA Quality Growth Index
Bloomberg Ticker	ISSUQGGV
Number of Holdings	150-300

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## Three Steps to Strengthen Core Growth Portfolios

American Century's rules-based methodology applies three key tenets as it seeks to provide diversified exposure to U.S. equities while managing downside risk:



**1** Narrow the universe



**2** Target growth companies



**3** Take advantage of cyclicity



American Century Investments® offers its expertise through a wide variety of investment products designed to meet the needs of individuals and institutions around the world. Our offerings include mutual funds, separate account strategies, collective investment trusts and ETFs.

**Some investors confuse price momentum with growth, but the two types of investing are very different:**

- Growth investing focuses on business fundamentals such as earnings or profitability
- Momentum investing selects stocks whose prices have risen, often over brief recent time periods

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As of 3/9/2020, the fund held the following securities as a percentage of net assets: Amazon (2.47%); Apple (0.09%); Home Depot (0.09%); and Nike (0.26%). Holdings are subject to change.

## NARROW THE UNIVERSE

QGRO’s multi-faceted methodology is designed to eliminate low-quality, low-growth companies from consideration. Metrics are tailored to account for differences across sectors, with companies that score lowest in each sector eliminated from the portfolio.



## TARGET GROWTH COMPANIES

Growth companies are those whose earnings are expected to grow faster than their industry or overall market.

Growth companies include “hot” names (such as Apple and Amazon), which command premium prices because they have been growing much faster than peers, so valuations reflect that growth potential. Growth also includes more established names (such as Nike and Home Depot) that have been growing at more consistent, lower levels, so their valuations are more moderate.

We view companies like Apple and Amazon as “High Growth,” and companies such as Nike and Home Depot as “Stable Growth.”

To distinguish between the two types, the QGRO methodology focuses on the fundamentals that often drive growth.

High Growth analysis combines both historical and forward-looking metrics, while Stable Growth analysis emphasizes historical metrics, plus valuations. We believe this approach captures the return potential of high-growth stocks along with the consistency of stable growers.

High Growth	Stable Growth
Sales	Growth
Earnings	Profitability
Operating income	Valuation metrics
Cash flow	

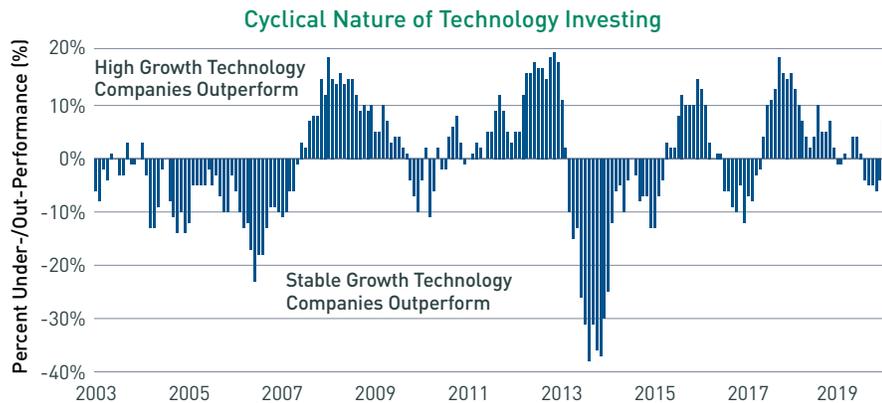
## TAKE ADVANTAGE OF CYCLICALITY

Technology companies are often considered synonymous with growth. That's why we've chosen this sector to analyze the behavior of different types of stocks.

The Technology sector—as represented by the Russell 1000 Technology Index—consists of companies with many different growth and valuation characteristics. It has been separated into two indexes based on these characteristics: Russell 1000 Technology Growth Index and Russell 1000 Technology Value Index.

High Growth Companies possess many of the same attributes as those in the Russell 1000 Technology Growth index, while Stable Growth Companies share characteristics with the Russell 1000 Technology Value Index.

We analyzed the relative performance of High and Stable Growth companies and, as we can see below, each has outperformed at different times, sometimes for extended periods.

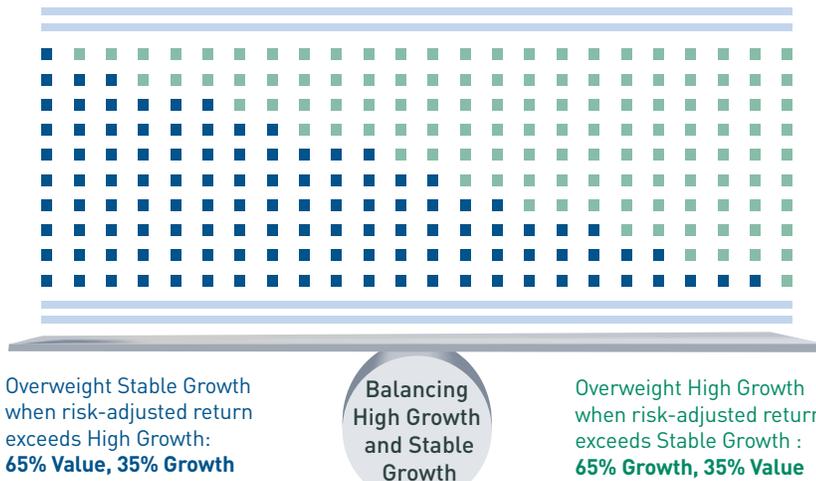


Data is from 1/1/2003 to 12/31/2019. Source: Morningstar. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. The Russell 1000 Technology Growth and Russell 1000 Technology Value indexes are subsets of the Russell 1000 Technology Index. The Russell 1000 Technology Growth Index consists of companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth rates. The Russell 1000 Technology Value Index consists of companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower forecasted growth rates. It is not possible to invest directly in an index.

## Adjust the Portfolio as Markets Change

We believe a portfolio that adapts to market changes like those outlined above has the opportunity to tap the potential of growth investing with less risk than the overall market. The QGRO methodology is designed with this objective in mind. It adjusts QGRO's allocations to Stable and High Growth names based on analysis of risk-adjusted returns rather than pure price momentum, in an effort to allow the portfolio to respond—but not overreact—to changing markets. Monthly rebalancing in 10 percent increments also helps keep risk in check.

### Dynamic Portfolio Construction Responds to Changing Markets



QGRO pursues consistent growth exposure regardless of the market environment.

We believe this approach balances the higher return potential of high-growth stocks with the consistency of stable growers.

# INVESTOR PROFILE



- Investors concerned that a cap-weighted index approach to growth investing could expose their portfolios to unintended risks
- Investors looking for a portfolio that seeks to make the most of growth exposure by adjusting to changing market conditions
- Investors seeking a rules-based, systematic approach to growth investing that also emphasizes high-quality companies

## Investing With Purpose

American Century Investments® is an asset manager known for industry-leading client care, stewardship and stability. Founded more than 60 years ago, the firm boasts an institutional-quality investment management platform with more than \$178 billion in AUM.\* Through American Century's relationship with the Stowers Institute for Medical Research, your investments help support research that can improve human health and save lives. Since 2000, American Century's dividends distributed to the Institute have totaled \$1.6 billion.

\*As of 12/31/2019.

## Reimagining ETFs

Our ETFs take a different approach from index-tracking managers: We offer strategies that seek long-term outperformance of standard indexes by applying knowledge built on decades of real-world experience. We combine this expertise with the benefits of ETFs: lower costs, tax-efficiency and liquidity.

Our growing line-up is designed to help investors address a variety of needs, including long-term capital appreciation, attractive yield and diversification. Whether investors are seeking to grow, stabilize or diversify their portfolios, our strategies can help them reach their financial goals.



Exchange Traded Funds (ETF) are bought and sold through an exchange trading at market price (not NAV), and are not individually redeemed from the fund. Shares may trade at a premium or discount to their NAV in the secondary market. Brokerage commissions will reduce returns.

ETFs trade like stocks, fluctuate in market value and may trade at prices above or below the ETF's net asset value. Brokerage commissions and ETF expenses will reduce returns.

Investment return and principal value of security investments will fluctuate. The value at the time of redemption may be more or less than the original cost. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Historically, mid cap stocks have been more volatile than the stock of larger, more-established companies. Smaller companies may have limited resources, product lines and markets, and their securities may trade less frequently and in more limited volumes than the securities of larger companies.

This fund is not actively managed and the portfolio managers do not attempt to take defensive positions under any market conditions, including declining markets. The portfolio managers also do not generally add or remove a security from the fund until such security is similarly added or removed from the underlying index. Therefore, the fund may hold an underperforming security or not hold an outperforming security until the underlying index reacts. This may result in underperformance compared to the market generally. In addition, there is no assurance that the underlying index will be determined, composed or calculated accurately. While the index provider provides descriptions of what the underlying index is designed to achieve, the index provider does not guarantee the quality, accuracy or completeness of data in respect of its indices, and does not guarantee that the underlying index will be in line with the described index methodology. Gains, losses or costs to the fund caused by errors in the underlying index may therefore be borne by the fund and its shareholders.

The iSTOXX® American Century® USA Quality Growth Index (underlying index) is a systematic, rules-based proprietary index that is owned and calculated by STOXX based on the STOXX 900 Index. The underlying index aims to dynamically allocate to both stable growth and high growth companies. The Stoxx 900 Index covers the 900 largest U.S. companies by market capitalization. It is not possible to invest directly in an index.

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