

The Objective

Gyroscope’s Active Covered Call Transition (“Crawl Out”) Strategies are formulated to enable clients to mitigate dramatic fluctuations in their net worth associated with the price movement of a single stock by diversifying their concentrated holdings in an orderly manner.

The Strategy

Gyroscope’s Active Covered Call Transition Strategies address a client’s existing concentration risk. With the client’s input, we create an account-specific Investment Policy Statement (IPS) outlining the client’s objectives. Our process provides current income without immediate divestment of the stock. Client exposure to rapid movements in the market is significantly reduced as shares of stock gradually “crawl out” of the portfolio.

The Firm

Gyroscope Capital Management Group, LLC is an Investment Advisory firm founded in 2006. The client service team is based in our Naples, FL office. (www.gyroscopecapital.com)

The “Crawl Out” Process

“Crawl Out” Characteristics	
Minimum Account Size	\$500,000
Strategy Style	Call Option Ladder
Exercise Style	American
Dividends	Retained by Client
Custody	Fidelity & Schwab
Option Renewal	Automatic per Investment Policy Statement
- Portfolio or Single Stock Hedging Available	

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Providing Current Income

- Covered Called Premiums provide immediate income which can be retained or re-invested by the client

Participation in Price Appreciation

- Clients can determine prices at which they feel comfortable liquidating each position
- The client participates in gains, if any, up to that price
- Stocks which appreciate beyond the client determined price "crawl out" of the portfolio and the proceeds are swept to the client's directed account

Limited Downside Protection

- The premiums collected from the sale of call options may offset the losses from stock price declines
- Subsequent call options sold continue to generate income

This strategy allows the client to diversify a portfolio in a systematic and orderly manner while limiting objections to an outright sale of the stock. The stock is incrementally called away over a prolonged period of time, limiting the client’s market timing risks. The client experiences no out-of-pocket expenses for the implementation of this strategy.

IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS

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Gyroscope employs minimum account sizes for the strategy to ensure that there are sufficient shares (options are sold in 100 share lots) and that the client has a minimum sophistication regarding the market.

These transactions contemplate the use of margin which brings an additional level of market risk and exposure to market volatility. A client can lose more funds than deposited into a margin account. The custodian may force the sale of securities in an account without contacting you or gathering your input for which securities to sell regarding a margin call. The custodian may increase their “house” maintenance margin requirements at any time without advanced notice. Clients are not entitled to an extension of time on a margin call. Investors are not required to be accredited to participate in these strategies.