

## The Growing Role of Space During Modern Warfare

The Russian-Ukrainian conflict is highlighting the significance of space-focused companies for modern warfare. Constituents in the world's first pure-play space ETF, the Procure Space ETF (TICKER: UFO), are playing a critical role in the current battle.

### Satellite Imagery:

- Companies like BlackSky,\* Maxar Technologies,\* and Spire\* have helped track the location, size, and movement of troops and equipment on the ground, as well as aircraft traffic around and above Ukraine.
- Views of damaged buildings and border crossings have helped to document actual activity in Ukraine.

#### **Satellite Communications:**

- Satellite communications has been essential during the current military activity in Ukraine providing connectivity among the government, military, and civilians.
- After the sudden outage of Viasat's\* KA-SAT satellite network at the start of the invasion, Starlink by SpaceX was able to rapidly activate a new satellite network for the area.
- The U.S military's dependence on commercial space services is supplemented by an expanding commercial integration cell (CIC) which monitors and shares space intelligence and potential threats.



The U.S. Space Command works with the (CIC) which consists
of 10 commercial satellite operators: Eutelsat,\* Hughes Network Systems, Inmarsat, Intelsat,
Iridium Communications,\* Maxar,\* SES,\* SpaceX, Viasat,\* and XTAR.

#### **Rocket Launches:**

Satellite communications networks are dependent on rocket launch companies and agencies to get the satellites into orbit.

 According to Astra Space\* CEO Chris Kemp, they are seeing a big increase in launch demand since Russia's Soyuz, "a workhorse of commercial launches," is no longer an option for many customers.<sup>2</sup>

As combat shifts on earth, the role of space-based data and facilities will continue to increase in significance. Investors looking for exposure to satellite and aerospace defense companies may consider **UFO**, the **Procure Space ETF**.

# THE PROCURE SPACE ETF (TICKER: UFO)

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<sup>1</sup>"U.S. Space Command needs help identifying hostile intent in space", by Sandra Ervin, spacenews.com, February 24,2022.

<sup>2</sup>"We're seeing a big increase in demand for launches, says Chris Kemp, Astra CEO", interview with Morgan Brennan, cnbc.com, March 18, 2022.

\*As of March 31<sup>St</sup>, 2022, BlackSky Technology (BKSY) was a 1.09% holding, Eutelsat Communications (ETL FP) was a 4.90% holding, Iridium Communications (IRDM) was a 4.90% holding, Maxar Technologies (MAXR) was a 4.90% holding, Northrop Grumman (NOC) was a 4.90% holding, SES

(SESG FP) was a 4.90% holding, Spire Global (SPIR) was a 4.90% holding, and Viasat Inc (VSAT) was a 4.90% holding in the Procure Space ETF (NASDAQ: UFO). For a complete list of holdings in UFO, visit <a href="https://procureetfs.com/ufo/">https://procureetfs.com/ufo/</a>. Fund holdings and sector allocations are subject to change at any time and should not be considered a recommendation to buy or sell any security.

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