

3iQ ETHER STAKING ETF

Interim Financial Statements

June 30, 2026 (Unaudited)

NOTICE TO UNITHOLDERS

The Auditors of the Fund have not reviewed these interim financial statements.

3iQ Corp., the Manager of the Fund, appoints an independent auditor to audit the Fund's annual financial statements. Applicable securities laws require that if an auditor has not reviewed the Fund's interim financial statements, this must be disclosed in an accompanying notice.

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Statements of Financial Position (Unaudited)

(Expressed in United States dollars)

	June 30, 2026	December 31, 2025
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash	\$ 43,297	\$ 109,790
Receivable from digital assets sold	—	1,453,426
Digital assets at fair value (Note 5)	41,110,990	82,760,333
	<u>41,154,287</u>	<u>84,323,549</u>
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	21,803	46,695
Staking service fees payable (Note 6)	12,952	22,702
Management fees payable (Note 6)	37,278	67,428
Redemptions payable	—	1,448,385
	<u>72,033</u>	<u>1,585,210</u>
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	<u>\$ 41,082,254</u>	<u>\$ 82,738,339</u>
Number of redeemable units outstanding	6,690,579	7,140,579
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit	\$ 6.14	\$ 11.59

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Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss) For the six month periods ended June 30 (Unaudited)

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	2026	2025
Income		
Net realized gains (losses) on sale of digital assets	\$ (8,474,640)	\$ (1,108,604)
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of digital assets	(29,224,847)	(19,233,873)
Revenue earned from staking activities	454,204	493,685
	<u>(37,245,283)</u>	<u>(19,848,792)</u>
Expenses (Note 10)		
Management fees (Note 6)	324,792	316,565
Staking service fees (Note 6)	128,855	159,386
Operating costs	75,337	108,508
Audit fees	35,777	48,344
Custodian fees	39,148	37,859
Administration fees	30,806	19,131
Unitholder reporting costs	16,760	24,589
Independent review committee fees and expenses	3,509	2,319
Legal fees	614	—
Expenses before amounts absorbed by Manager	<u>655,598</u>	<u>716,701</u>
Expenses absorbed by Manager (Note 6)	<u>16,003</u>	<u>93,004</u>
Net Expenses	<u>639,595</u>	<u>623,697</u>
Net increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	<u>\$ (37,884,878)</u>	<u>\$ (20,472,489)</u>
Weighted average of the number of redeemable units outstanding during the period	6,702,457	5,875,109
Net increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit*	\$ (5.65)	\$ (3.48)

* Based on the weighted average number of units outstanding during the period.

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Statements of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units For the six month periods ended June 30 (Unaudited)

(Expressed in United States dollars)

	2026	2025
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units, January 1	\$ 82,738,339	\$ 79,205,735
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	(37,884,878)	(20,472,489)
Proceeds from redeemable units issued	16,207,040	4,548,462
Payments for units redeemed	(19,978,247)	(5,609,568)
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units, June 30	<u>\$ 41,082,254</u>	<u>\$ 57,672,140</u>

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Statements of Cash Flows

For the six month periods ended June 30 (Unaudited)

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	2026	2025
Cash provided by (used in):		
Operating Activities		
Net income (loss) and comprehensive income (loss)	\$ (37,884,878)	\$ (20,472,489)
Adjustments for non-cash items		
Net realized gains (losses) on sale of digital assets	8,474,640	1,108,604
Net change in unrealized (appreciation) depreciation in fair value of digital assets	29,224,847	19,233,873
Revenue earned from staking activities	(454,204)	(493,685)
Staking service fees	128,855	—
Change in non-cash balances		
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(24,892)	(24,055)
Increase (decrease) in staking service fees payable	—	(12,104)
Increase (decrease) in management fees payable	(30,150)	(27,226)
Purchase of digital assets	(16,108,927)	(4,819,157)
Proceeds from sale of digital assets	21,827,808	6,849,297
Cash provided by operating activities	5,153,099	1,343,058
Financing Activities		
Proceeds from redeemable units issued	16,207,040	4,548,462
Redemption of redeemable units	(21,426,632)	(5,938,737)
Cash used in financing activities	(5,219,592)	(1,390,275)
Increase (decrease) in cash during the period	(66,493)	(47,217)
Cash, beginning of period	109,790	114,981
Cash, end of period	\$ 43,297	\$ 67,764

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Schedule of Investment Portfolio As at June 30, 2026 (Unaudited)

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2026				
Quantity	Digital Assets owned	Average cost	Fair value	% of net asset value
26,077	Ether	\$ 74,705,122	\$ 41,110,990	100.07
	Net investments owned	\$ 74,705,122	41,110,990	100.07
	Other liabilities, net		(28,736)	(0.07)
	Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units		\$ 41,082,254	100.00

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1. Fund Organization and Nature of Operations:

3iQ Ether Staking ETF (the “Fund”) is an exchange traded investment fund established as a trust which was created under the laws of the Province of Ontario pursuant to a Declaration of Trust dated March 31, 2021 and amended and restated on April 19, 2021 and as may be amended from time to time (the “Declaration of Trust”). The address of the Fund’s registered office is 2700 – 161 Bay St, Toronto, Ontario, M5J 2S1. The Fund commenced active operations on April 22, 2021. The units of the Fund are listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange (“TSX”) (equity symbols: ETHQ and ETHQ.U).

3iQ Corp. is the trustee, manager, portfolio manager and promoter of the Fund (the “Trustee” and “Manager”). Monex Group Inc. (“Monex”, TYO: 8698), a Japanese financial services public company, had a majority stake in 3iQ Digital Holdings Inc. (“3iQ”), the parent company of the Manager until February 27, 2026. From February 28, 2026, Coincheck Group N.V. acquired a majority stake in 3iQ Digital Holdings Inc. (“3iQ”), the parent company of the Manager.

The Manager is responsible for the management and administration of the Fund, including managing and directing the investments of the Fund. The Fund uses Tetra Trust Company as the custodian and Coinbase Custody Trust Company, LLC as the sub-custodian to oversee the retention, security and transfer of digital assets for the Fund (the “Custodian” and “Sub-Custodian”). The Custodian and Sub-Custodian are independent of the Manager. The Manager’s authorized staff are responsible for coordinating and executing transfers of digital assets between the source of the digital assets, primarily OTC brokers and trading platforms, and the custodial platform in use for the Fund. CIBC Mellon Trust Company is the administrator (“Administrator”) of the Fund.

The investment objectives of the Fund are: 1) to provide unitholders of the Fund with exposure to the digital asset ether (“ether”) and the daily price movements of the United States dollar price of ether and the opportunity for long-term capital appreciation and 2) to engage in staking ether within the Fund’s portfolio to provide unitholders of the Fund with an opportunity for yield enhancement. Through staking, the Fund seeks to earn rewards in the form of ether, which will be reflected in the net asset value of the Fund through accretive yield while augmenting the Fund’s exposure to ether. To achieve its investment objectives, the Fund has invested in and staked holdings of ether, purchased from reputable digital asset trading platforms and OTC counterparties, in order to provide investors with a convenient, safer alternative to a direct investment in ether.

2. Basis of Presentation:

Basis of accounting

These unaudited interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (“IFRS Accounting Standards”), including IAS 34 - “Interim Financial Reporting”.

These financial statements were approved and authorized for issuance by the board of directors of the Manager on August 19, 2026.

Functional and presentation currency

These financial statements are presented in United States dollars, which is the Fund’s functional currency.

3. Material Accounting Policy Information:

The accounting policies set out below have been applied consistently to the periods presented in these financial statements.

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3. Material Accounting Policy Information (Continued):

(a) Digital assets

Digital assets are an open-source software-based online payment system where payments are recorded in a public ledger using its own unit of account. The Fund holds digital assets generating profit based on the long-term appreciation in the price of ether. The cost basis of the investments in the digital assets recorded by the Fund is the fair value of the digital assets at the time of purchase. The Fund measures digital assets inventory at its fair value less costs to sell, with any change in fair value less costs to sell being recognized in profit or loss in the year of the change on an average cost basis under the caption Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of digital assets. Costs to sell digital assets inventory are immaterial and no allowance is made for such costs.

The fair value of an asset or a liability is measured using the assumptions that market participants would use when pricing the asset or liability, assuming that market participants act in their economic best interest.

Digital assets inventory is derecognized when the Fund disposes of the inventory. Net realized gains or losses on sale are determined on an average cost basis and are recognized in profit or loss. Inventory shrinkage arising from denial of access to the economic benefits associated with ownership of digital assets inventory is recognized as an expense in profit or loss on identification.

Digital assets inventory for further discussion of the Fund's accounting policy in respect of digital assets inventory valuation and the judgment made in determining that such inventory is carried as a commodity (Note 4).

(b) Financial instruments

Recognition

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognized on the Statements of Financial Position when the Fund becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. The Fund recognizes financial instruments at fair value upon initial recognition, plus transaction costs (where applicable).

Classification

The Fund classifies its financial assets, cash, at amortized cost. The Fund classifies financial liabilities, accounts payable and accrued liabilities and management fees payable at amortized cost and staking service fees payable at fair value. The Fund reclassifies financial assets when and only when its business model for managing those assets changes. Financial liabilities are not reclassified.

Impairment of financial assets

Financial assets measured at amortized cost must be depreciated by the amount of expected credit losses. Given the very short maturity of these financial assets and the financial strength of the counterparties involved, the Manager believes that the risk of loss is very low. For this reason, no impairment was recorded for financial assets measured at amortized cost.

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3. Material Accounting Policy Information (Continued):

(b) Financial instruments (Continued)

Derecognition

A financial asset is derecognized when either the Fund has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset, or the Fund has neither transferred nor retained substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset, but has transferred control of the asset.

A financial liability is derecognized when the obligation under the liability is discharged, cancelled or expired.

(c) Fair value

The Fund primarily applies the market approach for recurring fair value measurements. Three levels of inputs may be used to measure fair value:

Level 1 – unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities

Level 2 – inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data

Level 3 – unobservable inputs that are supported by no market activity

(d) Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units, per unit

The net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units, per unit is calculated by dividing the net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units by the total number of units outstanding at the end of the period.

(e) Net increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit

The net increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit is based on the net increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units divided by the weighted average number of units outstanding during the period.

(f) Foreign currency translation

The Fund's digital assets may be traded in foreign markets. The proceeds of the sale of those digital assets will be realized in the respective currency. Foreign currency positions are subject to gains and losses due to fluctuations in the respective exchange rates. Foreign currency and purchases of digital assets as well as sales of digital assets are translated into the reporting currency at the rate of exchange prevailing at the date of the transaction. Foreign exchange gains and losses on sales of digital assets are included in the Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss). Unrealized foreign exchange gains and losses on digital assets are included in Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of digital assets in the Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss).

(g) Income tax

Under the Income Tax Act (Canada), the Fund is defined as a mutual fund trust. All of the Fund's net taxable income for tax purposes (including a sufficient portion of the net realized capital gains) in any year must be distributed to holders of redeemable units to ensure no income tax is payable by the Fund.

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3. Material Accounting Policy Information (Continued):

(g) Income tax (Continued)

The tax benefit of capital and non-capital losses has not been reflected in the Statements of Financial Position as a deferred income tax asset. For income tax reporting purposes as at December 31, 2025, the Fund had total capital losses carried forward of \$104,886,074 (2024 – \$110,704,458), which may be carried forward indefinitely, and total non-capital losses carried forward of \$0 (2024 – \$3,090,804), which may be carried forward twenty years from their year of incursion. These figures have been computed based on the tax year ended December 15, 2025.

Uncertain tax consequences

The application to the Fund of income, sales, and other taxes to staking rewards is currently unclear as Canadian tax authorities have not yet published any guidance relating to this matter. The Canada Revenue Agency has a published position that taxpayers in the business of crypto-asset mining must include in business income the value of crypto-assets received for mining activities at the time it is earned. The Fund has taken the position that the staking rewards earned will be treated as ordinary income, and not as capital gains, for Canadian tax purposes.

(h) Revenue recognition

Revenue from staking rewards are measured based on the fair value of the digital assets received, determined using the ETHUSD_NY on the date that the staking rewards are received into the Fund's custody.

In addition to the management fee, the manager is entitled to receive a portion of the staking rewards generated for the Fund by the staking activities (net of the validator fees) such that 75% of the rewards accrue to the Fund and the 25% accrue to the Manager as a staking services fee.

(i) Accounting standards issued but not yet effective

In April 2024, the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) issued IFRS 18, "Presentation and Disclosure in the Financial Statements" which aims to improve the quality of financial reporting by introducing new requirements which include new required categories and subtotals in the Statement of Comprehensive Income (Loss) and enhanced guidance on grouping of information. IFRS 18 replaces IAS 1, "Presentation of Financial Statements". This standard is effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2027, with early adoption permitted. The Manager is currently assessing the impact of these new requirements.

4. Critical Accounting Estimates and Significant Judgments:

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards requires management to use accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgment in the process of applying the Fund's accounting policies. Estimates are continually evaluated and based on historical experience and other factors, including expectation of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

The following are significant management judgments on applying policies of the Fund that have the most significant effects on the financial statements.

Functional currency

The Manager considers the United States dollar to be the functional currency in which the Fund operates, because it is the currency in which, in its opinion, most faithfully represents the economic effects of the

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4. Critical Accounting Estimates and Significant Judgments (Continued):

underlying transactions, events and conditions of the Fund. Moreover, the United States dollar is the currency in which the Fund assesses its performance. The Fund issues and redeems its units in United States dollars.

Units classification

The Units of the Fund are classified as financial liabilities in accordance with IAS 32, Financial Instruments Presentation (IAS 32), and are measured at the redemption amount, which approximates fair value as of the reporting date.

Investment entity

The Manager of the Fund evaluated the facts and circumstances to determine whether the Fund meets the definition of an investment entity under IFRS 10 – Consolidated Financial Statements.

The Manager concluded that the Fund has more than one investor, the other investors are not related and evaluates its digital assets holdings at their fair value each reporting period. The Manager determined that the Fund does meet the definition of an investment entity, but notes that the Fund does not hold investments that would result in consolidation.

Digital assets inventory

The Manager considers that the Fund's digital assets are a commodity and the Fund as a commodity broker-trader. The Fund actively trades such assets with the intention of generating a profit from fluctuations in the price or traders' margin, therefore, subsequent to initial recognition, digital assets inventory is held at fair value less costs to sell, in accordance with IAS 2 – Inventories (IAS 2). Gains and losses arising from change in fair value of digital assets are shown in the Statement of Comprehensive Income (Loss) as 'Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of digital assets' and 'Net realized gains (losses) on sale of digital assets' when positions are closed out, where applicable, by subtracting the average cost of digital assets from their fair value. Costs to sell digital assets inventory are immaterial and no allowance is made for such costs.

The Fund's activities include buying and selling digital assets and, therefore, subsequent to initial recognition, digital assets inventory is held at fair value less costs to sell, reflecting the Fund's purpose of holding such digital assets inventory as a commodity in accordance with IAS 2 – Inventories. Costs to sell digital assets inventory are immaterial and no allowance is made for such costs. Changes in the amount of digital assets inventory based on fair value are included in profit or loss for the period.

The topic of digital assets and the accounting for digital assets continues to be considered by the International Accounting Standards Board and the Manager continues to monitor new comments and interpretations released by the International Accounting Standards Board and other standard setters from around the world.

Estimation uncertainties

Information about estimates and assumptions that have the most significant effect on recognition and measurement of assets, liabilities, income and expenses is provided below.

Fair value of digital assets

Digital assets consist of ether (see Note 5 for fair value measurement) and are included in current assets.

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5. Fair Value Measurement:

The digital assets that are held by the Fund are carried at fair value using Level 2 fair value measurements.

The value of ether in the Fund's portfolio is based on the CME CF Ether-Dollar Reference Rate – New York Variant ("ETHUSD_NY"), administered by CF Benchmarks. The ETHUSD_NY reflects the price of ether using data sourced from selected digital asset exchanges, with the closing value calculated at 4:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

As at June 30, 2026, the Fund had staked 15,124 ether (December 31, 2025 – 14,124).

The fair values of cash, accounts payable and accrued liabilities, management fees payable and staking service fees payable approximate their respective carrying values due to the short period to maturity.

6. Related Party Transactions:

Management fees

The Manager of the Fund is responsible for managing and directing the undertaking, operations and affairs of the Fund, including managing and directing the investments. The Fund pays an annual management fee to the Manager amounting to 1% of the Fund's net asset value calculated daily and payable monthly, plus applicable taxes, in respect of each of the units of the Fund. The Manager, at its sole discretion, may rebate a portion of the management fee.

Management fees payable to the Manager are disclosed under the caption Management fees payable in the Statements of Financial Position.

Management fees payable as at June 30, 2026 were \$37,278 (December 31, 2025 – \$67,428).

Staking service fees

The Manager of the Fund is entitled to receive 25% (net of the validator fees) of the revenue earned from the staking activities as a staking service fee. The staking service fees are calculated and paid monthly, in arrears, plus applicable taxes, and is intended to compensate the Manager for the additional work required to administer the staking of ether held in the Fund. The Manager, at its sole discretion, may rebate a portion of the staking service fees. The staking service fees are payable in ether.

The Manager's portion of the staking service fees for the period ended June 30, 2026, was 48.86 (2025 – 47.13) ether valued at \$99,334 (2025 – \$112,064). Staking service fees payable to the Manager as at June 30, 2026 are 7.03 (2025 – 8.06) ether valued at \$10,699 (2025 – \$18,850) and is included under the caption Staking service fees payable in the Statements of Financial Position.

Expenses absorbed by the Manager

In its discretion, the Manager may pay certain of the expenses of the Fund out of its own monies, and the Manager's payment of such expenses may be discontinued at any time without notice to unitholders.

The expenses absorbed by the Manager are disclosed under the caption Expenses absorbed by Manager in the Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss).

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7. Redeemable Units:

The Fund is authorized to issue an unlimited number of redeemable units. Each redeemable unit entitles the holder to the same rights and privileges in relation to any other unitholder, subject to the terms and conditions of the declaration of trust.

The redeemable units of the Fund are available to all investors.

Redeemable Unit Transactions

Redeemable unit transactions were as follows:

	2026	2025
Units outstanding, beginning of period	7,140,579	6,015,579
Redeemable units issued	1,925,000	475,000
Units redeemed	(2,375,000)	(625,000)
Units outstanding, end of period	6,690,579	5,865,579
Weighted average units outstanding during the period	6,702,457	5,875,109

Redemption of units

Unitholders may redeem units of the Fund for cash at a redemption price per unit equal to the lesser of 95% of: (i) the closing market price for the units on the TSX on the effective day of the redemption and (ii) the net asset value per unit.

A trading day for the Fund is each day on which: (i) a regular session of the TSX is held; and (ii) the primary market or exchange for the majority of the assets of the Fund is open for trading ("Trading Day").

In order for a cash redemption to be effective on a Trading Day, a cash redemption request in the form prescribed by the Manager from time to time must be delivered to the Fund at its registered office by 9:00 a.m. (eastern standard time) on the Trading Day (or such later time on such Trading Day as the Manager may permit).

If a cash redemption request is not received by the delivery deadlines noted immediately above on a Trading Day, the cash redemption request will be effective only on the next Trading Day.

Exchange of units

On any Trading Day, unitholders may exchange the Prescribed Number of Units ("PNU") for cash, or if agreed to by the Manager, for cash and/ or portfolio assets held by the Fund.

To effect an exchange of PNU, a unitholder must submit an exchange request in the form prescribed by the Manager from time to time to the Fund at its registered office by 9:00 a.m. (eastern standard time) on a Trading Day (or such later time on such Trading Day as the Manager may permit). The exchange price will be equal to the net asset value of the units on the effective day of the exchange request, payable by delivery of cash or, if applicable, assets.

If an exchange request is not received by the submission deadline noted immediately above on a Trading Day, the exchange order will be effective only on the next Trading Day.

The Manager may suspend the redemption of units or payment of redemption proceeds of the Fund (i) under certain trading conditions and (ii) with the prior permission of the securities regulatory authorities, for any

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7. Redeemable Units (Continued):

period not exceeding 30 days during which the Manager determines that conditions exist that render impractical the sale of assets of the Fund or that impair the ability of the fund administrator to determine the value of the assets of the Fund. The suspension may apply to all requests for redemption received prior to the suspension but as to which payment has not been made, as well as to all requests received while the suspension is in effect. All unitholders making such requests shall be advised by the Manager of the suspension and that the redemption will be effected at a price determined on the first Valuation Date following the termination of the suspension.

Distributions

The Fund does not intend to pay distributions to unitholders, other than the distribution of net income at year end, as described below.

On an annual basis, the Fund will ensure that its income and net realized capital gains, if any, have been distributed to unitholders to such an extent that the Fund will not be liable for ordinary income tax thereon. To the extent that the Fund has not distributed the full amount of its net income or capital gains in any year, the difference between such amount and the amount actually distributed by the Fund will be paid as a “reinvested distribution”.

In addition to the distributions described above, the Fund may from time to time pay additional distributions on its units, including without restriction in connection with a special distribution or in connection with returns of capital.

8. Capital Disclosure:

The capital of the Fund is represented by issued and redeemable units. The redeemable units are entitled to distributions, if any, and to the payment of a proportionate share based on the Fund's net asset value per unit upon redemption. The Fund has no restrictions or specific capital requirements on the subscriptions and redemptions of units.

In accordance with its investment objectives and strategies, and the risk management practices outlined in Note 9, the Fund endeavors to invest the subscriptions received in ether while maintaining sufficient liquidity to meet redemptions, such liquidity being augmented by short-term borrowings or disposal of digital assets where necessary.

9. Digital Asset Risk:

Management of digital asset risks

The Fund is subject to various risks including market risk, liquidity risk, and other risks related to its concentration in a single asset, namely ether. Investing in ether is highly speculative and volatile. The investment objective of the Fund is to track the market price of ether, less the Fund's liabilities and expenses, by investing the assets of the Fund in ether. As ether prices rise or fall, the Fund should achieve those gains or suffer those losses. However, there can be no assurance that the Fund matches the gains in ether. The Fund does not employ leverage as part of its investment strategy.

To the extent that private keys for ether addresses are lost, destroyed or otherwise compromised and no backup of the private keys are accessible, the Fund may be unable to access the ether held in the associated address and the ether network will not be capable of restoring the private keys. The risk of losing private keys is mitigated by the services provided by the Sub-Custodian to maintain the safety of the private keys.

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9. Digital Asset Risk (Continued):

The processes by which ether transactions are settled are dependent on the ether peer-to-peer network and, as such, the Fund is subject to operational risk. A risk also exists with respect to previously unknown technical vulnerabilities, which may adversely affect the value of ether.

Concentration risk

Concentration risk arises as a result of the concentration of exposures within the same category, whether it is geographical location, product type, industry sector or counterparty type. Currently, the Fund has its investment highly concentrated in a single asset, ether, which is the mandate of the Fund.

The Custodian and Sub-Custodian

The Custodian, and the Sub-Custodian, oversee the retention, security and transfer of ether for the Fund. The Custodian and Sub-Custodian are responsible for (i) establishing and maintaining one or more digital wallets and one or more cold storage vault accounts, which are specialized digital wallets for which private keys are maintained on computers or other devices that are not connected to the Internet or any other computer network, (ii) keeping the private keys that provide access to the digital wallets and vault accounts secure, and (iii) facilitating the transfer of ether in accordance with the Manager's instructions.

Insurance Risk

Neither the Fund nor the Custodian maintains insurance against risk of loss of digital assets held by the Fund.

The Sub-Custodian holds most of the digital assets that it custodies offline in cold storage. Digital assets held in cold storage are protected by the Sub-Custodian's security measures. Digital assets may also be temporarily held online in a "hot wallet" at the Sub-Custodian.

Coinbase Global, Inc., the parent company of the Sub-Custodian, maintains commercial crime insurance that is available to cover losses of customer digital assets custodied in hot wallets.

Cyber Security Risk

Ether is controllable only by the possessor of both the unique public key and private key relating to the digital wallet in which the ether are held. While the ether network requires a public key relating to a digital wallet to be published when used in a spending transaction, if keys are lost or destroyed, this could prevent trading of the ether.

Security breaches, computer malware and computer hacking attacks and bankruptcies have been a prevalent concern in the ether exchange market since the launch of the Ethereum Network. Any security breach caused by hacking could cause loss of ether investments.

As the use of technology has become more prevalent in the course of business, investment funds have become potentially more susceptible to operational risks through breaches in cyber security. A breach in cyber security refers to both intentional and unintentional events that may cause the Fund to lose proprietary information or other information subject to privacy laws, suffer data corruption, or lose operational capacity. This in turn could cause the Fund to incur regulatory penalties, reputational damage, additional compliance costs associated with corrective measures and/or financial loss.

Ethereum network risk

The open-source structure of the Ethereum Network protocol means that the core developers of the Ethereum Network and other contributors are generally not directly compensated for their contributions in

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9. Digital Asset Risk (Continued):

maintaining and developing the Ethereum Network protocol. A failure to properly monitor and upgrade the Ethereum Network protocol could damage the Ethereum Network.

Digital Asset Volatility Price Risk

The price of digital assets is volatile and fluctuations are expected to have a direct impact on the net assets of the Fund. However, movements in the price of digital assets in the past may not be a reliable indicator of future movements. Movements may be influenced by various factors including supply and demand, geopolitical uncertainties, macroeconomic concerns such as inflation and speculative investor interest.

If the value of the Fund has increased or decreased by 10% on June 30, 2026, with all other variables held constant, the net assets attributable to securityholders of the Fund would have increased or decreased by approximately \$4,111,099 (December 31, 2025 – \$8,276,033).

Cryptocurrency Risk

Cryptocurrency operates as a decentralized, peer-to-peer financial exchange and value storage that is used like money. Cryptocurrency operates without the oversight of a central authority or the banks and is not backed by any government. Even indirectly, cryptocurrencies may experience high volatility and related investment vehicles may be affected by such volatility. Cryptocurrency exchanges may stop operating or permanently shut down due to fraud, technical glitches, hackers or malware which could have an adverse impact on the net assets of the Fund.

Staking risk

Illiquidity during bonding/unbonding periods

The Ethereum Network imposes “bonding” periods on newly staked ether during which staked ether is ineligible for rewards. Once staking is initiated, a validator enters a queue to become “activated,” which takes approximately seven and a half hours. Once initiated, the network acknowledges the ether to be deposited to the staking smart contract. Once completed, the ether deposit is officially accessible to the Beacon Chain and remains in a “pending state” until activated. Since only four validators are activated per epoch, activation may take days or weeks to complete. During the bonding period, the staked assets of the Fund will not be eligible to receive any staking rewards and may not be withdrawn.

During the unbonding period, the Manager will not be able to withdraw or liquidate the staked ether. The illiquidity of ether during the unbonding period may prevent the Fund from realizing the fiat value of the staked ether and rewards earned on staked ether during the unbonding period. Given the volatility of ether, the value of the staked ether at the time of completion of the unbonding period may be significantly less than the value of the ether at the time a decision is taken to withdraw staked ether. Such delay may adversely affect the business and liquidity of the Fund, and the value of the units.

Reliance on third-party vendors

Unitholders will be exposed to the risk of loss of staked ether if any third-party service provider selected to act as a validator fails to operate its network node(s) in accordance with the rules of the Ethereum Network, as ether may be “slashed” or inactivity penalties may be applied if the validator node “double signs” or experiences extended downtime. The Fund may also be prevented from obtaining rewards in respect of

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periods during which the validator is inactive on the Ethereum Network. The Manager intends to mitigate these risks by conducting due diligence on the third-party service providers it selects to act as validators.

Slashing and missed rewards

The Ethereum Network dictates requirements for participation in the relevant decentralized governance activity and may impose slashing penalties if the relevant activities are not performed correctly, such as if the validator acts maliciously on the network. If any service provider selected to act as validator for the staking activities is slashed by the Ethereum Network, a variable amount of assets of the Fund may be confiscated, withdrawn or burnt by the network.

10. Expenses:

In addition to the management fees, and any debt servicing costs, the Fund will pay all of its own expenses and all administration expenses incurred by the Manager for its duties as the manager to the Fund. Such fees and expenses to be borne by the Fund may include, without limitation: fees and expenses payable to the independent review committee of the Fund; brokerage and trading commissions and other fees and expenses associated with the execution of transactions in respect of the Fund's investment in ether; fees payable to the registrar and transfer agent; fees payable to any custodians and/or sub-custodians for the assets of the Fund as well as the fees of the Fund's Administrator and other service providers; licensing fee payable to CF Benchmarks to license the ETHUSD_NY; staking service fees payable to the Custodian and Manager; expenses relating to the monitoring of the relationships with the Custodian and Sub-Custodian and other organizations serving the Fund; legal, audit, and valuation fees and expenses; fees payable for listings, the maintenance of listings and filings or other requirements of stock exchanges on which any of the units of the Fund may become listed or quoted; the preparation and supervision costs relating to the calculation and publication of the net asset value; costs and expenses of preparing, printing, and mailing financial and other reports to unitholders, material for unitholders' meetings and securities regulatory filings; costs and expenses of communication with unitholders; costs and expenses arising as a result of complying with all applicable securities legislation and other applicable laws, regulations and policies; all taxes (including income, capital, federal GST or HST, and provincial/territorial sales taxes); and costs associated with the provision of such other managerial and administrative services as may be reasonably required for the ongoing business and administration of the Fund. Staking service fees are included in the operating expenses of the Fund. The Manager may, from time to time, in its sole discretion, pay a portion of any ongoing expenses of the Fund which would otherwise be payable by the Fund.