GUARDIAN CAPITAL™

INTERIM MANAGEMENT REPORT OF FUND PERFORMANCE

GUARDIAN I[3] GLOBAL QUALITY GROWTH ETF

JUNE 30, 2023

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MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION OF FUND PERFORMANCE

Investment Objective and Strategies

The Guardian i³ Global Quality Growth ETF (the "Fund") seeks to achieve long-term capital appreciation by investing in a portfolio of equity or equity-related securities of issuers with business operations located throughout the world.

The Manager employs a system-driven bottom-up research approach to assess relative value and capital growth potential within a broad stock-selection universe. The Manager uses a quantitative approach, including in particular machine learning techniques, to analyze multiple fundamental factors and incorporate financial and alternative data and other information sources relevant to the issuer, including rates of change of fundamental factors. The Fund maintains a mid-large capitalization bias and is broadly diversified by issuer, sector and geographic region, seeking to isolate stock selection as the primary source of alpha. The Fund's investments within each GICS sector will normally be within a range of +/- 30% of the corresponding sector weight of the MSCI World Index (Net, C$). At the time of investment, the Manager generally limits investments in emerging market securities to 15% of the Fund's NAV. The Fund's portfolio is broadly diversified, normally holding securities of 30 to 70 issuers.

Risk

The risks associated with investing in the Fund remain as discussed in the prospectus. The Fund may be suitable for investors with a medium tolerance for risk, particularly those who seek exposure to equity securities of issuers with business operations around the world.

Results of Operations

The Fund's net asset value increased by 1% to $9.9 million at June 30, 2023 from $9.8 at December 31, 2022. Of this change, an increase of $1.6 million was provided by investment performance and a decrease of $1.5 million was attributable to net redemptions. Hedged and Unhedged units of the Fund posted a return of 19.1% and 16.9%, respectively, for the period. The Fund's benchmark, the MSCI World Index (Net C$), returned 12.4% for the same period. The Fund's return is after the deduction of fees and expenses, unlike the benchmark's return.

The first half of the year was marked by great uncertainty in the global financial markets as some of the major themes that dominated 2022 continued into 2023, including persistently high inflation rates, rising interest rates and increasing fears of a recession. Risk appetites reversed earlier this year when investors welcomed a strong start to corporate earnings season as companies posted better-than-expected first-quarter results. However, the impact of the global central banks' ongoing tightening campaign became increasingly apparent as the more rate-sensitive areas of the economy felt greater pressure. In particular, the failure of two US regional banks and concerns about Europe's Credit Suisse triggered a sharp reversal in investor sentiment from the optimism that had built up at the beginning of the year.

Developed market equities rallied against this backdrop as volatility gauges were muted and market valuations moved higher. Strong employment data and a rebound in some economic indicators, coupled with stronger company balance sheets, raised investor optimism that developed economies would manage through the tightening monetary conditions. Contributing to the higher valuations was the sharp and decisive rally in a handful of large- and mega-cap technology stocks, fueled by AI euphoria and significantly adding to the overall gains in the year's first half.

The United States (US) led the charge, with the S&P 500 Index finishing with a total return of about 17%, previously down 18% in 2022. US gains were spearheaded by the Information Technology sector, with the NASDAQ Composite Index reaching record highs, up by about 30% over the reporting period. Stock indices MSCI All Country World Index (Net U$), MSCI World Index (Net U$) and MSCI EAFE Index (Net U$) were also up by double digits during the period, and recovered from negative returns in 2022.

The Fund outperformed its benchmark, the MSCI World Index, due to both positive sector allocation and stock selection. The pullback from the market's prior focus on high-quality companies with stable earnings and dividend growth benefited the Fund, as growth stocks led gains in the first half of 2023.

The Information Technology sector was the largest contributor to the Fund's relative performance during the period due to positive allocation and stock selection effect. Positions in semiconductor companies drove the majority of the positive selection effect and outperformance in this sector. The Fund's overweight in the Industrials sector was a slight drag to performance, however, this was offset by positive stock selection in the sector. Taking advantage of the more recent drive towards local on-shoring, Industrials companies mainly focused on data analytics and robotic automation outperformed. The Fund avoided turmoil affecting banks and benefited from an underweight position in the Financials sector, resulting in a positive allocation effect.

The top three underperforming sectors were Energy, Consumer Discretionary, and Health Care. Energy was the worst performing sector, due to both negative allocation and stock selection. The main contributor to negative selection was the Fund's position in Equinor, which had a reversion post-stellar performance in 2022. Underperformance within the Consumer Discretionary sector was driven by negative allocation and stock selection, with McDonalds contributing significantly to negative selection. Finally, Health Care detracted from relative performance driven by negative stock selection.

The Fund's positions in NVIDIA, Microsoft and MongoDB in the Information Technology sector were the largest contributions to performance, boosted by development and growth in Artificial Intelligence (AI). Within Communications Services sector, Alphabet also was a strong contributor, powered by growth in Google Cloud revenues and positive valuation as it continues to expand its AI products. The Fund's positions in Agilent Technologies, Equinor and Centene detracted the most from relative performance during the period.

In the Consumer Discretionary sector, gaming company Evolution Gaming Group AB and luxury goods company LVMH Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton were purchased for cash flow resiliency, downside capture abilities and secular dividend growth characteristics. In the Health Care sector, underperforming Centene was sold and a new position is UnitedHealth Group Incorporated was initiated. The Manager's proprietary AI Models* predicted negative earnings for Centene amidst expectations that the recent uptick in numbers of elective procedures would raise medical costs significantly and hurt the company's performance.

Within the Information Technology sector, software and cloud database companies showed resilient growth and improved outlook, which prompted purchases of ServiceNow Inc. and MongoDB. The Manager still sees strong growth forecasts for cloud databases and MongoDB offers exposure to the cloud space. The Manager sold out of EPAM System, which lagged in the period, and cybersecurity company Crowdstrike Holdings, as the Manager expected growth prospects would shift more towards semiconductor companies and cloud computing.

The Fund's weight in the Energy sector was reduced from overweight to at-weight, with complete exits from positions in Equinor, Woodside Energy, APA Corp. and Ovintiv Inc. to reduce loss from allocation. This was in-line with a general rotation out of Energy during the period due to a decline in earnings outlook in the sector. In Consumer Staples, positions in the Coca-Cola Company and Sysco Corporation were exited to reduce the Fund's overweight in the sector, which has seen significant contraction as fear weak personal finance will not support this sector in light of current inflationary pressures and potential recession.

The Manager integrates ESG considerations into its investment analysis and stewardship activities with the objective of enhancing long-term investment performance. Active engagement and proxy voting are a core part of the Manager's stewardship approach, and the Fund's investment team participates in these activities in a manner suitable to the asset class and Fund. Our investment teams focus on ESG and other factors which they believe could be financially material and/or impact the long-term sustainability of the company. The consideration of ESG issues is one of a number of elements in the portfolio construction process and, may or may not have a material influence on portfolio composition at any given time. For more information, the Manager posts its annual proxy voting reports, along with an annual Responsible Investing Report and its Responsible Investing Policies on its website: https://www.guardiancapital.com/investmentsolutions/

Recent Developments

The 2022 headwinds that punished equities (inflation, rising rates, geopolitical turmoil and recession fears) remain a force in 2023, although they continue to shift and vary in magnitude.

With respect to profitability, the Manager continues to see flattening or declining earnings. The Manager's proprietary AI Model* is predicting a decline in Earnings per Share (EPS) growth for 2023, which may stay lower for the next few months but stabilize and move higher into 2024. In Europe, the majority of sectors already have a negative growth forecast; then also expected to stabilize and move higher into 2024. Employment, which is a lagging indicator, is still strong, however, some leading indicators of employment are pointing to potential employment weakness later in the year. AI euphoria and the recent banking crises continue to show money accelerating into growth stocks. As such, the Manager has seen a narrow, Nasdaq-based blue chip rally and believes leadership of large-cap quality-growth stocks could continue at least well into the third quarter.

Leading Economic Indicators (LEI) are down 14 months in a row, which could signal a recession, and unemployment claims are rising. This is driven primarily by interest rate spreads and business condition expectations. If jobless claims continue to rise, the Manager anticipates credit deterioration will follow, and stocks could be under greater downside pressure in the second half of 2023.

All in all, the Manager believes that all of this indicates that markets are now in a phase where profitability, stability and safety will need to be embraced, not just in the short term, but structurally for higher-for-longer rates.

Accordingly, the Manager looks for higher quality companies in this space while staying true to the style and maintaining exposure to what we believe are the best growth themes in the long term. Although earnings predictions are trending down, companies that can innovate, launch new products, or benefit from new trends may be able to compensate for this and are likely to outperform. The Manager also believes that careful selection of companies that can sustain their cash flows and grow earnings is paramount, and the Manager is consistently monitoring the Fund's exposures with respect to expected earnings growth and probability of earnings disappointments.

*The Fund's Manager combines artificial intelligence and human intelligence to provide a modern approach to portfolio construction, incorporating the advantages of big data with the experience and perspective of the investment team. The application of artificial intelligence in a model is hypothetical and the simulated results are subject to inherent limitations. Investment strategies using such quantitative models may perform differently than expected, as a result of, among other things, the factors used in the models, the weight placed on each factor, changes from the factors' historical trends and technical issues in the construction and implementation of the models. There is no guarantee that the use of the quantitative model will result in effective investment decisions.

Related Party Transactions

Guardian Capital LP, the Manager of the Fund, is considered to be a "related party" of the Fund. The Manager is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Fund and also acts as the portfolio manager, managing the investment portfolio of the Fund. These services are in the normal course of operations and the Fund pays a management fee to the Manager for these services, based on the average Net Asset Value of the

Fund, as detailed in the Management Fees section below. The Manager is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Guardian Capital Group Limited, a publicly traded firm listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange.

Management Fees

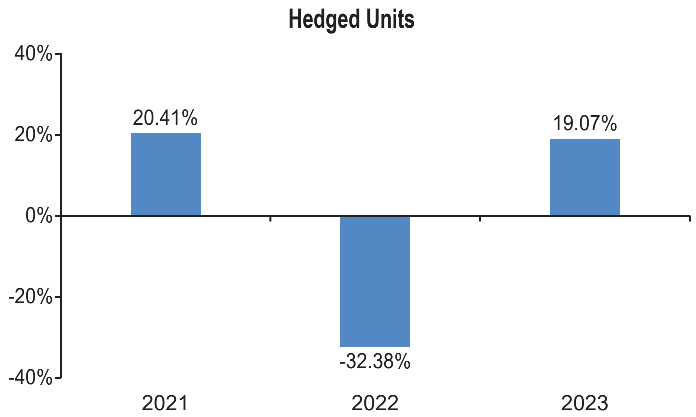
Hedged ETF and Unhedged ETF units are subject to a management fee which is based on a percentage of the average NAV during each month, calculated and accrued daily, and payable monthly. The management fee is 0.65% per annum. The services received in consideration of the management fee include investment management and other general administration services.

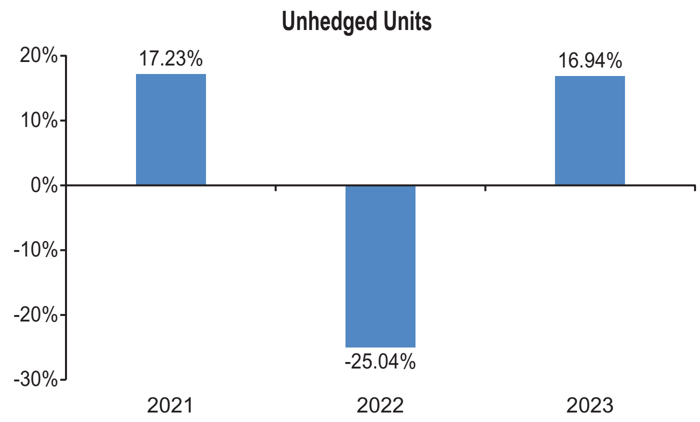
Past Performance

The performance information shown assumes that all distributions made by the Fund in the periods shown were reinvested in additional units of the Fund. This performance information does not take into account sales, redemption, distribution or other optional charges that would have reduced returns or performance. Past performance of the Fund does not necessarily indicate how the Fund will perform in the future.

Year-by-Year Returns

The bar charts show the Fund's performance for the period from January 1, 2023 to June 30, 2023, and illustrates how the Fund's performance has changed from year to year. The chart shows in percentage terms, how much an investment made on the first day of each financial year would have grown or decreased by the last day of that financial year.





Annual Compound Returns

The tables below shows the historical compound returns of the Fund's Units for the periods indicated, as at June 30, 2023. The returns of a broad based market index are also shown.

	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	10 Yrs	Since Inception*
Unhedged ETF (%)	21.01	n/a	n/a	n/a	3.86
MSCI World Index (Net C$) (%)	21.57	n/a	n/a	n/a	9.60

* Inception date - August 11, 2020.

	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	10 Yrs	Since Inception*
Hedged ETF (%)	15.31	n/a	n/a	n/a	3.03

* Inception date - August 11, 2020.

The MSCI World Index (Net, C$) is a broad measure of both large and mid-cap equities across developed countries.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The following tables show selected key financial information about the Fund and are intended to help you understand the Fund's financial performance for the periods indicated. The information is derived from the Fund's audited annual financial statements and unaudited interim financial statements.

The Fund's Net Assets per Unit (Unhedged ETF Units)

	For the six months ended June 30, 2023	12 months ended Dec. 31, 2022	12 months ended Dec 31, 2021	For the period from inception, Aug. 7, 2020, to Dec. 31, 2020
Net Assets per Unit, Beginning of Period[1]	$19.06	$25.46	$21.72	$20.00
Increase (decrease) from operations per Unit:[1]				
Total revenue	0.20	0.24	0.19	0.05
Total expenses	(0.13)	(0.20)	(0.23)	(0.09)
Realized gains (losses)	0.05	(2.13)	0.65	0.12
Unrealized gains (losses)	3.15	(4.05)	3.00	1.97
Total increase (decrease) from operations per Unit	3.27	(6.14)	3.61	2.05
Distributions per Unit from:[1] [2]				
Income (excluding dividends)	(0.07)	–	–	–
Canadian dividends	–	–	–	–
Foreign dividends	–	0.03	–	–
Capital gains	–	–	–	0.04
Return of capital	–	–	–	–
Total Distributions per Unit	(0.07)	0.03	–	0.04
Net Assets per Unit, End of Period[1]	$22.21	$19.06	$25.46	$21.72

[1] Net assets per Unit and distributions per Unit are based on the actual number of units outstanding at the relevant time. The increase (decrease) from operations per Unit is based on the weighted average number of units outstanding over the financial period.

[2] Substantially all distributions were reinvested in additional units of the ETF.

Ratios and Supplemental Data (Unhedged ETF Units)

	For the six months ended June 30, 2023	12 months ended Dec. 31, 2022	12 months ended Dec 31, 2021	For the period from inception, Aug. 7, 2020, to Dec. 31, 2020
Total net asset value (000's)[1]	$3,886	$3,811	$4,455	$5,429
Number of units outstanding[1]	175,000	200,000	175,000	250,000
Management expense ratio[2]	0.81%	0.82%	0.83%	1.01%
Management expense ratio before waivers and absorptions	2.31%	2.15%	1.77%	2.80%
Trading expense ratio[3]	0.03%	0.03%	0.05%	0.15%
Portfolio turnover rate[4]	21.22%	91.49%	87.55%	19.81%
Net asset value per Unit[1]	$22.21	$19.06	$25.46	$21.72
Closing market price	$22.26	$19.05	$25.52	$21.81

[1] This information is provided as at the end of each period indicated.

[2] The management expense ratio is based on total expenses (excluding commissions, other portfolio transaction costs and withholding taxes) of the ETF and its proportionate share of the total expenses of the Underlying Funds, where applicable,

[3] The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs of the ETF and its proportionate share of the Underlying Funds' portfolio transaction costs, where applicable, expressed as an annualized percentage

[4] The ETF's portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively its portfolio advisor trades portfolio investments. A portfolio turnover rate of 100% is equivalent to the ETF buying and selling all of the securities in the portfolio once in the course of a year.

The Fund's Net Assets per Unit (Hedged ETF Units)

	For the six months ended June 30, 2023	12 months ended Dec. 31, 2022	12 months ended Dec 31, 2021	For the period from inception, Aug. 7, 2020, to Dec. 31, 2020
Net Assets per Unit, Beginning of Period[1]	$18.29	$27.08	$22.49	$20.00
Increase (decrease) from operations per Unit:[1]				
Total revenue	0.19	0.24	0.20	0.05
Total expenses	(0.13)	(0.21)	(0.25)	(0.11)
Realized gains (losses)	0.54	(3.90)	1.23	0.73
Unrealized gains (losses)	2.94	(4.90)	3.66	1.75
Total increase (decrease) from operations per Unit	3.54	(8.77)	4.84	2.42
Distributions per Unit from:[1] [2]				
Income (excluding dividends)	(0.07)	–	–	–
Canadian dividends	–	–	–	–
Foreign dividends	–	0.03	–	–
Capital gains	–	–	–	0.50
Return of capital	–	–	–	–
Total Distributions per Unit	(0.07)	0.03	–	0.50
Net Assets per Unit, End of Period[1]	$21.70	$18.29	$27.08	$22.49

[1] Net assets per Unit and distributions per Unit are based on the actual number of units outstanding at the relevant time. The increase (decrease) from operations per Unit is based on the weighted average number of units outstanding over the financial period.
[2] Substantially all distributions were reinvested in additional units of the ETF.

Ratios and Supplemental Data (Hedged ETF Units)

	For the six months ended June 30, 2023	12 months ended Dec. 31, 2022	12 months ended Dec 31, 2021	For the period from inception, Aug. 7, 2020, to Dec. 31, 2020
Total net asset value (000's)[1]	$5,967	$5,944	$8,801	$5,623
Number of units outstanding[1]	275,000	325,000	325,000	250,000
Management expense ratio[2]	0.81%	0.82%	0.83%	1.01%
Management expense ratio before waivers and absorptions	2.31%	2.15%	1.77%	2.80%
Trading expense ratio[3]	0.03%	0.03%	0.05%	0.15%
Portfolio turnover rate[4]	21.22%	91.49%	87.55%	19.81%
Net asset value per Unit[1]	$21.70	$18.29	$27.08	$22.49
Closing market price	$21.73	$18.29	$27.12	$22.47

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SUMMARY OF INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO

As at June 30, 2023

Portfolio Allocation	% of Net Asset Value
Communication Services	6.2%
Consumer Discretionary	11.3%
Consumer Staples	10.3%
Financials	3.7%
Health Care	11.7%
Industrials	17.2%
Information Technology	35.9%
Materials	2.0%
Forward currency contracts, net	0.1%
Other net assets	1.6%
Total	100.0%

Geographic Allocation	% of Net Asset Value
France	6.4%
Ireland	1.7%
Netherlands	7.4%
Sweden	3.5%
Switzerland	5.5%
United Kingdom	2.6%
United States of America	71.2%
Forward currency contracts, net	0.1%
Other net assets	1.6%
Total	100.0%

Top 25 Holdings	% of Net Asset Value
Alphabet Inc., Class 'C'	6.2%
Microsoft Corporation	6.0%
Nestle SA	5.5%
Amazon.com Inc.	5.3%
NVIDIA Corporation	5.3%
Apple Inc.	5.3%
Costco Wholesale Corporation	4.8%
Wolters Kluwer NV	4.6%
Schneider Electric SE	4.0%
W. W. Grainger Inc.	3.1%
McDonald's Corporation	2.9%
Atlas Copco AB, Class 'B'	2.8%
ASML Holding NV	2.7%
Rockwell Automation Inc.	2.7%
AstraZeneca PLC, ADR	2.7%
Broadcom Inc.	2.6%
Keysight Technologies Inc.	2.5%
LVMH Moet Hennessy-Louis Vuitton SE	2.4%
UnitedHealth Group Inc.	2.2%
Synopsys Inc.	2.2%
MongoDB Inc.	2.1%
FactSet Research Systems Inc.	2.1%
Microchip Technology Inc.	2.1%
Autodesk Inc.	2.1%
Agilent Technologies Inc.	2.0%

Top 25 Holdings as a percentage of net asset value	**86.2%**
Total Net Asset Value:	**$9,853,258**

The Summary of Investment Portfolio may change due to ongoing portfolio transactions of the Fund. A quarterly update is available. If the Fund has invested in other investment funds, the prospectus and other information about the underlying investment funds are available on the internet via www.sedarplus.ca.

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