

INTERIM MANAGEMENT REPORT OF FUND PERFORMANCE

GUARDIAN i³ US QUALITY GROWTH ETF

JUNE 30, 2022

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MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION OF FUND PERFORMANCE

Investment Objective and Strategies

Guardian i³ US Quality Growth ETF (the “Fund”) seeks to achieve long-term capital appreciation by primarily investing in a portfolio of equity or equity-related securities of issuers based in the U.S., with business operations potentially located throughout the world. The Fund may also achieve its investment objectives by investing in other investment funds or exchange-traded funds. 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. The Fund maintains a mid-large capitalization bias and is broadly diversified by issuer, sector and geographic region, normally holding securities of 30 to 60 issuers. The Fund may use derivatives to hedge against potential loss and to reduce the impact of currency fluctuations on the Fund.

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 primarily in the United States.

Results of Operations

(Please refer to the Past Performance section for specific Series level performance details.)

The Fund’s net asset value decreased by 29% to \$5.2 million at June 30, 2022 from \$7.3 million at December 31, 2021. Of this change, the decrease of \$2.1 million was provided by investment performance.

The Hedged and Unhedged Units of the Fund posted returns of -30.8% and -27.2%, respectively, for the period. The Fund’s benchmark, the S&P 500 Index (Net C\$), returned -18.3% for the same period. The

difference in performance between the Hedged and Unhedged Units of the Fund is attributable to foreign currency exposure and the exchange rate. The Fund’s return is after the deduction of fees and expenses, unlike the benchmark’s return.

Rising interest rates, inflation, geopolitics and supply chain issues have caused market volatility since early this year and continued throughout the reporting period. At the beginning of the year, equity markets came under pressure as rising interest rates and inflation were the two main concerns and then central banks, globally, began a tightening cycle and inflationary pressures continued higher. Russia’s invasion of Ukraine and its potential knock-on effects further exacerbated negative sentiment and risk aversion in the market.

Throughout the second quarter, concerns surrounding growth and the possibility of recession amid tightening monetary conditions led to a further pullback in equities, globally. In June, the US Federal Reserve (Fed) raised its benchmark Fed funds rate by 75 basis points, and, with inflation expected to continue to run hot, the Fed has penciled in further hikes in the months to come.

Given the higher sensitivity to interest rates for growth stocks, their earnings multiple compression has contributed to some of the most significant declines for growth stocks seen in recent history. At the same time, this has brought dividend equities, which have outperformed the broad market this year, back into focus. At the end of the second quarter, the most cyclical factors, such as high beta, high volatility as well as stocks with negative earnings underperformed, while the top-performing factors were value, dividend and dividend growth.

In the period, the Fund underperformed its benchmark, mainly driven by stock selection, as growth stocks have underperformed during the period.

The Fund’s overweight position in the Energy sector was the largest contributor to the Fund’s relative performance. The Fund’s underweight position in Communication Services sector also contributed positively to relative performance. With increased fears of recession and volatility in the markets, the Fund’s

cash position was increased to around 10%, which, given the market trending downward, contributed positively to performance.

The Fund's overweight position and stock selection in the Information Technology sector detracted the most from relative performance. Stock selection within the Health Care sector detracted from performance, as earnings multiple compression, especially amongst biotech and equipment stocks continued in the second quarter.

Positions in the Industrials sector also lagged the benchmark, contributing to a negative stock selection impact from the sector.

The Fund's positions in Devon Energy, APA Corp. and Marathon Oil in the Energy sector contributed positively to performance amidst rising oil prices over the period. The position in Zebra Technologies, an automatic identification and data capture company, detracted from performance due to market worries of compressing margins in the short term. NVIDIA also detracted from performance, as semiconductor companies underperformed the Information Technology sector.

The Fund added new securities to increase the weight in the energy sector. Purchases include APA, Marathon Oil, Murphy Oil and Range resources. A new position in Costco was also added, to increase exposure to US-centric Consumer Staples, which could do well in any inflation-dominated market corrections. Within the Health Care sector, the Fund increased its allocation to the Life Science Tools & Services and Pharmaceuticals industries, through new positions in Thermo Fisher, AstraZeneca and Centene, as the Manager sees a stable growth outlook for managed care. Positions have been taken to protect better against global growth slowdown, rising interest rates, and inflation. Cash was tactically increased in the Fund during the period, funded by sales of companies with higher valuations and potential earnings disappointments in the Industrials, Health Care, Consumer Discretionary, and Information Technology sectors. The Fund sold AirBnB, Booking, and Amazon, as the Manager believes that inflation and recession fears have overwhelmed any upside from continued re-opening post Covid for increased travel and consumer spending. Despite having secular growth drivers, engineering consulting

company Exponent, and water technology firm Xylem were also sold, as the deterioration in earnings outlook at least in the medium-term is dropping systemically for Industrials.

The Fund is overweight in Energy and Information Technology sectors and underweight in Consumer Discretionary, Financials and Communication Services sectors.

Recent Developments

With slowing growth and earnings per share (EPS) expectations, and as Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) move lower – a leading indicator of the economy, cash-flow visibility has become more important, as the market is rewarding businesses with stable earnings and cash-flow growth.

Weakness in data across major areas of the economy, such as housing data, consumer data and PMI data, has contributed to rising fears of a recession in the markets during the period. When PMIs are under pressure and growth slows, there is typically increased volatility, wider credit spreads, deteriorating financial conditions, the underperformance of high-beta companies and fewer positive EPS revisions. Multiple indicators suggest a challenging outlook over the next several months amid evolving monetary policies and rising interest rates.

The Manager believes that the earnings multiple compressions seen so far this year could continue, as long as risks continue rising, and that, with valuations under pressure, earnings will be critical to supporting equities and generating further gains. In this environment, careful selection of companies that can sustain their cash flows and grow dividends is paramount. Despite the earnings slowdown, the Manager expects the trend for dividend growth to hold up reasonably well.

The concerns about inflation and the pace of rising interest rates caused a rotation into value stocks and resulted in a pullback in growth and innovation equities. Although they may be unpleasant, sharp pullbacks in equity markets are not uncommon.

Our long-term investment approach focuses on

finding high-quality companies with robust growth prospects and secure streams of cash flows that will continue to sustain earnings and dividend growth. We continue to focus on high-quality companies with strong fundamentals, visible cash flows and sustainable and growing earnings and dividends – we call that the Growth, Payout and Sustainability (GPS) of dividends.

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. The Manager is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Guardian Capital Group Limited, a publicly traded firm listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange.

Management Fees

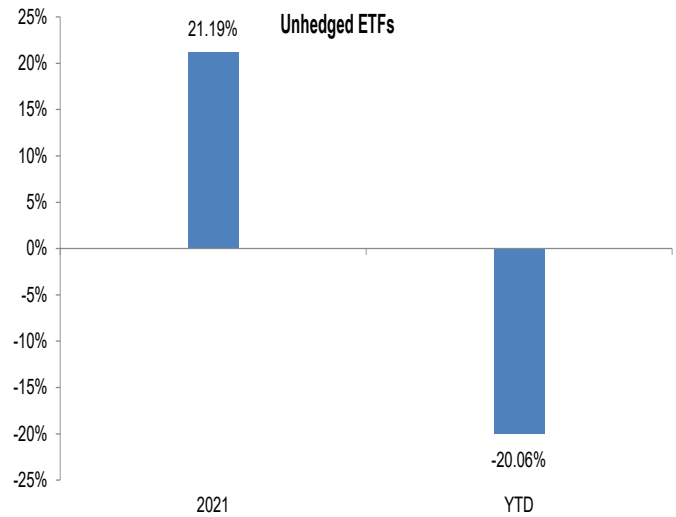
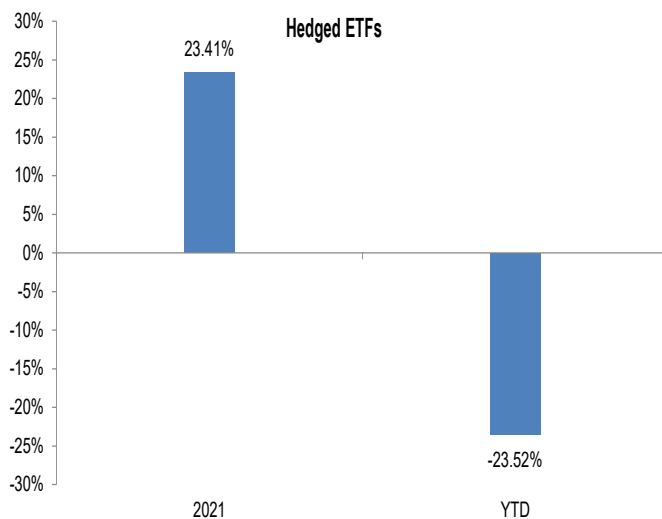
Hedged ETF and Unhedged ETF units are subject to management fees which are based on a percentage of the average Series NAV during each month, calculated and accrued daily, and payable monthly. The management fee is 0.55% per annum. The services received in consideration of the management fee include investment management and other general administration services. In the event that the Fund invests in another investment fund to obtain exposure to the constituent securities, the Fund may pay the management fee on the portion of the Fund’s assets invested in the other fund, regardless of whether the fund is managed by the Manager or an affiliate of the Manager.

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, 2022, to June 30, 2022 and annual performance for each of the prior years shown, and illustrates how the Fund's performance has changed from year to year. The charts show, 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 Hedged and Unhedge units for the periods indicated, as at June 30, 2022. The returns of a broad based market index are also shown.

| | 1 Yr | 3 Yrs | 5 Yrs | 10 Yrs | Since Inception* |
|----------------|--------|-------|-------|--------|------------------|
| Hedged ETF (%) | -22.31 | n/a | n/a | n/a | -2.87 |

* Inception date - August 11, 2020.

| | 1 Yr | 3 Yrs | 5 Yrs | 10 Yrs | Since Inception* |
|------------------|--------|-------|-------|--------|------------------|
| Unhedged ETF (%) | -17.59 | n/a | n/a | n/a | -3.18 |

Unhedged ETF (%) -17.59 n/a n/a n/a -3.18

| | 1 Yr | 3 Yrs | 5 Yrs | 10 Yrs | Since Inception* |
|---------------------|-------|-------|-------|--------|------------------|
| S&P 500 Index (C\$) | -6.89 | n/a | n/a | n/a | 6.19 |

* Inception date - August 11, 2020.

The S&P 500 Index is designed to measure performance of U.S. large-cap equities.

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)

| | 6 months ended June 30, 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] | \$25.85 | \$21.33 | \$20.00 |
| Increase (decrease) from operations per unit: ^[1] | | | |
| Total revenue | 0.08 | 0.12 | 0.05 |
| Total expenses | (0.09) | (0.18) | (0.08) |
| Realized gains (losses) | (0.88) | 0.40 | (0.03) |
| Unrealized gains (losses) | (6.15) | 4.40 | 1.69 |
| Total increase (decrease) from operations per unit | (7.04) | 4.74 | 1.63 |
| Distributions per unit from: ^{[1][2][3]} | | | |
| Income (excluding dividends) | - | - | - |
| Canadian dividends | - | - | - |
| Foreign dividends | - | - | - |
| Capital gains | - | - | - |
| Return of capital | - | - | - |
| Total Distributions per unit | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Net Assets per unit, End of Period ^[1] | \$18.81 | \$25.85 | \$21.33 |

^[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] Distributions were paid in cash or certain distributions were reinvested in additional units of the Fund. Immediately following such reinvestment, the number of units outstanding was consolidated so that the net assets per unit following the distribution and reinvestment is the same as it would have been if the distribution had not been paid.

^[3] The tax characteristics of distributions are reported annually by the Fund to CDS Clearing and Depository Services Inc. ("CDS"). CDS makes this information available to brokers who provide it to unitholders through standard tax reporting.

Ratios and Supplemental Data (Unhedged ETF Units)

| | 6 months ended June 30, 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] | \$2,352 | \$3,231 | \$2,133 |
| Number of units outstanding ^[1] | 125,000 | 125,000 | 100,000 |
| Management expense ratio ^[2] | 0.71% | 0.72% | 0.90% |
| Management expense ratio before waivers and absorptions | 3.51% | 2.51% | 4.73% |
| Trading expense ratio ^[3] | 0.01% | 0.01% | 0.00% |
| Portfolio turnover rate ^[4] | 43.78% | 74.81% | 18.29% |
| Net asset value per unit ^[1] | \$18.81 | \$25.85 | \$21.33 |
| Closing market price | \$18.74 | \$25.89 | \$21.18 |

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

^[2] The management expense ratio ("MER") is based on total expenses (excluding commissions, other portfolio transaction costs and withholding taxes) of the Fund and its proportionate share of the total expenses of the Underlying Funds, where applicable, for the stated period, and is expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset value during the year. The Manager absorbed some of the Fund's expenses, if it had not done so the MER would have been higher.

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

| | 6 months ended June 30, 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] | \$27.36 | \$22.17 | \$20.00 |
| Increase (decrease) from operations per unit: ^[1] | | | |
| Total revenue | 0.08 | 0.13 | 0.06 |
| Total expenses | (0.09) | (0.20) | (0.08) |
| Realized gains (losses) | (1.36) | 0.49 | 0.73 |
| Unrealized gains (losses) | (7.06) | 5.10 | 1.59 |
| Total increase (decrease) from operations per unit | (8.43) | 5.52 | 2.30 |
| Distributions per unit from: ^{[1] [2] [3]} | | | |
| Income (excluding dividends) | - | - | - |
| Canadian dividends | - | - | - |
| Foreign dividends | - | - | - |
| Capital gains | - | - | 0.53 |
| Return of capital | - | - | - |
| Total Distributions per unit | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.53 |
| Net Assets per unit, End of Period ^[1] | \$18.93 | \$27.36 | \$22.17 |

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|--|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| Total net asset value (000's) ^[1] | \$2,839 | \$4,104 | \$2,217 |
| Number of units outstanding ^[1] | 150,000 | 150,000 | 100,000 |
| Management expense ratio ^[2] | 0.72% | 0.72% | 0.90% |
| Management expense ratio before waivers and absorptions | 3.51% | 2.51% | 4.73% |
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| Closing market price | \$18.89 | \$27.38 | \$21.99 |

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SUMMARY OF INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO

As at June 30, 2022

| Portfolio Allocation | % of Net Asset Value | Top 25 Holdings | % of Net Asset Value |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|---|----------------------|
| Communication services | 6.3% | Apple Inc. | 6.7% |
| Consumer discretionary | 6.3% | Microsoft Corporation | 6.4% |
| Consumer staples | 6.8% | Alphabet Inc., Class 'C' | 6.3% |
| Energy | 8.6% | Costco Wholesale Corporation | 5.5% |
| Financials | 4.7% | NVIDIA Corporation | 3.8% |
| Health care | 13.7% | Centene Corporation | 3.6% |
| Industrials | 6.2% | Tesla Inc. | 3.6% |
| Information technology | 36.9% | Broadcom Inc. | 2.9% |
| Materials | 1.4% | Prudential Financial Inc. | 2.8% |
| Forward currency contracts, net | (0.5%) | Cadence Design Systems Inc. | 2.5% |
| Other net assets | 9.6% | IQVIA Holdings Inc. | 2.4% |
| | | Range Resources Corporation | 2.3% |
| | | APA Corporation | 2.2% |
| | | Zebra Technologies Corporation, Class 'C' | 2.1% |
| | | Devon Energy Corporation | 2.1% |
| | | Amgen Inc. | 2.1% |
| | | Murphy Oil Corporation | 2.1% |
| | | Fortinet Inc. | 2.0% |
| | | ServiceNow Inc. | 2.0% |
| | | Agilent Technologies Inc. | 2.0% |
| | | Keysight Technologies Inc. | 1.9% |
| | | Generac Holdings Inc. | 1.9% |
| | | Intercontinental Exchange Inc. | 1.9% |
| | | McDonald's Corporation | 1.8% |
| | | Verisk Analytics Inc., Class 'A' | 1.8% |
| | | Top 25 Holdings as a percentage of net asset value | 74.7% |
| | | Total Net Asset Value | \$5,191,008 |

| Geographic Allocation | % of Net Asset Value |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| United States of America | 90.9% |
| Forward currency contracts, net | (0.5%) |
| Other net assets | 9.6% |

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.sedar.com.



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