

# CI Galaxy Bitcoin ETF

Management Report of Fund Performance for the period/year ended December 31, 2023 (Expressed in US\$)

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Securityholders may also contact us using one of these methods to request a copy of the investment fund's proxy voting policies and procedures, proxy voting disclosure record, or quarterly portfolio disclosure.

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND STRATEGIES

The investment objective of the CI Galaxy Bitcoin ETF (the Fund) is to provide unitholders with exposure to bitcoin through an institutional-quality fund platform.

To achieve its investment objective, the Fund invests directly in bitcoin and will utilize high-quality service providers in the digital assets sector (e.g., digital asset custodians, trading platforms and trading counterparties) in order to manage the assets of the Fund. The Fund's portfolio will be priced based on, and the Fund's Net Asset Value will be calculated using, the Bloomberg Galaxy Bitcoin Index (BTC). The BTC is designed to measure the performance of a single bitcoin traded in USD and is owned and administered by Bloomberg Index Services Limited and is co-branded with Galaxy Digital Capital Management LP, the Subadvisor of the ETF.

For a complete discussion of the Fund's investment objective and strategies, please refer to the Fund's most recently filed simplified prospectus.

## RISK

No changes affecting the overall level of risk associated with investing in the Fund were made during the period/year. The risks of the Fund remain as discussed in the Fund's most recently filed simplified prospectus or its amendments. The Manager reviews the risk rating for the Fund on an annual basis, at a minimum, based on the methodology mandated by the Canadian Securities Administrators to determine the risk level of the Fund. Any change to the risk rating made during the period/year was as a result of such review and was not a result of any change to the investment objective, strategies or management of the Fund.

## RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The Fund's net assets increased by \$548.8 million to \$695.4 million from December 31, 2022 to December 31, 2023. The Fund had net sales of \$277.0 million for the year. The portfolio's performance increased assets by \$271.8 million. ETF US\$ Series units returned 152.3% after fees and expenses for the one-year period ended December 31, 2023. Over the same time period, the Fund's benchmark returned 153.0%. The benchmark is the Bloomberg Galaxy Bitcoin Index (USD) (the Benchmark or the Index).

The performance of the Fund's other Series is substantially similar to that of ETF US\$ Series units, except for differences in the structure of fees and expenses. For the returns of the Fund's other Series, please refer to the "Past Performance" section.

Market sentiment was positive to finish the year. Inflation continued to decline, with the U.S. consumer price index falling to 3.1% in November 2023, after peaking in mid-2022 at 9.1%. U.S. gross domestic product growth remained strong. In the latter part of 2023, investors were pricing in five interest rate cuts of 25 basis points each for 2024, sending riskier assets higher. The "Magnificent Seven" stocks (consisting of Apple Inc., Amazon.com Inc., Alphabet Inc., Meta Platforms Inc., Microsoft Corp., NVIDIA Corp. and Tesla Inc.) dominated stock market performance, with a return of 107.01% for the year. These stocks benefited from rising enthusiasm for artificial intelligence.

Bitcoin finished the year up 153.0%, outperforming major stock indexes, including the S&P 500 Index (up 26.3%) and the Nasdaq 100 Index (up 55.1%). The upcoming anticipated approval of the spot Bitcoin exchange-traded fund (ETF) and the Bitcoin halving event drew interest from buyers. Spot Bitcoin ETFs would allow institutional and traditional retail investors to access Bitcoin exposure in a familiar product wrapper alongside their portfolios. Bitcoin halving, which occurs once in approximately every four years, reduces the block reward from 6.25 to 3.125 Bitcoin, reducing the flow of new token supply by 50%. Both events present opportunities for positive catalysts, which were largely responsible for Bitcoin's outperformance in the second half of 2023.

As a single-asset fund, the Fund's performance was driven solely by the performance of Bitcoin. As such, the Fund's portfolio is weighted 100% to Bitcoin. We increased the Fund's position in Bitcoin in line with share creations and trimmed the Fund's position in Bitcoin in line with share redemptions.

## RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

Economic data suggests the U.S. economy may avoid a recession. With impending interest rate cuts and an upcoming presidential election later in 2024, we can expect volatility in the coming year.

## RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

### **Manager, Portfolio Manager and Trustee**

CI Investments Inc. is the Manager, Portfolio Manager and Trustee of the Fund. CI Investments Inc. is a subsidiary of CI Financial Corp. The Manager, in consideration of management fees, provided management services required in the day-to-day operations of the Fund.

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Management fee rate/rates as at December 31, 2023, for Series/Class or each of the Series/Classes, as applicable, is/are shown below:

	Annual management fee rate (%):
ETF C\$ Unhedged Series	0.400
ETF US\$ Series	0.400

The Manager received \$1.3 million in management fees for the year.

## **Management Fees**

Approximately 26% of total management fees were used to pay for sales and trailing commissions. The remaining 74% of management fees were used to pay for investment management and other general administration.

## **Independent Review Committee**

The Manager, in respect of the Fund, received the following standing instructions from the Independent Review Committee (IRC) with respect to related party transactions:

The applicable standing instructions require, amongst others, that related party transactions be conducted in accordance with the Manager's policies and procedures and applicable law and that the Manager reports related party transactions periodically to the IRC and advise the IRC of any material breach of such policies. The Manager's policies and procedures require that investment decisions in respect of related party transactions (a) are free from any influence by an entity related to the Manager and without taking into account any consideration relevant to an entity related to the Manager; (b) represent the business judgment of the Manager, uninfluenced by considerations other than the best interests of the Fund; (c) do not exceed the limitations of the applicable legislation; and (d) achieve a fair and reasonable result for the Fund.

Except as otherwise noted above under Related Party Transactions section, the Fund was not a party to any related party transactions during the period/year ended December 31, 2023. If the Fund invested in related party transactions, it relied on the IRC's standing instructions regarding related party transactions during this reporting period/year.

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## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The following table/tables shows/show selected key financial information about the Fund and is/are intended to help you understand the Fund's financial performance for the past five period(s)/year(s), as applicable.

Net Assets per Unit (\$)	Increase (decrease) from operations:					Distributions:				Net assets at the end of the period/year shown		
	Net assets at the beginning of period/year	Total revenue	Total expenses (excluding distributions)	Realized gains (losses) for the period/year	Unrealized gains (losses) for the period/year	Total increase (decrease) from operations	From net investment income (excluding dividends)	From dividends	From capital gains		Return of capital	Total distributions
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
<b>ETF C\$ Unhedged Series</b> <sup>(1)(2)(3)(4)(5)</sup>												
Commencement of operations March 05, 2021												
Listed TSX: BTCX.B												
Dec. 31, 2023	3.34	-	(0.04)	(1.00)	5.92	4.88	-	-	-	-	-	8.24
Dec. 31, 2022	8.76	-	(0.05)	(1.78)	(4.09)	(5.92)	-	-	-	-	-	3.34
Dec. 31, 2021	10.00	-	(0.06)	(0.16)	(1.79)	(2.01)	-	-	-	-	-	8.76
<b>ETF US\$ Series</b> <sup>(1)(2)(3)(4)</sup>												
Commencement of operations March 05, 2021												
Listed TSX: BTCX.U												
Dec. 31, 2023	3.12	-	(0.04)	(0.89)	5.71	4.78	-	-	-	-	-	7.87
Dec. 31, 2022	8.76	-	(0.05)	(1.67)	(4.32)	(6.04)	-	-	-	-	-	3.12
Dec. 31, 2021	10.00	-	(0.06)	(0.21)	(3.07)	(3.34)	-	-	-	-	-	8.76

(1) This information is derived from the Fund's audited annual financial statements.

(2) Net assets per unit and distributions per unit are based on the actual number of units outstanding for the relevant Series/Class at the relevant time. The increase (decrease) in net assets from operations per unit is based on the weighted average number of units outstanding for the relevant Series/Class over the fiscal period/year.

(3) Distributions are automatically reinvested in additional units of the Fund.

(4) This information is provided for the period(s)/year(s) ended December 31.

(5) Per units amounts are presented in Canadian dollars.

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## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (cont'd)

### Ratios and Supplemental Data

	Total net assets	Number of units outstanding	Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions after taxes	Management expense ratio before taxes	Harmonized sales tax	Management expense ratio after taxes	Effective HST rate for the period/year	Trading expense ratio	Portfolio turnover rate	Closing market price
	\$000's	000's	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	\$
<b>ETF C\$ Unhedged Series</b> <sup>(1)(2)(3)(4)(5)(6)(7)</sup>										
Commencement of operations March 05, 2021										
Listed TSX: BTCX.B										
Dec. 31, 2023	368,986	59,323	0.76	0.69	0.07	0.76	9.79	-	35.18	8.28
Dec. 31, 2022	87,600	35,525	0.87	0.79	0.08	0.87	9.98	-	47.49	3.32
Dec. 31, 2021	205,757	29,725	0.85	0.77	0.08	0.85	9.94	-	13.23	8.75
<b>ETF US\$ Series</b> <sup>(1)(2)(3)(4)(5)(6)</sup>										
Commencement of operations March 05, 2021										
Listed TSX: BTCX.U										
Dec. 31, 2023	326,421	41,455	0.75	0.69	0.06	0.75	8.86	-	35.18	7.83
Dec. 31, 2022	59,012	18,905	0.87	0.79	0.08	0.87	9.33	-	47.49	3.11
Dec. 31, 2021	209,917	23,955	0.85	0.78	0.07	0.85	9.53	-	13.23	8.86

(1) This information is derived from the Fund's audited annual financial statements.

(2) Management expense ratio is calculated based on expenses charged to the Fund (excluding commissions and other portfolio transaction costs) and is expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net assets for the period/year, including the Fund's proportionate share of any underlying fund(s) expenses, if applicable. The Effective HST tax rate is calculated using the attribution percentage for each province based on unitholder residency and can be different from 13%.

(3) The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net assets during the period/year, including the Fund's proportionate share of such expenses of any underlying fund(s), if applicable.

(4) The Fund's portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the Fund's portfolio advisor manages its portfolio investments. A portfolio turnover rate of 100% is equivalent to the Fund buying and selling all of the securities in its portfolio once in the course of the fiscal period/year. The higher a Fund's portfolio turnover rate in a period/year, the greater the trading costs payable by the Fund in the period/year, and the greater the chance of an investor receiving taxable capital gains in the period/year. There is not necessarily a relationship between a higher turnover rate and the performance of a Fund. Portfolio turnover rate is calculated by dividing the lesser of the cost of purchases and the proceeds of sales of portfolio securities for the period/year, and excluding cash and short-term investments maturing in less than one year, and before assets acquired from a merger, if applicable, by the average of the monthly fair value of investments during the period/year.

(5) This information is provided for the period(s)/year(s) ended December 31.

(6) Closing market price.

(7) Per units amounts are presented in Canadian dollars.

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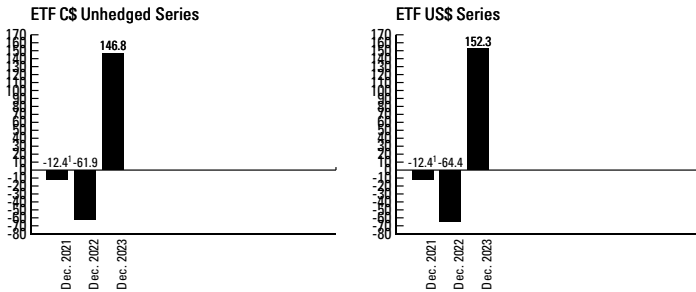
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## PAST PERFORMANCE

This section describes how the Fund has performed in the past. Remember, past returns do not indicate how the Fund will perform in the future. The information shown assumes that distributions made by the Fund in the period(s)/year(s) shown were reinvested in additional units of the Fund or relevant Series/Class of the Fund, as applicable. In addition, the information does not take into account sales, redemption, distribution or other optional charges that would have reduced returns or performance.

### Year-by-Year Returns

The following chart/charts shows/show the Fund's annual performance for each of the period(s)/year(s) shown and illustrates/illustrate how the Fund's performance has changed from period/year to period/year. In percentage terms, the chart/charts shows/show how much an investment made on the first day of each financial period/year would have grown or decreased by the last day of each financial period/year, except where noted.



<sup>1</sup> 2021 return is for the period from March 05, 2021 to December 31, 2021.

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## Annual Compound Returns

The following table shows the Fund's annual compound returns for each year indicated, compared to the Bloomberg Galaxy Bitcoin Index (USD).

The Bloomberg Galaxy Bitcoin Index is designed to measure the performance of a single bitcoin traded in USD.

A discussion of the performance of the Fund as compared to the benchmark is found in the Results of Operations section of this report.

	One Year (%)	Three Years (%)	Five Years (%)	Ten Years (%)	Since Inception (%)
<b>ETF C\$ Unhedged Series</b>	146.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	(6.6)
Bloomberg Galaxy Bitcoin Index (USD)	153.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	(4.7)
<b>ETF US\$ Series</b>	152.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	(8.1)
Bloomberg Galaxy Bitcoin Index (USD)	153.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	(4.7)

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## SUMMARY OF INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO as at December 31, 2023

Category	% of Net Assets	Category	% of Net Assets	Top Holdings	% of Net Assets
<b>Country allocation</b>		<b>Sector allocation</b>			
Digital Asset(s) .....	100.7	Digital Asset(s) .....	100.7	Bitcoin .....	100.7
Cash & Cash Equivalents .....	0.0	Cash & Cash Equivalents .....	0.0	Cash & Cash Equivalents .....	0.0
Other Net Assets (Liabilities) .....	(0.7)	Other Net Assets (Liabilities) .....	(0.7)	<b>Total Net Assets (in \$000's)</b>	<b>\$695,407</b>

The summary of investment portfolio may change due to ongoing portfolio transactions of the Fund and updates will be available on a quarterly basis.

### A NOTE ON FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This report may contain forward-looking statements about the Fund, its future performance, strategies or prospects, and possible future Fund action. The words "may," "could," "should," "would," "suspect," "outlook," "believe," "plan," "anticipate," "estimate," "expect," "intend," "forecast," "objective," and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements.

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The above list of important factors that may affect future results is not exhaustive. Before making any investment decisions, we encourage you to consider these and other factors carefully. All opinions contained in forward-looking statements are subject to change without notice and are provided in good faith but without legal responsibility.