

# CI U.S. Quality Dividend Growth Index ETF (formerly CI WisdomTree U.S. Quality Dividend Growth Index ETF)

Management Report of Fund Performance for the period/year ended June 30, 2024

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## RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The Fund's net assets increased by \$166.9 million to \$409.6 million from December 31, 2023 to June 30, 2024. The Fund had net sales of \$128.3 million for the period. The portfolio's performance increased assets by \$40.9 million. The Fund paid distributions totalling \$2.3 million. Hedged Units returned 11.6% after fees and expenses for the six-month period ended June 30, 2024. Over the same time period, the Fund's benchmark returned 13.9%. The benchmark is the Russell 1000 Total Return Index (CAD-Hedged) (the Benchmark or the Index).

Please refer to the "Past Performance" section which outlines the performance of the Fund's other units.

U.S. equities were up for the period, with particular strength from the information technology sector, which appreciated almost 30%. Artificial intelligence (AI) adoption boosted spending and investment, benefiting U.S. companies and potentially driving growth in China and India. Corporate earnings driven by technological advancements continued to support equity returns.

Signs of a slowdown in economic activity appeared as restrictive monetary policies worked their way through major developed economies with long and variable lags. While U.S. economic growth continued to outperform its peers, a softening became evident in the second quarter of 2024.

The U.S. Federal Reserve Board left its policy interest rate on hold in June 2024, but the global monetary easing cycle began with other central banks lowering their key policy interest rates in response to slowing economic growth and moderating inflationary pressures.

Disappointing U.S. inflation data led to fears of a reacceleration during the first quarter of 2024 and resulted in a significant decrease in expectations for interest rate cuts relative to the start of the year. However, more recent data revealed that price pressures were moderating. U.S. labour market data was mixed, but the trend also suggested a slowing.

Exposures to the information technology, health care and financials sectors contributed to the Fund's performance. Top individual contributors to the Fund's performance included holdings in NVIDIA Corp., Microsoft Corp. and Broadcom Inc.

The Fund underperformed its benchmark over the period. The Fund's allocations to the real estate, utilities and materials sectors detracted from performance. The largest individual detractors from the Fund's performance were positions in McDonald's Corp., Nike Inc. and Gilead Sciences Inc.

## RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

We are cautiously optimistic as we look toward the second half of 2024. Equity markets have been buoyed by the prospect of interest rate cuts by leading central banks as well as the enthusiasm for all things related to the AI boom. We see indications of softer economic activity due to weakening of consumer spending trends. Softer economic growth along with moderating inflationary trends are the leading arguments for lower interest rates. Any extension of the higher interest rate environment may lead to a recalibration of equity valuations.

There is a risk that softer economic activity could coincide with sticky rates of inflation during a period of political volatility. This must be balanced against the prospect of accelerating economic growth, particularly in regions and sectors benefiting from technological innovation and infrastructure investments. The adoption of AI has widespread implications for spending and investment not only within the information technology supply chain but also within those sectors and companies that will benefit from greater efficiency gains. Equity performance for those companies exposed to these developments have benefited U.S. companies, but economies like China and India could see strong equity performance fuelled by recoveries in consumption and advancement in their technological developments. Increased spending from the Asia-Pacific region would help promote growth globally.

Political developments, including elections and policy changes, have also been influencing global markets. Uncertainty surrounding elections in various regions has prompted a more cautious tone among investors and added to market volatility. We expect volatility to persist through the election cycle. Within the Fund, diversification and a strategic approach to regional and sector allocation based on prevailing economic and corporate conditions will be crucial in navigating the evolving market landscape.

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## **Fund name**

Effective May 27, 2024, CI WisdomTree U.S. Quality Dividend Growth Index ETF was renamed CI U.S. Quality Dividend Growth Index ETF.

## **Merger**

Effective as of close of business on April 5, 2024, CI WisdomTree U.S. Quality Dividend Growth Variably Hedged Index ETF merged into CI WisdomTree U.S. Quality Dividend Growth Index ETF.

## **RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

### **Manager, Investment Advisor and Trustee**

CI Investments Inc. is the Manager, Investment Advisor 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.

Management fee rate/rates as at June 30, 2024, for Series/Class or each of the Series/Classes, as applicable, is/are shown below:

	<b>Annual management fee rate (%):</b>
<b>Hedged Units</b>	0.350
<b>Non-Hedged Units</b>	0.350
<b>ETF US\$ Series</b>	0.350

The Manager received \$0.6 million in management fees for the period.

### **Management Fees**

100% of total 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 June 30, 2024. 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 six 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>Hedged Units</b> <sup>(1)(2)(3)(4)</sup>												
Commencement of operations July 12, 2016												
Listed TSX: DGR												
Jun. 30, 2024	40.70	0.45	(0.15)	0.07	4.10	4.47	(0.13)	-	(0.16)	-	(0.29)	45.19
Dec. 31, 2023	35.31	0.84	(0.27)	2.49	3.20	6.26	(0.61)	-	(0.78)	-	(1.39)	40.70
Dec. 31, 2022	38.74	0.87	(0.24)	0.18	(3.83)	(3.02)	(0.75)	-	(1.19)	(0.16)	(2.10)	35.31
Dec. 31, 2021	31.93	0.83	(0.41)	3.23	2.84	6.49	(0.94)	-	(1.77)	(0.05)	(2.76)	38.74
Dec. 31, 2020	29.07	0.74	(0.24)	0.86	0.20	1.56	(0.18)	-	(0.29)	(0.01)	(0.48)	31.93
Dec. 31, 2019	23.25	0.72	(0.22)	1.20	4.66	6.36	(0.49)	-	-	-	(0.49)	29.07
<b>Non-Hedged Units</b> <sup>(1)(2)(3)(4)</sup>												
Commencement of operations July 12, 2016												
Listed TSX: DGR.B												
Jun. 30, 2024	44.05	0.55	(0.16)	1.94	4.24	6.57	(0.11)	-	(0.18)	-	(0.29)	50.61
Dec. 31, 2023	38.66	1.01	(0.28)	1.51	3.85	6.09	(0.63)	-	(0.97)	(0.02)	(1.62)	44.05
Dec. 31, 2022	39.25	0.97	(0.28)	3.09	(5.63)	(1.85)	(0.63)	-	(0.36)	(0.22)	(1.21)	38.66
Dec. 31, 2021	32.42	0.92	(0.24)	3.92	2.98	7.58	(0.78)	-	(0.94)	(0.04)	(1.76)	39.25
Dec. 31, 2020	29.69	0.81	(0.23)	2.16	0.19	2.93	(0.38)	-	(0.24)	(0.01)	(0.63)	32.42
Dec. 31, 2019	24.65	0.75	(0.22)	1.52	3.56	5.61	(0.52)	-	-	-	(0.52)	29.69
<b>ETF US\$ Series</b> <sup>(1)(2)(3)(4)(5)</sup>												
Commencement of operations June 07, 2024												
Listed TSX: DGR.U												
Jun. 30, 2024	20.00	0.04	(0.04)	0.17	0.05	0.22	-	-	-	-	-	20.41

(1) This information is derived from the Fund's semi-annual and 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 June 30, 2024 and December 31.

(5) Per unit amounts are presented in U.S. 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>Hedged Units</b> <sup>(1)(2)(3)(4)(5)(6)</sup>										
Commencement of operations July 12, 2016										
Listed TSX: DGR										
Jun. 30, 2024	145,402	3,218	0.38	0.35	0.03	0.38	9.33	0.01	26.29	45.21
Dec. 31, 2023	74,727	1,836	0.39	0.35	0.04	0.39	10.11	0.01	47.89	40.66
Dec. 31, 2022	59,532	1,686	0.39	0.35	0.04	0.39	10.09	0.04	58.60	35.29
Dec. 31, 2021	60,747	1,568	0.39	0.36	0.03	0.39	8.91	0.04	98.94	38.82
Dec. 31, 2020	24,079	754	0.42	0.38	0.04	0.42	10.40	0.03	130.05	31.67
Dec. 31, 2019	32,096	1,104	0.43	n/a <sup>^</sup>	n/a <sup>^</sup>	0.42	n/a <sup>^</sup>	0.01	39.00	29.01
<b>Non-Hedged Units</b> <sup>(1)(2)(3)(4)(5)(6)</sup>										
Commencement of operations July 12, 2016										
Listed TSX: DGR.B										
Jun. 30, 2024	261,381	5,165	0.37	0.35	0.02	0.37	6.46	0.01	26.29	50.65
Dec. 31, 2023	168,019	3,815	0.38	0.35	0.03	0.38	9.06	0.01	47.89	44.01
Dec. 31, 2022	135,870	3,515	0.38	0.35	0.03	0.38	9.09	0.04	58.60	38.62
Dec. 31, 2021	330,280	8,414	0.38	0.35	0.03	0.38	9.23	0.04	98.94	39.19
Dec. 31, 2020	256,139	7,900	0.38	0.36	0.02	0.38	6.70	0.03	130.05	32.19
Dec. 31, 2019	84,624	2,850	0.38	n/a <sup>^</sup>	n/a <sup>^</sup>	0.37	n/a <sup>^</sup>	0.01	39.00	29.65
<b>ETF USS Series</b> <sup>(1)(2)(3)(4)(5)(6)(7)</sup>										
Commencement of operations June 07, 2024										
Listed TSX: DGR.U										
Jun. 30, 2024	2,793	100	0.40	0.35	0.05	0.40	13.00	0.01	26.29	20.41

(1) This information is derived from the Fund's semi-annual and 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 June 30, 2024 and December 31.

(6) Closing market price.

(7) Per units amounts are presented in U.S. dollars.

<sup>^</sup>Historical information pertaining to HST is not available.

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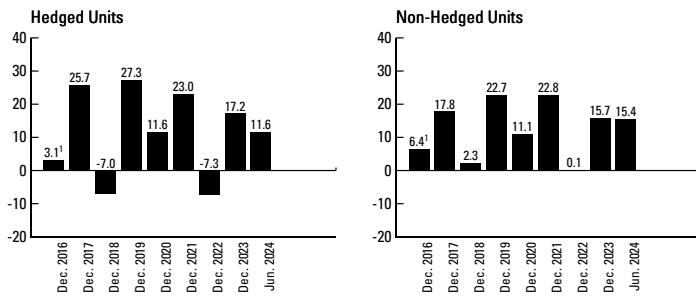
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## PAST PERFORMANCE

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 semi-annual and 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> 2016 return is for the period from July 12, 2016 to December 31, 2016.

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## SUMMARY OF INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO as at June 30, 2024

Category	% of Net Assets	Category	% of Net Assets	Category	% of Net Assets
<b>Country allocation</b>		<b>Sector allocation</b>		<b>Asset allocation</b>	
U.S.A. ....	99.6	Information Technology .....	30.0	Common Equities .....	99.6
Foreign Currency Forward Contract(s) .....	0.2	Health Care .....	16.0	Foreign Currency Forward Contract(s) .....	0.2
Cash & Cash Equivalents .....	0.2	Industrials .....	11.8	Cash & Cash Equivalents .....	0.2
Other Net Assets (Liabilities) .....	0.0	Financials .....	11.3	Other Net Assets (Liabilities) .....	0.0
		Consumer Staples .....	10.6		
		Consumer Discretionary .....	8.5		
		Communication Services .....	5.4		
		Energy .....	3.6		
		Materials .....	2.0		
		Foreign Currency Forward Contract(s) .....	0.2		
		Real Estate .....	0.2		
		Utilities .....	0.2		
		Cash & Cash Equivalents .....	0.2		
		Other Net Assets (Liabilities) .....	0.0		

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

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## SUMMARY OF INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO as at June 30, 2024 (cont'd)

Top 25 Holdings	% of Net Assets
Microsoft Corp. ....	7.7
Apple Inc. ....	5.0
Broadcom Inc. ....	3.9
AbbVie Inc. ....	3.4
NVIDIA Corp. ....	3.3
Johnson & Johnson ....	3.1
Procter & Gamble Co. (The) ....	2.8
Home Depot Inc. (The) ....	2.7
Coca-Cola Co. (The) ....	2.5
PepsiCo Inc. ....	2.0
Morgan Stanley ....	2.0
UnitedHealth Group Inc. ....	1.8
Eli Lilly and Co. ....	1.8
Cisco Systems Inc. ....	1.8
Texas Instruments Inc. ....	1.6
Alphabet Inc., Class A ....	1.5
Amgen Inc. ....	1.5
Alphabet Inc., Class C ....	1.5
Oracle Corp. ....	1.5
Goldman Sachs Group Inc. (The) ....	1.4
Qualcomm Inc. ....	1.4
Meta Platforms Inc., Class A ....	1.3
McDonald's Corp. ....	1.3
United Parcel Service Inc., Class B ....	1.2
Visa Inc., Class A ....	1.0
<b>Total Net Assets (in \$000's)</b>	<b>\$409,576</b>

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### A NOTE ON FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

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